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(A variety of bits and pieces, possibly separated from other folders)

Early History of Auburn and Ashford Townships Farms, the Mill Pond and Dam, Beer Brewery, Ashford and Auburn Schools, Osceola and Eden Public Schools, Taverns, Research Requests, Sacred Heart Church in Dundee

The Early History of Auburn Township

The Plat Reading of Crouchville and New Cassel and The Township of Auburn and its History.

The Settlement of Crouchville

John Bannister, who was the elected surveyor of Fond du Lac Country plated Crouchville in May of 1846. Cobblestones were used for corner markers at this time.

Mr. Bannister plated the 160 acres into seventeen blocks of 16 lots to each block from the River to Elm St. going West, and from Spring St. to Sheboygan St. going North and South.

John Henry Inbush was Mr. Crouch's real estate broker from Milwaukee.

This location was in the NW ¼ of section 18, township 13, range 19 east in Auburn, township of Fond du Lac country and registered in patent volume on page 105.

His brother-in-law purchased the W1/2 of the NE1/4 of section 18 in Township 13 –

Range 19 East, consisting of 80 acres and registered on March 1st, 1848 in patent volume 1, page 84.

The first time Ludin Crouch and Mr. Howell came back from Waukesha in 1843 was to establish a dam site on the Milwaukee River that goes through Campbellsport today. The Indians called this the Menshapeen River, which means the river of clear water. Mr Crouch came back from Waukesha in the spring of 1845 and built a puncher log house and 10 acre mill site, which was not plated. It was east of the present home, of which Mrs. William Baumann owns today.

In the fall of 1846, the saw mill was completed and the site had to be near the river, because the mill was operated by vertical saws that operated from steam power cylinders from the top and bottom and were stationary.

Mr. Crouch was a school teacher in Waukesha and was at home teaching most of the time during the school year. For 10 years, Calvin and Ransom Hemenway – who were brothers – operated the saw mill for Mr. Crouch.

At the first 4th of July celebration of the settlement, the women called it Crouchville in honor of his name

In the mean time, Mr. Howell had sold his farm to E. M. Bristol, and never returned from Waukesha. Ludin Crouch was elected as chairman for two years in the April election of 1845 and 1846. The 10 acre site [near the dam] is this village of Campbellsport's historical site.

The town of Auburn saw named by R. F. Adams, after his native place in the state of New York.

The first two years, the Ashford township was called Chile.

In February of 1847, Roswell Hill purchased the two lots from John Henry Inbush and built the farm home, wagon, and wagon wheel shop, plus a small barn. It was the first established farm and business place in the Auburn township.

Today, the area is the home of Campbellsport Bottling Works, the Ronald Reese home; this is on Lot 1, Block 14, of Crouch's addition. The home is on Lot 2, Block 14 of Crouch's addition and is occupied by_____.

Mr. Adams purchased the SW ¼ of Section 2 and the NW1/4 of section of the Township of Ashford in 1851.

The town of Ashford was named by Dr. Seth G. Pickett. He went to Madison to the State Legislature to have this name approved in 1848. The building contractor for Ashford was Walcott Bixby, whose farm was in the W1/2 of the NE ¼ of section 15 of Ashford township. Henry Barnett, who worked with Walcott, had the first farm built in the SE ¼ of Section 11. Henry Haesely came from Fond du Lac in 1852 and was a carpenter and joiner and cabinet maker and worked with Mr. Bixby's bulding crew.

Calvin & Ransum Hemenway had their mill on the junction of BB and Hwy 67 after building the dam across the Milwaukee River. Its outline can be seen from the present river bridge.

The Building of the Farms of the Two Townships

The brothers also operated the Crouchville mill for 10 years before establishing their own near the bridge on the way to Ashford. The lime for building the foundation was purchased from the Louis Heissler lime kiln which, today, is the Joseph Bonlender farm on Cloverland Drive. Andrew Dieringer also had a portable saw mill on his land which was in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of section 30, and 40 acres of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4. Today the 80 acres belongs to Arther Pade and the 40 acres belongs to Claude Stommel. The other portable saw mill which was in operation in the early years was on the Robert Hayes 80 acres and is in the E1/2 of the SW1/4 of section 5. Ellis was his son. There is a small outline of where the dam was built. C. V. Bleck owns this farm today.

