



HISTORY OF THE DODANE FAMILY From the Book COMPILED BY DARREL F. DODANE



My tin box is full of memories of my life. Most of my life takes place in a little corner of Jefferson Township New Haven, Indiana. This spot is named Besançon after the city in France where my ancestors immigrated from in the 1840's. My dad said they came to America to start a new life. This area was all timber and swamp land then. This little community was the center of everything. Our Church, family, friends, and farm were everything all rolled into one. I can remember helping my dad clear the last trees on our farm to grow crops when I was seven years old. I wasn't big enough to use a saw, but I could pick up sticks and rocks. I helped with the farm work from gathering the chicken eggs to hoeing the weeds out of the bean fields.

St. Louis Catholic Church was our place of worship, and it was just a short distance away from our house. Our family has been a part of this parish from the 1840's when my great- great-grandparents used their home here on our farm for Mass when a priest would make the trip from Fort Wayne when he could. This was part of their strong faith. The first church was built in 1850 in the very spot where our present church now stands. To me, we won a special piece of God's earth.

My wish is for this little farm to remain in the family and be passed on to each future generation as a reminder of our thanksgiving to God giving this place to us to live and share our faith.

My tin box is full of many church activities like my First Communion, parochial school, Gwen and I being married there and watching our children and grandchildren be a part of this. The farm has been where we raised our family and have shared many happy times.

Please keep the links in this chain growing. God Bless.

Darrel F. Dodane

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President's Message. . . .Barbara Gorney

The Archives have not had any inquiries on families or pictures. Father Louis Foiwoyo has been transferred and a new Pastor has not been contacted yet. We would like the new Pastor, Father Tyrell Alles, to view the archives in order to note the stability of the families in the church and the research that has been done, possibly at our next meeting.

Ralph Violette who was an early member of the historical society has passed away. He was our first editor and named the Chronicles as our newspaper. He had his PhD in Russian history and taught history at IPFW in Fort Wayne. He wrote a chapter of French history in the book titled *Peopling Indiana The Ethnic Experience*. He had many accomplishments. The Besancon Historical Society donated \$100 to the Judi and Ralph Violette Historical Scholarship endowment. His obituary is in this newsletter.

The officers would like to schedule a meeting this fall. No definite date has been named. But place **November 12th on your calendar at 9:30 am for a possible meeting at Besancon. Notice will be given if this is changed.**

*Barbara Gorney,
President, Besancon Historical Society*

MISSION OF
THE BESANCON HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

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The mission of the Besancon Historical Society of East Allen County, IN is to preserve, interpret and foster a deeper understanding of the history, heritage, and other culture of the rural community known as Besancon, Indiana, generally located in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana, and which has as its central focus Saint Louis Catholic Church.

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Continuing with the Book of the History of the Dodane Family.

Felix Constantine Dodane and Joseph Marcellin Dodane

To follow the Dodane ancestry, one has to go back to France in the 1830's. France was a turbulence of unrest at this time. Between the 1830 revolution and the apprehension of the revolution to come in 1848, many families fled to the United States. One such family was the Dodanes.

The Dodane family came from the village of Morteau near Besancon, France, a few kilometers from the Swiss border. Joseph Marcellin Dodane was the first of his family to come from France to America, having sailed from Le Havre on the *Sully* and arriving in New York on April 10, 1837. In 1838 Constantine Dodane, wife Gerereuse Marie Favret Dodane, and their children boarded the ship *Xylon* at Le Havre, France and arrived in New York in June 1838, a journey taking over two months. With them were six more of their children: Francois Joseph(1814-1892), Marie Cesarie(1817-1895), Rosalie(1820-?), Marie Eleonore(1821-?), Jean Baptiste(1825-1887) and Eugene(1829-?). Constantine was 61 years old at the time.

They made their way to Louisville, Ohio, in Stark County where Constantine remained until his death in 1856. As many of Constantine's descendants were farmers, it is suspected that he was also. While it appears that the younger children stayed in Ohio, the two oldest sons moved on to Allen County.

