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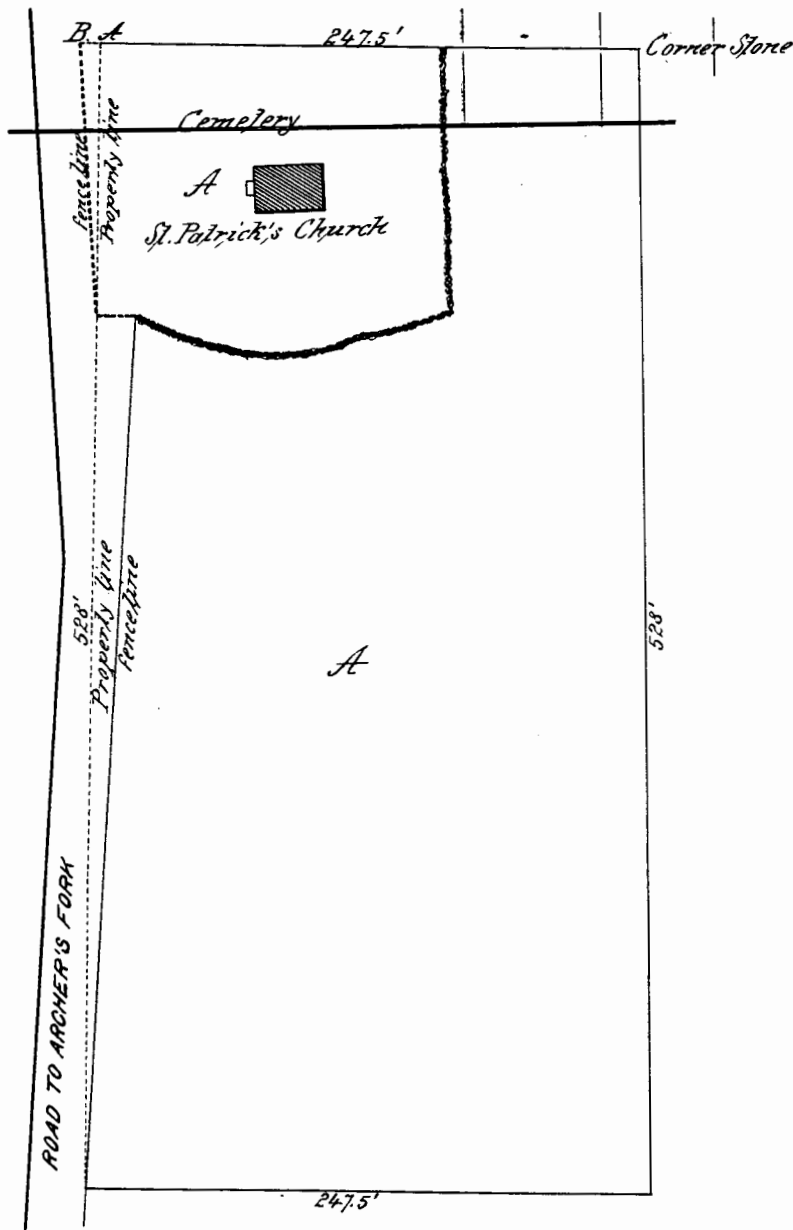
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## ST. PATRICK MISSION, FOX SETTLEMENT LUDLOW TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO 1863-1954

William Fox, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, at the age of about 55 years left his native land and came to America with his family. At least a dozen family members were involved in the migration. Besides William, there were his wife Jane (born Maginnis), sons Patrick, William, and James, daughters Mary and Sarah, Patrick's wife Mary (Moffet), Mary's husband Terrence McKenna, and grandchildren William and Sarah Fox and Edward McKenna. The patriarch of the family with Jane and son James came west across the Appalachians and down the Ohio River to locate a place to settle, leaving the others behind in Pennsylvania, and in 1841 settled in a sugar camp in Ludlow Township, Washington County. (1) The claim has been made that William, Jane, and James were "the first Catholic citizens of the county outside of Marietta." Prior to this there were Catholics in or near Beverly (2) and in Union Township, (3) but the Fox claim appears to have no challengers in the eastern part of the county.

