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Watterson versus Halliday: An Uncalled-for Affray

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The Case in Circuit Court

The Circuit Court, on receiving the appeal from Common Pleas in July, 1905, designated the case number 2301. Watterson's attorneys now were Luke G. Byrne and Joseph M. Howard. Both were among the seven wardens of the Cathedral parish and Howard was the younger brother of Father Francis W. Howard. Unlike the Common Pleas Court, the Circuit Court had to consider only technicalities and returned a decision on July 17.

The judges found in the bishop's favor regarding the old graveyard, the school land at Sacred Heart Parish, the Sisters' houses at Holy Family and St. Mary parishes, and the playgrounds at St. Francis and St. Dominic Parishes. They also ruled against some of the 5% and 15% penalties applied by the auditor. However, the treasurer was allowed to collect simple taxes without penalties on the land occupied by the priests' houses. The court found the defunct seminary (parcel 5), McAllister lot (6), Cathedral sexton's house (7), and lots adjacent to the graveyard (13) all to be subject to taxation. The diocese owed a total of $15,497.63 in taxes and assessments. Court costs were reallocated, 35% to the plaintiff and 65% to the defendant.

A transcript of the decision, dated Nov. 4, 1905, noted that in general the court agreed with the Master Commissioner, not the Common Pleas judge. The principal question, the taxability of the bishop's and priests' residences, the Circuit Court regarded as having been settled by Gerke vs. Purcell in 1874. "It is claimed on behalf of the plaintiff that the incidental religious and charitable uses to which residences are put, were not alleged nor proven in the Purcell case, and hence that the decisions therein should not be regarded as authority in view of the allegations and proof in the case at bar.

"We are of the opinion however, that such uses are so natural common and well known, as to be a matter of judicial cognizance, and must have been contemplated by the judges of the Supreme Court when they delivered their opinion in that case." ..."Counsel have presented the contrary view with much force and the citations of very respectable authority, but we do not think the so-called new facts authorize us to depart from the decision in Gerke vs. Purcell, which has stood for more than thirty years."

The Catholic Columbian noted that "the Common Pleas Court found from the evidence that the Catholic Church was a purely public charitable institution, but the Circuit Court had not the courage to so declare the fact and dodged that issue..."

Before the Supreme Court of Ohio

Luke G. Byrne and Joseph M. Howard appealed the case to the Supreme Court of Ohio in a petition filed on July 9, 1906. (Supreme Court cases being a specialty of sorts, Ledyard Lincoln and E. J. Blandin were associated with them in this case.) The plaintiff in error now was James J. Hartley, successor

of Henry Moeller, successor of John A. Watterson, and the defendants were L. Ewing Jones, successor of William Halliday, and Willis G. Bowland, successor of Ossian Barron. The petition claimed that the Circuit Court erred in reversing the judgment of the Court of Common Pleas; in giving judgment for the defendants; in that its findings and judgment were contrary to the law and the evidence, etc., etc.

The contention remaining now was over taxation of the rectories. It was thought by able attorneys that, in light of the Cincinnati Camp Meeting grounds case, heard a few years previously, the court must rule in favor of the bishop and exempt his and the priests' houses from taxation. In that case the court had exempted from taxation a Methodist association's grounds, including boarding houses, grocery stores, residences, etc. belonging to and located on the church grounds. The evidence already presented by the bishop in the current Watterson case indicated that the Catholic parish residences were places where the priests kept account books and sacramental registers; where instruction was given; where classes of school children were sometimes taught; where gifts were distributed to the poor and other charitable acts were carried out; and that families were not housed there, the priests having none. The petition claimed that the uses made of the priests' houses were different from those in Gerke v. Purcell. In that case, no evidence had been provided to sustain the claim that the rectories were necessary adjuncts to the churches and different from the residences of Protestant clergymen. The attorneys provided additional reasons and precedents in support of the argument.

