

leave Saint Anthony.<sup>67</sup> However he never did give up his pastorate at Saint Anthony but took care of both. On October 7, 1880, Pope Leo XIII granted Father Basil the faculty of leaving the cloister durante patris necessitate.<sup>68</sup> The bishop prescribed that he keep on his person some part of his religious habit and that he observe his vows as well as he could in his new state of life.<sup>69</sup>

In later correspondence from Father Basil to the abbot, they speak only of routine permission and requests for clerical help. He remained in residence at Saint Anthony, attending also to the Schnellville parish. Each month he sent ten dollars to his step-father; the rest of his salary went to Saint Meinrad.<sup>70</sup> There is no indication as to how long it was necessary for the temporarily exclaustated Benedictine to support his step-father.

On February 22, 1890, five new bells, with a total weight of 4,000 pounds and costing \$786.80, arrived at Saint Anthony. In June 1891, the bells were blessed by Bishop Chatard.<sup>71</sup> A brown-stone quarry was opened in 1877 at Saint Anthony; it operated on a small scale for two years. In 1894 it was reopened for about six or

seven years by James Leions and his sons. The stone was hauled by rail to Louisville for sidewalks and buildings. The stone was mined from a massive bed varying from ten to sixteen feet in thickness. The length of the quarry floor was about eight hundred feet and was overlaid and underlaid by shale.<sup>72</sup>

On June 4, 1893, ground was broken for a new rectory (the present convent). The building is frame, two stories, and contains twelve rooms. It was considered the best rectory in Dubois County for a congregation of its size. In March 1896 the church yard was fenced with a railing. The Sisters' residence (the present rectory) was erected in June 1897 at a cost of \$866.35. Much of the labor was donated.<sup>73</sup>

In September 1897, Joseph Merkley, a member of Saint Anthony's parish, entered Saint Meinrad's Seminary. He was born on September 21, 1879, at Saint Anthony to John Merkley and Catherine (Fischer) Merkley. He was baptized on September 22, 1879 by Father Alphonse Leute, O.S.B.; his Godparents were Joseph and Mary Block.<sup>74</sup> Joseph Merkley had a twin sister, Mary Merkley, and many other sisters and brothers. He attended Merkley's School for six years. He finished his seminary training

at Prize Hill Seminary at Nashville, Tennessee, and was ordained for the diocese of Nashville on May 15, 1906. On May 24, 1922, he died at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee where he was pastor of Sacred Heart parish. He was buried in the Saint Anthony cemetery.

Abbot Fintan Mundwiler died on February 14, 1898 at Saint Meinrad. The date for the election of a new abbot had been set for March 16, 1898. Some people questioned Father Basil's right to vote and his eligibility for election. Father Athanasius Schmitt, O.S.B., temporary administrator of the monastery, wrote Father Basil inquiring about the legality and circumstances of his exclaustation. Father Basil replied that his dispensation had been acquired in the spirit of a true religious. He made it clear that his was not a case of permanent exclaustation. Because of its conditional character, it could be terminated at will. But if he did so, he could no longer fully support his step-father. He explained that his step-father needed his help worse than ever. He did not feel that he could attend the electing chapter meeting.<sup>75</sup>

Apparently, the parishioners of Saint Anthony knew nothing about Father Basil's dispensation. To them, he

was a good Benedictine priest and was doing excellent work. They did not even remotely consider the possibility that he would ever be taken from them.<sup>76</sup> On March 16, 1898, Father Athanasius Schmitt, O.S.B. was elected as the third abbot of Saint Meinrad's Abbey. On March 28, 1898, the diocese of Vincennes was changed to the diocese of Indianapolis. Father Basil was changed to the pastorate of Saint Joseph's parish in Jasper on September 16, 1898. Because of the great love and respect that he had earned as pastor of Saint Anthony, the change caused great sadness among the Saint Anthony congregation. A petition was started to ask Abbot Athanasius Schmitt to restore Father Basil to the pastorate of Saint Anthony, but the idea was finally dropped.<sup>77</sup>

#### His Later Life

Father Basil was pastor of Saint Joseph's parish in Jasper for almost forty-four years. On January 3, 1910, he was appointed to the Diocesan Auditing Commission; he served on this committee for five years. On February 14, 1910, he was appointed as an examiner of the Diocesan Junior Clergy; this appointment lasted for fifteen years. From 1915 to his death, he served as dean of the Jasper Deanery.

On March 1, 1933, Governor McNutt appointed Father Basil as a member to the Rogers Clark Memorial Commission. In May 1933, the Jasper parish celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Father Basil's ordination to the priesthood. On the evening of April 17, 1942, he died in Jasper. It was said that his funeral, on April 17, 1942, was the largest one that had ever been held in the town of Jasper. Bishop (now Cardinal) Joseph Elmer Ritter preached the sermon. Abbot Ignatius Esser of Saint Meinrad was the celebrant of the Pontifical Requiem Mass. Governor Henry F. Schricker sent his personal representative to the funeral. Bishop Ledvina of Corpus Christi, Texas, a former pupil of Father Basil, sent a telegram of sympathy, as did the Indiana Historical Society, Governor Schricker, and the Mother General of the Sisters of Providence.<sup>78</sup> Father Basil was buried in the parish cemetery at Jasper.

REVEREND SIMON BARBER, O.S.B.

#### His Early Life

Father Simon Barber, O.S.B. was the eleventh pastor of Saint Anthony's parish (September 1898 till March 1899). Father Simon was born at Louisville, Kentucky, on February 14, 1862. He entered Saint Meinrad in 1878.

On September 8, 1879, Father Simon made his profession as a monk and received his religious name.<sup>79</sup>

Father Simon served as pastor of Saint Paul's parish in Tell City, Indiana after his ordination. Then he was a professor at the Jasper Academy. Father Fidelis Maute, O.S.B., pastor of Saint Joseph's parish in Jasper, died in 1897, and was succeeded by Father Stephen Stenger, O.S.B. Father Stephen was a very popular man but lacked the great administrative ability demanded by such a growing parish as Saint Joseph's. He was replaced by Father Simon.

The change did not please the Jasper congregation and they sent a self-appointed delegation to Saint Meinrad to protest the change made by Abbot Athanasius Schmitt.<sup>80</sup> The new abbot heard that the delegation was coming and promptly left for Saint Anthony. The group followed him to Saint Anthony, consuming considerable amounts of liquor along the way. By the time they reached the Saint Anthony rectory, they were a very rowdy group.

Father Basil Heusler met the delegation in front of the house and refused them entrance in their condition.

He denied them the privilege of seeing the abbot and ordered them off the property. The group retreated in disorder, as they had come.<sup>81</sup> On September 16, 1898, Father Basil, pastor of Saint Anthony's parish, and Father Simon, pastor of Saint Joseph's parish, switched pastorates.

#### His Work at Saint Anthony

During Father Simon's half year as pastor of Saint Anthony, he baptized seven boys and five girls. His first baptism as pastor of Saint Anthony occurred on September 29, 1898; his last baptism as pastor was on January 19, 1899. While he was pastor of Saint Anthony, he officiated at four marriages and four funerals. He left the parish in March, 1899.<sup>82</sup>

A picnic was held in September 1898 to help pay for the church. On December 17, 1898, the Jackson Township Teachers' Institute was held at Saint Anthony. Father Cyrin Thomas of Maysville, Kentucky, former pastor of Saint Anthony, was a visitor at Saint Anthony in November 1898 and January 1899.<sup>83</sup>

#### His Later Life

On March 10, 1899, Father Simon was made pastor of Saint Mary's parish in Huntingburg, Indiana. He served for many years in Huntingburg. On February 16, 1941, he

died at Saint Meinrad monastery.<sup>84</sup> He was buried in the monastic cemetery.

#### REVEREND CLEMENT CLINGEL, O.S.B.

##### His Early Life

Father Clement Klingel, O.S.B. was pastor of Saint Anthony's the longest of any of the pastors (March 1899 till January 1932). He was born in Jasper, Indiana, in 1869. He entered Saint Meinrad Abbey and made his profession in 1866. He was ordained to the priesthood at Saint Meinrad in 1892.

