Just three-tenths of a mile south of the Ashland-Knox county line on county road 43 in Jefferson township in northeast Knox county can be found an abandoned Catholic cemetery, mute testimony to a once proud mission. It was known as St. Michael's, Brownsville (now Jelloway), and spanned the years from 1844 to about 1875. Its proximity to the county line indicates that members of the little parish were from Knox and Richland (now Ashland) counties. Most seemed to have been from the latter.

The mission was variously named. Father Lamy (1), pastor at Danville in Knox county, as early as 1844 referred to it as "St. Ann's, Pine Run, Richland county" (2). In 1847 he still gave it the same designation (3), reported that there were 20 families and that the church was not yet completed. When it was first listed in the annual national Catholic Directory in 1854 it was given as St. Michael's, Brownsville, Jefferson township. It retained this title. Catholics of the area in later years referred to it as the "Henley Church," from a family of that name owning the farm around the church.

The earliest Catholics who settled in the area had to go to Danville to church, some 8 or 9 miles distant. The first name of a Catholic in the area is that of Daniel McHenny, given in the "Catholic Telegraph" of Cincinnati as living in or near Brownsville in 1839 (4). Other Catholic families had moved into the area of Pine Run, Richland county (5), north of the location of St. Michael's by 1840. Anthony Whisler was there with his wife and two sons; Michael Allerdig with his wife, 6 sons and two daughters; Joseph Sheneberger and wife with two sons and two daughters; and Theodore Whistler with his wife and four children.

The early Catholic settlers, for the most part, were of German origin. The Henley (an anglicized spelling) family, which came later was of Prussian origin. Other early names were Hosfeld, Losh, Skilling, Fritz, Beam, Boeshart and Shaub (various spellings).

About the same time farther south and east, just a short distance across the line into Holmes county, was being established another mission (6). It was known as St. Joseph's, Mohican, whose members were mostly German. Prominent among them, however, was the Greer family who came from County Antrim, Ireland (7). This family was to give its name to the small settlement known now as Greersville in Jefferson township, Knox county.
The Jefferson township mission began to take on some permanence when property for a church was bought in 1846. Francis Fitzmire and his wife, Rachel, evidently members of the parish, on October 2 of that year sold a parcel of land containing one acre and 60 rods (8) to "John Baptist Purtell, Bishop of the Roman Catholic church in the state of Ohio......for the use of the Roman Catholic congregation, near Pine Run...." It was located in "the southwest corner of lot twenty-two, in township No. nine, section three, range two."

The history of Knox county published in 1881 (9) states in its chapter on Jefferson township that "there was also a society of Catholics organized here at an early date, and a small log building, called St. Michael's church (10), erected in the northern part of the township. There being flourishing Catholic societies at Loudonville and Danville, it was deemed inexpedient by the members of St. Michael's church to keep up the organization, and it was dissolved many years since, the members generally uniting with St. Luke's church, Danville, and the Loudonville Catholic church."

A history of St. Peter's church, Loudonville, written in 1951 (11), repeats the words of the Knox county history, adding that St. Michael's "enabled the Catholics of Loudonville and vicinity to attend Mass and receive the sacraments.... St. Michael's church was abandoned and later torn down about 1872."

Apparently St. Michael's served the Catholics of Loudonville and the nearby country until the late 1860's, when they were taken care of by priests from Wooster, and later from Mansfield.

As early as 1844 the little Jefferson township mission was attended by Father Lany from Danville (12). The church was being built in 1847, but Father Lany was transferred to Covington that year. Father Boulger (13) then came to Danville and took care of the Catholics in Jefferson Township. Father Julius Brent succeeded Father Boulger at Danville late in 1853 and took charge of the northern mission until 1874.

In 1854 the national Catholic Directory listed St. Michael's as being attended from Newark, but this seems unlikely because of the distance and Danville was much closer. So also, the Directory gave St. Michael's as attended from Mt. Vernon from 1855 to 1857. This also is doubtful since Mt. Vernon was a mission of Danville at the time. However, records in the Columbus diocesan archives show that it was attended from Mt. Vernon in 1868. Beginning in 1874 and continuing until 1880, the Directory listed the mission as "Brownsville, Jefferson Twp., St. Michael's." It is doubtful that it was viable until 1880.

