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ST. MARY'S, MATTINGLY SETTLEMENT

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
1856 - 1981

The Early Years to 1861

Muskingum township in the Ohio county of the same name boasts beautiful wooded hills and pleasant rolling meadows. It is bordered on the east by the Muskingum river valley. Through a great part of the southern half of the township runs a wide sweeping valley, extending from the Dillon Dam watershed on the west to a golf course about two miles to the east. On a hill overlooking the western part of the valley there was built in 1856 a red brick church dedicated to God under the title of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The area was early known as Mattingly Settlement from the many families of that name who lived there. The little congregation is this year observing the 125th anniversary of the church.

The pioneer Catholic of the area was William Mattingly. His grandson, Rev. Julius Mattingly, wrote of him: "At the age of thirty, having been born near Cumberland, Md., in the year 1774, William Mattingly married Sara Mathis, and shortly afterwards started into the wild west to make his fortune. The entire make-up of his caravan consisted of himself, his wife, horse, his trusty rifle and his ever faithful dog, Schneider. He set out on the old trail leading to Pittsburgh, thence westerly to the Ohio River. Here, with the assistance of some friendly Indians he was ferried across at what is now called Bridgeport, O. The general course of the Pennsylvania railroad, since built, was followed through camp Denison to Newcomerstown, O. Here he remained for about one year, when he moved as far west as the Muskingum river, thence southwest to Mattingly settlement, of which he was the first resident of this name.

"By industry and wise planning, success followed his every endeavor, and by his kindly disposition was beloved by all who knew him. This was in the spring of 1812. He was a devout Catholic, never missing Mass on Sundays, making the trip to Zanesville, ten miles distant, every Sunday." (1)

Not long after his arrival in Muskingum township Mr. Mattingly bought 100 acres in Lot 16 of the third quarter of the township. The deed is dated December 30, 1813. It later became the property of his son, Francis, and still later was known as the Crabtree farm. In 1817 he bought 100 acres more in the same Lot.

William Mattingly and Sara Mathis [Matthews] were the parents of six children. William, the first, was probably born in Coshocton county. He was dead by 1820. Chidley Matthew was next, followed by his sister Martha. Both were born before 1815. Honora and Lucy were born between 1815 and 1820, while Francis, the youngest, was born Feb. 22, 1824. Francis was the father of Rev. Julius F. Mattingly.

During the 1820's

For many years William Mattingly was the only Catholic in the township. He attended Mass in Zanesville in what was at that time known as "Trinity Chapel," on South Fifth street. A baptismal entry of December 25, 1829, shows that William and Sarah Mattingly were sponsors at the baptism of Ignatius Milligan.

During the 1820's William purchased two more properties. On March 15, 1822, he bought 160 acres in Jackson township, next north of Muskingum township. He sold it in 1851. He next bought 122.5 acres in Licking township, next west, on November 25, 1828. This he sold to his son, Chidley, in 1834, probably when the son became of age. This would indicate that Chidley was born in 1813.

Before 1830 two other Catholic families had come into the area. They were James Durbon [Durbin] and James Clark. Mr. Durbon has one daughter under five years of age, and there were two daughters and one son in the Clark family. Neither family has as yet bought property.

The 1830's

During the period from 1830 to 1840 the little Catholic settlement increased rapidly. Besides William Mattingly, there were added the families of Joseph Mattingly (with four children), Michael Mattingly (no children) and Charles Mattingly (four children). Joseph, Michael and Charles were all nephews of William.

There were also two more Durbin families. James Durbin, already there, now had three children. He was joined by Daniel Durbin (wife and four children) and Elijah Durbin (wife and seven children). The Durbins were relatives of the pioneer William's mother, Honor Durbin, wife of Henry Mattingly of Cumberland, Maryland.

Peter Majors with his wife and seven children also came during this period. He was related to Ann Majors, wife of John Mattingly, another nephew of William, who came to the Settlement about this time. Besides, there was in the township one John Flaherty with his wife and five children.

