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The Five Catholic Clergymen of Columbus, 1866?

The above photograph has been in the Society's files since before 1984. It is an eight by ten inch print, obviously a copy from an oval original, of unknown size and provenance. It may have come to the Society with other photographs donated by the late Father Joseph Hakel while pastor at Holy Cross Parish in Columbus. It has been possible to identify four of the men and an approximate date.

First worthy of note is the man standing on the viewer's left, who, though much younger, bears a striking resemblance to the photograph of Bishop Edward Fitzgerald that appears in the St. Patrick Parish, Columbus, centennial booklet of 1952. Fitzgerald was pastor of St. Patrick Parish from the Fall of 1857 until early 1867, being consecrated a bishop, for Little Rock, on February 3 of that year.

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This possible identification of Fitzgerald led to further examination of photographs in booklets from St. Patrick and Holy Cross parishes. In a 1924 booklet from Holy Cross was found a photograph of Father Bernard Hemsteger, pastor of that parish from 1858 until 1878, which quite clearly identifies him as the man seated on the viewer's right in the photograph. Seated on the viewer's left is a very young Rev. Francis X. Specht, who was ordained on March 12, 1864 and was immediately assigned as Father Hemsteger's assistant at Holy Cross. In 1865 he took charge of the newly formed St. Mary congregation, with its school in place in 1865 and church under construction in 1866.

The man seated in the center appears to be Father Bernard Hillebrand or Hildebrand, who was chaplain at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus. He was ordained on May 16, 1866 and immediately took up his assignment there.

Thus, if the above identifications are correct, the date of the photograph should be limited to the period between May 16, 1866 when Father Hillebrand was ordained and February of 1867 when Father Fitzgerald was replaced by Bishop Rosecrans at St. Patrick Parish.

The man standing on the viewer's right should have been the assistant at St. Patrick Parish. The 1918 diocesan history lists as assistants in this era Rev. John B. Murray, 1863-65; Rev. Joseph Fitzgerald, brother of Father Edward, 1865-66; and Rev. F. C. Mallon, 1866-67. The man looks very much like Father Murray (see the later photo of him on page 12 of John Grabb's 1986 history of St. Mary Parish, Chillicothe). However, Father Murray left Columbus in September, 1865, eight months before Father Hillebrand was ordained. We must, then, presume that the man pictured is either Father Fitzgerald or Father Mallon. One hint might be the priests' coats, which are long and in at least one case heavy. This might point to a photograph session after Father Mallon's arrival after his ordination on December 22, 1866 -- unless the photo was taken before Hillebrand's ordination.

Rev. Bernard Hillebrand

Bernard Hillebrand (sometimes spelled Hildebrand) was born in Brilon, Diocese of Paderborn, Westphalia, Germany, on January 21, 1834. He came to America in 1864 and completed his studies at the seminary in Cincinnati. On Sunday, May 13, 1866 Bishop Josue M. Young confirmed one hundred-eight persons at Holy Cross Church in Columbus. At this Mass, at which Archbishop Purcell also was present, Bernard Hillebrand received the tonsure and the four minor orders. (While the two bishops were in the city, on that Sunday afternoon, the cornerstone of St. Mary Church was blessed, with over five thousand persons in attendance.)

On Monday and Tuesday Hillebrand was ordained Subdeacon and Deacon and on Wednesday, May 16, he was ordained a priest. It was said at that time that he was in feeble health. He was expected to serve mainly at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus and to offer Mass only occasionally at the parish churches in the city. He served as chaplain for nearly ten years.

On May 20, 1875 Father Hillebrand was admitted to the Diocese of Covington by Bishop Toebbe. He was given charge of the new Sacred Heart Parish in Bellevue and later was pastor at Dayton, Ky.; St. John Parish in Wilder (Mt. St. John or John's Hill); and St. Boniface Parish in Ludlow. About 1884 he became chaplain of St. John Orphanage in Kenton County, west of Covington, where he remained for over twenty years, becoming known as the "Orphan Father." About 1908 he retired to the chaplaincy of St. Walburga Convent at Villa Madonna Academy near Crescent Springs, Ky. He died there on April 22, 1917 at the age of 83 -- a remarkable life for one who was in "feeble health" in 1866! Burial was in St. John Cemetery, Covington.

