THE LAST LETTERS OF REV. JOHN MARY JACQUET

We express again our thanks to Miss Agnes McCabe of Texas, who has given us copies of five letters written by Rev. John M. Jacquet, pastor of Coshocton. The first of these letters, written in 1892, was published in the February Bulletin and two others contain enough information of interest to be published here. One point of clarification needs to be made concerning the 1892 letter, where in the last paragraph Father Jacquet mentions a dedication. At that point in the letter he is writing about the new railroad trestle at Coshocton and seems to be saying that he will attend its dedication. However, taken in overall context, he seems in fact to be referring to the dedication of the new St. Mary's Church at Temperanceville and says that if the railroad is finished soon enough he can travel to that dedication on the new line.

Father Jacquet retired in September of 1895 and went to Galveston, Texas, where his former pupil, Nicholas Gallagher, was Bishop. The third letter of the five follows.

Galveston, Texas Apr. 9/96
St. Marys Infirmary

Miss Mary Gallagher

Dear Mary,

I rec'd yours of 17 ult. with pleasure, and hope you will continue to write from time to time. As the people of Coshocton were very good to me, I expected they would be to you also. I am glad the globe went all safe.

Here everything is St. Marys
St. Marys Cathedral
St. Mary's Infirmary
St. Mary's University
St. Mary's Orphan Asylum

They could not have a better name.

Last summer I marked my grave at the Mattingly Church; but I suppose I will be buried in the sand of Galveston instead. I know 3 men in Coshocton who did not love me, and that is all, and I wish them well.

I remained 10 days at the bishop's house; and then moved at the St. Mary's Infirmary it suits me better. I am neither sick, nor well. I
need medicine every day. I said Mass yesteday, and after was very tired.  
The sisters have about 25 novices and postulants not one Texan. The  
vocations in Texas must be very scarce. I have seen Clara only twice.  
[Clara Malone, Sister M. Agnes, O.P.] She is well and well pleased but  
Viola says she loves the mountains better than Galveston. Clara plays  
the piano and violin like a little angel. I have a great opinion of her  
talents, and am glad she is in a place where she can have them developed.  
I suppose that by this time you have no snow, and that things begin to  
show Life. Here there is in market all kinds of vegetables new cabbage  
and potatoes. The season is more early; but not better.  
When our Dear Sister Isidor reached Flourissant, and saw the great  
establishment of the sisters, she thanked God for having so well provided  
for her. I do the same; for I am well provided for; God be praised for  
it. The sisters take great care of me. too much.  
On Easter day I was at the Cathedral. We had grand ceremonies, and the  
Bishop after Mass gave the papal Benediction, which he is authorized to  
do 4 times a year.  
Best compliments to your Mother, Peter Armbruster etc. Wishing you  
well, I remain your friend  

John M. Jacquet.

The fifth letter of the series:

Galveston Tex. Sept. 17 96

Miss Mary Gallagher,

Dear Mary,

I have received yours of the 10 inst, and am glad that you are well, and  
that you have fine crops.  
My intention was to start for Coshocton on the 21 inst. but I am not  
able, on account of the condition of my health. I have not been well  
since June. I intended to go to the bishops house for dinner on the 4th  
of July, and have not been there since.  
Finally it has terminated into Dropsy.  
As soon as the Dr. tells me I can go safely and prudenLty I will. When I  
do not know. I hope soon; but likely will go directly to Coshocton as  
far as Mr. Hartman's house and no more, and stay one week or less. It  
would be a pleasure to me to visit temperanceville and bellaire and my  
old field of work but I do not expect to be able. I have no pains. The  
swelling is kept down by medicine. I have missed my breviary only 2  
days. I am not able to say Mass, but seldom on account of weakness. I  
will ask the Dr. and go when prudent.  
I wish you all well. Tell my old friends to pray for me. I do not  
expect to get over that drposy, but it will be slow. I am going on 80  
that is old enough.  
Best respects to your Mother and friends.  
good by  

John M. Jacquet

Father Jacquet died on October 24, 1896.
These inscriptions were copied in July of 1978 by Rev. Msgr. H. E. Mattingly and Rev. Msgr. James Kulp. The effort was to copy the inscriptions on stones turned over or fallen down, which others, perhaps, had not copied. For a brief account of the Catholic graveyards of Zanesville, the reader is referred to the Bulletin of December, 1976, page 183.