John Mattingly's father and mother, John and Eleanor Mattingly, of Cumberland, Md., bought 141 acres in Lots 9 and 12, of the third quarter of the township on June 12. 1838. Apparently they did not come to Ohio. The following year they sold the property to Michael Mattingly, father of Henry Mattingly, whose son, Lemert, now lives there.

In 1831 William's wife, Sara, died. She was buried in Mt. Calvary cemetery, Zanesville, after a Funeral Mass in St. John the Baptist church [now St. Thomas]. Perhaps this prompted William to strive for a cemetery closer to his home. In February, 1835, Father Charles P. Montgomery, O.P., pastor at Zanesville, wrote to Bishop Purcell in Cincinnati: "There are three or four families 10 to 12 miles from Zanesville who, in consequence of the distance, wish a grave yard in their

own settlement. Mr. William Mattingly will give an acre for that purpose, on which at some future time he hopes to have a church erected." (2)

It was during the 1830's that the settlement began to take on the aspect of a mission parish. The History of Muskingum County, published in 1882 [p. 339], records that St. Mary's Catholic church had its inception in 1834, at the house of William Mattingly, the occasion being solemnized by the ceremony of "the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass," which was celebrated pretty regularly, monthly, thereafter, by the Dominican Fathers of Zanesville.

A wedding is to be noted during this period. John William Mattingly, son of Joseph, married Ann Maher in St. John's church, Zanesville, Nov. 6, 1837.

There was considerable buying of property during the 1830's. Joseph Mattingly bought 100 acres in Lot 10 on Dec. 6, 1832. This was just south of the tract which later became the Michael Mattingly farm. In March, 1834, William sold to his son, Chidley, the 122 acres which he had bought in Licking township in 1828. The next month he bought 40 acres from Jacob McGlade in the area north of the old Oak Hill school. Two years later, March 5, 1836, he increased the plot by buying 40 acres more from William McGlade.

On Nov. 14, 1836, Joseph Mattingly bought two small tracts of six and 18 acres in Lot 12, which was to become part of the Michael Mattingly farm. As already mentioned, John Mattingly, of Allegany county, Maryland, bought 141 acres in Lots 9 and 12 in 1838. On September 10 of that year Samuel Mattingly, older brother of the pioneer, William, bought 100 acres in Lot 20, located south and west of the Michael Mattingly farm. Samuel was married to Elinor Durbin in 1802 in Sacred Heart Minor Basilica, Conewago, Pennsylvania. He and his wife came to Ohio early in 1838. But Samuel died in March, 1839, and is buried in the old Mt. Calvary cemetery, Zanesville. Just before his death he had deeded the property in Lot 20 to his son, Charles. [All these properties are in quarter township 3.]

James Durbin bought 100 acres in Lot 11, June 1, 1833. This tract was just southwest of the Michael Mattingly property, and was to become the farm of Stephen Clark in the next decade. Also buying property during the 1830's was Daniel Durbin. He bought a small piece in Lot 1 in 1836, and was to increase this by further purchases in 1843 and 1848.

The 1840's

The growth of the little mission parish continued in the 1840's. While William, Michael and Charles were still farming in Muskingum township, Joseph bought a farm of 160 acres just south in Falls township in 1847. He increased this by 100 acres in 1850.

Other names in the settlement now are Stephen Clark, Isaac Osman [Osmond], Mary Durbin, Abraham Flaherty, Francis Mattingly, John Mattingly, John McCleary, Francis Farrell and Francis Dunn. Stephen Clark married Catherine Durbin in St. Thomas' church, Zanesville, Oct. 1, 1847. Isaac Osmond had married Margaret Mattingly, daughter of the pioneer, William. Isaac and his wife were to die during this period, leaving three children. A grandson, son of Mary Osmond and Daniel Dugan, became a Dominican priest. He was the Rev. Frank Dugan, O.P., who died in Jersey City, N.J., in 1941.

During this time the Dominican Fathers were making regular visits to the Catholics in Mattingly Settlement. Something of a mission congregation was now

being realized. The religious faith of the settlers is evident from the baptisms and marriages recorded at St. Thomas', Zanesville.

