

NAME	BORN	DIED	AGE
John Helmburger	April 10, 1826	May 31, 1911	
Caroline, wife of Herman Schosser	June 29, 1861	June 2, 1911	
Mary Vina Meyer, from Bradley, Illinois		July 31, 1911	1 ½ years.
Evelyn Barbara, daughter of George and Catherine Dieffenbach	1912	1912	
Leota Patenaude		Oct. 29, 1912	5 years.
Catherine, daughter of F. and C. Schneider	Sept. 30, 1912	Sept. 30, 1912	
Xavier Schneider	Feb. 15, 1832	Oct. 28, 1912	
Ralph, son of George and Hattie Ruder	1914	1914	
Paul, son of Louis and Anna Lochner	Sept. 22, 1911	April 17, 1915	
Beatrice Ruder	1914	1915	
Kilian Lochner	June 29, 1840	Aug. 26, 1915	
Adam Fritz	Oct. 23, 1830	Jan. 6, 1916	
Francis, son of Carl and Mary Fritz	Aug. 16, 1916	June 29, 1917	
Walter, son of George and Hattie Ruder	1917	1917	
Edward Fritz		1918	54 years
William Meyer	1848	1918	
Francis Feller		1919	2 years, 2 mo.
Lena Knittel	1884	Sept. 17, 1919	
John Clodi	1875	Dec. 28, 1919	
Caroline Lyons	June 23, 1841	March 3, 1920	
Martin Geiger	1848	March 16, 1920	



1869  1919

THIS TABLET HAS BEEN ERECTED TO COM-  
MEMORATE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF  
SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH  
OCTOBER 7-8, 1919.

AND TO PERPETUATE WITH GRATEFUL  
RECOGNITION THE MEMORY OF THE PION-  
EER SETTLERS OF THE PARISH AND ALSO  
THE NAMES OF THE PRIESTS WHO SERVED  
THE PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH, LOCATED IN  
THE S. E. CORNER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP  
OF PILOT, KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

#### MISSIONARY PRIESTS

1860's

REV. HAHN, C. SS. R.

REV. MICHAEL ROSENBAUER, C. SS. R.

REV. CHAS. ROSENBAUER, C. SS. R.

REV. WILLIAM KUCHENBUCH, 1869-1873

#### PASTORS

REV. BRUNO RIESS, O. S. B. 1873-1874

REV. GELASIUS KUBA 1874-76    REV. H. MEHRING 1883-84

REV. F. ALLGAYER 1876-77    REV. PAUL HALBMAIER 1884-87

REV. CLEMENS DUERR, 1877-82    REV. J. BEINECKE 1887-91

REV. J. H. KRUELL 1882-83    REV. ALBERT EVERS 1891-95

REV. H. BANGEN 1883    REV. FRANCIS SIXT 1895-99

REV. J. MEYER, 1890-1920

IN SAECULUM MEMORIA EORUM IN  
BENEDICTIONE



(Before the types of this publication were closed, SS. Peter and Paul's Mission Parish was made an independent parish, and transferred to the town of Herscher, July 1920. Above is the inscription of a Memorial Bronze Tablet of the Golden Jubilee in 1919.)

HISTORICAL SKETCH

of

SACRED HEART PARISH

Goodrich, Illinois

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Comprising a Short Historical Survey

of

ST. JAMES PARISH

Irwin, Illinois

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At One Time Forming One Parish  
with Sacred Heart Church

## *Early Days.*

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In order to acquire a full, comprehensive view of the history of Sacred Heart Parish, we must resort to a short historical survey of two or rather three other neighboring parishes. In fact the mother parish of all the neighboring parishes is the Maternity Parish in Bourbonnais, and in our case to some extent, the St. Rose Parish of Kankakee.

Bourbonnais, at first a trading post, is named after a French adventurer, ("coureur des bois," rover of the woods), Antoine Bourbonnais—the first white settler in the county. The first white land-owner in Kankakee county was the fur trader—Noel LeVasseur, for some time an agent for John Jacob Astor of New York and afterwards a government land agent, who settled in Bourbonnais in the spring of 1832, coming from Quebec, Canada. He was born Dec. 24, 1798 and died Dec. 15, 1879. Within a radius of many miles there was no priest to minister to the pioneer settlers, only missionaries coming occasionally from Vincennes, Indiana and Chicago.

The itinerant priest, Father Lalumire, a typical missionary of the woods, celebrated the very first mass that was ever said in Kankakee county, in the homestead of the Bray family in June 1837, and his arrival marks the real birth of Catholicity in Kankakee county. It is claimed that Father Crevier was also one of the first priests who visited Bourbonnais Grove.

The following missionaries also ministered to the spiritual needs of the first French settlers in Bourbonnais: The saintly priest Maurice de St. Palais (consecrated Bishop of Vincennes, Indiana, January 14, 1849) stopped several times on his missionary journeys in Bourbonnais Grove, making the house of Noel LeVasseur his home and church which was located on the present site of Marsile

Alumni Hall of St. Viator's College; service was held in the second story. Father Hipolyte Pontavisse (Dupontavice or DePontavise) who built the first church in Kankakee county, a log chapel 20x30 feet on the site between the actual Maternity Church and the pastoral residence. This first house of worship in Kankakee county was opened for service September, 1841. Father Badin, the first ordained priest in the United States by Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore, born in France May 25, 1793, also visited the small colony of Bourbonnais in 1846, which meant the whole Kankakee county. His last visit took place June 13, 1846, at the age of 78 years and of 53 years in the priesthood. In 1848 and 1849 the small French-Canadian colony received large accessions by the arrival of some sixty families from Canada. Rev. Rene Courjault 1847-1852, was appointed as the first resident pastor of Bourbonnais Grove. Rev. L. Wieg (Huick) 1852. Rev. Charles Chiniquy 1852-1853. This apostate priest left Bourbonnais Grove for St. Anne in 1853 after having been accused of several misdemeanors. He was suspended and publically and solemnly excommunicated by the Right Rev. Anthony O'Regan, Bishop of Chicago at St. Anne 1856 (where he had organized a schismatic parish) because he refused to transfer the church property to the competent church authorities.

Repeatedly he came or sent his assistant, one Demer, to preach to the French-Canadian families west of Kankakee, who through misguidance abandoned the faith of their fathers. Following are the names of some of the families who apostated: Gervais, Bonneau, Regnier, Tremblay, Goudreau, and Patenaude. The meetings took place in a small schoolbuilding in Pilot township, Section 14 being known as the Bertrand School. Chas. Chiniquy was born July 30, 1809 at St. Roch des Aulnaies, P. Q., Canada. His father of Spanish ancestry, was a captain in the French army. Father Chiniquy was ordained a priest in 1833, died at Montreal in 1899.

The very first marriage recorded at the Kankakee Courthouse was performed by the Rev. Chas. Chiniquy, May 29, 1853 between Alexis Darche and Louisa Boisvert.

Rev. J. Maistre 1853-1854. Rev. Isadore Antoine Lebel 1854-1855.

**Pastors of Bourbonnais.**

Rev. Louis Cartuyvels  
from Belgium  
1855-1856

**Pastors of Kankakee**

Rev. Louis Cartuyvels  
1855

Rev. Louis Cartuyvels also had charge of the outmission of Manteno, L'Erable. No records for 15 months.

Rev. Isaac Desaulniers  
1856-1857

Rev. J. B. Champeau  
(Attended the parish a few months only, 1857.)

Rev. Alexis Mailloux  
(Vicar General of Quebec)  
1857-1860

Rev. Epiphane LaPointe  
Came from Canada, Oct.  
1857

Rev. Jos. Neree Gingras  
(Came from Canada 1859)  
1860-1863

1857-1860  
Rev. Alexis Mailloux  
1860-1862

The Very Rev. Alexis Mailloux called by the people the "Grand Vicaire Mailloux" was born at L'Ile aux Coudres, Charlevoix Co., P. Q., and came to Bourbonnais at an advanced age from Quebec, with Rev. J. B. Champeau from Montreal, Canada. His coming was prompted by the perversion caused by Father Chiniquy. Father Mailloux was a great asposle of temperance, a powerful preacher for missions and retreats. During his five years of hard labor, he regained back many sheep, who had gone astray on account of the unfortunate schism. Whole parishes were divided, whole families rent in twain by fruitless discussions and endless quarrels caused by this religious disturbance. But the saintly priest did not labor in vain. After a few years of trials and great suffering, the majority of the fallen away had come back to the true fold of Christ. In 1862 Father Mailloux returned to Canada, where he had charge of the Parish St. Bonaventure (P. Q.) for about 2 years, when he retired at St. Henri de Lauzon, (P. Q.). He died at L'Ile aux Coudres in the odor of sanctity August 4, 1877.

