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BOUNDARIES OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PARISHES AS ESTABLISHED BY BISHOP MOELLER IN 1903

In the Bulletin of August, 1985 (Vol. X, No. 8), the article "Catholic Sacramental Registers in Franklin County before 1900" described the development of some of the boundaries of Franklin County parishes. Boundaries were defined, beginning in 1875, only on the north side of Columbus, as new parishes were erected. In the rest of the city and county, families would usually attend the church closest to their residence, except in cases of prior membership in an older parish or membership in a parish defined by language (German or Italian). Parish boundaries in large cities were called for as early as the Council of Trent in the Sixteenth century and as recently as the Second Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1866, but it was not until the arrival of Bishop Henry Moeller and the Diocesan Synod of 1902 that actions were taken to define the boundaries and erect definite territorial parishes in Columbus.

The Synod set forth that the pastors of neighboring parishes should decide upon their mutual boundaries and present them to the bishop for approval. Once these were established, all Catholics within the boundaries of a parish were expected to attend that parish. The only exceptions allowed are described in the body of document (below) for individual parishes and in the "Important Directions" at the end.

One ragged copy of the original document laying out the parish boundaries as issued by Bishop Moeller survives in the Diocesan Archives. Because of the value of the information it contains for researchers, in directing them to the correct parish records, it will be published here in full.

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Henry, by the grace of God, and the favor of the Apostolic See, Bishop of Columbus:-

"We wish," say the Fathers of the Second Plenary Council of Baltimore, decree No. 124, "that in all the Provinces especially in the larger Cities where there are many Churches, certain districts, with accurately defined boundaries as parishes, be assigned to each Church and that its Pastor be given parochial or quasi parochial rights."

Desiring to comply with this important regulation, we, after having consulted the Pastors, by these presents establish the following as the boundary lines of the parishes in Franklin County:

CATHEDRAL PARISH.

Beginning at the intersection of the Hocking Valley R.R. tracks and Town St. [west of Starling St.], East on the north side of Town St. and Bryden Road to 18th St.; North of the west side of 18th St. to Oak St.; East on the north side of Oak St. to Winner St.; North on the west side of Winner St. to Long St.; West on the south side of Long St. to St. Clair Ave.; North on the west side of St. Clair Ave. to Spring St.; West on the south side of Spring St. continued to Hocking Valley R.R. tracks; thence South to place of beginning.

We hereby grant the following exceptions: 1st. Persons living at present, or in future moving into the territory bounded by Oak St. on the North; Winner St. on the East; Bryden Road on the South; and 18th St. on the West; may join the Cathedral parish. 2nd. Persons living north of Sycamore St., if they prefer an exclusively English-speaking Church, may attend the Cathedral.

ST. DOMINIC'S PARISH.

Beginning at intersection of St. Clair Ave. and Norfolk & Western R. R. tracks, North and East along said tracks to Woodland Ave.; South on the west side of Woodland Ave. to Long St.; West on the north side of Long St. to St. Clair Ave.; North on east side of St. Clair Ave. to place of beginning.

ST. FRANCIS' PARISH.

Beginning at the intersection of the P.C.C. & St. Louis R. R. tracks and Park St., North on west side of Park St. to First Ave.; West on south side of First Ave. to Dennison Ave.; North on west side of Dennison Ave. to King Ave.; West on south side of King Ave. to Hunter Ave.; North on west side of Hunter Ave. to Eleventh Ave.; West on south side of the southern boundaries of the University grounds to Olentangy River; across it north along western bank of Olentangy River to northern County line; West by northern County line to Scioto River; South along eastern bank of Scioto River to Fifth Ave., the point where the P.C.C. & St. L. crosses the Scioto River; thence East along the P.C.C. & St. L. R. R. tracks to place of beginning.

