



Registrum Baptismale

*Ecclesia Sti Remigii,
Columbus, Ohio.*

Anno 1837.

*Die 18 Junii. Ego baptizavi Georgium, natum 23^{to} 1836,
filium Bernardi Bursch et Annae Miller. Sponsors
fuerunt Georgius Sulzer et Elizabetha Schickel.*

*Idem. Ego baptizavi Annam Mariae, natam 25 Martii hujus
filiam Fridolini Schumacher et Mariae Bursch. Sponsors
fuerunt Jacobus Schickel et Isabella Neill.*

*Idem. Ego baptizavi Martinum, natum 18 maii hujus
filium Martini Neill et Catharinae Selig. Sponsors
fuerunt Benedictus Selig et Catharina Selig.*

In quorum fidem subscripsi. H. E. Mattingly.

The first Catholic church in Columbus was St. Remigius, now Holy Cross church located on the corner of South Fifth and East Rich Streets. The first volume of St. Remigius' baptism records, 1837-1846, gives important information about the earliest Catholic families of the area. The baptismal register, the first page of which is shown above, was written in Latin. It has been translated for publication in the BULLETIN by Donald M. Schlegel. By research he has further enhanced the records by adding information about the families, such as their place of residence and the occupation of the head of the family. The first entries of the baptismal register are on the following pages.

ST. REMIGIUS PARISH, COLUMBUS
SACRAMENTAL REGISTER, 1837 - 1846

The sacramental register of St. Remigius parish in Columbus was begun on June 18, 1837. At that time, the lot for the church had been provisionally donated and some stone and sand had been gathered for its construction, but little other progress had been made. The church was not ready for services until the spring of 1838. (1-4) The first entries in the register were all made by Reverend Henry D. Juncker, who was officially appointed to take charge of the church building program in Columbus that year.

The last record in the register was dated January 24, 1846, just after the completion of the walls of Holy Cross church, which replaced the tiny St. Remigius. The first sacramental register of Holy Cross began with January, 1846, repeating the last few St. Remigius records. In the eight and one-half years of the St. Remigius register, there were recorded 414 baptisms, twelve first communions (in 1844), eighty-seven marriages, and twenty burials. Records include baptisms in Delaware, Marion, Springfield, and Lithopolis, and one in Newark. The register represents the tireless efforts of the following priests: Henry D. Juncker, Josue M. Young, John G. Alleman, O.P., Basil Shorb, Archbishop John B. Purcell, Joseph Gallinger, William Schonat, J. B. Emig, Dominic Senez, and Joseph T. Jarbo, O.P.

The register is valuable as raw data for the compilation of family histories. It is most valuable for church history, in providing the names of the active members of the Catholic community of that era; it not only establishes their presence in the area but allows evaluation to be made of their standing in the secular community and of their contributions to it. Population growth in this period was phenomenal for the city and also for the church, because of the openings of the Ohio and Erie Canal and of the National Road. In 1834 there were about eighty Catholics in the city. (5) In 1843, St. Remigius claimed 700 members, including many outside the city limits. (6) Lists of names of subscribers for the construction of St. Remigius and Holy Cross churches have been published, but these include many persons who were not members of the congregation. Only by using the register (and a few years later the lists of pew rents) can the members of the congregation be identified.

The names appearing in the register have been compared with the 1840 Federal census, the 1843 Columbus directory, and the 1850 Federal census. Notes from these and a few other sources have been added to the register as printed here. Summaries of the 1840 and 1843 data will be presented in later editions of the BULLETIN. Many of those noted as living outside of the city in 1850 may not have been at their permanent residences; many fled from the city to escape the cholera and had not yet returned when the census was taken. (7) Some families not located in 1850 had probably moved west during the gold rush but later returned to Columbus.

Many of those whose names appeared in the sacramental register were westward migrants. Some names appeared only once and could not be found in any of the other sources consulted, while for others a migration pattern could be traced as shown in the notes. Research in later records indicates that a few of the families may have died out while living in Columbus. However, there is another group of names which appears in these records of

the 1840's, names which can be found among active members of Columbus Catholic parishes of the 1980's. These names, Bair, Rodenfels, and Getreu, for example, by their very presence speak highly of their Church, their city, and their own families.

