SOLOMON'S RUN

(Editor's note: Poetry is found quite frequently in the writings of Bishop Rosecrans. Perhaps the best known of his poetic efforts is the poem, "Solomon's Run." The small creek which crosses the front campus of the motherhouse of the Brown County Ursulines, St. Martin's, Ohio, received the name Solomon's Run in the early years of the Foundation. Bishop Rosecrans was a frequent visitor there from the time of his ordination in 1852 until he became Bishop of Columbus in 1868.)

Solomon's Run is roaring high
The Run that used to run so dry,
You ne'er would have thought it more than I
That Solomon's Run could be so high!

The boarding house bridge is swept away,
With the willow boughs the waters play,
And the dell with briars and grass once green,
Is a lake where a hundred isles are seen.

(Solomon's Run, etc., is repeated after each stanza.)

Hark! how the yellow billows roar!
Like the surf on the North Atlantic shore.
See the eddying masses of drift
Sweeping downward arrowy swift.

Planks and rails and chunks of wood
Panels of fence that long have stood,
Boxes and boards and tufts of grass -
Oh! the hurrying eddying mass!

You can hear the roar through the distant wood
And see the broadening yellow flood;
Perhaps the break of another day
A steamboat will come puffing up this way!

We'll make a wharf of this rustic bridge,
Or mount on the top from off the ridge,
And start it off on a summer trip
Exploring Solomon's Run in our ship.

And as we go down the width will grow,
And the depth increase and the turbid flow,
Be stiller and calmer, degree by degree,
Till Solomon's Run will become a sea!
So life's stream broadens as we sail on,
So the dreams of youth too soon are gone,
And the head that runs wildly off to explore,
Oft returns to its moorings, alas! no more.

Mother most holy! thine the care
To watch and ward from us every snare.
Into thy hands our hearts we lay,
Hold them sweet Mother, fast we pray!
Till thy smile shall have chased our gloom away.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Editors note: During 1875 Joseph F. Mattingly, living on a farm north of Zanesville, along the Muskingum River, wrote a daily journal. It came to light when found in the effects of his daughter, Miss Josephine Mattingly, who died earlier this year at the age of 97. Some entries from each month are given here.)

January

1. Friday. Went to Ellis Station (1); missed the train; came back; took a horse and went to Church (2). Had oysters for supper. Weather cloudy and threatening rain.


7. Thursday. Bought of F. Crabtree 9 head of cattle at $4.35 per hundred. Went to Beaty's to get them weighed & the Scales being out of order, was disappointed. Returned without weighing. Also purchased a heifer from Mrs. Roe for $25.00. Crossed the river on ice. Weather cold and snowing.


9. Saturday. Done the feeding. Crossed over the river on ice. Came back and sat in the house balance of the day. Weather coldest of the season.

12. Tuesday. Making gates in the evening. Mr. J.W.F. Lane came on his way to Zanesville with some hogs. Stopped and played checkers awhile. Left his hogs overnight. Weather cloudy and threatening rain.

13. Wednesday. Crossed the river on ice and took the train. Went to Zanesville. Came home and finished my gate. Weather cloudy and raining.

19. Tuesday. Crossed the river on ice. Went to Jersey (4) in company with Dennis McKinney (5). Walked from Pataskala to Charley's (6); found them all well. Stayed all night. Weather cold.

23. Saturday. Started home at three (P.M.). Arrived at home about half past seven. Found the folks complaining; suffering from the effects of colds. Weather pleasant.

February

2. Wednesday. Went to town to mill. Raining in morning and cold in evening.
23. Tuesday. Hauled a load of coal from Moore's and sundries. Uncle Mike brought Sis home. Stayed for dinner. Weather warm and threatening rain.

March

1. Monday. Went to see the commissioners about our road. Weather threatening in morning, fair in evening.
4. Thursday. Went over home to hear from Newark; did not hear anything. Weather cool.
5. Friday. Feeding and sundries. Thomas came over with the news of Brennan's (?) death. Died half past 4 a.m. Went to Ellis and took the train for Newark.
7. Sunday. E. Brennan was buried; left the home at 1 p.m. for the Church. Weather snowing and very disagreeable, the deepest snow of the season. Some 10 or 11 in. deep.