In later years the lime for mason work was purchased from the Nast Brothers from Marblehead because of its abundance.

In the township of Auburn, it was the Mathias Sausen building crew of John Harris, John Sausen, Peter Sausen, Peter Pesch, Paul Klein, and Henry Hebener that built most of the farm buildings in the early years of New Fane. Benjamin and Ralph Romaine and their crew of farmers built most of the farm buildings around New Prospect

Other Uses of the Mill Pond

The pond was used for making ice by John & Jacob Laugenbach after they built their [illegible writing] for the storage of beer kegs and the stone well that was built under the hill where the new part of the convent is today. It served well for storage because the temperature very seldom got above 50 degrees. The stone well was about 30 feet across and had a 4 foot walkway around it and was the same level at the tunnel coming into. There was a railing around the well side so you would not fall into the well. The beer kegs were also stoned around the well ring. The tunnel was about 12 feet wide and half-moon shaped so that you could walk down the middle of it. It was about 120 feet long to the well ring and the two entrance doors were from the East , from Water St. The well ring was about 50 feet above the regular well. The cool air would come up from the well. The brothers built a large ice house along the shore of the mill pond; it would hold about 2500 cakes of ice. The ice would be harvested after it became 16" and 18" thick. The ice house was built partly below ground so that it would not melt so fast. The sidewalls were built with 8" plank studs and the inside boards were pegged. Straw was packed in the walls for insulation. The pond was only at the 8 foot level at that time, so a long conveyor made of wood plank was built up to the ice house from the pond. Iron hooks were made from the iron that was purchased from Milwaukee Iron Works. The irons were used for burning the holes into the timber and lumber so that the wooden pegs could be driven into the main structure. Long pieces of rope and pulleys of wood were used and then tied to the [?...ple] tree of a single horse or double as a team. The pulleys were tied to the ice house structure with a cross-arm on the doorway. The sawdust fro packing the ice was plentiful as the Crouch saw mill was just a short way around toward the South.

In 1869 John P. Husting purchased the brewery from his uncles and operated it and the ice house. He manufactured beer for 21 years. The brewery burned down on Feb. 16th, 1890. John received the Lithia Co. of West Bend franchise from 1890 until he retired on July 19, 1916. The storage ring around the well was in good condition and the tunnel going into the ring was in good shape. The ice house was used by John during all this time. The ice house furnished ice to their regular customers and also many private homes. Joseph Majerus operated the beer business and the ice house until

Frank Bauer purchased the franchise from Joe in 1932 and stopped using the ice house when the St. Joseph Convent purchased the property for their new home for the School Sisters of St. Francis. That was the end of the pond for ice for brewery use. The pond was used for ice by Adolf and his son Bernard Flitter from 1926 to 1946. From that time on the electric refrigerators were used and the use for the mill pond for ice was done. The use of the pond from when it was developed for water power was over in 1942 and for ice in 1946.

The pond for fishing in 1850 was fair because the dam was high enough so that it would not always freeze out.

As the years went by the marsh and the pond started filling up with top soil from the marsh area and farm land, causing a problem of no spawning grounds for the fish; hence, too many weeds and not enough spawning grounds. The pond is very sick after a period of one hundred and thirty five years. The pond is used for snowmobiles and ice skating during the winter time, and for fishing during the summer time.

The ice was used in the winter time for the Lagenbach Brewery and many tavern keepers in the village. Frank Bauer and Joe Majerus used the pond for making ice for their West Bend beer franchise. They used the Lagenbach Bros. large ice house. The old horse barn was changed over to an ice house by Adolf & Bernard Flitter for his ice. Customers all over the Campbellsport area used the old Lagenbach ice skid for pulling the ice from the pond to the trucks for hauling. Christian Jancy to Landolin Weiser for the sum of \$170. Lot from 1 to 16 of Block 17. Registered the 31st of March 1864 in Volume 35, page 596.

