

FOUNDING FAMILIES

Perl P. Archer, born in October, 1879, and **Mary Ann Weber**, were married in St. Columban's Church on November 8, 1905. To this union, 13 children were born. One of their children, Esther, married Fred McVey on June 21, 1938. Their daughter, Mary Ellen, married Rex Marshall on June 10, 1963. Rex and Mary Ellen are the parents of 9 children, making the sixth generation that are active members of the parish. Perl P. and Mary Ann (Weber) Archer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 8, 1955.

Marze W. Blair of Greenwich, New York, and **Elizabeth McManus** of Godrich, Ontario, Canada, were the parents of 10 children. Daughter, Jennie, married O.L. (Brick) McCoy, whose son, Bill, and his family, are all members of St. Columban's.

Joseph Flavian Bonderer was born in St. Gallen Canton, Switzerland, and arrived in America in 1855. He was the 4th of 15 children. In 1860, he re-established a lime kiln and brick yard at Utica, Missouri. In December, 1860, he was married to **Catherine Seitter**, and they were the parents of 14 children, six of whom lived to adulthood: Mary, Caroline, Bertha, Theresa, Joseph, and Lawrence F. Altogether, at one time, there were 59 ancestors of Flavian and Catherine Bonderer, 30 of whom are Bonderers still attending St. Columban's parish.

In 1880, the Carr-Curran wedding was the first wedding ceremony in St. Columban's Church. **Cornelius Morgan Carr** married **Mary Curran**. Fr. Francis Moenning officiated. They were the parents of five children.

One of the families of Irish railroad workers who came to Chillicothe around 1858 to 1860 with a strong connection with Fr. Hogan included the mother, **Rebecca (or Margaret) Jenkins Montague Graham**, her second husband, **Bill (William) Graham**, her three daughters by her first marriage (**Amanda, Mary Ann and Emily Montague**), and her two young sons by Bill Graham (**Charles and Patrick Graham**). After they were orphaned in 1860 or 1861, the two boys, who were approximately age 5 years old (Charles) and three years old (Patrick) were cared for by Fr. Hogan until they were old enough to be taken in by farm families along his circuit. In fact, the later Grahams could say they owe their very existence to Fr. Hogan. Rebecca (or Margaret) maiden name Jenkins, married names Montague and Graham - died in 1860 or 1861 of yellow fever; William or Bill Graham - died in 1860 or 1861 of yellow fever, within weeks of his wife; Amanda Amelia Montague (born 1840) - married in 1860 to Johnny Ryan; Mary Ann Montague (born 1847) - married Michael Potts; Emily Frances Montague (born 1848) - married Patrick Potts; Charles Graham (born 1856) - orphaned about 1860 or 1861; Patrick Graham (born 1858) - orphaned 1860 or 1861.

Michael Conway and his wife came to Chillicothe in the early 1860's from New Jersey. Mr. Conway was a brick mason and continued this trade here. He died in 1907 and was buried in St. Columban Cemetery with his wife, who had died in 1889. They had one son, Michael.

Abraham Culling and **Melina Miles** were married at Pudymore, England, in 1845. To this union were born nine children. One son, Albert, made his home on a farm SW of Utica after marrying Emma Murphy in 1894. They were the parents of 7 children and 30 grandchildren. **Albert J. Culling** and **Emma Murphy Culling** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1944.

Peter Damm and **Ellen Tyrell Damm** moved their family from Pawnee Rock, Kansas, to Chillicothe in 1901. They were the parents of six children. One daughter, **Lizetta**, married **George Pfaff**, and they had four children: Bessie, Florence, Esther, and Paul.

Michael Donoho was born in Tipperary, Ireland, in 1822. He came to America and married **Ellen Slattery**, who was born in Ohio in 1856. They came to Missouri and settled in Livingston County on a farm NW of town where their children, four daughters and five sons, were born. Mary (Molly Ott) was the oldest and was a devout Catholic.