Father Clement taught for a time at Saint Meinrad after his ordination. He edited the magazine, The Alma Mater, published at Saint Meinrad during this time. In 1898, he went to Texas for his health. In March 1899, he returned to Saint Meinrad from Houston, Texas, and was appointed as pastor of Saint Anthony parish.<sup>85</sup>

##### His Work at Saint Anthony

During his thirty-three years as pastor of Saint Anthony, Father Clement baptized three hundred and fifty-one boys and three hundred and sixty girls. His first baptism as pastor of Saint Anthony took place on March 11, 1899; his last baptism as pastor was on January 31, 1932. While he was pastor, Father Clement officiated



at approximately two hundred and fifty funerals and two hundred and twenty-eight marriages.<sup>86</sup>

A few months after coming to Saint Anthony, he wrote Abbot Athanasius Schmitt of Saint Meinrad asking for permission to earn some money for the parish by translating a German book during his free time. Father Clement said "The work was well worthy of translation and will be of special usefulness in this country."<sup>87</sup> There is no record of an answer from the abbot.

The feast of Saint Anthony of Padua, June 13, was a big day for the parish every year. The clergy from the surrounding area would be present. The morning was highlighted by a Solemn High Mass. There would be a German and English sermon; a four-voiced choir would sing, and usually Father Clement would play the organ. The afternoon would end with Vespers.<sup>88</sup>

In June 1899, Father Clement had the church tower repaired. Toward the end of that year, two new altars were installed in the church. In early 1900, plans were drawn for a new school house and given to the contractor, Charles Horney. In April 1900, ground was broken for the new school and work was begun soon after. On October 22, 1900, the school children and teachers moved into their new school.<sup>89</sup>

The year 1900 was truly one of improvements. In March of that year, a new pipe organ was installed in the church by Herman Stall of Louisville. A concert was given at the dedication at the end of March by Mr. Stall and Father Vincent Wagner, O.S.B. of Saint Meinrad. A new slate roof was put on the church during May. The Cumberland Telephone Company finished installing their telephone lines in June between Huntingburg and Saint Anthony. The first persons to have telephones in Saint Anthony were the rectory, H. C. Hasenour, John Wibbels, Doctor Bigham, John Sternberg, Anthony Troxler, Emil Sternberg, the railroad agent and John Apple. In August Father Clement and the trustees of the parish (John Sternberg, John Horny, Ben Weber and Joseph Weip) arranged for a special excursion train from Louisville to Saint Anthony for the parish picnic to help pay off the parish debt.<sup>90</sup>

At the end of 1900, there were five hundred and forty persons in the parish; forty boys and thirty-two girls in the school; one hundred and forty-nine women and one hundred and eight men in the parish societies. The new slate roof had cost \$778.00; the new pipe organ cost \$1,409.35; the new school building cost \$3,173.60.

The parish had an indebtedness of \$4,281.14.<sup>91</sup> The United States Census report for 1900 showed that there were one thousand, four hundred and forty-four people in Jackson Township and one hundred and fifty persons in the town of Saint Anthony.<sup>92</sup>

In May 1901, the rectory was remodeled and a new veranda was added to it. On May 28, 1903, the decennial reunion of the Alumni of Saint Meinrad's Seminary was held at Saint Anthony. The priests who were present included Fathers Lawrence Fichter, Greensburg, Ind.; John O'Connell, Jeffersonville; Othmar Scheeberger, O.S.B., Saint Meinrad; Emanuel B. Ledvina, Princeton; Gregory Bechtold, O.S.B., Saint Meinrad; Basil Heusler, O.S.B., Jasper; Joseph A. Chartrand, Indianapolis; John Schorno, O.S.B., Ferdinand; Simon Barber, O.S.B., Huntingburg; E. J. Zirkelbach, Dubois; Celestine Sander, O.S.B., Saint Meinrad; and Clement Klingel, O.S.B. The day started with a Solemn High Mass. The parish served an elegant banquet for the visitors. George Hasenour acted as chef for the banquet.<sup>93</sup>

On May 31, 1903, the Saint Clement's Aid and Benevolent Society was formed at Saint Anthony. The first elected officers were Frederick Brames, president;

Bernard Wibbels, vice-president; Joseph Knust, secretary; August Troxler, correspondence secretary; Herman Burke, accountant; and Michael Hochgesang, treasurer. Meetings were to be held on the last Saturday of every month.<sup>94</sup>

At the end of the year 1905, there were six hundred and sixty-one persons in the parish; thirty-two boys and thirty-nine girls in the parish school; and one hundred and forty-six women and one hundred and eighteen men in the parish societies. The trustees of the parish included Bernard Weber, John Horney, Herman Burke and Bernard Fischer. Improvements and repairs that year amounted to \$ 1260.98. The indebtedness of the parish had fallen to \$ 2650.00.<sup>95</sup>

At the end of the year, 1910, there were six hundred and fifty-eight persons in the parish; thirty-seven boys and forty-five girls in the parish school; and one hundred and thirty-six women and ninety-four men in the parish societies. The trustees of the parish included Herman Burke, John Horney, Bernard Fischer and Henry Johanneman. Improvements had fallen down to \$ 186.30, but the indebtedness of the parish had risen to \$ 4500.00.<sup>96</sup>

On February 3, 1911, the town of Saint Anthony was enlarged by two additions to the town. Bernadina Reuber

added two and  $\frac{43}{100}$  acres to Saint Anthony. The land was located directly south of Teupel's addition to Saint Anthony. The addition measured seven hundred and six feet by one hundred and fifty feet and contained nine lots.<sup>97</sup> Emil Sternberg and Elizabeth Sternberg, his wife, added one and  $\frac{26}{100}$  acres to Saint Anthony. The land was located to the east of Teupel's addition to Saint Anthony. The addition measured one hundred feet by five hundred and fifty feet and contained seven lots.<sup>98</sup>

On July 25, 1914, Ernest Jacob Schumacher was born at Saint Anthony to Edward Schumacher and Clara (Bretz) Schumacher. On July 27, 1914, he was baptized by Father Clement Klingel, O.S.B. The Godparents were Bernard Schumacher and Anna Schumacher. He was ordained in 1941 at London, Ontario, in Canada for the Resurrectionist Fathers. He served recently as Superior of the fathers at Saint Mary's Seminary College in Kentucky.

The year, 1914, marked the fiftieth year of Saint Anthony parish and town. The parish numbered around one hundred and forty-four families and six hundred and fifty persons. In 1864, the parish had begun with around forty families. The parish had recently built their third school. There were sixty-seven boys and

sixty-two girls in the parish school staffed by two Benedictine sisters from Ferdinand. The parish societies were thriving. The Saint Anthony Society numbered forty-two men, Saint Aloysius Society fifty-one boys, the Saint Rose Society eighty girls, and the Mutterverein thirty-six women. The trustees of the parish were John Horney, Herman Burke, Bernard Schulte and Andrew Buechler. The church was insured for \$ 5500.00; the school for \$ 2000.00; the rectory for \$ 2300.00. The parish indebtedness had been brought to \$ 2306.61.<sup>100</sup>

#### His Later Life

Father Clement Klingel devoted most of his life as a priest to the parish of Saint Anthony. Coming there as a young priest, it was his only pastoral appointment. Perhaps he is remembered best by the parishioners of Saint Anthony for his hard work as the motivating influence in starting the interest of the local inhabitants in the culture of good grades of strawberries. This brought quite an added income for his parishioners and helped many bear the hard times a little more easily, especially later during the depression. On July 7, 1932, Father Clement passed away at Saint Anthony Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. He was buried in the monastic cemetery at Saint Meinrad. <sup>101</sup>

### CONCLUSION

In conclusion let it be said that at the end of the period studied, the town and parish of Saint Anthony were in a healthy and thriving condition. Located in a more or less remote area, the people lived in comfortable but modest prosperity by the standards of the times. The community was a typical small German community.

The Catholicism of the community was largely social in character. This was in keeping with the prevalent spirit of the Church. The people were isolated and protected by their situation from any challenge to their religion. This had been the aim of the early Catholic pioneers and they were most successful in achieving this end. In an age of "know-nothingism" and intolerance this seemed to be the only solution capable of protecting the people and their Faith.

Since that time, two World Wars have altered the situation tremendously. The bigotry and hate of past ages are fast disappearing. Such a change of attitude in the spirit of the country deserves to be met with a willingness to forgive and forget by Catholics in a spirit of genuine Christian charity.

## CHAPTER FOUR

<sup>1</sup> KHF, p. 139. "Joseph Anton Stadler, born on February 1, 1830, in Welfensberg, Switzerland, received the name Eberhard when, on September 25, 1853, he took his vows as a Benedictine at Einsiedeln."

