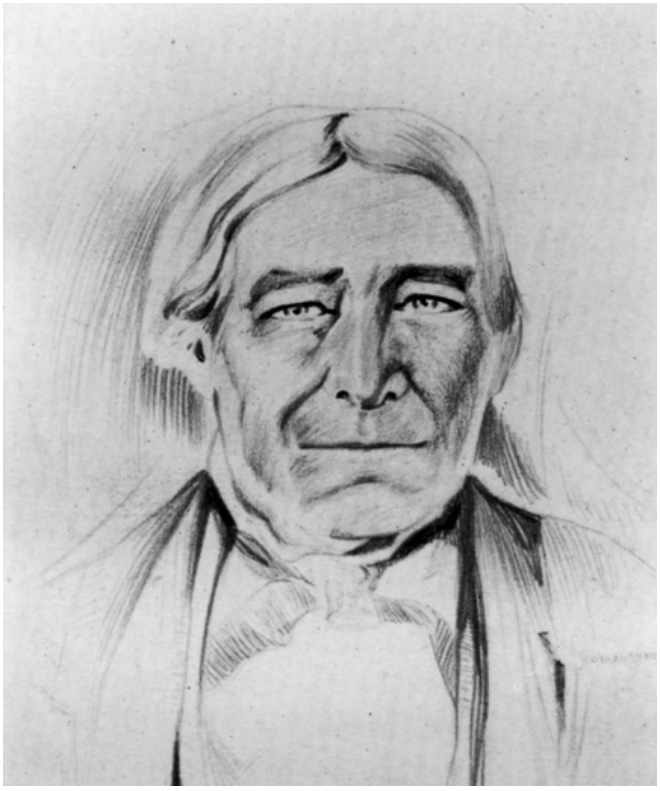
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John Sheridan (1801-1875)
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The Sheridans of Somerset And their Immediate Kin

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Part 4 - John Sheridan

Legal and Real Estate Records

A surprising number of legal documents exist that illustrate the business and property dealings of John Sheridan in Somerset. The first of these is dated Feb. 22, 1834, when John Sheridan of Perry County purchased inlot 26 in Somerset from Nicholas Dennis and wife for $350. This lot is on the north side of Main Street and west side of Market (Pig-foot) Square. John and Mary sold this to William Musselman on Dec. 2, 1835 for $700.[40] Clearly John had made some improvements on the property over the two years (bought the property to "flip it"

one would say today) and it may be questioned whether the family lived there. This originally had been the log tavern of Jacob Miller, original owner of the entire west side of Somerset.

On Nov. 5, 1835 suit was brought by John Mains against Hugh Commiskey, James Maynah, Patrick Clark, John Sheridan, and Philip Moynah for a debt of $125. The sheriff served the writ, but Patrick Clark could not be found. Judgment against the defendants was rendered on June 15, 1836 for the $125 plus court costs and interest. They apparently borrowed money to pay the debt from John Beckwith, who paid Mains on Sept. 27.[41]

John Mains brought suit against the same defendants on Nov. 7, 1836. The Moynaughs, Sheridan, and Clark apparently had borrowed $250 from Mains, giving him two notes, payable in one and two years. This time the sheriff could not find Patrick Clark, James Moynaugh, or Hugh Comisky in his bailiwick. The defendants must have come up with the money, for the suit was dismissed for costs in the October term, 1837.[42]

On Dec. 2, 1835, John Sheridan purchased from William Musselman, for $500, inlot 134 in Somerset, excepting 40 feet off the rear of the lot (already deeded to Henry Dittoe).[43] This is the house commonly known as the General's childhood home, on the north side of South or Sheridan street, on the east side of the first alley west of Columbus St.

In the May Term, 1839, John Sheridan and Hugh Cumisky were naturalized in the same proceeding in the Perry County Common Pleas Court.[44]

On April 1, 1842 John was sued by Hugh Cummisky for $400. The suit was dropped in the June term.[45]

On June 18, 1842, John Sheridan and Mary sold inlot 133 in Somerset to Jacob Brechbill for $225.[46] There is no record of how they obtained any interest in this lot. It was across the alley to the west of their home. They probably used the proceeds in paying off Hugh Cummisky's suit.