Edward Dorney was also born in Tipperary, Ireland, in 1830. He came to the United States in 1850 and married **Ellen Toomey** in Ohio. In 1864, the family moved to Missouri and located on a farm six miles south of Chillicothe where five more children were born. One son, **William**, married **Margaret Slattery**, and they had three children. Another son, **Maurice**, moved to the town of Chillicothe and became Chief of Police in 1900 and remained in office until he died in 1948. In 1915, he married **Wilhemina Schneider**, and they were the parents of six children. One of these, **Mary (Mrs. C.R.) Gatson**, left eight children. **Helen (Mrs. R.B.) Hecker** and husband Bob also had eight children. **Elizabeth (Mrs. B.J.) Venable** had five children. **Gertrude (Mrs. E.W. Timmons)** was raised in the parish and now lives in Wheeling. Mr. and Mrs. Timmons are the parents of 12 children. Several children in the Gatson family and all of the Hecker family attend St. Columban's parish.

When a new St. Columban's church was built in Chillicothe in 1879, the altar was built in the Gier Altar Factory. Names on shirt sleeves label Gier brothers from left: Englebert, Emil, John, Henry, and Aloys. Altars created by these skilled German craftsmen went to cathedrals in Kansas City, St. Joseph, Denver, and Atchison.

Sebastian Englert and **Catherine (Deninger) Englert** became members of St. Columban's Church around 1881. Sebastian was from Guttensburg, Germany, and Catherine was from Alsace-Lorraine, France. They had six children. **Catherine** passed away as an infant and was buried in the first Catholic cemetery in Chillicothe. The others attended the local Catholic school. One son, **Frank**, married **Mary Frances Fitzpatrick**, and they had six children. **George** and his wife, **Rose Buckley**, had seven children. **Leo** married **Genevieve Doonan**, and they had three children. There was no additional history on the other daughters, **Madge** and **Mary**.

Henry Fischer and his wife, **Mary**, and their children, William, Charles, George, Mary, Catherine, Anna, and infant daughter, Caroline, came to Chillicothe from

Bernberg, Germany, in 1871. Of this union, two children, William and Catherine, remained life long members of St. Columban's parish. **Catherine** married **Joseph Weber** in St. Columban's Church in 1880. They were the parents of 11 children. All were baptized and confirmed in the church, but only one, **Mary Ann**, remained in the parish (see Perl P. Archer and Mary Ann Weber above).

John Gier was born near Cologne in Aixla-Chapella, a German locality that furnished the best artists in woodwork. His father, **Christian**, was a skilled woodworker and, upon his death in 1871, his widow, **Gertrude**, moved John and his five brothers to the United States. The sons built an altar factory in Chillicothe located at 9th and Trenton Streets and specialized in the manufacture of church altars and church furniture. Some of their work can be seen at St. Columban's Church. The altars on either side of the main altar are believed to have been made in the Gier factory, and the inscription on the north altar says in German, "Gerschere der Familie Gier" - *donation of the Gier family*. When the price of hand carving became prohibitive, the Giers closed their factory and moved to other parts of the country. One of John Gier's sons, **Christian**, remained in Chillicothe and became a jeweler, watchmaker, and optometrist. He married **Clara Gladioux** and had one son and three daughters. Two of their daughters are members of St. Columban's - Ms. Jeanette Gier and Mrs. Donald (Mildred) Saale. The son, Victor, was killed in a hunting accident in 1944.

John Gorman married **Margaret Kelly**, and they were the parents of seven daughters and four sons. They resided on a farm SE of Chillicothe. Several members of their family moved to other dioceses. Frank married Leona Hunter, and they were the parents of three daughters and three sons.

Joseph Gladioux was an ice dealer in the Chillicothe area for a quarter of a century. When he was 26 years of age, he went into the ice business having moved from Ohio and married **Josephine Pierson**. To this union, nine children were born. Joseph and his wife were active members of St. Columban's Church. Joseph died in 1937, and Josephine died in 1943.

James Hogan was born in 1846 in Canada. He married **Mary Feeney** in Ohio. From Ohio, they came to Leopolis. They were the parents of four children.

