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Father O'Boylan and Andy McDevitt: The "Corning Affair" in 1884

Articles illustrating the good work done by Father B. M. O'Boylan and his flock at Corning and Buckingham, as the Sunday Creek Valley in southeastern Perry County was transformed from a quiet farming area to a mining community, appeared in our *Bulletins* of September and November, 2016. However, all was not sunshine and roses in the Valley. The neighborhood was stirred mightily by what the newspapers called "The Corning Affair."

Father O'Boylan, it seems, was generally a patient man, but he could be provoked to act rashly, and a young fallen-away Catholic named Andrew J. or Andy McDevitt pushed him to that point in 1884.

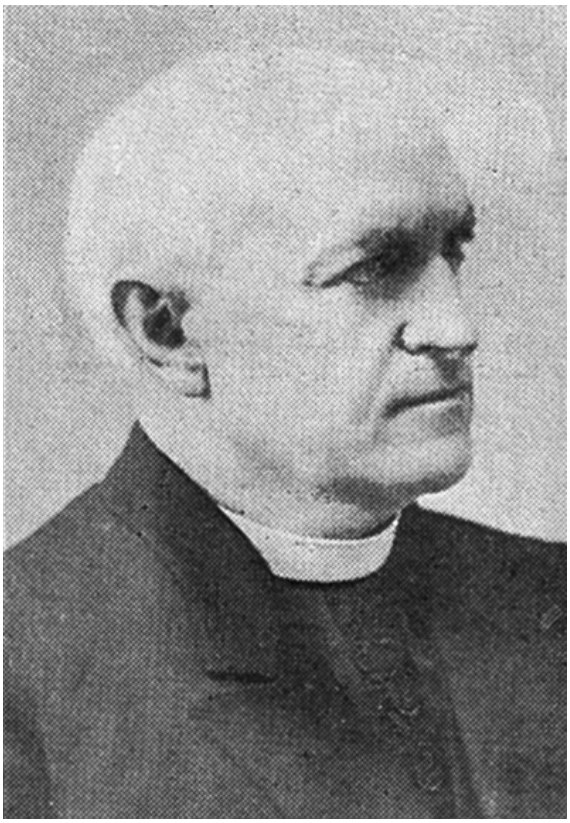
The trouble between the two men had begun six or seven years earlier. Andy had been raised a Catholic by parents who had lived in Hocking County and were living in New Straitsville in Perry County while Father O'Boylan had been stationed there from 1875 to 1877. Andy severed his connection with the Church, or at least neglected or declined to be a member of Father O'Boylan's congregation. One person told the newspapers that McDevitt had kept a saloon in Corning that happened to be in the first story of the building in which, prior to the construction of St. Malachy's, the Catholic congregation held its services on the second story; and that McDevitt defied all requests to shut down on Sundays. It appears, however, that this saloon owner and member of the congregation was a different man. Certainly by the time of the "Affair" McDevitt, who was only in his late twenties, was running not a saloon but a drugstore.

McDevitt was thought by some to be an unsavory character and by others a hero, for he admitted to shooting one Ira Jobs or Jobes, alias Bill Krigbaum or Creighbaum or Quickbaum, who was a noted desperado. Jobes was shot in Corning on October 27, 1882. McDevitt claimed to have shot him in self-defense, but stories made the rounds that a gun had been put into the hand of Jobes as he died. The authorities must have agreed with the claim of self-defense, for they never prosecuted McDevitt. Jobes was taken to Green County, Pennsylvania, where he was wanted for murder, and died in jail there that December.

Matters between Father O'Boylan and McDevitt came to a head about the end of February, 1884 when the ladies of St. Malachy's congregation put on a fair in the opera house. McDevitt came and wanted to join in the dancing, but Father O'Boylan did not want McDevitt to participate, so he had the musicians stop for the evening. The fair included a wheel of chance and McDevitt avenged the affront by swearing out a warrant against Father O'Boylan for having a gambling device. McDevitt was persuaded by friends not to appear before the magistrate and the case was dropped.

On Friday, February 29, this letter censuring McDevitt appeared in the *Ohio State Journal*.