Constantine's son, Joseph Marcellin Dodane, born in France in 1813, married Caroline Pequignot in Stark County on June 8, 1846. They left Stark County soon after and settled east of New Haven, Indiana, where along with other French families, they named the area Little Besancon. Farming was the main occupation of the community.

Visiting missionary priests would say Mass in the homes of the settlers. Joseph's log cabin was one of the first homes used for this purpose. His name is on the sanctuary window of the present St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church.

Caroline died in 1867 giving birth to their eighth child, who also died soon after. Joseph was left to raise their seven children. He never remarried.

Adapted from an article by Barbara Smith Langdren

Family Tree of Darrel Dodane

Constantine Dodane-↓

Joseph Marcellin Dodane-↓

Joseph Charles Dodane-↓

Joseph Louis Dodane

Born 9/15/1897

Married 2/11/1938

Died 6/11/1968

Margaret Theresa Kaufman

Born 11/18/1902

Died 9/5/1990

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Joseph Henry Dodane

Edward Valentine Dodane

Joyce Marie Dodane

Darrel Francis Dodane

Carol Joan Dodane

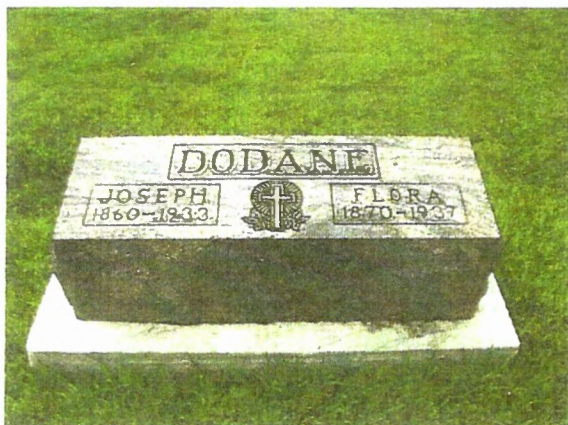
Holly Hamman A.P. U.S. History Genealogy Research Project Mini-Biographies

Margaret Theresa (Kauffman Dodane)

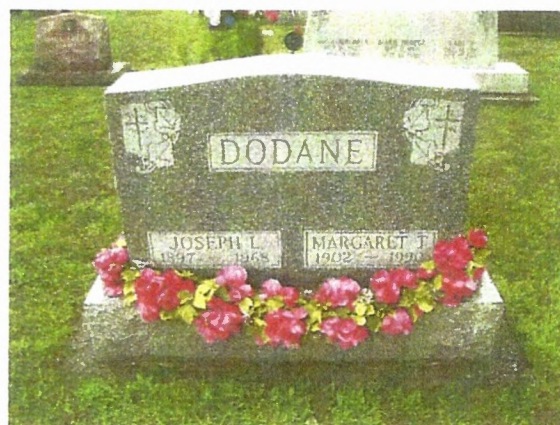
Margaret was born on November 28, 1902. She was born to Valentine Kauffman and Katherine Schrantz. She was born and raised in Fort Wayne Indiana on John Street. She was a middle child in a large family of brothers and sisters. Her siblings were: Barbara (Sister Electa), Clara, Anna, Michael, Gregory, and Henry. Her father was the only one of 5 brothers and sisters that came from Verheim Germany to Fort Wayne Indiana. She worked some part time jobs to help her family with income.

Margaret attended a picnic at St. Louis Besancon where she met Louis. She married Louis on February 22, 1938. Margaret took on the role of being the housewife and homemaker to her husband and 5 children. Their children were Joseph, Edward, Joyce, Carrol, and Darrel. Margaret coming from Fort Wayne had a home with electricity and indoor plumbing. She then moved to a farm house with no electricity and no plumbing and she had no idea how to handle it. With 13 years and 5 children later she finally got indoor plumbing. Life was very hard for Margaret because she wasn't very use to living this backwards. One of her favorite breakfast treats were homemade rolled oats pancakes which are a heavy moist pancake. She wasn't afraid to try exciting new experiences. When she was 80 years old she rode on the back of her son's motorcycle and enjoyed every minute of it. She took a bus trip to see the pope by herself when she was almost 80 years old.

