An Account of Some Records from the

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

a.k.a. Petersburg

Formerly in Pusheta Township, Auglaize County, Ohio

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Following is an attempt to document what I have learned, either by oral conveyance or actual study of existing records, of the fate of the records from the SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, the original Catholic parish in south-central Auglaize County. While no longer in existence, SS Peter and Paul, also known as Petersburg, gave rise to four parishes that are all still active today: St. Joseph, Wapakoneta; St. John, Fryburg; St. Lawrence, Rhine; and Immaculate Conception, Botkins. Thus, founding members of all these parishes were likely represented in the records of Petersburg.

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My sincere appreciation to all!

Timeline of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church (i.e. Petersburg) and its Records

- 1835/1836 The parish was organized. Historical accounts vary regarding the beginning of the parish. Land for the church was not purchased until 1836 so it seems clear that the original log church did not exist prior to that, but the parish could have been organized before then and services held in a private home or other structure. It is also possible that sacramental records were begun before the church was built and dated to 1835. This may be the reason for differing dates regarding the beginning of the parish; 1835 being when the records began, 1836 being when the church was built. During this time the parish did not have a resident pastor and was attended by itinerant priests, predominately from St. Augustine in Minster, but also from St. John in Glandorf, St. Valbert near Versailles, and possibly even Emmanuel in Dayton.
- 1839 St. Joseph Catholic parish was established in Wapakoneta about five miles north of Petersburg. This parish was attended by the same itinerant priests that attended Petersburg and apparently the same sacramental register(s) used for Petersburg were used to record events at Wapakoneta. Shortly after this an agreement was drawn up and signed by the heads of 72 families of the Petersburg congregation agreeing to share a priest with Wapakoneta and compensate him accordingly. This agreement was possibly drawn up in 1839 although it states "Der Anfang wird vom 1ten Januar 1840 genomen" (the beginning will be taken from 1st January 1840). This agreement was written and signed in a new register. It is unknown if this register was intended to be then used to record business or financial proceedings of the parish or if it was for the priest to record sacramental records, and thus have records separate from Wapakoneta. If this was the intention, however, it appears to have remained unused for a few years.
- 1843 Baptisms for the Petersburg congregation began being recorded in the register containing the 1840 agreement. The first baptism was that of Elizabeth Steinke, daughter of Joseph Steinke and Mary Keiser, baptized May 30, 1843. Although there were also three marriages entered in 1844, the remaining 18 marriages were all entered after 1854. Of the 39 deaths entered, all were in 1850 or later. It appears that this register was used almost exclusively for baptisms. The marriages and deaths apparently continued to be recorded in registers shared with St. Joseph.
- 1844 Father Martin Bobst became the first pastor to establish residence at Petersburg. From there he also continued to minister to the parish in Wapakoneta.
- 1849-1854 It appears that the original combined record book(s) used for the Petersburg and Wapakoneta congregations began to run out of room. In 1849 a new register was begun for baptisms at Wapakoneta and the extant baptisms for that parish date from this time. In 1850 burials for Petersburg began to be recorded in the register with the 1840 agreement although there was another gap in burial dates until 1854. In 1852 new

