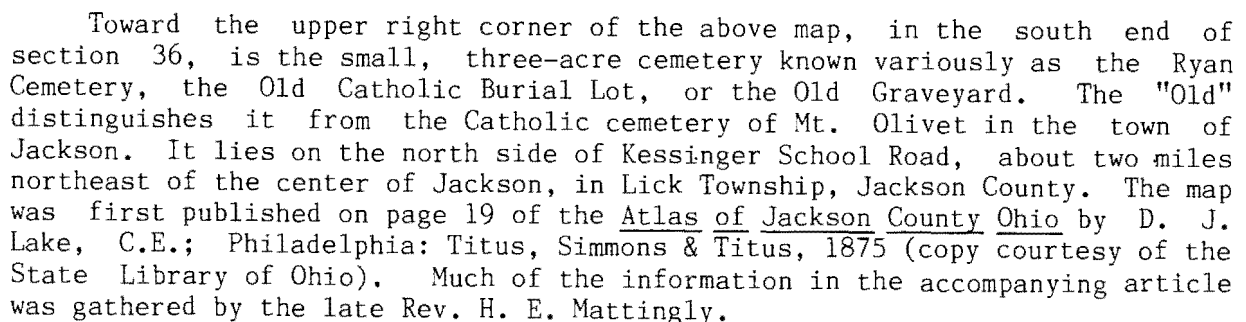




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THE RYAN CEMETERY  
LICK TOWNSHIP, JACKSON COUNTY, OHIO

According to Bishop Hartley's history of the Diocese of Columbus, "it was not before the year 1860, when the coal fields opened, that Catholics made their appearance" in the vicinity of the town of Jackson in Jackson County, which had been founded in 1817. (1) The annual Catholic Directory indicates that the Church of the Holy Name in Jackson was attended from Wilkesville from 1858 to 1864; from Chillicothe in 1865 and 1866; from Zaleski from 1867 to 1869; and in the next year became a parish. (2) The Church of the Holy Name was a former brick public school building, which was replaced by the new Holy Trinity Church in 1881. Hartley's history goes on to state that some of these Catholics came from other parts of Ohio, some from other states, and not a few came directly from Holland and Germany. However, it was an Irish-born widow and farm owner named Judy (Ryan) Doherty who established the first cemetery for the use of Catholics in the area, about two miles northeast of the center of the town of Jackson.

The 1870 and 1880 Federal censuses (3) indicate that Mrs. Julia Daugherty or Mrs. Judi Dougherty was born in Ireland in the second decade of the century. Her brother Martin Ryan, who was about fifteen years younger, was living in Kentucky in the mid-1850's when his daughter Bridget was born but had moved to Ohio by about 1859 when his son John was born. By 1870 Mrs. Daugherty and Martin and his family were living together in a house on Martin's 40 acres, the west half of lot 36 in Lick Township; Judy owned the eastern 40 acres of this lot, at the southern end of which she established the cemetery.

On March 17, 1869 Mrs. Daugherty (or "Judah Doherty" as the deed calls her) sold two acres of land at the southern end of lot 36 of Lick Township to "Rev. Father O'Brien" for the price of \$200. This land, on the north side of the road, surrounded on the west, north, and east sides a smaller, 3/4 acre parcel which she excluded from the deed. The 2 3/4 acre area as a whole formed a square, in the southwest corner of her property. The smaller, 3/4 acre lot was already a graveyard and was enclosed by a board fence. Twelve days later, on March 29, "in consideration of love and reverence I have for the Catholic Church, and one dollar" Mrs. Doherty deeded the smaller parcel to Bishop Rosecrans. The 1875 atlas of Jackson County shows the combined 2 3/4 or 3 acre lot as a cemetery. (4)

The purpose for the two deeds for the two separate parcels is not clear. It may be that the smaller lot was given to the Bishop because it was already being used as a graveyard and therefore was permanent, whereas the two acres may have been sold for future use by the parish in Jackson, if it should grow. The second deed, to Bishop Rosecrans, was witnessed by Francis O'Brien. This was undoubtedly the Rev. F. O'Brien who was pastor at Zaleski St. Sylvester in 1869 (5), who had charge of the Jackson mission that year, and to whom the two acres was sold.

On May 8, 1984 the following inscriptions were read there:

Mary, Daughter of P. M. O'REILLY, Died Nov. 3, 1868, Age 15 Yrs 8 Mos 27 Days

Mary, Daughter of P & M GUTHRIE, Died Jan. 22, 1872, Aged 16 Yrs 9 Mos 27 Days, Lovely & So Young & Fair, Count ----- By Every Dawn

Patrick CONNER, Died June 2, 1873, 75 Yrs old

Mary, Wife of James MILLIGAN, Died April 1, 1876, Aged 60 yrs  
(This small plot is enclosed with an old ornamental fence.)

