The following curious entry is found on pages 70-71 in the sacramental record book of St. George Church, Coshocton, in the somewhat difficult hand of Father John Mary Jacquet, the pastor. (Translation by Msgr. George J. Schlegel.)

1877

"On the sixth day of March I dedicated the church of St. Ann in Dresden, Muskingum county, with Reverend Magnus Eppink, pastor of the church of St. Nicholas in Zanesville assisting.

"In the last days of July 1876, a certain layman came to Dresden, and claiming he was sent by the Most Reverend bishop of Columbus, deceived the Catholics, preached a Mission, heard confessions, celebrated Mass in his own fashion, twice every day, and three times on any given day he gave benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament; and thus he continued almost throughout the week.

"A splendid liar, he deceived the Catholics, who rejoiced at his being sent and followed him closely, at Dover they found out from the Most Reverend Sylvester Rosecrans, bishop of Columbus, that the false father Mueller (thus he called himself) was an unknown person and had no jurisdiction.

"As these things occurred, the aforesaid church in Dresden, with the agreement of the most reverend bishop, was visited no more by the pastor of Dover. The Catholics admitted that they had been deceived by the false father Mueller. The church, which never had been dedicated, and now horribly profaned, needed to be dedicated before the sacrifice of the Mass be celebrated again.

"Consequently, with authority given by the Most Reverend Sylvester, bishop of Columbus, the church of St. Ann, in Dresden, was dedicated by me, with Reverend Father Magnus Eppink assisting, on the 6th day of March; and on this day, the greater part of the Catholics joyfully were reconciled with the Church and with God, and received Holy Communion, and so the scandal of the false Father Mueller was erased.

John Mary Jacquet - Pastor

This of course was not the present, brick church of St. Ann, which was built in the 1890s. It was a wooden church built in the 1840s that still stands, now used as a portion of a residence, at 607 Clay Street.

The Catholics of Dresden, who were mostly German immigrants, according to the 1882 History of Muskingum County were organized in 1843. Father Joseph Gallinger, appointed pastor of St. Nicholas Parish in Zanesville at the end of 1842, came to Dresden monthly and held services. G. A. Peffer, a Lutheran, made his large house available to his fellow-countrymen for Father Gallinger's visits. The frame church, measuring something less than 24 by 40 feet, was built in 1847. It is mentioned in the St. Nicholas baptismal register in November, 1849 as the undedicated church at Dresden. Its location was the southwest corner of lot 3, J. A. Adams' Addition, the second lot south of Sewer (now
The former St. Matthew/St. Ann Church. A small ell was added on the south side decades ago and more recently a large addition was built in the rear.

Sixth) and third lot north of Mound (now Seventh) Street. It was on the alley west of Clay Street. The Catholic Telegraph of August 24, 1850 noted that on the 13th of that month, "There were four persons Confirmed in St. Gabriel's Church Dresden, Muskingum county, 15 miles from Zanesville..." by Bishop Purcell. The church probably still had not been dedicated by that date, for the Bishop did not own it until 1853 and his policy was not to dedicate churches that he did not own.

Baptisms administered at Dresden in 1849 through 1855 and recorded at St. Nicholas were published in the Bulletin of February, 1978. The family names are mostly German: Schmieser, Schenk, Stier, Scheuer, Schneid, Schmidt, Doll, Brecht, Jest, Schafer, Solomon, Hoffman, Herscher, Kien, Greulich, Horst, Waal, Matthern, Brillen, Koltesen, Fresch, Pfeffer, Hornung, and Schimer. Irish or English names were Sullivan, Grien (Green), Lie (apparently Lee), and English.

The pastors at St. Nicholas remained in charge of Dresden in this period. Those mentioned in the 1882 history were "Borgest" (Rev. Otto Henry Borgess, at Zanesville 1848-1849) and "Kremer" (John C. Kremer, at Zanesville for two months late in 1855). The longest-serving pastor between these two was Rev. William Dieters, from 1850 to 1855. Father Dieters obtained a deed for the 24 by 40 foot church lot from Valentine Schenck on January 28, 1853. (The deed was never recorded, but is mentioned in Deed Record 52/461.) This he sent to Archbishop Purcell on February 17, 1853 with the following remarks. "I herein produce the document for Your Grace...by which the church in the town of Dresden is transferred to you.... The parishioners are now most keenly hopeful that the aforesaid church will be blessed at an
early date, and are already devoutly preparing
everything for the greater solemnity of that time.
I will happily, at their wish, make use of the
permission which you have already given me for
this blessing. I would very much like the
Reverend Mister Hammer, whom, as he
promised that he would be coming to visit me, I
invited to function as priest on the day of
blessing. Therefore I beg Your Grace... that the
Reverend Pastor Hammer be graciously granted
the favor of being delegated to bless this church,
in case he should be able to respond to my
invitation. Moreover, to take this opportunity to
speak of the people of Dresden, I cannot pass
over the chance to say that they are strong and
devout Catholics, and that I have pursued my
task among them with great joy, and with good
outcome." (University of Notre Dame Archives,
translated by Msgr. George J. Schlegel)