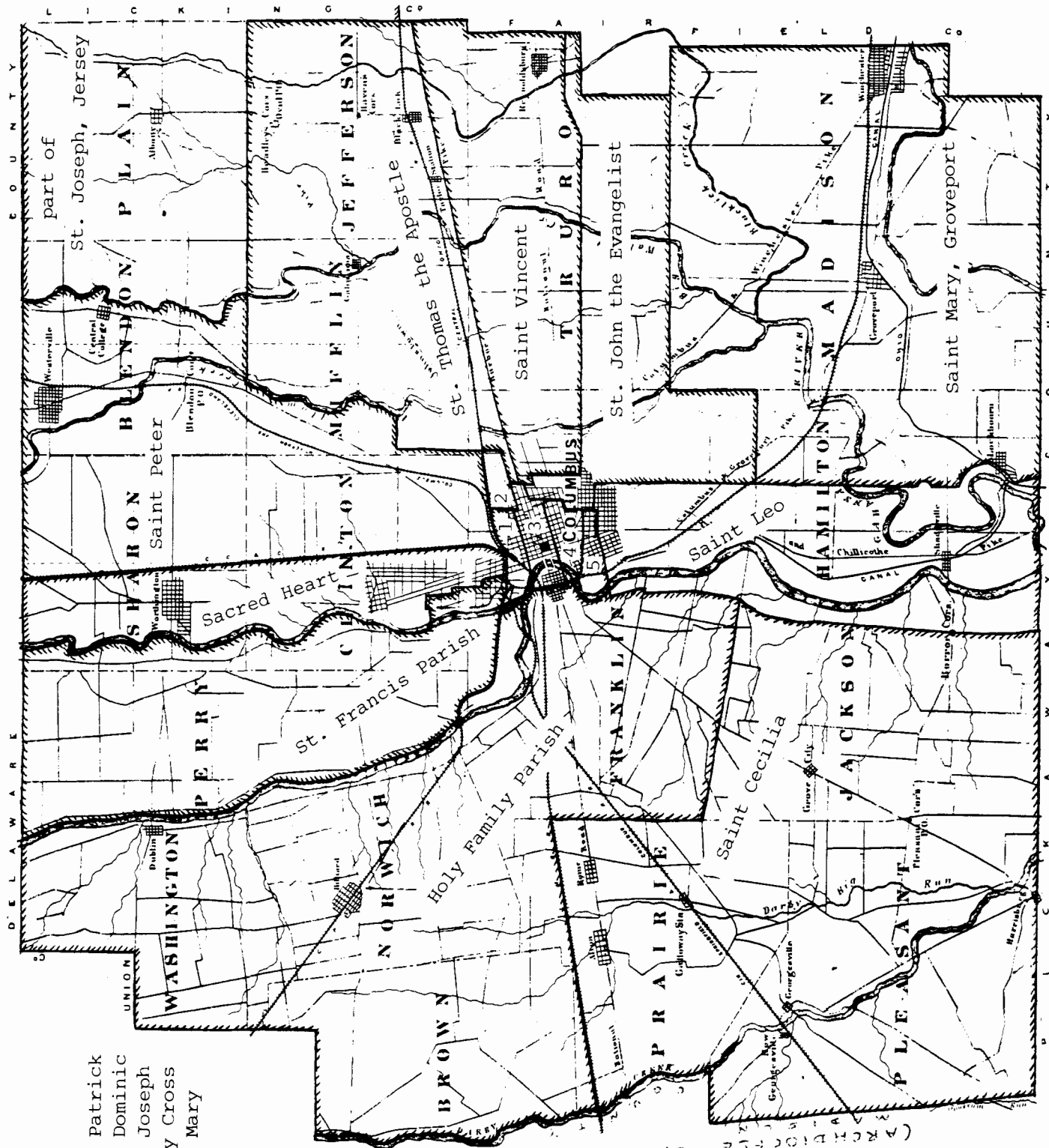
HOLY CROSS PARISH.

Beginning at the intersection of the Hocking Valley R. R. tracks and Town St., East on south side of Town St. to 18th St.; South on west side of 18th St. to Fulton St.; West on north side of Fulton St. to Parsons Ave.; South on west side of Parsons Ave. to Livingston Ave.; East [recte: West] on north side of Livingston Ave. to Canal; North on east bank of Canal to Mound St.; West on north side of Mound St. to Hocking Valley R. R. tracks; North along Hocking Valley R. R. to point of starting.

N.B. - Persons living north of Sycamore St., if they prefer English, may go either to Holy Cross or the Cathedral.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH.

Beginning at intersection of Hocking Valley R. R. tracks and West Town St., North along Hocking Valley R. R. to Scioto River; across Scioto River at its confluence with the Olentangy River; along the western bank of the



1. St. Patrick
2. St. Dominic
3. St. Joseph
4. Holy Cross
5. St. Mary

Olentangy River to the P.C.C. & St. L. R. R. tracks (Piqua R.R.); thence along south side of said tracks to Fifth Ave., cross the Scioto River at Fifth Ave.; thence North on west bank of Scioto River to northern County line; West by Northern County line to western County line; South by western County line to P.C.C. & St. L. R. R. tracks [first tracks north of U.S. 40]; East on northern side of said tracks to eastern boundary line of Prairie Township; South by eastern boundary of Prairie Township to northern boundary of Jackson Township; thence East by latter township to Franklin and Jackson Pike [Harmon Ave.]; North on west side of said Pike to Green Lawn Ave.; East on north side of said Ave. to Scioto River; North along western bank of the river to Columbus and Harrisburg Pike [West Mound St.]; East on north side of said Pike to Hocking Valley R. R. tracks; along said tracks to point of beginning.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST PARISH.