On March 6, 1846 John Sheridan and John and Philip Moynaugh were sued by Philip Kenedy for $200. Kenedy was awarded $102 damages in the June term, 1846 and they paid him on March 23, 1847.[47]

On Oct. 25, 1858, John Sheridan and Mary for $250 sold their little home in Somerset to Michael Scanlan. Mary did not sign her name but made her mark.[48]

John a Contractor

In the 1840 census, John "Sherdon" heads a household of seven. One person, presumably John, was engaged in mining—probably coal mining in some local bank.

Various historical works mention that John was a contractor on the Zanesville and Maysville Pike; the Hocking Canal; the National Road; and the Scioto and Hocking Valley Railroad. At least one writer doubted that an Irish immigrant could have had a contract and labeled him only a "navvy" or laborer. By this work, according to another account, John and his sons Patrick and Philip "earned their bread—nothing more".[49]

Payments on construction contracts for the Hocking Valley Canal from 1836 until after 1840 do not list any Sheridan.[50] From this one might infer that John was a subcontractor or had a contract at a later time for repair or upgrading the canal.

The Zanesville and Maysville Pike, made of broken limestone, was reconstructed between the years 1837 and 1842.[51] Lists of payments to surveyors for the road in the summer of 1836 are extant[52], but no record of payments to contractors seems to have survived.

A story of young Phil provides support for the stories of his father's work as a contractor on this pike. Phil is said to have "carried water for the workmen and afterwards drove a cart in the construction of the Zanesville and Maysville pike, the line of which passed through the town of his boyhood home and on which his father had a contract."[53] A similar story appeared in 1867: When the turnpike was being built through Somerset, Phil.'s father used to own and drive a cart. "Men of Phil's age tell us that they have often seen him hanging on his father's cart, and once in a while when he would get to drive, he would be highly delighted."[54]

We do have solid evidence of John's work on the National Road. In 1844 he was a subcontractor under Neal Crossen, hauling rock for repair of the National Road (miles 34 and 35) in the Eastern Division of Ohio.[55] From near the end of 1845 through the succeeding summers, through 1848, he had his own contracts with the State of Ohio for furnishing and breaking limestone for repair of the road. In 1847 he even had a subcontractor, named George Myers. Over this period his contracts grossed a total of $1,028.32. [56]

The Scioto and Hocking Valley Railroad was chartered by the Ohio legislature in 1849 and was intended to connect Portsmouth to Newark, passing through Somerset. The line was completed from Portsmouth to Jackson in 1853. In February of that year a construction contract for the the northern portion of the line, from Jackson to Newark, was awarded to the engineering firm of Seymour, Moore & Company of New York City. That firm let subcontracts for various sections of the line and work commenced early that same year. Fink and Dittoe of Somerset took the contract to build three miles of the line, including the "deep cut" at Somerset between the center of town and Piety Hill, not far southof the Sheridans' home. "They broke ground on their contract in February, 1853, and worked a large force of men and horses for six or eight months"... They sublet their northeastern section to John Sheridan, who finished his section.[57]

Adam Fink and Henry Dittoe, for whom Sheridan was a subcontractor, were first cousins, sons of John and Mary (Sneeringer) Fink and Jacob and Catherine (Sneeringer) Dittoe. They were Catholics of Pennsylvania-Dutch origin. John and Mary Fink were founders of Somerset and founding donors of Holy Trinity Church there. Jacob and Catherine Dittoe were founding donors of nearby St. Joseph Church, the first Catholic church in Ohio. Adam and Henry also were brothers-in-law, having married, respectively, Alice and Elizabeth Dugan. Fink and Dittoe were the early employers of Phil Sheridan, then were partners of Patrick Sheridan, and finally gave the subcontract for the railroad right-of-way to John Sheridan. Henry and Elizabeth Dittoe and the Fink's son Albin moved to Peoria, Ill., not long after the failure of the S&HV Railroad.

During the Winter of 1854 construction of the S&HV roadbed still continued. The *Somerset Post* reported on February 1, 1854 that Dittoe, Finck & Co. were continuing to dig the cut across Somerset, as weather permitted. (This was not just a "carryover" report from the 1853 season. The same issue reported an Irishman badly injured while blasting rock on the cut the previous week.) "The large summit has been gradually melting down. The earth has been principally removed, and the workmen have commenced blasting the sandstone rock, a layer of which passed through the hill. The sandstone we judge will average from six to ten feet in depth. Immediately beneath this there is a stratum of limestone, from three to four feet thick. Above the sandstone there is a vein of bituminous coal, averaging from twelve to eighteen inches thick. The town during this winter has been mostly supplied from this source"...