The church was listed in the annual Catholic
Directory as St. Matthew's, beginning in 1853.
Two persons were confirmed there by
Archbishop Purcell on August 2, 1856. About
this time the English- and French-speaking
Catholics of the congregation came under the
care of Father Damien M. Bender of Newark.
The Russian priest, Father Serge de Stchlepnikoff, became pastor at Coshocton in
1859 and took over the care of Dresden from the
pastor at St. Nicholas. At Dresden he counted
sixty-eight Easter Communions that year.

The frame church remained in use on that same
site until about 1875, but for some now unknown
reason its name is given as St. Ann's beginning in
the 1869 directory. It was on December 7, 1874
that the three lots on Clay Street between the
church and Seventh Street were purchased by
Bishop Rosecrans for $200 and shortly
thereafter the building was moved to the site
facing Clay Street where it still stands. (Deed
Record 61/542) Once moved, the building could
be dedicated anew, as noted by Father Jacquet in
the passage quoted above.

Saint Michael Church, Saintfield,
Madison Township, Muskingum County
1847-1859

Some facts concerning this church were
presented in the Bulletins of February and
October, 1978, in articles by Monsignor Herman
Mattingly. Unfortunately the facts available to
him were few, resulting in confusion of the
histories of St. Matthew Church in Dresden, St.
Michael at Saintfield, and the Catholic
community at Jacobsport in Coshocton County.

As the February, 1978 article points out, a deed
for St. Michael's property was written in 1847,
transferring from Henry Gressel to Bishop
Purcell twenty-two square rods on the south side
of what is now Prospect Church Road, west of
Steel Hill Road. This is five miles east of Dresden
and three miles northwest of Adamsville. In the
October article with the Jacobsport records
Msgr. Mattingly lists four baptisms "in the
church of St. Michael, Saintfield" in 1849, '51,
'53, and '54, three of these being children of
Henry Gressel who had donated the land in
Muskingum County. The other adults mentioned
in these records are Francis J. and Mary (Wal)
Hoever, Michael Stein, John and Eva Schafer,
and Theresa (Hornung), wife of Mr. Gressel.

In the February article the tombstones at this site
are listed:
- Anna Margaret, wife of Michael Stine, Jan.
8, 1884, aged 81 Y & 6 M.
- John Seamon, died June 6, 1881, aged 69 Y.
- William ----, son of William and Elen
Braceland, died Feb. 9, 1849, aged 2 Y.
- Elen, wife of William Braslan, died Apr. 29,
1854, the 40th year of her age.

The annual Catholic Directory lists this church as
St. Michael's, Zanesfield, from 1853 to 1859.

The demise of the church is described in a letter
written by Father D. M. F. Bender of Newark to
Archbishop Purcell, February 11, 1859. "The little church near Adamsville is abandoned, most of the people having moved to other places. It never having been deeded, nor blessed except *benedictione loci*, no vestments there, &c. no further notice ought to be taken of it." (Courtesy of the Archives of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati)

Father Bender was incorrect as to the lack of a deed, but we cannot doubt the other facts he recites.

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In preparing the above articles it came to your editor's attention that this series inadvertently skipped the months of July and August, 1850. We begin to rectify the omission here.

June 29, 1850

Died, at Lancaster, Ohio, June 16th, after a short illness, RICHARD J. LILLY, aged 50 years. Sincere in his attachment to his religion, and practicing during life its duties with exemplary fidelity, he has gone to the retributions of a better world...

Ellen Gainy, from Riverstown, county Cork, wants information of MICHAEL HENEBRAY and MICHAEL PLANT, both of whom are supposed to be in Garryowen, Jackson county, Ohio; she is at present in Cincinnati...

July 6, 1850

Subscriptions:
Rev. J. Brunnemann, Newark, O.