- registers were begun for marriages and burials at Wapakoneta. Finally, in 1854 marriages for Petersburg began to be recorded in the same register as the baptisms and burials. It appears that the original register(s) which contained records from both parishes were now closed.
- 1850 St. John parish was established at Fryburg about two miles north-northeast of Petersburg. It appears in the beginning they had their own priest (Father Winands) while Petersburg and Wapakoneta continued sharing a priest.
- 1854 Father Muckerheide of Fryburg took charge of Petersburg. The mother church had now become the child. It appears at this time Petersburg and Wapakoneta were ministered by different priests and were separate. With Petersburg now under the charge of the priests at Fryburg it is likely that the parish registers were also moved to Fryburg.
- 1864 The final baptisms were recorded in the Petersburg register.
- 1865 Immaculate Conception parish was organized in Botkins a little over two miles south-southwest of Petersburg. While the few remaining Petersburg parishioners living north of Botkins in Auglaize County wished to maintain the Petersburg parish and refused to join the Botkins congregation, the establishment of the parish in Botkins was really the death knell for the Petersburg congregation.
- 1867 The final burials were recorded in the Petersburg register.
- 1868 The final marriages were recorded in the Petersburg register.
- 1869 The remaining Petersburg parishioners built a new brick church about two miles west of the original log church. However they were unable to secure a priest to minister to them. While Father Daniel at Fryburg did apparently offer daily Mass in the new Petersburg church it appears no Sunday services were held there, and likely no baptisms, marriages, or burials.
- 1884 The original Petersburg log church, which had likely been unused for 15 years, burned down. In 1892 a monument to the church was erected on the site of the altar.
- 1897 The Petersburg congregation had completely disbanded. The actual date is not known, but it was by 1897 as the brick church was dismantled at that time. With the disbandment of the congregation a squabble erupted over the ownership of the parish registers which were most likely located at Fryburg at this time. Since Petersburg no longer existed the Wapakoneta parish claimed that the records belonged to them as they contained entries for their parish from its founding in 1839 until separate registers for the two parishes were begun in 1849 and 1852. Fryburg, however, claimed that they were the rightful repository for the records since Petersburg had been a mission of their parish since 1854, and prior to 1850 was the mother church of Fryburg and thus contained entries for many

Fryburg families. An agreement could not be reached and to settle the dispute Lawrence Diegelmann, one of the trustees of Petersburg before it disbanded, took custody of the records. He kept the records in his home and made them available when it was necessary to extract any information. The one exception to this was the register with the 1840 Petersburg agreement and baptisms starting in 1843. This register contained entries that were associated only with Petersburg and did not have entries from Wapakoneta. Thus the ownership of this register was apparently not contested and allowed to remain at Fryburg (and is still there today - 2017). It was only the register(s) that contained entries from both Petersburg and Wapakoneta that were taken into custody by Diegelmann.

- 1920 Lawrence Diegelmann died leaving a widow and three unmarried sons living in his home.
- 1927 Catherine Diegelmann, widow of Lawrence, died. Three unmarried sons continued living in the home.
- 1946 Andy Diegelman, the last of Lawrence and Catherine's unmarried sons living in the family home, died. It is at this time that the great tragedy occurred. Andy's surviving sisters cleaned out the house in order to sell it, and anything that was deemed useless or unwanted was burned in a fire. My great-great Uncle Harry Kinstle, who was Andy's nephew and administrator (or executor) of Andy's estate, told me that he was in the upstairs of the house when he looked out a window just as him mom and aunts were tossing the record book(s) onto the fire. From where he was he was unable to prevent it from happening and could only witness it occurring. He told me he felt guilty that he didn't keep a better watch on what his mom and aunts were doing and said he never would have allowed them to burn the records if he had known that was their intention. I'm sure in their minds it had been many, many years since anyone needed any information that was in the records and they saw them as completely useless and good for nothing except taking up space and collecting dust. Uncle Harry's account of the destruction of the records was corroborated by the late Sr. Kathryn Ann Gunther, C.PP.S.

A Small Consolation

As just described, the record book(s) that were shared by the early Petersburg and Wapakoneta congregations were destroyed about 1946. Based on knowledge of the records that still exist the following is what was lost:

From Petersburg:

Baptisms from the beginning (1835 or 1836) until 1843 Marriages from the beginning until 1854 (except for three in 1844) Burials from the beginning until 1850 (and possibly from 1851-1854)

From Wapakoneta:

Baptisms from the beginning (1839) until 1849 Marriages from 1839 until 1852 Burials from 1839 until 1852