All the Italians living in the City of Columbus are members of this Church. Pastors of all English and German-speaking congregations are hereby forbidden to rent sittings in their churches to the Italians. There is a heavy debt on their congregation, and the support of every Italian is needed to pay the obligation.

ST. JOHN EVANGELIST'S PARISH.

Beginning on the South East corner of Oak and 18th Sts., East on south side of Oak St. to Winner St.; South on west side of Winner St. to Bryden Ave.; East on south side of Bryden Ave. to Linwood Ave.; South on west side of Linwood Ave. to Livingston Ave.; East on south side of Livingston Ave. to County line; South along County line to northern boundary of Madison Township; West by northern boundary of Madison Township to Marion Township; South along eastern line of said Township to northern boundary line Hamilton Township; West along northern line of Hamilton Township to Lockbourne Road; North on east side of Lockbourne Road to Reinhard Ave.; West on north side of Reinhard Ave. to Parsons Ave.; North on east side of Parsons Ave. to Fulton St.; East on south side of Fulton St. to 18th St.; North on east side of 18th St. to place of beginning.

N.B. - Families now living, or in future moving into that portion of the parish bounded by Oak St. on the North; Winner St. on the East; Bryden Ave. on the South, and 18th S. on the West, may go to the Cathedral if they desire to do so.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Scioto River and Green Lawn Ave., East on north side of Green Lawn Ave. to High St.; North on west side of High St. to Deshler Ave.; East on north side of Deshler Ave. to Parsons Ave.; North on west side of Parsons Ave. to Livingston Ave.; West on south side of Livingston Ave. to Canal; North along west bank of Canal to Mound St.; West on south side of Mound St. to Scioto River; South along eastern bank of Scioto River to point of beginning.

N.B. - Persons in the above district who do not speak German, if they live south of Sycamore St. must attend St. Leo's Church; if they reside north of Sycamore St. they should affiliate themselves either with Holy Cross or the Cathedral.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.

Beginning at the intersection of the Olentangy River and the P.C.C. & St. L. R. R. tracks, along said tracks east to St. Clair Ave.; South on west side of St. Clair Ave. to Spring St.; West on north side of Spring St. to confluence of Scioto and Olentangy Rivers; North along eastern bank of Olentangy River to point of beginning.

SACRED HEART PARISH.

Beginning at the intersection of the C.C.C. & St. L. R. R. tracks and Park St., North along east side of Park St. to First Ave.; West on the north side of First Ave. to Dennison Ave.; North on east side of Dennison Ave. to King Ave.; West on north side of King Ave. to Hunter Ave.; North on east side of Hunter Ave to Eleventh Ave.; West on north side of the southern boundaries of Ohio [State] University Grounds to Olentangy River; along eastern bank of Olentangy River to northern County Line; thence East by northern County ALine to C.C.C & St. L. R. R. tracks [at Flint Road]; thence south and west along said tracks to point of beginning.

ST. VINCENT'S CONGREGATION.

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Broad and Winner Sts., East on south side of Broad St. and Broad Free Pike* to County Line; South along western [recte: eastern] County Line to Livingston Free Pike; West on north side of Livingston Free Pike and Livingston Ave. to Linwood Ave.; North on east side of Linwood Ave. to Oak St.; West on north side of Oak St. to Winner St.; North on east side of Winner St. to place of beginning.

ST. PETER'S PARISH.

Beginning at First Ave. and C.C.C. & St. L. R. R. tracks [between Sixth St. and Grant Ave.], North along said tracks to County Line on the north; thence along the County Line on the north to Big Walnut Creek; thence South along west side of the Creek to northern boundary line of Mifflin Township; West by northern line of Mifflin Township to Alum Creek; thence by Alum Creek to North Columbus Pike; thence West by rear line of [property abutting on] north side of North Columbus Pike [Mock Road ?] to Woodland Ave.; thence South on west side of Woodland Ave. to Norfolk & Western R. R. tracks; thence along said tracks to St. Clair Ave. and First Ave.; West on First Ave. to place of beginning.