The court issued a decision on May 21, 1907, ruling against the bishop. The justices did not regard the bishop's claim as either technical or frivolous, for the cause had substantial character and legal merit, but they thought the right to a tax exemption should appear in the language of the constitution or statute and not depend on a doubtful construction by the judiciary. They noted that the heat of the argument in Gerke v. Purcell was over the schools and playgrounds, not rectories, and thought that all clauses of the exempting statute must have been carefully considered regarding rectories, even though that was not apparent in the record. They ruled that the priests' houses were of mixed use, not purely public charity as specified by the constitution and statute.

The Catholic Columbian noted that the Cincinnati Camp Meeting precedent was completely ignored by the court, commenting, "It can readily be understood that if the Supreme Court had found that the priests' houses were exempt from taxation the claim would at once be made that Protestant parsonages should likewise be exempt from taxation. The decision in this case will prevent any such demand being made."

A rehearing was requested, but resulted in a reaffirmation of the decision on November 19, 1907, by Justice C. J. Shauck, with concurrence of justices Crew, Summers, Spear, and J. J. Davis, bringing the case to a close.

Aftermath

As a result of the decision, the parishes now had to pay the back taxes on their rectories, as well as all disputed street assessments. But this was no burden beyond what they would have paid had the whole affray not been initiated by the county officials. The bishop had to find a way to pay the taxes and assessments on the diocesan property that had been in dispute, as well as the legal fees and expenses. The legal expenses of the case were:

Luke Byrne, attorney	$4,000.00
Judge Olds, attorney	3,500.00
Joseph Howard, attorney	1,500.00
Court charges	1,057.00
filing brief	20.00
Printing (Catholic Universe)	371.50
	$9,448.50

Of this amount, half was paid by the Diocese of Cleveland, by agreement with the late Bishop Horstman, one-third by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and one-sixth ($1,574.75) by the Diocese of Columbus. The total amount due from the Diocese of Columbus as taxes and assessments was $28,600. The largest items were street assessments approaching $8,000 each on the

Initial Allocation of the Diocese's Costs

St. Joseph's Cathedral	1,000	Danville	250
St. Mary's Church	2,500	Logan	250
St. Dominic's Church	750	Crooksville and Moxahala	200
Holy Cross	750	Somerset Holy Trinity	350
Holy Family	800	Somerset St. Joseph	100
St. Patrick's	800	Woodsfield and Ozark	250
St. John Evang	700	Shawnee	200
Sacred Heart	1,200	Athens and St. John	150
St. Francis	700	Barnesville	50
Bellaire St. John	800	Calmoutier	100
Delaware	750	Cambridge	150
Ironton St. Joseph	600	Churchtown	150
Ironton St. Lawrence	550	Dillonvale St. Adalbert	150
Newark St. Francis	1,000	Dresden and missions	150
Lancaster St. Mary's	800	Glouster and Vincent	100
Portsmouth St. Mary's	700	Harrietsville and missions	100
Portsmouth Holy Redeemer	700	Jackson	100
Steubenville St. Peter's	800	Junction City	200
Steubenville Holy Name	800	Malvern and missions	100
Zanesville St. Thomas	800	Millersburg and mission	100
Zanesvile St. Nicholas	700	Neff	50
Milo St. Peter's	400	Nelsonville	100
Columbus St. Leo's	500	New Straitsvile	200
Columbus Holy Rosary	400	Pomeroy	100
Byesville	300	Steubenville St. Stanislaus	200
Circleville	350	Temperanceville	100
Corning	350	Waterford	150
Dennison	350	Wheelersburg	100
Fulda	400	Zaleski	100
Marietta	400	Columbus St. Aloysius	50
Martins Ferry	400	Columbus Holy Name	50
Mingo Junction	400	Columbus St. John Bapt.	50
Mt. Vernon	500	Columbus St. Thomas	50
Newark Bl. Sacrament	300	Adena	100
New Lexington	350	Gallipolis	25
Toronto	300	Johnstown	25
Wellston	250	McConnelsville	25
Barton and missions	250	Marges	50
Bridgeport	300	Minerton	25
Buchtel	150	Pine Grove	50
Murray City	150	Sherrodsville and missions	50
Burkhart	150	Steubenville St. Anthony's	50
Miltonsburg	100	Sugar Grove	50
Canal Dover	300	Galloway	50
New Philadelphia and Bolivar	125	Bellaire St. Michael's	50
Cochocton	250	Total	30,825