Margaret attended grade school at St. Pete's. The house she used to live in on John street is still standing. She died of failing health after being in a nursing home for 20 years. She is buried at St. Louis catholic church cemetery.



Joseph Charles & Flora(Pepe) Dodane
Grandparents of Darrel F. Dodane



Joseph Louis & Margaret(Kaufmann)Dodane
Parents of Darrel F. Dodane

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DODANE HISTORY

A Brief History and Origin of the Family DODANE

This history was researched and compiled by
MR. RAYMOND DODANE of Besancon, France

The Dodane Family comes from around MORTEAU in the French department of Doubs which is a few kilometers from the Swiss border.

Around about the year 1000, the Cluny Abbey which is very famous in France, received as a donation the Val de Morteau which was completely uninhabited and there were only large pine forests. To clear away the trees the monks hired some inhabitants of Besancon. One of these workers was called Henryot which was his Christian or first name because in those days they did not have surnames.

Henryot built a farm at a place called "Dodane les Mourlets" because of the shape of the terrain. From the name Henryot "de (of) Dodane" only the Dodane has remained. Each generation of Dodanes had from 10 to 15 children as big families were much honored at the time.

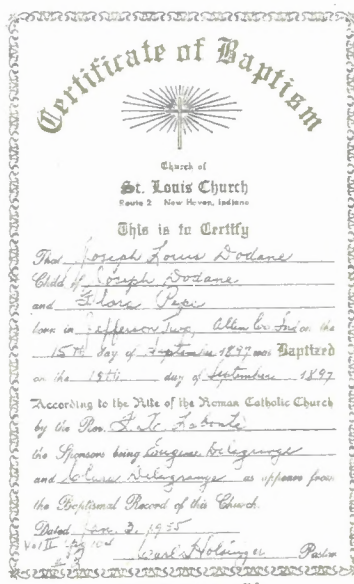
To make and confirm the family tree by more than just the simple oral tradition I had to go back first of all to 1792 which was quite easy because the civil register of births, deaths and marriages has existed in France since that date. For the period before that I had to refer to the baptism register kept by the priests at Montlebon which is the parish where the Dodane and Mourlet farms were situated. Before the creation of this parish the priors of the church of Morteau kept the "black book" of the priory where all the families were listed. Only the priors knew how to read and write and, I might add, that they wrote in latin and the inhabitants of the valley of Morteau spoke a dialect that existed up until the 20th century.

The Val de Morteau belonged to Franche-Comte and since 1150 the inhabitants of this area had tried to escape from the tutelage of the lords. Franche-Comte belonged to the kingdom of Charles V., 1500-1558, emperor of Germany. In 1678 it was conquered by the King of France, Louis XIV.

In the middle of the 16th century, some members of the Dodane Family were converted to Protestantism and immigrated to Switzerland after the revocation of the Edit of Nantes. Tired of the revolution of 1789, of the Napoleonic Wars and the revolution of 1830 and the apprehension of the revolution to come in 1848, another part of the family accompanied by several other families from the area migrated to the United States between the two revolutions of 1830 and 1848.

Courtesy of Gladys Lomont Copied, 1996, e.e.y.

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Darrel Dodane, Marshall Lomont, & Mick Lomont taken on the Dodane Farm

*Editor's notes of information contained in book **The History of the Dodane Family**:*

6 Family Trees of Darrel's immediate family

Approximately 24 Genealogies Researched and Compiled by Eugene Yoquelet

6 Obituaries of various family members

List of Ships records of Dodane immigrants

3 Generations of Genealogies from France.

The History of the Dodane Family can be found in the BHS Archives.