Baptisms at St. Thomas' in the 1840's included the following apparent residents of the Settlement: James Majors, Elizabeth Collopy, Catharine Berkey, Rose Ann Durbin, Ann Rebecca Mattingly, Sarah C. Mattingly, William Osmond, Celestin Durbin, Sarah Elizabeth Mattingly, Honora Helen Mattingly, Chrysostom McKinney, Joseph Michael Durbin, William Mattingly, Martha Mattingly, Mary Imelda Mattingly, Charles Pius Durbin, Catharine Mattingly, Ursula Mattingly, James Clark, Rosalia Mattingly, Augustine Mattingly, Anne Matilda Mattingly, Basil Clark, Aloysius Mattingly and Thomas Mattingly.

There were some marriages, too. Married were George Durbin and Lucy Mattingly (daughter of William, the pioneer), Jan. 19, 1841; Chidley Mattingly (son of William) and Phoebe Woodard, April 5, 1842; Nathan Mattingly (son of John, nephew of William) and Mary Durbin, April 26, 1846; Stephen Clark and Catharine Durbin, Oct. 1, 1847; Basil Durbin and Elizabeth Ax, Oct. 15, 1847, and Francis Mattingly (son of William) and Mary Heenan, Nov. 7, 1848.

The eventual location of St. Mary's church was bought Feb. 3, 1844, when William Mattingly purchased 100 acres in Lot 14 of quarter township 3. The same day he sold the tract to his nephew, John Mattingly, who later donated the parcel on which the church now stands.

The 1850's - Building of the Church

Catholic families in Muskingum township in the 1850's were Mary McLaughlin (with 3 children), Patrick Noon (2 children), Thomas Raftery (4 children), George Logsdon (5 children), Francis Mattingly (7 children), Stephen Clark (7 children), John McGinnis (3 children), John Durbin (2 children), Michael Mattingly (7 children), Charles Mattingly (3 children), Nathan Mattingly (3 children), John Mattingly (4 children), John Kelly (one child), William Mattingly (2 children) and Joseph Sutton (2 children).

Further, John Collopy, Joseph Mattingly and John Mattingly were farming just south in Falls township. And Francis Mattingly, John McLaughlin, Samuel Mattingly and Thomas Hickey were living just west in Licking township.

The long nourished desire for a church began to be realized when on Sept. 7, 1855, Father Charles P. Montgomery, O.P., pastor of St. Thomas' church, Zanesville, wrote to Archbishop Purcell: "You are aware that there are some six or seven families living in what is called Mattingly's Settlement 9 or 10 miles from Zanesville. We have for many years attended them about once a month. They find it inconvenient to have church in their houses (3), being all too small. They are desirous of putting up a small church, say 30 ft. by 50 or 60. One of them will give the lot. Will you please say whether I may encourage them or not..." (4) Father Montgomery's estimate of the number of families was quite conservative.

Apparently the Archbishop gave his approval for the erection of a church. It was started the following summer.

It was about this time that the Dominican Fathers relinquished charge of the Settlement mission. It was assigned to Father Frederick Bender, pastor of

St. Francis de Sales parish, Newark, about 20 miles west. He was also given charge of other missions, including Wills Creek, Killbuck and Dresden.

Archbishop Purcell visited the Settlement in August of 1856. His report, printed in the "Catholic Telegraph," Cincinnati, reads: "On the 11th of August the Archbishop offered the Sacrifice at the house of the aged and venerable Mr. William Mattingly, where several devout Catholics received Holy Communion. This zealous Catholic gave \$5,000 toward the erection of the church of St. Thomas Aquinas, Zanesville, a fact which is commemorated by a white marble tablet in the sacristy of that church. He is now engaged with the aid of his patriarchal family, and Catholic neighbors in building a church on a beautiful site given by one of his nephews in the above named Settlement ten miles from Zanesville. The foundations are built, the brick burnt, and the work contracted for to be under roof, God willing, this fall. It will cost about five or six thousand dollars." (5)

The following November 14 Father Bender wrote to the Archbishop: "At Mattingly's the church is roofed, the floor will soon be laid, but as it is late in the season they intend putting off the plastering till Spring. Old Mr. Mattingly has been improving slowly but steadily since the last stroke. His son [Chidley] left about four weeks ago for the West, we could not persuade him to stay." (6)