bishop's house and the old graveyard. (In addition to the properties described previously, now for the first time Bishop Hartley's circular letter mentioned the houses and lots adjoining St. John the Baptist Church. These properties soon would become the home of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor.)

Bishop Hartley wrote in a circular letter to the pastors, "At a meeting of the Consultors, it was decided to appoint a committee of six priests to apportion this amount among the parishes of the Diocese, each parish to assume so much, and where the payment could not be made at once, five years be allowed, an equal portion to be paid each year, interest at the rate of six percent to be charged on the amount during that period. The committee has finished the work, and you will learn the amount which your parish is to assume from the enclosed statement. The Bishop is obliged to borrow the full amount and pay it to the county treasury before the second week of July, 1908.

"It is earnestly requested that all who can do so, will pay the full amount of their apportionment, or at least a share of it, before that date if possible. The first fifth of the amount is due July 15, 1908.

"The Bishop regrets very much, that this burden has to be placed upon the Diocese at this time, but it cannot be avoided. The situation has been impending for years and now that the matter has been decided by the court, there is nothing to be done but meet the obligation."

The committee first divided the parishes into first, second, third, and lower classes, then considered the number of families and school children. Assessments ranged from $25 to $2,500. Some Columbus parishes had back taxes and street assessments of their own to meet, as high as $3,500. Only five priests, not six, signed the final committee report: Fathers M. M. Meara, Cl. R. Rhode, F. M. Woesman, J. S. Hannan, and J. B. Mattingly.

The report allocated a total of $30,825. (See the table. St. John the Baptist Parish in Columbus received no allocation, no doubt because it was hopelessly in debt.) This allocation was not final. Bishop Hartley granted reductions to some parishes and adjustments of $900 downwards and $1,300 upwards are noted on the typed table in the Diocesan Archives. These amounts, though the numbers seem small now, were a real burden for the parishes. (The dollar is said to have been worth 100 times today's value.) Some parishes were still struggling to pay off the debt that had been allocated to them in Bishop Moeller's time, that had originated with construction of the Cathedral. Some pastors decided to take their assessments, never say a word to the people about it, but go and borrow the money and make it up as best they could afterwards: "...the poor people have heard enough about Diocesan Debt." By July 18, 1908, all the pastors in the city except Father Eis had borrowed the full amount of their assessments and paid them to the bishop. What was not paid immediately, Bishop Hartley borrowed, apparently from a commercial firm, so as to pay the county, and collected later from the parishes.

As a final insult, of sorts, many county auditors did not know (or did not know officially) of the court's decision regarding the convents of the religious teachers. The State Auditor would not inform them, but would respond to county auditors if the latter would write to him. The bishop had to advise pastors to get lawyers to write the State Auditor to have him inform the counties of the tax exemption of the convents.

Thus quietly ended the famous case of Watterson v. Halliday, after ten years, depositions, several court hearings, and untold headaches for the Bishops of Columbus, but not really too much monetary outlay for the diocese beyond what it would have paid had Halliday not tried to change the rules. And the taxation of property returned to its status before the rise of the APA.

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February 11, 1863

MARRIED,

On Tuesday, the 10th, (yesterday) by the Most Rev. Archbishop in the Cathedral, Mr. William J. Bender to Miss Margaret T. McCormack, both of this city. Two masses were celebrated on this auspicious occasion; one by the Most Rev. Archbishop, at which the respected pastor of Newark, Ohio, the Rev. F. Bender, brother of the bridegroom, assisted, and by whom the other mass of thanksgiving was celebrated immediately after....