> The case of Rev. B. M. O'Boylan, charged with having "gambling devices" exhibited at the



Rev. B. M. O'Boylan in 1910

> ladies' fair, was dismissed by the mayor this afternoon. The public ought to be made cognizant of this affair, that the character of the priest and all who took part in the fair may be set right. The warrant for the arrest of Rev. O'Boylan was issued out of pure malice, at the instance of Andy McDevitt. This McDevitt is the man who shot and killed Ira Job, alias Quickbaum, over a year ago, in Corning; and for this act, as well as for the infidel principles that McDevitt holds, Mr. O'Boylan refused to allow him to participate in the exercises of the fair. *Hinc lachrymæ*. It should be added the Rev. O'Boylan was not arrested, but only formally notified of the contents of the warrant, and, moreover, that the action of McDevitt was not only strongly denounced by the authorities of the law and the public in general, but it also added very materially to the success of the fair. Half of the door receipts were for the flood sufferers.

Some thought Father O'Boylan was the author of this note, and McDevitt apparently agreed, for on Saturday, March 1, a statement over his name abusive of Father O'Boylan was printed in the same *Journal*. (It later was claimed that McDevitt was incapable of writing such a letter and his friend Dr. E. C. Brush had written it.) In this statement he called the members of St. Malachy's "common serfs;" he denied that Father O'Boylan had not been arrested; and he accused the pastor of being violent on various occasions. Upon reading McDevitt's statement on March 1, Father O'Boylan quickly wrote a short response and sent it by train to the *Ohio State Journal* in Columbus. In this he charged McDevitt with homicide and slander, and said that "justice" could be purchased in Perry County. He thought better of this and telegraphed the Columbus paper to not publish this letter. He wrote another, longer letter on Monday, March 3, answering McDevitt point by point. He thought it over, however, and again followed with a telegram asking the newspaper not to print it. The *Journal* held the letters and telegrams for a time, printing them only when they would be made public in court; they were then re-published in New Lexington.[1]

The charge of being "common serfs" struck deeply at the congregation. A letter from one "J.A.T." was published in the *Journal* defending Father O'Boylan and refuting the disparaging statement: "Again, Mr. McDevitt says that he (Father O'Boylan) has been able to influence a few of his 'most comon serfs.' I wonder who the more respectable citizens are, since among those he is pleased to style 'common serfs' are ranked Colonel Thomas Corcoran, superintendent of the Ohio Central Coal Company; Mr. John Monahan, one of the first merchants of the town, as well as county treasurer; Holden brothers, also property owners and first-class grocery merchants; Mr. James Monahan, baker; Mr. John Kelly, brother-in-law of Colonel Corcoran; Dr. McTeague, Philip Noon, Mr. Hanagan, and many others..." (Doctor N. T. McTeague, in fact, while a member of the congregation, was far from being a supporter of Father O'Boylan, as seen in his letter of March 6 to the *Journal*. But then, he was a first cousin of McDevitt.) *The Catholic Columbian*, in reprinting

J.A.T.'s letter, said that she was a Protestant lady, a resident of Corning. But she was a Catholic, having received Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation from Bishop Rosecrans while attending St. Mary's of the Springs, many years earlier.[2]

On Sunday, March 2, after the last Mass at St. Malachy's, Father O'Boylan removed his vestments, closed the church doors, and called a meeting of the congregation—or at least the men. Resolutions were passed to the effect that the people felt the insult to their pastor as if it were to themselves; they repudiated the charge of gambling; they condemned as an outrage being called serfs; they declared their respect for Father O'Boylan as "a true and zealous priest, an indefatigable worker in the cause of truth and a man in whose integrity and ability we place our utmost confidence;" they condemned the malicious correspondents of the press who exaggerated every little annoyance of their pastor; they pledged united action in the event of any threat to their pastor's life or to his character. The resolutions were signed by Edward D. Cain, J. M. Kelly, P. Dorran, Patrick McArthur, William Blakely, and W. S. Hannigan. It later was said that John Monahan and Philip Noon, though appointed committee members, would not sign the resolutions.

Because of a rumored threat to Father O'Boylan's life, a committee of five was formed to investigate and report back the next evening. Before the committee could begin its work, several men rashly took action. About 10:30 that Sunday night a dozen or more men entered McDevitt's drugstore. According to his dramatic account, pistols were placed near his head and he was seized and hurried out. They took him, without hat or overcoat, toward Millertown, threatening, he alleged, to kill him. They did extract promises of a reformation from him before leaving him near Buckingham, with a hat and coat, telling him not to return.