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 139. "The discontented Einsiedlers made a very noisy demonstration in protest of the move." a quote from P. Rudolph Henggeler, O.S.B., Professbuch, pp. 549 - 550.

<sup>3</sup> PFB, pp. 549 - 550. "In Nordamerika wurde er den 1. Oktober 1870 als Pfarrer von St. Anthony in Dubois County, Indiana, installiert."

<sup>4</sup> KHF, p. 141. "Father Eberhard took his office as pastor very seriously; to him pastoral duties and pastoral rights were a perfect equation of important factors that carried with them an obligation in conscience."

<sup>5</sup> KHM, p. 202. "Then Father Eberhard Stadler, O.S.B., the pastor at Ferdinand, entered the pulpit erected in the open, and preached, beginning with the text, 'Behold henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.'" Father Albert incorrectly states that Father Eberhard was the pastor at Ferdinand at this time. He did not become pastor there until November 1871. He was still at this time pastor of Saint Anthony parish.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., p. 214. "Immediately after his acceptance, Abbot Marty, as a token of filial piety toward Einsiedeln and as an expression of appreciation for the work that Fathers Bede, Chrysostom, and Eberhard had done for Saint Meinrad, granted them full Chapter rights, with active and passive vote, at Saint Meinrad, though they had chosen to remain Capitulars of Einsiedeln."

<sup>7</sup> KHF, p. 153. "At his funeral Bishop Chatard celebrated a pontifical Requiem, after which Father Maurice Wagner, O.S.B., a son of the parish, preached in German; the bishop himself, speaking in English, paid a warm tribute to this faithful pastor."

<sup>8</sup> SMA, Folder, Placidus Zarn, O.S.B. Death.



Notification of Father Placidus Zarn, O.S.B., October 28, 1913.

9 ALER, p. 229. List of the ordinations of the Right Reverend Maurice de St. Palais, bishop of Vincennes.

10 Ibid., p. 332. Description of the founding of the Schnellville parish. "We suppose the congregation to number about fifty families. A lay teacher has eighty children in charge."

11 Jasper Courier, 16(February 27, 1874)2, I.U.L. "Through the efforts of Hon. S. K. Wolfe, a new Postoffice has been established in this county, at St. Anthony, in Hall Township, and Mr. M. Demuth appointed Postmaster... This will be a great convenience to that locality, and Mr. Wolfe will certainly have the thanks of the citizens for his efforts in their behalf."

12 ALER, p. 557-559. List of the members of Saint Meinrad Abbey, 1883, showing dates of birth, profession, and ordination of the different members. It also shows the place of birth.

13 Information supplied in a letter from a granddaughter of Brother Martial Kraus, O.S.B. Mrs. Anna Byrd, 917 South Street, Princeton, Indiana.

14 CIC, Folder, Sister Mary Walburga Schumacher, O.S.B. The parish is listed from which Sister Mary Walburga entered. In 1886, her parents resided in the Ferdinand parish, but it is believed that she entered the Ferdinand convent from Saint Anthony's parish.

15 ALER, p. 328. "He succeeded in restoring harmony amongst the turbulent portion of the congregation. Many new vestments and sanctuary ornaments were procured through his efforts."

16 SMA, Folder, Placidus Zarn, O.S.B. Death Notification of Father Placidus Zarn, O.S.B., October 28, 1913.

17 KHM, p. 332. Description of the young man's reactions on his crossing to America and his arrival. "He was a young man of delicate conscience and great

humility, yet at the same time of great energy. It was characteristic of him that he was deeply grieved when on his way to America he heard someone on board ship use blasphemous language; as he wrote to a Father at Einsiedeln, the incident made him think of his 'own sins' and caused him to pray for his 'own conversion'."

18 SMA, Folder, Conrad Ackermann, O.S.B. Letter of Anton Ackermann to Father Idelphonse, O.S.B., on November 9, 1870.

19 ALER, p. 230. List of the ordinations of the Right Reverend Maurice de St. Palais, bishop of Vincennes.

20 SAB, Minister at the baptism of three boys and three girls at Saint Anthony in early 1876.

21 KHP, p. 44. "Father Conrad suffered under one handicap; he could scarcely speak any English, and yet his considerateness for a few English-speaking members of his parish prompted him to read the Epistle and Gospel also in English; 'but,' said Miss Hinchco with a smile, 'he should not have attempted that.'"

22 Ibid., p. 49. "At the completion of these two major projects there was a debt of only \$250. A goodly portion of Father Conrad's young life was built into this church....On February 28, 1885, (Abbot Fintan) appointed him Prior of the monastery--a position which became all the more weighty by reason of the absence of the Abbot during his visit to Rome."

23 KHM, p. 335. "When Father Conrad felt the futility of all efforts in behalf of his health, he made his way, on September 6, to the monastery of Einsiedeln, where he had begun his studies."

24 SMA, Folder, Conrad Ackermann, O.S.B. Letters of Father Conrad Ackermann, O.S.B. to Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. : October 30, 1887 and November 22, 1887.

25 KHM, p. 156. "These were the first priests ordained for and at Saint Meinrad." A quote from the Wahrheitsfreund, February 2, 1863, p. 305. The three fraters were in simple vows as long as Saint Meinrad existed. This titulus paupertatis could not serve as

a title required for ordination. Bishop Maurice de St. Palais had to agree to ordain the fraters ad titulum missionis and to accept them into his diocese in case Saint Meinrad would ever close its doors. This was the pattern for admission to profession of vows and to ordination as long as Saint Meinrad remained under the jurisdiction of the Abbot of Einsiedeln.

26 ALER, p. 323. Short history of Saint Anthony's parish. "Rev. P. Henry Hug, O.S.B., from August, 1875, to September 1, 1877."

27 SAC, p. 1. Record of the first "First Communion" class available.

28 Jasper Courier, 19(June 18, 1877)16, I.U.L. No parish record is available for this Confirmation class. Early Confirmations of the parish are denoted by a notation at the end of the First Communion classes. There is no such notation until the year 1884. There was probably one or two Confirmation classes before 1884.

29 KHM, p. 322. Description of the early Indian mission work done by the monks of Saint Meinrad in the Dakota territory. "The Indians learned to revere and love their Puti Sapa ("Black Beard") as they called him (referring to Father Henry Hug)."

30 SMA, Folder, Henry Hug, O.S.B. Notification of the death of Henry Hug, O.S.B., April 24, 1901. Jasper Herald, 6(April 26, 1901)40, I.U.L. "Rev. Henry Hug, O.S.B., of Saint Meinrad monastery, died last Wednesday afternoon. Some weeks ago he suffered an epileptic stroke and never recovered from it. He was 67 years old."

31 SMA, Folder, Benedict Brunet, O.S.B. Notification of the death of Father Benedict Brunet, O.S.B., May 4, 1900.

32 KHM, p. 213. "On January 21 Fathers Benedict Brunet, Meinrad Maria McCarthy, Henry Hug, Fidelis Maute, Placidus Zarn, and Benno Gerber, and Fraters Maurice Helfrich, Boniface Dilger, Jerome Hund, and Athanasius Rumig made their solemn vows.

33 ALER, p. 323. "Rev. P. Benedict Brunet, O.S.B. from September 1, 1877 to March 24, 1879."

34 KHM, p. 347. Description of the founding of Saint Benedict's (now New Subiaco Abbey) in Logan County Arkansas. "At Rockport three families from St. Anthony, Dubois County, Indiana, numbering in all 21 souls, also bound for Logan County, came on board." Have not been able to find the names of the families or persons from Saint Anthony who went to Logan County, Arkansas, with Father Wolfgang Schlumpf, O.S.B.

35 Ibid., p. 347. "Arrived at their future home at six o'clock in the evening of March 15."

36 SMA, Folder, Benedict Brunet, O.S.B. Death Notice of Father Benedict Brunet, O.S.B., May 4, 1900.

37 ALER, p. 324. "Short bibliography of Father Alphonse Leute, O.S.B. On August 1, 1864, he was ordained priest and exercised his ministry in the Archdiocese of Freiburg till September 6, 1873."

38 Ibid., p. 323. "Rev. P. Alphonse Leute, O.S.B., from March 24, 1879." Date of removal as pastor determined from SAB.

39 Information supplied in a letter from Mrs. Anna Byrd, 917 South Street, Princeton, Indiana.

40 WHN, Vol. 8, p. 470. Copied from the Jasper Courier, May 27, 1881. "A large number of the St. Anthony congregation made a pilgrimage on foot to the Catholic Church here on the last Monday. They were conducted by the Rev. Alphonse, the pastor, and the singing, which was superb, is of very ancient date in the Catholic Church, the object being the invocation of some particular blessing at some shrine consecrated to God."

