The following account has been summarized from The People’s Advocate, Shawnee, Ohio, March 13, 1908.

Operations at the Rock Run brick factory at Shawnee, belonging to the Iron Clay Brick Company, were suspended by a labor dispute on December 5, 1907. No settlement could be reached until on Saturday evening, March 7, 1908, the local union or “Working Men’s Club” passed a resolution asking Father Horan to act as a mediator between the company and its Shawnee employees.

A committee visited Father Horan to ask him to take up this task and, though not skilled in such undertakings, feeling that something ought to be done in the interests of all concerned, he “accepted the invitation, assuring the committee...that he highly appreciated the manifest confidence reposed in him and that he would exercise his good office and do all in his power to bring the company and its employes closer together and effect a settlement if possible.”

He went to Columbus on Sunday and on Monday morning called at the company offices, where he held a long conference with company officials. He found out what concessions the company would make, then went back to Shawnee. There he met with D. T. Harris, contractor for the clay digging. After Harris expressed his anxiety to have the affair settled, Father Horan invited Mr. Adams, secretary and manager of the company, to meet at his rectory on Tuesday. He then met with President John Weedy and Thomas Knox, both of the local union, and they presented two proposals to the local at a meeting on Tuesday evening. The local accepted one of the proposals and authorized Weedy to sign it. “A resolution was then adopted by unanimous vote, expressing appreciation and returning thanks to Father Horan for the eminently fair manner in which he dealt between employers and employes.”

But the story was not quite over. Father Horan and President Weedy went back to Columbus to meet with the company representatives on Wednesday, but the document presented by the
company for signature was not the one agreed upon. Father Horan again went to work and induced Mr. Adams to make concessions and the agreement was signed. Father Horan also obtained agreement from the company to give preference in hiring to four men, former employees, who had been left without jobs in the settlement.

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Thomas J. Horan was a native of Philadelphia. He studied for the priesthood at Our Lady of Angels in Niagara, New York, where he became a friend of the later Rev. M. M. Meara of Columbus. The Diocese of Columbus adopted him and Bishop Moeller ordained him on March 3, 1901 in St. Joseph Cathedral. He was assigned to the pastorate at Harrietsville and was transferred to Shawnee on November 23, 1902. After “eleven long years of self-sacrificing, unremitting but fruitful labor,” he decided to return to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where he would be close to his aged mother.

A reception for Father Horan was held in the Indian Theatre in Shawnee in September, 1913, at which a purse of $300, collected from the people of the parish, was presented to him by Rev. C. E. Turley, pastor of the M. E. church of Shawnee. Turley remarked that Father Horan, during his eleven years in Shawnee, had won the respect and esteem of all citizens, non-Catholics as well as Catholics.

Father Horan served in Chester and Linwood Heights, Pa., but unfortunately died at a young age on March 19, 1919. According to the Shawnee People’s Advocate in 1914, Father Horan was “a far-seeing man, of rare discernment, of broad sympathies, of quick perceptions, of high principles and of noble character, a man not only of high intellectual attainments, wide experience, and splendid judgment but of incorruptible integrity, of perseverance, and does willingly, whatsoever his hands find to do, with his whole might and skill—a friend whose faithfulness may be long tried in a balance and never found wanting.”

We note that the Ordo used in this diocese for many years has given Father Horan’s date of death as October 1, 1913, approximately the date he left the diocese, rather than the correct date of March 19, 1919.

A view of the School in the Catholic Chapel Building, Ohio Penitentiary

J. Michael Finn, who wrote the fine article on the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel at the Ohio Penitentiary that appeared in our April issue, has found a word sketch of the school that was housed on the first floor of the first chapel building. It appears in Yesterday Will Make You Cry, a book by Chester Himes (New York: W. W. Norton and Co., 1999).

Chester Himes entered the Ohio Penitentiary in 1928 to serve a twenty-five year sentence; he was paroled in 1936. A restored edition of his 1937 autobiographical novel of Jimmy Monroe portrays an African-American prisoner who must endure racism, homosexuality, and prison corruption, all of which test the limits of his sanity. He also describes the 1930 fire.