Communicated.

A Free Lecture.

DELAWARE, O., Feb. 7, 1863.

On the eve of the 2d inst., we (the Catholics of Delaware) have had the gratification of attending a lecture given by the Rev. J. T. Hecker,—Subject: "A Search after a way of Salvation, in accordance with Reason and Revelation." The attendance was large, but not as large as was expected. It was delivered in "Templar Hall," which is the largest here (Delaware). Sacramentarians composed half the assembly. They listened with attention. The lecture was a master-piece of oratory and never have I heard any to surpass it, nay, to equal it. The Speaker is an orator of genuine investigation, and many expressed the self-same honest opinion. The lecture lasted about one hour. He drew extracts from letters of Luther, Wesley, Knox, &c. Those who listened and doubted his argument (if any) could not withdraw from applauding his reasoning. Alas! that such is so rarely given here. UNUS.

February 18, 1863

Bishop Rosecrans attended the semi-annual examination of the students at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati, the week before last. He still teaches the Dogma class.

Bishop Rosecrans's lecture No. 5 is printed, "Sacrifice the Natural Language of Adoration."

February 25, 1863

Bishop Rosecrans's lecture No. 6 is printed, "The Sacrifice of the Mass."

In answer to a Circular sent to the pastors of the congregations of this Diocese, at the commencement of this present year, we have been gratified by learning that the following churches are out of debt:

St. Francis of Sales, Newark, roofed—not yet plastered.
St. Thomas', Zanesville.
Sacred Heart, Pomeroy—owes but $100.
St. Patrick's Columbus—no debt.
St. Francis, Chapel Hill—no debt.
Nativity, Portsmouth—no debt.

March 4, 1863

The Church of St. Francis of Sales at Newark, Licking county, O., which is out of debt, as mentioned in the last number of the CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH, was reported as not having been plastered. The latter is a mistake. It is plastered, but the steeple is not quite finished.

March 11, 1863

"I have trusted in the Lord; I shall never be confounded." Such is the fervent exclamation of General Rosecrans in the conclusion of the letter to his brother, Bishop Rosecrans, alluding to the cowardly assaults behind his back which have been made upon him by an insignificant number of disreputable demagogues in the North. What more fitting motto for a Christian patriot and soldier. What nobler or more eloquent response could be given to the enemies who would destroy our loved republic and deliver to ruin all that we value or hold dear; what more inspiring answer to the prayers of our people whose hopes are now centred alone in the army? Let every Christian patriot cherish in his heart the prophetic words of Rosecrans: "I have trusted in the lord and shall not be confounded."—*Chicago Post.*

March 18, 1863

Communicated.

BELLAIR, O., March 9, 1863.

Died near Bellair in the 91st year of her age Margaret Burns. M. Burns was born in Ireland in the year 1772, and in 1796 married Francis Burns, of the same age, and with whom she lived in good health. So they had a married life of 67 years. In the year 1817 they emigrated to the United States, came to Ohio, and have since lived in the vicinity of St. Clairsville, Belmont Co. In this long course of years M. B. was without a church, visited by the priest but very seldom, and yet she lived a pious and exemplary life. She could not go to Mass, she could not hear the word of God, she had not the example of devoted neighbors, she could not receive the sacraments may be more than once in a year; but her faith was great, and with God's grace supplied every thing. She had recourse to prayer and private devotions, and persevered to the end. How can any one say they have no chance?—May she rest in Peace!

Yours Sincerely,
JOHN M. JACQUETT.

March 25, 1863

St. Patrick's Day in Newark, Ohio.