Further evidence that St. Michael's was still being attended from Danville as late as 1869 is contained in a news report appearing in the "Catholic Telegraph" of Cincinnati on October 6, 1869 (14). Bishop Rosecrans was at Danville for confirmation of Tuesday, September 28, according to the "Telegraph", and the next day went to the mission: "The next day, Wednesday, September 29, the church of St. Michael's on the border of Knox and Ashland counties was visited and confirmed. These people of St. Michael's congregation are the German Catholics who do not think 15 miles too far to go in order to hear Mass on Sundays."

As early as 1836 names appear in the sacramental records of St. Luke's, Danville, which later which later are those of regular members of St. Michael's. In 1846 Father Lany signed records at Danville of people who later belonged to the mission parish. In 1849 and 1850 Father Boulger (14) signed such names in the Danville book.

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Father Julius Brent became pastor at Danville in 1851 and recorded baptisms of St. Michael's people in 1853 and 1854. However, the little Brownsville church came into its own in 1856 when Father Brent started its own baptismal registry. This continued until 1871, with one record being added in 1873, signed by Father Brent, and one in 1875, signed by Father Ahern (15). Father Brent became pastor in Mt. Vernon in 1874.

Although St. Michael's church has been gone since the 1870's, the parish cemetery is still there, though badly neglected. The tombstone inscriptions give the names of the mission's pioneers.

(1) Father John B. Lamy afterwards became archbishop of Sante Fe.
(2) Letter of Father Lamy to Bishop Purcell of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 20, 1844. University of Notre Dame Archives (UNDA).
(3) Letter of Father Lamy to Bishop Purcell, Aug. 27, 1847. UNDA. See also "Bulletin", Catholic Record Society, Diocese of Columbus, July, 1978.
(4) "Catholic Telegraph," Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 28, 1839. Columbus Diocese Archives.
(5) Federal Census, Hanover Township, Richland county, Ohio, 1840.
(7) History of Knox County, Ohio, Its Past and Present, compiled by N.N. Hill, Jr., Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 1881, p. 494.
(9) History of Knox County, op. cit., p. 496.
(10) The mission church of St. Joseph's, Mohican (Greer), was also built of logs.
(12) Letter of Father Lamy, 1847, op. cit. (UNDA).
(13) "Catholic Telegraph," Cincinnati, Ohio, October 6, 1869. Archives of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
(14) Father Thomas J. Boulger was pastor at Danville until 1851.
(15) Father Michael Ahern, who was pastor at St. Mary's, Wilkesville, Vinton Co.

Sacramental Records

Given here are sacramental records at St. Luke's, Danville, of people who later belonged to St. Michael's, Brownsville.

1850: Aug. 12, At. St. Michael's, Hanah Philomena, daughter of John Yuncker (?) and Helen Beam. Sponsors: James Holler and Catherine Allender. BOULGER
Sponsors: Victor and Catherine Iford(?).  
J. O'CONNOR

Sponsors: Clement Hosfeld and his wife.  
J. BRENT

1854: Sept. 28. Mary Elizabeth, b. Aug. 17, daughter of Elizabeth Anna Losh.  
Sponsors: Thos. White and Margaret Durbin.  
J. BRENT
J. BRENT

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SAINT MICHAEL'S, KNOX COUNTY

Register of Baptisms

The little book of baptisms of St. Michael's, preserved at St. Luke's, Danville, has written on its fly-leaf: "Registry presumably of St. Michael's Church." It is initialed by Father McDermott, pastor at Danville after Father Brent.

1856

March 30. Joseph Martin b. Feb. 17, son of Clement Hosfeld and Anna Mary -----.  
Sponsors: Joseph Hosfeld and ---- Henley.  
J. BRENT
Francis, b. April 12, son of Caspar Sheneberger and Ablony(?) Fritz.  
Sponsors: ------- Ifert and Margaret Fitzmyre.  
J. BRENT

Aug. 25. John Adam Louis(?), b. 3 July of ______.  
Sponsors: Adam Shop and Madelin Smithhisler.  
J. BRENT
[Sponsors: Louis Stimler and Cecilia Beeshart.]
[Note. Two sets of sponsors are given. If there was another baptism it was not recorded.]