Mr. Jancy built many buildings in New Cassel, and in the village of Campbellsport. The John H. Reysen purchased the mill property on May 4th, 1874.

He went to the state of Wisconsin Legislature for a permit to build the last 4' of the dam.

The permit was granted and then Amil Brayman and some farmers built it up to the twelve foot level, after purchasing a ¼ acre of land on the east side of the dam for the sum of \$13 in 1880 to finish the back side of the dam from E. M. Bristol. That's when the dam was completed at the 12' level.

Mr. Reysen purchased a new boiler and grinding equipment for the mill and with all the fixtures, including a boiler room, and established the race from the north side of the mill.

On July 25th John Reysen sold the mill property to Alphens & Ernest R. Colburn. The coal building for the mill was on the east side of the side tracks level with the depot. In the summer of 1942 the mill was razed.

In 1964 the mill pond property was purchased from Isodore Flood by the Village of Campbellsport. The house and garage are still at the same location.

The long tapered pole is a jackpine weather vane which was popular during the early years. This gave the direction of the wind.

The present picture before it was razed. J. H. Williams purchased the mill in the fall of 1910 from Charles G. Schmitt. In 192 the boiler exploded and blew out the hole that is in the boiler room. One man was killed in this accident.

A fifty horse gasoline engine was put into the east side of the mill for power and used

In March in 1912 Harry H. Warden purchased the mill property until Dec. 4th, 1915. It was then sold to Royal Smith. He received a government contract to mill flour around the clock in 1916. The government at this time built the concrete top on the dam and finished the race under highway 67 and through the Warden and Odekirk properties. The

Water turbine was installed in the mill at this time and the east gate was taken out of the dam. On Dec. 12th 1927 the mill property was sold to Antone Kaehne for the sum of 2,500 and is listed in Volume 224 and on page 427 in FDL Register of Deeds. He lived in the home until death in 1943. Shortly after the old mill was razed after many owners during the period the early years. The location of the mill was on the northwest corner of Main and River Street. The concrete sides of the flume can be seen with the naked eye. Some of the land fill has settled down from the race.

Schools

STATE LEGISLATURE PASSED A LAW GOVERNING SCHOOL LAND ACQUISITION OF 1 ACRE OF LAND FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL USE IN 1858

Research Sheet

ASHFORD – AUBURN SCHOOLS

ASHFORD

| District | Section | Purchased from | Year | Cost |
|----------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | Pershing | 20 John Mauel | 1851 | \$ 1.00 |
| 2 | Campbellsport | 12 Sylvester Cisco | 1883 | 75.00 |
| 3 | Burroughs | 6 Thomas Fitzgerald | 1913 | 150.00 |
| 4 | Glen Valley | 2 Joel McSchooler | 1858 | 20.00 |
| 5 | Elmore | 23 Ulrich Legler | 1858 | 5.00 |
| 6 | S. Elmore | 35 Christopher Mathieu | 1855 | 6.00 |
| 7 | Hillside | 27 Johannes Senn Jr. | 1858 | 1.00 |
| 8 | KILLIAM | 30 Thomas Smasall | 1870 | 35.00 |
| 9 | Cleveland | 4 Thomas Ward & Thomas McCarty | Verbal lease | *** |
| 10 | Buchanan | 15 Barthol Yager | 1858 | 4.25 |

*** (Leased until not in use – ½ from each farm)

AUBURN

| District | Section | Purchased from | Year | Cost |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------|------|-------------------|
| 1 | Five Corners | 29 William Eichstadt | 1892 | 40.00 |
| 2 | New Fane | 35 Henry Haberer | 1868 | 25.00 |
| 3 | Virgin Creek | 4 George James | 1864 | 5.00 |
| 4 | J. Denison | 6 Christian Yancy | 1875 | lease |
| 5 | Gage | 34 Carl Backhaus | 1868 | 30.00 |
| 6 | F. X. Strobel | 18 F. X. Strobel | 1875 | lease |
| 7 | New Prospect | 11 Lewis Van Blarcom | 1861 | 6.25 |
| 8 | Henry Schooten | 21 Henry Schrooten | 1859 | lease |
| 9 | Lake Fifteen | 15 Charles Oeder | 1864 | lease |
| 10 | Jt. East Valley | 24 (Volz Christian) | 1875 | lease |
| 12 | Columbus | 1 Orson Raymond | 1903 | 5.00 |
| 12 | Crouchville | Ludin Crouch | 1850 | Quit claim deed * |

LOCATION – It was a log school house on the Harvey Carter farm. It was in the W1/2 of the SE ¼ of Section 35 of Eden township. It was not deeded or leased, but was a rental agreement.