If interested in this book or how compiled –contact Darrel Dodane; dod2740@aol.com

Yester year. copied and submitted by Alyce J. Morow

THE BIRTH RECORD

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette 5/28/1907

- Born, to Mr. and Mrs. **Judson Overmeyer**, of this city, a daughter.
 Born, to Mr. and Mrs. **Alfred France**, of Madison township, a daughter.
 Born, to Mr. and Mrs. **Louis Urbine**, of Jefferson township, a son
 Born, to Mr. and Mrs. **William Gable**, of Jefferson township, a daughter.
 Born, to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Gerardat**, of Jefferson township, a son.
 Born, to Mr. and Mrs. **August Fuelling**, of Monroeville, a daughter.
 Born, to Mr. and Mrs. **William Cully**, of Madison township, a son.
 Born, to Mr. and Mrs. **John Long**, of Monroeville, a daughter.
 Born, to Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Doris**, of Monroeville, a daughter.

Ft. Wayne News 3/3/1915

The Misses Genevieve and Bernadette Gladieux, Bertha Vanderley, Cecelia Mourey, Emma Voirol, Agnes Vanderley, Hilda Coulardat, Blanche Banet and Amelia Mourey have organized a social sewing circle which will hold meetings regularly to sew and enjoy a visit and dainty refreshments: The first meeting was held Saturday at the home of the Misses Mourey.

Bacon

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette 4/16/1908

Miss Adaline E. Bacon died at the residence of her brother-in law M. M. Thompson , 703 Washington boulevard west, at the age of fifty-four years on Wednesday morning. Death was caused by a cancer.

The decedent was born in Jefferson township December 28, 1843 and was the daughter of Socrates and Anna Bacon. She lived during her early life in Jefferson township and New Haven. She was well known and highly respected. Surviving are a sister--Mrs. Amanda Earp of Cornell, Ill—two brothers—Samuel Bacon of Jefferson township and John E. Bacon of Baker City, Ore—and one foster brother—James B. Mulvery of Long Beach, Ca.

The funeral will take place on Friday and the interment will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at New Haven.

Jacob Giant, Sr.

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette 12/16/1913

Jacob Giant, Sr., a pioneer resident of Allen County, is dead at his home in Jefferson Township. He was eighty-three years of age and came to this country many years ago.

The decedent was born in France, coming to this country at the age of ten years. Surviving there are two sons—Joseph and Jacob, Jr.; a sister—Mrs. Margaret Gerardot; fourteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the residence, and 8 o'clock at St. Louis Besancon church, at Besancon.

Yester year continued. . . .

Ft. Wayne News & Sentinel 5/26/1919

Alphonse M. Girardot, aged 60 years, residing at 323 East Superior street, a well-known hardware man and a member of the H. Pfeiffer & Sons Company, died yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital after being ill for three weeks from complications.

Mr. Girardot was born in France, May 1, 1859, and come to this country and to Fort Wayne thirty-five years ago. Having followed the trade of steel worker in his native land, he was familiar with the hardware business and soon after location here took a position with Morgan & Beach, remaining with them until their place of business was destroyed by fire. He next entered the employ of the J.C. Peters Hardware Company, and twenty years ago became a member of the H. Pfeiffer & Sons concern. His connections there gave him a wide acquaintance both in the city and among the farmers of the county, and he was held in high regard by all.

On Mr. Girardot's thirty-fourth birthday anniversary, May 1, 1893, occurred his marriage to Miss Henrietta Huguenard, who passed away three years ago. His second marriage, to Miss Catherine Favery, took place November 30, 1917, and she survives him. One son also survives, the Rev. Father Charles Girardot, of Michigan City, Ind., who was ordained in this city a year ago. Three brothers and a sister of the deceased are living in France.

Mr. Girardot was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, having entered the church at is arrival in Fort Wayne, of the Holy Name society, and was a charter member of the French-American society. He was an ardent church worker, a good Christian and an upright and conscientious citizen.

Funeral services Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock from the residence and at 10 o'clock from the Cathedral. Funeral mass will be the solemn requiem with the son, Father Girardot, as celebrant, and local

clergymen officiating. Friends are asked to please omit flowers.