However, tucked inside the earliest baptismal register at Wapakoneta are a few slips of paper that list baptisms from 1841 and 1842. Similarly, tucked inside the Petersburg register that still exists at Fryburg is a loose page that lists deaths from Fryburg and Wapakoneta in the year 1846. I originally thought that these were records that had been torn from the registers that ended up in the custody of Diegelmann and were destroyed about 1946. Now I do not believe this to be the case. These loose sheets of records are written in German, and all the existing registers of the parishes that were attended by the same priests at the same time are written in Latin. I can't imagine that the destroyed registers would not also have been written in Latin. Then, comparing baptisms that were "signed" by three different priests, it appears that the handwriting is suspiciously similar, indicating they were all written by the same person. Also, one of these priests was French (Father Navarron) and I strongly doubt that he would have recorded events in German. What I now believe these records to be are extractions from the destroyed records. Maybe even as early as the 1850's it was recognized there was a problem with two separate parishes having their records co-mingled in a single set of registers. Thus someone made an attempt to make a duplicate of the records so both parishes could have a copy and whoever this person was created the duplicate in their native language of German rather than the original Latin. I question why specifically the baptisms from 1841/42 and the deaths from 1846 were chosen. Why not start at the beginning? Perhaps there were more extractions at one time and they have been lost (it appears to me that even the 1841/42 baptisms are not complete and there are gaps). Maybe additional extractions do exist and their whereabouts is simply unknown. We know about these few pages because they are tucked inside the early sacramental registers of the two parishes, but additional pages could be stashed almost anywhere, maybe in an old parish financial ledger or parish council minute book. I remain hopeful that someone at some time will come across additional pages and bring them to light.

On the following pages are the duplicates that are currently known to exist. In addition to actual images I have transcribed the German text, and then provided my translation. Please keep in

mind that even the "original" records are not original, but transcriptions from the true original and thus may contain errors introduced by the transcriber (not to mention further errors I may have introduced in my transcription/translation). In my translation I have anglicized all the given names, but left the surnames as listed in the German records (except for dropping the occasional feminine -in suffix that was tacked onto some of the women's names). I did include variant spellings of many names based on my own research. These are all enclosed in brackets. Everything found in brackets should be viewed as my personal opinion and not as a fact.

Please also know that the list of 1846 deaths found in the Petersburg register were translated in 1982 by Judy Schneider of Kettering and included in her transcription of the Petersburg records. A copy of her work is available at the public library in Wapakoneta and should be consulted for an additional interpretation of these records, which are quite a challenge to read.

Listed first on the following pages are the baptisms found in the earliest baptismal register at Wapakoneta. These are followed by the 1846 deaths found in the Petersburg register at Fryburg.

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Elisabeth gesetzmesige Tochter des Joseph Weimert et Maria König gebo: d 1 December 1840 Pat: Elisabeth Seider

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Margaretha gesetzmesiger Tochter des Johannis Heill et Angeliga Leid geb: d| 23ten Februar <u>1841</u> Pat: Margaretha Heil Kunrad Heil Herzog

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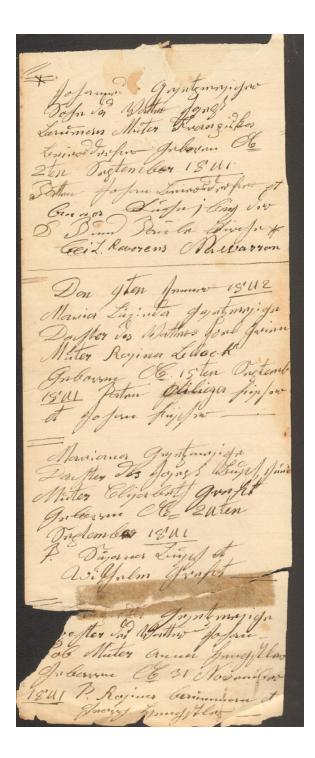
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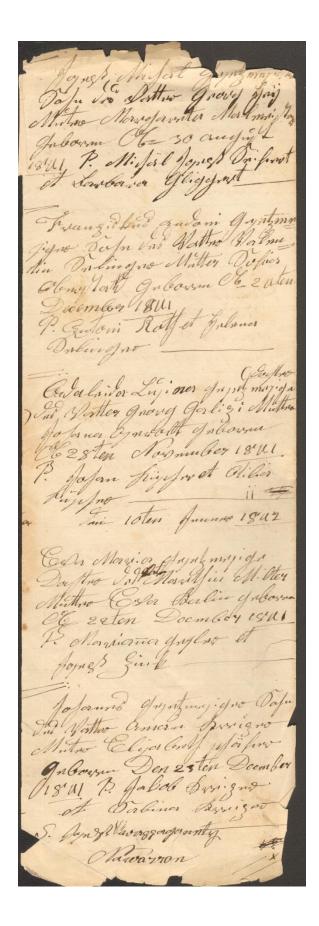