The area chosen for settlement was in the southeastern corner of the township, on the southern side of Hohman Ridge and the northern banks of what came to be called Irish Run, a tributary of Archer's Fork. Mr. Fox entered the first land in sections 1 and 7, survived the winter of 1842, when a catamount was killed in the spring-house, and then sent James back to Pennsylvania for the rest of the family. Patrick Fox and family and the McKennas came west about 1843; James Fox came west again with his young family about 1853; Sarah Fox married James McCormack. Arthur and Margaret Maginnis, mentioned in one record, presumably were kin of Mrs. Fox. Together with the families of Irish immigrants Patrick Gallagher and Charles Cawley, the extended family William Fox formed the core of what for many years would be known as Fox's Settlement -- and St. Patrick mission.

The McKennas' house, near Irish Run in Section 12, just across the township line in Grandview Township, was the community's Mass house for nearly twenty years. The community was visited by priests living at Beaver St. Dominic (later St. Mary's), some thirty miles to the north. Fathers Charles McCallion, and Philip Foley made that arduous trip from Beaver in the early days, and were succeeded by Rev. John C. Kroemer of Miltonsburg in the years 1848 through 1854. Father Kroemer, however, became weak and infirm and all of the mission work fell upon Rev. J. W. Brummer of Beaver (4), who seems never to have visited Washington County. Rev. John M. Jacquet, who became pastor at Beaver in 1855, seems to have become aware of Fox's Settlement when he visited



Plat of the first St. Patrick's

the log church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Crane's Nest in October of 1856 and James and Sara McCormick brought their daughter Ann there to be baptized. He then visited "Archer's Fork" regularly through the year 1859. Father Jacquet recorded fourteen Easter communicants at "Archer's Fork, Washington Co." in 1857. (See appended list.) The number had increased to twenty-five by 1859 and it was becoming apparent that the community would soon be able to support a mission church. Beginning about 1859, Fox's Settlement was attended from Fulda.

On February 23, 1861, James and Sarah McCormack donated to Archbishop Purcell a three-acre site "for the use and benefit of the St. Patrick Roman Catholic congregation of Washington County." (5) The site was the highest hill-top on the McCormack farm, rising some 300 feet above the houses along Irish Run. It was described in the deed as a 32 by 15 rod rectangle in the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 7 in Ludlow Township. The church and graveyard were on the north end of the property. (Now on the east side of Township Road 411, 1/4 mile south of Twp. Road 34.)

Construction of the log church (6) commenced in 1863 and it was dedicated by Archbishop Purcell on August 27 of the same year. The total cost of "edifice, fence and furniture" was \$464.00. The little church seems to have had most of the standard appointments. Father D. J. Klüber, who lived at Fulda and visited the southeastern missions on horseback, in a letter dated January 17, 1866 mentioned that Fox Settlement had only one chasuble -- but at least it had that. He also mentioned "two places and they are twelve miles from Fox Settlement, this side [possibly Harrietsville] and the other side [Crane's Nest?], whereto I occasionally go and say Mass, and where there is no confessional, and I do not see how to get one." (7) One can infer from this that St. Patrick's log church did have a confessional.

Beginning in 1872 and continuing until about 1949, St. Patrick's was a mission of Harrietsville, some twelve miles to the northwest in Noble County. Rev. Louis Grimmer, the first priest stationed at Harrietsville, in his report to Bishop Rosecrans in 1872 said that St. Patrick's included about thirty families, whom he visited twice a month.

By 1880 a few more Irish families had arrived, notably those of Matthew Cullen and Matthew O'Brien, but the congregation soon took on a new complexion. By the early 1880s several German Catholic families had moved into the vicinity and purchased or rented farms on the fringes of the old Irish community. Martin and Mary Ann Schilling were there as early as 1857. German-Catholic land owners appearing in the 1875 atlas (8) were S. Schneider, John Krass, J. K. Ruppel, and Mrs. Louisa Miller. Those appearing in the 1880 census were John and Margaret Schoen (from Bavaria), Joseph and Mary Johanning (Hanover and Prussia), John and Margaret Krass (Prussia), John Rishman (Bavaria) and Margaret, Alois and Mary Fournier (Bavaria), Peter and Barbara Weisent (Alsace and Bavaria), John and Caroline Ruppel (Prussia), and Sebastian and Hannah Schneider (Prussia). Some of these were new immigrants, while others may have moved in from German-Catholic settlements to the north. The Germans became so numerous that eventually they were predominant in the congregation. Father Mehler of Harrietsville reported to Bishop Hartley 56 German-speaking and only 21 English-speaking Catholics at St. Patrick's in 1910. (9)