VERY REV. MR EDITOR:—

I take great pleasure to inform the readers of the CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH, that the school of St. Francis' congregation, which was in want of a teacher some time ago, is now again in a flourishing condition and counts 106 scholars. The members of the congregation are doing everything, in connection with their pastor, Rev. Mr. Bender, to make it one of the best parish schools in the State, and for this reason the receipts of the evening entertainment on St. Patrick's Day were given for the improvement of the school-rooms and additional furniture. At the festival the ladies had set an excellent table, and the audience was well entertained by instrumental music and beautiful airs sung by the children of St. Francis' school.

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April 1, 1863

Bishop Rosecrans's lecture No. 7 is printed, "Saint and Image Worship."

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

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1845, continued

Pine Grove

Feb. 10 Frederick Henry, son of Bernard Wollen and Mary Dieker, spouses; spons. Christopher Dieker and Catherine Camperman. J. O'Mealy

same day Helen, daughter of Charles Waters and Isabella Sweeny; spons. John Sweeny and Mary Sweeny. J. O'Mealy

Feb. 20 at Ripley, Roseann, daughter of Joseph Helblin and Margaret Fighter, spouses; spons. Anthony Brisbois and Roseann Berger. JO

Mar. 17 at Pine Grove, Juliana, daughter of Francis Mayr and Adelaide Unger; spons. Christopher Unger and Angeline Langwert. W. Unterthiner

Mar. 18 at Wolfart's Mill, John, son of N. N.; spons. Conrad Kohn and his wife. WU

Mar. 23 at Portsmouth, William, son of James McNamara and Sylvia Woodworth, spouses; spons. Anthony and Frances McNamara. JO

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Portsmouth

Mar. 23 Francis Anthony, son of Henry Strutner and Mary Baum, spouses; spons. Francis Adam and Mary Adam. JO

same day Catherine, daughter of John V. Baron and Helen Garrgen[?], spouses; spons. Joseph Musig and Catherine Husig. JO

Mar. 24 Helen, daughter of George V. Campbell and Mary Ann Suton (noncatholic); spons. J. O'Mealy and Helen Briggs. JO

West Union

Mar. 29 Patten, son of Edward Lawler and Esther Ann Wilson; spons. Edward Hassen and Mary Hassen. JO

same day Michael, son of Edward Lawler and Esther Ann Wilson; spons. Thomas Mullen and Honora Haynes. JO

same day Thomas, son of Thomas Mullin and Catherine Benson, spouses; spons. Bernard Mullin and Mary Henderson. JO

Apr. 7 in Portsmouth, Charles Joseph, son of Louis D'Entremont and Hanna McGee, spouses; spons. Louis and Margaret D'Entremont. JO

Apr. 10 in Gallia County, William Henry, son of Chaplain Thacker and Martha Thacker (noncatholic); spons. Simon and Brigit Dolan. JO

Apr. 13 in Pine Grove, Frances Ann Richendollar (conditionally) adult. JO

May 3 in Waverly, Loretta, daughter of Garett Jones and Honora Delong, spouses; spons. William Nindly [perhaps Kindley] and Sarah Jones. JO

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May 4 in Portsmouth, Leopold, son of August Kilten and Ernestine Miller, spouses; spons. Mathew Hammerstein and Ann F— [perhaps Folte]. JO

Clinton Furnace

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May 18 in Portsmouth, Francis, son of Peter Dages and Ann Haubert, spouses; spons. Francis Dages and Mary Haubert. JO

West Union

May 24 Francis Dennis, son of Dennis McCaferty and Mary Elliott, spouses; spons. James Garder. JO

May 25 Isabell, daughter of Charles McCaferty and Margaret Hunter, spouses; spons. Dennis McCaferty and Mary Seeks. JO

June 14 in Portsmouth, Aloysius, son of George Nuss and Regina Olegrank, spouses; spons. Michael Baum and Barbara Strutner. JO

June 22 Louis, son of John Ulrich and Catherine Haubert, spouses; spons. Lawrence and Eva Carl. Unterthiner