PHILIP VICTORY wants information of his brother, JOHN VICTORY, a native of Ireland, county of Cavan, parish of Mullaharan, town of Lana of Tananeross. When last heard from he was in Minersville, state of Pennsylvania, and paid his brother Michael's passage. He has got land property on the White-water Canal, state of Indiana, a short distance from Connersville, Fayette county. Direct to Philip Victory, Zanesville, Ohio.

July 13, 1850

At the last general ordination in Paris, three young men of this diocese, students at St. Sulpice, ordained Subdeacons, viz.: Rev. Messrs. Brent, Brummer, and Hallinan. Mr. Bender and Mr. Albrink, also of this diocese, were to have been tonsured at the same time.

July 20, 1850


INFORMATION WANTED

of MRS. MARY FLOOD, formerly Mary Conroy, of Hill street, County of Roscommon, Ireland. When last heard from, she resided in Thompson's Abbey, Cincinnati, Ohio. Her sister, SARAH CONROY, is extremely anxious to hear from her by addressing her at Circleville, Ohio, care of James Feeny.

July 27, 1850

Subscriptions: Chapel Hill, O., Rev. C. Daly. Chauncy, O., Mrs. A. Denman.

August 3, 1850

Subscriptions: Zanesville, O., Patrick Keneday, Patrick Haffy.

August 17, 1850

There were twenty-one persons confirmed at St. John's Church, near Logan, Hocking county, on Sunday, the 31st of July; five at St. Mary's Dolores, at Chauncey, on the first of August. The Church of Monday Creek, Perry county, was dedicated to Almighty God, under the invocation of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, on the 2nd
inst., and thirty persons confirmed, of whom a few were converts.

There were forty persons confirmed at St. Francis, Sunday Creek, on Sunday, 4th inst., twenty-two at Deaveron Church, on the 7th, and six at St. Ann's, Taylorsville. On the 8th the Bishop preached in the Court-house at McConnelsville, on the 6th he made an effort to provide for the erection of a Church in that flourishing town. Arthur Taggart, Esq., who is ever among the foremost in a good work, headed the list with a subscription of $500. We hope soon to be able to announce that so generous an example was not lost on his spirited fellow citizens. Indeed, we have in our minds at least one instance that it was not—but it might be premature to name it just now.

Forty-one persons were confirmed in the Church of St. Thomas Aquinas, and 26 in the German Church of St. Nicholas, Zanesville, on Sunday last.

August 24, 1850
Subscriptions: Dresden: Thomas J. English

There were four persons Confirmed in St. Gabriel's Church, Dresden, Muskingum county, 15 miles from Zanesville, on the 13th Aug. and seventy-one in Holy Trinity Church Somerset, the 15th.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION
25th Steubenville. 29th St. Dominic's, Guernsey county. 1st Sept. St. John's, Monroe county. 5th St. Michael's, Archer's Settlement; S.S. Peter and Paul, as the Pastor shall have announced, within the week. 8th St. Mary's, Marietta. 10th St. James, Meig's Creek. 15th Pomeroy, and other stations attended therefrom, during the week... 29th Springfield, Clarke county.

August 31, 1850

PROTESTANTISM IN CHILLICOTHE.
Our readers will find in another column the proceedings of a meeting held by the Catholic citizens of Chillicothe, to protect from personal injury and insult the convent of "Notre Dame" lately established for the education of young girls in that town. ...Nine times has their house been attacked, and yet no arrest has been made; nine times in a town not so large as the smallest ward in this city, has this public outrage been repeated and the Catholics have submitted in patience to the wrong. But the Press, it may be thought, has scathed with its reproaches the Perpetrators of these wrongs! "The ancient Metropolis" an Independent Paper, is the only one which has spoken sentiments honorable to the Patriot on this occasion and we therefore recommend it to the Patronage of the Catholic citizens. ...Chillicothe is well known, is notorious for its hostility to all professing the Catholic Faith. this hostility if not, of course, entertained by all the People, but there are enough there to smile at the doings of the mob and to conceal the perpetrators....

BIGOTED MEANNESS.--An Ex-Mayor of Chillicothe of the name of Wesson publishes a column and a half in the "Gazette," a Whig Paper of that town, abusing the Catholics in general, insulting individual members of the Church and condemning the Counsel for offering a reward for the detection of those, who mobbed the school of the Sisters of Notre Dame! This is the meanest thing we have ever heard of.