41 SMA, Folder, Alphonse Leute, O.S.B. Death notification of Father Alphonse Leute, O.S.B., June 24, 1899.

42 Author Anonymous, History of Pike and Dubois Counties, p. 776. Chicago: Goodspeed Brothers and Co., 1885. Short bibliography of the Thomas family.

<sup>43</sup> Ibid., p. 776. Short biographies of the important residents of Dubois County. "Both were numbered among the peaceful followers of George Fox, and their marriage was solemnized according to the ceremonies of the Quaker Church."

<sup>44</sup> ALER, p. 232. List of the ordinations of the Right Reverend Francis Silas Chatard, bishop of Vincennes.

<sup>45</sup> SAB, Dates determined from the baptismal records.

<sup>46</sup> SAC, p. 20. First definite record of a Confirmation class that is available from the parish archives.

<sup>47</sup> CIC, Folder, Mother Mary Seraphine Kordes, O.S.B. Descriptions of the life of Mother Seraphine Kordes written at the time of her death, July 2, 1959.

<sup>48</sup> SMA, Folder, Cyrin Thomas, O.S.B. Passport to Uruguay, November 10, 1890.

<sup>49</sup> KHM, p. 369. Description of the failure of the Saint Meinrad mission to Uruguay. "They sailed from Montevideo on March 6, 1892, and returned to Saint Meinrad."

<sup>50</sup> Ibid., p. 369. "Several years after their return, both obtained a papal indult of secularization, whereupon they served in the Diocese of Louisville."

<sup>51</sup> SMA, Folder, Cyrin Thomas, O.S.B. Document of permission for exclaustation from the Aed. Sacrae Congregationis de Propaganda Fide, October 22, 1895. See APPENDIX, I, page 36.

<sup>52</sup> SMA, Folder, Cyrin Thomas, O.S.B. Document of permission of Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. of Saint Meinrad to Father Cyrin Thomas for exclaustation from the order, February 2, 1896. See APPENDIX, I, page 37.

<sup>53</sup> Jasper Herald, 6(June 28, 1901)49, I.U.L. Account of the Jasper College graduation, June, 1901. "The Very Rev. Cyrin Thomas of St. Vincent, Ky., having accepted the invitation to deliver an address to the graduates of Jasper College, did so in a very impressive manner."

54 SMA, Folder, Cyrin Thomas, O.S.B. Father Cyrin Thomas' Will, September 19, 1905. The will was probated in Court, January 5, 1917. Death Notice, January 4, 1917 List of the deceased alumni, Constitutions-Bylaws-Alumni, p. 71. Saint Meinrad, Indiana: Saint Meinrad Alumni Association, 1961.

55 SMA, Folder, Basil Heusler, O.S.B. Newspaper and other accounts of the life of Father Basil Heusler written at the time of his death, April 17, 1942.

56. SMA, Folder, Basil Heusler, O.S.B. Certificate of Naturalization of Peter Heusler, April 17, 1878.

57 BUEN, p. 5. "One can't help but wonder if the young seminarian in Wisconsin heard of the Benedictines at St. Meinrad, Spencer County, Indiana, from the above mentioned Dominic Steinhauser."

58 SMA, Folder, Basil Heusler, O.S.B. Contract between Abbot Martin Marty, O.S.B. and Fridolin Heusler, December 23, 1878.

59 SMA, Folder, Basil Heusler, O.S.B. Document of Dispensation, April 8, 1883.

60 BUEN, p. 15. "The Jasper Herald records the fact that on September 16, 1898, Father Basil came over from St. Anthony "and will remain."

61 Ibid., p. 9. "The priest politician held his own with the other delegates and made a name for himself at the 'statehouse'."

62 Ibid., p. 9. "Before and after Vespers, the zealous priest would conduct classes in Christian doctrine for adults and children in separate sessions. As a sort of natural development this took a somewhat of a Sunday afternoon social event. After the weekly services and instructions, the Pastor would organize and umpire the weekly Baseball games."

63 BLAN, Vol. 1, p. 584. "The new church was blessed December 20, 1885, by Rev. C. Thomas and the first divine services on the same day."

64 WHD, p. 28. "The Church was consecrated on September 26, 1886."

65 SMA, Folder, Basil Heusler, O.S.B. Abbot Fintan Mundwiler's Letter to Father Basil Heusler, April 28, 1886.

66 SMA, Folder, Basil Heusler, O.S.B. Abbot Fintan Mundwiler's Letter to Father Basil Heusler, September 9, 1888.

67 SMA, Folder, Basil Heusler, O.S.B. Bishop Francis Silas Chatard to Father Basil Heusler, October 29, 1888.

68 SMA, Folder, Basil Heusler, O.S.B. Document of Dispensation (Prot. 5192), October 7, 1888.

69 SMA, Folder, Basil Heusler, O.S.B. Bishop Francis Silas Chatard to Abbot Athanasius Schmitt, O.S.B., March 16, 1898.

70 SMA, Folder, Basil Heusler, O.S.B. Father Basil Heusler to Abbot Athanasius Schmitt, March 9, 1898.

71 BLAN, Vol. 1, p. 584. "Five new bells were received on February 22, 1890. The total weight is 4,000 pounds and the cost \$ 786.80. In June, 1891, these bells were also blessed by Bishop Chatard."

72 WHD, p. 58. "In 1887, a brown-stone quarry was opened at St. Anthony and operated on a small scale for two years. In 1894, it was reopened for a few years... The brown stone in Dubois County runs from a point north-east of Ferdinand to a point near Dubois."

73 BLAN, Vol. 1, p. 584. "In June 1897, a residence for the Sisters was erected at a cost of \$ 866.35."

74 SAB, p. 58. Baptismal notation for Joseph and Mary Merkley, September 22, 1879.

75 SMA, Folder, Basil Heusler, O.S.B. Father Basil Heusler to Abbot Athanasius Schmitt, O.S.B., March 9, 1898.

76 BUEN, p. 14. "Fortunately, the people of St. Anthony were not aware of the fact that their beloved

pastor's integrity had been questioned. Apparently they knew nothing of his dispensation. To them he was a good Benedictine priest and was doing excellent work. Not even remotely did they consider the possibility that he would ever be taken from them."

77 Jasper Herald, 4(September 23, 1898)9, I.U.L. Last Thursday our little village was considerably shaken up over the rumor that Father Basil had been removed and established at Jasper. He had served the congregation here for thirteen years and his sudden removal caused great indignation and considerable tears were shed. It was a hard blow on the people and groups of neighbors could be seen discussing the probability of his return or whether the rumor was passing. On Sunday the announcement was made by Rev. Simon Barber, who now occupies the rectorship. There was scarcely a dry eye in the congregation....During the afternoon a petition was in circulation praying Rev. Athanasius Schmitt to restore Father Basil to his former charge, but the matter has been dropped for the present."

78 SMA, Folder, Basil Heusler, O.S.B. Death Notification, telegrams, and newspaper accounts of the death and funeral of Father Basil Heusler, O.S.B., April 17, 1942.

79 ALER, p. 558. List of the members of Saint Meinrad's Abbey, 1883, showing place of birth and dates of birth, profession, and ordination.

80 BUEN, p. 14. "This change did not please the Jasper congregation and according to the spirit of their time commonly designated as Trusteeism they sent a self-appointed delegation to St. Meinrad to protest the choice made by Abbot Athanasius."

81 Ibid., p. 15. "The short young pastor met the delegation in front of the house and refused them entrance. In no uncertain terms he denied them the privilege of seeing the Abbot. He ordered them off the property because of their condition. They retreated in disorder, as they had come."

82 Jasper Herald, 4(March 10, 1899)33, I.U.L. "Father Simon will be called to the pastorate at Saint



Mary's at Huntingburg."

83 Jasper Herald, 4(September 30, 1898; November 11, 1898; December 23, 1898; January 27, 1899)10, 16, 22, 27, I.U.L.

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86 SAA, Statistics determined from the parish marriage records and the death register.