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Johana Oserolt[?] geboren
d| 28ten November 1841
P. Johan Füscher et Otilia
Füscher

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Herzog

Elizabeth, legitimate daughter of Joseph WEIMERT and Mary KÖNIG [KING], born the 1 December 1840. Sponsor Elizabeth SEIDER [SEITER] Herzog

John Francis, legitimate son of Michael FÜSCHER [FISCHER] and Barbara VOLL, born the 4th January 1841. Sponsors John FÜSCHER [FISCHER] and Catherine VOLL Herzog

Anthony, legitimate son of Frank KLIPFEL and Elizabeth MILLER, born the 9 April 1841. Sponsor Anthony MILLER Herzog

Elizabeth, legitimate daughter of Mathias WAGNER and Elizabeth ROMEN, born the 15 November 1840. Sponsors Elizabeth SEIDER [SEITER] and Simon DROSCHER [DRESCHER] Herzog

Catherine^[note 1], legitimate daughter of Anthony MEŸER [MEIER] and Barbara SELINGER, born the 25 January 1841. Sponsors Otilia FÜSCHER [FISCHER] and Anthony ROTH Herzog

Joseph, legitimate son of Joseph ZING [ZINK] and Susana ZING [ZINK], born the 22nd October 1840. Sponsors Nicholas GLUG [KLUG] and Anna HENGSTLER Herzog

In the Peter and Paul Church the 3rd May 1841
Gertrude, legitimate daughter of John NUSS and Magdalena WEINER, born the 8th June 1840^[note 2]. Sponsor Catherine SCHEMEL [SCHEMMEL] Herzog

Gertrude, legitimate daughter of Michael FAHRES [FARES] and Mary Anna STEIN, born the 1st March 1841. Sponsor Gertrude SCHEMEL [SCHEMMEL] Herzog

Jacob, legitimate son of Andrew NUSS and Margaret HENLEIN, born the 18th November 1840. Sponsor Jacob RISSBERGER Herzog

Michael, legitimate son of Michael RISSBERGER and Catherine GRES, born the 9th December 1840. Sponsor Michael NIPPIGEN [NIPPGEN] Herzog

Mary, legitimate daughter of Francis Xavier BUSCH and Barbara LINDER. born the 25th March 1841. Sponsors William GREFT [CRAFT] and Susana BUSCH Herzog

John, legitimate son of John HEIL^[note 3] and Barbara KOCH, born the 6 December 1840.

Sponsors John HEIL and Anna Mary MILLER

Herzog

Margaret, legitimate daughter of John HEILL and Angelica LEID, born the 23rd February 1841. Sponsors Margaret HEIL and Conrad HEIL Herzog

Peter, legitimate son of Jacob KREIZER [KREITZER] and Elizabeth JERGER, born the 21st February 1841. Sponsors Peter KREIZER [KREITZER] and Elizabeth SCHEFER Herzog

Rosina, legitimate daughter of Samuel BEWER [BIEBER, BEAVER, etc] and Mary Lucinda ANTONI, born the 12th March 1841. Sponsors Elizabeth STAGLE [STEGLE] and Joseph BUSCH

Herzog

Theresa, legitimate daughter of Joseph HENGSTLER and M. Anna JERGER, born the 28 December 1840. Sponsors Crescentia BOB [BOBB] and Joseph MERGLE [MERKLE] Herzog

