

Early Baptism Records of St. Joseph's
Somerset, Ohio

(Editor's note: The original of these records is in the archives of the Dominican Fathers at their House of Studies, Washington, D.C. During the first few years Baptisms were recorded in a partially alphabetical manner. They are presented here in chronological order as far as possible. Wherever the date is uncertain, it is placed in the most probable sequence. The outer cover of the original book was labelled simply BAP. RECORD. The first page has the notation "NB!")

In the year 1817 & 1818 I baptized in different parts of the Ohio state 162 persons, young and old, whose names and sponsors cannot now be recollected, as I was an Itinerant missionary and such persons were generally discovered & brought to me accidentally.

Rd. N. Young during his journey to Maryld & back to Ohio in this year of 1818 baptized about 30 persons in a similar manner.

(Signed) EDWARD FENWICK

On 6th of dicember 1818 St. Joseph's Chapel was opened and blessed in Perry C. Ohio.

Gloria tibi Domine
& ego adjuvam in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

1818

- July 11: Daniel Gray, adult; witness Rev. Mr. Young.
- Oct. 20: Barbara J. Carrol, of Lawrence and Maryann.
- Oct. 24: Fanny Sapp, of George and Catherine.
- Dec. -- Nicholas J. Rian, of James.
- Dec. 25: Thomas J. Nivel, of John and Mary.
- Dec. 27: Joseph Delong, of Edward Delong. -- Rd. E. Fenwick.

1819

- Jan. 3: Louise Elizabeth, of Christopher and Elizabeth Flowers.
- Jan. 3: D--- McGovern; witness, self only.
- Jan. 10: Mary, of Joseph and Elizabeth Delong.
- Feb. 2: Edward Conely, of George and Catherine.
- Mar. 21: Anna Bella, of Philip Keenan and -----.
- Mar. 22: Mary Cull, wife of Felix.
- Mar. 29: Martin Timonds, of John and Catherine.
- Apr. 5: John Burgoon.
- Apr. 25: Martha, of Patrick and Mary Rien.

1819 (cont.)

- May 29: William J. Ijames, of William and Catherine.
May 30: Mary Burgoon, of Levi and C. Burgoon.
May 31: George A. Flowers, of Joseph and Catherine.
June 20: George Flowers, of Henry and Susanna.

NB. During my missionary excursion to Mt. Vernon, Wooster, Canton and N. Lisbon in May and June 1819, I have baptized 34 children and 1 adult (Mrs. N. Gallagher), married 5 couples, and buried two persons, and received into the Church 6 adults.

- July 4: Catherine Dittoe, of Michael and Barbara.
----- Daniel, of Patrick and Margaret O'Hara; sponsors, Elizabeth Hines.
July 10: Sarah Sheridan, of Patrick and Mary Sheridan.
July 25: Peter M. Ward, of John and Sarah.
July 25: Jane McCaughy, wife of Hue McCaughy.
July 27: John and Ann, children of Hue and Jane McCaughy.
Aug. 1: Margaret Duofy(?), of John and Sarah.
Aug. 1: Margaret, Winifred and Everine Higgon, of John and Mary.
Aug. 6: Elizabeth Rebecca, of Doctr and Mary Poujeade.
Aug. 6: Elizabeth, of Peter and Ann Dittoe; sponsors, Henry Dittoe and Mary L-----.
Aug. 7: Jane Cretan, of James and Elizabeth.
Aug. 7: Alexander and Michael Mullin, children of John and Elizabeth Mullin.
Aug. 8: William Arnold, of George Arnold.
Aug. 29: Linus A. Dittoe, of John Dittoe and Eve.
Oct. 10: William Kelly, of James and Mary.
Oct. 14: James Jones, of William and Mary.
----- Isaac Walker, of Solomon and Elizabeth.
----- James White, of Thomas and Winifred.
Oct. 27: Mary, George and Cornelius McClines, of Cornelius and Mary.
----- Mary, Catherine, Rosy and Barney Curran, of Denis and Mary.
----- Matthew, Margaret and Hannah Mattingly, of William and Mary.
Nov. 15: Frederick Draper, of John and Priscilla.
Nov. 20: James Divit, of Daniel and Ann.
----- Jacob Collophy, of Timothy and Sarah.

1820

- Jan. 3: John B. Orton, lawyer; witnesses, Mr. Flum(?), Ed Clark, Polly Myers.
Jan. 8: John, of William Wallace, Lancaster; sponsor, Michael Garathy.
Jan. 8: Sarah Jane, of Michael and Sarah Garathy; sponsor, James Garathy.
Jan. 9: John Clement, of John Braddock; sponsors, ---- Fink and Polly Myers.
Jan. 15: Sarah Jane, of ---- Atkinson; sponsors, H. Dittoe and Sarah Fink.