There were forty persons confirmed at Carroll [Canal]-Dover, Tuscarawas county -- five in the town, and thirty-five in the Church of St. John of God, five miles distant, on Sunday, 18th of August. The Bishop preached outside the church, which was too small to contain the crowd which had assembled on the occasion. The church at Carrol-Dover is under roof, and will soon be fit for use. It is a fine and solid structure of brick, 73 by 40, and situated on an eminence, in the main street of this thriving town. It will be dedicated to Almighty God, under the visitation of St. Joseph.
There were forty-seven persons confirmed at St. Fidelis, Carroll county, and thirteen at Lodi; the church at Lodi, was dedicated by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Luhr, Muckerheide (the pastor), and J. V. Conlan, under the invocation of St. Francis Xavier. It is a handsome brick building, beautifully situated, and though built by a few devoted families, without aid from abroad, not in debt more than fifty dollars. There is also a grave-yard near the church, well enclosed, which the Bishop authorized the Rev. Pastor to bless on the day following. The four congregations attended by Rev. Mr. Muckerheide, are zealous, united, and edifying.

THE MEETING OF CATHOLICS

Pursuant to the handbills noticed yesterday, a considerable number of the citizens of Chillicothe--principally members of the Roman Catholic Church--assembled at Waddie's Hall, at 8 o'clock, P.M. On motion of Dr. McNally, seconded by Mr. A. Alberti, Rev. Mr. Carroll, Priest of St. Mary's Church, was called to the chair, and announced the cause and purpose of the meeting. He stated that, pursuant to the invitation of the Catholics of Chillicothe, a colony of the Sisters of Notre Dame...had been invited to come here... They had established a free school, which is attended by one hundred children, and a young ladies' academy, at which the higher branches of female learning and accomplishments are taught. This latter had been patronized by some of the more liberal-minded Protestant brethren. Soon after their arrival, unmistakable demonstrations of a mob-like character were made towards them. Their premises had been, in the night season, repeatedly assailed with eggs, stones, &c.; that these ladies...had been driven from room to room, by stones thrown in at their windows, not knowing where to find safety in their own house! On Sunday night last, between the hours of nine and ten o'clock, a number of boys and youth assembled in the street...and threw rotten eggs, &c. against it, with sufficient force to break one of the Venetian slats...and so intolerable was the stench, that one of the sisters commenced vomiting in the most alarming manner. ...the Catholics of Chillicothe had waited and waited for the action the city authorities, but had waited in vain... the Catholic community...determined to protect themselves--to test the full strength of the laws for that purpose...

Dr. McNally moved a committee of three, to prepare a preamble and resolutions... The Chair appointed Messrs. W. A. Anderson, T. McNally, and Geo. Barman.

While the committee were out, Father Kelcher, Priest of St. Peter's Church, addressed the meeting in the German language.

The committee reported three resolutions:--

1. That while the Catholics repudiate the idea of mingling secular affairs with politics, they pledged themselves, in all future elections, not to vote for candidates who were not known to be favorable to an equality of rights, and the passage of such ordinances and laws as would secure them in the same.

2. To offer a reward of --- dollars, for the apprehension of the prompters or committers of the outrages above described, or for such information as would lead to their detection and arrest.

3. That if the city authorities would not protect them in their rights, the Catholics would be forced to adopt some measures in order to protect themselves.

Col. Anderson explained the motive of the committee, in a speech of some length...

The blank in the resolution was filled with "fifty" so as to make the reward offered $50.

Col. A. proposed a committee to wait upon the city authorities and request them to offer a like reward of $50...

The committee of ten was then appointed, and the resolutions passed. They were ordered to be lodged with the Chairman of the meeting, to await the action of the committee...

(To be continued)
same day [April 18] John (born 11 March), son of William McCabe and Catherine Rafferty; spons. John McCabe and Mary Rafferty. A. P. Anderson

May 2 James, son of Andrew Fisher and Mary Bushour (born 30 Apr.); [page 22] spons. Jacob Hittze and Mary Moorish.