The following excerpt, from page 59, deals with the building that housed the school and the Catholic chapel.

“There was the school too. Situated on the first floor of the weather-darkened, grey stoned building which also housed the Catholic chapel, it consisted of eight rooms, four on each side, and six grades, since two rooms each were required to hold the students in the first and second grade.

“The desks were regular classroom desks which had been donated to the prison, along with castoff books, by the school boards of various cities. Blackboards extended full-length across the font of each room, while the windows which more often claimed the students’ attention were at the back.

“And there were the latrines, one on each side, sort of added features after the school had appeared, with their eternal gurgle of water and everlasting stink and red and blue tags which the students were required to carry when leaving a room and hang on nails outside the latrine to announce not only their destination but their purpose.”
This installment concludes the family of Elizabeth Dugan Harkins. The series will continue with the families of Ann Rogers and John, Michael, and Peter Dugan.

F. Ann B. (Nancy) Harkins, born about 1810, married John C. Cassilly (a native of Ireland) on November 7, 1827 before Rev. S. H. Montgomery, O.P. John was a subscriber to the Catholic Telegraph. He must have run an inn in Zanesville, for Father Charles Montgomery in June, 1837 reported to Bishop Purcell that he and Father Wilson were taking their meals with him (instead of with John’s brother Thomas, as formerly). Cassilly filed for bankruptcy in U.S. District Court in December, 1842 and was declared so on February 4, 1843, as a result of which his real estate was sold. He was jailed for reasons now unknown and was released on Saturday evening, March 11, 1843. Apparently to repair his reputation and fortunes, Cassilly went to the Republic of Texas, but he died in Galveston on July 25, 1844. In the following years Ann received some money by selling her dower rights in the property that had been sold as a result of Mr. Cassilly’s bankruptcy. From August, 1846 until August, 1848 she lived in a leased house on the west side of Seventh St., on part of “the McIntyre field.” (The lease had been held previously by William Wiseman of Zanesville and then Richard H. Dugan.) Ann and her children were living in Cincinnati in 1850. (Montgomery to Purcell, June 10, 1837, UNDA II-4-f A.L.S. Same to same, March 13, 1843, II-4-h A.L.S. Muskingum County Common Pleas Record W/563-566. Muskingum Co. Deeds 5/291, 5/607, 5/609, 7/367, 10/169, and 11/556.)

1. Bridget Cassilly, known as Cecilia, born on January 21, 1831, was baptized on January 30 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Zanesville. She married Samuel W. P. Cochran on February 1, 1848 before a Baptist minister in Muskingum County. They lived in Cincinnati and later in Aberdeen, Ohio. By 1870 she and her children Lutie, John, and Justice were in New Orleans. By 1880 she had moved back to Cincinnati. Samuel enlisted in Company H, 12th O.V.I, in 1861 at the age of 36 and served three years. He wandered away from home on February 27, 1901 and was killed in a railroad accident. He was buried in the old St. Joseph Cemetery. Cecilia later moved to West Union Pike in Hillsboro, Ohio, with her daughter Lutie, where she died on July 5, 1919. Burial was in the new St. Joseph Cemetery in Cincinnati, after a short service in St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Hillsboro. She was survived by her daughter Lutie and three grandchildren. Information on this family has been compiled by Barbara Shroyer and is available at freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~cochshro/p8.htm#i381.

a. Charles A. Cochran, born on November 28, 1848 in Ohio. At the age of twelve he enlisted as a musician in Company H, 12th O.V.I., his father’s company, and served from 1861 until 1864. He seems to have died by 1870.

b. Louisa A. Cochran, known as Lutie or Lulu, born in Ohio September 30, 1851, was a music teacher in Cincinnati. She died in Cincinnati on December 9, 1930; after a funeral at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery.

c. Samuel Cochran, born about 1853, appears to have died by 1870.

d. John Laurie Cochran, born in Illinois about 1855. He married Emilie Josephine Tobler and was a motorman in Cincinnati. He died on May 22, 1911; burial was in the new St. Joseph Cemetery. He had three children.

e. Justice (or Justin) Cochran, born in Illinois about 1857, seems to have died in the 1880s.
f. Harry M. B. Cochran, born Jan. 14, 1884, was adopted by Cecilia, according to the 1900 census. This was Harry Vincent Martin, “nephew” of Lutie, with whom she was living in Norwood 1930. Harry V. Martin had a wife Margie, daughter Betty, and son David. Harry was named in the will of Z. T. Hedges in 1919. Lutie and Bridget Cecilia Cochran are buried on the lot originally belonging to William Martin, Harry’s father, at the new St. Joseph Cemetery.