Oct. 31. Albert James, b. 26 Sept., son of Gregory Henly and -------.  
Sponsors: Henry Hosfeld and his wife.  
J. BRENT
Joseph, b. 6 Sept., son of John Fritz and Alexia Goodbillet.  
Sponsors: Jos. Losh and ------- Sheneberger.  
J. Brent

1857

Mar. 20. Mary Lucy, b. 4 January, daughter of Ferdinand Fritz [Mother not given]. Sponsors: Caspar Thisberger(?) and wife.  
J. BRENT

June 20. Nicholas[birth date not given] son of Nicholas Hubam(?) and Catharine Nines(?). Sponsors: Francis and Mary Allering.  
J. BRENT

Nov. 3. Joseph, b. 15 Sept., son of Francis Staab and Susanna Beam.  
Sponsors: Joseph and Martha Ifert.  
J. Brent
Mary Catharine, b. 18 Sept., daughter of Ferdinand Vonkle and Mary Staab. Sponsors: Michael and Catharine Ifert.  
J. BRENT

1858

Mar. 25. John, b. 5 Feb., son of Nicholas Boseler and Margaret Differdosh.  
Sponsors: J. B. Allerdine and Susanna Boseler.  
J. BRENT

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1858 Cont.


Mary, b. 10 Sept., daughter of John Fritz and Phebia Goodbarlet. Sponsors: Ferdinand and Mary Fritz. J. BRENT


1859

Jan. 6. Maryann Catharine, b. 11 Nov., daughter of Victor Ifert and Matilda Gardner. Sponsors: Jos. and Mary Ifert. J. BRENT


June 2. Joseph, b. 12 April, son of Ferdinand Fritz and Thecal Grim. Sponsors: Jos. Losh and his wife. J. BRENT
Mary Elizabeth, b. 1 July, daughter of F. Gongly [Conkle?] and Cath. Sponsors: F. Fritz and Mary Elisabeth Wisler. J. BRENT


Sept. 31. Sara Elizabeth, b. 6 March, daughter of Henry and Mary Gessling. Sponsors: Henry and Veronica Hosfeld. J. BRENT


1860

May 17. Sara Anna, b. 20 April, daughter of John Wisler and Elizabeth Hosfeld. Sponsors: Anth. Wisler and Sarah Hosfeld. J. BRENT
Frederic, b. 30 January, son of William Shaff and May Sheneberger. Sponsors: F. Shadd and Regina Fitzmyre. J. BRENT

June 19. Helen, b. 9 May, daughter of Adam Staab and Mary Smithhiezler. Sponsors: Phil. and Mary Smyththisler. Anna Catharine, b. 30 May, daughter of John Allerdng and Elizabeth Skilling. Sponsors: Jacob Hollet and his wife. J. BRENT


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1860 Cont.

Dec. 7. Susanna, b. 31 Oct., daughter of Richard Bosler and Margaret Differoosh. Sponsors: John Wisler and Susanna Conrad. J. BRENT

1861


Mar. 5. John, b. 7 January, son of F. Zongle [Conkle?] and Mary Cath. Sponsors: F. Fritz and Mary Sheneberger. J. BRENT

Apr. 14. Elizabeth, b. 20 Feb., daughter of Theodore Wisler and Barbara Allering. Sponsors: John Allering and Elizabeth Wisler. J. BRENT


Aug. 15. Francis John, b. 18 June, son of F. Long [No other name given]. Sponsors: F. Fitzmire and his wife. J. BRENT


Nov. 25. Mary Apolona, b. 4 Oct., daughter of John Wisler and Elizabeth Hosfeld. Sponsors: Th. Wisler, Apolona. J. BRENT

1862


John Laurence, b. 15 March, son of John Allering and Elizabeth. Sponsors: John Werner and his wife. J. BRENT