Mary, Wife of P.H. GUTHRIE, Native of Ireland, Died March 6, 1879, Blest are the clean of heart for they shall see God

Katie, Wife of J. C. SMITH, Died May 21, 1879, Aged 19 Yrs 1 Mo. 8 Days

Patrick HICKEY, Died August 15, 1880, Age 17 Yrs

The book Cemetery Inscriptions of Jackson County, Ohio under the heading of the Ryan Cemetery in Lick Township contains none of the above inscriptions. Instead it lists a Charles Neal Downard, 1914-1974 and his wife Rozelle M. Downard, 1914-blank. (6) It appears that an entirely different cemetery may have been found by its authors.

The burial register of Holy Trinity Church in Jackson begins at October 26, 1891, with two interments in the "Old Graveyard:" John Fogarty, died Oct. 24, buried Oct. 26, 1891, age 16 months; and Nicholas Basquil, died Oct. 31, buried Nov. 1, 1891, age 76 years, a native of County Mayo, Ireland. The next burial from the parish, on December 16, was the first made in the new Mt. Olivet Cemetery at Jackson, where the majority of future burials were made. Early in 1892 the removals of the remains of Ann Mary Essman, Ambrose Wangler, and Ann Wangler from the "Old" graveyard to Mt. Olivet were recorded.

There is no doubt that the "Old Graveyard" was the Ryan Cemetery, for the only other two later interments ever recorded for that lot were those of Bridget Ryan, who died at age 72 years on February 19, 1899, and Martin Ryan, brother of Mrs. Daughtery, who died at age 76 years on May 19, 1911. Martin's son John P. Ryan and his family are interred in Fairmount Cemetery at Jackson.  
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#### NOTES

(1) Hartley, Rt. Rev. James J., The History of Fifty Years, 1868-1918; Columbus, 1918; p. 551.

(2) Bulletin, Vol. III, page 222.

(3) Federal Census of 1870, Jackson County, Ohio, sheet 156.

(4) Jackson County Deed Record.

(5) Hartley, op. cit., p. 550.

(6) Hixon, Mary J., and Frances Welch Hixon, Cemetery Inscriptions of Jackson County, Ohio; Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1982; Vol. I page 738.

(7) Hixon, op. cit., page 654.

## GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY DURING 1985

The following are all of the books, booklets, pictures, etc. given to the Society in 1985. We are grateful for these and ask that anyone who wishes to dispose of books on secular or church history relating to the present or past areas of the diocese, biographies of persons with connections to the Church, or works by authors of the diocese, consider making a gift of these to the Society, where they will be available to our members.

U.S. Catholic Historian, Vol 2, nos. 1-2 (1982), "Sulpician Involvement in Educational Projects in the See and Province of Baltimore."

Society of St. Paul: Fifty years of Gospel Ministry in the United States, 1932-1982. - gifts of Rev. Anthony Cheveny (New York)

Codex Juris Canonici Pii X Pontificis Maximi...; Typis Poly glottis Vaticanis, MCMXXXVIII. - gift of Donald Schlegel

Our Lady of Good Hope, Pine Hill, and St. Joseph's Church, Sugar Grove: Past and Present; Sugar Grove: the St. Joseph Altar Society, 1985.  
- gift of Agnes R. Krile

Acta et Decreta, Concilii Plenarii Baltimorensis Tertii; Baltimore: John Murphy Co., 1886. - gift of Donald Schlegel

Healey, Edward F., Which Way to Heaven?; London [Ohio]: The Owl Press, 1976.  
- gift of Patrick Mooney

Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, Called ... and Sent (Sesquicentennial booklet); Columbus: 1980.  
- gift of the Community of St. Mary of the Springs

Print of watercolor "Broad and Fifth, Winter," painted by Donald L. Dodrill.  
- gift of Patrick Mooney

History of St. Margaret's Catholic Church, Hackney, Ohio (Morgan County)  
- anonymous gift

Old postcards of the church and parish house at Buckeye Lake and the Madonna and Child statue at Newark St. Francis.  
- gifts of Anthony Lisska

McGann, (Sr.) Agnes Geraldine, S.C.N., SCNs Serving Since 1812 (Sisters of Charity of Nazareth in the Apostolate).  
- gift of Sister Ramona Mattingly, Nazareth, Kentucky

Flannery, Austin, O.P., editor, Vatican Council II: The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents; Northport [N.Y.], Costello Publishing Co., 1975.  
- gift of Donald Schlegel

## CHRONICLE OF EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE FOR 1985

Compiled by the Editor

The following list of brief notices of events in the Church is intended as a reference for future historians. Notes were made as they occurred concerning events, persons, organizations, and institutions, from the secular and diocesan newspapers. The selection was purely arbitrary, but was based on the editor's experience in historical research and the type of reference for bygone years which would be useful in the research being conducted today. The list is intended only as a starting point for research; in some cases, additional references to continuing stories are not included.