Nicholas, legitimate son of Conrad FREŸ and Margaret RICHTER, born the 19 September 1840. Sponsors Joseph BUSCH and Regina HIBSCHMAN Herzog

May 5th

Catherine, legitimate daughter of Aquilin HEMMERT and Margaret KÖNIG [KOENIG], born the 3rd May 1841. Sponsors Catherine KÖNIG [KOENIG] and Joseph HEMMERT Herzog

June 29th, St. Peter Church

Catherine, legitimate daughter of Lawrence BUTZ and Elizabeth SPITZNAGEL, born the 2 May 1841. Sponsors Vittele JEGER and Magdalena JEGER H. Herzog

John, legitimate son of Mathias EISERT and Eva ROS, born the 2nd June 1841. Sponsors John SCHÖPF and Catherine SCHÖPF

H. Herzog

Elizabeth, legitimate daughter of George SITZMAN and Barbara SCHAUB, born the 20 April 1841. Sponsors Elizabeth PFENNIG and Joseph BUSCH H. Herzog

[June?] 29th 1841

Anna Mary, legitimate daughter of Casper NIPPIGEN [NIPPGEN] and Anna Mary BOSCH [BOSCHE], born the 16 May 1841. Sponsors Anna Mary WAGNER and Joseph BUSCH H. Herzog

Wapakoneta

July the 1st

Joseph, legitimate son of Daniel SCHMIT and Mary SABIN, born the 20th April 1841.

Sponsors Joseph KINIGER [KINNINGER] and Anastasia KININGER

H. Herzog

Casper, legitimate son of Casper SCHMIT and Elizabeth KEISER, born the 15th May 1841. Sponsors John FISCHER and Rosina KUNZ [KUNTZ]

H. Herzog

August 22nd 1841

Henry Stephan, legitimate son of Joseph KELLER and Anna Mary ZWEIER, born the 2 August 1841. Sponsors J. Henry LUCKE and Susana BUSCH

Horstman

John Felician, legitimate son of Felician SCHMIT and Uliana [Juliana] HALTER, born the 8th June 1841. Sponsors Nicholas JALTER and Sabina KREIZER [KREITZER] Horstman

8th January 1842

baptized

Catherine, legitimate daughter of father Fidel SCHAUB mother Catherine HÄFELE, born the 3 August 1841. Sponsors Catherine KÖNIG [KOENIG] and George MANGER

Barbara SCHAUB, legitimate daughter of father Peter SCHAUB mother Anna HEMMERT, born the 6th October 1841. Sponsors Barbara SCHAUB and Fidel SCHAUB

Margaret, legitimate daughter of father Adam VAUBEL mother Anna KUHN, born the 17th November 1841. Sponsors Margaret DRESCHER and Joseph BAUMAN

Diedrich Henry, legitimate son of father Joseph [STEINKE] mother Mary KEISER [born] the 20th October 1841. Sponsors Henry SCHULDŸ [SCHULTE] and Elizabeth KEISER Pastor Louis Navarron

John, legitimate son of father Joseph BAUMAN mother Frances BEIERSDERFER [BEIERSDORFER], born the 2nd September 1841. Sponsors John BEIERSDERFER and Anna KUHN, at the Saints Peter and Paul Church by Reverend L. Navarron

The 9th January 1842

Mary Lucinda, legitimate daughter of father Joel GRIEN [GREEN] mother Rosina BLACK, born the 15th September 1841. Sponsors Otilieza [?] FISCHER and John FÜSCHER [FISCHER]

Mary Anna, legitimate daughter of Joseph BUSCH Jr. mother Elizabeth GREFT [CRAFT], born the 24th September 1841. Sponsors Susana BUSCH and William GREFT [CRAFT]

[Frances], legitimate daughter of father John [B]OB [BOBB] mother Anna HENGSTLER, born the 31 [sic] November 1841. Sponsors Rosina BAUMMAN and George HENGSTLER

