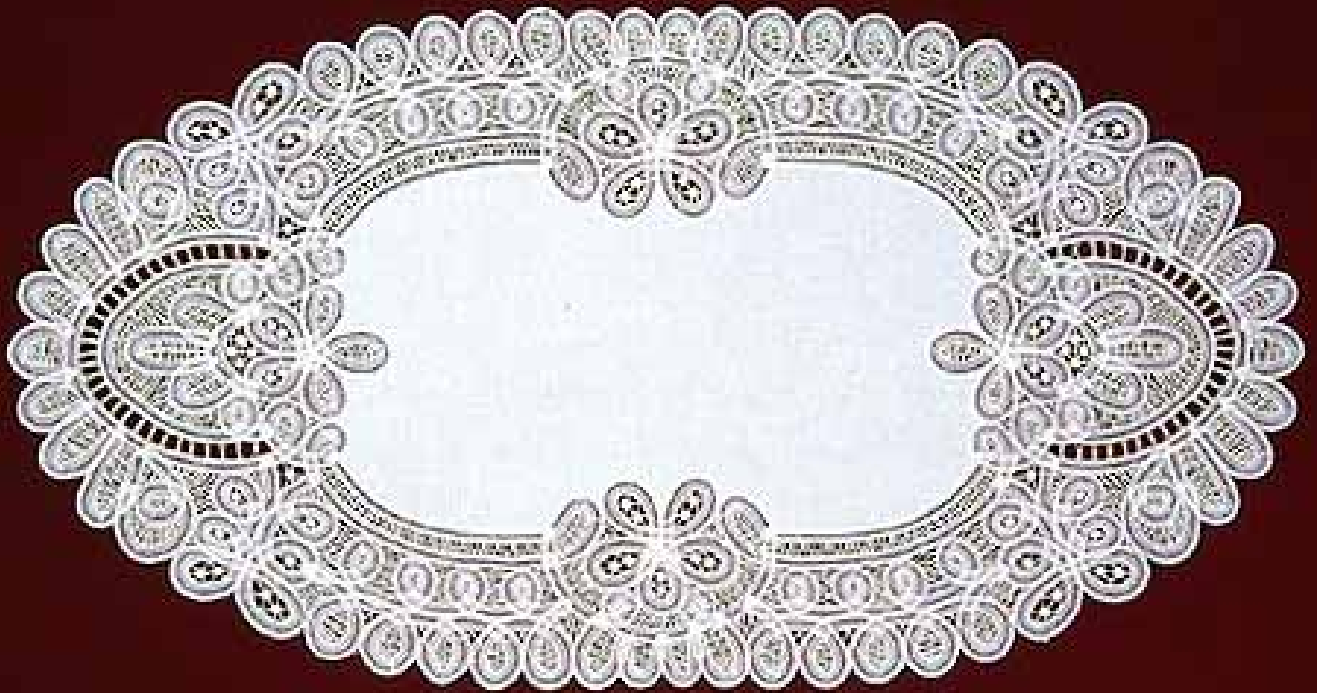


Belgian Laces



Dear Members.

Time flies... too often the day is gone without having accomplished half of what was planned when getting up in the morning. At least that's what it looks like for us this Summer! We remodeled the house, tore down a ceiling to put in a flight of stairs and made an office/studio for Leen upstairs in anticipation of her retirement January 1st ! In the meantimeThe Belgian Researchers kept me busy. ... too busy, says Leen. I spend the days on my computer trying to keep up with the voluminous correspondence helping one member in Wisconsin, one in Louisiana or New York, or another in Houtsiplou, Belgium! Really too much for one person. La Grande is a very small community, about 12,000 inhabitants, and we are the only Belgians here. Therefore the excitement about discovering Belgian descendants in Baker-City last year. Where do we find help? The secretary, who helped us voluntarily, moved to Chicago, our treasurer lives in Bend (about 300 miles away) our vice-president lives in Holy Oak (Holyoke) MA, quite far away from our peaceful Oregon. Leen is still teaching full time at the Eastern, but is helping me during her spare time, to put this bulletin together, or to answer the many letters coming from just about everywhere.

This is why we ask you to be patient: Don't shoot the pianist, he's doing his best!

But, we feel very good about the contributions from our members for this issue. Look at the table of content: besides our "regulars" Micheline and Mary Ann, there are articles by four other members, two of whom are brand new ones: Gaston Vab Hyfte and Lynn Recker. Thank you both for setting the right foot forward! We hope that your example will inspire more members to write up family-related stories, that are of interest for all. Look in your attics, basements, offices and libraries for documentation of early emigrants, about Belgian families in the USA. They don't have to be related to you, but the information you find may interest others. So, get to work and send us your findings. We welcome every little bit of information. Even material you can't use may be of use to others: genealogical books and/or family histories, copies of old documents, old lenses, newspaper articles about Belgians in your area, advertisements, maps, pictures.. etc. - This is a nice way to recycle the things you no longer use.

Our queries are doing very well, I would say that over 80% are answered some take more time than others, some receive a result within a couple of days, for as much as we can establish, receiving copies for our files. We are encouraged by the contributions from our faithful members. Thank you all!

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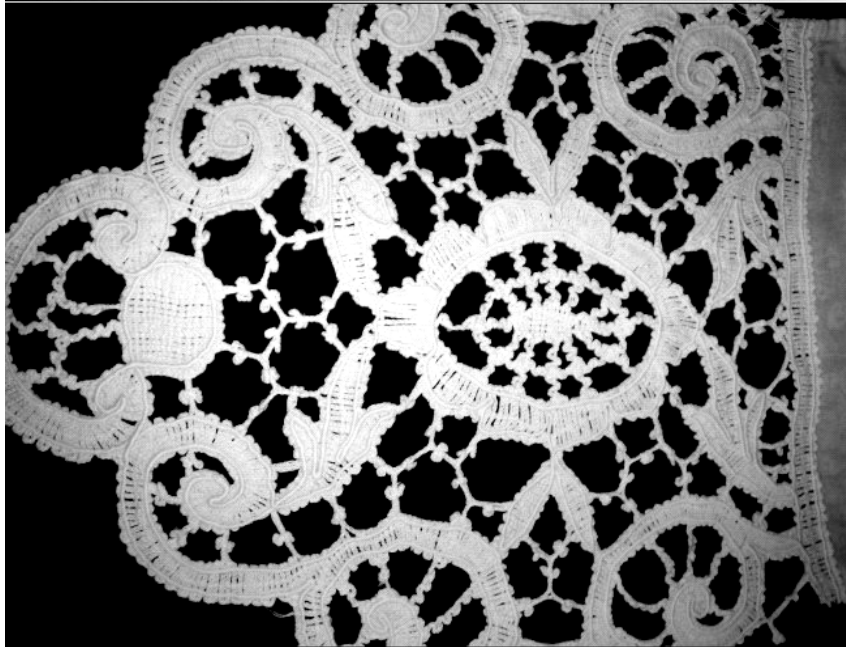
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BELGIAN LUXEMBURGERS IN RHODE ISLAND.