It can safely be said that he was the organizer of the

outmission, called "La Belle Meche," or the Barrens to all appearances probably in the later part of the 1850's, where he said mass in the home of Pierre Paul Caron. He attended this outmission once a month until 1859.

Father Cote, his assistant, said mass at Jos. Caron, Sr's. home. Afterward service was also held in the house of Leon Bernier, where a three day's mission was given by two missionaries, one of whom was Father Lagier.

Rev. Ducroux  
(A missionary from Switz-  
erland.) 1863-1864.

Rev. Jacques Cote  
1862-1864

The Rev. Jacques Cote came to the states in 1859, took charge of his new field in the most trying period of the Civil War. In 1862 or 1863 he built a small church on the present site of old Lehigh, northwest corner of the intersection of the south-north road and the New York Central R. R., Pilot township, Section 1, and said mass about once a month on Mondays. Ten to fifteen burials took place in the small cemetery nearby. This cemetery has long since been abandoned, but we are told that some of the bodies have never yet been taken up.

This congregation, the mother parish of St. James', Church, Irwin, and Sacred Heart Church, Goodrich, was composed of members of three different nationalities, Irish, German, but pre-eminently of French Canadians, who emigrated from Canada in the later part of the 1840's and the beginning of the 1850's. About 1856 the emigration was discouraged on account of Father Chiniquy's apostasy. The Irish colony came mostly from Utica and LaSalle, Ill., after the canal was built, to replace the French Canadians who began to emigrate to Kansas and Minnesota.

First baptism of St. James (Lehigh) could not be ascertained.

First marriage: Fridolin Ruder and Seraphina Studer, April 10, 1864, Father Cote officiating. Witnesses: Wendolin Ruder and Caroline Bader.

First burial could not be ascertained.

Rev. Jacques Cote.  
1864-1865

Rev. Jos. M. Langlois  
1864-1866

Father Cote was the promotor of St. Viator's College of Bourbonnais. He generously resigned his pastorate for that purpose and became assistant of St. Mary's Church in Chicago, where he organized the French parish of Notre Dame. Afterwards he had charge of Sacred Heart parish in Aurora and finally retired in 1896. He died at Levis, near Quebec, March 1, 1911 at the age of 82.

Rev. A. Marechal

(Born at St. Marie-aux-

Rev. Pierre Beaudoin C.S.V. Mines, Alsace, France.)  
1865-1900

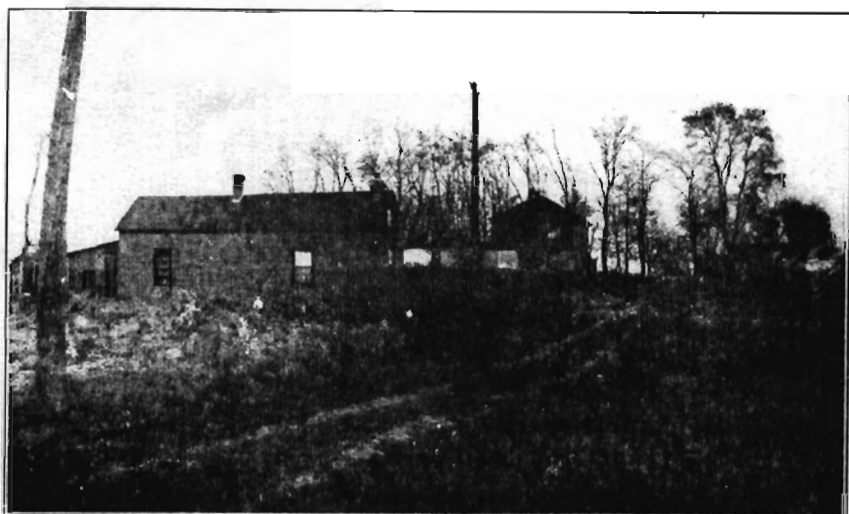
1866-1871

Rev. P. Paradis

1871-1894

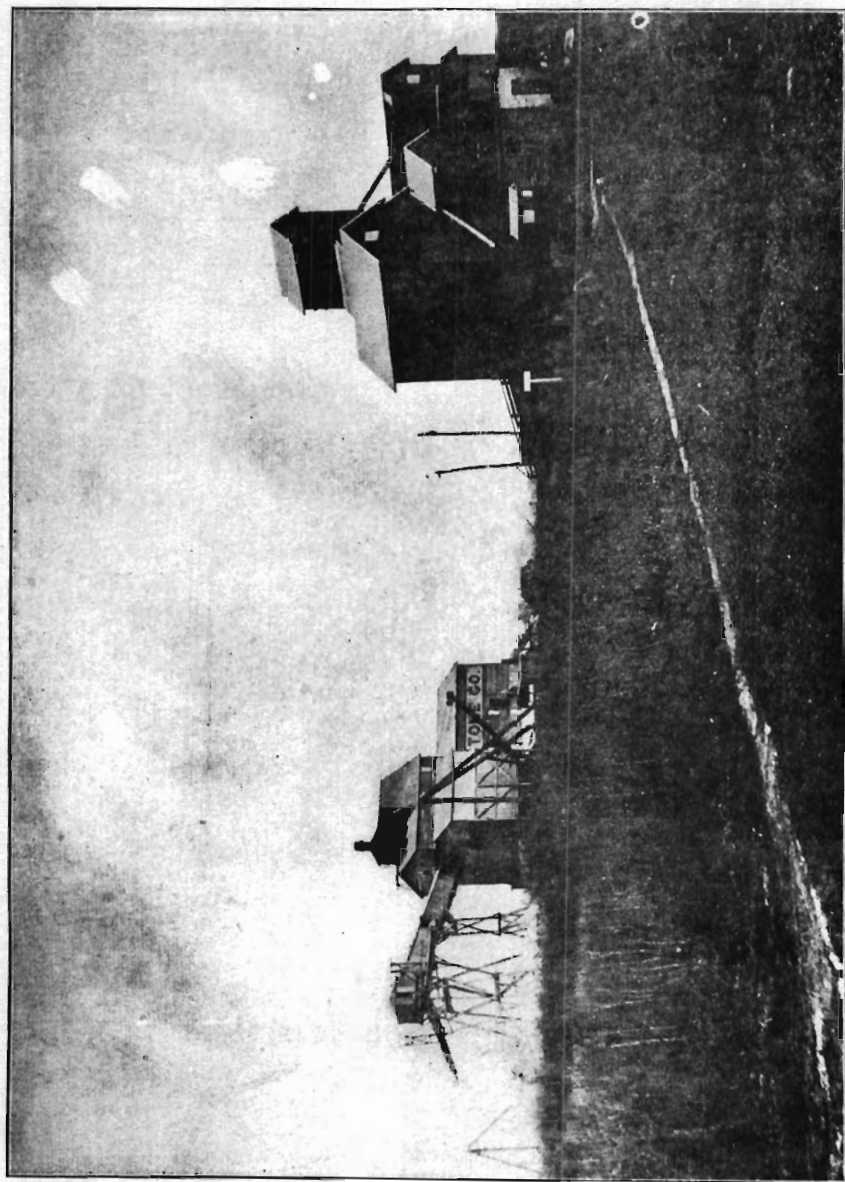
Father Paradis had charge of the outmission west of Kankakee. The little church at Lehigh was moved two and one half miles south on Timothy Fortin's land. Four acres were given for church purposes probably in 1871, although deeded only on Jan. 4, 1873. The little church was enlarged to its double capacity, and for some years mass was said once a month, generally on Mondays. Later on a small store was erected nearby, kept by the brother of the first resident pastor. This move was a decided improvement, being a more central locality for the people living south, who had agreed to affiliate themselves with St. James' Church, rather than to go to Chebanse. Father Paradis, this zealous, untiring pastor, was born March 16, 1835 in the Parish of Lorette, near Quebec, Canada. He received his classical education at the "Petit Seminaire" of Quebec, and after graduating there, he entered the "Grand Seminaire," where he attended the theological course. He was ordained at Quebec in 1859 and appointed curate at Baie St. Paul the same year. February, 1861 he came to Kankakee county, being appointed pastor of St. George, attending at the same time the missions of Momence and Manteno. Here he labored for 10 years with great zeal, when in 1871 he was appointed to the important parish of





LEHIGH

SITE OF FIRST ST. JAMES CHURCH BUILT IN THE EARLY 1860'S  
(BETWEEN TREES, WHERE SQUARE TWO STORY BUILDING IS SEEN)



LEHIGH ABANDONED STONE QUARRY CRUSHER AND ELEVATOR

Kankakee. He was instrumental in placing a first resident pastor at St. James' Mission. Meanwhile he ministered to the people west of Kankakee up to 1877.