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May 29. Henry Franklin, b. 21 April, son of Jos. Hosfeld and Berenice(?)
Charles, b. 27 April, son of Henry Raison and Adaline Bowerson(?).
Sponsors: N.I. Allerding and his wife. J. BRENT

Aug. 15. Sarah Catilia(?), b. 30 May, daughter of Phil. Smythisler and Magdalena.
Sponsors: Adam and Mag. Shaab. J. BRENT
Laurence Daniel Sulavan, b. 22 June, son of Fr. Sul. and Mary Hananan.
Sponsors: Laurence and Barbara Shaab. J. BRENT
Ellen Sulavan, b. 11 July, daughter of Pat Sulavan and Mary Shahe.
Sponsors: F.N. Sulavan and Mary Sulavan. J. BRENT

Dec. 2. Elizabeth, b. 28 Sept., daughter of Henry Raison and Adaline.
Sponsors: John Gardner and Mary Allerding. J. BRENT

1863

Mar. 25. Joseph Julius, b. 7 Feb., son of Ferdinand Konkel and [Not given].
Sponsors: Jos. Losh and his wife. J. BRENT
Mary Agnes, b. 7 Dec. [1862], daughter of John Crower and Margaret Wisler. Sponsors: James Allerding and Apalona Wisler. J. BRENT
Nicholas, b. 3 Feb., son of Nicholas Bosler and Margaret Differiosh.


Nov. 3. Fr. Joseph, b. 8 Oct., son of G. Bleil and Cath. B. Sponsors:
W. Beam and Mary Sheneberger.
Benj. Fr., b. 30 Aug., son of George Beam and Elizabeth Boshart.
Sponsors: ----- Henly and Cath. Shaab. J. BRENT
Mary Adelise, b. 21 Sept., daughter of Philip Guenther and Louise Bezanson. Sponsors: Jos. Hosfeld and his wife. J. BRENT
Mary Elizabeth, b. 13 Sept., daughter of N. Hollet and Cath. Ifert.
Sponsor: John J. Friez. J. BRENT

1864


May 25. Ch. Purcell, b. 11 March, son of Jos. Boshart and Barbara.
Sponsors: Greg. Henley and his wife. J. BRENT
Marg. Salina, b. 21 April, daughter of Fr. Gardner ------ Allerding.
Sponsors: Martin Gardner and Marg. Allerding. J. BRENT
Henry Michael, b. 29 March, son of Carp. and Apolona Shiniberg.
Sponsors: Henry Hosfeld and his wife. J. BRENT
Emma Cecilia, b. 19 Feb., daughter of Henry Peter and Anna Wisler.
Sponsors: Thed. Wisler and his wife. J. BRENT
John L., b. 18 April, son of Henry Raison and Adaline. Sponsors:
John Allerding and Mary Gardner. J. BRENT
1864 Cont.


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1865

May 2. Frances Honora, b. 28 Dec. [1864], daughter of Mich. and Elizabeth Losh. Sponsors: Josh. Losh and his wife. J. BRENT

May 28. Joanna Elizabeth, b. 25 April, daughter of George Beam and Elizabeth Boshart. Sponsors: Ed Bezancon and Mary Boshart. J. BRENT


Aug. 20. Elizabeth Catharine, b. 20 June, daughter of Theodore Wisler and Elizabeth Hosfeld. Sponsors: John Hosfeld and Elizabeth Wisler. J. BRENT


1866

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George, b. 17 Nov. [1865], son of Ferdinand Fritz and Thecla Grim. Sponsors: John Fritz and Thecla Staab. J. BRENT


Bertha, b. 27 July, daughter of Constantine Klein and Agnes Mattees. Sponsors: Greg. Henley and Cordelia Henley. J. BRENT

1867


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April 23. Henry Xtopher, b. 21 Sept. 1856  
Fr. Augustine, b. 13 July 1860  
Mary Louise, b. 15 July 1862  
George Jos., b. 11 Jan. 1864., children of Henry Gisslong and Mary  
Teresa Hosfeld. Sponsors: H. Hosfeld and his wife. J. BRENT  
Emma Barbara, b. 18 Jan. 1866, daughter of H. Reason and Adeline  

June 20. Clara Anna, b. 14 April, daughter of H. Peter and Anna Wisler.  