This influx probably brought about the decision to build a new church. The origin of the new building is succinctly described in Hartley's history:

In the year 1884 it was decided to build a new Church, but the members would not agree on the place where to build the new Church, until Rt. Rev. Bishop Watterson, of Columbus, decided the dispute at the time of his visitation on May 4, 1885. Three acres of land was donated by a member of the congregation, O. Fournier, and Father J. B. Gamber began at once to push the work of building a new Church. The new St. Patrick's Church is 40x70, frame. Mr. Demning of Chicago, drew up the plan and specifications in the Fall of 1885. The foundation was built during the following Winter. Mr. J. J. Weisandt and James McKenna, members of the congregation, did the carpenter work. The corner stone was laid by Rev. J. B. Gamber, May 16, 1886. The cost of the building was \$2,500.00. The debt was mostly paid by donations from members of the congregation; in a few years they had the debt all paid.

The the three-acre site was donated by Aloysius and Mary Fournier by a deed dated August 21, 1886. It is about one mile north of the original site, on the east side of Township Road 34, 1/4 mile south of Hohman (Bluebird). The church was dedicated by Bishop Watterson on Sunday, October 27, 1889, when he also confirmed 22 persons there. (10)

The little mission by 1918 had dropped to only 18 families, because of the difficulties encountered in farming the worn out, hilly land. It grew again and by 1925 consisted of 132 souls in 31 families. Mass was offered there two Sundays a month, weather permitting, by Rev. A. C. Barr of Harrietsville. By 1930, the population had dropped to 121 and by 1942 it had dropped to 80. (In the latter year, catechism was taught to the children of the mission by Miss C. Patterson.) (11) In 1941 to 1943, under Rev. Anthony G. Nickel, the church was renovated, repaired, and painted.

Names of families which appear in the little graveyard in this later era are: Walter and Catherine Blatter, Jacob and Margaret Blatter, Binegar, Bostaph, Theobald Burkhart and family, Cramer, Raphael and Mary Deegan, John and Maggie Delong, Carl E. Douglas, Earl and Rosemary Donahoe, Elizabeth Hagedorn, Louis and Ella Hager, James and Mae Hopper, Emil Kalb & family, John Kelly, Lantz, John and Ellen (McCormack) Muth, the Nealis family (McKenna descendants), John Nau, William and Maria Schmelzenbach, Charles and Matilda Sine, Daniel and Nettie Thomas, August and Magdalena Vogt, Frank Vogel, and Samuel and Mary Weimer. (12)

The community continued a mission of Harrietsville until about 1950, when it was served for a year by priests from Marietta. In the years 1951 through was served by the administrator of Caldwell's parish and then it was closed.

Wayne National Forest has been established in the region, and the hills of Hohman Ridge and the valley of Irish Run are slowly returning to the appearance they had when the Fox family first arrived 151 years ago.

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#### NOTES

1. History of Washington County, Ohio; Cleveland: H. Z. Williams & Bro., 1881; page 702.
  2. Washington County Deed Records 28/365 and 40/722. We hope to present the details of the proposed Catholic church in Beverly at a later date.
  3. Churchtown, Union Township, where St. John the Baptist Church was built in the 1850s.
  4. See "Sts. Peter and Paul Mission, Dougherty's Settlement", in the Bulletin, Vol. XIV, No. 6 (June, 1989).
  5. Deed Record 51/600. The deed lists a price of \$50, but Hartley's history (page 528) states that the land was donated.
  6. History of Washington County, Ohio, op. cit., page 703.
  7. Hartley, pp. 65-66.
  8. Lake, D. J., C.E., Atlas of Washington County Ohio; Philadelphia: Titus, Simmons & Titus, 1875.
  9. Archives, Diocese of Columbus.
  10. Catholic Columbian, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 1889.
  11. Annual reports, Archives, Diocese of Columbus.
  12. The tombstone inscriptions were published in Cemetery Inscriptions from Washington Co. Ohio, Vol. III, by Arthur McKittrick, pages 147-154. (A copy is available at the State Library of Ohio.)
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ST. PATRICK MISSION, FOX SETTLEMENT  
LUDLOW TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO  
Records from Beaver St. Dominic, 1844-1859

[Courtesy of Rev. Charles Mascolino, pastor of Barnesville Church of the Assumption and Temperanceville St. Mary's Church.]