(Sources: *Catholic Telegraph*, May 16, 1866; the *Catholic Columbian*, April 27, 1917; the Archives of the Diocese of Covington)

Parish Histories of 1903 and 1907

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HOLMES COUNTY *continued...*

Millersburg

This 1907 narrative was written by Father VonLintel, who also submitted the above Glenmont account:

St. Peter's Church- Millersburg, Ohio

Millersburg did not have any regular care until 1873. Before that time the place was visited at intervals by priests who went through to Columbus. Then it was occasionally visited by priests living at Calmoutier. Mass at such times was said in private homes or in halls.

Rev. Sergius de Schoulepnikoff took charge of the Catholic people around the place about March 16, 1873. Priests, whose names appear in the records before him were: Rev. Thos. J. Boulger, Hugh McDavitt, E. S. Murphy, P. J. Weisenberger.

Father Schoulepnikoff, who was of Russian nobility, bought a property in town and gathered funds for a church. He sacrificed large sums of his own. Things seemed to be prospering when he suddenly and mysteriously disappeared 1875.

Rev. P. Bishop came in Jan. 1877. Meanwhile the property purchased by Father Schoulepnikoff was lost to the Church. Rev. P. Bishop, having received a lot as donation, gathered funds and built the brick church which is still standing. It was dedicated Dec. 8, 1877. Father Bishop remained until 1889. The Church was heavily in debt. He was succeeded by Rev. A. Leininger Feb. 2, 1889. Father Leininger paid the debt, saved the property, and purchased several articles of Church furniture, also the high altar. He remained until July 15, 1893. Father Jos. Pollmann his successor remained until 1898. Afterward the parish was attended by Rev. J. B. Mattes from Columbus. He as appointed July 4, 1898, and labored until Oct. 1899. [Note:

This was John A. Mattes. J. B. or B. J. Mattes was not ordained until 1899. - ed.] Rev. B.H. Hansen took charge the latter part of October 1899 and remained until July 25, 1902, when he was succeeded by Rev. John Wagner. Father Hansen repaired the church with a new slate roof and paid part of it. Father John Wagner paid the remainder, bought furniture for a parochial residence.

Rev. F. Seeber was appointed June 8th 1904. During his administration new pews, side altars, church vestments, ostensorium were purchased and paid for, and a large and commodious sacristy was added. O. H. VonLintel succeeded Father Seeber July 10, 1906. The parish consists of 18 families. During the last year a parochial residence & stable was built and gas system was put in church and confessional was purchased.

JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson

Form filled out in Latin by Father Thurheimer:

1. [Foundation date] The congregation was formed about the year 1870 by Rev. James Slevin, who at the same time had the care of the mission named Zaleski where he resided. The congregation was founded in the year 1875. Rev. Louis Grimmer, who first had residence in this town.

2. [Property purchase dates] The property on which the church is built was purchased in 1873. The property on which the rectory is built was purchased in 1880 by Rev. Peter T. Thurheimer, pastor, the price one hundred dollars [*scutatores*, which in answer number 6 he defines as dollars].

3. [Schools and teachers] There are no schools, because the faithful have little money, resources to sustain schools are wanting.

4. [Date of rectory] There is a rectory, built in in 1881 by Rev. P. T. Thurheimer.

5. [History of church and other buildings] The old church, that now stands, was constructed for the sacred use, a rather small building sited in another part of town; it served for nearly ten years. Which however, whose space not sufficient as time went on, was sold, and a new and larger church was built. The present church was founded in 1880 with the approval of the ordinary and consent of the congregation by Rev. Peter Thurheimer at a cost of \$8000.

6. [Cemetery, dates, consecration, administration] There is a cemetery. The property was purchased for \$500 in the pastorate of Rev. Francis Howard, 1891. The cemetery is not consecrated. It is administered by the pastor of the mission, with three assistants selected from the congregation.

7. [Title] in the name of the bishop, in trust

8. [Pastors] There are eight who had care of the mission, viz.: the first James Slevin, second Louis Grimmer, third Peter T. Thurhaimer, fourth Thomas J. Lane, fifth Francis Howard, sixth Charles Jungblut, seventh Owen J. Synan, eighth Peter T. Thurhaimer.

9. [Assistants] None

10. [Dates of each pastor etc.]

Rev. James Slevin from April 1871 to October 1875

Rev. Louis Grimmer from October 1875 to June 1879

Rev. P. Thurhaimer from Sept. 1879 to Sept. 12, 1889

Rev. Thomas Lane from Sept. 1889 to 1892 when he died

Rev. Francis Howard from Oct. 1892 to Oct. 1895

Rev. Charles Jungblut, Oct. 1895 to July 1896 when he left the diocese

Rev. Owen J. Synan from July 1896 to January 1897

Rev. P. T. Thurheimer from January 1897 to the present time

11. [Method of funding] partly donations from



Holy Trinity Church in Jackson, photographed by the late Msgr. C. Bennett Applegate

the faithful, partly fairs

12. [Dates of funding and expenditures] Funds for property were collected in the same year that they were spent, in 1871 and 1880. They were spent upon occasions and necessary works from 1880 to 1889.