1820 (cont.)

- Jan. 18: Mary Keegan, adult, wife of J. Keegan; witness, Polly Myers.
Jan. 25: David Burgoon, of Richard and -----.
Jan. 27: William C. Rogers, of John and Ann.
Jan. 30: Stephen Newcomer, of Jacob and Mary.
Feb. 3: Hannah Archer, of Jacob and Sarah.
Feb. 3: Eliseus Archer, of Michael and Rudy.
Feb. 3: Robert A. Archer, of Simon and Rudy.
Feb. 3: Roseanna Crossin, of Manuel and Mary.
Feb. 23: Mary Timoney, of Denis and Ann.
Feb. 23: Mary McConnaughy, of Hue and Jane; March 2, 1820.
Feb. 28: William Waterhouse, of William and Eleanor.
Feb. 29: Daniel McConnaughy, of Hue and Jane.
Feb. 29: James Delong, of George and Rachel.
Mar. 11: Mary, of Mary and ----- Keegan.
Mar. 19: Mary Elizabeth Empic(?).
Mar. 19: Jeremiah Hart, Samuel Hart, William Hart.
Mar. 25: Peter Hannum(?), of Joseph and Marcolina.
Apr. 2: Nicholas A. Cody, of Thomas and Nancy.
Apr. 2: Peter T. Cody, of Thomas and Ann.
Apr. 3: Roseanna Crossin, of Manuel and Mary. (Also under Feb. 3)
Apr. 9: James Longstrith, of Bartholomew and Sarah.
Apr. 9: Susanna George, of Michael and Mary.
Apr. 9: Sarah George, of Michael and Mary.
Apr. 10: Mary Ann Burgoon, of James and Mary.
Apr. 15: Ann McManimy, adult.
Apr. 15: Amelia, of Ann McManimy.
Apr. 15: Sarah Hart.
May 21: David Flowers, of Christopher and Catherine.
June 1: Mary Ann McGlocklin, of John and Maryann.
June 11: Jacob George, of Michael and Mary.
June 12: Elizabeth Miller, of George and Catherine.
June 18: Anastasiua Rian, of William and Mary.
June 18: Sarah Ann Brown, of Michael and Catherine.
June 25: Francis P. Hodge, of Joseph and Rachel.
June 25: Roseanna McGonnigall, of Denis and -----.
July 7: Mary Ann Agnes Fink, of John and Elizabeth.
July 12: Susanna Mary Will, of John J. Will and Teresa Will.
Aug. 12: John Gallagher, of Michael and Mary.
Aug. 19: Sarah Ann Welch, of James and -----.
Aug. 19: William Egan, of Elizabeth.
Aug. 20: Dominic Stimer(?), of Henry and Mary.
Aug. 20: Mary Cunigan, of Peter and Mary.
Sept. 3: John Wifil, of John and Mary.
Oct. 1: Jane Shearan, of Patrick and Mary.
Oct. 3: Luke Walpole, of Michael and Ann.
Oct. 9: John Delong, of David and Jane.
Oct. 9: Levi Burgoon, of John and Mary.

1820 (cont.)