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PINOY, Eugene 30 cobbler Philomena 30 (Canada) R L L E		1888 RI Warwick 1900 census
PINOY, Leodine 23 carting room sister of PINOY Eugene		1888 RI Warwick 1900 census
PONCELET, Jules 31 weaver Victoria 25 Arthur 5 Laura 3 Leon 1		1890 RI Warwick 1900 census
PONCELET, Nicolas, 56 farm laborer Elizabeth 56 L. L.L. C F J		1892 RI Warwick 1900 census
PONCELET, Pierre	Florenville ar.	RI Natick
PONCIN, Didier 53 tender Eugenia 54 Marg Alice Julia Ferdinand		1892RI Warwick 1900 census
PONSART, Desire	Herbeumont	
PONSART, Eugene	Herbeumont	
POTTIE Gilles 41 Marie 39 C B A Y K		1888 RI Warwick 1900 census
PROTIN, Edward	Herbeumont	
PROTIN, Joseph 57, Ellen 50		1891 RI Warwick 1900 census
PROTIN, Louis 28 weaver Athalie 21 Clara 18 Gustine 15		1891 RI Warwick 1900 census
PROTIN, Marie 23 sister of Louis and wife of SHOOS Jules		1891 RI Warwick 1900 census
PRUCKER Jules 53 (French) Emily, 48 (Belgian arrived 1892) ML		1894 RI Warwick 1900 census
QUESTIAUX	Herbeumont	
RAINSON, Clement 31 stone mason Marie 30 Louis Rose May born		1893 RI Warwick 1900 census
REDING, Edward	Herbeumont	
RICAILLE	Herbeumont	
RICAILLE, Alfred	Herbeumont	
RICHARD, Aime	Florenville ar.	
RICHARD, J BT? 55 day laborer Orellie 44 Zilda Aug. Marie Paul bo		1889 RI Warwick 1900 census
RINCLIN	Herbeumont	
ROLAND, Celestin 49 carder widower Amelie 20 George 16		1892 RI Warwick 1900 census
ROLLIN Jean Baptist + family	Florenville	RI
SCHMDT, Joseph 33 Cidonie 24 Rosina born	Florenville ar.	1899 RI Warwick 1900 census
SCHARDIER, Joseph 41 spinner Louise 37 A E L M L C		1894 RI Warwick 1900 census
SCHOOS, Jules 24 Marie, 23 sister of PROTIN, Louis		1893 RI Warwick 1900 census
SPIRLET, Jean Louis + family	Florenville	RI
SPIRLET, Jean Nicolas + family	Florenville	RI Natick
STEVENIN, Joseph + family	Florenville	RI
STEVENIN, Joseph Vital	Florenville	RI Warwick 1900 census
STONE, Charlie 30 born Sweden parents Belgians boarder with RICH		1899 RI Warwick 1900 census
STONE, John, 53 T Electric repairer Mary 47 M E J J M O A		
THIRION, Jean + family	Florenville ar.	1899 RI Warwick 1900 census
THIRION, Mary (widow) 48/ D 17 J 22 F 19 J 14 M 12 J 8 A 4	Florenville ar.	
THIRY, Emile	Herbeumont	RI
THIRY, Jean Baptiste, Charles	Florenville	RI
THIRY, Louis	Florenville	RI
THIRY, Pauline	Florenville	
TOUSSAINT	Herbeumont	
VASSEUR, Emile		LC N 12 Feb 1868
VASSEUR, Theodore	Herbeumont	
WARY, Leon 31 bartender Melina 22 (from Connecticut) Katie	Florenville	1890RI Warwick 1900 census
WARY, Louis Jules, 24 weaver brother of Leon, Leopoldine? Not f	Florenville	RI Warwick 1900 census
WILLIAUME, Auguste		LC N 12 Feb 1868
WINANT, Edward	Herbeumont	CA San Francisco
ZELNERE Georges + family	Florenville	RI



Sample of H el ene VANHEE's handiwork original crocheted lace is 15" high

HELENE

by Micheline Gaudette

These days it doesn't take much for me to take a walk down memory lane, a smell, a sound, a taste, and I am on my way... On this particular morning it was the sight of my two 40-year-old curtains (acquired through a sent of hand-me-downs) and the prospect of discarding them since they were well beyond repair, that prompted me to remember with fondness "H el ene" the maker of the large hand-crocheted lace adorning the curtains.

I was perhaps 6 years old when my family moved from pristine Mery (Belgium) to Jemeppe-sur-Meuse, a coal mining town. That's where we became H el ene's neighbors and friends. She was already in her mid-seventy's, still a handsome woman

with beautiful white hair held in a bun. She walked with great difficulties using 2 canes to maintain her balance, but her hands weren't handicapped and made many crocheted articles that reflected her great artistic abilities. She was at her best with a crochet and cotton, and weather permitting, she would sit on a bench under the plum tree and would tell stories about the past, often alluding without bitterness, at the many hard years that had been part of her life. She never mispoke of her husband, but later on I learned through other sources that though a very hard working man, he spend much of his money entertaining friends and neglecting somewhat the well-being of his family. It was H el ene's hard work and thriftiness that helped the family the most. Oh yes, H el ene had the gift of healing "rosacea", and she would make a little sign of the cross on the afflicted party to heal that person. She felt that she had an insight into the future, and that she brought good luck to others (what a positive attitude!)

H el ene Marie VANHEE was born on 23 August 1877 in Wervik, West Flanders, the third child and first daughter of **Felix VANHEE** and **Louise DEBRANBANDERE**. She was barely 3 years old when her family, like many of their contemporaries in search of better employment, left rural Wervik and migrated to industrial Seraing (Liege) where 3 other of her siblings would be born. Later on in Seraing, she met and married (17 April 1907) **Auguste ORBAN**, (the witnesses at the wedding were **Henri and Auguste VANHEE**, and **Francois TOUSSAINT and Bruno VANDAELE**). Within a few years, Auguste, Bertha, Joseph and Henri were born to Auguste ORBAN and H el ene VANHEE. As their children grew and entered the work force, life became a little bit easier for the ORBAN-VANHEE household, until WWI came, bringing near starvation not only to this family but to the rest of the population as well. Fortunately they survived and all of Auguste ORBAN and H el ene VANHEE's children became quite successful, Auguste established himself in Belgium and did quite well, Joseph spent 30 years working in the former Belgian Congo (Zaire), while Henri spent his career in Algeria, all share two characteristics: they were very industrious and they loved children. When we met H el ene in 1947, she had been widowed for 20 years, and was living quite comfortably with her daughter **Bertha** and her son-in-law **Victor DREES**. We became friends and would check on her whenever needed, she was especially fond of my grand-father and would become upset at the teasing that their friendship brought about (when my grand-father died, she insisted to be the first person outside the immediate family to see him in the mortuary).

My family left Jemeppe-sur-Meuse but remained in contact with H el ene, so much so that my mother married her favorite son Joseph, my beloved stepfather. H el ene predicted that they would have a baby boy and she was right, unfortunately she died before the birth of my little brother Joseph. It was with my brother in mind that I researched H el ene's ancestry.

Orban-VanHee Genealogy Belgian Laces Vol14 #52

Auguste Joseph ORBAN

B: 23 Dec 1873
P: Seraing, Liege, Belgium
M: 17 Apr 1897
P: Seraing, Liege, Belgium
D: 1927
P: Flemalle, Liege, Belgium

Children: Auguste
 Bertha
 Joseph
 Henri

Helene Marie VANHEE

B: 23 Aug 1877
P: Wervik, West Flanders, Belgium
D: 1956
P: Jemeppe-sur-Meuse, L, Belgium

Sources:
 Seraing Vital Records
 Hody Vital Records
 Wervik Vital Records
 DeBrabander information
 by Mr Rudi De Brabander

Pierre Joseph ORBAN

B: 10 Jul 1848
P: Hody
M: 14 Feb 1874
P: Seraing, Liege, Belgium
D:
P:

Marie Elisabeth DETRIXHE

B: 4 Jul 1852
P: Seraing, Liege, Belgium
D:
P:

Felix VANHEE

B: 21 Feb 1837
P: Ruisselede
M: 14 Jan 1869
P: Tielt, Liege, Belgium
D: 23 Dec 1909
P: Lierneux, Liege, Belgium

Marie L DEBRABANDERE

B: 11 Dec 1841
P: Tielt, Liege, Belgium
D: Abt 1909
P: Flemalle, Liege, Belgium

Gaspar Joseph ORBAN

B: 29 Oct 1817
P: Marcourt
M: 13 Feb 1843
P: Hody
D:
P:

Marie Felicite BERLEUR

B: 20 Nov 1808
P: Hody
D: 25 Oct 1865
P: Rotheux

Auguste DETRIXHE

B:
P:
M:
P:
D:
P:
B:
P:
D:
P:

Marie Eve LEGRAND

B:
P:
D:
P:

Benjamin VANHEE

B:
P:
M:
P:
D: 12 Mar 1842
P: Ruisselede

Barbara VANBELLEGHEM

B:
P:
D: 10 Aug 1868
P: Ruisselede

Charles L DEBRABANDERE

B: 16 Nov 1806
P: Tielt, Liege, Belgium
M: 7 Sep 1837
P: Tielt, Liege, Belgium
D: 1884
P: Armentieres, France

Virginia DHAENENS

B: 1814
P: Desselgem
D: 14 Aug 1879
P: Ruisselede
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Pierre Joseph ORBAN

B:
M:
D: 16 Dec 1836

Catherine Joseph DUMONT

B: Abt 1773
D:

Mathieu BERLEUR

B:
M:
D: 31 Dec 1815

Marie Catherine GOUDAT

B: Abt 1769
D: 10 Apr 1841

Petrus DEBRABANDERE

B: 10 Sep 1765
M: 12 Dec 1797
D: 11 Jun 1826

Rosalia VANDIERENDONCK

B: 27 Nov 1767
D: 1 Feb 1830

See next page

1. **Arent DE BRABANDERE** (b.1420-Harelbeke)
2. **Joos DE BRABANDERE** (b.Ab. 1450-Harelbeke)
sp: De HEYGHERE (d.1504-Harelbeke)
3. **Joos DE BRABANDERE** (b.Ab. 1480-Harelbeke;d.1521-Harelbeke)
4. **Willem DE BRABANDERE** (b.Ab. 1510-Harelbeke;d.1577-Harelbeke)
sp: Christine DE CONINC (m.1534)
5. **Joannes DE BRABANDERE** (b.Ab. 1550-Harelbeke;d.29 Sep 1582-Harelbeke)
sp: Maria VANDENBERGHE
6. **Joannes DE BRABANDERE** (b.Ab. 1580-Harelbeke;d.1645)
sp: Maria BOTTENS (m.20 Jun 1606)
7. **Joannes DE BRABANDERE** (b.18 Jun 1608-Harelbeke;d.1648-Moorsele)
sp: Joanna VALCKE (b.1 May 1608;m.5 Nov 1631)
8. **Petrus DE BRABANDERE** (b.17 Jun 1635-Harelbeke;d.7 Mar 1694-Beveren)
Sp1: Catherina VEYS (m.23 Nov 1661;d.20 May 1673-Beveren)
Sp2: Christina OSTIJN (b.7 May 1649-Beveren;d.13 Apr 1704-Beveren)
9. **Boudewijn DE BRABANDERE** (b.24 Sep 1664-Beveren;d.26 Nov 1761-Beveren)
Sp1: Catherina OSTIJN (b.13 Oct 1652-Beveren;m.23 Apr 1689;d.27 Sep 1691- Beveren)
Sp2: Jacoba HESPEEL (m.19 Jan 1694;d.11 Oct 1723)
10. **Petrus DE BRABANDERE** (b.9 Feb 1690-Beveren;d.20 Nov 1761-Kuurne)
Sp1: Marguerite D'HULST (d.1730)
Sp2: Maria Catherina VERNOCK (b.1704;m.1730;d.21 Jun 1774)
11. **Franciscus DE BRABANDERE** (b.19 Jan 1741-Deerlijk; d.17 Jan 1779- Tielt)
sp: Isabelle Claire DUYCK (b.1738-Tielt; d.14 Feb 1826 - Tielt)
12. **Petrus DEBRABANDERE** (b.10 Sep 1765-Tielt; d.11 Jun 1826-)
sp: Rosalia VANDIERENDONCK (b.27 Nov 1767-; m.12 Dec 1797; d.1 Feb 1830-)



Wervik



St Medard Church in Wervik, where Helene was born.

2005 Note - For a virtual tour of this church:

<http://www.westhoek.be/info/ned/parochies/gemeenten/Kerken/wervik-sintmedardus.asp?KID=134&PID=179&GID=>

A TALE OF TWO CITIES: CHAPTER II

by Gaston E. Van Hylte

It was 1943 or 1944 and the hardships of World War II raged over the world. One day a letter was dropped in the mail slot at “42 Wentthrop Street Taunton, Mass.,” a letter from a father to his soldier son fighting in Europe somewhere. The letter was stamped “Return to Sender” and followed by the most dreaded words “Deceased-Killed in Action”.

42 Whithrop Street was the address of my parents: Emile Van Hyfte, born in Gent, Belgium 1879, and Rachel Clementia Francesca Van de Gehuchte, born in Gent, Belgium 1881. But my parents did not have a soldier son in the European battlefields. There we a return address in the upper left hand corner: Ben Van Hyfte, Taunton. M*** -

“42 Winthrop Street” is in Taunton, Mass. and the only Van Hyfte’s there are my father and my mother and myself. My folks called me over to help solve this mystery, but it made no sense to me either. So, we called the postmaster, who told us what we already knew we were the only Van Hyfte’s in Taunton, Mass. We took the letter to the postmaster, he read the return address more carefully and came up with an answer: Ben Van Hyfte lived in Taunton, Minn. The handwriting was such that it was difficult to distinguish between Mass. and Minn. In that time, the US Postal Services had not yet made mandatory to include the handy ZIP code in the addresses, be they addressee or return address. The dreaded letter was forwarded to Ben Van Hyfte in Taunton, Minn., and my mother corresponded with him afterwards. Unfortunately, they both have passed on now, and the letters are lost.

A search at the Public Library revealed that there are only two Tauntons in the USA: in Minn and in Mass. There is a Taunton Falls in NJ. - Taunton, Mass. was founded in 1630 by a religious group from Taunton, England, led by Elisabeth Pook (or Poole?). Maybe some reader of Belgian Laces can tell us what the origin is of Taunton, Minn.?

But that is not the end of my story, the co-incidences continue:

Parker, Az. has an annual boat race that is well known nationwide. It is the Parker 9 hour Enduro. There in 1975, I made the acquaintance of a Ron Baker, who was area service manager for Outboard Marine Corp., Waubegon, IL. His area of service included Minnesota. I related the story of coincidences to him. He thought he remembered Taunton and that it was a rather small community. Three weeks later, arrived a letter from Ron with a list of all the Van Hyfte’s in that general are with names, addresses, phone numbers and how they were related to each other. One of the addresses was of a Van Hyfte who had moved to Mesa, AZ - We have been in contact but have yet to find the family-common denominator. I have since found Van Hyfte’s and Van de Gehuchte’s in Michigan and Illinois. Apparently, no connections here either.

My folks had always told me that if I didn’t have a son, it was the end of the name Van Hyfte.... Now wrong they were ! -We just need to find if and how we fit together. I have been working on my family tree for the past 3 years. I finally learned to wite to a city hall in Belgium and ask for a copy of either a birth or a death certificate of some relative. Those certificates are a goldmine of information: from them one brothers and sisters, grandparents, cities, and dates of birth or death. Through these I have found second and third living cousins, who in turn help me in finding additional information as needed. I purchased a Flemish/English dictionary, which has proven invaluable.

As a child growing up, we spoke Flemish. That sort of died out about high school days, but I still remember a lot of it.

This then, is Chapter II of “A Tale of Two Cities” Can someone come up with Chapter III?

The Area News

The Peninsula Belgian-American Club members have returned from another wonderful trip to Belgium. This time they participated in a 20th Anniversary celebration of the exchange visits between the P.B.A.C. and the Wallonie-Wisconsin Society of Namur, Belgium. A book was published for the occasion and the Philatelic Society of Gembloux was instrumental in having the Belgian Postal Department create a special cancellation mark which was used on cards and letters sent back home by the American visitors.

The Annual Belgian Days celebration, sponsored by the Lions Club of Brussels, Wisconsin, was held on Sunday, July 12. Attending the event were 15 people from Belgium who arrived in the States on July 1. They toured Niagara Falls and the locks at Sault Ste. Marie before coming to Sturgeon Bay. Most are avid fishermen who hope to make a big catch in Wisconsin waters.

Belgian Emigrants - 12th of a Series

These departure lists were gathered by researchers from different sources, primarily from Fr. Jean Ducat, who searched many old Population Registers (Census) in Belgium. Many of the emigrants settled in Wisconsin, but the lists are not limited to this state. These are villages of departure and not necessarily places of birth. If a birthplace is known, it is shown here. We thank Father Ducat and the other researchers who have made these tools of research available.