According to the *Railroad Journal*, quoted by the *Post*, the whole line was expected to be completed by July, 1855. But by May, 1854 the line was in serious trouble. Capital markets were tight. $450,000 had been spent on the line and only $110,000 of the promised stock subscriptions had been paid in. The S&HV board of directors met in Somerset on May 25, 1854, hoping to encourage the local subscribers and still hoping to open the line between Newark and Somerset that year.[58]

Construction of the line was slowed "by reason of financial embarrassments" of Seymour, Moore & Co., which were exacerbated by the condition of the economy, but was still continuing in January, 1855. Soon, however, the firm ran out of money, could not sell bonds, and failed to pay their sub-contractors. The railroad in time was sold to the Newark, Somerset and Straitsville Railroad Company and the section graded by Mr. Sheridan was under rail by 1872.[59]

By the bankruptcy of Seymour, Moore & Co., Sheridan lost some two or three thousand dollars[60]—most if not all of the capital he had accumulated through years of hard work.

Personal

Mr. Sheridan was a small man, weighing not over 140 pounds. He had gray eyes, light hair, a florid skin, and was of a very cheery, happy disposition, and warm, cordial manners. He had only a limited education but he was a sensible, intelligent man, of considerable reading and observation.[61]

In 1858 John and his family moved to the still well-known small farm on the southern edge of Somerset, which was said to have been a gift to them from their son Phil.[62] The property, about 15 acres, actually was deeded not to John and Mary but to Mary Ann Sheridan, their daughter. But Phil may well have paid for it, and intended the parents to retire there, for after Mary Ann's untimely death in January, 1864, her widower John Wilson and her brothers John and Michael deeded it to Phil.[63]

As seen in 1861, "It was a small, though neat cottage, surrounded by a vegetable garden. Everything showed poverty, but everything showed cleanliness and thrift."[64] Over a decade later it was said to be a handsome cottage on the outskirts of the village with native woods for a background, a pretty lawn in front, with evergreens, shade-trees and flower plats, which it was John's delight to tend and show his friends.[65]

In this period of his retirement, John was described as of sanguine temperament, a rugged, muscular, honest-looking Hibernian, and not afraid of work. He could be seen at almost any time cultivating or improving the little farm that had become his pride. He often drove into the village in a rattling farm wagon, behind a superannuated nag that, in appearance, courted the antagonism of crows and buzzards.

His old friends often remarked that he might have been rich if he had not been so honest. The objective of his life in Ohio had been to raise his family in the principles associated with an honest name. He lived out his life in the enjoyment of the profound respect that his straighforward, honorable life as a kind neighbor and good citizen had secured. He "looked with Christian faith beyond the narrow circles of the skies to a better and more perfect place where all the good and beautiful things of earth, separated from all dross and error, shall be transplanted and reproduced."[66]

Death and Funeral

John died on May 6, 1875. He had enjoyed his usual good health and activity until early that year, when an injury to one of his arms, caused by the kick of an untamed colt, brought on inflammation that resulted in great pain. He was seen about the streets of the village up to a few days before his demise, and on the prior Tuesday he superintended some work on his place, but was then made fearfully conscious of his rapidly approaching end. He remained in the open air but a brief time when he was obliged to return to the house, where he was seized by a chill and sank down to rise no more.

The funeral and burial ceremony took place at Holy Trinity Church at 10 o'clock on May 9. The church was crowded the people of Somerset, irrespective of creed, and owners of pews considerately gave them up, or allowed strangers to share them.

Father Noon, pastor of Holy Trinity, offered the funeral Mass. Father Higgins of St. Joseph Parish delivered the sermon and pronounced a brief eulogy. The deep religious sense that had always been manifest in the venerable parishioner was pointed out as the safe anchor of his life, and his devotion to the Catholic faith was indicated as an example worthy to be followed, because it proved that he lived in the fear of God and gave assurance of his hope for heaven.

The black walnut casket was borne to its last resting place by M. F. Scott, Captain H. Greiner, Wm. M. Ream, E. T. Droege, T. M. Ashbrook, and James Conner, followed by the venerable Mrs. Sheridan, supported by her sons Philip and Michael, accompanied by their brother John and wife, and other family members.

The old sexton, one of the most venerable citizens of the place, declared the people turned out and paid their respects to Mr. Sheridan on account of the solid worth of the old gentleman himself, and not because of his celebrated military son.