#### Baptisms

- 1843, May 2 Sarah Ann McKenna, daughter of Terence and Mary; sponsors William and Eunice Judge. C. D. McCallion
- 1844, Oct. 2 James, son of Terence McKenna and Mary Fox; sponsors James Fox and Mary Maginnis. P. Foley

- 1844, Dec. 31 John, son of James McCormick and Sarah Fox; spons. William Judge and Mary Fox. P. Foley
- 1845, Mar. 31 Catherine Jane, daughter of Patrick Fox and Mary Moffet; spons. Arthur McGennis and Margaret McGennis. P. Foley
- 1856, Oct. 26 At the church of Sts. Peter and Paul [Crane's Nest], Ann McCormick, daughter of James and Sara, born Feb. 18; spons. Margaret Daugherty. J. M. Jacquet
- 1856, Nov. 24 At Archer's Fork in Washington County, Sara Ann McColley, daughter of Mathew and Ann, three years old; spons. Sara McKanna. JMJ
- 1856, Nov. 24 At the same place, Ann Gallagher, daughter of Patrick and Catherine, born March 1 last; spons. James McCormick & Sara McCormick. JMJ
- 1857, May 27 In Washington County, Daniel Charles Cauly, son of Patrick and Mary, born the 23rd of this month; spons. Edward McKenna and Catherine Cauly. JMJ
- 1857, May 27 In Washington County, Charles William Webber, son of Robert and Margaret, born the 14th of this month; spons. Bartholomew Cauly and Alice O'Neil. JMJ
- 1857, Sept. 29 In Washington County, Mary Shilling, daughter of Martin and Mary, born Aug. 4 last; spons. Charles Cauly and Mary McKanna. JMJ
- 1857, Sept. 29 In Washington County, Terence McKanna, son of Terence and Mary, born the 8th of this month; spons. James McCormick and Sara Fox. JMJ
- 1858, July 8 At Archer's Fork, Washington County, Sara McCormick, daughter of James and Sara Ann, born March 18 last; spons. James McKanna and Sara Ann McKanna. JMJ
- 1858, July 8 At the same place, Margaret Fox, daughter of James & Margaret, born March 7 last; spons. James McCormick and Catherine Jacoba Fox. JMJ
- 1859, March 1 At Archers Fork, Washington County, William Gallagher, born November 8 last, son of Patrick and Catherine; spons. Charles Cauly and Catherine Cauly. JMJ
- 1859, March 1 At the same place, Sara Jacoba Cauly, daughter of Patrick and Mary, born December 17 last; spons. James McCormick and Sara Jacoba Webber. JMJ
- 1859, March 2 At the same place, Thomas Harrington, son of John and Ann, born Sept. 6 last; spons. James Fox and Mary McKanna. JMJ
- 1859, June 22 In Washingto County, John M----- Webber, son of Robert and Margaret, born March 29 last; spons. Edward and Sara McKanna. JMJ

#### Marriage

1845, Apr. 22 William Fox to Elizabeth Harrin. Philip Foley

[The 1881 county history says that the family of William Fox, Jr., deceased, was then in Iowa. The Harrins or Harrens were from Dougherty's Settlement on Crane's Nest Creek, Monroe County.]

#### 1857 Easter Communion at Archer's Fork

Old Mrs. Fox *	Catherine Cauly	Mr. McKenna
Mrs. James Fox	Mathew Cauly	Mrs. McKenna
Patrick Cauly	Mrs. Mathew Cauly	Mr. Chilling
Old Mr. Cauly	James Cormick	Mrs. Chilling
Old Mrs. Cauly	Sara Cormick	

[\* This was Jane (Maginnis) Fox; William Fox Sr. had died July 19, 1849, according to his tombstone.]

1st Communion at Archer's Fork  
 Washington Co., September 30, 1857  
 Edward M'Kenna Sara Fox  
 John M'Cormick Sara M'Kenna

1859 Easter Communion  
 Archer's Fork, Washington Co.

Charles Cauly	Mr. Shilling	Edward McKenna
Catherine Cauly	Mrs. Shilling	Mary McKenna
Matthew Cauly	Mrs. Webber	Sara McKenna
Mrs. Matthew Cauly	Pat Cauly	Edward McKenna
James Fox	Mrs. Cauly	James McCormick
Mrs. James Fox	Mrs. P. Fox	Mrs. McCormick
Pat Gallagher	Sara Fox	John McCormick
Mrs. Gallagher	Catherine Fox	John Harrington
Old Mrs. Fox		