On Monday, Father O'Boylan took the train to Columbus to consult with Bishop Watterson. About the same time, McDevitt returned to Corning, accompanied by friends carrying rifles, and was given an ovation by a gathering crowd. But he did not spend the night. He went to New Lexington and



Andy McDevitt,
from the March 11, 1884 , Columbus Dispatch.

swore out a warrant for the arrest of twelve men, including Father O'Boylan, whom he accused of inciting the men who had taken him. That night in Corning, "the streets were lined by crowds of excited men, and threats could be heard on every hand. The people are feeling more indignant over it today than they did yesterday. Quite a number of the Catholics, and among them some of the leading ones, are feeling very sour, and say that the whole affair is a disgrace to the church, and to law-abiding citizens." Contributing to the problem was idleness—the coal mine drivers were on strike, idling all the miners, leaving them with time on their hands and little to do.

On Tuesday, March 4, the county sheriff with a posse of thirty men arrived in Corning and arrested eleven of the accused men. Three of them posted bond and one was released on his own recognizance. Seven could not post bond and were jailed in New Lexington, the county seat. Three more were arrested as they alit from a train in New Lexington and they spent at least the night in jail.

Father O'Boylan was arrested at New Lexington on his return from Columbus on Tuesday, but friends posted a bond of $800 and he went free until Friday afternoon, when his preliminary hearing began in a packed courtroom. He was charged, in substance, with inciting and instigating a felonious assault on McDevitt. The trial continued on Saturday and concluded on Monday, March 10. About fifteen witnesses were examined for the prosecution but none for the defense. Father O'Boylan's attorneys (J. H. Booth of Columbus and Reuben Butler and John Ferguson of New Lexington) took every possible advantage of all the legal technicalities to rule out improper or irrelevant evidence. The Justice, James Porter, sustained their motions to the extent that "the State was not permitted to show that an assault of any kind was made upon McDevitt, but was restricted to testimony going to show that the Defendant, O'Boylan, was a co-conspiritor with the men who it is alleged perpetrated the assault on him." Justice Porter ruled that the State had failed to prove the charges against Father O'Boylan. The decision was greeted with enthusiastic and prolonged cheers. "And thus endeth the trial that has furnished loads of sensation for the city dailies for the past week." McDevitt threatened an appeal but apparently never carried this out.

The *New Lexington Herald* and of course *The Catholic Columbian* would have liked nothing better than for the whole affair to die away. But the *New Lexington Tribune* and the *Ohio State Journal* did nothing but fan the flames. Reports of the affair appeared in papers from Maryland to South Dakota and from Michigan to Louisiana.

On Father O'Boylan's return to Corning on Tuesday, he was met by a large number of the 85 members of the Ladies' Sodality, who welcomed him back with sentiments of joy, along with forgiveness for the young stray who had caused them so much sorrow.

Meanwhile, at least four men remained in jail for the McDevitt affair and five more were arrested in the lynching of Richard Hickey. Hickey had been lynched at Rendville, just up the valley from Corning, on February 3 for the murder of a man named Peter Clifford on the previous evening. Mrs. Hickey was being held as an accomplice in the murder and Hickey's brother had run away. Father O'Boylan, it was said, was the only man who had the courage to denounce the lynching. By May 12, several of the men out on bail in the McDevitt affair had been arrested for the Hickey lynching. In the end, on March 18 when the grand jury delivered indictments, only one of those involved in the McDevitt affair also was charged in the lynching. In the McDevitt case, four were charged with assault with intent to kill, namely William Hannigan, Robert Dorran, John Dorran, and William Blakely. Seven were charged with riot: Michael Harryhill, Thomas Joyce, Thomas Welch, Patrick Hannigan, Peter Dorran, Anthony McDonough, and Hugh McKenna. Hugh McKenna also was charged with robbery for taking McDevitt's watch and chain, but this charge later was dropped (because the other members of the gang had forced him to return the items). Blakely was charged in the lynching. They all pleaded "Not Guilty" at their arraignments on Friday, March 21.

On Friday, April 11, the four-day trial of the four men charged with assault with intent to kill was concluded. The evidence showed that the men, "thinking to take time by the forelock, and remove what they supposed to be a nuisance, and save further formalities, took McDevitt out of his place of business and marched him out of town and made him promise not to return." The jury, after long argument, found them guilty of the lesser offence of assault and battery. Hannigan and the two Dorrans were sentenced to 120 days in jail and fined $200 plus costs, each. Blakely by then had been convicted in the lynching of Hickey.

The trial of the seven men charged with riot began on Wednesday, April 16. Michael Harryhill, Thomas Joyce, and Patrick Hannigan were convicted of riot. "While passing sentence...the Court, among other things, said, a better and more respectable class of defendants he had never seen. Brave, chivalrous men—capable of the highest sentiments, whom any one might feel proud to have as friends, and in view of the circumstances said the penalty should be light." They were each fined $25 and costs.

