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Father Meagher's Account Book, 1852 - 1856

A story in the *Bulletin* of March, 1988 (Vol. XIII, No. 3) told of the efforts of Father James Meagher at St. Patrick parish in Columbus, of the conditions under which he labored, and of the "rocks" on which he "split," primarily the parish society that provided funds to pay the school teachers. Father Meagher arrived in the parish in July of 1852 and left in October of 1857, replaced by Father Edward Fitzgerald. At the time of his departure, "His cooperation with Father Fitzgerald was not all that could have been desired, for Father Fitzgerald later wrote that he was expected back in the city after Christmas and had offered but 'did not exactly promise' to bring the old parish account books with him."

He apparently did bring at least one account book with him and somehow it found its way to the Diocesan Archives, possibly when Bishop Rosecrans moved from St. Patrick's to the Cathedral. It was found a few years ago among items left unsorted by the late Monsignor Mattingly when he was diocesan archivist.

The book provides our earliest glimpse of the details of the Herculean labors of Father Meagher in having the parish church and school built, along with other data that has been hidden now for 140 years. The book contains accounts and other information on several subjects that can be divided into the following categories:

Baptism
Church Subscription
Account from Duffy's Magazine
Death
Church Construction
School Construction
Miscellaneous Accounts (five)
Ladies' Society
School Subscription

Baptism

On the reverse of the flyleaf is the following record: "April 9th, 1854 B[aptis] Eliza of Francis Nugent & Isabella Gallagher -- [sponsors] James Duffy & Margaret Duffy." St. Patrick's baptismal register begins with January 4, 1852 and is continuous for 1854, but this record is not included therein. The Nugents and Duffys were in Father Meagher's Pleasant Valley or Plain City mission; they lived in Canaan Township, Madison County. (See the *Bulletin*, Vol. XIV, No. 5 (May, 1889).)

Church Subscription

This section covers pages 1 through 28 of the book. It constitutes a census of the Irish Catholic heads of households and single adults of Columbus in 1852. Father Meagher recorded the collection of funds from June 28 until October 4, 1852 and on page 28 he listed a total of \$1,484.50 "of this book up to this page." Although the pledges on the first page are

substantial, many on the later pages are of \$5, \$2, and even \$1. In soliciting funds to build the church, Father Meagher visited the men in their homes, boarding houses, and places of work. The single ladies he lists in particular only at the American Hotel in this list, but the school subscription (below) lists several other such places of employment.

Some of the notations in this section that go beyond name and amount pledged are:

- p. 1 Joseph Dunan - boards at Commeford's
William Shea - gas house
- p. 2 Joseph Roberts - dead
Thomas Murray - State yard
Thomas Shea - do
Wm. Armstrong - protestant
Thomas Corrigan - grocery - Broadway
- p. 4 John Naddy - gas house
Patrick Loughlin - boss at Xenia [railroad]
- p. 5 Michael Kenny - grocery
Denis Quill - protestant
Patrick Barnwell - at Quill's
James Broffy - sick
Patk. Fitzpatrick - brick layer
Luke Hope - groceries
- p. 8 John Walsh - depot
Tom Creamer - bad boy
- p. 9 Peter Ryan - one day's work
Wm. Brackin - protestant
- p. 10 Martin Connor - at a ---- tavern
Philip Lee - left town
Walter Lee - left town
- p. 11 Hugh Joice - contractor
John Devlin - house & lot at Broadway
- p. 12 John Daly, grocery
- p. 13 Richard Donelle, brick yard
- p. 14 John O'Donnell - Mr. Chance's clerk
- p. 16 Peter Kenny - drayman
- p. 17 James Fink - carpenter
- p. 19 Thomas Connell - Jefferson, 6 or 8 men there
- p. 20 Thos. O'Brian at Dan'l Daly
John M'Carthy at Wm. Mahoney at the gas house
John Bourke brother to James
Patrick Devine grocery