Rev. Chas. Girardot, Son of Deceased, Officiates Wednesday at Cathedral

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette 5/29/1919

Attended by a number of local and visiting priests, and a large congregation the last solemn rites for Alphonse M. Girardot were held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the Cathedral of the Immaculate conception, Rev. Charles Girardot, of Michigan City, son of the deceased, was celebrant of the solemn requiem high mass and imparted the absolution at church and grave. Rev. John Dapp of St. Peter's assisted as deacon of the Mass; Rev. John McCarthy, sub-deacon; Rev. Otto Peters master of ceremonies. Others present were: Rev. John R. Quinlan, rector of the Cathedral; Rev. Simon M. Yenn, diocesan musical director; Rev. Charles H. Thiele, rector, St. Peter's; Rev. Anthony Petrille, pastor, St. Joseph's church; Rev. Pierce Dixon, assistant, St. Anthony's church, Indianapolis, a classmate of Father Girardot; Rev. Jesse Lothamer, assistant SS. Peter and Paul's church, Huntington. Following the services the remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery.

MONOT

Ft. Wayne Weekly Sentinel 9/13/1905

Mrs. Mary Monot, a pioneer resident of Allen county, died Saturday at her home in Jefferson township at the age of 76 years. Mrs. Monot was a widow, had been a resident of Allen county forty years and was widely and favorably known. She was a sister of the aged Mrs. Belot, whose death occurred a few weeks ago.

Mr. Monot is survived by three sons and a daughter—Eugene Monot, residing upon the home farm; Frank Monot, of Spy Run avenue; Lester Monot, who lives in Oklahoma, and Mrs. Frederick Dodane, of Jefferson township. Funeral services were held Monday.

**FOREBEARS' SERVICE IN THE CIVIL WAR,
ALL FROM NEW HAVEN INDIANA OR NEARBY**
*Compiled January 2022 by New Haven native & Cincinnati retiree
Richard Rosswurm, JD, PhD, mainly from FamilySearch websites.*

SONS OF MATHIAS COODROD (1804-76), all born Onondaga County, NY:

*(Note: in pension records, **invalid** means suffering from disease or disability.)*

Peter Coonrod (1836-1915 Ennis TX), Jefferson & Adams Twps; mustered in 16 March 1865 as a private at Indianapolis after enlisting for 1 year, Company G, Indiana 152d Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Mustered out 16 Nov. 1865 at Clarksburg WV. He had 2 children, born Dec. 1862 & June 1864. In 1891, he began receiving a pension as an invalid. At his death, payments went to Christina Huth (1841-1926), as his widow. .

Mathias C. Coonrod (1843-1903 Fort Wayne), Adams Twp; mustered in 29 Aug. 1862 as a private at FW after enlisting 8 July 1862 for 3 years, Company D, Indiana 88th Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Mustered out 7 June 1865 at Washington DC. In 1886, he began receiving a pension as an invalid. At his death, payments went to his wife, Elizabeth Vodde (1847-1923), as his widow.

Casper H. Conrad* (1844-1927 Fort Wayne), Adams Twp; mustered in 1 March 1864 as a private at Michigan City after enlisting for 1 year, Company B, 129th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Mustered out 19 Aug. 1865 at Charlotte, NC. In 1888, he began receiving a pension as an invalid. At his death, payments went to Mary Ann Ehinger(1847-1928), as his widow

**Although only he changed the surname spelling among those named in my listing, a recent ACGSI website addition of Allen County Civil War soldiers applied the change to the other Coonrods named here. The ACGSI site also failed to include Jacob P. Bowers.*

SON OF JOHN COONROD (1813-73), Brother of the Elder Mathias:

Mathias W. Coonrod (1842 -1873 New Haven, IN, smallpox, which also killed his mother, father, a younger sister, and 3 younger brothers). After his 10 Oct. 1864 enlistment for 1 year, mustered in 3 Nov. 1864 as a private at Indianapolis, Company F, 142nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Mustered out 14 July 1865 at Nashville TN. No online record surfaced indication that he applied for a pension. His widow, Mary Agnes Vodde, was ineligible for a pension because she remarried, August Schrage,(1852-1888), a few years after Mathias' death in 1877. She reapplied 18 Dec. 1911, but apparently was denied in Jan. 1912.