And thus ended the great "affair" in the Sunday Creek Valley. Father O'Boylan remained pastor at Corning for another eight years. It is said that when the miners of the area sought to unionize for better working conditions, Father O'Boylan sided with the men and assisted them in the effort. In 1892 he was reassigned to St. Francis de Sales Parish in Newark, where he remained until his retirement at age 75 in 1926. Andy McDevitt was living in Chicago, a "promoter," still a single man, in 1900. We could find no further information about him.

NOTES

1) The letters appeared in the *New Lexington Tribune* on March 13, 1884, but a diligent search did not locate them in the *Journal*.
2) See an unrelated story in the *Columbian*, Apr. 19, 1884.

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The Hocking Sentinal, March 6, 1884
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Abstracts from the *Catholic Telegraph*

(Continued from Vol. XXXXII No. 4)

October 29, 1862

ZANESVILLE.

A very large number of the congregations of St. Thomas and St. Nicholas complied with the conditions for gaining the Plenary indulgence of the Papal Benediction before last Sunday. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Pastor, Rev. N. R. Young, in St. Thomas' Church, assisted by Revs. Messrs. Dunne and Daly, as Deacon and Subdeacon, and by two novices of the Order. The choir, as is always the case, contributed much to the solemnity. The Archbishop preached in the morning in this church, and in the afternoon, at solemn Vespers, before Benediction, in St. Nicholas' Church—lately much enlarged. Rev. Mr. Rauch, long a faithful missionary of this diocese, in Lawrence county, is now Pastor of St. Nicholas.

The schools of St. Thomas' are, the boys', taught by two novices, the girls' by Sisters of St. Dominic. Miss Margaret McGinnis, daughter of a respected lawyer of Zanesville, gracefully delivered the address to the Archbishop, in the name of the pupils who were present—a most interesting group, to the number of about one hundred. [The address is printed in full; dated St. Columba's Academy, 19th October.]

On Sunday afternoon Bishop Rosecrans blessed the bell of St. Stephen's Church, Hamilton.

November 5, 1862

Harper's Weekly, in a recent sketch of Major-General Rosecrans, states that his family was of Holland extraction and of the Roman Catholic Faith. The Holland family was not Catholic. The General is a convert, having been received into the Church after mature examination, at Cold Spring, N.Y., in 1845. The only Catholic blood in his veins is Irish. His maternal grandmother was an O'KEEFE.

The Conference of the Chillicothe District will take place on Tuesday, 18th of November, in Chillicothe.

Subject - "De Vera Religione".

Edw. Lieb, Dean.,

Mich. Kenedy, Secretary

Chillicothe, O. Nov. 1, 1862

November 26, 1862

There were twenty-two confirmed in Bellair on Sunday, 22nd inst., by the Right Rev. Bishop Rosecrans. The congregation has purchased and paid for a grave-yeard within the past year—and hope, in the course of time, to be able to have a resident Pastor. The Rev. J. M. Jacquet, who attends them twice a month, has to come over thirty miles to visit them. The Bishop, during his stay, was the guest of Mrs. Dodge, an excellent convert from Episcopalianism.

December 3, 1862

An account from Somerset's *Democratic Union* of Nov. 27 is copied, on the drama presented at St. Mary's Academy on St. Cecilia's evening.

December 24, 1862

On Thursday December 18 the Archbishop conferred tonsure and minor orders on Francis Xavier Specht. On the 19th, he ordained John Mary Aloysius Murray subdeacon and Francis Mary Anders deacon; and on the 20th, he ordained Anders to the priesthood.

December 31, 1862

H. J. Bruesselbach, director of music at the Catholic Institute, inserts a card of thanks for the benefit concert held for him on Dec. 21, including Rt. Rev. Bishop Rosecrans for his highly interesting lecture on the occasion.