Of the 414 baptisms, 322 or 78 percent were of persons of German ancestry, 75 or 18 percent were English or Irish, and 17 or four percent were mixed, other, or now of uncertain origin. The original records were in Latin. Family names have been reproduced here exactly as they were in the original; given names have been translated to the German or English form, as the persons themselves would have spoken them. When in doubt, the English form has been used. In order to save space, the complete Latin sentences of the original have been reduced to the basic information. The translation and notes were provided for the Society by Mr. Donald M. Schlegel.

The history of St. Remigius has been published in several places, including the first four references:

- (1) Studer, Jacob H., Columbus, Ohio: Its History, Resources and Progress; Columbus, 1873; pp 162 ff.
- (2) Hartley, Rt. Rev. James J., Diocese of Columbus, The History of Fifty Years, 1868-1918; pp 159 ff.
- (3) Kappes, Rev. William, unpublished manuscript history of Holy Cross Parish; a copy is contained in the files of the Catholic Record Society.
- (4) Hakel, Rev. Joseph, "Historical notes on Holy Cross Parish," in the BULLETIN, Vol. IV, pp 299-302, 308-309, and 318-320.
- (5) Letter from Rev. N. D. Young to Bishop Purcell, printed in Shea's History of the Catholic Church in the United States, p. 620.
- (6) Columbus Business Directory for 1843-4; Columbus: J. R. Armstrong, 1843; p. 65.
- (7) Studer, op. cit., page 48.

BREAKDOWN OF BAPTISMS BY NATIONAL ORIGIN

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Baptisms</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Irish or English</u>	<u>Mixed, Other, Unsure</u>
1837	10	7	2	1
1838	46	41	5	-
1839	32	26	4	2
1840	41	35	4	2
1841	32	21	10	1
1842	42	38	2	2
1843	63	51	10	2
1844	62	49	12	1
1845	73	44	24*	5
1846	13	10	2	1
Totals	414	322	75	17

* Three inter-related families in Delaware County with multiple baptisms in each family account for thirteen of these twenty-four.

Years 1837 - 46

Baptismal Register, Church of St. Remigius,
Columbus, Ohio

Year 1837

1. June 18: Georg, born 23 December, 1836, son of Bernard Burcke and Anna Ritter. Sponsors Georg Studder and Elisabetha Jacobs.
[Bernhard BÜRCK, a native of Baden, was the first German brewer in Columbus; his house and brewery were on the north side of South (Fulton) Street, between High and Third streets.]
2. Same Day: Anna Maria, born 25 March this year, daughter of Fridolin Schumacher and Maria Durm. Sponsors Jacob Fischer and Blandina Rost. [?]
[Fridolin or Friederich Schumacher was a cabinet maker, born in Germany around 1812. (1850 Ward 4, p. 493) Jacob Fischer was a resident of Franklinton in 1840. (p. 151) He died on August 8, 1845 at the age of 72 years and was buried in the Franklinton cemetery. His wife had died on January 17, 1837, aged 55 years. (Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly, I, 70.)]
3. Same Day: Martin, born 18 May this year, son of Martin Kuhn and Katharina Lotz. Sponsors Benedict Lotz and Katharina Lotz.
H. D. Juncker
[Martin Kuhn was a farmer in Montgomery township in 1840. (p. 196) He was born in Germany around 1791. (1850 p. 815) He died on October 8, 1860 and was buried in St. Jacob's cemetery.]
4. June 18: John, born 5 February 1837, son of Juseph Muller and Regina Zuger. Sponsors Peter Schwartz and Anna Maria Doll. H. D. Juncker
[Joseph Müller was probably the Joseph Miller living in Montgomery township near the Schwartz family in 1840. (p. 195)]
5. 19 June: Anna, born 13 January 1837, daughter of Karl Groff and Patience Manning. Sponsors Cornelius Jacobs and Maria Kreitzer. H. D. Juncker
6. 22 June: Barbara, born 14 October 1836, daughter of John Nuss and Magdalena Weiner. Sponsors Henry Wiand and Barbara Nuss. H. D. Juncker
[Henry "Wyanttt" was living in Violet township, Fairfield County, in 1840.]
7. 6 August: Catherine, born 13 May 1835, and Thomas, born 14 August 1836, children of Thomas Griffen and Juliana Halahan. H. D. Juncker
8. 13 August: Margaretha, born August 9, daughter of Peter Schwartz and Elisabetha Zuger. Sponsors Joseph Müller and Margaretha Reinhart.
H. D. Juncker
[Peter Schwartz was a farmer in Montgomery township in 1840 (p. 195) and in 1850. He was born in France around 1804 and immigrated around 1839. (1850 p. 825) He died on December 14, 1856 and was buried at St. Jacob's. Margaret, the daughter, married Thomas Riddel on April 25, 1859 before Rev. C. H. Borgess. She died on February 26, 1860 and was buried at St. Jacob's. Elisabetha, the wife, was born March 27, 1800 and died December 5, 1867 and was also buried at St. Jacob's.]
9. 6 November: Jacob, born 28 October, son of Ignaz Becker and Barbara Schwab. Sponsors Jacob Vogel and Maria Anna Vogel. H. D. Juncker