May 2 Harriet Mary, daughter of Richard Butler and Ann Dorson (age six years); spons. John Bradock and Mary Hittze.

same day Catherine (born 1 Mar. 1838), daughter of Richard Butler and Ann Dorson; spons. James McGahan and Elizabeth Sterm. APA

May 18 Elizabeth (born 11 May), daughter of John Nangle and Alice McMullen; spons. James McChristal and Elizabeth Sterm. APA

J. H. Clarkson

June 6 Margaret (born 28 May), daughter [page 23] of Thomas Duffee and Mary Killfeather; spons. Henry Galligan and Mary Galligan. APA

June 21 James (African) (age 18 years); spons. Alexander Clark and Margaret Martin (formerly Patridge). JHC

July 4 John (born 22 June), son of William Ryan and Elizabeth Miller; spons. James Loge and Mary Conley. APA

August 1 Nicholas D. (born 28 June), son of Oliver Oaks and Mary Johnson; spons. Thomas Cain and Ellen Cl...

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August 15 John Bernard (born 3 August), son of John McCormic and Catherine McCormic; spons. Alexander Clark and Ann Elizabeth King. APA

Sept. 5 Bernard (born 16 Aug., 1841), son of .. Kunkler and Mary Sta...; spons. Joseph Kunkler and Margaret McMull... [McMullen?]. APA

[September] 19 Isaac Alexander (born 3rd of this month), son of Anthony Fisher and Elizabeth Brengardner; spons. Andrew Fisher and Mar... Brengardner. APA

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October 3 John (born 25 Sept.), son of John Clark and Ann Donahoe; spons. William Patridge and Catherine Donahoe. APA

October 4 John (born 3d this month), son of Daniel McDonald and Sarah Dougherty; spons. Hugh Connelley and Cecilia Dougherty. APA

October 17 Rachael Catherine (born 23 Aug.), daughter of James Cook and Sarah Beaver; spons. Basil Gordon and Rachael Beaver. JHC

November 7 Martin (born 26 Oct.), son of Michael Cody and Br[idge][page 26] Cody formerly Tobin; spons. Daniel Clark and Mary Byrnes. APA

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January 16 Thomas (born 4 Jan.), son of John Farrel and Mary Farrel formerly Grace; spons. John Power and Margaret Partridge.

same time Catherine (born 25 Nov. 1841), daughter of John Hoy and Rosanna Hoy formerly Cahoe; spons. John Clark and Mary McCla... formerly Hoy. APA

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[Jan.] 18 at Monday Creek, Henry (born 5
May, 1841), son of Henry Griffin and Sarah Griffin formerly Rush; spons. John P. Hoy and Margaret Hoy formerly Gordon.

same time Margaret Jane, born 20 Nov., 1841, daughter of William Gordon and Catherine Gordon (formerly Keenen); spons. John Clark and Margaret Breen. APA

[same month] 19 Augustine (born 7th of this month), son of William McKenne and Charity McKenne (formerly Burgoon); spons. Michael Curren. APA

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February 1 John George (born 18 Jan. this year), son of Thomas McManime and Margaret McManime (formerly Moyers); spons. Daniel McCa... and Hanah Sweney. APA

February 6 Catherine (born 6 Dec. 1841), daughter of William Hoy and Char... Hoy (formerly Cees); spons. Michael Curran and Ca... O'Dannel. APA

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[March?] 6 Elizabeth (born 24 Feb. this year), daughter of Daniel McCan and Nancy Casselly; spons. Daniel Clark and Mary McCain. APA

same time Margaret Ann (born 1st of this month), daughter of Henry Gilligan and Bridget Doulin; spons. Thomas Duffee and Ellen Row (formerly Doulin). APA

same time Patrick Richard, born 1st of this month, son of John Cane and Catherine Slevin; spons. Alexander Clark and Sarah Clark. APA

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May 1 Margaret Ann (born 9 Feb. this year), daughter of William Seals and Rose Dougherty; spons. Patrick McMullin and Elizabeth McCortny. APA

same time Margaret (born 29 March this year), daughter of Alexander McClain and Mary Hoy; spons. Daniel O'Harra and Elizabeth Gordon. APA

same time Margaret, born 26 April this year, daughter of Timothy Lavint(?) and Mary Doulin; spons. Bartholomew McGravey and Bridget Nangle. APA

same day Albert Nicholas, born 24 April this year, son of Jacob Gongloff and Ellenor McDonald; [page 31] spons. Daniel McDonald and Frances Gongloff. APA

June 19 William Augustine (born 14th of this month), son of John Stuter and Mary Hammond; spons. Pius James Braddock and Rose Ann Martha Sees. APA


same day Elizabeth several days old, daughter of Nicholas Straels and Mary Straels formerly Sweny; spons. D. Ohara and Ann Sweny. EHP

(To be continued)