Dist. 2 Ashford – Sec. 11 – Henry Barnettt – SE ¼ of Section 11 – The Ashford Association Cemetery was on the same plot of land.

January 18, 1868 – ½ acre deeded to School Dist. 2. Recorded book 49, page 450, to Cornelius V. Dunn.

Mrs Marie Burgert on 110 Sheboygan St.

It was purchased by Ashford Town Board on August 29th in 1883 for \$75.00.

It was used until Mr. Orvis and McCullough purchased it in 1914.

The Board authorized an addition on July 5th, 1914 of \$5,000..

This was never put to use at this schoolhouse.

Money was appropriated for elementary use in the basement of the old high school in the early 20's and in 1927 the barracks building was moved on the North East side of the high school and rebuilt for elementary use.

First Dist. School was on the quarter section line of 11 of Ashford

OSCEOLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

| | | | |
|-------|--|-----------|------------------|
| No. 1 | Waucousta State Graded in Section 29 for the sum of \$350. 1917 from Alvin Buslaff | | |
| No. 2 | Mitchell | 8 | William Mitchell |
| No. 3 | | 11 | Michael McGrath |
| No. 4 | | 22 | N Bast |
| No. 5 | quit claim deed-Dundee | 25 \$1.00 | Edward McIntosh |
| No. 6 | Edgewood | 7 | Sarah Armstrong |
| No. 7 | | 18 | J J Maining |
| No. 8 | Armstrong | 21 | D. A. Bratt |
| No. 9 | | 34 | S. Sisco |

EDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

| No. | Section | Date | Price |
|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| No. 1 | Lafayette 28 | Anna Smith 1884 | 13.00 |
| No. 2 | Hayes 5 | John Thurston 1864 quit claim deed | |
| No. 3 | no record of use | | |
| No. 4 | no record of use | | |
| No. 5 | Harcum 10 | Thomas Elexander 1853 quit claim deed | 1.00 |
| No. 6 | | | |
| No. 7 | Woodside 26 | Jiral Odekirk 1859 | 5.00 |
| No. 8 | Dewey 18 | Archie & John Bishop 1867 | 65.00 |
| No. 9 | no record of use | | |
| No. 10 | Jackson 19 | Christopher Flood | 10.00 |
| No. 11 | Ethen Ellen 12 | Hargrove | |
| No. 12 | Marblehead State Graded | | |
| No. 13 | Eden Village | 19??? | |

[The following appears to have been Mr. Reese's response to research requests]

BIRTH RECORDS *[Place not given; may have been St. Mathias, New Fane]*

Peter Joseph Sausen – Father Mary Ann Sausen – Mother

Birth

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| -Margaret Sausen | Oct 25, 1884 |
| -Emelie Sausen | March 15, 1874 |
| -Peter Joseph Sausen Jr. | April 25, 1875 |
| -Anna Mary Sausen | Jan. 8, 1881 |
| -Mary Magdalena Sausen | Nov. 7, 1882 |
| -Lucy Sausen | May 20, 1879 |

Mathias Sausen – Father Emma Sausen – Mother

Birth

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|--------------|--------------|
| -Lucy Sausen | Dec. 2, 1877 |
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WARRANTY DEED OF PURCHASE THE DATE