- Oct. 20: Mary Beall, Margaret Water, ---- and a young mand, adults.
----- 12 children in Stark and Guernsey counties.
----- Margaret Cambell, adult.
- Nov. 3: Benjamin Blubaugh, of John and Elizabeth.
Nov. 3: Henry Plott, of Henry and Abby.
Nov. 3: John Pain, of Raphael and Winifred.
Nov. 3: Louis Boyle, of George and Ann.
Nov. 3: Mary McKinney, of Jonathan and Sarah.
Nov. 4: Thomas C. Martin, of David and Bridget.
Nov. 5: Susanna Stephen, of Christopher and Mary.
Nov. 7: Jonathan Arnold, of Elias and Mary.
Nov. 15: Mary Long, of Catherine and Hue.
Nov. 15: Mary Lynch, of Patrick and Patience.
Nov. 15: William McGuire, of James and Margaret.
Nov. 2-: Barnabas Burns, of James and Margaret.
Nov. 21: Catherine Jones, of J---- and Margaret.
Nov. 21: Jacob Plum, of Henry and Susanna.
Nov. 21: Sarah Dullaugh, of John and Jane.
Nov. 22: Sarah Roughcorn(?), of William and Sarah.
Nov. 25: John N. Maguire, of James and Margaret.
Nov. 25: Peter Arnold, of Joseph and Susanna.
Nov. 26: James Boyle, of Daniel and Ann.
Nov. 26: James McN----l, of John and Rose.
Nov. 26: Thomas Anders, of Robert and Catherine.
Nov. 27: Mary Jones, of Samuel and Catherine.
Nov. 28: James Kelly, of Daniel Kelly.
Nov. 29: ----- Archer, of George and Rebecca.
Nov. 29: Ann Archer, of Henry and Mary.
Nov. 29: Elizabeth Carrol, of George and Ann.
Nov. 29: Henry Archer, of James and Ann.
Nov. 29: Joseph Archer, of Henry and Mary.
Nov. 29: Joseph Archer, of Michael and Cynthia.
Nov. 29: Mary and Margaret Carrol, of George and Ann.
Nov. 29: Michael and Margaret Archer, of George and Rebecca.
Nov. 29: Michael Archer, of Michael and Cynthia.
Nov. 29: Margaret Archer, of James and Ann.
Nov. 29: Sarah Archer, of James and Ann.
----- Simon Lindicum, of Daniel and Mary.
- Nov. 30: John Dial(?), of George and Margaret.
- Dec. 5: Charity Donnelly, of Felix and Charity.
Dec. 10: Christian Lynch, of Patrick and Catherine.
Dec. 23: Mary A. Harper, of William and Mary.
Dec. 24: Mary Ann, of James Welch; sponsors, ---Elder and M. McGough.

(To be continued)

First Mass in Zanesville
By Norris F. Schneider

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Father Nicholas Dominic Young, O.P., was riding westward on horseback over Zane's Trace in 1819 to St. Joseph's in Perry County. Hitching his horse to a post in front of the Green Tree Tavern at Fifth and Main streets in Zanesville, Father Young found that the landlord, John S. Dugan, was a Catholic.

Dugan quickly assembled the 18 Catholics in Zanesville. In the common room of the Green Tree Tavern where the Kresge Store now stands Father Young said the first Mass in Zanesville.

Dugan's hospitality attracted stagecoach passengers. Coins clinked in the cash drawer of the Green Tree. Dugan felt pride and satisfaction in using these coins to buy the warehouse on the site of the Y City Office Supply company for the first Catholic Church and later to donate the lot for the present St. Thomas Church.

He felt the highest elation and pride in 1825 when he had the privilege to drive his own stagecoach to Maryland and escort Bishop Edward Dominic Fenwick home to Ohio after a visit to Rome.

Near Cumberland, Maryland, while trying to control an unruly horse, Dugan was caught in the lines and dragged to his death. The Bishop and other passengers were not seriously injured. Dugan died on March 11, 1825.

Dugan's sudden tragic death was a paralyzing loss to the town and the church. The Dugans were the second Catholic family to settle in Zanesville. William C. Colerick was the first. He came to Zanesville from Philadelphia in 1815 to assist Dr. Horace Reed of Putnam in the publication of the Zanesville "Express."

John Simon Dugan was a hat maker in Brownsville, Pa. A pack horse trail led from Cumberland over the mountains to the site of Brownsville on the Monongahela River in colonial times. The Ohio Company of Virginia operated an Indian trading post there. Redstone Old Fort was the name of the settlement.

At Redstone pioneer settlers built flatboats and floated their household goods down the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers to Kentucky or Ohio.

By the time Dugan grew up, Redstone Old Fort had become the town of Brownsville. The hat business was not very prosperous there. About 1816 the National Road had been completed to Brownsville and it was extended to Wheeling in 1818.

Dugan saw many movers driving along the Brownsville streets in covered wagons on the way to Ohio. He decided to seek his fortune there also.

In the winter of 1815-16 Dugan and his brother built a flatboat and loaded his stock of hats. He floated down the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers to Louisville and St. Louis where he sold his stock and his boat.

He walked back over Zane's Trace. At Zanesville he stayed at the Western Star Tavern conducted by Daniel Turner. Dugan liked the town. He thought that he could conduct the tavern profitably. He bought it.

Returning to Brownsville on foot, he packed the family household goods on a keelboat. While the boat floated down the rivers and was poled up the Muskingum to Zanesville, the Dugan family started overland on horseback.

At Cambridge, Ohio, a freshet had swollen the water of Wills Creek to flood stage. Crossing would be dangerous. But the date set for closing the deal on the tavern was April 1, and Dugan was determined to be on time.