In another report to the Archbishop of March 17, 1857, Father Bender wrote: "Mattingly's will likewise be attended once a month on Sundays. Old Mr. Mattingly is about as usual, the fine weather may do his stiffened limbs some good." (7)

The next month Father Bender wrote to report William's death. "On my return from Cincinnati a few weeks ago the painful news reached me of the death of Mr. William Mattingly. After his last stroke of palsy, he merely lingered on, losing strength day by day, till the morning of Holy Thursday when this truly pious and zealous Catholic departed this life to join his Maker and receive the reward for the great and numerous good works he had performed. He was in the 78th year of his age. He is the first that has been buried in the Cemetery of the new St. Mary's Church of the Settlement in which he lived. Rev. Mr. Joyce hastened to his residence but arrived an hour too late. I had, however, heard his confession and given him Holy Communion a few weeks before having a station in that Settlement. And ere that he had already received Holy Viaticum and extreme unction. R. I. P." (8)

Apparently the Archbishop visited the Settlement again in early December, 1858. (9) His report of visitation of a number of missions in the area included the fact that he had confirmed 15 at St. Mary's, Mattingly Settlement. Probably the church was not completely furnished by that time, for he did not dedicate it with any official ceremony.

In November, 1861, the little parish had its day of celebration. On Nov. 14th the Archbishop blessed the cemetery and the church, and on the following day confirmed a class of thirteen. His account of the occasion as published in the "Catholic Telegraph," Cincinnati, Nov. 23, 1861, states: "On the 14th and 15th November the Cemetery and Church of the Nativity B. V. M., Mattingly Settlement, nine miles from Zanesville, were blessed by the Most Rev. Atchbishop Purcell, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Bender, Sergius de Stchoulepnikoff, Raymond Young and Dunn, O.P., of Zanesville. The church is a handsome and well built

structure, placed on an eminence where it can be seen from afar. It was crowded on the occasion of its dedication. There were seventy-three Communions and thirteen Confirmations. This Settlement is one in which the faith has been kept inviolate, with the aid of frequent and fervent communion, devotion to the Blessed Virgin, and the reading of good books by young and old." (10)

Francis Mattingly, William's son, provided a handsome sum to pay for the furnishing of the church. The old pioneer had died April 5, 1857, and his remains were at rest in the ground as the Archbishop blessed it.

- (1) "Traditions and Genealogy of the Mattingly Family, 1633-1918," by Rev. Julius Mattingly, p. 4.
- (2) Letter of Rev. Charles P. Montgomery, O.P., to Bishop Purcell, February, 1835. Archives of the University of Notre Dame.
- (3) Father Montgomery's use of the plural, "houses", indicates that more than one home was privileged to have Mass in it.
- (4) Letter of Father Montgomery to Archbishop Purcell, Sept. 5, 1855. Archives of the University of Notre Dame.
- (5) "Catholic Telegraph," Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 23, 1856. Archives of the Sisters of Charity, Nazareth, Kentucky.
- (6) Letter of Rev. F. Bender to Archbishop Purcell, Nov. 14, 1856. Archives of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- (7) Ibid., Letter of March 17, 1857.
- (8) Ibid., Letter of April 28, 1857.
- (9) "Catholic Telegraph," Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 12, 1858. Archives of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- (10) Ibid., Nov. 23, 1861.