April

10. Saturday. Went to Zanesville with a load of cats; sold them principally for 60 cts per bus. Hired a hand in Zanesville for one month for $18.00; brought him home with us. Weather fine.


(1) Ellis Station was a railroad stop along the Muskingum River north of Zanesville.

(2) St. Thomas Church, Zanesville.

(3) Feast of the Epiphany.

(4) Jersey is south of Johnstown in Licking County, Ohio.

(5) Joseph's wife was Catherine McKinney.

(6) Probably Charles McKinney.


(8) Genie was evidently Joseph's daughter, Mary Eugenia.

(9) March 25 was Holy Thursday in 1875.

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LETTERS OF FATHER NICHOLAS YOUNG, O.P.
(Continued)

St. Joseph's 8th Oct 1835

St. Rev & Dr Bishop

I have received yours of the 19th Sep & should have answered it sooner had I not been waiting with the hope of being able to give you something like a tolerable account of the number of souls we have under our care in the various Congregations we serve in the Diocese. As yet I could not venture to answer that question with any degree of accuracy, but hope in a short time to be able to do so as I am about collecting the best information I can on that & the other subjects you ask me to give you. As soon as I shall have succeeded I shall give you the desired information.

I am glad you have accepted the proposal we made you regarding our property at Canton. I hope as yet to see that a flourishing part of your Diocese. Everything there I am convinced is well adapted for the purpose we always had in view in our labors there & I trust will yet be fully realized by those in whose hands our labors and property may pass. I thank you in the name of our body for the very high (yet .... undeserved) compliment you have paid to the poor Sons of St. Dominic in your late communication of your Episcopal visit at Canton. May we only deserve a continuation of your favorable opinion shall be the first object next to the approbation of Heaven of our labors.

I cannot as yet say how long we have to hold the lot at Columbus before the time expires. Not having the deed here it has escaped my memory. Mr. McCartney to whom I gave the Deed to be recorded has left the place. Mr. Faby will bring
it with him on his return to the good people in those parts. I shall then give you the information.

I am sorry to tell you that in a few days I shall send Mr. Allemann back to St. Rose's. Since his return here from Canton, his conduct has been so irreligious & perverse that I cannot in conscience permit him any longer to remain on the Mission. Indeed, altogether I believe him unfit to go out from home, & rather calculated to do more harm to Religion than service. He is so simple & his manners so curious that he exposes the character of the Priesthood to the scoffs of the profligate & shame to those who wish to see Religion respected. I think by keeping him a few years in the exercise of the Religious duties of a Convent he may become useful.

The Mission at Canton has nearly ruined the poor man & nothing but an opportunity of reviewing himself by a conventual life I find can make any change in his perverse disposition. I shall give him direction to go to St. Rose by the way of Maysville and Lexington, should he disobey me by taking the way to Cincinnati you will not I hope give him the least countenance. My trouble with him has been greater than I can express if I can only see him again at St. Rose's shall be relieved of a very heavy burden. Do not if you please and she show himself at Cincinnati allow him to remain there a moment longer than possible. I am under the necessity of suspending him. I could not by all the kindness I could exercise towards him induce him to do his duty. He seems to have lost entirely a sense of his duty, doing nothing in appearance but thru force. Even a neglect of Office & meditation with slothfulness in almost every thing I have observed. The few Germans we have here we must supply as well as we can. Some time next year I hope to have here a very clever German who is now in our N vischship at St. Rose. If God grants him perseverance we shall then do very well here.

I am sorry to hear the poor Licourians are so unsettled. I fear that the Bp of Detroit has been rather severe with them, such good men I think would scarcely complain of him as they do had he given them no occasion. What do you think of his treatment to the poor Sisters of Pittsburgh? Religion then I fear has received a wound that will not be easily repaired. A long letter from F Van Der Wein has entirely changed my first impression about the miserable affair.

We are all well but Mr. McGrady who has been confined to the house for upwards of two months, his last missionary trip on a visit to his sick Brother frustrated him. He & Mr. Allemann have nearly turned my brain.

May God bring good from these troubles. I most ardently wish and beg your prayers &c.