Our Samuel, son of S______ & Ann ______, died Mar. 2_, 1881, aged 19 Y 2 M 17 D.

Willie ______, b. May 3, 1868, d. Dec. 21, 1878, aged 10 Y 7 M 2 D.
Mary ________, b. Aug. 2, 1878, d. ________ 1880.

Frank _____, died July 8, 1871, aged 1 Y 3 M.
Elizabeth ________, died July 17, 1876, aged 9 M.

John M. Armbrust, died June 1, 1883, aged 87 (?) Y.


Margaret, wife of William Breslin, died Oct. 2, 1865, aged 30 Y. Native of County Galway, Ireland.

John, son of _____ Cantwell, d. Aug. 20, 18__, aged 17 Y 2 M 6 D.

Jacob Christ, d. Nov. 2, 1902, aged 77 Y 10 M 5 D.
Mary Ann, wife of Jacob, 2. Feb. 11, 1886, aged 62 Y 4 M.

Arthur Thomas Cormley, d. May 12, 1855, aged 33 Y.

Alice Coyle, 1822 - 1889.

Caspar Dietenneck (?), died 1890, aged 71 Y 5 M __ D.
Catherine, wife of Jacob Dietennick, died 1880, aged ______.

Anthony Diss, died Mar. 5, 1886, aged 4 Y.

Michael Dugan, born in County Donegal, Ireland, died Nov. 27, 1872, aged 22 Y.

James Dunn, born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in the year 1847, died at La Paz, 1880.

William Dunn Sr., born County Tipperary, Ireland, June 20, 1873, died at Newark, Ohio, Jan. 10, 1892.

Emmert: John, 1800 - 1862.
Margaret, 1805 - 1888.

Sarah A. Fountain, Aug. 29, 1824 - Oct. 1, 1908.
John Fountain, Mar. 5, 1844 - Feb. 6, 1879.
Samuel Fountain, May 6, 1849 - Dec. 6, 1879.
Jacob Frederick, d. Aug. 4, 1863, aged 54 Y, 16 D., a native of Elses, France.

Gustave E. Gebest, 1852 - 1912.
Mary E. Gebest, 1852 - 1924.
Mary Gebest Rietz, 1874 - 1913.
Caroline Gebest German, 1877 - 1906.

German - see Gebest

Caroline Gilbert, 1853 - 1913.
Joseph, her son, 1867 - 1901.

Thomas Godfrey, d. _____ 1859.
Margaret, wife of Thomas Godfrey, d. _____ 1855.

Jeremiah Grennan, born in the parish of Paulstown, County Kilkenny, Ireland, came to U.S. in 1842, died Apr. 26, 1868, aged 47 Y.

Elizabeth, wife of John Grether (?), ______.

John Gunning, died May 23, 1871, aged 32 Y 11 M.

Jacob Gunther, born 1812, died Feb. 22, 1877.

Lewis H. Harper, died June 21, 1900, aged 46 Y 2 M.

Rosa, wife of Lewis Harper, d. Dec. 12, 1893, aged 61 Y 2 M 17 D.

Catherine, wife of James Hartigan, d. ______.
James Hartigan, died Sept. 15, 1868, aged 61 Y.
Mary, daughter of James & C. Hartigan, ______.

Thomas Haughran, died Mar. 6, 182_, aged 20 Y 26 D.
Maggie Haughran, died Oct. 30, 1890, aged 22 Y 1 M 10 D.
Helen Haughran, wife of Thomas, Feb. 22, 1847 - Dec. 2, 1918.

John Haughran, 1840 - 1915.
Teresa his wife, 1851 - 19__.

Willibald Haus, d. 1870.

Theodore, son of A. & C. Heilman, d. July 22, 1865(?), aged 3 Y 2 M 9 D.

M. J. Hoffer, Co. D., 20th Ohio Inf.

____ Hoffer, Co. D., 20th Ohio Inf.

Pat K. Kelly, Co. B., 15th Ohio Inf.

Sarah, wife of James Kelley, died Apr. 30, 1905, aged 65 Y.

Mary, wife of George G. Karlavagn Kelly, died Apr. 13, 1901, aged 25 Y 1 M 5 D
Our Father and Mother
Elizabeth _____ wife of Lewis Kerner, d. Feb. 28, 1857, aged 87 Y 2 M 10 D.
Lewis Kerner, d. Nov. 30, 1871, aged 62 Y 6 M 11 D.

