Parish Histories of 1903 and 1907
(Continued, from Vol. XXXI, No. 1)

PICKAWAY COUNTY

Circleville
Father Hannan answered the questions, in order, on small pieces of stationery.

Circleville Jan 27 08
Dear Father Mulhane

Inclosed you will please find a short history of this Congregation. There are no facts here on record, so it took Much time.

Had to look the Court records back to 1844. If there is any other information that you want, I will gladly furnish it if possible

Yours sincerely
J S Hannan

P S Please return manuscript when through

JSH

1. [Foundation date] In 1836 a few Catholics settled in and around Circleville, O. They went to Chillicothe or Lancaster to Mass where there were at the time Catholic churches.
2. [Property purchase dates] May 15th 1844
Andrew Jonston[?] deeded to John B. Purcell,
Bishop of Cincinnati for $300.00 a lot on East
Franklin St. upon which in 1844 or 1845 the
little frame church was built.
3. [Schools and teachers] 1885 present school
was built by Rev. M. M. Meara, organized
1886, under supervision of Sisters of Charity
of Nazareth, Ky.
4. [Date of rectory]
5. [History of church and other buildings]
The present church on W. Mound St. was
built 1868, dedicated June 1868 by Rev. S. H.
Rosecrans Bishop of Columbus O. Funds are
now being raised for a new church.
6. [Cemetery, dates, consecration,
administration] Rev. A. O. Walker bought
ground for the first cemetery, it did not prove
satisfactory and in 1892 Rev. M. M. Meara
bought the present cemetery containing twenty
one acres.
7. [Title] [no answer]
8. [Pastors] The first resident Pastor was
Rev. Michael Ford 1851 who was transferred
to Chillicothe early in 1854 there being no
parsonage he stopped with the family of
Andrew Lynch
1854 Rev. Nicholas Thisse came he built the
brick parsonage, adjoining the little frame
church on Franklin St.
1856 Rev. John Duffy came in December.
Died June 4th 1865 his remains were buried at
Steubenville O. his former home.
1866 C. L. Pindar came left May 4th 1869.
1869 Rev. Sergius Stchoulepnikoff came in
June, left June 1872.
1872 Rev. A. M. Mazeaud came for a short
time left November 1872.
1872 Rev. D. B. Cull came he built the present
parsonage adjoining the church on W. Mound
St. he was transferred to Portsmouth April
1874.
1874 Rev. A. O. Walker came in April - left
April 20th 1882.
1882 Rev. M. M. Meara came April 20th left
November 18th 1900
1900 Rev. Fr. Watterson came pro tem Nov.
to July 1901
1901 July 2 Rev. J. S. Hannan the present
Pastor came
9-12. [no answers]
13. [Laity worthy of mention] The pioneer
Catholics of Circleville came as early as 1835
and ‘36. Andrew Lynch and family Mrs. Rose
Rielly and her sons[,] Edward and Joseph P.
Smith who were generous supporters of the
Church. James P. Feeny, who came in 1840
or ‘41. The family of Michael Sweetman who
came from Perry Co. James Hannen and wife
also the McCleans. A. Myers family - also
M’Carthys and Colemans, and Kerwins. also
the Kane family.
14. [Anything else of importance] [no answer]

SCIOTO COUNTY

Portsmouth - St. Mary Parish
This hand-written, two page narrative was
submitted by Father Aloysius Nonnen in 1903,
along with the form, which follows:

St. Mary’s Congregation
Portsmouth, O.