John Polzean Sr. Wagon Shop
Ringhands Store
John Shea – Cheese Factory
Herman Bartelt Wagon Shop
Henry Potter Cheese Factory
Otto Schmitt Cheese Factory
J. F. Scannel Cheese Factory
Walter Bartelt Cheese Factory
Henry Bartelt Wagon Shop
Frederick Buslaff Blacksmith
Tavern License Eugene Ford Rod Lee Edmond Schieber
Roger Schaefer Pollys' Tavern
Louis Simon Louis Simon Lucy Sechkerke
Scannel Stone
Degenhardt & Massell [??]
Dundee Mill William J. Little
Herman Mulkentine
Pool Bros – Store
Lohres Store
John Adema Store
Merri Lore Store
Wilson's Round Lake Resort
Gordon Elgelsner – Silver Key Resort
Tavern A. L. ??buton – Long Lake Resort
Mathias Schuck Jr.
Norbert Schiek

The Dutch Mill Tavern

Atlas Reading – the parcel of land of 1/2 acre of the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 4
Location – 1/2 acre on the SE corner of intersection of U. S. Hwy 45 and State Hwy 67
Address – 2250 S. Hwy 45 R. F. D. – 3 Campbellsport
George Poetzel 1927 - 1936
Beute Anderson 1937 – 1939
License rejected from 1940 until 1943
Mary Ann Christensen – 1943
Alfred Peterson – 1944
Arthur Massino – 1945 – 1948
Beute Anderson – 1949 – 1953
Leo Dieringer - 1953 – 1954
Edward Krueser 1955 – 1974
Betty Krueser 1975 - present

Arthur Lenz – Boat Livery
Steven May – Drive Inn
Lloyd Dyer – Tavern License Dundee
Gordon Engelseer – Silver Key Resort

Alfred Ludwig Tavern

Atlas Reading – 2 acres on the NE corner of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 17
Location – the southwest corner of the junction of U. S. Hwy 45 and River Road

Address – 1691 U.S. Hwy 45 RFD 2
Alfred Ludwig – 1936-1965
Mrs Alfred Ludwig – 1965-1966
Edward Munn – 1967-1977 May
Thoms Country Inn – Thomas Pivioni Sept. 1978
The Old Corral Robert Schaefer Sept. 1978 to present
The Boar's Nest John Hahn 1980 – 1986 operator

Kohn's Curve Tavern

Atlas Reading – the E1/2 of the NW1/ of Section 33
Location – On U.S. Hwy 45 near the South county lilne
Address – 153 U.S. Hwy 45 RFD 2
Mrs. Lena Kohn – 1927-1930
Mrs Libbie Keno – 1931-1935
Tony Testoline – 1935-1940
Henry Fickler – 1941-1944
Spanney Pete – 1945-1954
Russell Kohl – 1955-1062 but Thiemer owned the building
Richard Thiemer – 1963-1986

Shady Grove Tavern

Atlas Reading – the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of intersection 29
Location – on the West side U.S.Hwy 45
Address – 760 U.S. Hwy 45 RFD 2
The Owner, William Haug, purchased the equipment for the tavern in 1936 – Personal property
Records of Township.
Elsie Brandenburg - 1937-1938
Kenneth & Loreen Johnson – 1939-1942
Bartol Becker - 1942-1945
It was then changed into a residence.