- Thomas Kelly grocery
- Philip Brady on the wood train gay street
- P. 24 James Railey at State Quarry
- p. 25 Laurence Hack at Hayden's store
- John Nolan - at Hall & Case, edge tool
- Pat Fully at tollgate
- James Colman - old jail
- John Darry at corner of 3rd & S P Lane
- p. 27 Working at Mr. Rockwell, 2 miles from town at the fairgrounds [now Franklin Park]
 - Wm. Dowling at Denis Irvin(?)
 - Michl. Hickey at do
 - Patrick Dowling at do
 - Laurence Power at Matthew Glen's
 - Thomas Farrell at do
 - Edward Riley at Widow Martin's
 - Edward Martin at do
- Widow Martin's boarding house has seven or eight hands at corner of 8th st.

The list includes pledges from "Germans" Francis Engler, Cornelius Lang, Michael Strickfaden, Michael Stack(?), and Andrew Strob [Straub].

Account from Duffy's Magazine

On pages 29 to 32 and concluding on the bottom of page 33 is an account, apparently copied from Duffy's Magazine, of the ecclesiastical ruins at Glendalough, County Wicklow, Ireland.

Death Record

At the top of page 33 is the following simple record:

"Registry of deaths, 1852
October 17 Anne Walsh"

This name does not appear in the Holy Cross burial register, the only other such Catholic record from that time.

Church Construction

Page 34 contains a brief estimate of the number of bricks used in the church and their cost, as of January 10, 1854.

The construction account begins on page 35, at August 12, 1852, and continues through page 41, dated January, 1854. Some of the prime contractors involved in the project were James Maguire; John Clarke for grading; Patrick Fitzpatrick for brickwork; Leonard Beck for stone work; Theodore Leonard for brick; Columbus Stone Cutting Company; John Robertson for glazing; and Mr. Leeds for painting. The bell was purchased from "Menely & Son" and shipped from Troy¹, New York in February, 1853. The lumber included cherry wood from Newark. In all, the account shows \$8,980.15 spent as of January, 1854. The cornerstone of the church was laid on September 5, 1852 and the building was dedicated on September 25, 1853.

School Construction

"The school house account" begins on page 42 at the date of November 7, 1853 and continues to page 51 and the year 1856. The first payments are all to John Collins and Denis Kenny. Other payments were made to Marcus Roberts for dressing the stone work; Michael Malone for sewer work; Marcus Roberts for building the cellar; B. Bergin for stone and sills delivered; and Kilbourne & Co. for lumber.

Miscellaneous Accounts

These accounts appear on page 52 through 55 and 60. For the most part, they do not provide much information. Page 52, Organist Mr. Nothnagle commenced November 2, 1854 and the account runs only for a year. Page 53 mentions four items, "Improvements in School," dated 1855 and 1856. Page 54 contains miscellaneous arithmetical calculations. Page 55 lists dimensions, apparently of the present rectory, including a parlor and a school room on the lower level. Page 60 contains an account of a few payments to Miss Moriarty, but no clue concerning the nature of her employment. Near the back of the book, but before the school subscription list, is an account for Neel

Pendar(?), again without any indication of the nature of his presence there.

Ladies' Society

Pages 56 through 59 contain the account of the parish Ladies' Society, which is of interest because the ladies apparently paid some of the expenses of the parish school during its first year of operation, including such items as wood for the heating stove. The dates included are from March of 1854 to March of 1855. The teachers to whom salary payments are noted are Miss Jones (March to May, 1854), Miss Gallen (June and July, 1854), and Miss Sheridan² (November, 1854 to March, 1855). On the bottom of page 58 it is noted, "N.B. Miss Sheridan commenced on the 24th October." These were the teachers for the first year of the school's existence. The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur arrived from Cincinnati to take over the school in August of 1855.