87 SMA, Folder, Clement Klingel, O.S.B. Clement Klingel to Abbot Athanasius Schmitt, O.S.B., May 4, 1899.

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98 Plat of Sternberg's Addition to Saint Anthony, Indiana, February 3, 1911. Plat Book No. 3, p. 66. Jasper, Indiana:RO, DCC. See APPENDIX, I, p. 18-19; also APPENDIX, II, p. 51.

99 SAB, p. 50. Baptismal Notation for Ernest Schumacher, July 27, 1914.

100 SMA, Folder, Saint Anthony. Financial Report of Saint Anthony Parish: 1914. Contains statistics on the situation of the parish and report of finances and indebtedness.

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APPENDIX I:  
DOCUMENTS

DEED TO SAINT ANTHONY PARISH

Recorder's Office

Jasper, Indiana

October 25, 1860

John Reuber and wife  
Deed ToJohn Leisman  
Francis Richart  
Francis H. Amps and  
Francis MerkelState of Indiana  
Dubois CountyThis Indenture made  
this sixth day of Aug-  
ust in the year of  
our Lord Eighteen hun-  
dred and Sixty by and

between John Reuber and his wife Maria Gerdrud Reuber of the County of Dubois and State of Indiana on the one part and John P. Leisman, Francis Richart, Francis H. Amps and Francis Merkel all of the County of Dubois and State of Indiana on the other part, witnesseth that said John Reuber and his wife Maria Gerdrud Reuber for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred Dollars, the Receipt of which, is hereby acknowledged, have given, granted, bargained, sold, released, and conveyed, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, release and convey and confirm unto said John Leisman, Francis Richart, Francis H. Amps, and Francis Merkel as Trustees of the Catholic Congregation of St. John, situated in the town of St. Joseph, Dubois County, State of Indiana and for the sole use and Benefit of said Congregation of St. John in said Town of St. Joseph in said county of Dubois and State of Indiana, forever the following tract of land, Situated and being in the county of Dubois and State of Indiana and also designated as follows (to Wit): Situated in the East half of the Southwest quarter of the North West quarter of Section number Twenty Six (26) in Township number Two (2) South of Range number four (4) west, more particularly described as follows: commencing at the South East Corner of the Said Tract of Land at a Stone marked S.J. & I, thence running west forty (40) poles to a Stone marked S.J. & II, thence north

Eighty (80) poles to a Stone marked S.J.<sup>c</sup> III, thence East Forty (40) poles to a stone marked S.J.<sup>d</sup> IV, thence South Eighty (80) poles to the place of Beginning containing Twenty (20) acres more or less. To have and to hold the premises aforesaid with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining thereto unto there the said John P. Leisman, Francis Richart, Francis H. Amps and Francis Merkel in their capacity of Trustees of the above stated Congregation of St. John in the above stated town of St. Joseph in the County of Dubois and State of Indiana for the sole use and benefit of the said Catholic Congregation of St. John and they the said Trustees, John P. Leisman, Francis Richart, Francis H. Amps and Francis Merkel, being and remaining, as regards said tract of land, bound to abide by any and all decisions of the Roman Catholic Church authorities, especially by those of the Catholic Bishop of Vincennes in the State of Indiana, which in course of time may be adopted in reference to the appropriation of said Land either by sale or otherwise, and that the said John Reuber and his wife Maria Gerdrud Reuber for themselves and for their heirs Executors and Administrators covenant and agree to and with the said John P. Leisman, Francis Richart, Francis H. Amps and Francis Merkel that they the said John Reuber and his wife Maria Gerdrud Reuber and Lawfully seized of the premises aforesaid, that they have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner aforesaid and that the premises are free and clear of and from all Incumbrances whatever and further that they the said John Reuber and his wife Maria Gerdrud Reuber will warrant and forever defend the premises herein and hereby granted unto the said John P. Leisman, Francis Richart, Francis H. Amps and Francis Merkel against the lawful claims and demands of all and every person whomsoever in testimony whereof the said John Reuber and his wife Maria Gerdrud Reuber have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals on the day and

year above mentioned.

Signed, Sealed and  
delivered in presence  
of Michael Klienin

John Reuber  
Maria Reuber

State of Indiana  
Dubois County

SS. Before me John  
Jacob Alles a Jus-  
tice of the Peace  
in and for said  
county came John  
Reuber and Maria  
Gerdrud Reuber his  
wife and acknowl-  
edged the Execution  
of the annexed deed  
this Sixth day of  
August 1860.

Witness my hand and official Seal

John Jacob Alles (Seal)

Deed Record Book, No. 10 (May 1860 -  
October 1861). Recorder's Office, Dubois  
County Court House, Jasper, Indiana, U.S.A.  
Page 199-200.

PLAT OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOSEPH

Recorder's Office

Jasper, Indiana

November 2, 1860

This plat represents the town of St. Joseph situated in Dubois County and State of Indiana, and in the east half of the South West quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Number Twenty Six (26) in Township Number Two (2) South of Range number four (4) West. Bounded as follows: Commencing at the South East corner of said tract of land at a stone marked S.J. # I., thence running West forty (40) poles to a stone marked S.J. # II., thence North Eighty (80) poles to a stone marked S.J. # III., thence East Forty (40) poles to a stone marked S.J. # IV., thence South Eighty (80) poles to the place of beginning, containing (20) Twenty Acres. Surveyed and laid out April the 4th and 5th, 1860, By Benjamin R. Kemp, Surveyor in and for Dubois County, Said piece of land being donated by John Reuber and Deeded to the trustees of the St. John's Congregation of the Roman Catholic Church in Dubois County and State of Indiana for the use and benefit of said Congregation. The said town of St. Joseph as shown by the annexed plot Contains 36 Building Lots, a Church Lot, Grave Yard, and a Church Reserve, the size and position of the lots and width of the streets are shown by the annexed plot, together with the size of the Church Lot, Grave Yard and Church Reserve. There is an alley on the West side of 30 feet wide, one on the East side 6 feet wide, one on the North side 3 feet wide, and one on the South 20 feet wide extending to the Grave Yard from thence only 6 feet wide, one on the North side 3 feet wide. There is also a stone set at the S. W. corner and one at the N. W. corner of the Church Lot. Also a stone is set at the S. E. corner of Lot number 20 and a stone set at the N. E. corner of lot number 23, all of them marked with letters and figures answering to the description of the corner, from



which last named stones the bearings of the lines should be taken. Platted to a scale of 110 feet to an inch. Variation of Compass 5°, 20' East.

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of April,  
1860

Benjamin R. Kemp (Seal)

Surveyor Seal  
S S  
Dubois County,  
Indiana

(Signed) John P. Leisman (Seal)  
Franz Riekart (Seal)  
Franz X. Amps (Seal)  
Franz Merkel (Seal)

State of Indiana, Dubois, Ss.

Before me, J. J. Allis, a justice of the peace in and for said county and state aforesaid, personally appeared John P. Leisman, Francis Richart, Francis X. Amps and Francis Merkel, Trustees of the St. Joseph Congregation and acknowledged the execution of the plat hereunto annexed as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. Witness my hand and seal this sixth day of August 1860.

John Jacob Allis, J. P. (Seal)

Recorded November 2, 1860;

Stephen Jerger, Recorder, Dubois  
County, Indiana

Plat Book (No. 2), page 13. Recorder's  
Office, Dubois County Court House, Jasper,  
Indiana, U.S.A.

CONVEYANCE OF CHURCH PROPERTY TO THE BISHOP

This Indenture, witnesseth, that We John P. Leisman, Francis Richart, Francis H. Amps, and Francis Merkel of Dubois County, in the State of Indiana, convey and warrant to the Right Rev. Maurice De St. Palais, Bishop of Vincennes in Knox County, in the State of Indiana, for the sum of Twenty Five Dollars, the following Real Estate in Dubois County, in the State of Indiana, to wit: 1st, Church Lot; 2nd, Church Reserve containing three Acres and Eighty Eight Hundredths of an Acre; 3rd, the Grave Yard, containg one Acre and Five Hundredths of an Acre; also Lots. No. Eight (8), Nine (9), Nineteen (19), and Thirty Six (36). All lying and being in the Town of St. Joseph, Dubois County, Indiana. To have and to hold, the same to the said Right Rev. Maurice De St. Palais, Bishop of Vincennes, his heirs, and assigned forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said John P. Leisman, Francis Richart, Francis H. Amps and Francis Merkel, Trustees of the Congregation of St. John have hereunto set their hands and seals, this 11th day of December, 1860.