2. James Robert Cassilly, baptized Aug. 18, 1833; sponsors were Andrew and Margaret Dugan
3. Mary Ann Cassilly, baptized on April 23, 1836 (There is a vague notion in the family that she married a Muntz from Hillsboro, Ohio.)
4. John Joseph Cassilly, baptized June 24, 1840; apparently died by 1850.
5. Daniel Albert Cassilly, baptized December 26, 1842, died in New Orleans on August 20, 1869.

G. Mary Dugan Harkins was born about 1811 in Butler County, Pa. She was married on April 5, 1842 to James Taggart at St. John the Evangelist Church before Rev. G. A. J. Wilson, O.P. James was born in Ireland about 1798 (probably at Drumquin, Longfield Parish, County Tyrone, like his older brother Arthur). He lived near Norwich in Muskingum County, where he had a large farm. He died on April 5, 1863 and was buried at old St. Thomas Cemetery, Zanesville. Mary lived at 87 North Seventh St. in Zanesville, where she died on April 24, 1888 at the aged of 77 years. Interment was at the same cemetery.

1. Arthur Thomas Taggart, born March 23, baptized on March 27, 1844, at St. Thomas; sponsor was John Orndorff. He was a money transfer clerk for Adams Express Company, being in their employ for 42 years, the last years being spent at Union Station in Columbus. He lived on Maple St. with his brother Alfred. Arthur died on December 17, 1904 in Columbus and was buried in Zanesville. He was not married.

2. Robert Henry Taggart, born April 3, baptized April 10, 1848 at St. Thomas. He was an express messenger, then conductor, and finally trainmaster on the C & M V division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He married Sarah Elizabeth (Sallie) Moss at St. Joseph Church in Circleville on October 22, 1874. They lived in that town and Robert ran the Pickaway House for a few years. They later lived in Chicago, where “genial Bob” was a contractor on public works. He died there on January 19, 1908. Sallie died on March 25, 1907. They are buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Circleville. They had three children.

3. Joseph John or John P. Taggart, born August 5, was baptized August 16, 1850 at St. Thomas. He was a messenger for the Adams Express Company on the C & M V Railroad and resided in Zanesville. He died on Apr. 7, 1887 and was buried at old St. Thomas Cemetery. He was a young man of ability, “generally beloved because of his genial, sunny nature.” (He was a cousin of Zachary T. Hedges, below.)

3. Joseph James Taggart, born Nov. 15, 1852, baptized at St. Thomas on Nov. 24. He apparently died very young.

4. Alfred W. Taggart, born about 1855, was a restaurant cook in Columbus, where he lived with his brother Arthur. He was noted as a porter at the Arcade Hotel on East Naghten st. in Columbus in 1905.

H. Bridget Cecilia Harkins, born about 1811, was Mary’s twin sister who in 1888 was living in a “Southern State.” She married Reuben F. Hedges before Father R. P. Miles at St. John Church on April 9, 1833. They lived in West Liberty, Ohio County, (West) Virginia. Reuben apparently left her in the 1860s, remarried, moved to Mt. Morris, Pa., and began a second family. Bridget lived with her daughter Amelia Fletcher in Ohio County and later they moved to North Springfield, Missouri to be near her other surviving children. She moved to Little Rock, Arkansas in 1880 to live with her son Zachary and died there at the age of 82 on Christmas Eve, 1893, having outlived all of her siblings except Robert.