10. 9 January: In Delaware, Andrew, born 1 November 1837, son of Gregory Pfeiffer and Anna Maria Beck. Sponsors Andrew Müller and Kunigunda Muller.
H. D. Juncker
[Gregory Pfeiffer, born in Germany around 1813, was living in the town of Delaware in 1850. (p. 184)]
11. 12 January: Johann, born 5 November 1837, son of Wendelin Redel and Eva Simon. Sponsors Johann Zimmers and Margaretha Schlumberger.
H. D. Juncker
12. 12 January: Johann, born 29 November 1837, son of Georg Studer and Regina Werst. Sponsors Bernard Burck and Theresia Scheringer, Christian Karst and Katharina Krauss.
[Georg Studer was a teamster residing at the northwest corner of Friend and Scioto streets in 1843.]
13. Same Day: Wilhelm, born 24 November 1837, son of Simon Gutteman and Katharina Maurad. Sponsors Joseph Becker and Marlina Belikan.
[Simon Gutteman lived north of State Street in Columbus in 1840. (p. 203)]
14. Same Day: Adam, born 28 December 1837, son of Adam Wagner and Margaretha Heinz. Sponsors Adam Luckhaupt and Magdalena Siffert also Jacob Scheringer and Katharina Lehnhard.
[Adam "Waggoner" was a stone cutter, born in Germany around 1812. (1850 Wd. 5, p. 444) He was living in the northern end of the city in 1840 but by 1843 was living on the west side of Third Street between South and Mound streets. Adam Luckhaupt was a wagon maker, born in Hessia around 1810. (1850 Wd. 2, p. 689) In 1843 his residence was on the east side of Scioto Street near Broad.]
15. Same Day: Ludwig, born 18 November 1837, son of Morritz Hader and Maria Anna Doll. Sponsors Heinrich Vars and Regina Studer and Louisa Wars.
H. D. Juncker
16. 29 April: Jacob, born 30 March 1838, son of Urs Brund and Anna Maria Bescha. Sponsors Jacob Reinhard and Margaretha Reinhard.
[Jacob Frund died March 4, 1866, aged 27 years, 11 months, 2 days: tombstone at St. Jacob's. Urs Freund was a farmer in Truro township as early as 1840. He was born in Germany on November 28, 1800 and immigrated around 1829. He died on April 8, 1873 and was buried at St. Jacob's.]
17. Same Day: Elisabetha, born 21 March 1838, daughter of Stephen Kähly and Katharina Kähly. Sponsors Blasius Kahly and Walburga Zenter.
[Blasius should probably be Paulus.]
18. Same Day: Margaretha, born 12 October "this year", daughter of Peter Staub and Eva Maria Schwaring. Sponsors Michael Reinhard and Katharina Kahly.
[Michael A. Reinhardt, born in Bavaria in 1789, immigrated in 1832 and settled in Prairie township, where he lived the rest of his life. He was among the first German farmers in the state to cultivate the grape and produce Ohio wine. He died in 1879. See biographical sketch in Williams' Brothers' 1880 History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, between pages 544 and 545.]