John P. Leisman  
Francis Richart  
Francis H. Amps  
Francis Merkel

State of Indiana, Dubois County, SS:

Before me, Stephen Jerger, Recorder in and for said county, this Eleventh day of December, 1860, personally appeared John P. Leisman, Francis Richart, Francis H. Amps and Francis Merkel, Trustees of the Congregation of St. John, Dubois County, Indiana, Grantors in the above Conveyance and acknowledged the execution of the annexed deed.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Stephen Jerger, R.D.C.

Original Deed - Diocese of Evansville Archives

Copy - Deed Record Book, No. 10, p. 258. Recorder's Office, Dubois County Court House, Jasper, Indiana, U.S.A.

CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE TOWN

Commissioner's Record Book D, p. 385, September term, 1865. Dubois County Court House, Jasper, Indiana, U.S.A.

In the matter of the petition to change the name of the Town of St. Joseph. Comes now Rev. Joseph Meister, Charles V. Lorey, Joseph Harney, and others, filed and presented their Petition herein, praying for the change of the name of St. Joseph, in the township of Hall, County of Dubois to the name of St. Anthony; and the Board being satisfied from proper affidavits filed therein, that a majority of the qualified electors of said town had joined in said petition, it is considered by the Board, that the prayer of the petitioners therein be granted, and thereupon ordered that the name of the town of St. Joseph, be changed to the name of St. Anthony, and that proper and legal notice of said change of name be given according to law.

The above was published in the Jasper Weekly Courier, September 16, 1865, v. 7, no. 32, with the following addition,

State of Indiana, County of Dubois, SS:

I, Theo. Sonderman, Auditor in and for said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Commissioners' Record of said county, at their September term, 1865.

Given under the hand and seal of office, this the 15th day of September, 1865.

Theodore Sonderman, A.D.C.

PLAT OF TEUPEL'S ADDITION

This Plat represents Teupel's Addition to the town of St. Anthony which commences at the North West corner of the South West quarter of Section 26, Township 2, South of Range No. 4 West, the said lots laid off 75 feet except the four Lots on the South side which are 100 feet North and South by 145 feet East and West. The Lots are numbered from the North to South commencing on the North West Lot, St. John's and St. Joseph's Streets, are 40 feet wide and Cross Street 30 feet running North and South, also one alley which is 14½ feet wide. There is a stone at the North West and also at the North East which bears five degrees fifteen minutes Variations of the Needle and the whole is the same of that Variation.

John Teupel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of March, A.D. 1866.

John G. Stein, J.P. (Seal)

Plat Book No. 2, p. 53. Recorder's Office,  
Dubois County Court House, Jasper, Indiana.

GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

This indenture, made on the second day of October, A.D., one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, by and between Moses B. Cox, trustee for Mrs. Catherine T. Cox, and Mrs. Catherine F. Cox of New Albany, Floyd County, Indiana, parties of the First Part, and the Right Reverend Maurice De St. Palais, Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Vincennes, of the County of Knox, in the State of Indiana, party of the Second Part, in Consideration of the sum of One Dollar, in hand paid by the Said party of the Second Part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and to advance the service of God as ministered by the Catholic Church, do by these presents Grant, Bargain and Sell, Convey and Confirm unto the said party of the Second Part, his successor, and assigns the following described Lots, tracts or parcels of and lying, being and situated in the County of Dubois and State of Indiana to wit:

So much of the farm bought by Moses B. Cox, Trustee of Mrs. Catherine E. Cox, of Peter Tiefle, the same being on Flat Creek, Dubois County, Indiana, and adjoining Town of St. Marks as Contained with the following boundaries to wit:

Commencing at the North line of said farms at a point in a due line north with the center of the small river running immediately west of Mr. Bigler's residence, running easterly along said line twenty-two poles, thence due North along center of said river to the north line to the place of beginning. Containing three acres more or less.

To Have and To Hold the premises aforesaid, with all and singular rights, privileges, appurtenances and immunities thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, unto the said party of the Second Part, and unto his successors, and assigns, Forever; the said Moses B. Cox, Trustee for Mrs. C. J. Cox, and Catherine J. Cox hereby covenanting that they are lawfully seized of an inde-feasible Estate in fee in the premises herein conveyed; that they have good right to convey the same; that the said premises are free and clear of any encumbrances ~~down~~ or suffered by them or those under whom they claim, and that they will Warrant and Defend the title of the said premises unto the said party of the Second Part, and unto his successors, and assigns Forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the First Part have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and  
Delivered in the  
Presence of us,

Moses B. Cox  
Catherine F. Cox

George F. Nowk

Original - Diocese of Evansville Archives

Copy - Deed Record Book 35, P. 576. Recorder's  
Office, Dubois County Court House  
Jasper, Indiana

CONVEYANCE OF DEED TO THE BISHOP

This Indenture Witnesseth, That Nicholas Wagner, Henry Steuter, Frank Voegerl and John B. Horney, Trustees of the Catholic Congregation of Saint John's (now Saint Anthony's) Church of St. Joseph (now Saint Anthony), Dubois County, in the State of Indiana, convey and quit claim to the Right Reverend Francis Silas Chatard, Bishop of Vincennes, Knox County, in the State of Indiana, for the sum of One Dollar, and in pursuance of the rules of their Church, the following Real Estate, in Dubois County, in the State of Indiana, to wit:

Situated in the East Half of the Southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section number twenty six, (26), in Township number Two, (2), South, Range number Four, (4), West, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said tract of land at a stone marked S.J. a I, thence running west forty, (40), poles to a stone marked S.J. b II, thence north eighty, (80), poles to a stone marked S.J. c III, thence east forty, (40), poles to a stone marked S.J. d IV, thence south eighty, (80), poles to the place of beginning, containing twenty, (20), acres more or less, the same being the Town of Saint Joseph (now Saint Anthony), except so much of said ground as has been heretofore conveyed by said trustees to other parties.

This deed is made by the direction of the Bishop in pursuance of the requirements of the original deed of said property to the church made by John Reuber and wife on 6th August 1860.



In witness whereof, the said Nicholas Wanger, Henry Steuter, Frank Voegerl and John B. Horny as trustees as aforesaid of St. John's Church have hereunto set their hands and seals, this 2nd day of November A.D. 1885.

Nicholas Wanger  
Henry Steuter  
Frank Voegerl  
John B. Horny

Trustees of the  
Catholic Church  
Congregation of  
Saint John's

Original - Diocese of Evansville Archives

Copy - Deed Record Book 35, p. 557. Recorder's  
Office, Dubois County Court House,  
Jasper, Indiana, U.S.A.

GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

This Indenture Witnesseth, That John Sternberg and Barbara Sternberg, his wife, Convey and Warrant unto the Righth Reverend Francis Silas Chatard, Bishop of Vincennes, and his heirs, and assign for the sum of, (1.00), One Dollar, the Receipt for which is hereby acknowledged, the Real Estate in the Town of Saint Anthony, County of Dubois and State of Indiana.

Beginning at the South West corner of Lot #18, thence running North to a point (25) twenty five feet from the beginning, thence running East (154) One Hundred and fifty four feet, thence running west to the point of beginning containing 3850 square feet, and being a part of Lot. No. Eighteen (18) in the Town of Saint Anthony, Dubois County, Indiana, with the appurtenances, to Hold the same unto himself and his successors forever.

Witness the hands and seals of said Grantors this 30th day of September 1896.

John Sternberg  
Barbara Sternberg

Original - Diocese of Evansville Archives

Copy - Deed Record Book 49, p. 97. Recorder's  
Office, Dubois County Court House,  
Jasper, Indiana, U.S.A.

PLAT OF REUBER'S ADDITION TO SAINT ANTHONY

This Plat represents Reuber's Addition to the town of Saint Anthony, Dubois County, Indiana, and being a part of the South West quarter of Section Number Twenty Six (26), Township Number Two (2), South, Range Four (4) West, and more particularly described and bounded as follows to-wit:

Commencing at a point 670 feet South of the North West Corner of said above South West quarter, which is also the North West corner of Teupel's addition to said town of Saint Anthony and thip point being the South West corner of said Teupel's addition, running thence South 150 feet, thence East 706 feet, and thence North 150 feet to the South East corner of said Teupel's addition, thence West along the South line of said Teupel's addition, 706 feet, to the place of beginning, containing 2 and  $\frac{43}{100}$  acres.