ST. LEO'S PARISH.--(SOUTH SIDE.)

Beginning on Southeast corner of Scioto River and Green Lawn Ave., East on Green Lawn Ave. to High St.; North on east side of High St. to Deshler Ave.; East on south side of Deshler Ave. to Parsons Ave.; North on east side of Parsons Ave. to Reinhard Ave.; East on south side of Reinhard Ave. to Lockbourne Road; South on west side of Lockbourne Road to County Line on the south; West along the County Line on the south to Borrer's Corner; North on east side of Borrer's Corner and Stringtown Free Pike* till the latter meets Harrisburg Pike, continuing North on east side of said Pike to Green Lawn

* See note on next page.

Ave.; East on south side of Green Lawn Ave. to place of beginning.

N.B.—Persons now living in, or, who in future may move into the district between the south side of Sycamore St. and the north side of Deshler and Reinhard Aves., if they do not understand the German language, must affiliate themselves with St. Leo's Church.

ST. THOMAS PARISH—(SHEPARD.)

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Broad and Winner Sts., North on east side of Winner St. to Long St.; East on south side of Long St. to Woodland Ave. Pike; North on east side of Woodland Ave. Pike to North Columbus Pike; East by rear line of property abutting on north side of North Columbus Pike to Alum Creek; North by Alum Creek to northern boundary of Mifflin and Jefferson Townships [Morse Road]; East by northern Townships' lines to east line of Franklin County; South by County line to Broadway Free Pike; West by rear line of property abutting on south side of Broadway Free Pike to Alum Creek; thence by north side of Broad St. to place of beginning.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH—(JERSEY TOWNSHIP.)

Beginning where west line of Licking County meets the Panhandle R.R. tracks, North by west line of Licking County to Southeast corner of Plain Township; West by south line of Plain and Blendon Townships [Morse Road] to Big Walnut Creek; North along said Creek to northern line of Franklin County to the West line of Licking County; North by the west line of Licking County to northeast corner of Monroe Township of said County; East by north line of Monroe and Liberty Townships to the northeast corner of Liberty Township; South by the east line of Liberty, St. Alban's and Harrison Townships to the Panhandle R.R. tracks; West by the Panhandle R.R. tracks to the west line of Licking County.

ST. CECILIA'S PARISH—(GALLOWAY.)

Southwestern portion of the County comprising all of Prairie Township except what lies north of the P.C.C. & St. L. R.R. tracks; all of Pleasant Township, and that portion of Jackson Township lying west of Borrer's Corner and Stringtown Free Pike.*

ST. MARY'S PARISH—(GROVEPORT.)

Beginning at the intersection of the Southeast corner of Lockbourne Road and northern boundary line of Hamilton Township; East along northern line of Hamilton Township to western line of Madison Township; North along western line of Madison Township to northern line of said Township; East along northern line of this Township to its eastern boundary line; South by eastern line of said Township to the southern boundary lines of Madison and Hamilton Townships; West by southern lines of said Townships to Lockbourne Road; North on east side of Lockbourne Road to place of beginning.

* County maps of the era show no such road. Also, Green Lawn Ave. did not intersect Harrisburg Pike. A line north along Borrer's Corner Free Pike and then Jackson Pike (not Harrison) was probably intended and would match the description of Holy Family's boundary. This is shown on the map.

SOME IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS.

1st. Diocesan Statute No. 195 provides that strict observance of the boundary lines be enforced from the date of the Synod. Owing to the variety of circumstances we were not able to fix the boundary lines before the holding of the Synod as we had intended to do, and consequently this Statute must be changed. We hereby modify it, making the boundary lines of the parishes in Franklin County binding on Clergy and Laity after February 9th, 1903.

2nd. Persons who have sittings rented in two Churches must make known to the proper Pastor the parish to which they intend to belong. If they fail to do so before February 16th, they will be considered members of the Church of the district in which such persons live.

3rd. A person residing in one parish district, but affiliated with another parish Church, has the right to become affiliated with the parish in which he has his residence at any time. If he ceases for six months to rent a sitting in his Church he has no right except in the parish in which he resides.

4th. A person who changes his residence from one parish to a place in the district comprised in the limits of another parish and desires to retain his affiliation with his original parish, or wishes to be affiliated with some parish other than the one in which he takes up his residence, may do so with the consent of the Pastor of the parish in which the person takes up his residence. We reserve the right of final decision in all such cases.