School Subscription

This list is in the back of the book. The first page is thirteen pages from the back, as indicated by the dates on some pages and by the numbering of subscribers 1 through 195. At the top of this first page is the heading, "May 1st, 1854, page 1, Names of Sub's to St. Patk School House." After subscriber 195, the list apparently continues on the last three pages of the book, which include Front Street, Mr. Sheldon's Quarry, and the State Quarry, which Father Meagher visited on July 3 or 4. The list then goes to the page preceding the first page and continues in reverse direction for fourteen pages, with some pages dated and running into November of 1854. Among the latter is the Ladies' List, part of which is shown below. Father Meagher visited the ladies at their places of employment, namely the Ellis Hotel, Neil House, Deaf & Dumb Asylum, Lunatic Asylum, Blind Asylum, Capitol House, United States Hotel, and American House. The list gives the impression that Columbus, with its state institutions and its hotels catering to

politicians and other having business with the state government, must have been a very attractive destination for single Irish women looking for work.

Because of the great number of names in the account book, they will not be published in the *Bulletin*. A photocopy of the book is available in the Society's files for consultation.

NOTES

1) The account book does not identify the location of Troy, but the 1859 Catholic Directory

contains an advertisement by A. Meneely's Sons, agents for the West Troy Bell Foundry, West Troy, New York.

2) The only known Miss Sheridan who was living in Columbus at the time was Mary Sheridan, born in Ireland around 1825, who married Michael Wall at St. Patrick's in 1856. Family tradition says that she lost her parents and then her grandfather in the great famine, then came to Columbus with her younger brother Mike and sister Kate to live near their uncle James Sheridan. She died in 1896.



5	Margaret Coffey	to	1	Mary 9 th 11 th Mrs	
6	M ^{rs} Mae Kanger	to	1		
7	Miss Warble	to	1		
8	Margaret Sullivan	to	1		
9	Rose Loney	to	1		
10	Anna Curran	to	1		
11	Margaret Fitzgerald	to	1		
12	Mary Sullivan	to	1		
13	John Jones	to	3		
14	Andrew Johnson	to	1		
==== National Asylum =====					
1	Alice M ^{rs} Muller	to	2		
2	+ Anne Keogh	to	2		
3	Budget Delany (Sunday)	.	.		
4	+ Budget Peck (D ^{rs}) + Sisters	.	.		
==== Capital House =====					
1	Mary Brien	to	1	good	
	Budget Maguire	to	1		
	Mary Bourke	to	1		
	Mary Dolan	to	1		
	Catherine Connelly	to	1		
	Judith Pennington	to	1		
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Abstracts from *The Catholic Telegraph*

(Continued, from Vol. XXI, No. 2)

February 8, 1838

Subscriptions received: Martin Stafford

February 15, 1838

Subscriptions received: Michael Scott, Fariview, Guernsey Co.; Joseph Josephs; Edward Ward, Esq., Senecaville

March 15, 1838

Subscriptions received: William Monaghan, Zanesville; Joseph Lilly, Lancaster; Mr. Garaghty, Lancaster; Mr. Bodenheimer, Lancaster

March 22, 1838

(On the 10th, Bishop Purcell ordained Rev. Joshua M. Young and Rev. E. Purcell to the priesthood at St. Peter's.)

April 5, 1838

Subscriptions received: Simon Archer Senr., Berne; Peter McCune (corrected in the May 10 issue to Terence McCune of Hoskins); Jno. Gallagher, Batesville [Hoskins does not appear in the 1833 or 1839 Ohio Gazeteer; perhaps this is Hoskinville P.O., in Brookfield Township, Morgan County.]

April 19, 1838

(Bishop Purcell with a newly ordained clergyman is to visit Marietta on the third Sunday after Easter and Waterford a few days later.)

Subscriptions received: V. Rev. N. D. Young, Somerset; Wm. Wiseman, Sen., Rushville

April 26, 1838

(On Easter Monday [April 16], Bishop Purcell ordained Rev. James McCaffrey to the

deaconate and on Low Sunday to the priesthood.)