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1844

- 267. 1 January: Karl Wilhelm Franz, born 30 December 1843, son of Franz Dengler and his wife Josephina born Kupferle. Sponsors: Cornelius Jacobs and Apollonia Gangloff. W. Schonat
- 268. 14 January: Michael, born 23 October, son of Joseph Miller and Regina his wife. Sponsors: Nicholas Zehnacker and Maria Klaus. J.M. Young
- 269. 21 January: Maria Angela, born 15 January 1844, daughter of Alois Wölfel and his wife Angela born Weingardt. Sponsors: Joseph Wölfel and Maria Wölfle. W. Schonat
- 270. 28 January: Wilhelm Karl, born 14 January 1844, son of Georg Studder and Regina born Werrest, his wife. Sponsors: Jacob Fischer and Francisca Wagner. W. Schonat
- 271. 18 February: Anna Katharina, born 13 February 1844, daughter of Johann Röhrenbeck and his wife Caroline born Frank. Sponsors: Jacob Frank and Anna Katharina Frank. W. Schonat
- 272. 25 February: Agnes, born 23 February 1844, daughter of Johann Ender and his wife Eva born Frank. Sponsors: Jacob Frank and Agnes Frank. W. Schonat

1844 (Continued)

273. 3 March: Maria Elizabetha, born 28 January 1844, daughter of Christian Müller and his wife Veronica born Scheer. Sponsors: Lorenz Beck and Elizabetha Raap.
274. 3 March: Caroline, born 21 February, daughter of Jacob Schaeringer and his wife Theresa born Stephans. Sponsors: Andreas Schlaeritt and Magdalena Schlaeritt. W. Schonat
275. 3 March: Maria Elizabetha, born 22 February, daughter of August Ilgert and his wife Rosina. Sponsors: Paulus Kaeli and Maria Ann Biesick. W. Schonat
276. 17 March: Johann, born 8 March, son of Lucas Merkle and his wife Margaretha Uri. Sponsors: Johann Uri and Josepha Käli. W. Schonat
[In 1850 there were two men named Johann Uri who lived in Columbus; both were born in Germany. One was a cabinetmaker, born around 1817 (Wd. 4, p. 477), and the other was a shoe maker, born around 1826 (Wd. 4, p. 553).]
277. 31 March: Benedict, born 22 March 1844, son of Peter Brands and his wife Susanna born Koch. Sponsors: Benedict and Laura Rott. W. Schonat
278. 5 April: Karl William, born 3 March 1842, son of William Realley and his wife Adelaide born Behmer. Sponsors: Karl Behmer and Franz Dengler. W. Schonat
279. 7 April: Johann, born 5 December 1843, son of Jacob Scholl and his wife Sidonia born Niebeling. Sponsors: Johann Niebeling and Anna Maria Niebeling.
280. Same Day: Maria, born 22 February 1844, daughter of John Wilking and his wife Magdalena born Müller. Sponsors: George Wilking and Maria Frank. W. Schonat
281. 14 April: Maria Salome, born 2 April, daughter of Michael Bolsly and his wife Margaretha born Ebner. Sponsors: Maria Pfarr and Franz Buss. W. Schonat
282. 24 April: Elisabetha, born 16 November 1843, daughter of Balthasar Schlogel (in Delaware County) and his wife Genevieve born Caspar. Sponsors: Wilhelm Kaufmann and Anna Maria Kaufmann.
["Balsar Slagal" was living in Marlborough township, Delaware County, in 1840. (p. 251) Wilhelm Kaufmann was a farmer, born in Germany around 1798. In 1840 he was living in Pleasant township, Marion County (p. 66) and in 1850 in Waldo township, Marion County (p. 23).]
283. 28 April: Anna Katharina, born 22 January, daughter of Gregor Pfeiffer (in Delaware) and his wife Anna Maria born Beck. Sponsors: Johann Getreu and Anna Katharina Getreu. W. Schonat
284. 8 May: Peter, born 4 April 1844, son of Johann Frey and his wife Maria born Uri. Sponsors: Peter Uri and Margaretha Mardle. W. Schonat
[Johann Frey was a farmer in Montgomery township, born in France around 1818. (1850, p. 825) He was a son of Joseph and Margaretha Frey.]
285. 12 May: Georg Fridolin, born 7 May 1844, son of Fridolin Mutter and his wife Josepha born Enter. Sponsors: Isidor Frey and Josepha Enter. W. Schonat
286. 26 May: Johann, born 2 May, son of Christian Seifert and his wife Maria born Wölfel. Sponsors: Joseph Wölfel and Katharina Hanauer. W. Schonat
287. 6 June: Rev. Bishop John Purcell baptized Edward Leeds, age 35 years. Sponsor: W. Weiler.
[Edward Leeds was a painter, born in England around 1810. He and his family were living in Ward 3 in 1850. (p. 588) He had children who were born in Pennsylvania from 1832 to 1841.]