13. [Laity worthy of mention] I do not know of any.

14. [Anything else of importance] There is nothing notable to me.

P. T. Thurheimer
Ante diem V. Ides Martias - 1903
Jackson, Ohio

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Toronto

Father MacNally sent a two-page, typed narrative, in Latin:

St. Francis' Church,
Rev. J. T. MacNally, Rector

March 30th 1903

Rev. L. W. Mulhane
Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Rev. Dear Fr. Mulhane,

I herewith send a brief account of Toronto, and Missions, as far as I can ascertain facts.

Yours Sincerely,
J. T. MacNally.

Congregation of St. Francis, Toronto, Ohio.

The congregation of St. Francis and missions in the beginning were under the care of the pastors of St. Peter Church, Steubenville. These missions are Irondale, Hammondsville, Mingo Junction and Brilliant, in Jefferson County, Ohio.

Rev. Father Bigelow served this mission in Toronto, Irondale and Hammondsville, but there was no church in this whole territory except the little chapel in Hammondsville; for many years it was used as a public school, but a larger school was built, when the few Catholics in this place purchased the school that afterwards was changed into a church and the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered until the present time. Rev. Father Bigelow in winter time contracted a lethal disease when he went to serve someone sick in danger of death between Hammondsville and Irondale and died in January 1872 on account of the disease contracted in such a manner. We have no testimony that the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered in Toronto before this time.

Some time after this the congregation grew little by little, having before this the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in private homes and in public halls for some years.

Rev. Father Hartnedy, pastor of the Church of St. Peter, Steubenville, had it in mind from this time to build a church at Toronto; but after a few years, the initial work was taken up when property for a church was purchased, about the year 1885.

Four purchases of property were made before the final place was bought where the church was built. Rev. Father Hartnedy remained pastor of the mission as far as the time when a priest proper to the care of the mission

was deputed.

Rev. T. F. Delany received the care of the mission in 1885, and remained about a year. Then came Rev. A. M. Leyden, who undertook to build a new church in 1886. About a whole year passed in building the new church, and the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered in 1887. Rev. Father Leyden remained pastor of the mission of Toronto, Irondale, Hammondsville, Mingo Junction and Brilliant until 1892, when in May of the same year he received the care of the church of St. Francis, Columbus.

Rev. J. T. MacNally received the care of the mission of Toronto, Irondale, and Hammondsville on May 12, 1892; the other missions at Mingo Junction and Brilliant were formed into a mission with its own pastor at this time.

During the pastorate of Rev. Father MacNally a new house for the pastor was built; the sacristy was made larger and more commodious.

A parish school was founded in 1899 and a convent for the sisters who were commissioned to have the care of the new school was built. The Sisters of Loretto, Nernix, Ky., were the teachers.

And the house of the pastor and the house of the sisters in all things are as today. The title of the property is in the name of the Bishop.

Various methods were used to procure money - collections, fairs. There was a fair in 1890 when not a small amount of money was collected, also a fair in 1898 when a similar great amount of money was collected.

The church which was built in 1886-1887, still is new, and no other church was built; some three or four times the church was renovated but the decorations of the last renovation are ornate.

The pastor's house and the convent of the sisters are still new, and most spacious.

The mission grows little by little and solidly; the number of the faithful grows larger year by year without cease and they have hope that in the course of time they will grow into a large parish, and they pour out prayers that God bless and increase this honor of the mission to

His greater glory and for the salvation of many souls.

The 30th of March, 1903 J. T. M.

Steubenville - St. Stanislaus Parish

The narrative account of the early years of this parish, sent to Father Mulhane on November 21, 1907 by Rev. Casimir Smogor, was published in the *Bulletin* of July, 1992.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Ironton - St. Lawrence Parish

The narrative account was written in pencil by Father Cotter on poor quality paper.

St. Lawrence Church.

Ironton, O.

Rev. James H. Cotter, Rector.

Dear Father Mulhane

I hope the enclosed history will meet all the needs of your purpose.

With best wishes for the New Year and Kindly thought ever, I am, Yours in Friendship,

Jas. H. Cotter

Jan. 1st 1908.