Joseph Michael, legitimate son of father George HEŸ [HÖH/HAY] mother Margaret MALMEISTER, born the 30 August 1841. Sponsors Michael Joseph SEIFERT and Barbara GLIGGERT [GLÜCKERT]

Francis Anthony, legitimate son of father Valentine SELINGER mother Sophia OBERSTATD [HOVESTADT/HOCHSTADT], born the 24th December 1841. Sponsors Anthony ROTH and Helena SELINGER

Adelaide Lusina, legitimate daughter of father George GALIZI [GALEZIO] mother Johana OSEROLT [HERROLD], born the 28th November 1841. Sponsors John FÜSCHER [FISCHER] and Otilia FÜSCHER [FISCHER] the 10th January 1842

Eva Mary, legitimate daughter of father Martin MILTER mother Eva KALIN, born the 22nd December 1841. Sponsors Mary Anna GEGLER and Joseph ZINK

John, legitimate son of father Amand KREIZER [KREITZER] mother Elizabeth SCHÄFER, born the 23rd December 1841. Sponsors Jacob KREIZER [KREITZER] and Sabina KREIZER [KREITZER]

St. Joseph Church Wapakoneta Navarron

Notes:

- The top of this page is damaged and the name of the child is largely missing. I can make out Kath..., but that is all. However, these records were microfiched by the Archdiocesan archives sometime around the 1970's (i.e. 40 or more years ago) and at that time the record was not as damaged and her name on the microfiche can clearly be seen as Katharina.
- 2. I question the date of Gertrude's birth. Gertrude had an older sister whose baptism is recorded at St. Augustine in Minster and her birth date is listed as 13 October 1839 (baptized 1 February 1840). This is only eight months before the birth date listed here for Gertrude. While this technically is possible if Gertrude was premature, I find it highly doubtful. I wonder if the person who did this extraction misread Gertrude's birth date. Perhaps it was listed as 8 Januarius which was misread as 8 Junius. Then, since the baptism was listed as 3 May 1841, 8 June had to be the preceding year, thus 1840. January 8, 1841 as Gertrude's birth date would be a much better fit with the other children in the Nuss family, but this is nothing more than a hypothesis.

3.	I feel fairly certain that this name is a mistake, either by Father Herzog who made the original entry, or by the transcriber who possibly copied the father's name from the entry which followed this one (what are the chance that two consecutive records had fathers named John Heil?). I strongly believe this is the baptismal record of John Hassenauer, son of Henry Hassenauer and Barbara Koch.

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Verzeichniß der Verstorbenen in Freiburg u Wappach im Jahr 1846

- 1. 1846 d 30 Januar ist gestorben Barbara Franz in einem Alter von fünf Wochen.
- Im Adelbert sein Kind in einem Alter von ungefähr 14 Tagen.
- 3. d 24 Junÿ ist gestorben Magdalena Schaub im sieb=ten Altersjahre.
- 4. Conrad Roth ist gestorben in einem Alter von 3 Jahren und einigen Monaten begraben d 28 Febr
- 5. Barbara Krieger ist gestorben im zweiten Lebensjahr den 29 Junÿ 1846 begraben den 30ten
- 6. Leonhart Beierstorfer ist gestorben in seinem 74 Lebensjahre d 16 Juli 1846 an einem Mariafest
- 7. Joseph Stücht ist gestorben d 19 July 1846 am Heim weh in einem Alter von 46 Jahren, er war erst ungefähr 4 oder 5 Wohen im Lande.
- 8. d 4te August im August Beber beÿ S. Johan ein Kind.
- 9. 10 August nach mittag ist gestorben Elisabeth Weis geborne Gärtnerin.
- 10. der 10 August ist gestorben Johane Werner in einem Alter von 2 Monaten u 13 Tagen
- 11. dem Künstler ein Kind d 13 August.
- 12. d 15 August ist gestorben Adam Vollin in einem Alter von 78 Jahren.
- 13. Johanes Weimert gestorben 18 August 1846 in einem Alter von 70 Jahren.
- 14. Colisio sein Knab d 12 August im 7 Altersjahre
- 15. d 20 August Ata Danerlein in einem Alter von 76 Jahren.
- 16. Im Bauer aufs Petar wagnes Platz[?] ein Kind.
- 17. d 25 August Catharina Schöpf in einem Alter von 3 Monaten