Pietrebais-Chapelle St. Laurent

Joseph ANTOINE, born 1845, Pietrebais; bachelor; left 1870; married in U.S. to Josephine MASSART;
Gustave BARRETTE, born 1838

and wife Philomene VANESSE, born 1837; left 1871; Both born Pietrebais;

Desire BERO, born Pietrebais; bachelor; left for Kansas; later married in Wisconsin to Odile LEGLISE;

Nicolas BERO, born 1798 Pietrebais,

wife Angelique MAIRESSE, born 1800, and children Eugene, Edward, Victor, and Isaac Joseph; left 1855; **Xavier BERO**, born Pietrebais 1833,

his wife Marie Therese REMY, born Pietrebais 1832, and children Joseph, Aurora, Pelagie, Auguste, Isaure, and Cesar; left 1870;

Paul BOSSE, born 1880,

and wife Desiree MORSAINT, born 1858; date of departure unknown;

Marie-Theresa BARAS, widow of Gaspard COEL,

and children Josephine, Adele, Desire, Anne-Joseph. and Fabian; left 1855;

Jean Francois CONARD, born Pietrebais 1829;

his wife Marie-Therese COEL, born Pietrebais 1831, and their son Victor: left 1855;

Louis CLUSMAN, born Lathuy; left 1871

Pierre DEBECKER,

his wife Marie-Therese COLLART, and children. Marie- Catherine, Leopold, Pierre, Philomane, Sidonie, and Marie; left 1855;

Isaac DELFOSSE, born Pietrebais 1845; left 1871;

Jacques Christophe DECLoux, born 1798,

his wife Marie-Francois DESMET, born 1603, and their children Pierre, Marie-Stephanie, Elisabeth, Jean-Baptiste, and Anatalie; left 1855;

Melanie RUBENS, widow of Charles DUPONT, born Pietrebais 1813,

and her children Lucie, Gregoire, Henriette, Henri, Marie-Elisabeth, Melanie, and Charles J.; left 1855;

Nicolas FOCHON, born Pietrebais,

his wife Victoria DESMET, and their children Antoinette, Theophile, and Godfroid; left 1855;

- Jean Remy FONTAINE**, born 1803,
his wife Marie-Elisabeth VANDERELST, born 1799, and their children Leopold, Marie-Therese,
Antoine, Adele, and Victor: left 1855;
- Jean Joseph GOTTOT**, born 1803,
his wife Eleonore MINSART, born 1805, and their children Desire Francois, Rosalie, Elie, Elinore,
and Gustave; left 1870;
- Olivier HANNON**, born Pietrebais 1829,
his wife Hortense VANDOREN, and their children Joseph and Eugenie; left 1879;
- Jean Baptiste HAQUIN**, born 1797,
his wife Marie Anastasie GENIN, born 1800, and their children Catherine, Guillaume, Therese,
Rosalie, Julie, Josephine, Clare, and Joseph; left 1855;
- Jean Ghislain Joseph LAMBERT**, born Pietrebais 1823,
his wife Marie-Josephe THIBOUT, born 1825, and two daughters Marie-Therese and Pelagie; left
1855;
- Theodore LAMBERT**, born Pietrebais 1830,
his wife Cecile SPINETTE, born 1830; left 1855;
- Nestor LANNOY**, born Pietrebais 1847; left 1871:
- Jean Joseph LEFEVRE**, born 1799 Pietrebais;
his wife Marie-Joseph HENNAUX, and two sons Alphonse and Charles; left 1855;
- Jean Baptiste LEFEVRE**, born 1815,
his wife Marie-Josephe RUBENS, and their children Joseph, Leopold, and Marie-Sylvie; left 1855;
- Odile LEGLISE**, born Pietrebais 1848; married Desire BERO in Wisconsin; left Pietrebais 1869;
- Desire Jean-Baptiste LEGLISE**, born Pietrebais 1826; left 1855;
- Edouard LEGLISE**, born Pietrebais 1827; left 1855;
- Louis Francois LEPAGE**, born Pietrebais 1823; left 1855;
- Maximilien MASSET**, born Pietrebais; left 1855;
- Maximilian MORET**, born Pietrebais 1835,
his wife Anatalia GOTTOT, and daughter Marie-Rosalie; left 1870;
- Frederic NEVEU**, born in France,
his wife Philomene TAILLET, born Pietrebais 1840, and children Leontine and Alfred; Frederic left
1870; wife and children left 1871;
- Philippe REMY**, born Pietrebais 1605, his wife Therese, and son Leonard; left 1855;
- Gaspard RENTER**, born 1818,
his wife Augustine FAYASSE, born Pietrebais 1822, and their children Marie-Joseph, Theodore,
Jean, Leocadie, Joseph and Charles; left 1859;
- Antoine RENIER**, born 1851; left 1871;
- Henry RUBENS**, born Pietrebais 1829; left 1854;
- Charles RUBENS**, born Pietrebais 1827,
his wife Marie-Antoinette ROMDENNE, born Pietrebais 1823, and their children Joseph, Marie-
Amelie, Victorie; and Marie-Therese Constance; left 1855;
- Jean-Baptiste RUBENS**, born Pietrebais 1817,
his wife Marie-Louise FAYASSE, born Pietrebais 1820, and their children Marie-Josephine,
Theodore, Marie-Josephe, Lucien Joseph; left 1855;
- Leon Joseph SLACMOLDER**, bachelor, born circa 1860; left circa 1879;
- Jean Baptiste TAILLET**, born Pietrebais 1804; and Rosalie TAILLET, born 1814; left 1871;
- Francois Joseph THEYS**, born Pietrebais 1825,
and his wife Rosalie GODSOUL, born 1820, and one daughter Marie-Josephe; left 1858;
- Adolph THIBOUT**, his wife Josephine DESMET, and their children Larnbert and Marie; left 1855;
- G. MAIRESSE**, left Pietrebais for Brazil.

Happy Hunting!
Mary Ann DEFNET

SOME EARLY BELGIANS of KNOX COUNTY, INDIANA

by Lynn David Recker

In middle-nineteenth century Indiana; Belgian emigrants established the largest concentration of their countrymen (51 persons in 1850) at Leopold in Perry county. Others (27 persons in 1850) would join French and Swiss emigrants in areas west of New Albany in Floyd county (Gregory S. Rose, *"The Distribution of Indiana's Ethnic and Racial Minorities in 1830,"* Indiana Magazine of History, LXXXVII (Sept., 1991), 224-260). Most (if not nearly all) of these emigrants would come from the Belgian province of Luxembourg.

Unlike these two largest areas, Knox county's Belgian population would grow slowly and remain small throughout the 19th century. (The 20th century emigration of Belgian glassworkers to Vincennes in Knox county will not be dealt with here). Like many from Perry and Floyd counties, most of the Knox county Belgians are known to have emigrated from the province of Luxembourg. Two nearby communes have been identified as the starting points of four families and two individuals. These communities are Vance, about 10 km. west of Arlon, and Meix-le-Tige, 10 km. southwest of Arlon and 7 km. south of Vance.

In Knox county most Belgian emigrants settled near each other about four miles southeast of Vincennes. Their farmlands clustered around the Catholic parish of St. Vincent de Paul (aka 'the Highlands') at the orphanage of the same name. Other emigrants from France, the Germanies, and Switzerland would also settle there. Intermarriage among all these peoples would occur. Only two marriages between Belgians are known. First generation Belgian descendants would, however, most often marry other French-speakers - be they from France or Switzerland. Hence, their descendants would live on considering themselves as French.

It is difficult to say what drew that first Belgian family to Knox county. Vincennes reputation as an old, colonial-French settlement or its recent (1834) erection as an Episcopal See may have been draws to the French-speaking Catholic emigrant. That first Belgian seed was the **THEIS** (now ThAIS) family. **Nicolas THEIS** and his wife, **Anne Marie BOUVY**, would leave Meix-le-Tige soon after the birth of their first son, Jean Joseph. They entered America through the port of New Orleans in about 1840 (naturalization records yield conflicting dates). A daughter, Marie S., would soon be born in Indiana, and a son, Jean Pierre, would be born in 1849. Today, there are numerous descendants of Knox county's first Belgian family.

It would be nearly 30 years before another family known to be from Meix-le-Tige or Vance would join the THEIS family. Then two brothers named BOUVY would bring their families to Knox county from Vance. One BOUVY may have been married to a THEIS. It seems reasonable to assume that the THEIS family may have been in contact with family in Meix-le-Tige and/or Vance and influenced emigration to 'the Highlands' community.

Knox county's next Belgian emigrants had arrived by June of 1855. **Camille Eugene R. Oswald Englebert (de) BUISSERET** and his wife, **Catherine Josephe BOULANGER**, were married in (?) and emigrated from France. Eugene R. de BUISSERET (American signature) was most likely born in the province of Hainaut near Mons. Catherine Boulanger was born at Bonlez in Brabant. Catherine's parents (**Pierre Jacques BOULANGER and Josephine FLEMAL**) and her siblings would emigrate from Bonlez to near Thiry Daems in Kewaunee Co., Wisconsin. Six children would be born in Indiana to the BUISSERETS: Pauline, Julia, Camille, Emma, Henry and Hortense.