1. Henry O. Hedges, born about 1835, was an officer in Company K, Buckner’s Brigade (Kentucky, 6th Mounted Infantry), in the Confederate army. He was captured at the battle of Shiloh and died in a federal prison on May 8, 1862. He was unmarried.
2. Albert Gallatin Hedges, born about 1837, married in Wheeling to Margaret Wilson Steele of West Liberty on June 1, 1858. (*Wheeling Intelligencer*, June 11, 1858) They moved to Atchison, Kansas about 1867. He later married Columbia Jane Stone and they lived in Lincoln, Nebraska. He died in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1891. Albert had six daughters, but only one granddaughter, Betty Lou Sellars (born c. 1915), who apparently was the only great-grandchild of Bridget Cecilia Harkins Hedges.

3. Amelia Hedges, born about 1839, married Joseph Fletcher in West Virginia. They and her mother moved to North Springfield, Mo., where she died on May 8, 1880. She had no children.

4. Catherine (Kate) Hedges, born about 1841; married Charles E. Pemberton, a house carpenter; she died in Springfield, Mo. on March 16, 1880. She had no children.


6. Zachary T. Hedges was born on March 4, 1849. He was part owner and publisher of the *Southwest* and then the *Springfield Republican* in Springfield and North Springfield, Mo., from 1870 to 1875 and lived with his sister Kate, her husband Charles Pemberton, and their brother Edward. In 1880 he was still a printer, living with his brother Albert in Lincoln, Nebraska. Shortly thereafter he moved to Little Rock, Arkansas. He visited Zanesville for the funeral of his cousin, John P. Taggart, in 1887. In 1895 he married Mrs. Mary Pattie Morehouse; they had no children. In the 1890s they moved to Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, where he became a land developer. He also helped organize the first bank at Hamburg and was a director of the Hamburg, Mississippi River & Western Railroad. He developed a plantation called Bow Arc on Bayou Bartholomew. He and his wife returned to Little Rock in 1903. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He died on July 1, 1925; burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Little Rock, after a funeral at St. Andrew’s Cathedral. Although the biographical sketch in the 1922 *Centennial History of Arkansas* (III/1064-1067) portrays him as well-to-do, at the time of his death his debts exceeded his assets.


I. Robert J. J. Harkins (the youngest child) was born in Butler County, Pa., on February 28, 1813. In 1825 with his cousin Lewis H. Dugan he served the Mass at the dedication of St. John the Evangelist Church in Zanesville. He was a clerk in Zanesville and for a time in Somerset. Later he was in the dry goods business and then the milling business at Duncan’s Falls. He served for three months as corporal in Company A of the 159th Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. He married Catherine Dittoe on
May 29, 1838 at Holy Trinity Church in Somerset (daughter of Michael, son of Jacob and Catherine). He had a keen interest in the history of his and Catherine’s families and the local Catholic Church. Robert died at his home, 39 Muskingum Avenue in Zanesville, on December 12, 1896. A biographical sketch of Mr. Harkins appears on pages 475 to 478 of Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Muskingum County, Ohio (Chicago: Goodspeed, 1892). Robert and Catherine had six children but no grandchildren.

1. Elizabeth D. Harkins, born about 1844, died on June 29, 1912.
2. Helen Barbara Harkins, born December 4, baptized December 14, 1845 at St. Thomas. She died on June 26, 1917.
3. Mary Cecilia Harkins, born on November 22, 1847, was baptized on Jan. 9, 1848 at St. Thomas; sponsors were John Orndorff and Elizabeth Harkins. Deceased by 1896.
4. Robert John J. Harkins, born December 3, 1849 at Duncan’s Falls, was baptized on January 6, 1850 at St. Thomas. He died on January 4, 1877 and was buried in the old St. Thomas Cemetery.
5. Michael J. Harkins, born about 1851 in Somerset, died in Zanesville on June 27, 1929 and was buried next to the John S. Dugan family at St. Thomas Cemetery. (His tombstone is the only marker on the Harkins lot.) Those who received shares of his estate are noted “Harkins heirs” in this compilation.
6. Louis Benedict Harkins, born Nov. 27 and baptized Dec. 6, 1857 at St. Thomas Aquinas in Zanesville; sponsors were Lewis and Caroline Dugan. He apparently died at a young age.

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Robert Johnson, husband 44
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