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- 18. Tieterich August Schipper geboren 9te Januar 46 gestorben d 5te Septem 1846
- 19. Im Augustin Bobb in Wapp. sein Frau d 6 Sept
- 20. Im Bauer in Freiburg sein Sohn mit Namen Egit gestorben in 14ten Altersjahr d 6 Septem
- 21. d 24 Septem ist gestorben Maria $A\overline{n}a$ Hengstler in einem Alter von 10 Monat u 16 Tagen.
- 22. Andreas Dröscher ist gestorben d 20 Novem 1846
- 23. d 25 Novem Im Bauer in Freiburg Seine Frau den 26 wurde sie begraben.
- 24. den 1te December 1846 ist gestorben Gertrut Fischer Jungfrau
- 25. in Wappack. Beierstörfern
- 26. Niklaus Bonwieg.

List of the deceased in Fryburg and Wapakoneta in the year 1846

- 1. 1846 the 30 January Barbara FRANZ died at an age of five weeks.
- 2. At Adelbert's [surname appears to be missing, maybe MERGENTHAL?], his child, at an age of about 14 days.
- 3. The 24 June Magdalena SCHAUB died in the seventh year of age.
- 4. Conrad ROTH died at an age of 3 years and a few months, buried the 28 February
- 5. Barbara KRIEGER died in the second year of life on the 29 June 1846, buried the 30th.
- 6. Leonard BEIERSTORFER died in his 74th year of life the 16 July 1846 on a feast of Mary
- 7. Joseph STÜCHT died the 19 July 1846 at home; he was in the country only about 4 or 5 weeks.
- 8. The 4th August at August BEBER's at St. John, a child.
- 9. 10 August after noon, Elizabeth WEIS born GÄRTNER, died
- 10. The 10 August John WERNER died at an age of 2 months and 13 days.
- 11. A child of KÜNSTLER, 13 August
- 12. The 15 August Adam VOLLIN [VOLL?] at an age of 78 years.
- 13. John WEIMERT died 18 August 1846 at an age of 70 years
- 14. COLISIO [GALEZIO], his boy, the 12 August in the 7th year of age
- 15. The 20 August Ata [Otto?] DANNERLEIN at an age of 76 years.
- 16. A child of BAUER [at Peter Wagner's place? this entry is difficult to read and interpret]
- 17. The 25 August Catherine SCHÖPF at an age of 3 months
- 18. Diedrich August SCHIPPER, born 9th January '46, died 5th September 1846.
- 19. At Augustin BOBB's in Wapakoneta, his wife, the 6 September
- 20. At BAUER's in Fryburg, his son with the name of Egit [Egidius/Aegidius?] died in the 14th year of life the 6 September
- 21. The 24 September died Mary Anna HENGSTLER at an age of 10 months and 16 days.
- 22. Andrew DRÖSCHER died the 20 November 1846
- 23. The 25 November at BAUER's in Fryburg, his wife; she was buried the 26th
- 24. The 1st December 1846 the unmarried Gertrude FISCHER died
- 25. In Wapakoneta, BEIERSTÖRFER
- 26. Nicholas BONWIEG [BONFIG?]

Some Additional Early Baptisms

As described in the opening timeline, baptisms in the Petersburg register that still exists at Fryburg were begun in 1843. However, on the front page of the register preceding these baptisms is a list of baptisms that date as far back as 1835. However, these were not entered at the time of the event, but were added later as a restoration for records that apparently missed being recorded while the parish was attended by missionaries. It isn't explained how this information was obtained or when it was entered, but it's clear these aren't original entries. Only the baptisms beginning in 1843 should be viewed as records made contemporary to the actual events.