We now undertake to give a historical sketch of the events and the further evolution and development of the parish with their resident pastors. This task is rendered the more difficult as the parish records were destroyed by the conflagration of St. James' new parochial residence, January 20, 1907.

## *St. James Pioneer and Subsequent Settlers.*

French Canadian Colony

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PIERRE PAUL CARON—Born at L'Islet P. Q., Canada, 1805. Came from Riviere du Loup (Lower Quebec) to the states and settled in Limestone Twp., Sec. 31, 1848. His nearest neighbor was Antoine Lajoie. Married to Marie Adelaide Caron, no relation. Children: Joseph, Cyrille, Hypolite, Marie Desneiges, Marie, Damase and Theophile. Bought 40 acres from soldier's claim in 1853 at \$1.00 per acre. Paid the total amount by cutting hay. His son Joseph later purchased 80 acres for \$200 from his father in Limestone Twp., Sec. 31. He attended church at Bourbonnais. Died Oct. 5, 1881. In his days we are told lard sold at one cent per pound, eggs five to six cents per dozen, and beef three to four cents a pound. Theophile, his son, served in the army in 1864, Illinois Infantry, Regiment 8, Company G.

ANTOINE LAJOIE—Born in Montreal, Canada 1842, came to the states with his brother Nazaire and bought 40 acres government land in 1852, located in Limestone Twp. in 1849. Married to Lizzie Tetreault. Children: Pierre (Peter), Henriette and Marie. Died in Kankakee Sept. 22, 1897, buried in Limestone cemetery. He had 50 cents to his name when he settled, built a loghouse about 14x14, earned \$10.00 per month, but had to walk six miles every day to earn this amount.

LOUIS REGNIER—Born in Canada. Came to the states with his family, settled at first in Bourbonnais. Bought according to land record 40 acres from I. C. R. R. Co., for \$400, Pilot Twp., Sec. 2, in 1865 and again 40 acres from the same company for \$360 in Otto Twp., Sec. 30, in 1867. Married to Genevieve Labrecque. Children: Joseph

Julius, Mose, Hypolite, Mary, Henriette, Rose. Moved to Wamega, Kansas, 1869 where he died at the age of 93 years.

JEAN BAPTISTE TETREAULT, Sr.—Born at Isle-aux-Noix, P. Q., Canada. Located in Bourbonnais and later in Salina Twp. First marriage was with Miss Bunker, of Irish descent and a convert to the faith. Children: Philip, Betsy, Jean Baptiste Tetreault Jr., Marie, Susanne, Lizzie. Second marriage was with Amienne Gosselin, widow of Jean Baptiste Gosselin. Bought 40 acres of government land. Died in Kankakee and is buried in Bourbonnais.

JEAN BAPTISTE TETREAULT Jr. (real family name Ducharme)—Born in Canada, 1833 and came to America in 1848. Located in Salina Twp. Married to Eleonore Gosselin. Children: Helen, Edward, David, Flavie, Mose and Louis. In 1850 he bought 80 acres of government land at \$1.25 per acre. Later mover to Bradley and died there April 24, 1914, and was buried in Kankakee.

LEON BERTRAND—Born, as near as could be ascertained, at Ste. Julienne, Canada, on August 18, 1824. Came with one of his brothers and another companion to America 1853. His wife arrived several months after with their six children. He stayed five or six years where he had settled at first and where he had built a loghouse afterwards used as a milk, meat and storehouse. Married on July 24, 1844, to Aglae Perrault, who was born in Ontario on July 11, 1824. Children: Aziline, Simeon, Joseph, Aglae, Exirine, Louis, Donald, Honore, Napoleon, Eliza, Philibert, Moise, Domitille, Julia, Adeline, Eva, Orenie. After the death of his first wife on June 25, 1877, Mr. Bertrand married Celine Chaput in February 1883. Bought 80 acres from railroad company at \$8 per acre on ten years' time. Owing to an error he built his log house on some one else's land and had to move, after occupying same five years. Died on August 15, 1893, and is buried in St. Rose cemetery, Kankakee. Leon Bertrand came to Illinois by way of the lakes. From Chicago he was taken with a team of oxen to Bourbonnais.

In his early farming days he worked for fifty cents a day of 15 hours labor, walking every day six miles to Pilot Grove during threshing and harvesting season. Threshing in those days was done with a flail and the oats and wheat separated from the chaff with a van. He drove many a hundred hogs to Chicago, the nearest market, where a year's household supplies were bought. He owned the first team of horses in this district. This same team was traded to Joseph Goudreau for 80 acres. The latter, who moved near Lincoln, Nebraska, traded the same team for a ranch with all the cattle thereon in the 1850's. Leon Bertrand was one of these pioneers who accomplished things. At one time he had to borrow money at 40 per cent interest. His brother Eusebe Bertrand came to Pilot Twp. in 1852. When the Illinois Central railroad was constructed in 1854 he built a shanty in the woods of Kankakee, now Court street, keeping a hotel for the workingmen.

LEON BERNIER—Born in or near Quebec, Canada. Came to America with his family in the 1850's when about 55 years old. Bought 40 acres of government land in the Irwin district, where he settled with his wife and seven children. About 1866 he returned to Quebec, where he died. He was a fisher by trade in his younger days and this avocation greatly influenced him to return to his native land. The first land he bought was located in Pilot Twp. section 14, northeast quarter. The house on it was built by Eusebe Bertrand. Afterwards he moved on section 11, southeast quarter. At one time a three days' mission was given in his home, by two missionaries and often mass was celebrated there.

FRANCOIS BEGNOCHE—Born at St. Jean, near Montreal, Canada. Emigrated to the states in 1847, and settled at first in Bourbonnais and about 1855 in the Lehigh district. Married to Marie Goudreau, daughter of Joseph Goudreau. Children: Francois, Marie, Caroline, Zenaide, Mathilde and George. Bought 40 acres from Illinois Central railroad at \$10 per acre in 1871. Moved to St. Joseph, Kansas, in 1879, where he died.

HUBERT BONNEAU—Born in Canada. Came to America in the 1850's. Settled first in Bourbonnais, then in Pilot Twp., section 1. Bought 80 acres of government land at \$1.25 per acre and sold same to P. Merillat. Married to a daughter of Goudreau. Children: Hubert, Ibrou, (married to the oldest daughter of Ambroise Patenaude), Louis, Paul, David, Edward, Mary and Ninnie. Four of the sons were enlisted in the civil war, David, Louis, Paul and Hubert. He died near Pilot Grove in the 1870's.

LABREQUE—Born in Canada. Came to the states with his family, one son, and three daughters in the latter part of the 1850's. He settled for a length of time in Bourbonnais from where he moved to La Belle Meche. Bought 40 acres of railroad land and cultivated a farm in Limestone Twp., section 5. One of his daughters was married to Louis Regnier, a second one to Prudent Souigny and a third to Narcisse Lajoie. He was buried in the old cemetery at Lehigh.

AMBROISE PATENAUDE—Born near St. George de Henryville, Canada. He came to America in the 1850's, settled at first in New York state, then in Aurora, Ill., from where he moved to Pilot Twp. Broke 40 acres of land in section 11, which he bought in 1857 for \$250. Married to Esther Raymond. Children: Israel, Clovis, Mary (married to Hubert Bonneau), John, Severin and Basilise. His son Israel, born in New York state, moved to Joliet and afterwards settled in Wamego county, Kansas in 1878. Israel Patenaude was married to Sophie Ugron. Children: Sophie (married to Joel Menard), Hermine, Lydia, Louis, Israel, Jr. In 1872 he moved to Wamego, Kansas, where he died in 1882.

JOSEPH DUGAS—Born in Canada. For a time he farmed in Pilot Twp., section 12. Married to a daughter of Perrault. Children: Joseph, Agnes, Margarite, Lydia, Gabriel, Eugene, who was drowned in a stone quarry northwest of the dwelling house. Joseph, his son died at Aurora, Kansas. Joseph Dugas lost his life in the woods by an accident about 1863. He was buried in the cemetery at old

Lehigh and according to all probabilities his body was never removed.

