Wheelersburg continued...

1. [Foundation date] St. Peter’s Wheelersburg was founded: Some time during the year 1850. Previous to this time different priests came from Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Pine Grove Furnace, and read Mass in private residences. Mass was first read in the house of John Rolf by Fr. O'Mally.

2. [Property purchase dates] In 1850 land was donated by Gerhardt Frischi and a small log church was built on hill two miles from Wheelersburg and known throughout neighborhood as “Lick Run” church. The church was not very expensive almost all the building and work was done by the members, even the altar was made on the spot by one of the members. Little or no money expense in building.

3. [Schools and teachers] Rev. Henry Marose, second resident pastor built a log school house in 1867. This school was never regular had teachers from time to time always lay teachers. Miss Marose Fr. Marose’s sister was first teacher also Messrs Frederick Thecken and Frank Warner [or Wamer?] taught for a time. I do not know the exact date school was abandoned. German was taught. In fact it was a German school.

4. [Date of rectory] A log house was built in 1863 when Rev. Lewis Schreiber was appointed first resident pastor.

5. [History of church and other buildings] The old church was abandoned in Nov. 1885 when present church, which is a mile nearer Wheelersburg, was consecrated. Before this time in 1855 an addition was made to the first log church on account of increase in congregation. The present new frame church was built in 1885. Land about four acres was bought from Mr. Ranchhouse $200. and later two more acres from Mr. Stout $200. The church cost about $2600. Subscriptions amounted to $750. Fr. Ritter collected $700 more from friends and made the rest by picnics etc. Fr. Ritter built the new church.

6. [Cemetery, dates, consecration, administration] At the old church, there is still the old cemetery donated when parish was founded. Previous to that time several were buried there, including Mrs. Agnes Frischi, wife of Gerardt Frischi, in the year 1845. Present cemetery at new church was bought and opened in 1885. Miss Julia Kennedy was the first one buried there. Two acres of land was bought of Mr. Stout for $200. for this purpose.

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9. [Assistants] In 1861 St. John’s Lilly was added as a mission to St. Peter’s the church was built by subscription value about $1200 a frame house was built in 1872. Fr. Kharge of Portsmouth built this church which is a frame structure. The land four acres for site and cemetery was donated by Mr. Martin Dill

10. [Dates of each pastor etc.] This is a hard question to answer, as priests came and went like birds in spring and autumn and some of them don’t stand up very well from account. This is a partial list: after Fr. Marose came Fr. Schellhamer followed by good Fr. Lewis Nonnen Fr. Joseph Kharge Alexander Eiswant Fr. Alberts Fr. Newing Fr. Weisenberger Fr. Commert John Ritter 1881-89 Joseph Wherle 89-95 Turburtus Goebel 95-02 James Banahan .02---?

11. [Method of funding] This question answered above.

12. [Dates of funding and expenditures] Churches and parochial residences were built and paid for in manner already described.

13. [Laity worthy of mention] Every thing has run on quite smoothly.

14. [Anything else of importance] [blank]

Please excuse delay. Hope your will you’re well and will take a pleasant trip this summer.

Your Friend
James T. Banahan

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Chuchtown

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHURCHTOWN, MARCH 23d, 1903.

Rev. L. W. MULHANE,
MOUNT VERNON, OHIO.

Dear Father Mulhane:
I regret that I cannot send you a more complete description of this place, for I could not find anybody here to give me the desired information; perhaps you know more about it than those who have been here a life-time.

Yours sincerely in X.

F. MOITRIER.

1. [Foundation date] 1853
2. [Property purchase dates] Property given by Mr. M’Dermott
3. [Schools and teachers] No school

4. [Date of rectory] The first built in 1863 The Second in 1891
5. [History of church and other buildings] The first a frame building erected in 1853. The Second (brick) Dedicated in 1866, built by the first resident pastor Father Magnus Epping
6. [Cemetery, dates, consecration, administration] Cemetery donated when the Church lot was given by Mr. M’Dermott. It is consecrated. Administered by an association paying monthly dues for the repairs and keeping in order.
7. [Title] Archbishop Purcell.
8. [Pastors] Fathers Perry, Walker, Ryan attended the Mission from Marietta
9. [Assistants] [blank]
10. [Dates of each pastor etc.] Magnus Epping Octo. 15, 1865 to Jan 3 1869, removed to Zanesville V. Schneider May 27, 1869 to July 18, 1869. Laurance Schneider. Oct. 18, 1869 to Febr 27th 1870 L. P. M’Kiernan August 2, 1870 to April 20th 1871 (O.S.F.) Louis Grimmer June 8, 1871 to Sept. 4, 1874 E. L. Fladung Sep. 4 1874 to June 25 1884 F.M. Woesman Aug. 24, 84 to Nov. 1892 L. Grimmer Dec 27, 92 to Nov. 93 F. Moitrier Dec. 1, 1893 to ..the present time
12. [Dates of funding and expenditures] X
13. [Laity worthy of mention] X