The eldest son, Camille Eugene Joseph, would die at the age of 21

during a Christmas visit in 1881 with his BOULANGER relations in Green Bay, WI. Two BUISSERET daughters, Pauline (husband: **Victor ROSMAN**), and Emma (husband: **August BOUVY**), would marry other Belgian emigrants (see below). Individual Belgian men would also come to Knox county where they generally found work as farm laborers. **Pierre Joseph WIRTH** was such a person. He entered at the port of New York in September of 1862 and was in Knox county by September of 1867. On the 1870 census he is listed as a farm laborer on the farms of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, but he would soon have his own farm. His Belgian home is unknown, as is the home of the GODARD family, which may have had a familial relationship. **Jean Francois GODARD**; his wife, **Marie Catherine WIRTH (VIRTH)**; and at least one son, Francois J., entered through the port of New York in September of 1871 and soon thereafter arrived in Knox county. On 19 Nov 1872 Francois S. married **Marie RICHARD**, the daughter of French immigrants, **Jean RICHARD and Francoise GIRARD**.

Eugene R. de BUTSSERET and his wife were in the habit of hiring other Belgians to work on their farms. Three Belgian workers are known. The first, **Nicolas GELDER**, who was listed as a 36 year old daylaborer living in the BUTSSERET household on the 1870 census, which is his only-known American record.

The other two BUISSERET farm workers are known to be from Meix-le-Tige. As the THEIS and BUISSERET farms were adjacent to each other, it is conceivable that the THEIS family used their contacts to procure workers for the BUISSERET farm. The first of the Meix-le-Tige workers was Victor ROSMAN (now ROSEMAN).

He was born in 1847 to **Michel ROSMAN and Marie Monique BAILLEUX**. Victor arrived in September of 1871 and on 5 October 1875 wed Pauline Cecelia, the eldest BUISSERET child, at 'the Highlands'. They would have two children live to maturity, Camille Joseph and Marie Josephine. This writer is a grandson of Camille Joseph.

August JACQUMAIN was the last-known BUISSERET farm-worker. He probably worked there during the 1880's and/or 1890's and then returned to Meix-le-Tige.

There, in 1910 he would be visited by August BOUYY and his wife, **Emma BUISSERET**.

August BOUVY would record this meeting in the diary of their 1910 European trip.

Thus far this diary entry is **August JACQUMAIN**'s only-known American record. The family of **Francois BOUVY** would not take a direct route from Vance to Vincennes. Francois' son, August, would relate many of the facts of his family's migrations in the diary of his 1910 European trip, which included Meix-le-Tige, Vance and Paris. August BOUVY was born in Vance on 30 April 1858. He was the only son of Francois BOUVY and **Catherine MASSONET**. His mother would die soon thereafter and a foster mother, **Victoire SOSSONS**, would care for August. Francois BOUVY remarried a **Marie Barbe SAMIN (SAMEN?)** in Belgium; however, no children would survive from this union. About 1864 this family left Vance and moved to a northeastern suburb of Paris called Pantin. The 2 June 1910 entry in August's diary says in part: "I went to Pantin... where my father lived and I went to school until I was 8 years old." The family moved at least twice while in Paris. Again from August's diary (19 July 1910): "Afternoon, took a walk in the first neighborhood I lived in Paris, in the rue Oberkampf...": and again (13 May 1910):

"...saw the place where I used to live, it is all so changed, I could not recognize it, the place where I went to school is still the same." In 1869 Francois BOUVY moved his family for a last time to a farm about 5 miles south of Vincennes, Indiana. According to August BOUVY's 1910 passport application the family left from Le Havre on 20 Sept 1869 aboard the ship Atalanta. Francois BOUVY stated

in his 'declaration of intent' in Knox county that he arrived in New York on 15 Oct 1869. One month later he would register the deed for his 40 acres of America. August's father died in March 1877, his stepmother in April 1886.

August BOUVY then married Marie Elisabeth Emilie (Emma) BUISSERET in 1887.

The second BOUVY family was to arrive in Knox county in mid-Sept. of 1872.

Joseph BOUVY, Francois' brother, and his wife Marie THEIS (?), would travel to America with their two children, Roalie and Lidore. A daughter, Marie, would be born in Indiana. At the death of Joseph in 1882, August BOUVY would be named the administrator of his uncle's estate.

The GAITER family came to Knox county from an unknown Belgian location in the mid-1870's. Isidore GAITER came with his wife, **Catherine MARQUIS** (?); daughters, Josephine and Emma; and Isidore's older brother, Nicolas. In Knox county sons, Joseph and August (twins) and Frank, were born to the GAITERS.

The GAITER family is the last known Belgian emigrant family in the period of the mid-1800's. However, one other family, whose origin was in Vance, migrated into Knox county from Floyd county in the mid-1870's. The family of **Jean Pierre BEZY and Catherine GLOADEN** (sp?) sent two sons to Floyd county. These brothers, **Jean Louis and Henri BEZY**, emigrated separately in the 1840's. Henri BEZY married **Marie JACQUES**, also from Luxembourg province, in January of 1846 at the Church of our Lady in Louisville, KY. Their son, Jean Francois, was born 6 Feb 1852 in Floyd county. About 1875 Jean Francois migrated to Knox county where he married **Marie Adele IMHOFF** in 1878. Her Swiss/French family had moved from Floyd to Knox county after the Civil War. Jean Francois was later joined for a short time by his brother, **Charles BEZY**, and his wife, **Catherine KNIBBS**.

The Belgian population of Knox county was never large, but it would join with other emigrants of French, German, and Swiss descent in producing a farming community at 'the Highlands' with a European flair. Their farms produced a variety of products, unlike the grain farms that now blanket the rolling hills. The Agricultural Censuses of the period list these emigrants as growing corn, wheat, and sorghum and producing molasses for sale. The variety of livestock on the farm also provided butter and eggs to sell at the town market. Their market gardens and orchards grew a variety of vegetables and fruits for sale. Vineyards and wine-making were also important on some farms. In the article on Knox county in the Fifth Annual Report of the Geological Survey of Indiana (1873, p.363) it was said that "persons of long experience in Europe declare that this is the Rhineland of America and insist that their products compare favorably with the wines of (their) fatherlands." Of one Belgian emigrant the Report said that Eugene R. de BUISSERET had a vineyard of 10 acres where "he makes wine a specialty and produces in superior quality from twelve hundred to fifteen hundred gallons annually." In **Catherine Josephe BOULANGER de BUISSERET**'s obituary it was written that 'the Highlands' was "that little French settlement, which with its vine-clad hillsides, doubtless reminded them of their homes beyond the seas." I doubt that 'vine-clad hillsides' would remind many of our Belgian emigrant ancestors of their homeland, especially those from Luxembourg's Ardennes. Instead, perhaps their farmlands gave them the comfort to know that they had found for themselves and their children a new home in which to grow and prosper.

Thanks to my cousins and fellow family-historians, **Jack SIEVERS** (BEZY) and **Pam ANDREWS** (THEIS), for clarifications concerning their Belgian emigrant ancestors.

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From *Evelyn Ann SANTILLI* we received this list **extracted from the records** of Belgian people who received their **American Citizenship in the City of Greeley, Weld County, Colorado**, between the years 1914 and 1964.