5th. When it becomes necessary to make out limits for a new parish in Franklin County, all Catholics living in the district comprised in these limits are affiliated to the new parish and obliged to go to that Church.

6th. Cases not provided for in the foregoing regulations are subject directly to our decision.

7th. We hereby direct the Pastors to read to their congregation on Sunday, February 8th, the preamble, the boundary lines of their own parish, the Important Regulations of this decree, together with Statutes No. 196-199, of the Fourth Synod of Columbus.

Given at Columbus, Ohio, this twenty-ninth day of January, 1903.

Henry Moeller
Bishop of Columbus.
Chancellor.
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BAPTISMS IN PIKE AND SOUTHERN ROSS COUNTIES, OHIO
1838-1900

(Continued from Vol. XII, Number 5)

1861, Apr. 8, mission, Cornelius of James Gainer and Catherine Finnegan, born 8 Jan.; spon. John Gainer. Michael Kennedy (M)

1861, May 19, mission, Hanna Ann, of Alfred Bridway [Ridgeway] and Moniga Barbara, 6 months old on the 17th of this month; spon. Pomilia Studenburger [Streitenberger]. M. Kennedy (M)

Same, Hannora Helen, of John Studenburger and Pomilia Ridgway, born May 9; spon. Helen Hebel. M. Kennedy (M)

Same, Margaret M., of Michael Jeffers and Jana Reddifer, born 3 April; spon. Moniga Ridgway. M. Kennedy (M)

1864, Oct. 18, Anna Louisa, of Joseph Meyers and Cynthia Feker, born 19 Sept.; spon. John and Cynthia Feker. T. J. Tierney (M)

1865, July 31 [the date of the blessing of the cornerstone of Immaculate Conception Church in Waverly], Mary Elizabeth of Philip Hammersten and Mary Hammerstein, born 3 June 1863; spon. George Schaefer and Elizabeth Schaefer. T. J. Tierney (M)

Same, John, of August Ceeling and Amelia Ferguson, born 8 Sept. 1864; spon. John Adams. Previously privately baptized. T. J. Tierney (M)

Same, Francis of John Vilcomer and Jane Littent, born 28 Nov. 1864; spon. Charles Littent and Lina Fry. T. J. Tierney (M)

Same, Louis Samuel, of Caspar Moore and Caroline Litterst, born 20 Aug. 1863; spon. Theodore Keechfer and Jane Litterst(?). T. J. Tierney (M)

Same, John Henry, of August Seeling and Amelia Seeling, born 8 Sept. 1864; spon. John Fecker and Cynthia Bergmeyer Fecker. T. J. Tierney (M)

Same, Caspar, of George Smith and Charlotte Smith, born 20 July; spon. Gabriel Knapp and Matilda Knapp. T. J. Tierney (M)

Same, John, of Adam Veil and Helen Smith, born 22 June 1865; spon. John Hubil [Heibel?] and Ada Wegeintfänger. T. J. Tierney (M)

1866, Jan. 23, Joseph Jacob, of Joseph Meyers and Cynthia Vaker, born 4th; spon. John Lefreuz & Catherine Clark. John B. Murray (M)

Same, Monica Louise, of Michael Stritenberger and Barbara Hel. Starr, born 5 Nov. 1865; spon. Adam and Helen Heibel. John B. Murray (M)

1866, Sept. 9, John, of John Streitenberger and Emilia Ridgway, born 2 Aug.; spon. John and Margaret Streitenberger. J. B. Murray (M)

1867, Dec. 26, Clara, of Michael Streitenberger and Barbara Starr, born 3 Aug.; spon. John Streitenberger and Anna Gibbon. J. B. Murray (M)

1868, March 22, Joseph, of Joseph Conly and Rebecca Walton, born 17 Jan.; spon. Charles Conly and Mary Scully. J. B. Murray (M)

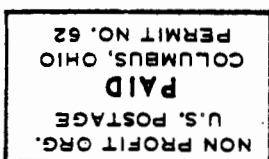
Same, Andrew, of James Conley and Catherine Blessing, born 10 Feb.; spon. George Spring and Helen Burns. J. B. Murray (M)

Same, John, of John Streitenberger and Margaret Swizek, born -9 Jan.; spon. Charles Streitenberger and Sophia Schlottz. J. B. Murray (M)

Same, George, of William Bohn and Mary Smith, born -3 Sept., 1867; spon. Andrew Smith and Lucia Bozler. J. B. Murray (M)

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