June 29 in Pine Grove, Philip, son of a mixed marriage (conditionally). Unterthiner

July 3 in Lawrence County, Mary, Amanda Mary, Ophelia Frances, and Michael, children of John

Tiernan and Amanda Buffington; spons. Ann Tiernan and J. O'Mealy. JO

Nov. 8 in Portsmouth, Hellena, born Nov. 6, daughter of Michael Sullivan and Catherine Sullivan; spons. Daniel Sullivan and Margaret Sullivan. JO

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Nov. 16 Henry Ignatius, son of Peter Brodbeck and his wife Helen Lenora Legler; spons. Xavier Shephard and Josephine Shephard. Em'l Thienpout

Nov. 17 Catherine, daughter of Lawrence Coull and his wife Eva Hubaert; spons. John and Catherine Hobaert. ET

Nov. 23 Louis Clement, son of Mathew Krecker and his wife Margaret Meyers; spons. Louis Aloysius Zimmer. ET

same day Juliana, daughter of Jacob Glas and his wife Ann Mary Shaffer; spons. Michael Baum and Mary Eva Shaffer. ET

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Nov. 28 at Union Furnace, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Frieschy and his wife Anna Maria Meyers; spons. Carl and Mary Elizabeth Meyers. ET

Nov. 30 at Pine Grove, Henry William, son of Henry Bauman and his wife Elizabeth Grauman; spons. William Wimmer and Catherine Kamperman. ET

Dec. 28 Edward, son of James Sweeny and his wife Rose McFaden; spons. John Ferdinand Goldcamp and Alet Flunger. ET

same day Sara Joan, daughter of John Sweeny and his wife Mary Ann Gibson; spons. Frederick Dirker and Sara Sweeny. ET

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Jan. 4 Ambrose, son of John Blechny and his wife Elizabeth Machy; spons. Edward Baumen and Leonora Moran. ET

Jan. 18 at Ripley, Joseph, son of James Billinger and his wife Ann Mary Tetler [?]; spons. Joseph Handlin and Ann Mary Arnest. ET

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Jan. 25 at Pine Grove, [blank], son of Michael Foidt and his wife Ann Mary Gibling; spons. George Knesler and Alet Flunger. ET

Feb.1 at Portsmouth, Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of Martin Kraussor and his wife Elizabeth Pagsman; spons. Michael Baum and Catherine Baker. ET

Mar. 22 at Portsmouth, Nicholas, son of Sebastian Geis and his wife Mary Ann Shoe; spons. Nicholas Hobbaert and Mary Hobbaert. ET

Apr. 12 Mary, daughter of George Hamerstien and his wife Clementia McFetten; spons. Nicholas and Ann Mary Hobeart. ET

same day Emmanuel, son of Thomas Shiflin and his wife Joanna Thies; spons. John Hugh Sweeny and Ann Mary Hobbaert. ET

Apr. 23 Mary Jane, daughter of Thomas O'Rafferthy and his wife Catherine McGuire; spons. Hugh Sweeny and Margaret Moran. ET

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May 19 James, son of Andrew Sulivan and his wife Bridget Sulivan, spouses; spons. Timothy Sulivan and Helen McGill. ET

May 22 James, son of Patrick FitzPatrick and his wife Mary Burns; spons. Hugh Sweeny and Mary Lee. ET

Little Scioto

Feb.10 Conrad, son of Joseph Rubreght and his wife Magdalene O'Menan; spons. Conrad Rubreght and Barbara Rubreght. ET

same day Carl and Mary, children of Anthony Falter and his wife Ann Maline; spons. Carl Wert and Mary Reuder. ET

Mar. 20 [or 29, overwritten] Henry, son of Louis Ruchendalle and his wife Frances Blank; spons. Peter Joseph Gertzler and Christine Gertzler. ET

Mar. 28 [or 29, not clear] John, son of Michael Thies and his wife Barbara Fisher; spons. John Wolf and Barbara Rideler. ET

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