Dugan told his five-year old son, Lewis Henry, to hold his arms tightly around his father's waist and urged his wife to follow. They swam their horses across Wills Creek and arrived in time to close the deal on April 1.

Dugan examined his new property. He owned a frontage of 47 feet on Main street and the lot extended north to Fountain alley and included the present Penney store front. Near the corner stood a two-story frame tavern.

In a short time Dugan changed from hat maker to a popular landlord. He was a congenial host and his table was set with appetizing dishes.

He no sooner learned the duties of a landlord than he was called upon to entertain one of the most famous guests in the history of the city, who honored the Green Tree tavern by his stay.

On Saturday, August 30, 1817, 50 men on horseback from Zanesville and Putnam escorted up Main Street President James Monroe, who was returning to the national capital from a tour of inspection of defenses on the Canadian border.

Monroe signed his name on the register of John S. Dugan's Green Tree Tavern. Too bad that register has not been preserved.

For two nights President Monroe slept at the Green Tree. He ate his meals at the home of prominent Democratic Republicans of Zanesville. On Monday morning he started east with an escort of riders as far as Few's Tavern.

The President's visit enhanced Dugan's reputation. His business prospered. In 1819 he built a three-story brick addition on the Fifth street side of his hotel. It stood until 1879.

The dining room and kitchen occupied the first floor, a hall on the second floor was used for balls, concerts and plays, and sleeping rooms were located on the third floor.

In the second-floor hall Father N. D. Young said the first Mass in Zanesville in 1819.

Dugan contributed his earnings liberally and zealously to the cause of his church. On one of Father Young's semi-annual visits to Zanesville he and Dugan examined a brick warehouse, 20 by 50 feet in size, at the northeast corner of South Fifth street and Locust alley. Dugan paid \$2,000 for the lot and building.

In November, 1820, Father Young dedicated the remodeled structure at Trinity Church, also called the "brick chapel."

This church soon became too small. Dugan again was the benefactor. He bought the lot on North Fifth street now occupied by St. Thomas Church and donated it to the congregation. This tract was then uneven and uncultivated and covered with bushes, briars and weeds. A small stream ran southward on the east end.

Plans for a new stone and brick church were donated by a New York architect. On March 4, 1823, the cornerstone was laid by Father Stephen H. Montgomery for a building 40 by 70 feet and 35 feet high. Bishop Fenwick dedicated the church to St. John the Baptist on July 2, 1827.

Meanwhile, as mentioned earlier, the most generous patron of the church, John S. Dugan, had been killed in a tragic stagecoach accident near Cumberland, Maryland. His body was brought to Zanesville, funeral services were held at Trinity Church and the body buried on the lot donated for a new church.

The new church, called St. John's, was dedicated on July 2, 1827. It served the congregation until the German Catholics separated to build St. Nicholas Church in 1843.

At the same time, the congregation on North Fifth street demolished the old church and laid the cornerstone of the Church of St. Thomas Aquinas on March 17, 1842.

A deep snow covered the Muskingum Valley, Louis Henry Dugan and others came to the cornerstone ceremony from Duncan Falls in a two-horse sleigh.

John Dugan's widow had married James Taylor, Sr., proprietor of Taylorsville (now Philo) on Nov. 29, 1833, eight years after her husband's tragic death.

But in the intervening eight years she managed the Green Tree. In 1827 she built a three-story brick addition to the hotel.

When Mrs. Dugan and James Taylor were married in 1833, they moved to Taylorsville. Little has been known about Taylor because two other John Taylors lived here and because we lacked an obituary.

About 25 years ago a Zanesville High School student found a stack of trash at the Fillmore home in Brighton and knew who would be interested in what he salvaged. The trash included an obituary of James Taylor and several relics presented by Bishop Fenwick to the Dugan family.

The obituary said that Taylor became a convert to Catholicism a few years after her married Mrs. Dugan. He died at Duncan Falls on Nov. 11, 1854, at the age of 69.

His widow moved to Putnam a year before she died on Nov. 16, 1867, at the age of 83.

In 1925 St. Thomas Catholic Church was being enlarged. As workmen dug with their shovels, they found a human skeleton.

Was it an Indian? Or had the workers discovered a forgotten pioneer cemetery? There was no printed reference source available. But Thomas W. Lewis, columnist for the "Times-Signal", drew upon his knowledge of pioneer history and published an account of the zealous and generous pioneer Catholic who had donated the lot and had been buried there after his fatal stagecoach accident in 1825.