Name	Birth Date	Port of Arrival	Arrival Date	Naturalization
ARYS Camiel Pierre,	13 May 1887	New York	15-Feb-1917	25-Jun-1954
CARTON Camille,	24 Dec 1885	New York	2-May-1907	7-Nov-1918
CITRON Edmond,	9 Sep 1867	New York	28 Jul 1887	4-Apr-1931
CITRON Vesta,	22 Sep 1879	New York	28 Jul 1887	4-Apr-1931
CNOCKAERT Kamiel,	11 Jul 1894	New York	1-Mar-1911	24-Feb-1917
CNOCKAERT Ernest,	14 Jul 1894	New York	11-Mar-1906	26-Sep-1914
CNOCKAERT Oscar,	7 Sep 1886	New York	2-May-1907	26-Sep-1914
DE CEUNINCK Oscar,	8 Mar 1885	New York	7-Jul-1911	26-Sep-1925
DE GRYSSE Arthur,	15 Oct 1884	New York	16-Nov-1904	30-Sep-1916
DE GRYSSE Camiel,	10 Dec 1882	New York	6-Apr-1903	26-Feb-1916
DE GRYSSE Edmond,	15 Feb 1887	New York	4-Sep-1910	24-Feb-1917
DE PORTER Arthur,	6 Aug 1896	New York	31-Oct-1910	25-Sep-1920
DE PORTER Camiel,	8 Jul 1873	no record in NY		no date given
DE SAMBER Elisa,	11 Nov 1892	New York	17-Sep-1912	10-Jan-1947
DE VISSCHER Henry,	1 Nov 1890	New York	16-Oct-1903	29-Sep-1917
DU PONT Jerome,	17-Dec-1903	New York	29-Aug-1920	30-Jun-1928
GHEQUIERE Achille,	13 Apr 1881	New York	1-Dec-1911	28-Sep-1918
GHEQUIERE Arthur,	6 Jun 1890	New York	14-Apr-1911	24-Feb-1917
GILNAY Jean Louis,	23 Jan 1881	Huron, MI	26-Apr-1913	6-Jan-1945
GILNAY Nicole,	20 apr 1884	Huron, MI	26-Apr-1913	6-Jan-1945
HOOGERS Julia M.,	14-Jul-1929	L Angeles, CA	5-Mar-1959	26-Jun-1964
HOOZEE Octave J.,	20 Apr 1881	Boston, MA	May 1906	2-Jan-1941
KINDT Albert Jos.,	26-Sep-1901	New York	23-Aug-1926	2-Jun-1946
KINDT Denis J.,	5-Apr-1926	New York	23-Aug-1926	2-Jun-1946
KINDT Zulma,	4-Jul-1903	New York	23-Aug-1926	2-Jun-1946
LAMBERT Jules,	5 Feb 1881	New York	17-Apr-1905	30-Sep-1916
VAN GRAEFSCHPE Ad.	20 Jul 1881	New York	23-Apr-1909	30-Sep-1916
VAN GRAEFSCHPE Flor.	4 Feb 1885	New York	23-Apr-1909	25-Sep-1915
VAN GRAEFSCHPE Leon	20 Mar 1880	New York	3-Mar-1908	25-Sep-1915
VAN HOECKE Jules	29 Jul 1888	New York	24-May-1909	9-May-1917
VAN HOOFTSTADT Ther.	29 Sep 1877	New York	3-Sep-1907	1-Jul-1944
VERGOTE Camiel	26 Jul 1875	Portland, ME	1-Apr-1905	30-Sep-1916
VINCKIER Morris	31 Jul 1892	New York	3-Jan-1911	24-Feb-1917
WINCKEL Leon	4 Oct 1893	New York	13-May-1907	no date given

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NY PASSENGER LISTS - ARCHIVES MICROREEL #539; Sept 23 - Oct 12, 1889

"SS WESTERLAND" from Antwerp Ariving in NY 29 Sept. 1889

Pass. #	Name	Sex	Age	Occupation	Destination.
23	Emil Prejardin	M	31	blacksmith	New York
24	Mde Prejardin	F	28	with #23	New York
44	Alf Desuret	M	29	druggist	New York
128	Gust Quinif	M	49	glass trade	New York
129	Josef Daugatte	M	39	glass trade	New York
129	Josef Daugatte	M	16	glass trade	New York
131	Lad Alerde	M	23	laborer	Fostoria, PA
292	Ivo Lahange	M	68	no occupation	Detroit, MI
293	Louise Lahange	F	54	with #292	Detroit, MI
294	Leonie Lahange	F	18	with #292	Detroit, MI
295	Julie Lahange	F	13	with #292	Detroit, MI
296	Desire Duydk	M	25	glass trade	Detroit, MI
344	A Bettegmeirs	M	36	glass trade	Baltimore, MD
345	Josephine Leroy	F	29	with #344 (wife?)	Baltimore, MD
346	Hect Bettegmeirs	M	9	with #344	Baltimore, MD
347	J Courtois	M	31	glass trade	Baltimore, MD
348	J Brecoult	F	29	with #347 (wife?)	Baltimore, MD
349	J Andre	M	23		Pittsburg, PA
350	J Bary	F	23	with #349 (wife?)	Pittsburg, PA
351	A Charles	M	36	glass trade	Pittsburg, PA
352	A Leclercq	F	25	wife - go to husband	Noblestown
353	P Lieuvans	M	4	with #352	Noblestown
354	Jules Lieuvans	M	0	with #352	Norristown, PA
355	E Devenau	M	29	glass trade	New York
356	Jul. Begnior	F	31	with #355 (wife?)	New York
357	E Devenau	M	0	with #355	New York
358	F Guerovo	M	54	to join children	New York
359	Rosalie Le Dieu	F	42	with #358	New York
360	Elie Legros	M	35	glass trade	Norristown, PA
361	Juliette Dandoy	F	31	with #360	Norristown, PA
362	Arth Legros	M	9	with #360	Norristown, PA
363	Leon Legros	M	4	with #360	Norristown, PA
364	Oscar Legros	M	2	with #360	Norristown, PA
365	Jules Sonpart	M	32	glass trade	Norristown, PA
366	Olympe Begin	F	30	with #365 (wife?)	Norristown, PA
367	Theoph Barjneaux	M	42	miner	Pittsburg, PA
368	Julie Barjneaux	F	11	with #368	Pittsburg, PA
369	Amelie Botte	F	39	wife to join husband	Pittsburg, PA
370	Amelie Taube	F	11	with #369	Pittsburg, PA
371	Joseph Taube	M	4	with #369	Pittsburg, PA
372	J J Henri	M	52	miner	Bridgeport, PA
373	Ernest Henri	M	22	miner, with #372	Bridgeport, PA
374	Daniel Henri	M	20	miner, with #372	Bridgeport, PA
375	Horace Henri	M	11	with #372	Bridgeport, PA
376	C Werz	M	36	glass trade	Philipsburg, PA
377	Ant. Werz	F	23	wife?	Philipsburg, PA
378	Arthur Werz	M	0	with 3376	Philipsburg, PA
379	Jo Lecocq	M	30	glass trade	Philipsburg, PA
380	J M Lecocq	M	10	with #379	Philipsburg, PA
381	Pauline Lecocq	F	9	with #379	Philipsburg, PA
382	Eug Blondcanoe	M	45	glass trade	Mc Donald, PA

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383	Chr Rothier	M	34	glass trade	Mc Donald, PA
384	A... Werz	M	28	glass trade	Mc Donald, PA
385	Marie Werz	F	22	with #384 (wife?)	Mc Donald, PA
437	Leon Tamphire	M	27	glass trade	Fostoria, PA
504	G Warte..	M	41	glass trade	Pittsburg, PA
505	Joseph Warte..	F	36	with #504 (wife?)	Pittsburg, PA
506	Martha Warte..	F	11	with #504	Pittsburg, PA
507	Dartjaj Warte..	F	9	with #504	Pittsburg, PA
508	Joseph Warte..	M	4	with #504	Pittsburg, PA
520	Joseph Dekeyser	M	50	miner	New York
570	John Waal	M	23	glass trade	Pella
590	A Genoux	M	24	farmer	New York
662	J B Deprite	M	23	miner	Pittsburg, PA
663	J B Deprite	M	26	miner	Pittsburg, PA
664	J Lecocq	M	34	miner	Pittsburg, PA
665	Leon Lecocq	M	26	miner	Philipsburg, PA
679	Sus Driess	M	34	miner	Mansfield, OH
680	A Hecquet	M	24	miner	Danville, IL
822	Jules Michaux	M	28	glass trade	Dunkirk
823	Marie Michaux	F	28	with #822 (wife?)	Dunkirk
824	Jules Michaux	M	4	with #822	Dunkirk
825	Marie Michaux	F	2	with #822	Dunkirk
826	Julie Michaux	F	0	with #822	Dunkirk
827	K Dehollander	M	51	farmer	New York
829	J B Therasse	M	27	glass trade	Tarentum, PA
830	Ida Therasse	F	22	with #829 (wife?)	Tarentum, PA
831	Marie Therasse	F	2	with #829 (wife?)	Tarentum, PA
832	Clara Kamebeker	F	32	wife to join husband	New York
833	Frida Kamebeker	F	2	with #832	New York
834	Clara Kamebeker	F	0	with #832	New York
835	Alf Derwennes	M	27	miner	New York
836	Clem. Derwennes	F	27	with #835	Mc Donald, PA
843	M Felecie	M		cooper	New York

"SS Gascogne" from Le Havre Arriving in NY 23 Sep 1889

1	Rene Gille	M	36	farmer	New York
25	Jean Mouret	F	26	farmer	New York
149	Noel Wenlinger	M	21	no occupation	New York
150	Helene Wenlinger	F	14	no occupation	New York
154	Marie Wehrle	F	22	no occupation	New York

"SS Amsterdam" from Amsterdam Arriving in NY 27 Sep 1889

307	Felicien Debroux	M	29	laborer	no dest.
308	Hubert Clement	M	24	laborer	no dest.
309	Simon Henri	M	25	farmer	no dest.

Extracted and contributed by Howard F Thomas

QUERIES... QUERIES... QUERIES... QUERIES...