TIMOTHY J. FORTIN, Sr.—Born at St. George de Henryville, P. Q., Canada, 1812. Came to Illinois, Kankakee county in 1847 and bought land near Bourbonnais. On his return to Canada he induced some fourteen families to come westward with him. The trip from Montreal to Chicago up the St. Lawrence river and over the lakes took seventeen days. His family was left in Aurora for a few months, when he settled in Bourbonnais. Married to Eliza Cloutier. Children: Timothy, Julien, Alexis, Henriette, Marie, George and Alfred, the only one born in the states. Bought 160 acres one mile north of Tucker from the Legris estate. The records also show 320 acres bought from the government in 1852, Pilot Twp., section 13, also 160 acres bought from Freeman Clough in 1874 for \$6,946. Timothy Fortin died in 1864 and was buried in the Bourbonnais cemetery. Afterwards his remains were removed to Mount Calvary cemetery, Kankakee. He was a man of excellent disposition and had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. T. Fortin had three brothers, Charlot (Charles) who settled in Limestone Twp., Sec. 18—Germain, who came to Bourbonnais and later settled in St. Anne, where he died—Luc, called "Le Capitaine," who was conspicuous in the rebellion of the French-Canadians against the English in 1837. Died in Canada. Before leaving for the states T. Fortin adopted a four year old child, Julie Prevost, who afterwards became the wife of Honore Bertrand and after his death the wife of Louis Joron.

TIMOTHY FORTIN, Jr.—Born at St. George de Henryville, P. Q., Canada in 1833. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Kankakee county and was engaged in farm work until twenty years of age, when with his brother Alexis he set out for the gold fields in California by way of New York and the ocean route in 1853. Thirteen of his fellow passengers died on account of the Panama (isthmus) fever. In Nevada county they engaged in mining, spent three months on Feather river and later operated in New Orleans flat. Timothy Fortin accumulat-



ed considerable wealth, but lost it through prospecting and returned in the fall of 1859. In the spring of 1860 he farmed in Pilot Twp. on land which he had bought before going to California, being the owner of more than 1000 acres. Moved to Kankakee in 1874, but yet operating his farm. Married to Philomene Anctil, from Quebec, Canada, in Pilot Twp. Children: Rachel, and two died in infancy. Timothy Fortin erected the LaFayette hotel in Kankakee in 1899 and returned to Canada where he died. Few men in Kankakee county have more consistently and faithfully utilized their opportunities for usefulness. Too much cannot be said of his many fine traits of character, his noble aims, his efforts to improve the conditions among which he found himself. He was many-sided and could combine a number of occupations at one and the same time as farming, building, real estate and managing a hotel.

ALEC FORTIN—Born in St. George de Henryville, P. Q., Canada, on September 21, 1836 and came to America in 1847. Located with his parents in Bourbonnais Twp. in 1848 then in Aurora, Ill. In May 1853 he landed with his brother Timothy in San Francisco, California, but returned in 1859 and made his home with his father for a time at Bourbonnais. From 1860 to 1873 he was farming in partnership with his brother Timothy, raising, buying, feeding, and selling cattle. April 1873 he carried on the business alone and in the fall of 1875 he removed to Kankakee. Married to Elmire Anctil. Children: Armand, Arthur, Laura, Alexis, Marie, Paul, Amelia. Bought 120 acres of land in Limestone Twp., section 18, from the Illinois Central railroad and Timothy Fortin at \$400. Died in 1920, and is buried in Kankakee. Alec Fortin was a splendid type of a self made man, considerate, helpful, tactful, courteous, of a strict integrity and a strong sense of honor. He was one of the many French-Canadian settlers who benefited the country by undaunted energy and remarkable spirit of enterprise.

GEORGE FORTIN—Born at St. George de Henryville, P. Q., Lower Canada, on July 22, 1845 and came with his parents to America in 1847, settling at Bourbon-

nais. When 13 years of age he returned to Canada, attending a college for a few years. Married to Adeline Tastu in 1873. Children: Orville, Julius (ordained to the priesthood), Albert and Paul, one deceased. Bought 305 acres of land in Otto Twp. in 1868 from Abby J. Kendall for \$9000. From Irwin district he moved to Kankakee and afterwards to Chicago, from where he retired to Montreal, Canada.

CHARLES (CHARLOT) FORTIN—A brother to Timothy Fortin, Sr., came to Illinois some time after 1847 and settled in Limestone Twp., section 18. Married to Cleste Brosseau. Moved near Concordia, Kansas 1878 where he died.

ALFRED FORTIN—Born in Bourbonnais, Ill., 1850, and moved to Limestone Twp. where he bought 480 acres in section 19 in 1874 for \$1000 from Simeon H. McIntosh. Married to Marie Fortin, a distant relative. He also bought 500 acres with his brother George in Otto Twp. He afterwards moved to Chicago and later retired to Montreal, Canada.

PIERRE MERILLAT, Jr.—Born in Switzerland in 1837 or thereabouts and came to America about 1857. Located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for some time, then in Limestone Twp. Married to Celestine Girard. Children: Mary, Helen and Rose. His second marriage was to Anna Hattie Girard. Children: Mathilde, Fred, Hattie, Frederick, Alice, Henry, Joseph, James. Lived with his brothers Eugene and Louis. Located at one time at Wilmington, then in Bonfield and Kankakee. Died in Kankakee in November 1917, and is buried in Mound Grove cemetery. His father Pierre Merillat, Sr. came from Switzerland. Located at Fort Wayne, Indiana, then in Pilot Twp. Married to Marie Cabot (Swiss). Children: Louis, Pierre, James, Amelie. Buried in Kankakee. He served in the army during the civil war in the 53rd Illinois infantry.

BENJAMIN TREMBLAY, Sr.—Born at Baie St. Paul, Charlevoix Co., P. Q., Canada, in 1828 or thereabouts and came to Bourbonnais in 1849 with his wife and chil-

dren. After some years he moved to the Irwin district where he bought 80 acres. Married to Justine Tremblay, a cousin. Children: Benjamin, Justine, Joseph, Marie, David, Edward, Delphe and Charles. Died in Irwin in 1883, and buried in the old cemetery in Pilot Twp., Sec. 24. His body has never been taken up.

THEODORE CARON—Born at La Riviere du Loup (Louiseville), P. Q., Canada, October 15, 1825. About 1852 he came to Bourbonnais, Ill., and after a few years settled in the Irwin district. Married to Julie Constantin. Children: Joseph, George, Lisa, Lucille, Marie, Bertha, Leon and Philip. Died on July 30, 1914, at Ghent, Lyon county, Minnesota.

PIERRE PROVOST—(Adopted by Charlot Fortin)—Born at St. George de Henryville, Canada. He came to Illinois about 1862, being about 18 years old. Settled in Limestone Twp., section 18. He inherited 80 acres of land from Charlot Fortin, with whom he was living. Married to Marie Brosseau. To this union seven daughters were born. Moved to Concordia, Kansas, in a wagon like many others in 1878, with Charlot Fortin, where he died.

EDMOND BROUSSEAU—Born in Canada. Married to Mary Cyrier. Children: Noel, Horace, Remi, George, Philip, Joseph, Louise, Elizabeth, Eva. Moved to the Irwin district in the 1860's. Bought 160 acres from Geo. V. Huling for \$2600 in Otto Twp., section 21, in 1874. Moved to Concordia, Kansas, in 1880 where he died.

VINCENT (FRANK) BONER—Although not of French-Canadian descent, his biographical record is given here, having for the most time been a member of St. James parish during his stay in the districts of Irwin and Goodrich. This also applies to a few other similar cases. Born at Michewinaden, Oberamt Waldsee, Wuertemberg, Southern Germany, 1837. Came to America 1857 and located in Kankakee. By trade he was a blacksmith, his shop was on East Merchant street. Worked one and one half years in partnership with Casper and Fred Sauermann. Then moved to Hickory Grove or Milk's Grove, Iroquois county (1

year) then to Pilot Twp., section 12, where he kept a blacksmith shop in 1860-1861 on a tract of 40 acres of land bought in 1860 from the Illinois Central railroad. In 1861 he enlisted in the army, where he served during three years and three months in Company A, 53rd cavalry regiment. After the civil war he followed his trade in partnership with Campbell in Kankakee, called the Campbell blacksmith shop (3 months). Then sold his property to his brother Anton and bought 116 acres at \$7.75 per acre in Pilot Twp., section 2 and 3. Sold same to Leon Bertrand, less 20 acres and kept a blacksmith shop in section 3. Located and worked as blacksmith in Waldron, Aroma Twp., Goodrich, Kankakee, Custer Park, Braidwood, Diamond (Grundy county), and Coal City where he was justice of the peace and police magistrate. Located in Essex Twp. on his farm (quarter section) about 1899. Retired to the town of Essex in 1905. Contracted first marriage with Mary Bertrand. Children: Frank, Libby and Hattie and one deceased. Second marriage with Philomene Bertrand, widow of Philibert Bertrand. Retired to Kankakee, where he died.