Even though these records supposedly were not recorded in the original Petersburg registers and thus were not lost when those records were destroyed, they do occur during the timeframe of the lost records. These restored baptisms are also recorded (mostly) in German and can thus be a challenge to read, so I am including them in this work to assist others in identifying the entries.

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- Thorodea geborne d 13 Decem// 1835 getauft d 26 Decem// 35 Ihre Pfate ist Katharina Wörst Sie ist ein ehliche Dochter des Caspar Nippichen u Ana Maria Boschin
- d 16 October 1837 ist geboren Johan Nippichen getauft d 24 Octo// 37 sein Pfeter ist Andreas Tröscher
- d 4te April 1839 ist geboren Michael Nippichen getauft 26 April 39, sein Pfeter ist Johanes Ruppert
- d 15 Maÿ 1841 ist geboren Ana Maria Nippichen, getauft den 19ten, Göttel Ana Maria Wagner

Margaretha Ruppert geboren d 11 August 1838 getauft den 31 Decem. 1838, die Göttel Margaretha Thröscher Catharina Ruppert geboren d 16 Septem 1839 der Vater Johan Ruppert, Anna Mar garetha Roth, d 25 October getauft, die Göttel Catharina Metz

Translatu: Baptizata et nata est Annæ Domini 1835 die 18 Oktobris

Katharina filiam leg: Gervasii Seiter et Mariæ Annæ Weiss;

An 1839 die 5 Mayi nata baptizata est

Maria filiam leg. Gervasii Seiter et Mariæ Annæ Weiss; sponsores fuerunt N. et Barbara Voll idem qui Supra

List of those children who were not entered into the baptismal book while this parish was visited by missionaries

- 1. Thorodea [Dorothea], born the 13 December 1835, baptized the 26 December '35. Her sponsor is Catherine WÖRST [WERST]. She is the legitimate daughter of Casper NIPPICHEN [NIPPGEN] and Anna Mary BOSCH [BOSCHE]
- 2. The 16 October 1837 John NIPPICHEN [NIPPGEN] is born, baptized the 24 October '37, his sponsor is Andrew TRÖSCHER [DRESCHER]^[note 1]
- 3. The 4th April 1839 Michael NIPPICHEN [NIPPGEN] is born, baptized the 26 April '39, his sponsor is John RUPPERT
- 4. The 15 May 1841 Anna Mary NIPPICHEN [NIPPGEN] is born, baptized the 19th, godmother Anna Mary WAGNER^[note 2]

Margaret RUPPERT, born the 11 August 1838, baptized the 31 December 1838, the godmother Margaret THRÖSCHER [DRESCHER]

Catherine RUPPERT, born the 16 September 1839, the father John RUPPERT, Anna Margaret ROTH, baptized 25 October, godmother Catherine METZ^[note 1]

<u>Transcribed</u> [from where?]: Baptized and born in the year of our Lord 1835 the 18 October <u>Catherine</u>, legitimate daughter of Gervasy SEITER and Mary Anna WEISS, sponsors were unknown and Catherine DRESCHER, by priest

------ Herzog

Year 1839 the 5 May is born and baptized Mary, legitimate daughter of Gervasy SEITER and Mary Anna WEISS, sponsors were unknown and Barbara VOLL same as above

Notes:

- The baptismal records for John Nippgen and Catherine Ruppert have been found recorded in the register at St.
 Augustine in Minster. So the missionary priests did record these two baptisms, albeit in a different parish.
 However, the dates for John Nippgen listed in the record at Minster differ from those listed on this page. The
 Minster record lists his birth date as 15 October 1837 and his baptismal date as 21 June 1838.
- 2. The baptismal record for Anna Mary Nippgen is listed in the duplicate records of Wapakoneta/Petersburg [see earlier listing], indicating that her baptism was indeed entered into the record book and did not need to be entered here. However, the dates differ slightly between these two records.