Here at the office, we open a file for each query. When you send an answer to a member, may we ask you to send us also a copy of that answer, so that we keep informed about the status of the research, update- or close the file. Or, if you prefer, send your answer to this office, we will transmit. If someone answers your query be sure to acknowledge receipt by a postcard or a note as a simple matter of courtesy, so that the respondent will know that the information was received.

92.173 BUISSET - BOULANGER- Seek birth, parents and marriage of our immigrant ancestor, **Camille Eugene R.Oswald (de) Buisseret** born about 18 Jul 1823 (tombstone) most likely in Hainaut (near Mons?). Eugene R. de Buisseret (America signature) had a brother (?) Henri, who married a Derois (Devroye) "near" Brussels. Eugene R. moved to a city in (northern?) France. His wife, **Catherine Josephe Boulanger**, born 11 September 1829 at Bonlez in Brabant. Her parents **Pierre Jacques Boulanger and Josephine Flemal** and her siblings emigrated in 1858 to be near Thiry Daems, Kewaunee Co., WI. Circa 1850. Catherine Josephe left Bonlez and became a maid for the Buisseret family (in Belgium or in France?). Eugene R. and Catherine Josephe married ca. 1854-55 and emigrated from France to near Vincennes. IN by June 1855. Research suggestions and correspondence with Buisseret researchers greatly appreciated.

Lynn David RECKER PO Box 128 Bruceville, IN 47518-0128

92.174 FLEMAL- DETIENNE Seek marriage, prob. in or near Wavre in Brabant, Ca. 1798 of **Henri Martin Flemal** of Chaimont-Ghistoux and **Marie Catherine Detienne** of Wavre(?). Also birth Ca. 1770 of Marie Catherine.

Lynn David RECKER PO Box 128 Bruceville, IN 47518-0128

92.175 ROSMAN:Victor ROSMAN born ca. 1847 in Meix-le-Tige, in the province of Luxembourg, the son of **Michel and Marie Monique Bailleux**. He emigrated to Knox co.,IN in 1871 and mrd **Pauline Buisseret** in 1875. By 1886 Victor left. Where did he go (die?) Did he return to Belgium??

Lynn David RECKER PO Box 128 Bruceville, IN 47518-0128

92.176 BOON - DE FRAENE: I'm looking for Micheline Boon She would be in her 50's now. She has a brother either named Victor or Jacques. The

brother would be in his 60's. Their mother was **Marlene Boon (de Fraene)**. Micheline's maiden name was Boon. They may still be in Belgium. Leoma Ayres Box 192 Bulger, PA 15019

92.177 SCOHY-DUBUISSON my grand-parents were Leon Joseph Scohy and Desiree Jeannette Dubuisson. They had a daughter Yvonne Leontine, born November 20, 1904 in Charleroi, Belgium. Leon came to America around 1904. His wife and daughter came to America around 1914. They settled in Bulger, PA. Write to Leoma Ayres, Box 192, Bulger PA 15019.

92.178 MALAISE - ROMUALD: I wish to locate and correspond with relatives of **Jean Baptiste Malaise**, born 6 July 1828, Perwez, Belgium, died 15 Jan. 1905 possibly in Perwez. He married **Marie Therese Josephe Romuald** ,22 Sep 1853 in Aische-en-Refail, Belgium. She was born in Aische-en-Refail 28 November 1831 and died there 31 March 1868. Jean Baptiste Malaise and Marie Therese Josephe Romuald had two children: **Julienne Ghislaine Malaise**, born 10 January 1860 and **Edmund Malaise**. These children may have been born in Perwez.

Please contact Ida Ann FLAVION, 2721 Finger Road, Green Bay, WI 54302-USA

92.179 VAN HYFTE . Looking for any information on **Eduardus Van Hyfte**, 1874 Gent, Belgium. He disappeared. He was my uncle. Rumor has it that he may have been a sailor and that he jumped ship in the USA. His father was Desire, 1842, his mother **Anna Catherina Van de Wiele (Weile?)** 1847, Gent

Write: Gaston Van Hyfte, 1703 Kofa Ave. Parker, AZ 85344

92.180 - LEFEBVRE: Wish to correspond with descendants in Marcinelle/Charleroi of **Jean Baptiste Lefebvre**, born 29 August 1827, and descendants in Chastre of his brother Edward Joseph Lefebvre, born 3 Jul 1819. Both born in Gentinnes, sons of Nicolas Joseph and Louise Jeanne Burger. –
Write to Mrs Faye (Francois) Wood - 1280 McCormick St. Green Bay, WI 54301-2538 USA

92.181 - MEHIEU: I would like to hear from anyone who has info on the ancestors and br desendants of **Marie Anne MAHIEU**. All I know is that she married **Charles Louis Vanderbauwede**, that she had a daughter Rosalie and she was the daughter of **Judocus** and **Marie Joanne (Van Laen?) Mehuy**. Her husband Charles died 15 August 1839 and she died 8 May 1848 in Zulte, Belgium.
Info to Richard W. Hungerford, Jr. 13810 Frederick Ave. Omaha, NE 68138-6210

Re. 92.155: R. Hungerford. Jr. discovered an error in his query: **Zulma Decabooter** was born in Waregen and not in Antwerp.

FROM and TO... FROM and TO...

From Richard W. Hungerford, Jr. : I'd like to thank you folks for the assistance via your wonderful Belgian Laces publication. I owe a lot of progress on my Ragole line to your queries section. Concerning my query 92.155 I have discovered an error in my query: Zulma Decabooter was born in Waregem and NOT in Antwerp.

From Howard Thomas, from Mary Ann Defnet, from Henry A Verslype, we here at the office have received numerous answers to the queries regarding Lebrun, Van Houtte, De Meulemeester, Debacke, De Donder, Verbiest and De Valck. Others sent us addresses of people with these names, found local telephone directories. We have transmitted everything to the interested parties in Belgium and hope that all this information will help them fin the

missing links. Thank You, member-reader-researchers!

From P. H . Vaugeois, concerning the list of Belgian Luxemburgers in Rhode-Island, part of which was published in the last edition of Belgian Laces and continued in this issue , - **Letain Louis**, 45 Laborer, his wife Louise. 37, Josephine 17, Edmond and Luc went to Canada.

Faye Francois-Wood received a long and very well documented answer about her Thirion--Legrand line. She wrote: enclosed please find a copy of the reply I received from J.P Delrot of Malmedy, Belgium. His excellent research found the data of my Thirion ancestors. I thank him from the bottom of my heart. Well Faye, here we can add some more information from passenger lists, we hope this will connect to (or confuse...) the Thirion chain:

SS Penland: from Antwerp to New-York, 6 July 1901: **Thirion Francois**, 40 - from Liege, painter. Going to his brother **Seraphin**, who has been a master tailor for 20 years in Green Bay, WI.

SS Iceland from Antwerp to New York 7 September 1901: **Dandoy Leon** 23 Hairdresser and his cousin **Dandoy Joseph**, 21, glassblower, both from Jumet. Going to their cousin **Thirion Francois**, who works since 12 years as a glassblower in Jeannette, PA.

SS Kroonland from Antwerp to New York, 12 July 1902. **Burnet Marie**, 46 from Liege. Her husband remains in Liege. She is going to her cousin **Thirion Francois**, who is a farmer in Green Bay, WI. She is accompanied by her sons Pierre 19 and Joseph 17, both agricultural fliers.

To Melba Gene Arnold: In the passenger list of the **SS Friesland**, from Antwerp to New York 14 Sept 1901, we found: Simon Emile, 39-from Flemalle-Haute, glassblower, going to Seatonville- Spring Valley, IL, to his brother-in-law **Arnold Leopold**, who has worked there as a coalminer for 15 years. Emile is accompaied by his wife **Arnold, Marie**, 31, theirson August, 11, and their nephew Joseph Arnold ,20 from Flemalle-Grande, also coalminer.