Subscriptions, Fourth Quarter, 1862
(Name, post office, date of issue)
Rev. F. Bender, Newark 12/10
Rev. Mr. Bogard, Chapel Hill 10/22
John Burke, Wilkesville 12/31
J. Costigan, New Lexington 12/24
R. Cull, Chillicothe 12/3
P. B. Ewing, Lancaster 12/17
C. Gallagher, Temperanceville 12/31
Rev. Charles F. Hone, Logan 11/26
Rev. J. M. Jacquet, Temperanceville 11/26
J. F. Lambing, Sugar Grove 10/22
E. R. Magruder, Somerset 12/31
Miss R. Miers, Lancaster 11/19
Miss Ellen Milley, Columbus 11/26
Miss M. Nolan, Newark 12/24
V. Owesney, Steubenville 12/10
J. Pipper, Lancaster 12/24
A. Rosse, Wheelersburg 11/12
A. F. Sanders, Washington C. H. 11/26
H. Santo, Chillicothe 12/3
H. Schearan, New Lexington 12/24
J. W. Tathwell, Mt. Vernon [Ohio?] 11/26
Christ. Thornton, Newark 12/24
Thomas Tong, Lancaster 10/22
Rev. Winands, Ironton 12/17

January 14, 1863

KENTON, HARDIN CO., OHIO.

This town, owing to unavoidable circumstances, had long been deprived of pastoral care, and of the regular visits of a missionary. A brighter day has dawned upon it. A mission has been lately preached by Rev. Mr. Hennebery, and nearly all the Catholics received the Holy Sacraments. Seventy dollars were given for church vestments; and twenty-three hundred dollars subscribed for the building of a church. A church lot was secured many years past. Five Irish Catholics subscribed $800; and the young men, generally, subscribed $25 apiece. The best spirit is manifested by all.

Sunday evening last new officers of the Catholic Institute were introduced; the archbishop, Bishop Rosecrans, and other clergy were on the platform.

This issue contains the first of several lectures given in the Cathedral by Bishop Rosecrans, "the importance of religious instruction."

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Monsignor Noon asks us to point out an error in the *Telegraph* account quoted on page 228 in our March issue, from August 20, 1862. The pastor of South Fork and McLuney at that time was not Dominican Father William Noon, who would not be ordained until 1898, but Father Dominic Hyacinth Noon, O.P.

Church of the Nativity, Portsmouth, and Missions
Baptisms, 1841-1853

(Continued, from Vol. XXXXII, No. 2)

1842 continued

Aug. 16 John, 2 years old, son of Christopher Maur and Elizabeth Asheson, spouses; spons. Edward Freshe and Catherine Fekin. J. O'Mealy

same day Honora, 3 years old, daughter of Christopher Maur and Elizabeth Asheson, spouses; spons. Francis Myer and Mary Castoff. JO

same day John Henry, born July 23, 1841, son of Francis Fox and Mary Ann Kreuser, spouses; spons. Bernard Schreider and Mary Rickle. JO

same day Mary, born July 17, 1842, daughter of Francis Sutor and Angeline Ritch, spouses; spons. Francis Frische and Orlette Onger. JO

Aug. 17 at Scioto Settlement, William, son of Andrew Luther and Mary Finslin, spouses; spons. Laurence Luther and Mary Luther. JO

Aug. 21 at Portsmouth, John, son of Patrick Merrick and Ann Pine, spouses; spons. Thomas Taage and Bridget Taage. JO

Sept. 17 James, son of Bernard Lee and Mary Rooney, spouses; spons. John Bradley and Margaret Jurdon. JO

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Pine Grove Furnace

Sept. 14 Elizabeth, daughter of John Ferdinand Koldcamp and Mary Backsmith [Becksmith], spouses; sponsors Hamar Myer and Elizabeth Kruger. JO

same day Patrick, son of Andrew Flinn and Lurena Flinn; spons. Neil Sweeney and Mary Sweeney. JO

same day James, son of Edward Sweeney and Isabella Anderson, spouses; spons. Frederick Monod [Möning] and Adelaide Onker [Unger]. JO

Portsmouth

Oct. 9 Mary Ann, born March 7, daughter of Joseph Carl and Mary Ann Reiss; spons. Laurence Carl and Mary Will.

same day John, 7 weeks old (Aug. 27 inserted above), son of John Valentine Barron and Helen Geny; spons. John Scherer and Mary Scherer. H. D. Juncker (Married Elizabeth Laubley January 14, 1918; married Caroline Tieman November 29, 1923.)