Mr. Sheridan's remains were not allowed to rest in peace. Early one evening that September, Father Noon was notified that the grave had been disturbed and he, with John L. Sheridan and Dr. J. D. McKinney, proceeded to inspect it, finding that the earth as far down as the boards covering the coffin had been thrown out, but that the body had not been disturbed. It was believed that the "resurrectionists" became alarmed and abandoned the work very hurriedly, as they left a spade and dropped a case containing a pair of spectacles and a pencil. Tracks in the land behind the cemetery showed that they had with them a one-horse wagon and two horses. The object of this attempted grave robbery was obscure. After three months it seemed hardly likely that the body would be desired for disection. It was thought by some that the robbers expected to get a reward for the return of the body.[67]

(To be continued)

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Chronicle of Events in the Diocese of Columbus for 2014

With Additional Items from 2012 and 2013

Compiled by the Editor

2012

June St. Ann Church in Philo was razed.

2013

May 6 Msgr. Paul E. Metzger died in Middletown; he was a retired priest of the Diocese of Steubenville who had been ordained for this diocese in 1943.

2014

Universal Church

Apr. 27 Popes John XXIII and John Paul II were canonized.

Oct. 5-19 An Extraordinary Synod on the Family was held in the Vatican to discuss the pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization, in preparation for the synod of October, 2015.

Agencies and Institutions

Jan. 21 Mt. Carmel Health opened a free-standing emergency facility in Grove City.

June 2 St. Vincent Family Center broke ground for a new 21,000 square foot wing with seventeen classrooms.

June 24 The community of Franciscan Brothers Minor who came from Ft. Wayne to the north side of Columbus in 2012 moved to South Bend, where they would have easier access to classes.

July 30 A new chapel was blessed at the Mt. Carmel Health New Albany Surgical Hospital, the first on that campus, by Rev. Jerome Rodenfels.

Oct. 1 The Mercy House Outreach Center opened in the former St. Joseph Monastery on Stockham Lane, Portsmouth, to house all Catholic outreach services in Scioto County.

Oct. 6 The former Deaf School on East Town Street was blessed and dedicated for use by Christo Rey High School.

Parishes

Jan. 15 A new activity and recreational center was blessed at St. Patrick Parish, London.

June A new statue of newly canonized Pope St. John XXIII was unveiled at St. John XXIII Parish, Canal Winchester.

July 8 The Knox-Licking Consortium of parishes was activated, consisting of St. Vincent de Paul in Mt. Vernon, St. Luke in Danville, and the



(Courtesy of St. John XXIII Catholic Church)

Church of the Nativity in Utica.

July 17 Three Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Quilon took up residence in the convent of St. Peter Parish, Chillicothe, to help evangelize the community. The convent was last used as such by the Franciscan Sisters of Oldenburg in 2011.

Sept. 1 The Cathedral and Holy Cross parishes became a cluster, under pastor V. Rev. Michael Lumpe.

Oct. 1 Bishop Campbell presided at the groundbreaking for the new Sacred Hearts Church, Cardington.

Personnel and Vocations

May 2 Bishop Campbell ordained transitional deacons Anthony J. Davis, Thomas L. Gardner, Michael R. Hartge, Brian J. O'Connor, and Nicola D. Ventura at St. Andrew Church.

May 24 Bishop Campbell ordained Cyrus M. Haddad and Vincent T. Nguyen to the priesthood at St. Joseph Cathedral.

June 7 Rev. Paul Sheton, S.J., born and reared in Columbus, was ordained to the priesthood in Milwaukee.

June 30 Retired: Lucia (Cia) McQuaide, diocesan Superintendent of Schools

July 8 Retired: Msgr. William A. Dunn, pastor of St. John Parish, Logan, and Rev. Stephen Metzger, pastor of the Church of the Nativity, Utica

Aug. 11 Sister Maria Gemma Salyer, O.S.F., professed final vows as a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration (Mishawaka, Ind.); formerly she was a member of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Newark.