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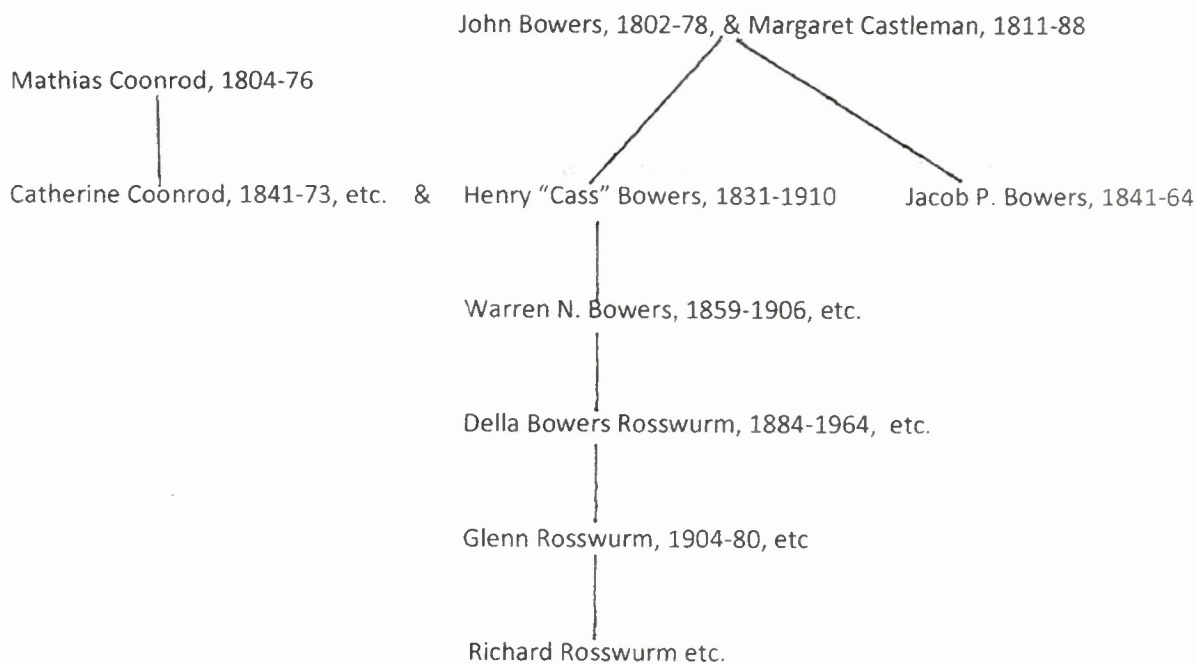
SON OF JOHN BOWERS:

Jacob P. Bowers (1841-64), and Younger brother of Henry Castleman Bowers, (see diagram below)

Jefferson Twp, after enlisting 6 April 1864 at Indianapolis for 2 years, mustered in 12 May 1864 as a private, Company D, 88th Indiana Volunteer Regiment. Left sick 13 June from Big Shanty, GA. Died from Typhoid Fever 1 July 1864 at Chattanooga, TN hospital. On 28 November 1882, his pension was certified for his mother, Margaret Castleman Bowers (1811-88).

(Note: By Googling, for example, 88th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment, one can find details about each Regiment & Company: movements, whereabouts, battles, etc.)

Lineage of Forebears



<i>Friends of Besancon.....</i>

THANK YOU to the following.

Darrel F. Dodane for lending me his book, *The History of the Dodane Family*, and will be put into the Archives.

Richard Rosswurm (Bowers, Huth, Lothamer) for his compiled history of Forebears' Service in the Civil War. (Also see last Issue for his list of St. John the Baptist Pastors).

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR DONATIONS:

Michael Biesiada, Nancy Canull, Darrel Dodane, Richard Rosswurm
Norma Quintenz, John & Roseann Schreiber

ATTENTION TO ALL MEMBERS:

Tentative date for meeting November 12, 2022 in the St. Agnes Atrium building on the St. Louis parish grounds.