Year 1838, continued

19. Same Day: Franz Xavier, born 17 March, son of Franz Xavier Middleholtz and Elisabetha Maddemuller. Sponsors Anton Werle, Jacob Lauer, Caroline Speizer, and Didona Middleholtz. H. D. Juncker
["F. Midlewood" was living in Franklinton in 1840. (p. 151)]
20. 29 April: Elizabeth, born November 1837, daughter of Brice Helmick and Catherine Forst. Sponsors Charles Cross and Martha Clarek. H. D. Juncker
[Brice Helmick was living in Franklinton in 1840. (p. 152) He was a carpenter, born in Ohio around 1811. He moved to Zanesville around 1842. (1850, Zanesville Ward 4, p. 260)]
21. 7 May: Francisca Katharina, born 14 November 1837, daughter of Johann Adelsberger and Katharina Odmann. Sponsors Cornelius Jacobs and Susanna Cronnenberger.
22. Same Day: Georg Eugene, born 27 December 1837, son of Johann Jacobs and Magdalena Krauss. Sponsors Eugene Kaus, Georg Krauss, Katharina Krauss, and Susanna Cronnenberger. H. D. Juncker
[Johann Jacobs was a saddler, born in Germany around 1803. He was living in Columbus in 1840. In 1843 he lived on the north side of Friend Street between High and Third. In 1850 he was living in Prairie township. (1850 p. 234) Georg Krauss was a baker and grocer in Columbus. He apparently was not a member of St. Remigius, since his children were not baptized there. (1850 Wd. 4, p. 532) Kaus should probably be Koos - see #72 below.]
23. 14 May: Maria Theresa, born 1 March, daughter of Louis Hebling and Maria Anna Fleck. Sponsors Michael Ussermann and Theresa Kock. H. D. Juncker
24. 13 May: Sara Elizabeth, born 25 December 1837, daughter of John Weaver and Catherine Frey. Sponsors Franz Karlsbecker and Katharina Karlsberger.
[John Weaver was a farmer in Brown township. He was born in Pennsylvania around 1805 and brought his family to Ohio around 1837. (1850 p. 385)]
25. Same Day: Bernhard, born 8 May 1838, son of Wilhelm Groblinghoff and Maria Anna Schult. Sponsors John Weaver and Maria Anna Vogel. H. D. Juncker
["W. Creplicuff" was living in Franklin township in 1840. (p. 157) By 1850 he had moved to Springfield, Ohio. He was born in Prussia around 1802 and immigrated with his wife and child around 1834. (1850 Clark Co., p. 221)]
26. 9 May: In Delaware, Anna Maria, born 31 March 1838, daughter of Christoph Kirchner and Anna Maria Nusz. Sponsors John Getreu and Anna Maria Beck. H. D. Juncker
[Christoph Kirchner was living in the town of Delaware in 1840 (p. 235) and in 1850 (p. 184)]
27. 27 May: Celestine Joseph, born 17 May, son of Morritz Bisig and Maria Anna Kuricker. Patrons Joseph Zenter and Josephina Katharina Zenter. H. D. Juncker
["Morris Bisson" was a sawyer residing at the southwest corner of Mound and Fifth in 1843. He was born in the 1790's. The child, Celestine, died in February of 1840. (St. Remigius burial record)]

(To be continued)

SAINT ALOYSIUS SEMINARY

Columbus, Ohio

1871 - 1876

(Continued)

The third of the alumni of St. Aloysius seminary ordained in 1877 was Thomas J. Lane. Born in Walpole, Mass., in 1845, he made his early studies at Holy Cross college, Worcester, Mass., and at the Seminary in Montreal, Canada, conducted by the Sulpician Fathers. He then came to St. Aloysius seminary, Columbus. He was ordained Dec. 21, 1877, in St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, by Bishop Rosecrans, and celebrated his First Solemn Mass on Christmas day in the Cathedral.

Father Lane remained at the Cathedral until the fall of 1878 when he was sent to Athens, with charge of surrounding missions. In the summer of 1880 he was transferred to Mt. Vernon where Father Julius Brent, the pastor, had died. In 1885 ill health caused him to go south for a while. Upon his return he served at Marges in Carroll county, and then at Woodsfield in Monroe county. His last pastorate was at Jackson. He died in Good Samaritan hospital, Cincinnati, Oct. 26, 1891.