Sponsors: George Bliebl and his wife. J. BRENT

Nov. 1. Mary Sabina, b. 27 Aug., daughter of John Wisler and Elizabeth Hosfeld.  
Sponsors: Henry Hosfeld and his wife. J. BRENT

Jan. 1. John L., b. 21 Nov. [1867], son of Laurence Allerdig and Elizabeth  
Ungachik. Sponsors: J.N. Allerdig and his wife. J. BRENT

March 25. Francis, b. 16 Feb., son of Theodore Wisler and Barbara Allerdig.  
Sponsors: Fr. Allerdig and Apolonia Allerdig. J. BRENT

Smyth. Sponsors: Th. and Barbara Wisler. J. BRENT

June 14. Francis, b. 1 May, son of James Allerdig and Elizabeth Skilling.  
Sponsors: James Skilling and Barbara Wisler. J. BRENT  
Joseph Sylvester, b. 5 April, son of Fr. Gardner and Cath. Statmiler.  
Sponsors: Nicholas Wisler and his wife. J. BRENT

Aug. 23. Leo, b. 22 June, son of F. Fritz and Theola Grim. Sponsors: John  
Beam and his wife. J. BRENT  
Sarah Elizabeth, b. 1 July, daughter of Nich. Wiessen and Elizabeth  
Wiser. Sponsors: N. Bosler and Elizabeth Wiser. J. BRENT

Sept. 29. Charles Henry(?) Schop, b. 15 Sept., son of Lorenz and Margaret  
Grabers. Sponsors: Henry Hosfeld and Savina _______.

Oct. 20. Silora(?) Christine, b. 28 Aug., daughter of Anth. Gardner and  
Eizabeth Marshal. Sponsors: John Beam and his wife. J. BRENT  
Sponsors: C. Shiniberger and Losh. J. BRENT

Sponsors: P. Homan and his wife. J. BRENT


1870


March 27. Charles, b. 4 Dec. [1869], son of John Wisler and Anna Losh. Sponsors: Adam Weber and Margt. Losh. J. BRENT


Mary L., b. 6 August, daughter of Philip Boshart and Sophia Butler. Sponsors: H. Hosfeld and his wife. J. BRENT


Elizabeth, b. 2 Sept., daughter of John Allerdig and Elisabeth Sk[illing]. Sponsors: Will and Catherine Harris. J. BRENT

Caroline, b. 29 August, daughter of James Stitzel and Frances Swan. Sponsors: Gabriel Biddle and Elizabeth Miller. J. BRENT

1871


Catharine, b. 12 May, daughter of Nichol. Weisen and Elizabeth Wisler. Sponsors: Will Wisler and Catharine Bosler. J. BRENT

James, b. 17 May, son of Ed Stargis and C. Lauder. Sponsors: Mary and James Tibolt(?). J. BRENT
1871 Cont.

Charles John, b. [No date given], son of Nich. Allerdine and B. Smith(?). Sponsors: Jon Allerdine and his wife. J. BRENT

March 25. Barbara Ellen, b. 15 December [1871], daughter of John Wisler and Elizabeth Hosfeld. Sponsors: Will Harris and Barbara Wisler. J. BRENT

George Stitzel, b. 28 August, son of James A. Stitzel and Fr. A. Swan. Sponsors: Greg Henly and his wife. J. BRENT

Mary Jos., b. 18 Nov., daughter of Fr. Gardner and Mary Allerdine. Sponsors: John Allerdine and his wife. J. BRENT

1875


SAINT MICHAEL CEMETERY
Jefferson Township, Knox County

(Located .9 mile south of U.S. Route 3, and .3 mile south of the Ashland-Knox County line. On Knox County Road 43.)