[1. Foundation date] Congregation founded in 1852. Worshipped in a barn for two years.

[2. Property purchase dates] The church property, proper, consists of six lots: lots 321 and 322 were conveyed to the Most Revd Jno B. Purcell by the Ohio Iron & Coal Co. on April 14th 1854; for one Dollar. These lots run from the cor of 7th on Center St. and are the site of the old church, now called Gilmour Hall: lot 323 (where Sisters house stands) was bought on April 14th 1854, from the O. I & C Co. for \$100.00: lot 324, where the present rectory stands, was bought for \$1700.00, May 17th 1863, from Mr. and Mrs. Enos Childs, whose old residence stood thereon: lots 325 and 326, upon which the new St. Laurence stands, were sold by the O. I & C Co to the Congregation, on Oct 26th 1863, for \$324.00. The purchaser of all the lots was ArchBishop Purcell.

[3. Schools and teachers] Yes there is a school;

it was built in 1862, and has had as teachers successively & successfully Dominican Sisters from St. Mary's of the Springs - Josephites from Ebsburg Pa. - and Franciscans from Rochester, Minn.

[4. Date of rectory] The present Presbytery was erected in 1901 on the site of the old Child's home, which served since its purchase for a rectory.

[5. History of church and other buildings] The old church did service from 1854 to 1891 when the new church was occupied.

[It appears there is a page missing here. No answers are provided for 6. (Cemetery, dates, consecration, administration) and 7. (Title); and 8. (Pastors) picks up at 1872]

[8. Pastors]

Revd Wm O'Reilly from 1872 to 75

“ David O'Brien “ 1875 to 77

“ Jeremiah F. Bric “ 1877 to 89

“ James H. Cotter “ 1889 to 1908

[9. Assistants] Revd Father Bric had in the second last year of his ministry, the valuable assistance of Revd Paul Kehoe, who is now an honored pastor in the land of his fathers.

[10. Dates of each pastor etc.] [no answer, but see number 8]

[11. Method of funding] Moneys were collected from various extraordinary sources - from a weeks' wages annually, or its Equivalent, from fairs, monthly and house colletions, and they were disbursed at various times in various sums.

[12. Dates of funding and expenditures] [no answer specifically for this question]

[13. Laity worthy of mention] The deceased, Patrick Sheridan, John Delany, John Hannan, James O'Rourke, Frank J. O'Connell and Owen Cloran Sr. were benefactors

[14. Anything else of importance] The Sisters residence was built by the Holy Name Society in 1862 The church is now free from debt and cost over 40000.00 for Building & Equipment N.B. Any silence in this record indicates that the fact desired is not ascertainable.

to be continued...

Calvary Cemetery, West Jefferson, Madison County, Ohio

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The following are records of burials in Calvary Cemetery from the West Jefferson Village Archives that could not be related to the tombstones existing today. A copy of these records was given to the Society in November, 1999.

- 1909, Dec. 6 Mary Corriden, age 75
- 1911, Sept. 7 Margaret Andrews, age 69, born in Germany
- 1911, Sept. 7 Charles Walter Barber, age 40, born in Germany
- 1912, July 5 stillborn child of Isabell Grassle
- 1912, Nov. 25 Denning, age 31, born in Ohio, parents born in Ireland
- 1913, Jan. 31 Mary Alice Treacy Moore, age 9, born in Ohio
- 1915, Apr. 5 Edward Flannigan, age 94, born in Ireland
- 1916, Apr. 22 Catharine Burns, age 80, born in Ohio, parents born in Ireland
- 1917, Apr. 21 Eliza S. Quinn, age 82, born in Ireland
- 1917, Mar. 22 Thomas Shanahan, age 80, born in Ireland
- 1918, May 10 James Slaven, age 68, born in Ireland
- 1918, Dec. 9 Nora L. Englesperger, born in Ireland
- 1921, Dec. 2 Sarah Jane Gussinger, age 81, born in Ohio
- 1922, Feb. 24 Robert Augustus Frey, age 5 months, born in Ohio
- 1922, Mar. 26 Minty Thompson Williams, age 4 days
- 1923, Sept. 29 Beatrice Shellhaus, age 39, father born in Germany
- 1926, Oct. 29 stillborn Frey infant
- 1927, Jan. 27 Richard Gillivan, age 9 days
- 1933, Apr. 4 John Flanagan, age 73, born Ohio, parents born in Ireland

- 1934, Mar. 28 Minnie McElroy, age 61
- 1934, Dec. 14 Lucas Frey, age 66
- 1935, Jan. 12 Georgina Anna Frey, age 36, born in Kentucky
- 1935, Sept. 12 Shellhaus, age 77
- 1935, Oct. 14 Frank Atkinson, age 51, born in Ohio

The following are records of burials in Calvary Cemetery kept by Sts. Simon and Jude Church (1899-1978) that could not be related to the tombstones. Dates listed here are death dates.