Sept. 2 Retired: Rev. Jerome Stluka, Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Columbus

Necrology

Mar. 25 Sr. Rose Clement Stalter, O.P., in Columbus at the age of 91, a native of Somerset

Apr. 24 Msgr. Anthony Borrelli, in Columbus, aged 83, retired priest of the diocese

May 23 in Columbus, Rev Richard Pendolphi, age 64, diocesan priest

June 21 Sr. Corine Halsema, O.S.F., in Columbus, age 87, a graduate of Holy Rosary High School

July 16 in Columbus, Sr. Laurence Hagman, O.P., age 82, a native of Columbus

July 30 Msgr. Ralph J. Huntzinger, age 89, in Columbus, retired priest of the diocese

July 30 Brother Nathan M Cochran, O.S.B., of St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., age 57, a native of Marion

Aug. 28 Sr. Irene Euman, O.P., in Columbus, age 85, a native of Somerset

Sept. 19 at Stella Niagara, Sr. Sarah (born Lucy) Doran, O.S.F., age 98, born in Columbus

Sept. 24 Sr. Sharon (Rosemary) Kerscher, O.S.F. (Joliet), age 88, a native of Columbus

Oct. 2 Deacon Fancis X. Ball, age 81, retied, in Grove City

Nov. 4 Rev. William J. Metzger, age 77, retired priest of the diocese

Nov. 8 Sr. Paulette Boll, O.P., in Columbus at the age of 88, a native of Ironton, former director of the diocesan Mission Office

Nov. 8 Sr. Mary Dorothy (Florence C.) LeDiard, S.N.D.de N., in Cincinnati, age 98, who had entered religious life from Columbus

Nov. 16 Sr. Rita Agnes Masse, O.P., in Columbus, age 93, a native of Zanesville, one-time archivist for the diocese

Nov. 22 Sr. Mary Michael Spangler, O.P., age 90, in Columbus, a native of Woodsfield



Died, at his home in Zanesville, on the 17th inst., of general debility, Patrick Skinnen, aged about 83 years. His remains were interred at Chapel Hill on Friday the 19th. The subject of this notice was a noble and generous son of the Green Isle and was noted for his cheerfulness and wit. He was well and favorably known at Chapel Hill, where he had lived for many years prior to his removal to Zanesville some twelve or fifteen years ago.

- New Lexington *Democratic Herald*, Nov. 25, 1875

St. Joseph Parish near Somerset
Marriages, 1834-1848

(Concluded, from Vol. XXXX, No. 1)

1839, continued

Nov. 24, John Foncannon and Mary Fisher. C. P. Montgomery

1840

Jan. 6, William Anderson and Catherine Saum. C. P. Montgomery

Feb. 4, Michael Blessington and Mary Dougherty. F. J. H. Clarkson

Feb. 16, Alexander Kintz and Phoebe Eckenrhoade. F. J. H. Clarkson

Feb. 25, William Seals and Rosa Dougherty. F. J. H. Clarkson

Feb. 27, Thomas McShane and Alice Creighton. F. J. H. Clarkson

Mar. 3, Thomas Carr and Mahala Parker. F. J. H. Clarkson

Apr. 28, Michael Hays and Mary Murtagh; wit. Michael Mellen and Eleanor Mellen. F. J. H. Clarkson

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May 26, Thomas Dolen and Elizabeth Lynch; wit. Henry Rennels and Margaret Ryan. F. J. H. Clarkson

June 24, Linus Dittoe and Elizabeth Cluney; wit. George Redmond and Mary Dittoe. F. J. H. Clarkson

July 21, Thomas Halloran and Jane Sheeran; wit. John Minagh and Ellen Largey. F. J. H. Clarkson

Aug. 10, John Boone and Jane McGraw. C. P. Montgomery

Sept. 20, William D. Stine and Anna Kintz; wit. Anthony Kintz and Lydia Stine. C. P. Montgomery

Sept. 23, Stephan Brosmer and Catherine Guiger; wit. Francis Guiger and Frances Guiger. J. H. Clarkson

Sept. 23, Alexander McClain and Mary Hoy; wit. John OHarra and Louise Gordon. J. H. Clarkson

Oct. 18, Bernard Murphy and Mary Dollen; wit. James Friel and Bridget McGolrick. F. J. H. Clarkson

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Nov. 15, Charles Kintz and Elizabeth Foncannon; wit. Daniel Brockhart and Margaret Ryan. F. J. H. Clarkson

Nov. 17, Jonathan Sharp and Elizabeth Sterner; wit. William Sterner and Jane Slevin. C. P. Montgomery

Nov. 17, William McGary and Elizabeth Cassilly; wit. Daniel Clark and Catherine Riffle. JHC

1841

Jan. 5, Joseph Studer and Magdalen Fishcher; wit. Ruth Lynch and Sophia Friel. JHC

Jan. 12, John Crossen and Susan Slevin; wit. Thomas Rennels and Catherine Crosson. J. H. Clarkson

Jan. 24, Sebast. Gaverly and Crescentia Rodganer; wit. John Clark and Michael Scully. J. H. Clarkson [the Perry County record gives her name as Rodgaver.]