Tombstone Inscriptions

ALLERDING, Davied M., son of J. & E., d. 0ct. 20, 1864. Aged 9M 5D.
ALLERDING, John L., son of J. & E., d. 0ct. 15, 1864. Aged 2Y 9M 7D.
BEAM, Benjamin, son of G.B. & E., d. April 22, 1865. Aged 1Y 9M 21D.
BEAM, Mary, wife of Jacob, d. Nov. 19, 1875. Aged 66Y 2M 9D.
BOESHART, William S., son of P. & S., d. Feb. 6, 1867. Aged 5M 16D.
BRECKLER, Christopher, d. Feb. 25, 1851. Aged 54Y 8M 21D.
BRECKLER, John.

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M.A.B. — Footstone.
J.B. — Footstone.

FRITZ, Catherine, daughter of F. & T., d. Dec. 14, 1860. Aged 8Y 6M.
FRITZ, John, d. --- 8, 1858. Aged 79Y 11M.
HOLLER, Anna Catherine, wife of Jacob, d. April 11, 1871. Aged 71Y 6M.
HOMMEL, John, son of F. & S., d. March 11, 1865. Aged 1Y 7D.
HOSFELD, Henry, d. Sept. 16, 1875. Aged 74Y 9M 10D.
HOSFELD, Veronica, wife of H. Hosfeld, d. --- 12, 18--. Aged 53Y 7M 17D.
LOSH, Henry, son of Jos. F. & C., d. April 17, 1819. Aged 1Y 6M.
PAUL, Maria, wife of Michael, d. July 5, 1868. Aged 53Y 3M 10D.
SCHAUB, Anna, daughter of H.G. & M.S., d. July 11, 1871. Aged 6M 8D.
SHEEWEBERGER, Francis, son of C(G(?)) & A., d. Oct. 7, 1860. Aged 4Y 10M 19D.
SHEEWEBERGER, Susanna, daughter of C(G(?)) & A, d. Oct. 18, 1860. Aged 6Y 10M 19D.
SKILL[ING], Ellen, wife of James, d. Feb. 20, 1872, in the 76th year of her age.
WHISLER, John, son of T. & B., d. Aug. 23, 1851. Aged 16Y 1M 5D.
WHISLER, Mary A., daughter of --- & E., d. Oct. 25, 186-. Aged 2Y 1D.
--------, Casper, d. Feb. 1, 1877. Aged 55Y 8D.
The burial records presented here are contained in the register of baptisms, marriages and burials of St. Remigius (now Holy Cross) church in Columbus. The register covers a period of about nine years, from June of 1837 to January of 1846. In that entire period only twelve burials were recorded, with only six prior to 1844. Few burials were recorded because St. Remigius had no resident pastor until May of 1843; even after that date the pastor was often absent on missionary journeys. With one exception, burials were recorded only when a priest was present to supply ceremonies and to bless the grave.

For eighteen of the twenty records, no place of burial was indicated. These were probably in the two Columbus public cemeteries. The North Graveyard, at the south-west corner of Spruce and High streets, was opened in 1813. The East (or South) Graveyard, opened in 1839, was used "principally by Germans" (1); it was probably the burial place of most deceased members of St. Remigius congregation after that date and until the Catholic Cemetery was opened in 1846 (2). The East Graveyard is now the site of Livingston Park.

Two of the burials were recorded as "in Frankletown" or Franklinton (the original community in the Columbus area, west of the Scioto River). These were no doubt in the Franklinton cemetery, which still lies at McKinley and Souther avenues though no tombstones remain there. A comparison of the St. Remigius baptismal register with the tombstone inscriptions which remained in the Franklinton cemetery in the 1890's (3) reveals five additional burials of Catholics in this era:

1. Katharine, wife of Adam Weisbecker, died October 16, 1839, aged 23 years.
2. and 3. Her two infant children.
4. Jacob Fisher, died August 8, 1845, aged 71 years.
5. Wife of J. Fisher, died January 17, 1837, aged about 55 years.

In the following list from the St. Remigius register, the initials following some of the records indicate the name of the priest who signed them: HDJ is Rev. H. J. Juncker; JBE is Rev. J. B. Emig; WS is Rev. William Schonat, the first resident pastor.

