

APPENDIX C

EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF JOSEPH SULLIVAN.

A NOTE ON THE DIARY

These extracts are from a diary kept by Joseph Sullivan from 1863 through 1876. I obtained these extracts from Sister Marie Laurence, O.P., Archivist at the Dominican Sister's Motherhouse in Sinsinawa, Wi. The original diary was loaned to the Archives in the summer of 1960 by Mrs. Urban Wedig of Elk Grove, Wi. I believe she was married to a descendent of James Sullivan. One of the Dominican Sisters selected the following entries and typed them out. The original diary was returned, by direction of Mrs. Wedig, to Mrs. Louis DeRocher, who was to phone her when it was left.

I have been unable to locate the original diary. Mrs. Urban Wedig is apparently dead, and Mrs. Louis DeRocher has no recollection of ever having heard of the diary.

The entries for 1864 concerning "Samuel Mazzu Chelli" refer, of course, to Rev. Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P., the famous Italian missionary. Samuel Mazzuchelli and Joseph Sullivan knew one another well, and were involved in a number of real estate transactions, the records of which are also in the keeping of the Dominican Archives. A copy of one such deed, from 1849, is included here as a point of interest.

The Peter Morgan whose death is referred to in 1864 was Joseph Sullivan's brother-in-law, and was a Federal soldier during the War Between the States.

The "new church" which Joseph Sullivan tells of building in 1869 is the Catholic Church still in use in Seymour. Joseph Sullivan obtained the contract to build the church from Thomas McComish who had gone to California during the Gold Rush with Joseph's brother Patrick.

George Thomas McDonald

DIARY OF JESEPH SULLIVAN. THE FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE SELECTED ONES.

1863

- Jan. 16 Soldiers came to take drafted men.
- Jan. 21 This day i am 38 years. Finished my bob sled; this day my father is 5 years dead.
- Feb. 16 Patrick McCarville got married.
- April 26 Went to Church. Father Powers officiated.
- June 4 Corpus Christi. Took our meat to the burgh and sold it to Pete Meloy for 7 cts. per pound.
- July 26 Went to church. Soldiers took Tim Sullivan prisoner.
- July 28 Rained near all day. Tim Sullivan was to have a tryal but Judge not home at Mineral Point.
- July 30 Cut and tied oats. Tim Sullivan left Shullsburgh with soldiers.
- Oct. 5 Put up cross on Catholic Church in Shullsburgh.
- Oct. 11 New church consecrated. (Shullsburgh)
- Oct. 25 Went to church. Henry Morgan and Margaret Gallagher got married.
- Nov. 17 Went to the Burgh and got mine and my wife's likeness taken.
- Nov. 18 Went to the Burgh and fixed around the chimney on the Catholic Church.
- Dec. 18 Went to the Burgh with six turkeys and sold them for sixty cts. each.
- Dec. 25 Christmass. Went to Church. Quite fine and soft but good slaying.
- Dec. 26 Went to the Dutch Church (Elk Grove). John Morgan came and stayed all night and we went to Tim Lee's and played cards for turkeys.

1864

- Jan. 1 The coldest day I ever knowed. My calf froze to death.
- Feb. 16 Very cold. Done nothing but make myself a mall.
- Feb. 17 Very cold. Done nothing.
- Feb. 18 Worked on my porch.
- Feb. 19 Worked on my porch. Charly Boyle's second child born (boy)
- Feb. 20 Put cornice on the East end of my house.
- Feb. 21 Went to Church.

1864

- Feb. 22 Took a load of wheat to Emerson's Mill and sold it for 98 Cts. perbushel.
- Feb. 23 Went to the Burgh. Samuel Mazzu Chelli died.
- Feb. 24 Made posts and rails.
- Feb. 25 Went to Darlington to pay taxes.
- Feb. 26 Went to mill.
- Feb. 27 Split 20 rails and made an axe handle.
- Feb. 28 Walked to church.
- Feb. 29 Hauled rails and wood.
- March 1 Went to Samuel Mazzu Chelli's funeral in Benton.
- Mar. 2 Worked on my porch.
- Mar. 3 Worked on my porch. John Sullivan's third child born (girl)
- Mar. 4 Sawed logs for posts in forenoon. Worked on my porch in the afternoon. Heavy snow storm.
- Mar. 5 Worked on my porch.
- Mar. 6 Went to Church.
- Apr. 10 Went to early Mass and late Mass. Went to dinner at Mike Foley's. Philip Daily's first child born (Boy).
- May 19 Went to the Burgh and from there to New Diggings.
- July 1 Drisled rain all forenoon; put paint on my house in afternoon. James McShane killed by home guards in Benton.
- July 3 Went to church. Jerry and Elan Sullivan's 12th child named James William died aged one year and 12 days old.
- July 4 Went to Jerry and Elan's child's funeral.
- July 9 Cut my barley. Jerry Sullivan helped me. John Morgan came home from Memphis with his son Peter.
- July 11 Went to John Morgan's house to see Peter for his is very sick.
- July 12 Went to see Peter Morgan.
- July 13 Went to see Peter Morgan. Peter Morgan died.
- July 14 Went to the Burgh and then to Peter Morgan's wake.
- July 15 Went to Peter Morgan's funeral.
- Sept. 25 Went to church at Benton and from there to New Diggings.
- Dec. 20 Patrick and William Sullivan came home from California.

1865

- Feb. 4 Worked on my bobsled. John Curan and Joseph Harkins around colecting money to pay the debt in the church. I gave them \$3.50.