In 1844 the first Catholic church was erected
by Rev. Father O Mealy on a donated lot
on Madison and 3d Street. The church was
dedicated as the church of the Annunciation[.]
in 1852 it was deemed advisable to have two
parishes, the Germans kept the old church
under the pastorate of Rev. Francis Karge.
Under Rev. F. Karge the German Catholics
prospered largely and in a short time saw
the necessity of building a new and larger
church. They bought a lot on the Corner of
5th and Market for the sum of $2500 in the
year 1859 and the foundation of the church
was commenced 1864. At the same time a
large school house was erected on the church
ground at a cost of $3000. The Corner stone of
the church was laid on the 9th of May 1869 by
the Rt. Rev. Rosecrans Bishop of Columbus.
The church was dedicated under the name of
Annunciation July 31 1870 having been built at
a cost of $70,000. April 25 1871 Fev. F. Karge
was succeeded by Rev. Aloysius Nonnen a
native of Alsace.
In April 25th 1871 Right Rev. Rosecrans
appointed Rev. Aloysius Nonnen pastor of the
church of the Annunciation. On his arrival the
Congregation was in critical circumstances.
A grand and beautiful church indeed but an
empty church without a parsonage and a debt
of $28791.00 staring him in the face. This
was apparently too much for the few German
families who made up the congregation, but
under the direction of their new pastor, who
in a short time their confidence, they
went to work with a new zeal and set at naught
the Discouraging tendency of this enormous
debt. Notwithstanding all this in the fall of
1871 they incurred an additional debt of $2400
by the erection of a parsonage and another of
$1100 in following year by an addition to the
school house.
In 1877 the parish secured the erection of
a large and beautiful pipe Organ built by
Vompliz [?] Baltimore Md at a cost of $2700
and in 1879 three beautiful and imposing
gothic altars, pulpit and confessionals built by
H. Schenk Peoria ill. at a cost of $4000.
1887 a substantial and beautiful school house
was built at a cost of $16000.
in 1889 the congregation bought 5 acres for a
burial Ground from the heirs of Brodbeck at a
cost of $5000
in 1892 a heating apparatus for church, school
and parsonage were put in by Moore Foundry
for $2515.
In 1893 a suitable house for a sisters’ convent
was bought for $1600.
In 1895 at an expense of $6200 the
congregation of St. Mary’s built the highest
and most beautiful tower in the city and put
in the most harmonious chimes and had the
church frescoined in Most artistically manner
In 1899 an electrical plant was put up in church
and parsonage for $780.
In 1900 the congregation of St. Mary’s church
crowned all efforts by erecting the most
beautiful Way of the Cross or stations for
$1000 and now St. Marys Congregation ranks
among the first class parishes of the Diocese of
Columbus. And the year 1903 will see all and
every debt of the congregation wiped out.
St. Peter’s benevolent society, the Knights
of St. George, Aloysius Society, young
ladies sodality and Married ladies society,
Confraternity of the poor souls, league of
the Sacred Heart, propagation of faith were
organized during Father Nonnens pastorate.
April 2d 1903
Rev. A. Nonnen

1. [Foundation date] 1852 that is the old St.
Mary’s Church, the new St. Mary’s church in
1870 July 31st
2. [Property purchase dates] 1859
3. [Schools and teachers] Yes. St. Francis of
Rochester Min.
4. [Date of rectory] 1871
5. [History of church and other buildings] See
the report
6. [Cemetery, dates, consecration,
administration] Yes 1887 No by the trustees
of the church
7. [Title] Bishop’s
8. [Pastors] 1st was Rev. Francis Karge from
1852 to 1871. 2d Rev. A. Nonnen from 1871
to the present time
9. [Assistants] [blank]
10. [Dates of each pastor etc.] Rev. Francis
Karge from 1852 to 1871 at the wish of the
Bishop Rev. Al Nonnen from 1871 to now.
11. [Method of funding] Subscriptions, fairs,
picnic, .... and other honest means.
12. [Dates of funding and expenditures]
Collected and paid out when notes were due
13 and 14. [blank]
In carrying out a research request for a marriage record in the early years of St. Nicholas Parish in Zanesville, it was noted that the translation of the early German baptismal records, published in the Bulletin in 1978 and 1979, was quite defective. Over half of the records had substantial errors. That series of records was corrected and now is posted on the Society's web site, www.catholicrecordsociety.org. The marriage and death records of that early period also are in German and transition to Latin in the late 1840s.

Research into the mission of St. Ann at Taylorsville and its cemeteries, attended for many years from St. Nicholas, is in progress; and the old St. Nicholas Cemetery at Zanesville recently was cleared of many years’ overgrowth by local groups. Taken together, this all has led to the decision to publish this series of marriage and burial records from St. Nicholas. The translation and publication of the marriage records is carried through the year 1847, when the German records end, but we will continue the death records through 1867, when the county death records begin. Both registers continue unbroken to the present time.

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Marriage Book of the German Catholic Mission Circuit, Zanesville 1843-1847

This series of records is in the German language and German script. Father Gallinger gave much more information than is normally given in church records of this era and more than is provided by the county marriage records. The translation will make this data available to researchers for the first time.

Marriages, 1844-1847 and Deaths, 1844-1867
Translated by Donald M. Schlegel
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1. Kaspar Engelhardt, legitimate son of Kaspar Engelhardt and M. Luer[?], with Margareth Peter, legitimate daughter of Georg Peter and Elisabeth Klein, who live on the land near Zanesville. Witnesses Peter and Franz Rink. 10 January

2. Georg [Z?]ager with Barbara Heinrich, married in the church at Wills Creek on 27 February. Witnesses Martin Heinrich and Michael Hauser.

3. Ludwig Hofmann, shoemaker in Zanesville, with Elisabeth Reuer, widow of Jos[?] Imler, on 28 February. Witnesses [blank] Giesinger and Christoph Sauer

4. Young mister Kaspar Duron, legitimate son of Georg Duron and A. M. Paul from Elsass, with the virtuous maiden A. Maria Christ, legitimate daughter of Wendelin Christ and Marg. Stopp--; 8 April. They live near Zanesville.