Feb. 2, John Hoy and Rose Cahoe; wit. George Flowers and Frances Holigan. J. H. Clarkson

Feb. 23, Michael Mellen and Alice Murtagh; wit. John McCabe and Helen Mellen. JHC

Apr. 19, Anthony Dougherty and Helen Green; wit. James Green and James McGahan. JHC

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May 25, Jacob Hitze and Mary Wibble; wit. Joseph Clegg and Mary Metzgar. A. P. Anderson

Apr. 27, Joel Fink and Margaret Ry[an]; wit. William Dittoe and Sarah A. Fink. JHC

June 8, William Johnson and Ann Beaver; wit. John Hoy and Helen Clark. J. H. Clarkson

June 16, John Eckenrode and Lydia Stine; wit. Jacob Litzinger and Catherine Riffle. J. H. Clarkson

July 13, Anthony Kintz and Sara Sterner; wit. George Flowers and Mary Kintz. JHC

Sept. 7, Peter Caton and Mary Steg—; wit. Richard McGonigle and Elizabeth Kerney. A. P. Anderson [the Perry County record gives her name as Staley.]

Sept. 19, James McGahan and Esther Dempsy; wit. William Beaver and Margaret Hare. JHC

Sept. 28, Jacob Joseph Fink and Mary Louise Griffen; wit. George Redmond and Sarah McChristle. A. P. Anderson

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Oct. 18, Basil Gordon and Mary Riffle; wit. Andrew J. Johnson and Rachael Beavers. J. H. Clarkson

Nov. 16, Michael Maher and Mary Rafferty; wit. William Welen and Mary McGahan. APA

Nov. 21, Michael Blessington and Catherine M. Diamond; wit. Patrick Murry and Rose Ann Cease. A. P. Anderson

Nov. 23, George Ambrose Flowers and Edith Burgoon; wit. Michael Metzgar and Christine Slim. A. P. Anderson

1842

Jan. 11, George Green and Margaret Zahm; wit. John Brengardner and Elizabeth Kerney. APA

Apr. 5, Alexander May and Mary Matilda Burgoon; wit. William Sterner and Mary McFirson. A. P. Anderson

Apr. 10, Harrison Garret and Elizabeth Flum; wit. Peter Flum and Sally Garret. CPM

Apr. 19 at the Church of St. Patrick, John O'Harra and Mary Casselly; wit. William Kelly and Mary McClain. A. P. Anderson

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crossed out: Apr. 27, Jacob A. Fink and Margaret Ryan; wit. William Dittoe and Sarah A. Fink. J. H. Clarkson [entered under April 27, 1841, Joel Fink and Margaret Ry.]

May 1, George Smith and Mary Magdalen Litzic; wit. Nicholas Gorber and Mary Ann Litzic. C. P. Montgomery

May 24, Daniel Diamond and Mary McGahan; wit. William McGunigle and Rose Ann Sease. A. P. Anderson

Aug. 2, at the Church of St. Patrick, Therre [Terry] Ferguson and Bridget Nangle; wit. Dennis McMullen and Mary Gilligan. APA

Sept. 6, Jacob D. Litzinger and Ellen Cluny; wit. Neal Costigan and Bridget Redmond. JHC

Oct. 13, Joseph Bushue and Barbara Hartman; wit John A. Hartman and Frances Moyers. A. P. Anderson

Oct. 18, Brice Joseph Welch and Mary Ann Staley; wit. George Redmond and Sarah Fink. A. P. Anderson

Nov. 22, John Curran and Mary Rhineheart; wit. Peter Bayley and Julia Keenin. JHC

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Nov. 22, Michael Bowe and Mary Keenan; wit. Martin Culliton and Priscilla Hazelton. JHC

1843

July 4, Michael Dittoe[?] and Ellen Brady; wit. George Redmond and Mary Cluney. JHC

July 18, William Sterner and Mary Foncannon; wit. John Miller and Sarah Fink. J HC

Aug. 8, Patrick Diamond and Ann McGahan; spons. Michael Gilligan and Dorothy Fielty. Eug. Hyac. Pozzo