Bridget, wife of Edward S. King, d. Feb. 12, 1872, aged 60 Y.

Charles A., son of _____ Krumolt, died Aug. 21, 1868, aged 11 M.

Lizzie, wife of Henry Lattner, b. Oct. 11, 186_, d. _____

Ann, daughter of T. & E. Lewis _____

C. W. Lowe, Co. A, 76th Ohio Inf.

Thomas McCormack, a native of County Leitrim, Ireland, died Dec. 12, 1861, aged 93 Y.
Margaret, wife of Thomas McCormack, native of County Donegal, Ireland, _____.

James McDonough, son of Bernard and Sarah McDonough, Parish of _____, County Tipperary, Ireland, died Mar. 7, 1865, aged 13 Y.

Mary Ann, daughter of J. & A. McHugh, died June 17, 1880, aged 2 Y 2 M 7 D.

Lucy Ann, wife of A. & D. (?) McMahon, d. Mar. 17, 1867, aged ___.

Ann Maria Mattingly, May 3, 185_, in the 54th year of her life.

Louis J. Michaels, 1891 - 1903.

Charles A. Michaels, 1864 - 1910.

Mary North, d. Dec. 29 (?), 1856, aged 38 Y 2 M 7 D.

Catherine, wife of John Offenburger, died Aug. 13, 1871, aged 78 Y.

Rietz - see Gebest

Mary, wife of Joseph F. Rink, died May __, 1860, aged 42 Y.

Margaret, wife of Francis Rink, died Aug. 29, 1862, ____.

Corrington Roberts, d. Apr. 28, 1850.

John Rock, died Oct. 24, 1866 (?), aged 39 Y.

Mary, Katherine, Joseph, Flora, Clarence, Edward
Children of George and Elizabeth Roll.
Mary A. Roll, d. Jan. 24, 1898, aged 40 Y.
Elizabeth, wife of George Roll, d. Sept. 5, 1910, aged 80 Y 4 M 13 D.
George Roll, d. Aug. 17, 1894, aged 75 Y 4 M 19 D.

Anthony Saup, 1835 - 1915.
Margaret, his wife, 1839 - 1910.

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Herman Schillo, b. Nov. 14, 1876, d. Dec. 2, 1876.


John F. Sheehy, died Apr. 13, 1905, aged 87 Y, born in County Limerick, Ireland, parish of Ahare in 1849.
Lizzie C., his wife ------


Frances Sterly, 1840 - 1914.

James Taggart, d. Apr. 3, 1863, aged 61 Y.

Catherine, wife of _____ Tix, d. May 20, 1866.

Mary, wife of Dennis Treany, died Feb. 9, 1902, aged 68 Y.

Andrew Trost, b. July 8, 1870, d. May 24, 1911.

Ann, daughter of T. & E. Weidig ______
Johann T. Weidig, b. June 8, 1807, d. May 28, 1871, aged 67 Y.


This photograph was found by Bishop Hettinger in a book which had belonged to Bishop Hartley. Bishop Hettinger could not identify the place or the people. He gave the photo to Bishop Griffin, who has passed it along to the Society. Do any of our readers recognize the buildings or the priests?
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Total          | 790,533  | 904,971  | 978,506  | 1,066,586| 1,187,460| 1,288,219| 1,384,808| 1,448,512|

Catholic Pop.  | 40,650   | 47,150   | 54,000   | 60,000   | 90,643   | 104,760  | 118,465  | 136,569  |
Percent        | 5        | 5        | 6        | 6        | 8        | 8        | 9        | 9        |

* Portion of county east of the Scioto River.
The statistics in these two tables represent the total population within the boundaries of the Diocese of Columbus, as found by the federal census-takers for each census year since the diocese was erected. This data was collected for use with the article "Population and Priestly Statistics of the Diocese of Columbus for 121 Years" which appeared in the January Bulletin. The data for 1940 are given using both the pre- and the post-1945 boundaries, so that the growth within the new boundaries between 1940 and 1950 can be seen. The data were supplied, for the most part, by the Documents Division of the State Library of Ohio. The Catholic Population data were taken from the annual Catholic Directory and adjusted as described in the January article.

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