Father Lane was the last of former students of St. Aloysius ordained by Bishop Rosecrans. The bishop died the following October 21. However, three former students were ordained Nov. 7, 1879, in St. Francis church, Cincinnati, by Archbishop Purcell. They were John Sylvester Hannon, John Edmund McGuirk and Lawrence William Mulhane.

Father Hannon was born in Steubenville, Oct. 28, 1851. He served first in Shawnee, from 1879 to 1900 when he became pastor at St. Joseph's, Circleville. After a long and devoted pastorate he died August 25, 1932, and was buried in Steubenville.

Father McGuirk was a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., where he was born April 14, 1853. One record reveals that he studied at St. Aloysius', Columbus, and at St. Joseph's, Columbus. This would seem to indicate that he completed his studies under the care of the priests at the Cathedral. After being assistant at St. Patrick's, Columbus, for four and a half years, he was sent to Athens where he remained until 1889. His final long pastorate was at Holy Redeemer church, Portsmouth. He was made a Domestic Prelate. He died in Portsmouth Jan. 25, 1933.

One of the diocese's most distinguished priests was Father Mulhane. Born Feb. 21, 1856, in Berlin, Mass., he studied at St. Aloysius' and later under Bishop Rosecrans and the priests at the Cathedral. He was first stationed at the Cathedral, and was secretary to the bishop and chancellor from 1880-1885. Appointed pastor of St. Vincent's, Mt. Vernon, he remained there until his death, May 22, 1925.

Father Mulhane was known for his writing ability. He wrote a number of

short histories of the diocese for historical publications, and for quite some years wrote a column of comment for the Catholic Columbian, diocesan newspaper. His column was entitled, "The Catholic Viewpoint," and was nationally known and read.

James Joseph Hartley, future bishop of Columbus, was born in his see city, June 26, 1858. After attending St. Patrick's school, he went to St. Aloysius seminary. But he was only a couple of years in the seminary when it was forced to close. He continued his studies at Mt. St. Mary-of-the-West, Cincinnati, and at Niagara, New York. He was ordained by Bishop Watterson July 10, 1882. He served first as assistant at St. Peter's, Steubenville, and became the first pastor of Holy Name parish in that city. He was named bishop of Columbus and consecrated Feb. 25, 1904. His forty years as bishop saw a tremendous growth of the diocese. He died Jan. 12, 1944.

It is not certain that Austin Aloysius Cush studied at St. Aloysius', though his name is found in the ledger of accounts, but with no notation. He was born Aug. 18, 1855, at St. Joseph's (Jersey, Licking county), Ohio. After completing his studies for the priesthood at St. Vincent's, Beatty, Pa., and at St. Mary's, Baltimore, he was ordained by Cardinal Gibbons, Dec. 22, 1888. After one year at Good Shepherd convent, Columbus, Father Cush was sent to Dresden and missions. In 1897 he was appointed pastor at St. Rose's, New Lexington, where he remained until his death April 23, 1942.

Very few records of St. Aloysius' seminary are found in the diocesan archives. What few there are seem to reflect the constant financial struggle of the diocese itself. Bishop Rosecrans had great courage in starting St. Aloysius while he was building the Cathedral. In 1873 Father Ahrens, procurator, signed a sixty-day note for four hundred dollars due for groceries to one Charles Wolfel. That same year on November 6, Bishop Rosecrans wrote a note as follows: "Dear John: Father Ahrens needs some money for Seminary bills. If you have the currency please let him have it on his check to my account." Father John was probably Father John A. Casella, of St. Patrick's.

After the close of the seminary Father Ahrens, as procurator, signed two notes for money due to the seminary housekeeper. "St. Aloysius Seminary, Sept. 11, 1876. Due to Miss Jane Casey from St. Aloysius Seminary the sum of One hundred Ninety-eight (\$198.00) dollars in full of all accts for servant's wages." A second note under the same date read: "Due to Joanna Casey from St. Aloysius Seminary the sum of Twenty-five Dollars in full for Wages." Both notes are marked "Paid - Included in Jane Casey's Bond No. 2, series B. Jan. 1, 79." These were probably diocesan bonds.

St. Aloysius seminary closed in 1876. In 1902 the property was sold to Holy Family parish. On the site of the seminary now stands the former Holy Family school.

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