Sept. 5, James Carr and Margaret Maher; wit. Bernard Friel and Ann Carr. J. H. Clarkson

Aug. 29, William Mackernan and Mary Macklane; wit. Daniel Oharra and Mary Mackquerry. Antony O'Brien

Sept. 11, Michael Reynolds and Mary Crossen; wit. Thomas McManus and Elizabeth Anderson. C. P. Montgomery

Oct. 31, James W.Cordice and Catherine Hart; wit. Charles Moore and Ellen Largey. JTJ

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Nov. 19, Joseph Elder and Caroline Elder; wit. Thomas McGinnis and Mary Fink. J HC

Nov. 19, William Miller and Susan Judey; wit. Francis Qui— and Frances Schlaughter. A. O'Brien

1844

Jan. 9, Charles Slevin and Rosanna Slevin; wit. Richard Slevin and Margaret Slevin. J HC

Feb. 6, Thomas Scallian and Mary C. Dittoe; wit. George Wellen and Mary Cluney. J HC

Feb. 13, William Biver and Ann Zahm; wit. Thomas Biver and Mary Crague. EHP
Apr. 23, Francis Judy and Susan Slaughter; wit. Charles Eccenroth and Magdalen Judy. J. T. Jarboe
Apr. 23, Jacob Dittoe and Catherine Cluney; wit. Francis R. Dittoe and Rebecca Dittoe. J TJ
June 25, William Hoy and Priscilla Guyton; wit. Basil Gordon and [blank] JTJ
July 2, Victor Weist and Mariann Bronstatter; wit. George Broeker and Mary Ann Weist. JTJ
Nov. 12, Henry Martin and Catherine Griffen; wit. Cornelius Crossin and [blank] J. T. Jarboe
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Sept. 24, George Redmond and Ruth Lynch; wit. Bernard Slevin and Ann Redmond. A. O'Brien

1845

Dec. 7 [Jan. 7, 1845 in Perry County record], John Burns, son of Michael Burns and Martha McWilliams, and Sarah Jane McNulty, daughter of Hugh McNulty and Catherine Martin; wit. James McCristal and Sarah Ann McCristal. Eug. Hyac. Pozzo
June 15, John Bringardiner and Margaret Brunstutter; wit. Henry Poorman and [blank] J. T. Jarboe

1846

May 26, George Wellen and Mary Cluny; wit. Edward Slevin and Rebecca Dittoe. AO
Aug. 4, by Most Rev. John Baptist [Purcell], Bishop of Cincinnati, David Hewit and Susan Gordon; wit. William Fink and Caroline Sherley. A. P. Anderson
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1847

Mar. 13, John and Margaret Malone; wit — Steghly and Ellen Maher. A. P. Anderson

1848

Mar. 9, Joseph Staley and Elizabeth A. Harkins [? County record says Hardin.] N. D. Young
Nov. 10, James Mcgonigle and Margaret Farly; wit. Michael Mcgonagel and Sara Mcgonighle. Eug. Hyac. Pozzo

[End of Record]

Father Edward Fenwick's License to Perform Marriages

This license was located by a page-by-page search of the Fairfield County Common Pleas Court's transcription of Minute Books 1-3, from 1808 until found on page 526, under the year 1817.

Wednesday morning, June 11, 1817 [in Lancaster]

"The Rev'd. Edward Fenwick, having produced satisfactory evidence to the Court of his having been a regular ordained Priest in the Roman Catholic Church, it is ordered that he be licensed to solemnize marriages in this State during his continuance as such according to law."

The following four records are found in Fairfield County Marriage Record, volume 1:

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I do hereby certify that on this 12th day of June 1818 I solemnized the marriage of Jacob Brockhart and Ann Dittoe. Edward Fenwick [recorded after May 29, 1819]

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I do hereby certify that on the 5th of July 1818 I solemnized the marrage of Hary Brookhart & Nancy Dittoe. Edward Fenneck, M.G. [recorded after December 19, 1819; the phonetic spelling of Fenwick and the use of "M.G." indicate that he did not submit this record personally.]

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I hereby certify that on the ~~20th~~ Seventh Jany 1820 I solemnized the marriage of ThoS Ewing & Maria W. Boyle. Edward Fenwick

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February 12th 1821 I certify that on this day I solemnized the marriage of John P. Gillespie and Mary M. Myers according to law. Edward Fenwick

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