ANTOINE SAUCIER—Born at Maskinonge, P. Q., Canada in 1833. Came to the states in 1862 and located in Pilot Twp. Married first to Marie Leduc at Lac Superior, and then to Flore Deveau. Children: Antoine. Third marriage with Berthille Dubord. Children: Zephirin and Augustin, and two deceased. Bought 80 acres in 1862 at \$35 per acre from Luc Bessette. Died in 1899 and is buried in Mount Hope cemetery, Goodrich.

LOUIS LAFLECHE (Richer)—Born in Burlington, Vermont, in 1845. Came to Bourbonnais about 1856. Remained in the Irwin district from about 1858 until 1870 when he located in St. Anne, Ill. until 1872, from where he moved to St. Joseph, Kansas. Married to Marie Louise Herbert, from Canada. Children: Zite, Norbert, Avilla, Rosella, Frank.

GEORGE MARTIN—Born at St. Leon, Maskinonge county, Canada, on September 15, 1825. Emmigrated to

America in 1844 and located at Bourbonnais. Married to Claire Regnier in 1848 at Bourbonnais. Children: Heloise, Jeremie, Louise, David, Joseph, Moise, Caroline, Ferdinand, Georgiana, Simon, Josephine and Louïs. Moved from Bourbonnais to St. George and afterwards near Irwin in the 1860's. Bought 40 acres at \$1 per acre. Records also show 120 acres bought in 1867 from I. W. Christy at \$3000 in section 28. Moved to St. Anne in 1896 where he died December 19, 1909 and where he is buried. It required a whole month to travel from Canada to Bourbonnais. The Martin family settled in Canada about 1732.

ALEXANDRE SENESAC—de la Tranquillite—Born at La Riviere du Sud, near Montreal, Canada in the 1840's. When about 8 years old he settled with his parents in Chicago, then went to Aurora, Ill. (one year), then to Bourbonnais. About 1864 he settled in Pilot Twp., section 15, where he bought 80 acres from W. R. Hickox at \$10 per acre. First marriage with Delina Dupuy. Children: Milien, Ambroise, Alex, Zephyr, Fred, John, Elvine, Lea, Olive and Agnes. Second marriage with Marie Savoie, nee Marie Goyette (born at St. Gregoire, Canada). In 1868 Mr. Senesac settled in Manteno, Ill and later retired in Kankakee.

PRUDENT MENARD—Born at St. George de Henryville, Canada, in 1833, son of Benonie and Melanie Menard. Came to America in 1854 and settled first in Ganneer Twp., Kankakee county for about three years. In 1857 he moved to Bourbonnais and then located in Pilot Twp. in 1863. Contracted marriage with Henriette Fortin on June 15, 1857. Children: George, Frederic, Joel, Elmire, Joseph, Philip and Alex. Bought 40 acres at \$25 per acre in 1863. Died about 1905 and is buried in Kankakee. He was one of the early settlers, who through hard work and economy acquired a large competence.

LAURENT CHARBONNEAU—Born at St. Rose, near Montreal, Canada, on April 9, 1830. Came to America in 1863 and settled in Pilot Twp. Bought 40 acres from Narcisse Lajoie. Married to Melanise Girard. Children:

Lawrence, Joseph, Marie. In 1879 he moved to Clyde, Kansas where he died August 6, 1911 and where he is buried.

JEAN BAPTISTE REINICHE—Born at Rouge Goutte, France, near the frontiers of Alsace. Located in Fort Wayne about 1850 and in Pilot Twp. about 1863 where he lived in a stone house on the present site of old Lehigh. Bought 120 acres from Hiram Whittemore in 1867 at \$800. Frank, his son, sold same to Jos. Caron Sr. in 1873. J. B. Reiniche opened the first quarry at old Lehigh north of the railroad track and also a lime kiln. Married to Victorine Steinach. Children: Julius, Jacob, Jean Baptiste, Joseph, Frank and Victor. Died in 1870 and is buried in Kankakee.

BENONIE MENARD—Son of Benonie Menard—Born at Beloeil, near Montreal, P. Q., Canada, 1802. Came to America in 1865 and located in Pilot Twp. Married to Melanie Bouteiller. Children: six sons, which included Prudent and Joel, and eight daughters. Never owned land and after 21 years he returned to Canada (Pike river) where he died.

JOEL MENARD—Born at St. George de Henryville, P. Q., Canada, in 1847. Came with his parents to Pilot Twp., section 11, where the family made their home with his brother Prudent in 1865. From 1871-1872 he taught at the Bertrand school, section 14, after having acquired some knowledge of the English language during several winter school terms. In 1873 he bought 40 acres at \$25.00 per acre from Isreal Patenaude, Pilot Twp., section 14. He sold this land and bought the livery stable in the village of Herscher. After some time he bought 80 acres in Pilot Twp., section 22. This land he sold again and bought 240, and somewhat later 80 acres, all lying contiguous to the village of Goodrich. To the management of this farm he added the handling of grain at this point. Married in 1872 to Sophie Patenaude. Children: Alice, Victor, Louise, Bertha, Hector Benonie, George. In 1910 he sold all his land and moved to Kankakee, where he engaged in the furniture business.

**LOUIS BELAND, Sr.**—Born at St. Leon, Lower Canada, in 1813. Came to America in 1852 and settled in Bourbonnais until 1864, then located a year in Lincoln and in the fall of 1865 near Irwin. Bought 120 acres at \$10 per acre of school land in Limestone Twp., section 16, in 1868. Married to Marie Louise Lafleur. Children: Thomas, Ignace, Louis. Died in 1901 and is buried in St. James cemetery, Irwin.

**GEORGE BACHANT**—Born at Chambly, diocese of Montreal, Canada, in 1829. Left his native country for the states in 1854 with his wife. His first stop was at Bourbonnais, where he stayed for 11 years, when he settled in the Irwin district and bought 40 acres. Married to Esther Couture. Children: Ozilda, Mary and Nancy. In 1880 he moved to Clyde, Kansas, where he died.

**LOUIS PAREE**—Born at Napierville, parish of St. Cyprien, diocese of Montreal, P. Q., Canada, on January 13, 1835. Came to Illinois in 1865 and located in Limestone Twp. Bought 40 acres at \$10 per acre from Illinois Central railroad in 1882. Married to Adeline Fournier. Children: Ozilda, Zephyr, Adeline, Peter, Joseph, Rosanna. His second wife was Reine Dupuis who was born in Canada. In 1920 he retired to Kankakee to live with his daughter, Mrs. Fred Keroack and soon after went to Fowler, Indiana, where he died in 1924.

**HIPOLYTE SENESAC**—Born at la Riviere du Sud, district of Montreal, Canada, about 1847. Came to Illinois with Alexander Senesac. Bought land in Pilot Twp., section 15, about 1864, from Jacob W. Pierce. Married to Marie Besette. Children: Joseph, married Ida Cyr; George, married Lyddie Stebane; John, married Josephine Gervais; Frank, married Victoria Denault; Fred, married Adeline Gervais; Caroline, married John Bechamps; Mary, married Eddy Cyr. Moved near Fowler, Ind., in the 1880's and died in 1915, and is buried in Fowler.

**PRUDENT SENESAC**—A twin brother to Hipolyte Senesac—Born at la Riviere du Sud, Canada. Moved to the states with his family and bought land in Pilot Twp.,

section 15, about 1864. Married Sophie Tarde. Children: Joseph, married Lucy Hubert; Fred, married Corine Denault. Moved to North Dakota about 1893 where he died in 1915.

ANTOINE ST. GERMAIN, Sr.—Whose parents came from France, was born at la Cote des Neiges, a suburb of Montreal, Canada in 1800. He was induced by Father Chiniquy to come to Illinois in 1857 and located in St. Anne. For some years he worked there at his trade as a tanner; then lived in Kankakee eight years, when he settled in Limestone Twp. and bought 164 acres from David Patee in 1866 for \$1000. Married to Henriette Ouimette. Children: Henriette, Antoine, Louis, Romain, Alderic, Medil, Israel, Stanislaus, Adolph, Marie and Hypolite. When he left his country he took with him horses, sheep and fowls. Died August 9, 1888, and is buried in Kankakee.

JOSEPH BLANCHETTE—Born in Canada. Located in St. George and afterwards in Limestone Twp. Bought 80 acres from Lajoie. Records also show 204 acres bought from Darwin C. Grinnell in 1882 for \$3485. Married to Angelique Beaulieu. Children: Joseph, Arthur, Denis, Mary, Alex and Ida. Died about 1889 and is buried in Bourbonnais.