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ORIGINS OF GERMAN CATHOLICS OF COLUMBUS  
 FROM THE HOLY CROSS PARISH CENSUS  
 (Continued from Vol. XVI, Number 8)

Dotter, Paulus, born 17 Nov., 1824 in Wernfeld/Main, Gmunder, Unterfranken, son of Paulus Dotter and Emilia Schmidt; died 24 Sept., 1904. Wife Theresia Leibold, born 2 Aug., 1824 at Brückenau, Baiern; daughter of Georg Leibold and Anna Maria Baus; died 27 Feb., 1890. (eight children)

Dürler, Joseph, born 9 July, 1847 at Saulgau, Württemberg, son of Dionysus and Sophia Dürler. Wife Anna M. Schmidt, born 22 March, 1851, daughter of Xaver and Regina Schmidt. Married 23 July, 1878 in Saulgau. (six children)

Dury, John, born 1 May, 1830, in Behla, Donaueschingen, Baden, son of Mathias Dury and Crescentia; died 19 Aug., 1877. First wife Josephina Wolf (three children). Second wife, Catharina Schaefer, born 10 Aug., 1837 in Lindenberg, Neustadt/Hardt, Rheinpfalz, daughter of Mathias Schaefer and Catharina Graef. (six children)

Eberle, John X., born 12 Feb., 1851 in Martinsburg, W. Va., son of Christoph Eberle from Baden and Margaret from Bayern. Wife Maria Anna Luntz, born 8 Feb., 1852, daughter of Michael Luntz and Anna M. Eisel. Married 9 May, 1876, Holy Cross Church. (ten children)

Eberlein, Anton, born 27 June, 1825 in Baiern, Gemünden, Würzburg, son of Lorenz Eberlein and Appollonia Heinbeck. Wife Christina Stahl, born 8 March, 1815 in Ipphofen, Baiern, Würzburg, daughter of Michael Stahl and Elizabeth Burkard; died 15 April, 1900. Married 27 Aug., 1856. "No children"

Egger, Gabriel, born 1847, Orsingen, Seckreis, Baden [?], son of Jacob Egger and Afra Weber. Wife Josephine Besch, daughter of Aloys Besch. (three children) Engelbert Egger, born 30 Oct., 1845. Maria Egger, born 1843, [married or daughter of?] Andrew Lauch, Delaware.

Eichner, John, born 1829 in Mittelshefflins, Baden, son of Johann Eichner and Agnes; died 1883. Wife Catharina Meyer, born 17 Dec., 1830 in Heuchelheim, Hechstadt, Baiern, daughter of Nicolaus Meyer and Barbara Tellermann; died Jan. 23, 1911. (five children)

Eisel, Christian [in census book under Jäger], from Nassau; died 29 July, 1871. Wife Maria Oehlgütz, born 1840 in Langenbrücken, Bruchsal, Baden, daughter of Andreas Oehlgütz and Regina Lunz. (She married secondly Otto Jäger, born 15 Feb., 1845 in Baden, son of Michael Franz Jaeger and Crescentia Zophinger born Keller; he died 30 July, 1916.) (three Eisel children)

Eisel, Nicholas - see Jacob Kronenberger; Christoph Lind; Michael Lunz; and Sebastian Veit.

Ender, John, born 1812 in Riedeberg, Remishau [?], Baiern; died 1875. Wife Barbara Gleisner, born 4 Feb., 1829, in Erlach, Bamberg, daughter of Johann Gleisner and Anna Maria. Married in 1867 at Holy Cross church. (four daughters)

Engel, John Baptist, born in Elsass, died in 1864. Wife Maria Anna Becker, born 1836 in Blukenbach, Baden, daughter of Franz Becker and Catharina Vogel. (four children)

Engler, Franz, born 19 Dec., 1826 in Schlatt, Baden, son of Johann Georg Engler and Elizabeth Stigler. Wife Elizabeth Kaufmann, born 23 April, 1836 in Flosembach, Darmstadt, daughter of Peter Kaufmann and Eva Elizabeth Boch. (eight children)

Engler, Georg - see Lorenz Beck

Engler, George Peter, born 1873 in Columbus, son of Frank [Engler] and Elizabeth Kaufmann. Wife Katherine Ayers, born 1875 in Middleport, Ohio, daughter of Napoleon and Mary Ayers. Married in 1893 at Holy Cross church. (three children)