1838, 15 July. Frances Katharine Adelsberger, 1ge 8 months, daughter of Johann and Kath-rina. HDJ
1838, 5 November. Johann, age 12 months, son of Georg Studer and Regina Werst. HDJ
1839, 5 January. Kolestina Thelma, age 45 years, wife of John Mario Ammiad. HDJ
1840, 25 February. Joseph and B.J. Bernard, two brothers, sons of Morris Bisig (4) and his wife Maria Anna. HDJ
1840, 28 February. Celestine, son of Morris Bisig and his wife Maria Anna. HDJ

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1844, 22 January. In Frankletown, Louisa, daughter of Nicolaus Hanauer, aged four years. WS

1844, 10 May. Thaddeus Mittelholz, died May 9, aged 68 years.

1844, 20 July. Anna Maria Keller, died 19 July, aged 1 year 2 months, and seven days. JBE (5)

1844, 21 July. Fridolin Johann Lichtenecker, died July 20. JBE (6)

1844, 16 July. Wilhelm Karl, son of Georg Studder, age 6 months. (7)

1844, 3 August. Ignaz Wulfel, died August 2, aged 15 years. WS

1844, 15 September. Georg Heinrich Fischer, died September 14, aged 64 years and six months. WS (8)

1844, 5 October. Anna Maria Frank, daughter of Jacob Frank, age two years and nine months. WS

1844, 17 October. In Frankletown, Heinrich, son of Wendolin Saile, age one year and four months. WS

1845, 17 July. Simon Frach, born 12 May 1843, died 16 July 1845, aged 26 Months. WS

1845, 15 September. Peter Beer, died 14 September in the Poor House, aged 54 years.

1845, 29 September. Bridget McGuire, died 28 September. WS

1845, 26 December. Johann Georg Engler, died 25 December, aged 52 years.

1846, 24 January. Johann, son of Franz Stecher, died 23 January, age four days. WS

(1) Studer, Jacob H., Columbus, Ohio: Its History, Resources, and Progress, 1873, pp. 224-226.


(3) The Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly, I (1898), pp. 70-71.

(4) Listed as Morris Bisson, Sawyer, residing at the southwest corner of Mound and Fifth streets in the 1843 Columbus Directory (The Columbus Business Directory for 1843-4, Columbus: J. R. Armstrong, 1843.)

(5) Maria, born 9 May 1843, baptized at St. Remigius on 21 May, daughter of Ludwig Keller and Anna nee Schreiner.

(6) Fridolin Johann, born 19 November, 1843, baptized at St. Remigius on 10 December, son of Ferdinand Lichtenegger and his wife Maria. The 1843 directory lists P. Lichtennegger, clock and watchmaker, residence north side of Friend (now Main) street, near High.

(7) This record, though out of chronological order, is probably correct as written, for Rev. Schonat wrote (in Latin) not "I buried" but "was buried."

(8) The 1843 Columbus city directory lists George Fisher, drayman, residence north side of South Public Lane (now Livingston Avenue), between Fifth and Sixth streets.

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CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH RECORDS
EARLY DIOCESAN HISTORY
(Continued)

These records are of the years before the Columbus diocese had its own. Taken from the "Catholic Telegraph" of Cincinnati, they are published here through the courtesy of the Archives of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

September 9, 1869

On Sunday, August 23, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Columbus visited the growing congregation of Bellaire on the eastern terminus of the Central Ohio branch of the B. & O. railroad. A schoolhouse has been built within the last two years, and a school with an average attendance of 100 scholars has been in operation for some time. The congregation has outgrown the church and there is now a need for an enlargement of the building. The Rev. J. Jacquet, of St. Mary's, Beaver, gives the place two Sundays of the month, but there is need of a resident priest. Thirty-five persons received the holy sacrament of Confirmation and the church was crowded to overflowing both at Mass and Vespers, to listen to the instructions. The B. & C. company is now building a bridge across the Ohio at this point, and if the activity now prevailing in the place survives the completion of that work Bellaire will be a large river town.