May 10, 1838

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLUMBUS, OHIO
On Sunday, 29th April, the Church which has been erected, in a few months, through the active and untiring zeal of the pastor, the Rev. Henry D. Juncker, at the seat of government, was opened for Divine Service, for the first time by the Very Rev. and venerable Proto-Priest of the United States, Stephen Theodore Badin, assisted by the Rev. Pastor. The Litanies of the Holy Name of Jesus, having been recited, the Rev. Mr. Badin gave a lucid explanation of the divine mysteries then and there about to be celebrated for the first time, correcting many vulgar misconceptions regarding the nature of our worship and the splendor of our ritual, and then read that beautiful prayer for the constituted authorities, which the American Church justly regards as a cherished memorial of the patriotism and piety of her earliest primate, the late Archbishop *Carroll*.

High mass was then sung, after which the gospel was read in both English and German languages, and the Congregation was edified by an instructive and eloquent discourse from the lips of the Rev. Pastor of the Congregation, in the latter tongue. After Vespers, which were sung at 3 P.M. the venerable Proto-Priest again addressed the congregation, on the necessity of frequent and fervent prayer, of regular attendance at the public services of religion, and on the strict obligation of parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and the knowledge and practice of piety. This venerable missionary seems not to lack vigor, although the storms and frosts of nearly half a century have been weathered in the

indefatigable discharge of missionary duties in the West. The chanting of the hymn, 'Regina Cæli', and the recitation of some appropriate prayers closed the services of the day.

erection of a temple which shall be even yet more worthy of the flourishing city which is the political metropolis of our beloved State, and of the honor and glory of God.

This Church, which is 55 feet in length, 30 in width, and 14 in height, is built of plain stone, from quarries in the neighborhood, on a lot 187 by 53 feet, which is the donation of two Protestant gentlemen of Columbus, Messrs. O. & S. CROSBY, the former of whom is since deceased. The building which has thus been successfully completed and opened for public worship, is a temporary erection, which the wants of the Catholics of this part of the Scioto valley, imperatively demanded. It is hoped that the rapid influx of Catholic settlers, drawn thither by the natural advantages of a rich and fertile soil, and exhaustless water privilege in the vicinity, will reanimate the zeal of the Rev. Pastor to the

Subscriptions: James Grimes, Portsmouth; L. A. Zimmer, same; Charles Cross, Columbus.

July 5, 1838

Subscriptions: Lewis L. Gruzard, Marietta; P. Cusick, Esq., Lowell, Washington Co., Ohio.

August 23, 1838

[Bishop Purcell sailed from New York, on June 16 and landed in Liverpool on July 7. This begins a very "dry" period for local history in the Telegraph.]

Subscription: John Green, Rehoboth

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Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Columbus Cathedral Division Lot Records, 1867-1926 and Tombstone Inscriptions (Continued, from Vol. XX, No. 12)

gate	53 Butler	54 children McLaughlin	55 Milqueen	56 Fagan Ginder children	57*	* Lot 57 is now designated 66.					
	52 Riley	51 Ford Sullivan	50 Floyd Kinney	49 Smith Butler	48 Fitzpatrick	47 McDonald Tracy Zallanta	58 Donavan Tobin	59 Kelly			
	35 McCabe Landon	36 Corbin	37 O'Shaughnessy	38 Owens	39 Welsh	40 Ryan	41 Fitz-Gerald	42 Burke Clark	43 McCoy Magean	44 Hogan	45 Brophy Fahey
	34 Marsh Donohoe	33 Burns McGarr	32 Burns	31 O'Keefe McSweeney	30 Harvey Bracken	29 Meehan Dundon	28 Rarig	27 Dunn Mooney	26 Barrett	25 Keeshan	24 Hennessey
	1 Parry & Cook	2 McCabe	3 Connell	4 O'Hern	5 Gleason Flannigan	6 Hart	7 Ryan	8 Hannon Hannon	9 Cassady	10 Moriarty	11 Sheridan

Cathedral B

page 244. Margaret Burns, 478 Charles St.;
Martin Burns, 769 Michigan Ave., [no date],
half lot 22 south side A. (no stones)

page 245. Mrs. Maria Butler, 1247 W. Broad
St.; 55 S. Belle St., Jan. 25, 1887, lot 53 A.
Graves: Jan. 25, 1887; Oct. 22, 1887; Sept. 7,
1887 (child); Nov. 10, 1890; March 26, 1900;
Oct. 19, 1902; Oct. 27, 1905; Dec. 23, 1924.