Engler, Joseph, born 9 March, 1834 in Schlatt, Baden, son of Georg Engler and Elizabeth Stegeler (Elizabeth was born 1793 and died 25 Dec., 1843); died July 6, 1910. Wife Johanna Lampe from Dirberg, Mittelbaiern, born 10 Aug., 1839, daughter of Casper Lampe and Catharina Luntz. Married 4 Oct., 1855. (ten children)

Ept, Franz, born 1814 in Kirchlauter, Ebelsbach, Bayern [son of?] Anna M. Ept. Wife Carolina Belland, born 1814 in Kirchlauter, daughter of Dorothea Belland. Married in Kirchlauter. (two sons)

Erbacher, Valentin, born 15 Feb., 1844 in Sonderheim, Germesheim, Rheinpfalz, son of Sebastian Erbacher and Margaretha Kaus. Wife Maria Anna Strasser, born 5 Aug., 1838 in Herdt, Germesheim, daughter of Michael Strasser and Maria Anna Bast. Married at St. Mary's. (one daughter)

Ernst, Peter - see Christian Köhl.

Farischon, Bernard, born 1821 in Beuer, Salem, Baden, son of Lorenz Farischon and Carolina Steiner; died Jan. 28, 1868. Wife Francisca Rapp, born 9 March,

1828 in Leistädten, Heiligenberg, Baden, daughter of Dominic Rapp and Clara Träher. Married at Holy Cross. (three children)

Feil, Adolph, born 2 June, 1836 in Württemberg, son of Georg Feil and Magdalena; died Feb., 1917. Wife Melinda Fischinger, born 17 Aug., 1846 in Columbus, daughter of Frederick Fischinger and Melinda, from Württemberg. Married April 25, 1865. (five children)

Festner, Joseph, born in Baden. Wife Margaretha Wolf, born 1838 in Wirtheim bei Huntheim, Baden, daughter of Francis Wolf and Veronica Merz; died 26 Sept., 1877. (five children)

Fink, Franz Xavier, born 2 Sept., 1832 in Engelwarz bei Kempen, Schwaben, Neuburg. Wife Marianna Schnitzler, born 6 Dec., 1827 in Kùbach, Landg. Aihach, Ober Baiern, daughter of Jacob Schnitzler and Victoria; died 6 Dec., 1898. Married in 1859 in Evansville, N.Y. (five children)

Fischer, August, born 13 Dec., 1827 in Schlierbach, Lanzer, Elsass, son of Johann Fischer and Magdalena Landauer; died 24 Aug., 1899. Wife Crescentia Raab, born 14 March, 1832 in Amach Herrieden, Ansbach, daughter of Franz Raab and Marianna Nachtraab; died 27 Dec., 1899. Married 1854. (six children)

Fischinger, Friedrich - see Adolph Feil

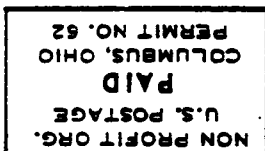
Fraas, Machold Joseph, born 8 Nov., 1835 in Ditchendorf, Schleiz, son of Henry Fraas and Christina Meyer; died 1899. Wife: the widow Cunigunda (Müller) Mehling (see Frank Mehling).

(To be continued)

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FIREBOX PHILOSOPHY  
from the Catholic Columbian, November 25, 1880

The Rt. Rev. Bishop [Watterson] arrived from Dennison in Bellaire Monday evening, November 15th, accompanied by the energetic pastor of Steubenville, and having rested over night, started again down the now famous Bellaire and Southwestern Narrow Gauge Railroad. It was train No. 2 again, with Conductor Hayden and Engineer James Sherry and our good friend John Lay -- "Dutch John" -- fireman. But this time all went well -- not an accident, not a delay. The Bishop took his wanted place on the engine, and Dutch John continued his good hearted, generous, welcome. "The real road to Heaven," said the Bishop, "is also a narrow gauge." "Well," said Dutch John, "I hope they pays better wages than they do on this narrow gauge." Again, as Dutch John, with long iron poker, stirred up the fire in the engine furnace so that the flames leaped through the furnace door, "I hope," said the Bishop, "the Devil will not stir you up that way in the next world." "If I was going there," quickly answered Dutch John, "I would take this tank of water with me."

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