ANTOINE GIRARD—Born at St. Marie de Monnoir, district of St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., Canada, about 1806. Emigrated to Illinois about 1855 with his family of eight children. Located first in the vicinity of St. George and subsequently in Limestone Twp. First marriage to—— Lafontaine. Children: Elie, Celestine, first wife of Pierre Merillat, Jr.; Henriette, second wife of Pierre Merillat, Jr.; Rosalie, married to Joseph Cadaret; Joseph, Seraphine, Alexis, married to Julie Bertrand. Two of the daughters of the first marriage remained in Canada. Second marriage to Marceline Coache. Children: Antoine, married —— Scott; Napoleon, died when 24 years of age; Josephine, married Godfroi Samson; Marie, married Joseph Tremblay, Jr.; Narcisse, married Sara Papineau; Eliza, married Noel,



son of Elie Girard; Alice, married Arthur Flageole; Julia, married Arnold Gosselin. Antoine Girard died about 1893 on a rented farm in the vicinity of Irwin.

ELIE GIRARD—Son of Antoine Girard, Sr., was born in Canada about 1829. Came with his parents to America and located at first in Bourbonnais, where he married Marie Leclerc. Children: Marie, Noel, Peter, Fred, Louise, Joseph, Napoleon, Philius, Hubert and Hattie. Settled in Salina and Limestone Twps. Bought 40 acres in 1867 at \$10 per acre from A. Blair. Died May 8, 1898 and is buried in St. Rose cemetery, Kankakee.

JEAN BAPTISTE LAPOLICE—Born in Canada about 1837. Came to the states about 1864. Married to Alice Hebert. Children: John, Joseph, Arselie, ———. Bought 160 acres from Illinois Central railroad in 1867 for \$3700. Moved to Aurora, Kansas, in 1871. Died about 1904 and is buried in Clyde, Kansas.

NARCISSE GERVAIS—Born in Canada, P. Q., about 1820. Emmigrated with his wife and children to the states in 1852. Located just east of the old Lehigh station in the 1860's where he bought 80 acres of land. Married to Margaret Deschenin. Children: Amely, Hubert, Maximilien, Mary, Caroline, Philip. After some time he moved to Martinton, and in about 1880 to Conçordia, Kansas, where his death occurred in 1896 and where he is buried.

JEAN BAPTISTE LA GUE—The LaGues came originally from southern France. The grandfather Jean Baptiste LaGue emigrated to Canada at a young age and married a Scotch maiden. The grandfather Surprenant on the mother's side was born in Canada, came to Illinois in 1858 and settled on a farm near St. George. The father Jean Baptiste La Gue II was born in Canada at Trois Rivieres. He moved to the states in 1849 and landed in Chicago. Soon after he met Noel Levasseur who owned a large tract of land and timber in the vicinity of Bourbonnais. Levasseur sold him 160 acres at \$1.25 per acre. He was married to Zoe Surprenant. Jean Baptiste LaGue III, his son, came from St. George and bought prairie land in Pilot Twp., sec-

tion 17 and 20, at \$10 per acre. His first house was 12x16 with two windows. Married to Marie Martin. Children: five sons and nine daughters. In 1888 he moved on a farm near Fowler, Ind. By his good management, industry and savings he accumulated great wealth.

LOUIS LAFONTAINE—Born in New York in 1845. His mother's ancestry originated from England. Came with his family to Kankakee in 1850. Moved to the Irwin district in 1866. Bought land in Pilot Twp., section 12. Married to Lucy Dugas (born 1838, died 1910), a widow with eight children: Joseph, Agnes, Margaret, Gabriel, Liddy, Mathilda, Lucy and Eugene who drowned in the nearby small stone quarry about 1874. His second marriage was to Rebecca Lucier who was born at La Riviere du Loup and died 1912. The death of Lafontaine occurred in Fowler, Ind., where he had moved in 18775.

EDWARD ALEXANDRE—Born in Canada on August 16, 1817. Came to America in the 1850's with his wife and two children. His first stop was at Bourbonnais, then at Altorf, where his father died, and finally in Otto Twp., section 33, where he bought 120 acres in 1867 from Stephen Ames for \$1500. Married to Clara Boudreau who died at Irwin in 1908. Children: Merand, Philomene, Edward, Catherine, Florence, Jean Baptiste, Phœbe, Joseph, Napoleon, Josephine, Chrysella, Thomas and one deceased. Died Dec. 10, 1893, and is buried in St. James cemetery, Irwin. When he settled in Altorf he worked all his land with a team of oxen.

JOSEPH DENAULT—Born at St. Jacques le Mineur, Laprairie Co., P. Q., Canada, 1845. Came to the states in 1867. About two years after he returned to Canada to get married. In 1870 he bought 40 acres of land from Tous-saint Denault, his brother, in Pilot Twp., section 15. Cultivated this for one year then located successively in St. George, L'Erable, Kansas state, Kankakee, St. George and finally at Currie, Minn. Married to Odile Bourgeois. Children: Henry, Emma, Minie, Fanny, Arsene, Eddy, Arthur, ———.

TOUSSAINT DENAULT—Born at St. Jacques le Mineur, Laprairie Co., P. Q., Canada, January 2, 1834. Came to America in the fall of 1856. Located at St. George for some years, then settled in Pilot Twp., section 15, in 1867. Married to Amelia Breault, who died Feb. 2, 1899. Children: Delphine, Ferial (Fred), Zedilie, Albert, Euphemie, Ezilda, Alexandre, Remi, Elmo and Arthur. In Sept., 1899 he contracted a second marriage with Marceline Mire. Bought 160 acres in 1867 for \$1670 from Placide Richard. Died Nov. 11, 1905 and is buried in Mount Hope cemetery, Goodrich.

FRANK LANDRIE—Born at St. Leon, Maskinonge county, P. Q., Canada, June 13, 1846. Came to America about 1863. Settled at first in Michigan for a year, then in Bourbonnais for a few years, and about 1867 came to Irwin district, where he bought 80 acres from Alta M. Scobey in 1877 for \$2000. Married to Marceline Tremblay. Children: George, Arthur, Fred, Emma, Napoleon, Malvina, two deceased. In 1879 he moved to Clyde, Kansas, then to Damar, Kansas, then to Concordia, Kansas, where he worked as a miller; then to Lowell, Mass., and in 1889 came to Kankakee. On February 2, 1865, he enlisted at Grand Rapids, Wis., in Co. B., 46 th regiment of Wisconsin. Died May 31, 1910 and is buried in Kankakee.

LOUIS JORON—Born at St. Laurent, Jacques-Cartier Co., P. Q., Canada, October 1, 1842, the son of Louis and Amabelle, nee LeCavalier. L. Joron emigrated to the states in October 1862. Located in the township of Chebanse, remaining there for about two years then he moved to Pilot Twp., section 22, in 1867. Married to Eleonore Perrault on July 7, 1867, a native of Quebec, and a Kankakee pioneer of 1854. Children: Louis R., Joseph. Bought 120 acres at \$25 per acre from Joseph Legris in the fall of 1871. Served eight months in the army in 1865 in Co. F, 156th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. His wife died Sept. 16, 1897, and September 20, 1900, Mr. Joron was united in a second marriage to Julia Provost, a widow, who came to America with Timothy Fortin, Sr., at the age of 4, and who

remained in Bourbonnais until she was 22 years old, when she came to Pilot Twp. Mr. Joron died February 10, 1910 and is buried in Mount Hope cemetery, Goodrich.

**THEOPHILE DENAULT**—Born at St. Jacques le Mineur, Laprairie Co., P. Q., Canada, 1837. Moved with his family to the states in 1866. Located at first in St. George until 1871. Bought 40 acres of land at \$25 per acre in Pilot Twp., section 15. Married to Odile Paulin. Children: Theophile, Anna, Rosanne, Delia, Leonie, Ezilda, Minie, Joseph, Adolph, Arthur, Fred and three deceased. After some years he went to L'Erable where he remained for a few months, then moved to Kentland, Ind. After some five years he bought land near Fowler, Ind.

**ELIE ODET, Sr. (De la Pointe)**—Born in Canada in 1843 and came to Bourbonnais with his parents in 1847. Located for three or four years in Irwin district, then moved to Clyde, Kansas. Bought land in Otto Twp. for about \$11 per acre in 1869 or thereabouts. First marriage was to Marie Betourne. Children: Louis, Denis, Mary, Ed., Ida, John, Fred. Second marriage to Rosalia Balthazar. Children: Rosanna, Josephine, Elie, Dora, Hedwige.

**CASIMIR ANDEREGGEN**—Born in Switzerland on March 8, 1821. He bought 40 acres of land in Limestone Twp., section 17, in 1868 for \$720. Was married twice. Died in Kankakee on April 12, 1905, after retiring. He crossed the ocean in 63 days.