The lots are numbered from 1 to 9, inclusive and the size as designated on the plat. Cross Street is extended south 30 feet wide as stated in Teupel's addition. These streets are hereby dedicated to the use of the public for the use and purposes of public highways.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of February 1911.

Fernadina Reuber

State of Indiana, County of Dubois, SS:

Personally appeared before me a Notary

Public in and for the said county and state aforesaid, the above Bernadina Reuber, a Widow, and acknowledged the execution of the above and foregoing plat.

In Testimony whereof, I Hereunto set my hand and notarial seal this 3rd day of February, 1911.

(Seal)

Orville A. Bigham  
Notary Public

Received for Record the 13th of February, A.D. 1911 at 3:20 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Record 3 Page 65.

J. H. Judy, Recorder of Dubois County

Recorder's Fee \$3.00 Pd.

Plat Book No. 3, Recorder's Office,  
Dubois County Court House, Jasper, Indiana,  
U.S.A. Page 65.

PLAT OF STERNBERG'S ADDITION TO ST. ANTHONY

This Plat represents Sternberg's Addition to the Town of Saint Anthony, Dubois County, Indiana, and being a part of the South West quarter of Section number Twenty Six (26), Township Two (2) South, Range Four (4) West, and more particularly described and bounded as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point One Hundred and Twenty (120) feet South and Fifteen (15) feet East of the intersection of Cross and Ferdinand Streets in Teupel's addition to Saint Anthony, thence South parallel with the East line of said Cross street Five Hundred and Fifty (550) feet, thence East One Hundred (100) Feet, thence North Five Hundred and Fifty (550) feet, thence West One Hundred (100) feet, to the place of beginning, containing One and 26/100 acres.

The Lots are numbered from 1 to 7 inclusive and of the size as designated on the plat and stones are set on the corners as shown on this addition.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this 3rd day of February, 1911.

Elizabeth Sternberg  
Emil Sternberg

State of Indiana, County of Dubois, SS:

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the county state aforesaid, the above named Elizabeth Sternberg and Emil Sternberg, her husband, and acknowledged the execution of the above and foregoing plat.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and notarial seal this 3rd day of February, 1911.

(Seal)

Orville A. Bigham  
Notary Public

Received for Record this 13th day of February, A.D. 1911 at 4:00 o'clock P.M. and Recorded in Record 3 Page 66.

J. H. Judy, Recorder of Dubois County  
Recorder's Fee \$3.00 Pd.

Plat Book No. 3, Page 66. Recorder's Office, Dubois County Court House, Jasper, Indiana, U.S.A.

CERTIFICATE OF THEOLOGICAL CANDIDACY  
OF JOSEPH MEISTER

Sub Auspiciis Gloriosissimus  
Serenissimi ac potentissimi principis  
ac  
domini domini  
MAXIMILLANI JOSEPHI  
Bavariae Regis rel.  
coram  
almae at regiae huius universitatis  
Rectore Magnifice

Sancte et iurijurandi loco pollicitus  
est D: Jos': Meister Herbetzqylensis Helvet:  
Theol: Cand:

- I. Se Rectori Magnifico atque Senatui  
academico, Magistratui suo legitimo,  
fidem, obedientiam et reverentiam  
debitam praestitutum:
- II. Peitatem veram, sobrios et compositos  
mores, vestitum honestum, et quidquid  
in omni vita ingenuum ac liberalem  
hominem decet, sedulo sectaturum:
- III. Secretas societates, cujuscumque no-  
minis sint, aversaturum:
- IV. Se legibus et statitis Academiae  
Ludovico-Maximilianeae conditus et  
condendis in omnibus fore obsequentem.

Quo pacto, data etiam dextra, in nu-  
merum Civium almae et regiae hujus Academiae  
redactus est, et hasce literas, ejus rei  
testes, sigillo Universitatis numitas, manu-  
que Rectoris Magnifici subscriptas accepit.

Landshuti die 28 mensis Nov: anno 1816.

Consignature

SEAL

Mittermuier  
Rector

Seal

Source - Saint Meinrad Archabbey Archive,  
Folder, Joseph Meister



CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD OF  
REVEREND JOSEPH MEISTER

JOANNES NEPOMUCENUS DE WOLF, 1.  
 DEL, ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA  
 EPISCOPUS DORYLENSIS,  
 SACRAE REGIAE MAJESTATIS BAVARICAE &&&.

Consiliarius actualis intimus Ordinis civilis meritorum coronae Bavaricae Commendator, per Dioecesin Ratisbonensem Suffraganeus, Decanus infulatus Majoris Ecclesiae Ratisbonae, et Consistorii Praeses, Recognoscimus per Praesentes, quod Anno a Nativitate Domini Nostri Jesu Christi, 1817. Die 22 mensis Junii, Dominica IV. post Pentecostem in huiate 2. Sacello Sancti Michaelis Josephum Meister Herbezvillanum Helvetum, Diaconum a Revmo. 3. Vicariatu generali Basileensi rite dimisum Nobis pro habili & idoneo legitime praesentatum juxta formam Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae cooperante Spiritus Sancti Gratia ad. S. Presbyteratus Ordinem rite proverimus & ordinaverimus, dantes eidem in hunc fidem has testimoniales Litteras propriae manus Nostrae Subscriptionem, ac Sigillo Nostro roboratas, Anno, Mense, et Die, quibus Supra.

J. N. Episc. Doryl. Suffraganeus

SEAL

(Notarius)

1. The Bishop of Dorilensis at this time. He became the Bishop of Ratisbon the next year in 1818. He died in 1829. GAMS, p. 305.

2. Could not decipher.
3. Reverendissimo

Source: Saint Meinrad Archabbey Archives,  
Folder, Joseph Meister

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF THEOLOGICAL  
STUDIES OF URSUS JOSEPH MEISTER

Reverendum D. Ursum Josephum Meister,  
Helvetum Solodoranum, Presbyterum, in uni-  
versitate Boc jc a Landishutana collegia  
Theologiae Moralis et Pastoralis ube et  
Paedagogicae et Doctrinae de Religione  
diligentia indefessa frequentasse et pro-  
gressus prorsus insignis nolam tulisse  
(1.) Landishute 29 Aug. 1817.

SEAL

J. M. Sailer 2.  
Prof. P. O.

1. Unintelligible
2. John Michael Sailer, Coadjutor Bishop  
of Ratisbon from 1822 till 1832, GAMS, p. 305.

Source: Saint Meinrad Archabbey Archives,  
Folder, Joseph Meister

APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH MEISTER TO A PARISH

REVENDISSIMI AC CELLISSIMI IN CHRISTO PATRIS  
JOSEPHI ANTONII EPISCOPI BASILEENSIS 1.  
Vicarius pro Cantone Solodorensi in Spiritualibus  
generalis.

Delecto nobis R. 2. D. 3. Josepho Meister Paroch in Genevez 4. Salutem.

Curam seu Parochialem Ecclesiam sub titulao S. Annae in Antisi 5. vacantem nunc at liberam per motem R. D. Josephi Gobenstein ultimi et imediate illius Possessoris pacifici cum omnibus et singulis pertinentiis, membris et juribus universis tibi surpra dicto ab Illustimo 6. Senau ut collatore dic 26 Junii nobiv praesentato capaci et idoneo re-  
perto, alois nullo obstante impedimento canonico conserendam ducimus, prout authoritate nostra conserimus instituentes te in ea Parochum, ac de illa te investientes tenore praesentum, emissa prius professione fidei et juramento juxta S. S. Concillii decreta.

Quapropter Rvdissimo 7. Dno 8. Vicario Genrali pro Cantone Solodorensi exhibitione praesentium requirendo non solum comitimus sed et mandamus, ut te per se vel alium ab ipso delegato veram, realem, actualem et corporalem dictae Parochiae Ecclesiae Jurium, fructuum et Emolumentorum quarumque ab illa dependentium possessionem autoritate praedicta ponat et inducat, inductumque desendat; Jure tamen in praemissis semper salvo. Te interra admonentes et mandantes ti bi, ut quae officii tui sunt, diligenter obeas, ovibus tuis Pastor exemplo virtutum prae eas, singulis diebus Dominicis Populum biti comissum Doctrinam christianam edoceas, scholas frequenter visites, coeteraque omnia, quae probum Pastorem decet juxta Statuta.

Dioecesana, SS. Conones et decreta concillii  
Tridetini diligenter observes.

In quorum fidem praesentes sigillo  
majori episcopali ac manu ejusdem Vicarii  
generalis munitas dedimus Solodori die 10.  
Juli Ano 9. 1829.