Michael Inderwiesen and **Balbina Feger**, both from Germany, were married in Illinois in 1874. They moved to Livingston County in 1880. They were the parents of five children.

John Kappus was born in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1804. His wife, **Mary**, was also born in Germany. After they moved to Missouri, they settled on a farm east of

Sturges. They had nine children. Mr. Kappus was a musician; he wrote music and played several instruments. One of their children, **Anna Kappus**, married **Louis Pfaff**, and several of the Kappus' descendants still attend St. Columban's. John Kappus passed away in 1878 and was the first one to be buried by the Franciscans in our present Catholic cemetery. His wife, Mary, passed away in 1906.

Lawrence Kinsella was born in 1820 in County Wexford, Ireland, and immigrated to America around 1850. He married **Bridgett Dooley**, also born in Ireland. In 1861, Lawrence and Bridgett purchased 40 acres of land four miles north of Wheeling in what was then known as Hogan's Settlement. Six children were born to the union. Father John J. Hogan said Mass at the Kinsella household before the original church was erected.

John Klein and his wife, **Eva**, came to Chillicothe with their children on September 20, 1880, from Buidigin, Germany, and purchased a farm four miles east of Chillicothe.

William Koehl moved from Mendon, Missouri, with his children (his wife, Mary Ann, was deceased) and located in Chillicothe around 1905. There were seven children. Two of these, **Isabel and Magdalene**, stayed at the St. Joseph's Academy at the time it was a boarding school. In later years, some of the children moved to other areas, but **George, Wilhemina, and Margaret (Mrs. Arthur) Dodd**, and her son, **Kenneth**, remained in this parish. **George Koehl** married **Catherine Ludwig** in 1911, and they had four children.

Joseph Martin and **Ellen Pendergast** were married in 1868. They lived on a farm in Rich Hill Township and were the parents of one son, **James Joseph**. He married **Agnes C. Murphy** in 1901. They were the parents of five daughters. Emily Ellen married Joseph Anderson of Dawn, and they were the parents of five children.

Maurice Martin and **Kathryn Slattery**, both natives of Tipperary, Ireland, were married in Ohio and migrated to Missouri in 1881, settling on a farm near Leopolis. To this union were born six children. **Johanna Martin (Franklin)** and her family were lifetime members of the Leopolis Parish. **Robert** made his home on the farm near Leopolis. **John Martin** and **Kora Hogan** were united in marriage in 1890. They had one son, **Maurice Patrick**, and he married **Margaret Mary O'Connor** of Chula in 1918.

John Miller and his sons, John and Louis, were among the men who helped build St. Columban's Church. They came from Germany and settled in St. Charles about 1850. From there, they moved to a farm east of Chillicothe. They were the parents of four children: **John, Louis, Caroline, and Wentley**. John married **Anne Venneman**, and they raised three children: **Joseph, Tony, and Mary**. Joe married **Emellen Martin** in 1940. They had eight children. Of these, **Larry Joe, Mike, Tom, and Mrs. Ray (Mary Beth) Burnett** became members of St. Columban's.

Moses McBride and wife, **Anna**, were born in Ireland and came to Missouri in pioneer days. They were the parents of five boys and one girl. **John** married **Sadie**

Ulmer, and they were the parents of one boy and one girl. John was the owner of a bookstore in Chillicothe. **Matthew** was a lawyer here. **Garrett** married **Mary Manning**, and they were the parents of two girls and three boys. Garrett was the owner of a grocery store for many years.

Anthone Muck and his wife, **Josephine (Schmidt) Muck** were born in Alsace, France, and came to Chillicothe in 1888. To them were born six children. **Joseph Koehly** and **Theresa Peters** were married in 1860 in Alsace, France. They came to the United States in 1860, settling in a log cabin four miles east and two miles south of Chillicothe. To this union were born 8 children. Joseph Koehly fought with the French Army against the German Army over the Ferial Valley, Alsace, now Strasbourg, Germany. They were lifetime members of St. Columban's. **August Koehly**, son of Joseph, and **Mary Theresa Muck**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Muck, were united in marriage in 1909 at St. Columban's. To this union were born 8 children.