to be concluded...
July 29, 1854

**Sisters of Notre Dame at Chillicothe.**

_Chillicothe, July 24th, 1854._

...The annual distribution of premiums and the literary exercises were held at St. Mary's church in presence of a very large and respectable audience.... Five years only have passed since their school first opened here with but five pupils, and with prospects by no means cheering. They passed through a trying ordeal, and well have their patience and perseverance been rewarded. At the close of the present year the number of pupils in the select school was one hundred, twenty-five of whom are boarders, and there are three hundred in the free schools.

Handiwork of the students: a table-cover by Miss Ellen Moriarty, a surplice by Miss Kate Poland, worsted work by Miss Jane McLain, the “Dog” by Miss Susan Mitchel, a pocket kerchief by Miss McGinnis, curtains by Miss C. Faker, a lady’s collar by Miss L. Thompson, a fancy picture by Miss Coulehan, and hair-work by Miss Julia Brannan.

Students mentioned:

- **Senior Class:** Julia Bannan, Fanny Beecher, Rebecca Beecher, Ellen Blaire (of Lancaster, valedictorian), Mary N. Coulehan, Jane Davis, Clara Dunn, Cynthia Faker, Ann W. Gilmore, Elizabeth Hoffman, Hannah McGinnis, Lizzie McGinnis, Jane McLain, Lizzie Malcolm, Castella Meeks, Ellen Moriarty, Sally Pine, Maggie Pinto, Kate Poland, Mary Rogers, Cecilia Schafer, Hatty Stewart, Lizzie Thompson, Susan Wesson.
- **Elementary Class:** Mary Barman, Susan Britton, Jane Davis, Cynthia Faker, Elizabeth Hall, Ann(a) Hanley, Elizabeth McLain, Jane Marfield, Elcey Meeks, Ann Murphy, Mary Rogers, Cecilia Schafer, Susan Wesson.
- **Primary Class:** Mary Adams, Caroline Alberty, Mary Anderson, Barbara Barman, Julia Brattan, Rosanna Carrille [Carville or Carrill?], Mary Davis, Clara Dunn, Susan Gallaugher, Elizabeth McKay, Mary McNally, Susan Marzhiff, Jane Moaley [error for McNally?], Mary Murphy, Margaret O’Donnell, Mary Rollman, Louisa Rosenfield, Alma Sanford, Georgiana Schreckengast, Kate Steer, Harriet Walters, Scioto Wesson. Class not stated: Alice Adams, Louisa Barman, Ellen Carrill, Ellen Coughlin, Anna Coulehan, Virginia Colehan [probably senior Coulehan], Mary Cull, Margaret Ewing, Anna Faller, Maggie Feeny, Emeline McLain, Jane McNally, Mary Meeks, Aurelia Miesse, Bridget O’Laughlin, Maria Scully.

Subscriptions: Martin Moran, Circleville; S. W. Gunn, Portsmouth; Rev. James Meagher, Columbus

August 5, 1854

Information Wanted of Florence McCarthy. When last heard of was in Columbiana county, Ohio. Information of him will be thankfully received by his brother, Cornelius M’Carthy, care of Rev. T. N. Thisse, of Circleville, Ohio.

Subscriptions: Patrick Donan, Johnstown; Rev. Richard Gilmour, Portsmouth

August 12, 1854

Mentioned as receiving premiums at the Ursuline Academy, Brown County: Miss Maria Teresa Ewing of Lancaster; Lizzie Cornyn of Zanesville; Kate Dittoo of Somerset; Fannie Van Trump of Lancaster.