Nov. 1 Louise, 23 days old, daughter of Michael Baker and Catherine Visner, spouses; spons. "Augus" Carre and Elizabeth Brown. J. O'Mealy

Nov. 3 Janette, daughter of James Moran and Bridget Hays, spouses; spons. Patrick O'Mealy and Ann Hobart. JO

Nov. 20 at Ripley, Bernard, son of James Bellinger and Mary Sedam, spouses; spons. Francis Swaller and Barbara Sedam. JO

Dec. 25 in Portsmouth, Mary Ann, 4 years old, daughter of Edward Bannon and Bridget Dervin, spouses; spons. Patrick O'Mealy and Eliza O'Mealy. JO

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Dec. 25 James, son of Edward Bannon and Bridget Dervin, spouses; spons. Patrick O'Mealy and Eliza O'Mealy. JO

Dec. 25 George, son of George Adam Egle and Catherine Werment, spouses; spons. Rolland O'Brien and Margaret O'Brien. JO

Dec. 25 Margaret, daughter of George Hammerstein and Clementa McFadden, spouses; spons. George Shafer and Elizabeth Hammerstein. JO

Dec. 25 Elizabeth, daughter of George Hammerstein and Catherine McFadden, spouses; spons. Hartman Bolls. JO

1843

Mar. 5 Mary Dorothy, daughter of Gasper Kopper and Margaret Wilman; spons. Conrad Brown and Mary Dorothy Brown. D. M Hallinan

Pine Grove Furnace

Mar. 9 John, son of Francis Myer and Orletta Unker, spouses; spons. John Myer and Sophia Unker. JO

same day Francis, son of Francis Fox and Mary Ann Kruser, spouses; spons. Francis Sutor. JO

same day Mary Ann, daughter of John Colman and Frances Wilson (not Catholic, not baptized, joined in a civil marriage outside the Church); sponsor Neil Sweeny. JO

Mar. 11 at Portsmouth, William, son of Michael Carey and Mary Reedy, spouses; spons. Dennis Cunningham and Mary Caff[rey?]. JO

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Portsmouth

Mar. 12 Charles, son of Thomas Keogh and Mary Cassily, spouses; spons. Patrick O'Mealy and Helen O'Mealy. JO

same day Catherine, daughter of Michael Woller and Margaret Bubeck, spouses; spons. James Will and Catherine Ott. JO

same day Charles, son of James McNamarra and Sylvia Woolworth, spouses; spons. John McGill and Ann Soden. JO

Apr. 22 at Lick Run, John, son of Ethan Frish and [blank] Dinnerman, spouses; spons. Erhard Rolfs and Elizabeth Dieker. JO

Apr. 23 at Union Furnace, Catherine, daughter of Henry Visman and Mary Huckeolmar, spouses; spons. William Himmer and Mary Catherine Mickinbeir JO

French Grant

Apr. 24 Francis Joseph, son of Anthony Rodarmy and Christine [blank]; spons. Joseph and Mary Wolfard. JO

same day rites supplied for Celeste, daughter of Joseph Wolfard and Mary Many, spouses; spons. Elizabeth Cunel and John Cunel. JO

same day rites supplied for Louise, daughter of Joseph Wolfard and Mary Many, spouses; spons. Henry Strutter. JO

same day rites supplied for Francis, son of Joseph Wolfard and Mary Many, spouses; spons. Henry Strutter. JO

same day rites supplied for James, son of James Hein [?] and Julia Bolinger, spouses; spons. Erhard Wolfard. JO

Apr. 24 at Wheelersburg, Victor Bernard, son of Louis D. Entramont and Hanna McGee, spouses; spons. James and Abigail D. Entramont. JO

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May 13 at Pine Grove Furnace, Peter, born Apr. 17, 1843, son of Jerome Erbert and Rosina Hoffmann; spons. Stephan Echter and Adalaide Meyer. H. D. Juncker

May 26 at Portsmouth, George, son of Francis Adam and Mary Wolfard, spouses; spons. George Geis and [blank]. J. O'Mealy

Ripley

May 14 Richard, son of Richard Tabbs and Eleanor Waters, spouses; spons. George Fanning and Elizabeth Berbein. JO

same day William Waters, son of Richard Tabbs and Eleanor Waters, spouses; spons. Nicholas Waters and Elizabeth Waters. JO

Wolfart's Mill – French Grant

May 30 William, son of William Rogers and Harriet Hughs, spouses; spons. Mary Janet Rogers. JO

May 30 Harriet Janet, daughter of William Rogers and Harriet Hughs, spouses; spons. Mary Janet Rogers. JO

July 5 [or 7, overwritten] at Little Scioto, Henry, son of Joseph Nagle and Mary Sike, spouses; spons. Xavier Sheppard and Mary Tyler. JO

July 7 at Portsmouth, Thomas, son of John Martin and Rosette Little; spons. Patrick O'Mealy. JO

July 13 at Union Furnace, Louise Gertrude, daughter of William Nimmis and Catherine Elizabeth Bilter, spouses; spons. Henry Veeman and Catherine Veeman. JO

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