(Husband) Jams P. Ryan, Mar. 17, 1890 -
May 26, 1959
(Daughter) Mary Ruth Ryan, Aug. 24, 1920 -
Dec. 7, 1934
(Father) James Butler, died Jan. 24, 1887, aged
50 years.

(Mother) Maria Butler, 1838 + 1918
(Brother) Thomas J. Butler, 1863 + 1905
(Sister) Winny Cummings, died Mar. 26, 1900,
aged 70 years.

RYAN: (Husband) Thomas J., 1864 - 1924
(Wife) Elizabeth, 1864 - 1949

page 253. James Cleary, May 22, 1886, lot 15
A. Graves: May 22, 1886 (child); June, 1888;
April 16, 1892; Jan. 26, 1909; April 5, 1911;
Jan. 11, 1915.

"I. C. Cleary" lot marker
(Mother) Hanora Reidy, 1814 - 1892

(Babies) James died Nov. 6, 1884;
Catherine died May 21, 1886.

Mazie daughter of James & Margaret Cleary, died
May 14, 1940

Margaret daughter of James & Margaret Cleary,
died June 23, 1945

CASE: William L., died Nov. 23, 1938
Nona M., died Aug. 5, 1956

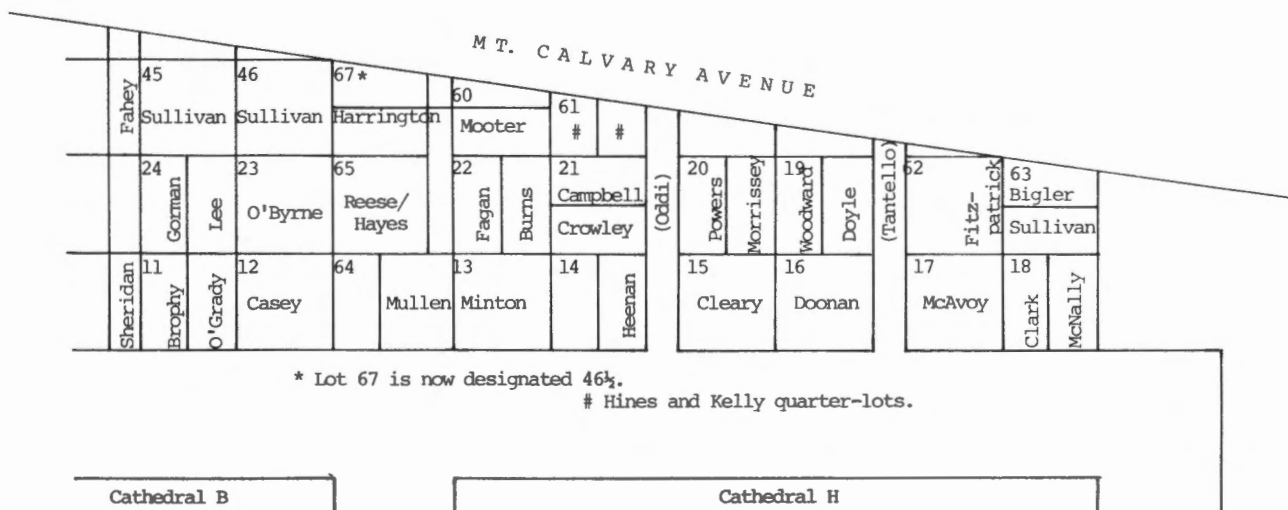
(Father) James C. Cleary, May 11, 1848 -
Apr. 14, 1911