**Died.**

At the residence of his brother, Perry County, Ohio, Mr. DENNIS MCCORMICK, in the 40th year of his age. Mr. McCormick was born in the County Antrim, Ireland, and had resided 22 years in the United States. He was an upright business man, a good citizen, and a faithful Catholic. The orphan had no better friend than the deceased. May his own little orphan and only child (a boy of six years) reap the blessings of his father’s charity. May his soul rest in peace.
MESSRS. EDITORS:--A few words concerning
the mission and progress of Catholicity in and
surrounding Canal Dover, may no doubt interest
some of the numerous readers of the TELEGRAPH.
It is not over four years since the corner-stone of
our church in this place was laid. Then Catholics
were almost afraid to own their religion; but since
the completion of our church, and the arrival of
the good Father Winands, things present a better
appearance. Catholics hold up their heads and
are not ashamed to profess the religion of Chris-
the religion of the one true Catholic apostolic
Church. Among those who returned to the
bosom of catholicity, there were two,--one had
been a Mason for a number of years, the other
had occupied a conspicuous place in the secret
halls of Odd Fellowship. The former was a Dr.
McNeal, the latter a Mr. J. Bowers. The trowel
and apron of Masonry, and the insignia of Odd
Fellowship gave way for the cross and key of
Heaven. These gentlemen were among the first
to return to the one fold and one pastor. Since
the Rev. D. M. Winands has been stationed in
this place, he has made sixteen converts--the last,
Miss Mary Domer, now Mrs. Meagher; she received
the sacrament of matrimony the same day she was received into the Church; and
Mrs. Catherine Bowers, wife of J. Bowers. Mrs.
Bowers was received into the Church on the 9th
inst, and at the same time three of her children
were baptized. Mrs. Meagher and Mrs. Bowers
were both members of the Methodist religion,
and, I believe, been very active members.
But a word concerning the mission. Few know
the labor a priest performs; but were the non
Catholic world acquainted with the work which
can only be performed by the minister of God,
the slanders that we hear time and again heaped
upon him would cease, and the ungenerous, and I
may very justly say, the ignorant persons who are
always ready to speculate on the most erroneously
conceived ideas, would acknowledge that the
missionary priest has more labor to perform than
some of our industrious mechanics.
The vile epithet, "that the clergy are a set of
lazy men, making a fat living by deceiving the
ignorant with a superstitious religion," can still
find trumpeters in northern Ohio. I have heard
men make use of the same expression, who, if you
were to charge them with not knowing as much as
the system of common schools allows a man in
this country, they would be highly offended.
For the last month I have accompanied the Rev. D.
M. Winands on his mission through Tuscarawas,
part of Stark, and Carroll counties, and feel happy
to say that the large congregations over which
Divine Providence has placed him, are, by their
exertions in the cause of Christianity, and their
examples as Catholics and citizens, giving the lie
to the calumnies which are daily propagated by
the uncatholic world.
The zeal which the worthy pastor manifests and
with which he discharges his duties has gained
many converts, and centered upon him the
admiration and respect of almost every intelligent
and respectable Protestant in the vicinity of his
mission. His mission is certainly a hard one.
Four congregations, besides four staioned on
the railroad, receive from him those instructions
and sacraments which the Saviour of the world
commissioned His church to teach and administer
to her faithful children. Lodi, twenty-six miles
from Canal Dover, Marges, twenty, and St. Peter’s
church vive, have but the one priest, Rev. D. M.
Winands, who is also pastor of the church in our
place.
But a few words concerning the railroad:--It is
said by many that, on our railroads we scarcely
have a good Christian--that the laborers are
generally a set of drunken, rowdy Irish, who care
not for God or religion. It may be that there are
such men laboring on some of our railroads, but
on the Steubenville railroad there are many Irish
Catholics, who, notwithstanding their poverty
and the hard work they have to perform, could put
to blush the Sunday Christian of Protestantism.
I expected from what I heard concerning the
Irish on our railroads, when starting with Father
Winands for the shanties, to find many of them
intoxicated, for they knew not when the priest
would be there; but I was happily disappointed.
Out of two hundred Irishmen I saw but three
under the influence of liquor; and on the morning that Mass was celebrated not a single Irishman was intoxicated. Those who were out of the way the night before, took the pledge. Mass was celebrated in the grove, there not being room in the shanties. Many want to their duty, which was sufficient to convince me that there still existed in the bosoms of Erin’s sons a spark of that Christianity which once illumined the “Isle of Saints,” though separated from their native homes by the broad waters of the Atlantic. That there are many unruly, rowdy Irishmen, we must admit. But it is ungenerous to judge the whole race by the actions of a few degraded men.

The labor here is too hard for the Rev. D. M. Winands. Another priest would be hailed with joy. I remain, Rev. Sirs, yours,

A. CONVERT.


August 24, 1854
During the late prevalence of the cholera in Marion, in this diocese, the panic was so great that the sick and dead were abandoned by their friends, and the Pastor in charge of that mission, Rev. Mr. Sheehan, had to coffin the dead, carry them in his buggy to the graveyard, and, in several instances, dig the grave himself. Rev. Mr. Howard, of Springfield, had also to coffin some of the dead of his congregation, and take their remains to the cemetery.