- 1900, Mar. 31, Anna Creeden, born Madison Co., consumption [notation not clear, could be village cemetery]
- 1901, Jan. 22, Mary Bridget Cutright, born in Madison Co., age 10 months
- 1901, Sept. 13, Edward L. Butler, born Resaca, O., age 5 months, stomach trouble
- 1901, Sept. 14, Julia Murray, age 25, operation
- 1901, July 27, Ellen Corridan, born Franklin Co., age 31
- 1902, Dec. 15, Catherine Grom, born Germany, age 57 years 7 months,, dropsy
- 1903, Jan. 4, Elizabeth Slaven, born Ireland, age 83
- 1903, Dec. 21, Theresa Creedon, age 20, tuberculosis
- 1904, July 27, Catherine Cutright
- 1904, Nov. 30, James Coleman, born London, O., age 25, pneumonia
- 1905, Apr. 11, Bartholomew Corridon, born Madison Co., age 33, consumption
- 1905, May 29, at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, John Fitzgerald, born Ireland, age about 57, inflamitory rheumatism
- 1905, Sept. 10, John Meehan, born Ireland, age 43, accident with a traction car

- 1905, Oct. 21, Edith Francis, born Lewis Center, age 4 years, meningitis
- 1906, Feb. 10, Mary Mohr, born W. Jefferson, age 16, tuberculosis
- 1906, Oct. 29, John Uri, born Germany, age 76 years
- 1909, Feb. 4, Joseph Kubitchack, born Austria, age 79, paralysis, received the sacraments at St. Anthony Hospital, Columbus
- 1909, Dec. 6, Mary Corridon, born Ireland, age 74, heart trouble
- 1909, Dec. 26, Mrs. Margaret Shanahan, born Ireland, age 80
- 1912 or 1911, Dec. 9, Mrs. Andre, born Germany, dropsy
- 1912, Nov. 25, Henry Denning, tuberculosis
- 1913, Jan. 30, Teresa Moore, born W. Jefferson, age 9
- 1913, Nov. 29, Anna McNeal, born W. Jefferson, old age
- 1914, Feb. 14, Hannah Cain, born Ireland
- 1915, Apr. 9, Edward Flanagan, born W. Jefferson, old age
- 1915, June 9, Julia Sullivan, born W. Jefferson, old age
- 1916, Dec. 4, Patrick Dargon?, born Ireland, old age
- 1916, Dec. 9, Gregory Krumm?, born Germany, heart trouble
- 1917, Mar. 26, Thos. Shanahan, born Ireland, old age
- 1917, May 13, James Slavin, born Ireland, heart trouble
- 1918, Oct. 9, Mary Louise (O'Boyle) Englesperger, born Co. Sligo, age 69, tuberculosis
- 1918, Oct. 14, Eugene C. Roberts, born Madison Co., age 33, pneumonia
- 1918, Oct. 18, Catherine E. Gillivan, born W. Jefferson, age 18 months, from Columbus
- 1919, May 26, George Hann, born W. Jefferson, age 36, accident
- 1919, July 9, Mary Slaven, born Ireland, age 65, complications from accident
- 1920, Nov. 20, Mrs. Catherine Murphy Smith, born W. Jefferson, age 63 (Mass at Sacred Heart in Columbus)
- 1921, Dec. 2, Sarah Jane Gusinger, born Resaca, O., age 81, senility
- 1922, Mar. 23, Robert Augustus Frey, born W. Jefferson, age 4 months
- 1923, May 21 in Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Rose Schellhaas, born W. Jefferson, age 52, operation, appendicitis
- 1923, Sept. 29, Beatrice Wood Schellhaus, born Columbus, O., age 10, accident
- 1924, Sept. 8, Amanda Grey, born W. Jefferson, age 75, dropsy; convert [no cemetery listed]
- 1925, Apr. 17, Synthia Ellen Mock, born W. Jefferson, age 82, pneumonia; convert [no cemetery listed]
- 1926, July 29 in the State Asylum, James Corridon, born W. Jefferson, age 61, pulmonary tuberculosis

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