Tuesday, August 25, was the day of Confirmation at St. Mary's, Noble county. All the good Catholics of that ancient settlement in Ohio, assembled long before the 10 o'clock Mass, and many approached the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. Rev. J. Jacquet, pastor, saying the Mass at Bellaire, and the choir led by Miss Maggie Walsh did its part with taste and accuracy. After the Mass and sermon by the Rt. Rev. Bishop 24 were confirmed and 3 baptized.

On Thursday, August 27, the new church of St. Henry near Harriettsville, Noble county, built by the zeal and generosity of some six German farmers, was blessed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop. It is a neat frame about 55x30 with belfry bell, gallery, organ and pews. The neighboring congregation of the Immaculate Conception at Enoch, 11 hilly miles distant, turned out en masse with all their banners to assist in the procession from the house of William Smithberger, Esq., one half mile to the church, was really very beautiful. It was well set off, too, by a fact showing the difference between the influence of true religion and no religion on the masses of the people. While Catholic men, women and children were going to church to pray, the Protestant population of those rustic regions was forming along the road to Harriettsville to see somebody's menagerie, and the two processions met each other on the road and passed without greeting. After the dedication High Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Damian Kluber, and the sermon preached by the Rt. Rev. Bishop.

October 6, 1869

Diocese of Columbus. On Sunday 26th of last month the holy sacrament of Confirmation was administered in the church of St. Vincent de Paul, Mt. Vernon, to 26 persons of whom over 20 were adults and converts. The church was crowded morning and evening. The Catholic Church seems to be growing in Mt. Vernon more rapidly than the city.

The Rev. Father Brent gave a well-attended course of lectures after Vespers last summer and on one occasion had for his audience an entire Cambellite congregation, preacher included, when he lectured on the Blessed Virgin and the Catholic Church.
October 6, 1869 (Cont.)

Tuesday, September 28, the old pioneer congregation of St. Luke's, Danville, was visited and 40 were confirmed. This is the congregation which was the first charge of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lamy of Santa Fe, and it still preserves much of the spirit he infused into it. As usual all the neighborhood assembled in the church on the occasion of the episcopal visitation. The demeanor of the non-Catholics was in marked improvement over the former times.

The next day, Wednesday, September 29, the church of St. Michael's on the border of Knox and Ashland counties was visited and 41 confirmed. These people of St. Michael's congregation are the German Catholics who do not think 15 miles too far to go in order to hear Mass on Sundays.

At St. Luke's, Danville, when the tabernacle was opened at the first Mass it was discovered that some sacrilegious thief had stolen the pyxes, one that Bishop Lamy had obtained for the church from France. No lock had been broken and no damage done beyond this one theft.


There were 100 communions. Many converts were among the number confirmed. The pastor, Rev. Louis D'Cailly, was consoled by the return of many wanderers to the fold of the Church, and their duty. The church was crowded on Sunday and the music by the choir much praised. A marble altar of the Blessed Virgin has been purchased in France for the beautiful church, and will shortly be received. The people of St. Mary's seem never to get tired of completing the fitting-up the most beautiful church in the diocese of Columbus.

October 14, 1869

Episcopal Visitations. Lancaster, Ohio. On Sunday, Oct. 3, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Rosecrans administered the sacrament of Confirmation to 120 persons, chiefly youth in St. Mary's church, which is a beautiful edifice. ...Besides Father Rotchford, O.P., the worthy pastor, Father D'Cailly, was assisted by Rev. Father Thienpont of Logan, Father Bigelow of Steubenville and Fathers Ryan of Marietta, Specht of Columbus and Eppink of Zanesville....The exercises of the Jubilee were terminated by the visitation of the Rt. Rev. Bishop......

Nov. 20, 1869

Zanesville, Nov. 15, 1869. On Sunday, Nov. 14, in the presence of a very large concourse of people three new bells were blessed for St. Nicholas German church. Their weight in full is about 3000 lbs....Rev. Magnus Eppink, the pastor, having been delegated, blessed the bells. After the sacred function the Te Deum was intoned and for the first time the bells rang out praises to the Most High.

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