CT indicates an article in the Catholic Times; CD indicates an article in the Columbus Dispatch.

### UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Nov. 25-Dec. 8. An extraordinary synod met in Rome for "the celebration, verification, and promotion" of Vatican Council II. (Relatio Finalis)

### DIOCESAN EVENTS

Feb. 1. Bishop Griffin announced a two-year diocesan Pastoral Planning Project, directed by Stella Niagara Franciscan Sister Regina Marcum. CT 2/1

June. The priests of the diocese met, in the first step of formation of a five year plan for the diocese (the Pastoral Planning Project). CT 6/21

Aug. Pledges to the Bishop's Annual Appeal totalled over two million dollars for the first time. CT 8/9

Sept. 9. The trustees of the "Foundation of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus" met for the first time. The foundation was incorporated Oct. 1, 1984 to serve as an ongoing source of income for the diocese and to help alleviate financial difficulties. Trustees included nine lay Catholics, one non-Catholic, the Bishop, Chancellor, and Vice-Chancellor. CT 9/13

Sept. 28. Over five hundred parish representatives met in Newark as part of the Pastoral Planning Project. CT 10/11

Oct. 11. Bishop Griffin completed "Our Return to the Lord," a pastoral letter on the Sunday liturgy. CT 11/29

### PARISHES

Jan. Columbus St. Matthias celebrated the final payment on its mortgage; noted 158 converts from 1980 to 1984. CT 2/1

Oct. 13. St. Margaret of Cortona parish, Columbus, broke ground for a new rectory/administration building. CT 10/11

## INSTITUTIONS

Feb. 7. Mt. Aloysius home for mentally retarded men, near New Lexington, announced an April ground breaking for an 80-bed residence hall. It is operated by the Brothers of the Good Shepherd and Sisters of St. Francis. CD 2/7

Feb. 8. Resettlement House, the former Corpus Christi rectory at 1261 Linwood Ave. in Columbus, which since 1979 has provided a temporary home for refugees just entering the country, was being forced to close by cutbacks in federal funds. CT 2/8

June. The chapel at Mt. Aloysius, 94 years old, was to be razed to make room for the new residence facility. CT 6/21

June. A new statue of St. Anthony was unveiled at St. Anthony Hospital in Columbus. CT 6/21

July. "Bishop Hartley Residence" opened. It is a group home with sixteen private bedrooms, for persons sixty years of age and older, located in the former Bishop Hartley High School convent. Sponsored by the Vicar for Catholic Charities in the diocese, under the Department of Social Concerns.

Oct. 21. The diocese took charge of the Good Shepherd Manor in Wakefield from the Brothers of the Good Shepherd, pending an investigation of alleged abuse of residents.

Dec. 20. Lancaster Fisher Catholic high school's drive for an endowment fund went over its \$770,000 goal. CT 12/20

## ORGANIZATIONS

Oct. 25. Mrs. Toni Bischoff of Columbus St. Anthony parish became president of the National Council of Catholic Women.

## PERSONNEL and VOCATIONS

Jan. 11. Peter Kotlinski from Columbus professed solemn vows as Brother Bede, a Benedictine monk, at St. Benedict Church in Cleveland. CT 1/18

May 17. Brother Bede Kotlinski was ordained a priest for the Benedictine Order, in Cleveland. CT 5/2

June 22. Rev. Timothy Hayes and Rev. Jeffrey Rimelspach were ordained priests for the diocese at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Griffin. CT 6/21

June 29. Twelve permanent deacons were ordained by Bishop Griffin: David L. Cummings, James R. Davis, Ronald I. Eagon, William J. Gorman, David F. Hohl, Thomas V. Johnston, Richard T. Krick, Vincent R. Minella, Ralph L. Parsons II, Joseph D. Poland, Robert L. Stock, and Patrick J. Wiggins. CT 6/28

July 10. Rev. Raymond J. Carter, Rev. John T. Dittoe, Rev. Edward L. Kessler, and Rev. Wayne Meyer retired. Rev. Francis A. Benham and Rev. Daniel W. Pally retired from active ministry. CT 7/12

Sept. Rev. Michael A. Nugent retired but continued as chaplain of St. Raphael Home for the Aged. CT 6/28

Sept. 23. Rev. Earl Holtzapfel, age 77, former pastor of St. Augustine Church, rested in Christ.