5. The honorable Mathias Hurm, widower of Regina Kessler, from Taylorsville, with the virtuous maiden Anna Maria Borer, on 28 March.

6. Adam Jaeckel in Dresden, born on 27 March, 1801, with Anna Maria Schaefer from Gossenkassel, 5 June, 1843.


8. The honorable young mister Jakob Gaegel, legitimate son of Kaspar Gagel and Kath.
Sikrist with the virtuous maiden Regina Bodenkircher daughter of --- Bodenkircher near Jakobsport and Maria Vogel, married on 2 December.

1844

1. Young mister Kaspar Bott, legitimate son of the deceased Matthias Bott and the still living Katharina Hardt, from Bruckenau in Unterfranken, with the very virtuous maiden Magdalena Hof, legitimate daughter of Johann Hof and A. Maria Meyer from Villa in Oberelsass. 9 January. Witnesses Anton and Franz Hof, brothers of the bride.

2. Young mister Johan Schneider, legitimate son of J. Herr Schneider and Christina Poll from Churhessen, with the virtuous maiden Maria Seiffert from Elsass. Witnesses Johann Keller and Wilibald Koos from here. 15 January.


6. _sonas Reis, (maurer), with the widow Franziska Maffei, widow of Franz Wagner, on 14 August. Witnesses W. Koos and Kaspar Hinterlang.

7. Georg Gall, widower, with the widow Agatha Piron[?], married on 9 September. Witnesses W. Koos and Kaspar Hinterlang.

8. Ludwig Walker with the widow Sara[?] Scharke[?], on 28 October. Witnesses W. Koos and Kaspar Hinterlang.


1845

1. The honorable young mister Johann Kecker, legitimate son of Peter K. and A. M. Roth, with the virtuous maiden Margareth Stark, legitimate daughter of Peter St. and A. M. Wirr[?], married on 21 January. Witnesses Adam Kecker and his wife Maria.

2. The honorable young mister Michael Albert, of Michael A. and his wife Anna Albert, with the virtuous maiden Maria Rink, of Martin Rink and A. M. Ko--., married 4 Feb. Witnesses [blank]


4. The honorable young mister Adam Heilmann, legitimate son of A. P. Heilmann and Eva Weigend, with the virtuous maiden

to be continued...
February 18, 1854
The editor notices the COLLEGIAN, a monthly sheet by the students of St. Joseph’s College, Somerset. The first number appeared in January.


The first annual report of Mt. St. Mary’s Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, notes receipts from Sacred Heart in Pomeroy, St. Mary’s in Marietta, St. James’s at Meigs Creek, St. Nicholas’s in Zanesville, St. Mary’s in Lancaster, St. Mary’s in Chillicothe, St. Peter’s in Chillicothe, St. Luke’s in Danville, St. Peter’s in Scioto county, Pine Grove Congregation, Ironton Congregation, Will’s Creek, Dresden, Etna Furnace, and Wilksville. Also, donations from Bernard Pothoff of Columbus and Hugh Carr, A. Tracy, M. Kirk, and M. Cummings of Mt. Vernon.

NOTICE.
Last fall a man named Patrick Brady died at the house of a Farmer in Jackson county, Ohio, near the Ruston Furnace. He was from the county Cavan, Parish of Ballyhayes, about three miles from Cavan. His age was about 30 years. Hair and complexion dark. Letters of administration were obtained by Mr. Simon Dolan of Wilksville, Vinton county, Ohio. After paying his funeral expenses there remains a sum of two hundred and sixty dollars to be paid to the heirs of deceased, whenever they apply and prove their claim.

February 25, 1854
Information Wanted
Of Joseph McCann, aged 40 or 45 years--is from the parish of Killallo, county Mayo, Ireland. He left Ireland in 1847, landed in New York, and was in Syracuse when last heard from. Any information respecting him will be thankfully received by his brother Mich. McCann, Zanesville, Ohio.

Subscriptions:  Patrick McMullen and Jacob Snyder, Rehoboth; Charles McKenney, Somerset; James P. Dantremont, Wheelersburg; James Boulger, Chillicothe; William Mattingly, Zanesville; Mr. Hilliard, Graysville; Peter Dittoe, Somerset; H. Brennan, Marietta.

March 4, 1854
Steubenville and surrounding missions during the year, marriages, 70; baptisms, 176; deaths, (adults) 17; children, 33.

CONVERSION--Mrs. Rebecca Guinn, wife of John Guinn, 26 years old, a very well instructed American woman, belonging before to the Methodist Church, was baptized and received with two of her children in the bosom of the Catholic Church on the 19th of February by Rev. D. W. Winands, pastor, at Canal Dover, Tuscarawas county, O.