The Besancon Historical Society lost 2 members earlier this year who had largely contributed to this Society; **Arlene Curts (Dodane), and Ralph Violette**. Obits follow.

ARLENE LEE CURTS, 85, of Fort Wayne, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022. Born March 28, 1936, in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of the late Norbert and Imogene (nee Brooks) Dodane. She is survived by her son, Robert M. (Carol) Curts of Greenwood, IN.; daughter, Connie Curts of Columbus, Ohio; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her husband of over 60 years, Robert E. "Bob" Curts, in 2016. Entombment in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Memorial donations to the donors' choice. *Journal Gazette, Ft. Wayne*

AURELE JOSEPH (RALPH) VIOLETTE, 81, passed away in Lake Mary FL on June 9, 2022. He was born on July 11, 1941, in Augusta, Maine, the son of Aurele and Juliette (Dubois) Violette.

Aurele graduated from Cony High School (1959) in Augusta, ME and Bowdoin College (1963). He earned his PhD in Russian history from Ohio State University in 1971. His studies were interrupted by service in the U.S. Army which included a one-year tour in Vietnam (1968-1969). He was honorably discharged with the rank of captain in 1969. He and wife Judie then spent six months in Helsinki, Finland where he continued his dissertation research in the Russian archives.

In 1970 he began his 36-year career as a history professor at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne (IPFW), where he was known to inspire several non-historians to love history. In summer 2001, he taught one of the first two online courses offered at IPFW. Upon his retirement he and his wife established the Judie and Ralph Violette History Scholarship. *Continued on page 12. . .*

While in Fort Wayne, Aurele helped establish the Cathedral Museum and the St. Louis Besancon Historical Society. He also authored a popular Fort Wayne history.

Aurele was a well-loved baker and cook, a fine craftsman, and an excellent bridge player and cruciverbalist. (lover of crossword puzzles). A proud descendant of the original Acadians, Aurele was an avid genealogist and leaves behind an extensive family history that will surely be treasured by future generations.

Aurele is survived by his living family: Judie, his wife of 55 years, son Andrew(Thuy) of Nashville, TN, and daughter Stephanie (Brock) Levin of Longwood, FL and by his treasured grandchildren Ethan Violette, Olivia Violette, Zachary Levin, and Zoe Levin. He is also survived by his siblings Gloria (John) Welch, Donald (Chet) Violette, and Priscilla Violette as well as numerous other relatives.

The family wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to the caring staff at Oakmonte Village Memory Care facility where Aurele lived the last year of his life suffering the effects of Parkinson's dementia.

Mass of Christian Burial at All Souls Catholic Church in Sanford, FL. Burial at the Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims, FL.

For those who wish, contributions in Aurele's memory to the Judie and Ralph Violette History Scholarship at Purdue University Ft. Wayne would be welcome. (Purdue University Ft. Wayne, Attn Development Office 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46805-1499. Make checks payable to the PFW Foundation).

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Yester-Year Party submitted and copied by Alyce J. Morow

Ft. Wayne Sentinel 8/5/1896

Last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Conrad, in Jefferson township the birthday of her father, Victor Didier, was celebrated in a most happy manner. Mr. Didier had reached the seventy seventh milestone and as he has for nearly half a century been a resident of Allen county he is well known. He is the father of James Didier of this city. The children presented him with a large and comfortable chair in which he will undoubtedly pass many pleasant hours in his declining years. Those present from Fort Wayne were: Mr. and Mrs. James Didier and family. Mrs. Lena Havert and family, Mrs. Louisa Lentz, Miss Minnie Murphy, Miss Lillie Wirtner, Miss Celia Lentz, Messrs. John Ebrmann, Frank Braden, from New Haven; Charles Hood and Charles Hood, jr., Joseph and Frank Hood, Frank Truchet, Misses Agnes and Christina Conrod, Rose Truchet, Burgie Hood, Katie Hood, Mr. Joseph Conrod. Those present from other parts of the county were: Mr. and Mrs. Nathen Webster, Misses Julia and Mable Webster, Messrs. Harman and Howard Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reuille, Messrs. Louis and Frank Reuille, Mr. and Mrs. Jacque Sordelet, Miss Eleneue Sordelet, Johnm Sordelet, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boitet and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elponenee Lamont and family, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bacon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bacon, Messrs. Monroe Miller, John Miller, Louis Jacquay, Messrs. and Mesdames Hiram Webster, Louis Reuille, Amile Pape, Mrs. Frances Kruson, Miss Ida Gladeo, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conrod and family, Mr. Warren Webster, Mr. John Webster, Mrs. Frances Gimmel, Miss Martha Bobeaux, Mr. Frank Maldina, Mr. Joseph Tranchet, Mr. Paul Monrey.