Oct. 12. Sister Linda Sisson, formerly of Columbus St. Mary Magdalene parish, professed final vows as a Stella Niagra Franciscan, in Buffalo. CT 10/11

Sept. 14. Sister Mary Damien Arnold, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Arnold of Columbus, professed perpetual vows as a Dominican Sister of Hawthorne, N.Y, at the motherhouse.

Oct. Rev. John J. Gamba (currently chaplain of Apple Creek Development Center, near Wooster) retired.

Dec. 27. Rev. Patrick Hannon, age 71, former pastor at Johnstown Church of the Ascension and at Crooksville Church of the Atonement, rested in Christ.

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ST. JOSEPH OLD CEMETERY  
NEAR SOMERSET, PERRY COUNTY  
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Transcribed by the late Rev. H. E. Mattingly

(Concluded from Vol. X, Number 12)

Children of R.W. & C. SAUNDERS

Eddie M. died May 8, 1858 aged 1 Y & 8 D.

Eddie Rotch died Mar. 11, 1864 aged 11 M.

Father & Mother natives of Co. Armagh, Ireland

Catharine wife of E. McSHANE died Sept. 23, 1878 aged 71 years.

Edward McSHANE died Jan. 30, 1853 aged 47 years.

Elizabeth wife of Joseph FLOWERS died Mar. 9, 1861 aged 87 Yrs 3 M 5 D.

Thomas McKEOWN died March 4, 1856 aged 76 yrs. & 6 M.

Anna wife of Christoph STEBLEN died Sept. 2, 1856 Aged 71 Y 8 M 3 D.

Simon FLOWERS died Oct. 8, 1875 aged 57 (52?) Y 9 M 11 D.

Nicholas ZAHM died Apr. 2, 1871 aged 87 years.

Elizabeth wife of N. ZAHM died Apr. 21, 1847 aged 65 Y 4 D.

In memory of Anne Elizabeth consort of Peter ZAHM, died Jan. 29, 1847 aged 17 years 11 mo. 20 ds.

Emmanuel CROSSON died Aug. 22, 1866 aged about 84 yrs.

Mary CROSSON died Aug. 1822 Aged 33 Y.

Mary REYNOLDS daughter of E. & M. CROSSON died Aug. 20, 1858 aged about 16 [46?] years.

Edward CROSSON died Feb. 1823 in the 12th year of his age. A native of Ireland County Donegal Parish Lifford.

John CROSSON died Aug. 1828 in the 37th year of his age, a native of Ireland County Donaygall Parish Lifford.

Neal CROSSON died Mar. 27, 1846 in the 72nd year of his age, a native of Ireland County Donay all Parish Lifford.

Neal CROSSON died April --, 1852 in the 18th year of his age, a native of Ireland County Donagall ---

Thomas A. son of Thomas & Alice McSHANE died Aug. 12, 1845 aged 1 Y 8 M 20 D.

Mary wife of Michael McKINNEY died Feb. 18, 1863 aged 76 years.

Michael McKINNEY died April 9, 1866 aged 84 years.

"Our Father and Mother, May they Rest in Peace."

Grace, wife of Dennis McGONNAGLE [no dates]

[The following inscriptions were read at a much earlier date by the editor and were either overlooked by Monsignor Mattingly or were missing by the time he read this cemetery.]

Agnes C., daughter of L.B. & Elizabeth DITTOE, died Apr. 23, 1869 aged 21 y 3 m 23 d.

Elizabeth wife of L.B. DITTOE, died Mar. 9, 1869 aged 49 y & 10 m.

Loretta M. daughter of L.B. & E. Dittoe, died Sept. 17, 1863 aged 20 y 7 m 2 d.

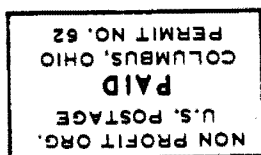
James McGAHAN died Nov. 12, 1850 aged about 60 Y's.

Patrick McCRISTAL died Jan. 22, 1862 [remainder buried]

Mary wife of Patrick McCRISTAL died Mar. 23, 1866 in her 70th year.

William son of Jacob & Mary KINTZ, died Sept. 21, 1833, aged 16 y 3 m (?) d.

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