SEAL

Gerber: Praepositus  
et Vicar generalis

1. Joseph Antonius, the Bishop of Basel. from  
1829 till 1854, GAMS, p. 305.
2. Reverendissimo
3. Domino
4. Last letter is a guess; probably not  
Geneva though.
5. Unable to locate; the letter, which has  
been made at in this translation, is  
obscure.
6. Illustrissimo
7. Reverendissimo
8. Domino
9. Anno

Source: Saint Meinrad Archabbey Archives,  
Folder, Joseph Meister

LETTER OF RECOMENDATION FOR TRIP TO THE U.S.S.

JOSEPHUS ANTONIUS SALZMANN, per Dei  
misericordiam et Apostolicae Sedis Gratiam,  
Episcopus Basileensis, dilecto Nobis in  
Christo Reverendo Domini Josepho Meister,  
libere resignato Parocho in Aeschi, Cantonis  
Solodorensis et Dioceseeos Basileensis,  
Salutem et Benedictionem in Domino.

Supplicationi Tuae Nobis reverenter  
porrectae benigne annuere volentes Licen-  
tiam Tibi concedimus exeundi e Nostra  
Diocesi; ita tanem, ut denuo in illam re-  
verti, quandocumque volueris, liceat; tes-  
tantes insuper, Te non modo Sacerdotem ipse  
Catholicum nulloque, quantum Nobis constat,  
canonico impedimento irretitum, sed etiam  
mores exhibuisse Statui Sacerdotali prorsus  
conformes. Cujus rei in testimonium et  
ut Te Reverendissimo acerbissimo Domino  
Dno 1. Episcopo, ad quem perveneris, quam  
maxime commendemus, hasce litteras nostra  
manu subscriptas Sigilloque conseuto muni-  
tas dedimus.

Solodori die 5ta 2. Februarii, 1847.

SEAL

Josephus Antonius Salzmann,  
Episcopus Basileensis

(Note added at the bottom)

Xäv. Stadlinus, Cancell. 3.

R. Dnum. 4. Josephum Meister ex 5ta 5.  
Februarii die usque ad hodiernam in Paro-  
chia Aeschi remansisse et mores praesetu-  
lisse Statui Sacerdotali prorsus conformes

summaque laude dignissimos, testamur.

Solodori, 18va 6. Aprilis 1847.

Josephus Antonius Salzmann  
Episcopus Basileensis

1. Domino.
- 2.. 5th
3. Cancellarius (the man who wrote the document).
- 4.. Domunum.
5. 5th
6. 18th.

Source: Saint Meinrad Archabbey Archives,  
Folder, Joseph Meister

First Baptism at Saint Anthony

J.M.J.

1.

Anno Domini millesimo octogentesimo  
 sexagesimo quarto, die vero vicesima  
 tertia maji baptizavi in Ecclesia St.  
 Antonii prima vice<sup>1</sup> infantem pridie  
 natam Catherinam mariam Elizabetham  
 natam ex henrico Stutter & Christian Dunker  
 sua uxore: levaverunt Henricus Presche<sup>2</sup>,  
 & Maria Elixab. Buhr nata Holtman:

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 Mar: Eliz.  
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testor: U. Jos. Meister, priest

1. Text is unclear; another reading may be possible
2. Ibid.



OBITUARY OF FATHER JOSEPH MEISTERFATAL ACCIDENT - FATHER MEISTER KILLED

We are truly pained to announce the death by accident of James (Joseph) Meister, the priest in charge of the Catholic Congregation at Saint Anthony, in this county. On last Thursday morning some young lads were cutting a tree for wood, near the priest's residence, and were playing around so as to be in danger of getting hurt, when he went down to warn them of their danger; and, just as he arrived at the place, the tree fell, and in falling broke a large limb off another tree, which hit the deceased on the head breaking his skull. He lingered until about 11 o'clock at night and then expired.

Father Meister was a remarkable man even in the priesthood. Although over 80 (?) years of age, he was energetic, active, and always industrious, and ministered to the spiritual wants of his congregation with a fidelity unsurpassed by any. Under his supervision quite a large church and congregation have been built up within a few years at Saint Anthony.

He was native of France (?); but had lived in this country for several years, and last July celebrated his golden Mass, having then been ordained a full priest for fifty years. His funeral was attended on yesterday by a large concourse of citizens, and all seem imbued with a heartfelt sorrow at their loss. His place in their hearts will be hardly supplied.

Jasper Weekly Courier, 10(February 28, 1868)4

LETTER OF FATHER KAUFFMANN TO THE BISHOP

Saint Anthony

July 15, 1868

Your Excellency:

I cannot let this occasion pass by without informing your Excellency of the trouble that reigned for 10 days among our people with regard to the inheritance of the late Rev. Meister. Before I explain to your Excellency what happened immediately after his death, it is good to indicate first to your Excellency the promises which Father Meister made while yet alive to several families of his congregation. Among other things, he expressed himself on various occasions in these formal words: "I wish that my ashes will repose at Saint Anthony. And in order that you may know that you have a pastor who loved you, I do not wish to leave you as orphans, since your church will receive a good deal of my fortune."

But alas, no sooner had Father Meister closed his eyes than Father Chrysostom departed in great hurry telling the Trustees, "You may be quiet; all will be done in the right way when the Prior will be here," (expecting Father Fidelis to remain in the rectory). After the arrival of Reverend Father Marty all was gone through in the presence of the Trustees. And in the end, they counted the financial means, the totality of which came to about \$1300, that means 830 Piasters in Gold, about 100 in silver, and

the rest consisted in Greenbacks. The aforementioned sum had been packed with all his clothing and other precious objects which one found; among them a little diamond, the vessels of Holy Oils, a gold watch, a great spoon of silver, and fork for carving in silver. The three last objects, the Pastor of Ferdinand appropriated. When the assistants saw that these objects were taken away, they were in the full conviction that their church would get its share, so much the more as the Father, when they took leave used honey sweet words.

But unfortunately, it was only one month of waiting when the world heard that the departed had not left a last will, and that consequently their hopes were based only on vain illusions.

Last Sunday, the President of the Congregation of Saint Anthony came to ask me in the name of all the citizens to write your Excellency that the Benedictine Fathers, not being authorized either by Ecclesiastical or Civil Justice to seize the valuables of the late Father Meister, are obliged to restore that which does not belong to them in any way. Moreover, they say that Father Meister had never mentioned that the Benedictines should receive the least after his death; but that the Bishop of Vincennes and the Church of Saint Anthony would be the legitimate heirs. They reject the letter which Father Chrysostom has received in answer to his from the brother of the late Father Meister. They consider the letter an illusion.

Be that as it may, I can frankly say to your Excellency that the people to whom Father Meister had made the promise are men who are upright and religious. Now if that is so, I cannot understand why the will of

the departed should not be fulfilled. The reclamation is unanimous with the exception of one who was the sworn enemy of Father Meister, who says only lies about his pastor and that God had punished him by a sudden death. Besides, I see that this manner of acting, especially of Father Chrysostom, has caused great scandal. The gold watch, fork and spoon of silver, which he now possesses, made a bad impression on the people near and far. This funny story, although I have nothing to say in it, has disturbed me so much, that in the last week I threw my last will in the fire and I wrote another one that similar troubles may not arise on the day after my death.

Your Excellency, pardon me my usual frankness: "Ex abundatia cordis loquitur." Before finishing, I must also declare to your Excellency, what is still in the rectory of Father Meister's possessions-some furniture, kitchen utensils, five sheets for the bed, two servettes, one tablecloth, altogether having a value of \$50, a sum that is not sufficient to help in the present need of our church.

Shortly before the death of Father Meister, the school was totally devoured by the flames, so we need another. I should like to have a Baptisimal Font and a little pulpit, other little objects which are absolutely necessary for a parochial church. Consequently, I venture to ask your Excellency to give order to the Prior that he may relinquish to our church a fifth or tenth of the total sum.

I am quite convinced that I shall be able to reconcile the excited spirits and restore that peace that is so necessary for the salvation of Christians. On my part I shall be very grateful too. I shall try to compensate for that benefit in another.

Pardon your Excellency my bad handwriting, the paper, the pen and the excessive heat; they are the reason for it.

Expecting your wise decision very soon, I ask your Excellency to accept the assurance of my most respectful homage from your very humble and obedient servant,

Joseph Kauffmann  
Priest

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