RECIPES - RECIPES - RECIPES

My apologies for neglecting the Recipes Corner in the May issue of BELGIAN LACES. The publication date of our newsletter came and went before I realized my omission. So, if you will allow me, I'll make up for my shortcomings and have extra recipes for you this time. I would like to start with two very nice dishes straight from the Belgian coastal city of Ostend, over a delicious soup from the Ardennes, to go to Liege (Luik) for an interesting baked potato recipe, to end with a good dessert. As always: bon appetit! Smakelijk!

DELICIEUSES OSTENDAISES:

To make 32 Shrimp-and-Cheese fritters

- ½ lb raw medium-sized shrimp
- ½ tsp white pepper
- 5Tbsp butter
- 1cup finely grated Gruyere cheese
- 10 Tbsp flour
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 4 tsp vegetable oil
- 3egg yolks
- 2 cups dry fine breadcrumbs
- 1 ½ tsp salt
- Vegetable oil for deep frying
- 4-5 Tbsp chopped parsley

Shell the shrimp; wash them and pat dry with paper towels. Melt 1 Tbsp of butter in small skillet and when foam subsides add the shrimp; stirring constantly, cook over moderate heat until shrimp are pink (2-3min). Transfer shrimp to a plate. Boil the liquid remaining in the skillet down until reduced to a thick syrupy glaze. Set aside.

In a heavy 2-3Qt saucepan melt remaining 4Tbsp over moderate heat. When the foam subsides stir in the flour and mix together thoroughly. Pour in the milk and stirring constantly with a wire whisk, cook over high heat until the sauce comes to a boil and thickens heavily. Remove pan from the heat and vigorously beat in the egg yolks, one at a time. Add salt/pepper and chopped parsley, stir in the shrimp, the shrimp glaze and the cheese. When the ingredients are well combined, pour the mixture into a lightly buttered 8" square baking dish, smoothing the top with a spatula. Cool to room temperature, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 6 hours or until firm. With a pastry wheel or sharp knife, cut the chilled mixture into 32-1x2" rectangles. Beat the 2 whole eggs with the 4tsp oil; dip the rectangles one at a time in the egg-oil mixture; then in the crumbs, patting them gently all over to make the crumbs stick. Arrange the rectangles on a large baking sheet and refrigerate at least 1 hr. Heat oil (3-4 " deep) in the deep fryer or large saucepan to 315°F. Preheat oven to its lowest setting. Place a baking dish, lined with paper towels

in the middle shelf of oven. Deep-fry the delicieuses in the hot oil, 6 at a time, turning them occasionally with a slotted spoon, for 2-4 min or until golden brown on all sides.

Transfer them to the lined baking dish in the oven for warm-keeping while you deep-fry the rest. Arrange the Delicieuses attractively on a heated platter, garnish with lemon wedges and parsley sprigs. Serve them piping HOT and freshly fried as a first course or an appetizer.

CREAMED OYSTERS & SHRIMP IN SHELLS (serves 4)

- ½ lb medium-sized raw shrimp
- 6 Tbsp butter
- 2 dozen fresh oysters (reserve the deeper oyster shell and oyster liquid)
- ½ cup to 1 cup milk
- 2 Tbsp dry white win/ 3Tbsp flour
- 1egg yolk
- ¼ tsp white pepper/ 1tsp salt
- Rock salt or coarse salt
- ¼ cup fresh bread crumbs
- ½ cup freshly grated imported Swiss cheese

Preheat oven to 450°. Shell and wash the shrimp; pat dry and chop coarsely. Melt 2 Tbsp butter; when foam subsides, drop in the chopped shrimp and cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly until they turn pink (2-3 Min). Set aside.

Pour oyster liquid into large measuring cup and add enough milk to make 1 ¾ cups. Stir in wine. In a skillet, melt the remaining 4 Tbsp of butter, stir in the flour and mix well. Pour in the milk mixture until sauce boils and slightly thickens. Simmer 3 min. beat the egg yolk lightly in a bowl, add ¼ cup of the sauce and whisk this mixture into the sauce in the pan. Remove from heat and add the shrimp. Spoon 1Tbsp of the shrimp sauce into each oyster shell. Top with one oyster and blanket it with more shrimp sauce. Arrange the filled shells in a baking dish, which you have filled to ¼ in depth with the rock salt.

Bake in the top 1/3 of the oven for about 8 min. or until the sauce has begun to bubble. Sprinkle oysters evenly with bread crumbs and the cheese. Return to oven for another 3-4 min or until the

cheeses melts and the crumbs brown lightly. You may then, if you like, slide them under the broiler for a minute or two the top further.
Serve at once.

SOUPE A L'ARDENNAISE

Cream of Endive Soup (serves 6-8)

4 Tbsp butter
6 medium-sized Belgian endives (abt 1Lb)
2 medium-sized leeks, with 2" of the green tops.
1 medium-sized baking potato (about ½ t)
All 3 of the above cleaned and finely chopped
1 tsp salt - ¼ tsp white pepper
6 cups milk – 4Tbsp softened butter

In a heavy 3-4 Qt casserole, melt 4 Tbsp butter over medium heat. Add the endives and the leeks. Stir until evenly coated with butter. Reduce heat, cover tightly and cook for about 10 min. Stir in the potato, salt, pepper; pour in milk and bring to a simmer over medium heat stirring from time to time. Reduce heat to low and simmer uncovered for 45 min. When the soup is finished the potatoes will have dissolved almost to create a light puree. Taste for seasoning, swirl the softened butter in soup and serve!

POMMES DE TERRE a la LIEGEOISE

Baked potatoes with Juniper-Butter sauce (Serves 4)

4 medium baking potatoes
16 whole juniper berries, bruised with a the flat of a cleaver or a knife
½ Lb unsalted butter, cut into ½" bits
2 Tbsp strained fresh lemon juice
4 tsp chopped shallots
1 tpsalt and ¼ tsp white pepper
2 tsp chopped garlic
2 Tbsp each chopped chives and parsley

Preheat the oven to 450°F. Place the potatoes on a wire rack set in a shallow pan and bake in the middle of the oven for 40 min or just until done. Meanwhile in a small heavy skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Do not let brown. Add shallots, garlic and juniper berries; stir for 2-3 min. until shallots are soft but NOT BROWN. Remove from heat, stir in lemon juice, salt and pepper. Taste for seasoning.

To serve: cut a 2" cross in the top of the potato, press the sides gently to split the potato apart. Spoon the juniper butter sauce (reheated if necessary) into the opening of the potato and sprinkle the top with chives and parsley.

GEVULDE BOTERKOEK

Butter cake with almond filling (1-8" round cake)

Almond Filling

2/3 cup blanched almonds; ground to powder with a blender or with a nut grinder and rubbed through a sieve.

½ cup sugar
1 egg
1/3 cup seedless white raisins
2 Tbsp orange marmelade
1 Tbsp finely grated lemon peel

Starting 1 or even 2 days ahead, prepare the almond filling. Combine the almonds, sugar and egg in a bowl, mixing thoroughly. Stir in raisins, marmelade and lemon peel then cover the bowl with a dampened cloth and set aside at room temperature for at least 24 hours – up to 48.

In a deep bowl, cream ½ Lb softened butter with the sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg, then add 2 cups of the flour, about ½ cup at a time, stirring well after each addition. When finished the dough should be firm enough to gather into a compact ball; if necessar, add up to ½ cup more flour by the tablespoon. Wrap the dough in wax paper and refrigerate for about 20 minutes. Meanwhile, spread the remaining Tbsp of softened butter over the bottom and the sides of the 8" round false-bottom baking pan. Break off about ½ of the dough and shape dough into a flattened circle 7-8" in diameter. Place this circlein the butter pan and floured fingers, pat and smooth the dough until it covers the bottom completely and evenly. Pat and shape the almond filling evenly over the pastry in the pan. With a sharp knife slice the cylinder crosswise into 1" thick circles. Flatten the circles further and arrange them on top of the filling, overlapping them slightly and pinching the edges together. The pastry will cover the filling completely. Brush the beaten egg white on top and bake in the middle of the oven for 1 ½ hrs. or until golden brown. Remove the pan from the oven and set it on a large jar or coffee can and slip down the outside rim. Let it cool to room temperature , run a knife or a long metal spatula under the cake to loosen it and slide it off onto a large serving plate.

At my parents' house, this was the tradition St Niklaas cake on December 6th! Try it and let me know how you and yours enjoyed it!

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