(Mother) Margaret Cleary, Dec. 21, 1851 -
Jan. 10, 1915

(Husband) John C. Cleary, Feb. 2, 1871 -
Jan. 26, 1909

page 254. John Clark, 334 [or 34] N. Lazelle,
1887, half lot 18 north side A. (One grave sold
see page 427. Three graves sold see p. 422.)
Graves: July 31, 1887 (child); March 8, 1890;
Feb. 20, ----. (no stones)

page 254. William Campbell; Mrs. Elizabeth
Dorgan, Neil St. Two graves in this lot owned
by Thomas Harding. Apr. 21, 1886, half lot 21
east side A. Graves: Apr. 21, 1886; Apr. 30,
1886 grave in unconsecrated ground charged
to this lot; Feb. 5, 1902; Jan. 5, 1904; March
16, 1906, Mrs. Dorgan; Sept. 22, 1910.



(Mother) Mary Harding, 1851 - 1902
(Father) Thomas J. Harding, 1851 - 1904
Elizabeth Dorgan, died 1906
Mary Campbell, died 1886

page 274. James Fagan, Groveport; Thomas Fagan; July 31, ----, half lot 22 north side A. Grave: June 13, 1922.
Mary Fagan, 1858 - 1923
Joseph P. Fagan, 1892 - 1915

page 279. John Fitzpatrick, Feb. 22, 1888, part of lot 62 A. Graves: Feb. 22, 1888; April 8, 1896; Dec. 27, 1902 (child); Jan. 27, 1909; July 15, 1910?; Sept. 8, 1919.
(Father) John Fitzpatrick, born in Roscrea, Ireland, May 27, 1838, died April 7, 1896.
(Daughter) Elizabeth A. Fitzpatrick, died Jan. 27, 1909
(Husband) William J. Fitzpatrick, 1875 - 1910

page 301. Jacob Mooter, Cor. Cleveland Ave. and Third Ave.; Milo, Ohio; half lot 59 west side A. [This half of lot 59 was John Kelly's, per ledger page 235 as noted above. The Mooter tombstones are on lot 60.] Graves: Aug. 5, 1888 (child); Sept. 8, 1891 (child); Oct. 19, 1912.
(Father) Jacob J. Mooter, 1839 - 1912
(Mother) Alma Rilla Mooter, 1853 - 1924
Mary E., 1893 - 1893
Charles, 1891 - 1891
Francis A., 1887 - 1888
(Brother) Jacob H. Mooter, 1883 - 1931

page 302. Mary Ann McAvoy, 64 Spruce St., lot 17 A. Graves: July 18, 1887; Apr. 5, 1893; May 24, 1899; Dec. 4, 1904; Jan. 12, 1908; Dec. 14, 1911; Sept. 18, 1923; Jan. 20, 1928.
(Daughter) Catherine McEvoy, 1904 - 1968
Catherine McEvoy, 1868 - 1950
Thomas A. McEvoy, 1868 - 1928
James McEvoy, 1867 - 1911
T. Norbert McEvoy, 1899 - 1923
(Mother) Mary McEvoy, 1841 - 1904
(Father) James McEvoy, 1836 - 1887
Frank McEvoy, 1874 - 1899
Alice McEvoy Hutchison, 1880 - 1908

page 303. Thomas McLaughlin, 72 Chapel St.; 533 W. Rich St., half lot 54 west side A, 1887. Graves: May 12, 1887; Dec. 19, 1903. (no stones)

page 310, Thomas O'Hearn, August 20, 1869, lot 4 A, "has deed from Bishop Rosecrans." [This lot was recorded on ledger page 175 under the name Ahern; when Mr. O'Hearn returned and spelled his name with an "O", the sexton could not locate the record.] Graves: Apr. 25, 1896; Jan. 28, 1903 (child); Dec. 5, 1904; Sept. 12, 1906; Jan. 2, 1907; Jan. 30, 1910; Nov. 27 (or 29), 1910; Apr. 26, 1925. (See *Bulletin* page 196 for tombstone inscriptions.)

page 326. Elizabeth Woodward, 210 Stauring St., half lot 19 north side A. Graves: Sept 6, 1887; Nov. 4, 1887; Oct. 18, 1906; Apr. 10, 1909. (no stones)

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