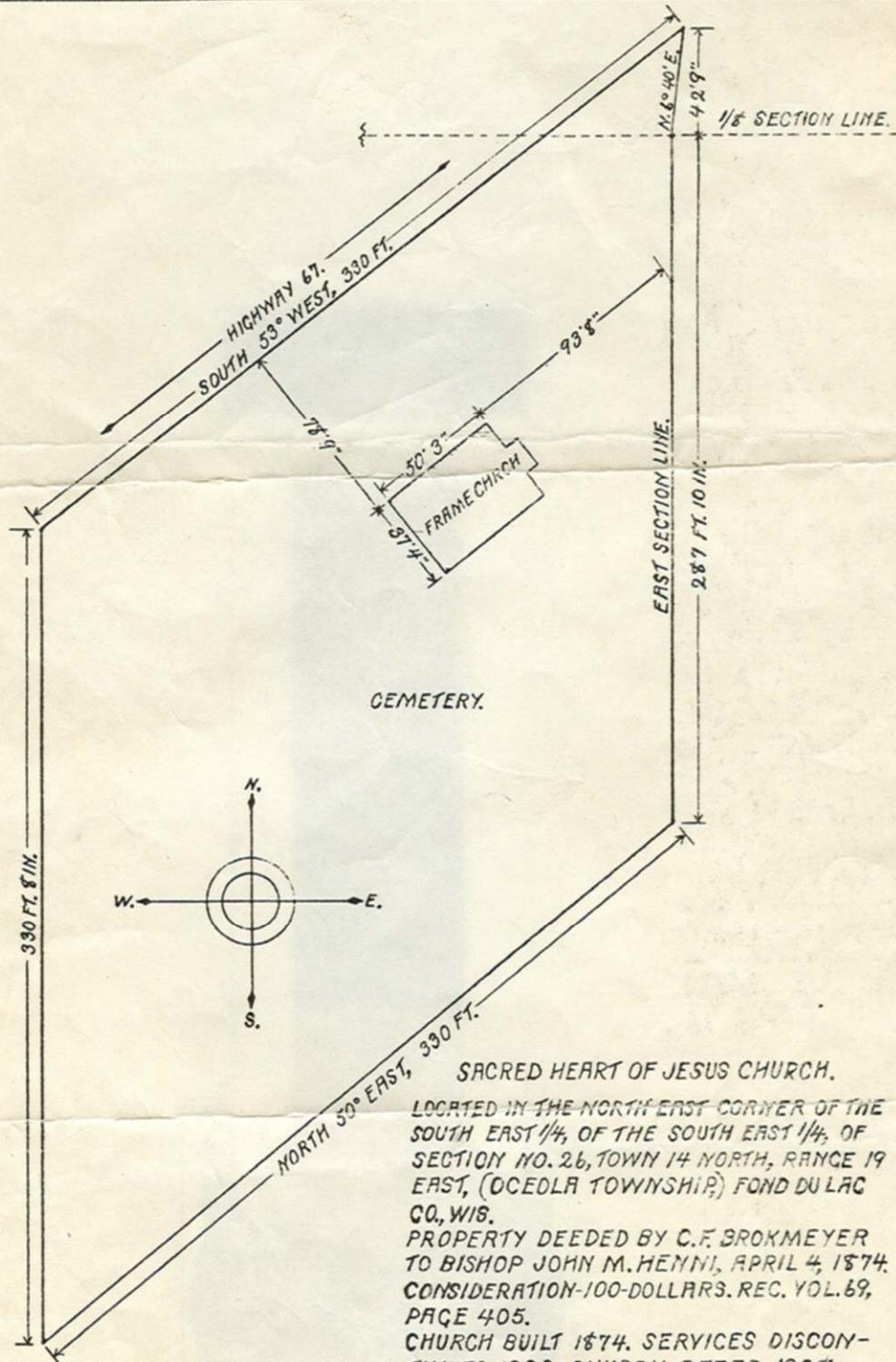
Antique Dealer – on U.S. Hwy 45 and junction of Auburn and Ashford Drive.
Leroy Tepper – the ½ acre of the NE corner of the NE1/4 of the SE ¼ of Section 29
Address – 677 U.S. Hwy 45 RFD 2

Kenneth Hauser – Trucking Lines in Kewaskum

Location – parcel of land in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section 8 – for a truck garage
Address – the West side of U.S. Hwy 45
Started building after purchase of land form the West Bend Elevator Co.

[The diagram on the following page shows the location of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dundee. The parish closed in 1923. Although the parish is closed and the church no longer stands, there are still a few burials in the cemetery there.]

DUNDEE - CATHOLIC - CHURCH



[The following paragraph about history of churches in Eden Township was found in R-056]
 The German Reformed Church erected a place of worship on Section 10, which is now used by the German Methodists. St. James Catholic church first held services in a log house built in 1849, on the line of Section 29, by Joseph Lawler, C. Mangan, E. McInroe, P. Ryan, T. Ward,
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T. McGinty and others. This was used until 1865, when Rev.J. McGowan built the present structure The first mass said to this congregation, which now numbers 120 families, was by Rev. Ehrle. Father M. O'Brien, the Pastor, has charge also of St. John's Mission in Byron.