Believe me
Your humble & obt &c

N D Young
The Rt Revd Dr Purcell
Bishop of Cincinnati Ohio

Somerset 0
6 Oct

Rt Rev & Dr Bishop

According to your request, I send you the Deed of that Lot. You will find that we have two years from next May to build the church or if not by the expiration of that time it be erected, the lot will revert to the Donors. Should
you be pleased with it & think it necessary we will give it over to you whenever you may desire; Mr. Martin who is the agent over this Society will be authorized to sign the Deed when made, he will be in Columbus shortly after Easter & if you have --- forward for him & leave it with any person he shall know, he will sign it in the name of our Society.

I do not however think you will like the situation of the lot when you shall see it. I thought it too far from the settled part for the church, & had we undertaken the building should have placed it on that lot when we failed in procuring a better.

We have been last week making our spiritual Retreat, & shall close it tomorrow.

I shall be obliged to make some changes within the present situation of our Missions. Mr. C Montgomery, who I daily expect from Ky, will again resume the Rectorship of the Zanesville Congregation & F. Jarboe will take charge of the Somerset Ch & Direction of the Sisters. Mr. Martin will return to Lancaster & I hope will commence the ch there as soon as the materials are in hand. F F Fahy, Alleman & myself will remain here & attend this & the other Congregations under our care in this County. I am under the painful necessity of sending Mr. McGrady to his Convent of St. Rose, where I hope he will review his Religious spirit.

Could you not come & spend the Easter with us we should be rejoiced to have the pleasure of your visit, it being so near, I hope you will not return to Cincinnati without extending your journey a little further. Were I not precisely situated at this time as to make it necessary to be here this week, should have met you in Columbus. Having no private opportunity of sending the Deed shall mail it with this scrawl.

Beging your blessing & prayers for us all

I am

Your obt humle Servt &c

N. D. Young

Somerset 0
21 March

The Rt Revd Dr Purcell
Catholic Bishop
Columbus
Ohio

Care of
F Noble, Esqr

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EARLY BAPTISM RECORDS OF ST. JOSEPH'S
SOMERSET, OHIO
(Continued)

1827 (Cont.)

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---: Margaret Ann, of Philip McDonnell and Bridget; sponsors, James McDonnell and Mary Curran.

May 12: Juliana Frances, of John Fink and Elizabeth Walker; sponsors, Henry Dittoe and Frances Fink.

May 13: Martha, of James Welsh and Elizabeth McGough; sponsors, John McGough and Hannah Grace.

May 13: James, of James McGreevy and Elizabeth Carrol; sponsors, Michael McDonnell and Mary Conley.

May 13: Henry Leo, of William Harper and Anna Mary Fought; sponsors, James Fink and Frances Fink.


---: Catherine Crawford, of Michael and Mary Gormley; sponsors, Charles O'Rourke and Catherine Gormly.

May 18: Charolyn, of William Forquer and Rosanna Dugan; sponsors, William McFaddin and Elsa Tidd.

May 19: Julia, of Mary R--; sponsor, Mary J. Domia(?)

May 20: Mary D. Patterson, uxor Domini H--; sponsors, Barbara H---- and Francis Kertam.

May 20: Catherine N., of John C. Monie(?) and Mary France; sponsors, L---- and Catherine Franz.

May 20: Samuel, of James Barnson and Isabella MisGamel; sponsor, Joseph Whelan.

May 24: Catherine Jane, of Charles Elder and Elizabeth Linch; sponsors, Mathias Flowers and Mary Elder.

May 27: Sarah, of Patrick Smith and Mary McCann; sponsors, William Mullan and Mary Mullan.

June 4: Sarah, of James McGahan and Frances McGahan; sponsors, Patrick Connelly and Mary Connelly.

June 6: Louis, of James Barns and Elizabeth Barns; sponsors, F. X. Marshall and Margaret Bell.

June 6: William, of Hugh McGrasin and Margaret McGrasin; sponsors, Philip Nicener(?) and Ann McAntire.

June 13: Daniel Koonce, of Daniel Koonce and Mary Smith; sponsors, Thomas Flowers and Mary Flowers.

June 18: Mary Smith (alias Koonce).

June 24: Susanna Lynch, of Patrick and Patience Lynch.

July --: Mary Louis McGargel, of William and Ann Metagen; sponsors, Mathias Flowers and Mary Elder.