**JOSEPH MORISSETTE**—Born at Becancour, County of Nicolet, P. Q., Canada, in January 1830. Left for the states in 1868 with his family and an aged father and settled in the Irwin district for ten years. Bought 80 acres from the Illinois Central railroad company at \$8 per acre and later 40 acres from Thomas Clark at \$30 per acre. Married to Agnes Rheault. Children: Aristide, Emile, Delia, Virginie, Eugene, Elodie, Homer, Joseph, Alex, Celina, Adelard, Theodore, Achille and Mary. Mr. Morrisette moved to Kansas near Clifton and Clyde, Cloud county. Died June 10, 1913, and is buried in St. Joseph's cemetery.

**DAMASE GOSSELIN**—Born at St. Charles, Bellechasse Co., P. Q., Canada, about 1833. Came to America about 1870 and lived at Bourbonnais for some years, where he kept a boarding house, then settled in the vicinity of Irwin. Bought 80 acres of school land. Married to Marie Tremblay, daughter of Matthias Tremblay. Children: Arnold, Arthur, Oliver, Adolphe, Adelard, Eugene, Bertha, Agnes, Fred, George. Died in 1910 and is buried in St. James cemetery, Irwin.

**MATTHIAS TREMBLAY**—Born at Baie St. Paul, near Quebec, Canada, in 1799. Came to the states with his wife and Benjamin, his brother. Settled in Bourbonnais in 1846 or thereabouts, where he lived for some years, after which he lived in the Irwin district since 1878 for about eight years. His name appears in the census of 1847 taken by Rev. Courjeault at Bourbonnais. In the 1880's he moved to Clyde, Kansas, where he died at St. Joseph in 1895. Married to Marie Tremblay, a cousin. Children: Mathilde, Justine, Zoe, Celina and Marie.

**NARCISSE PAQUET**—Born in Canada about 1813. Emigrated with his entire family to Bourbonnais about 1869 where he remained for a short time, then located in Otto Twp., where he bought 80 acres in section 22. Married to Louisa Ongrave. Children: Mitchel, Peter, Louis, Joseph, Nancy, Alice. About 1873 he sold his land to Jim Dracy and located in St. Charles, near Geneva, Ill., where he died about 1888 and where he is buried.

**PIERRE LAGESSE**—Born at La Riviere du Sud (St. Georges de Henryville) Iberville Co., Canada, in 1833. Came to America in 1849 with his brother Jacob. Settled at first in Bourbonnais, and in 1869 moved to Otto Twp., section 30. Bought 40 acres which he sold to Michael O'Connor for \$1400. In 1873 he bought 80 acres from Newman and in 1878 moved to St. Joseph, Kansas. Married to Julie Brosseau. Children: Pierre, Julie, David, Nicholas, Hypolite, Arthur, Noe, Delia, Josephine, Melanise, Theodule, Evelyn, Artemise, Henry, Anna and two deceased. Mr. Lagesse left with about fifteen French-Can-

dian families for Kansas in 1878 or thereabouts, some of them as follows: Charbonneau, Bechard, Begnoche, Octave Souigny, Bachand, Pierre Provost, Charlot Fortin, Racette. They traveled by wagons to their destination. The land claims were all taken when they reached there. The subject of our sketch died in 1882 and is buried at St. Joseph, Kansas.

NICHOLAS LAGESSE—Born at St. George de Henryville, P. Q., Canada. Settled in St. George, Ill., from where he went to Otto Twp., section 30, the present site of Irwin, and bought 80 acres from Joseph Legris. Married to Orelie Laflamme. Moved to Clyde, Kansas, in 1870 where he died about 1884.

GEORGE DUVAL—Born at Nicolet, P. Q., Canada, in 1831. Came to the states in 1870 and located for a short time at Lake Superior, then in Pilot Twp., where he bought 80 acres at \$27 per acre from Grey Aldrich. Records also show 40 acres at \$400 bought from A. Simonds in 1870. Married to Amedie Leduc. Children: Arthur and Philip. Second marriage to Elise Leduc. Retired to Herscher where he died in 1915 and is buried at Mount Hope cemetery, Goodrich.

JOSEPH PROVENCAL, Sr.—Born at Maskinonge, Canada, on Jan, 25, 1833. When he emigrated he located at Lake Superior and in 1870 in Pilot Twp. Bought 80 acres at \$45 per acre from Ed. Finger. Records also show 40 acres bought from H. Seeger in 1875 at \$910. Married to Leocadie Leduc. Children: Leocadie, Joseph, Gustave, Philius and Fred. In his older days he retired to Herscher where he died in 1907 and is buried in Mount Hope cemetery, Goodrich.

FRANCOIS (FRANK) BALTHAZAR, Sr.—Born at St. Athanase, Dicoese of St. Hycinth, P. Q., Canada. Came to America with his parents, who located at Bourbonnais in 1847. About 1870 he settled with his parents in Limestone Twp., section 17, where his father, Francois B. Sr., bought 80 acres and where he died about 1886. Francois

B. Jr. bought 40 acres in 1870 in the same township, section 16. He died about 1903. His wife, Mary B., died on April 19, 1909 at the age of 82.

GREGOIRE, JOSEPH, MARCEL BALTHAZAR, brothers of Francois B. Jr., settled in the Irwin district about 1870, remaining only two or three years, when they moved to Clyde, Kansas, in a covered wagon, the trip consuming six weeks.

HUBERT GERVAIS—Born in Canada, P. Q., 1842. Came with his parents to Bourbonnais about 1852. In 1871 he bought land from Leon Bertrand and later 120 acres from Fred Fortin. Married to Ezirine Bertrand. Children: Rosy, Josephine, Fred, Adeline, William. After some years he located in Otto Twp., where he bought land. Died in 1917 and is buried in St. Rose cemetery., Kankakee. When 18 years of age he enlisted in the civil war, served for four years and received two honorable discharges.

SOLOMON DUMAS, Sr.—Born at Lacolle, south of Montreal, Canada in 1841. Came to America in 1861 and located in Otto Twp. Purchased 40 acres at \$10 per acre from Illinois Central railroad company in 1871. Married to Adeline Luneau. Children: Joseph, Solomon, Edward, and Mary. Died in 1893 and is buried in the old St. James cemetery, but was transferred to Mount Hope cemetery of Goodrich.

JOSEPH DUMAS, Sr.—Brother to Solomon Dumas. Land record shows 40 acres bought in 1868, which he sold to his brother when he moved to St. Joseph, Kansas where he died about 1884.

JEAN BAPTISTE CYRIER—Born at St. Jean, near Montreal, Canada. Emigrated to the states about 1854 and located a few miles north of Bourbonnais. About 1870 he settled in Otto Twp., section 28, where he bought 80 acres for \$600. Married to ——— Chartier.

FABIEN MARTIN—Born at St. Leon, Canada, in 1825. Emigrated to America in 1851. Settled in Bour-

bonnais, where he bought land. After six years he returned to St. Leon, but again came to the states to settle in the Irwin district in 1874. Had purchased land to the amount of 320 acres. Married. Children: Delphis, Edward, Joseph, John, —. Moved to Windsor, Canada, in 1879 or thereabouts where he died about 1890.

JOSEPH ST. PIERRE—Born at St. Anne d'Yamachiche, diocese of Three Rivers, P. Q., Canada, in 1842. Came to Bourbonnais in 1863 with his parents, Francois and Euphrosine nee Bellemare, his brothers and sisters, eight in all, the father having left one year previous. Mr. St. Pierre moved to the Irwin district about 1874; bought 80 acres of land from Joseph Legris at \$25 per acre. Married to Mary Tremblay. Children: Joseph, Marie, Delia, Celice, Emma, William, Edward. In 1877 he moved to Clyde, Kansas, and one year after to Damar, in the same state.

JOSEPH TREMBLAY—Born at Baie St. Paul, near Quebec, Canada, in 1818. In 1855 emigrated to the states and located in Bourbonnais for some 20 years. From Bourbonnais he settled in the Irwin district about 1875 where he bought 80 acres from Boulet (Gregoire Balthazar) for about \$18 per acre. This land he cultivated for three or four years. Married to Marie Audet. Children: Marie, Joseph, Marceline, Celina, Louise, Philomene, Henriette, Melvine, Emma. Died in Bourbonnais in 1885.

DAVID GERVAIS—Born at St. Julienne, P. Q., Canada, in 1840. Emigrated with his parents to Champlain, New York, in 1846 where he remained for six years. Married to Eudelia Rasette. Child: David. Second marriage to Lizzie Bertrand. Children: Leon, Romain, Jeremiah, George, Arselie, Libby, Ida, Noah, Roumia, Arthur. After the death of his first wife in 1866 at L'Erable, Ill., he left in search of gold and after his return bought 40 acres of land at \$22.50 per acre in Limestone Twp., section 5, in 1876. In his old age he made his home with his children either at Lyons, Neb., or Vermilion, S. Dakota.