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288. Same Day: Rev. Mr. Jarbo baptized Martin, born 6 March, son of John Hogarty and his wife Lucy born Krump. Sponsor: Elizabeth Leeds.
289. Same Day: Rosina, born 12 March, daughter of Philip Frey and his wife Elisabetha Brosmer. Sponsors: Johann Kahn and Rosina Ilgert. W. Schonat
290. 16 June: Cecilia, born 10 June 1844, daughter of Vincens Burkle and his wife Theresa born Helzer. Sponsors: Johann Birong and Sophia Ullrich. W. Schonat
291. 16 June: Johann, born 12 June 1844, son of Johann Siefert and his wife Barbara born Reinhardt. Sponsors: Georg Reinhardt and Mar. Barbara Freund.
[John "Sefort" lived on South Public Lane between Third and Fourth streets in 1843. In 1840 he was living in Ward 3. (p. 232)]
292. Same Day: Maria Caroline, born 12 June 1844, daughter of Joseph Steinmetz and his wife Sophia born Meier. Sponsors: Michael Zinaker and M. Buss. W. Schonat
293. 19 June: Christina Adelaide, born 17 June, daughter of Johann Zimmer and Christina Born Weidner. Sponsors: Johann Kali and Adelaide Schlumberger. W. Schonat
294. 20 July: Anna Maria, born 21 June, daughter of Dominic Weiler and Maria Magdalena Born Herzag. Sponsor: Maria Anna Dorn. J.B. Emig
[Dominic Weiler was an "instrument maker," born in Germany around 1810. (1850 Ward 3, p. 580)]
295. 21 July: Lorenz, born 28 June, son of Lorenz Beck and Theresa born Engler. Patron, Anton Richter. J. B. Emig
296. 21 July: Theresa, born 6 March 1844, daughter of Franz Kohler and Maria born Hugel. Sponsors: Gallus and Maria Wolfel. J. B. Emig
297. 28 July: Jacob, born 25 April 1844, son of Ignaz Raab and Maria Anna, born Luckart. Sponsors: Jacob and Maria Anna Fogel. J. B. Emig
298. 28 July: Katharina, born 2 July, daughter of Johann Lang and Louisa, born Koon. Sponsor: Katharina Koon. J. B. Emig
299. 28 July: Veronica, born 24 July, daughter of Adam Weisbecker and Veronica Roth. Sponsors: Bernhard and Veronica Baumgart. J. B. Emig
300. 11 August: Michael, born 22 July, son of Timothy Sullivan and Mary Nye. Sponsors: Michael Whittle and Anna Harrison. J. M. Young
301. 25 August: Mary, born 22 August 1844, daughter of John Riley and Mary Sheridan his wife. Sponsors: James Berry and Mary Filg....ont(?).
[John Riley was a soap chandler, born in Ireland around 1820. (1850 Ward 3, p. 403)]
302. Same Day: Maria Elisabetha, born 16 August 1844, daughter of Georg Fisher and Kunigunda Ross, his wife. Sponsors: Jacob and Elisabetha Frank. J.M. Young
303. 8 September: Peter, born 8 July, son of Peter Collins and his wife Elizabeth born Malon. Sponsors: John and Elizabeth Dophy. W. Schonat
[John Duffy, editor, lived on the east side of Front street near Friend street in 1843. "Captain John Duffy, in 1842 and 1843, issued the Ohio Freeman, and afterward the Columbus Herald." -- Studer, p. 259]
304. 22 September: Margaretha, born 20 September 1844, daughter of Anton Leipold and his wife Margaretha born Hensel. Sponsors: Ullrich and Leopoldina Hessenpreis. W. Schonat
305. Same Day: Eva Rosina, born 14 September, daughter of Johann Eigensee and his wife Anna Born Seitz. Sponsors: Georg Heinemann and Ev. Ros. Heinemann. W. Schonat

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