July 13: Marianna Noonan, of J. Noonan and Catherine Malony; sponsors, Edward Whelan and Sophie West.

July 13: Benet Montgomery(?).

July 15: Daniel McMullan, of Patrick and ----. -- N. D. Young.

July 16: Theresa, of Joseph Hodge and Rachel Dittoe; sponsors, Peter Dittoe and Sarah McTadgin(?).

Aug. 1: Michael and Catherine Rian, children of Denis and Catherine Rian; sponsors, Michael Laurence Currin and Catherine Ann Anderson.

Aug. 6: John Traut, of Joseph and Mary Heifler; sponsors, Andrew Gilliam(?) and Catherine Shoemacker.

Aug. 9: James Morrie, of Henry and Rose. -- N. D. Young, O.P.

Aug. 12: Mary, of Patrick Byrne and Sarah Cresswell; sponsors, Rodger McPeck and Elizabeth Duffy.

(Hic finem fui scribendi nomina Baptistorum quia vocatus sum ad aliam missionem.)

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1827 (Cont.)
Aug. 26: Mary McFaden, of Charles and Margaret. -- N. D. Young.
Aug. 26: Elizabeth Jam Fink, of Joseph and Magdalen. -- N. D. Young, O.P.
Aug. 26: Daniel McCloskey, of Charles and Catherine. -- N. D. Young, O.P.
Aug. 30: James Slaven, of Edward Slaven and Bridget Donohue; sponsors, Charles McKenny and Mary Saffron (alias McKenny).
Aug. 30: John Carr, of John Carr and Magdalen Beard; sponsors, Daniel Calahan and Catherine Slaven.
Nov. 2: Elizabeth Largey, of Patrick and ______. -- N. D. Young.
Nov. 10: Christina Dupre, b. 22 Sept., of Maurice Dupre and Margaret Bourgin; sponsors, Peter A. Frances and Christina France. -- J. A. Hill.
Nov. 28: Stephen Francois, b. Nov. 23, of Stephen Francois and Mary Theresa Marchaud; sponsors, Sebastian and Mary Theresa Francois. -- John A. Hill.
Dec. 1: Mary Ann Shorb, b. Nov. 22, of Adam Shorb and wife; sponsors, Adam Shorb and Elizabeth Shorb. -- John A. Hill.
Dec. 25: Rhodun(?), of Rhodi McPeke and Elizabeth Duffy; b. Dec. 4; sponsors, Patrick Byrne and Sarah Creswell. -- Thomas Martin.
Dec. 25: John Gilmer, b. Aug. 28, of Andrew Gilmer and Catherine Straw; sponsors, Joseph Straw and Mary Desler.
-- Thomas Martin, missionary, O. Praed.

1828

Jan. 4: William Anderson, adult, of Anne Anderson. -- N. D. Young.
Feb. 3: Henrietta Mary Shorb, b. Jan. 2, of Adam Shorke (jun) and Mary Been; sponsors, George and Barbara Hosiifron(?). -- J. A. Hill, O.P.
Feb. 16: Michael, b. Feb. 6, of Hugh McGonagle and Mary Quinn; sponsors, Cornelius Heard and Mary Rogers. -- F. Tho. Martin, O.P.
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-- J.B.V. DeRuymaeker, O.P.
Mar. 20: Helen Delong, of Joseph and Elizabeth. -- N. D. Young.
-- J. A. Hill, O.P.
Mar. 23: Dominic, of John Small and Bridgit McEvoy; sponsors, Patrick Fitzpatrick and Elizabeth Fitzgerald. -- F. T. Martin, O.P.
Mar. 27: Margaret, b. June 14, 1820, of Daniel Sheehy and Joanna McClain; sponsor, Mary Woods. -- F. T. Martin, O.P.
Mar. 27: Joanna, b. Aug. 1, 1818, of Daniel Sheehy and Joanna McClain; sponsor, Mary Woods.
-- F. T. Martin, O.P.
-- F. T. Martin, Missionar, O.P.
Apr. 16: Peter, b. Feb. 22, 1828, of Peter Marshall and Catherine Felix; sponsors, John Shomacker and Theresa Caultin. -- Tho. Martin, O.P.

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