Subscriptions:  Joseph Mount, Somerset; Rev. E. Thienpont, Steubenville.

March 11, 1854

A 1 1/2 column article “Education in the Catholic Church” is reprinted from the latest issue of the Collegian, from St. Joseph’s College.

Subscriptions:  Alexander McDonald, Zanesville; James Gallin, Somerset; Wm. Edwards, Chauncey.
March 18, 1854
On Saturday the 11th, Rev. John Bernard Hemsteger was ordained by the Archbishop at the Cathedral.

March 25, 1854
DIED, on the morning of the 6th inst., in the sixty-fifth year of his age, at the residence of the Pastor of St. Mary’s Church, Chillicothe, JAMES BOULGER, uncle of the present respected Pastor of St. Augustine’s Church, Cincinnati. He was a native of Thurles, County Tipperary, Ireland, and in youth gave strong indications of that fervent piety which so peculiarly marked his career in after life. For the last thirty years he never failed in daily assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and receiving the Holy Communion. The fruits of his long and pious life were beautifully shown in the christian resignation and meekness with which he met his last end....

Subscriptions: James Taylor, Duncan’s Falls; Robert Frazar, Carolton; Stephen Dougherty, Woodsfield; John Hyland, Franklin Furnace; Jas. H. O’Connor, Somerset; Peter Dayes, Galipolis; Peter Malone, Hanging Rock.

April 1, 1854
Communicated
St. Patrick’s Day in Chillicothe.

CHILlicoTHE, March 21, 1854
REV. MESSRS. EDITORS:--As an old subscriber to the Telegraph, may I ask the favor of insertion in its columns for the following brief sketch of the noble way in which the exiled Catholic Celts celebrated in this city the Festival of their country’s Apostle. At nine o’clock A.M. the procession started, consisting of some three hundred of the sons of the Emerald Isle, and a finer body of men never paraded the streets of Chillicothe—every one of them elegantly dressed, and wearing green scarfs with a rosette in the shape of the shamrock. In front was carried the “flag of our adopted country, the glorious stars and stripes.” At suitable distances along the line were two other flags, one having beautifully painted on green silk, the harp entwined with the shamrock; the other, the eagle carrying in its beak a scroll, with the inscription “Hail Columbia.” The whole procession was headed by the German Brass Band, who played, with their characteristic good taste and skill, some of the beautiful national airs of old Ireland. Having walked through three of the principal streets, the procession entered St. Mary’s Church at ten A.M., where High Mass was sung by the Rev. Mr. Thisse, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Ford.

As it has never been my custom to assume the uncatholic position of self-constituted critic, I will not descant on the merits of the discourse; I believe, however, it will not be soon forgotten by those who had the happiness of hearing it. The procession met again at half-past two P.M., and marched through the remaining part of the city, with music, banners, etc., as in the forenoon. The order, sobriety, and decorous behavior with which the whole affair was marked during the day, elicited the warmest approbation of the native citizens, and disappointed not a little a few Catholic Irishmen who had for days previously serious misgivings as to its sober and peaceful termination. It has had the happy effect of showing that Irishmen can meet in hundreds and disperse with as much order and decorum as any other portion of America’s native or adopted citizens.

In the evening they met at the large Hall of Mr. M. Davis, to partake of a supper prepared by Mr. McKee in his best style of taste. Some thirty-five of our leading citizens were present on the occasion. It was gratifying to see the pride with which nearly all present boasted of their Irish blood. We have discovered that we have more Irishmen in Chillicothe now than we had the slightest idea of before the celebration.

Hon. Judge McCoy was unanimously called and, after a few appropriate remarks, read the following toasts: ...[those who responded to the toast to St. Patrick were Rev. Mr. Ford, Judge Keith, S. L. Wallace, M. L. Clark, A. Yaple, E. B. Eshelman of the Advertiser, and J. H. Baker; a toast was offered by C. W. Gilmore. “Signed” M.D.]

Contributor to the Boys’ Asylum in Cincinnati: Richard J. Clarke, Columbus, $5

Subscriptions: Rt. Rev. Bishop Young, Lancaster; Anthony Clark and John McNamee, Columbus.

[to be continued...
The drawing of Tim Hogan appeared in the Columbus Dispatch on Sunday, July 30, 1911. It was drawn by artist Billy Ireland (no doubt a Hogan fan) as part of his regular full page Sunday series “The Passing Show.” The middle question mark directly in front of Hogan reads “constitutional convention” (which references the Ohio Constitutional Convention that was convened just after Hogan took office). This helps to reinforce Mike Finn’s point, in his article on Hogan, that he really “broke the mold” of previous state politicians. (Thanks to Patrick Mooney for pointing out the drawing to us.)