Editor's note: Any above misspellings were as copied from newspaper.

Facebook of Yester Year . . . copied and submitted by Alyce J. Morow

BESANCON NEWS Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette July 8, 1914, page 3

BESANCON, Ind., July 7, Mrs. Edward Lomont who was operated on for appendicitis at the St. Joseph hospital last Friday morning at 10:30, is improving nicely at this writing and her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Charlotte Lomont returned home Tuesday evening from a three days' visit at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ternet**.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leonard are the owners of a new Ford Machine.

Mrs. Joseph Boitet called on **Mrs. Nicholas Giant** at New Haven Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reuille and family were Fort Wayne shoppers Thursday.

Mr. Joseph Boitet and daughter Mabelle called on **Mrs. Evan Thomas** Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reuille were New Haven and Fort Wayne callers Wednesday.

Mrs. Emile Pepe was on the sick list several days last week.

Mrs. Joseph Boitet spent Thursday night at the Edward Lomont home.

Mr. Edward Lomont, Jay Rorick, Cyell Reuille, Mrs. Joseph Boitet, Mrs. Pauline Lomont and Viola and Louis Lomont called on **Mrs. Edward Lomont** who is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital. Mrs. Lomont is improving nicely.

Little Edward and Marie Lomont are staying at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. William Rorick** while their mother is at the hospital and **Louis and Viola Lomont** are staying at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boitet**.

Mrs. Julian Girardot and Mrs. John Ternet called on **Mrs. Celina Boitet** Sunday.

The Infant child of **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conrad** was christened Sunday. **Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jacquay** were sponsors.

A large number of people from Besancon attended the celebration at New Haven July 4 and all reported a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dodane and family spent Thursday evening with **Mrs. Joseph Boitet** and family

Mr. Frank Lomont is counted among the sick at this writing.

Mr. Edward Lomont, William Rorick, Rev. M.P. Louen, Mrs. Pauline Lomont, Miss Rose Lomont and Miss Rose Rorick called on **Mrs. Edward Lomont** at the hospital Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Huguenard moved the furniture to Fort Wayne Thursday.

Mr. Clem Gremaux, Edward Roy, Henry Roy and Arthur Venderley while driving to New Haven Saturday evening narrowly escaped death. The horses that they were driving became frightened and in some manner the buggy upset, throwing the boys out and all received a few minor bruises and cuts. The buggy was badly demolished, but still the boys are lucky they escaped the way they did.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sordelet entertained the following guests Sunday; **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kline, Mr. and Mrs. James Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kline and sons and Miss Francis Kline and Mr. Earl Moore**.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lothamer and family spent Sunday with **Mr. and Mrs. John Lothamer** and family in the afternoon they motored to the German picnic at Gar Creek.

Miss Edna Monnot spent Saturday evening with **Miss Welma Ternet**.

Mr. Clarence Boitet, of Fort Wayne, is spending the week at the Edward Lomont home.

The dance that was given at Maples Saturday evening was attended by several from this place and a good time was had by all.

Mr. Bernard Snider, Arthur Ternet and Simon Girardot were in Zulu Tuesday evening.

Mr. Simon Girardot called on **Mr. Arthur Ternet** Wednesday evening.

MEMBERSHIP DUES**Individual---\$15.00****Family-\$20.00 Lifetime-\$200.00**

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