OCTAVE SOULIGNY—Born in Canada in 1838. Came to America in 1870 with his parents. Located at first in Kankakee, where he remained for about seven years; then moved to the Irwin district, where he bought 80 acres. Married to — Mailloux; one child. Second marriage to Ozilda Bachant. Children: George, Fred-eric, Mary, Cordelia, —. In 1879 he moved to Clyde, Kansas, where he acquired an estate of 200 acres. Died there in 1893, where he is buried.

WILLIAM FRASER—Of Scotch ancestry, born at Bourbonnais March 3, 1854. Attended St. Viator college. When 18 years of age he went to Chicago, where he engaged in the flour and feed business for one year, then he went to Salt Lake City, Utah, remaining until 1876. Re-turned to Illinois and was married on April 28, 1877, to Sophie Caron of Bourbonnais, daughter of Alexis and An-ge-line (Marcotte) Caron. Adopted two children of a de-ceased sister of his wife, Patrick and Alma, the latter is married to William Speicher of Kankakee. Located in Pilot Twp., where in 1877 he bought 160 acres from Flore Fraser for \$4000. By his energy, industry, thrift and good management he met with merited success. In 1889 he sold his farm and moved to Kankakee, entering the loan, insurance and banking business. In 1894 he organized the banking firm of Legris Bros. & Fraser, and was afterward made a director of the First National bank. In 1902 he became assistant cashier of the Eastern Illinois Trust and Savings bank. He was a member of the Knights of Co-lumbus, Catholic Order of Foresters and the Modern Woodmen. Died February, 17, 1910 and is buried in St. Rose cemetery, Kankakee, in the family vault. Mr. Fras-er had a wonderful business foresight and was always ready to do any one a good turn. His very genial per-sonality won him many friends and of him it may be well said "The world is better for his having lived."

JOHN DESPLAINES—Born in Canada about 1814. Came to America in 1832 and located in New York state, Bourbonnais, Otto and Limestone Twps. Married to Mary Lafontaine in Keesville, New York. Children:

Julia, Adeline, John, Frank, Mary, Joseph, Aime, Louis, Alfred, Rosanna, Isabelle and Emma. Second wife was Mathilde Papineau, widow of Pelletier, in 1873. Bought a home in Bourbonnais and lived there two years, then bought 40 acres in Limestone Twp. at \$15 per acre from Edward Alexandre in 1878. The records also show 80 acres bought from Peter Provost in 1878 for \$1600. He died in 1900 and was buried in Fernwood, near Chicago.

JEREMIE COUTURE, Jr—Born at or near Montreal, Canada, Nov. 19, 1853. Emigrated with his parents to Bourbonnais in 1864, where they located for about 14 years. In 1881 he bought 120 acres in Limestone Twp., section 31, at \$17.50 per acre, from Richard Carl. Married to Henriette Caron. Children: Meddie, Fred, William, Sadie (Sara), Victor, Clifford, Jeremia (Jerry), Corine, Ambrose, Homer. He moved to Marshall, Minn. in 1902. His father Jeremias was born at or near Montreal, Canada, in March 1829. Married to Mathilda Lamell. Children: Jerry, Elias, Germain, Benonie, Arselie, Mathilde, Dennis, Sudella, Joseph. Moved with his son Jerry to Marshall, Minn. in 1902. Died at Damar, Kansas in 1905.

JOSEPH LE BEAU—Born at St. Alexandre, Canada in 1855, and came to America in 1876. Settled in Limestone Twp., section 17, in 1885. Bought 40 acres of land from Casimir Andereggen for \$1700. In 1890 our subject moved to Kankakee. Joseph LeBeau was married to Marie Forgue. Children: Joseph, Emma, Rose, Aida (Sister Gerard Majella in religion), Paul, Marie. He died in Kankakee in 1917 and is buried in St. Mary's cemetery.

FRED FRASER—Brother to William Fraser. Born in Bourbonnais in 1863. In 1885 he bought 160 acres at \$26 per acre from Thomas Couley in Pilot Twp., section 25, and moved on his land the following year. Married to Josephine Martin. Children: Ruby, Haroy, Lillian, Ronald, Elwood. In 1901 he sold his property and settled

in St. Anne for a few years to give his children a good training and education and then moved again on a farm, which he bought in the vicinity of St. Anne.

JEAN PIERRE GRANDADAM—Born at Plaine (Diespach), Alsace, in 1839. Mrs Grandadam left her native country in 1889 with one child and came to Kankakee. The husband followed shortly after and the family moved to the Irwin district where the father worked a small piece of ground and made wooden shoes. Married to Margaret Grandadam. Children: Marie, Margaret Amelie Marie, Arthur, Joseph Zephirin, Francois Adolph. Amelie and Francois are buried in the old St. James cemetery and the bodies have never been taken up. About 1896 the family left for Normandin, Lake St. John, P. Q., Canada, where they remained until 1906 when the father died. Mrs. Grandadam moved shortly after to Clarion, Iowa.

JOSEPH PLANTE—Born at St. Valentin, St. Jean Co., south of Montreal, Canada, March 15, 1829. Came to Illinois in 1847 and located at Bourbonnais, then he moved to Pilot Twp. in 1893 and worked for J. B. Lague. Married to Amelie Rinville in 1854. Children: Amelie, Isaac, Georgina, Josephine, Lucien, Emma, Ninie, (Anna), George, Arthur. Never owned any land. Died in 1919 and is buried in St. James cemetery, Irwin.

FRED KEROACK—Originally De Keroack (Breton), born at St. Jean, P. Q., Canada, in 1853. When about two years old he came with his parents to Illinois locating in Bourbonnais. Fred Breton moved to the district of Irwin when 22 years of age. In 1892 he bought 160 acres from Irwin Pierce at \$40 per acre. Married to Ozilda Pare. Children: Amanda, Nelda, Lilly, Jesse, Victor, Blanche, Daniel, Bernadette, and four others; 12 in all. Moved to Kankakee in 1920. Died in 1921 and is buried in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

EUSEBE LAPIERRE—Born in Canada in 1855. Bought 200 acres in 1900 from Mariah M. Winterroth for

about \$13,000 in Salina Twp., section 34, where he settled the following year. Married in 1877 to Emilie Plante. Children: Josephine, Isaac and Ida. Retired in Pilot Twp. for three years then located in Kankakee, where he died in April 1917 and is buried in Mount Calvary cemetery. His father Cyriac Lapierre (Desmeunier) was born at St. Gregoire, Canada and came to America in about 1862. He located in Vermont for a year and a half, then in Massachusetts for three years and in 1866 came to Kankakee. Married to Mathilde Toquette. Children: Eusebe, Ozilda, Rosa, Joseph, Alma and Pierre. Buried in St. Rose cemetery, Kankakee.

PIONEER AND SUBSEQUENT SETTLERS OF ST. JAMES PARISH.



PIERRE PAUL CARON



MRS MARIE ADELAIDE CARON  
NEE CARON



JOSEPH CARON SR.  
SON OF PIERRE  
PAUL CARON



JOSEPH PLANTE  
BY COMMON APPELLATION "OLD  
PLANTE"



MRS. J. CARON NEE  
TEDRAULT



JOHN DESPLAINES



MRS. J. DESPLAINES



LEON BERTRAND AND MRS. LEON BERTRAND SECOND WIFE, (FROM RIGHT TO LEFT SITTING POSITION FRONT ROW) VINCENT BONER AND MRS. V. BONER



ELIE GIRARD



MRS. TIMOTHY FORTIN ST. (NEE CLOUTIER)



MRS. E. GIRARD



ANTOINE SAUCIER



MRS. A. SAUCIER



LOUIS JORON



MRS. L. JORON NEE  
PROVOST



LOUIS PARE



MRS. L. PARE



SALOMON DUMAS  
SR.



MRS. S. DUMAS



TOUSSAINT DEN-  
AULT



MRS. T. DENAULT  
NEE BREAULT



ANTOINE ST. GER-  
MAIN SR.



MRS. A. ST. GER-  
MAIN



MRS. B. MENARD  
BENONIE MENARD



MRS. J. GOUDREAU  
JOSEPH GOUDREAU



FRANCOIS BEGNOCHE  
MRS. F. BEGNOCHE



JEREMIE COUTURE SR.



WILLIAM FRASER



MRS. W. FRASER



EUSEBE LAPIERRE



MRS. E. LAPIERRE