ST. JOSEPH’S COLLEGE, NEAR SOMERSET, PERRY CO., OHIO.--This Institution, conducted by the Fathers of the Order of St. Dominic, was for the first time opened for the reception of students on the first Monday of September, 1851. A large, new, and beautiful college edifice has since been erected and is now occupied, which, independently of the building hitherto in use, will afford ample accommodation for at least 150 boarders. See the new Prospectus, which appears in the columns of this paper.

Subscriptions in this series of issues:
Sept. 2: T. J. English, Dresden
Sept. 9: Michael Creighton, Barnesville; John H. Spalding, Zanesville
Sept. 16: William Finley, Senecaville
Sept. 23: Dr. J. M. Bigelow, Lancaster; Benton G. Hespergers, Chillicothe; Daniel Shannon, Portsmouth
Sept. 30: J. W. Stinchcomb, Mt. Gilead; John McNamee, Columbus
Oct. 21: James Murphy, Patrick Flinn, Chillicothe; Rev. David Kelly, Andrew Stanton, Simon Dolan, Wilkesville; Rev. J. Brent, Mt. Vernon; Baptist Durbin, Millwood, Knox Co.; St. Mary’s Convent, Somerset; Philip Patton, Canal Fulton

September 16, 1854
The Archbishop is to visit Zanesville on October 8.

Rev. Augustus Tobbe of the diocesan seminary was ordained by Archbishop Purcell, subdeacon on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, deacon on Sept. 10, and priest on the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross.

September 23, 1854
HON. THOMAS EWING.--One of our city papers, the Enquirer, has mentioned with well-merited praise the noble example given by Hon. Thomas Ewing, of Lancaster, in spurning from his family the Whig paper of that place which has become an organ of the Know-Nothings, and, of course, can no longer speak of Catholics and Catholic institutions without obscenity and falsehood. The political organization of the Know-Nothings may not wither away as rapidly as “Jonah’s gourd,” as a Protestant ‘squire of a neighboring village lately predicted it would, but the reaction has already commenced. Every American deserving of the name, every American whose heart is in the right place, who loves truth, and justice, and liberty of conscience, will disown a party which shroids itself in darkness, conscious that its deeds are evil and relies for its short-lived success on lies and sacrilege. ...We hope every true man will imitate the example of Mr. Ewing, and spurn from his door the newspaper or periodical that would outrage his feelings and his creed, or those of his family.

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Zanesville St. Nicholas Parish
Marriages, 1844-1847 and Deaths, 1844-1867
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1845 continued...


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1846


2. The honorable young mister Adam Reuhl[?] with the virtuous maiden Kunigund Keller, married on 2 February. Witnesses George Keller and W. Koos.

3. The honorable young mister Peter, legitimate son of Adam Goelz and Elisabeth Schmid, with the virtuous maiden Juliana, daughter of Elisabeth Dittenback, married on 3 February. Witnesses Peter Jochmann[?] and Marg. Stehle.

4. The honorable young mister Michael Schatt with the virtuous maiden Elisabeth Schepner, married on 19 February. Witnesses Philipp Resch and B. Handwerker.

5. The honorable young mister Andreas Hafner with the very virtuous maiden A. Kath. Stierte, married on 28 April. Witnesses B. Handwerker and F. Rinck[?]


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1847

1. The honorable young mister Johann, son of George Douran and A. M. Paul, with the virtuous Margareth, legitimate daughter of Georg Zorn and Juliana Pescher, married on 2 February. Witnesses W. Koos and Chr. Sauer.

2. The honorable young mister Michael
Tomberger with the very virtuous maiden Karolina Kellner. Witnesses Chr. Sauer and schoolteacher Wagner, married on 12 April, 1847.

[Beginning with the next, the records are in Latin.]

3. 1847, 31 May, were united in holy matrimony Caspar Hickel and Barbara Sichrist, witnesses Philip J. Lehmann and Joanne Mathia Armburst. Otho H. Borgess.

4. 1847, 3 July, were united in holy matrimony Joseph Greter and Maria Anna Gassman. O. H. Borgess

Death and Burial Records, 1844-1867

Interesting or unusual items in this series include many records that give a cause of death; burials at Taylorsville; burial of a Cambridge resident; and several marriage records that were entered into the wrong book. Beginning in the pastorate of Father Rauck in 1862, many burials in the cemetery of St. Thomas Parish are noted.

The majority of the burials listed here were in the first cemetery of St. Nicholas Parish, located on the south side of Wheeling St., near the east end of town. This property, containing 2 1/4 acres, was sold to the pastor, Father Gallinger, on May 4, 1844, by Jacob Magez and his wife Maria Magdalena, for $200. Mt. Olive, the newer cemetery of the parish, was opened in 1916.

[German]

1844
Johann Rink, innkeeper’s little son from here, died at the “Brauer” (Brauerei?=brewery), age 1 year
Jakob Eienhauer of here, from Baden, drowned, 11 years old
Peter Schram, near Zanesville, died of gangrene, 70 years
Eva Hempfling day-laborer’s wife, died on 26 Sept., of child-bed fever
Margaret Frisch?, died on 18 October

1847
Johann, child of Katharina Christ, died on the 10th of December

1845
Maiden Margareth Dourand, died on 10 May of tetanus
Kath. Kiener near Jackson, died of child-bed fever, 37 years old, on June 6
A. Maria Fix from here, died of [Rattbrechen?] on 12 June
Felix little son of Joseph Kiener, died of jaundice on June 13
Adam Stechmann died on December 16 of [Darmbrand=intestinal-burning or -gangrene]

1846
Jakob Magez died of phthisis on [blank]
Kilian Muhlfelder in consequence of an accident died on April 4
Anton Stehle, 81 years old, died 25 April of age-weakness in Taylorsville
Martin Freimann, 32 years old, died on 28 May here of phthisis
M. Theresia Bossert, 10 months old, died on May 4
Nikolaus Grether, 57 years old, died on 8 October of a burning fever
Joseph Bürkbüchler, 9 months old, died on [blank] September

[1847]
on July 19 died Karl Jäger, 10 months old, of the “Griht”
Joseph H. Ruide[?] died 31 July, 1847 of the croup
2 Sept. died Johann Schmidt two years and nine months old, of consumption

[1848]
Jan. 23 Aloysius [no family name given] died 23 June? or July? 1848, age 10 months
Nov. 18, 1848 died Peter Kraus, 60 years old

1849
June 27 Anton Korte, unbaptized(?), one and one half years old
July 22 Adam Voll, three fourths of a year old
July 27 Fred. Kottenbrock, three fourths of a year old
Borgess
1850
Jan. 27  Friederich Kortenbrock, child, born the 25th of this month and immediately thereupon died.  H. Deslaers, Pastor.
April 21  Widow Barbara Hinterlange born Paul.  M. Herzog, Pastor
April 28  Anna, child of Adam Heilmann and his wife Katharina, 2 years 1 1/2 months old.  M. Herzog
July 26  Heinrich, 17 months old, child of Jacob Lutzenkischen and his wife Carolina.  M. Herzog
July 31  Franz Rink.  M. Herzog
Aug. 8  Wilibald Koos.  M. Herzog
Aug. 20  Johann Bollinger  M. Herzog
Aug. 23  Anna Maria Sauer  M. Herzog
Sept. 22  Christina Sauer, 8 months 5 days old.  W. Deiters, “Pastor”

1851
[Latin]
James Beckert, died 18 Jan., born with difficulty [the previous day?], baptized by the doctor in danger of death, buried 18 Jan. Deiters

Joseph Franc. Preuss, 2 years 7 months and 10 days old, died 17 April, buried 17 April. Deiters
John Bauer, 14 years and 3 months old, died 18 April, buried 19 April. Deiters
Louis Rink, 4 years 6 months old, died 15 May, buried 16 May. Deiters
Mary Catherina Weigand, 2 years 3 months old, died 28 May, buried 29 May. Deiters
Anton Saub, 9 months old, died 11 July, buried 11 July. Deiters
Carl Amer, three weeks old, died 27 July, buried 28 July. Deiters
Martin Krebs, 11 months old, died 1 Sept., buried 2 Sept. Cubero
Maria Anna Hof, 68 years old, died 6 Sept., buried 7 Sept. Deiters
Anna Maria Durant, 68 years old, died 10 Sept., buried 12 Sept. Deiters
Joseph Hegel, 3 years 8 months old, died 22 Sept., buried 23 Sept. Deiters
John Ziegenfeld, 1 year 2 months old, died 26 Oct., buried 27 Oct. Deiters
John Meier, 3 months old, died and buried on 3 December. Deiters
John Gersbach, 59 years old, died 20 Dec., buried 22 Dec. Deiters

Work with the baptismal register of St. Nicholas Parish, Zanesville, has enabled us to determine the correct names of two grooms of 1843 that appeared in the March Bulletin. Number 2, the groom of Barbara Heinrich was Georg Bayer. Number 8, the groom of Katharina Sicrist was Jakob Haegel or Hegel.

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