1865

- Mar. 30 Went to Emerson's Mill with a load of Tim Sullivan's wheat and sold it for \$1.15 per bushel.
- Apr. 3 Began to sow wheat. My yearling named Bushwhacker died. James Doyle of Elk Grove died.
- Apr. 16 Our seventh child born (boy) at 15 minutes to eleven o'clock this forenoon. His name is Joseph O'Connel.
- May 9 Patrick Sullivan started for California a second time.
- May 25 Holy Day. Circus in the Burgh.
- June 13 Went to the Burgh to the Mishon. Mike Cating came home from the Lake (Superior).
- June 14 Went to the Burgh to the Mishon. Mike Downs came home from the Lakes the second time.
- June 17 Went to the Burgh to the Mishon. Very heavy rain.
- June 18 Went to the Burgh to the Mishon.
- June 19 Went to the Burgh to the Mishon.
- June 20 Plowed and hoed corn and potatoes. Mishonary priests left the Burgh.
- July 2 Went to John Morgan's. No Mass. Priest sick.
- July 4 Went to the celebration at the Burgh.
- Dec. 19 Helped move our schoolhouse. Sold my bobsled to John Morga

1866

- Mar. 1 Went to the Drybone to see the man that wanted to rent my place.
- Mar. 5 Went to Elk Grove and brought Mrs. Doyle home with me.
- Mar. 14 Took Mrs. Doyle back to Elk Grove.
- Mar. 17 Went to the celebration of Patrick's day at Shullsburgh.
- Mar. 27 Went to Elk Grove to try to get nomination for Town Treasurer.
- Apr. 3 Went to the Election and got elected Town Treasurer. Very windy.
- Apr. 10 Got qualified for Town Treasurer.
- June 28 Went to the Fair in Elk Grove.
- July 16 Went to Darlington for County School money.
- Dec. 12 Went to Elk Grove and got Tax Roll from Town Clerk. Very cold.

1867

- Jan. 7 Took 3600 dollars to County Treasurer in Darlington.

1867

- Jan. 28 Went to Brother Patrick's wedding. Patrick Sullivan and Bridget Patten got married. Patrick is my brother.
- Mar. 6 Went to Darlington and gave up Tx Roll of Elk Grove.
- Mar. 19 Went to Elk Grove and fixed up official matters.
- Mar. 26 Went to the Nomination and got Nominated a second time for town Treasurer.
- Mar. 27 Went to the Burgh. Michael Connolly died at 11 ½ in P.M. at Calamine. He was married to my wife's sister Mary Morgan.
- Mar. 28 Went to Michael Connolly's funeral in Willow Springs.
- Apr. 9 Went to Elk Grove and got qualified for Town Treasurer second time. Extremely windy.
- July 16 Worked for Thomas McComish and quit. Peter Goff got married to James McDermott's sister. All of them live in Seymour.
- Dec. 14 John Sullivan had a shooting mach. I went to it.
- Dec. 20 Went to the shooting mach at Elk Grove and got the Tx Roll.

1868

- Jan. 21 Fixed up my old cutter in forenoon. Went to the Burgh in the afternoon. I Joseph Sullivan am 43 years old this day.
- Feb. 10 Gathering Taxes. Coldest day ever known in Wisconsin.
- Feb. 22 Poked around the house in forenoon. Went to horse Race between John Morgan and Joseph Harkins in afternoon.
- Apr. 14 Went to Elk Grove to the qualification and i went out of office and delivered all money and Books belonging to the town to Pat Galagher my successor. Rained all last night.
- Apr. 24 Snowed all day. Very slopy. Snow 3 inches deep. Isac Roberson shot and killed Dan Leary in New Diggings.
- May 29 Made posts. My Daughter Julia Ann is 12 years old this day.
- June 29 Hauled 2 Loads of Posts and a load of wood. Pic Nic at Dutch Church. Election for rail road a Shullsburgh.
- July 12 Went to Church and got our child named Thomas Jefferson baptized.
- Oct. 4 Went to Church. Darlington Catholic Church Consecration.
- Oct. 5 Bishop Henni in Shullsburgh. Worked on O'Neil's house. Drisled rain all day. William Mahony got killed by his horses running away.

1868

- Oct. 18 Went to Church. No late Mass. Priest went to Mises Harrington, John Sullivan's mother in law.
- Oct. 22 Worked on John O'Neil's house. Mises Harrington died. She was John Sullivan's mother in law.
- Oct. 26 Went to Emerson's Mill with a Grist and got it ground.
- Nov. 8 Went to Church. Received. McGinty took up collection for Darlington church. Rained all afternoon.
- Dec. 3 Our boy named Thomas Jefferson is five months old today. Hauled 2 Loads of corn from Wm. Sullivan's and it all i bought from him.
- Dec. 16 Went to the Burgh again with Wm. Sullivan and wife to try to bargain again for Mrs. Henny's place but it was no go.
- Dec. 17 Helped shingle John O'Neil's granery. Very fine. Wm. Sullivan bargained to buy the grocery called the Blazing Stump.

1869

- Jan. 8 Went to Thomas McComish's to see plan of new church.
- Jan. 17 Went to Church. No Mass. Priest sick. Patrick Mead and Mr. Downs beging money for Apple River Church. I gave them two dollars.
- Mar. 4 Went to the Burgh for medicine for the children. They have all got the Whooping cough. Very cold. West wind. Mike Downs child died (boy).
- Apr. 5 Went to Thomas McComish and took the job of building the New Church on the Prarie.
- Apr. 15 Went to Darlington with a load of wheat and sold it for 95 cts. per bushel and brought home Lumber for making frames for new church. 3 Depots and 3 cars burned in in Darlington.
- Apr. 26 Rained near all day. Done everything in general and nothing in particular.
- (THEREAFTER NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO THE NEW CHURCH.)
- Apr. 28 Worked on Church frames. Foundation of new church dug out
- Sept. 21 Went to Brewery for keg of beer to take to new Church and finished our contract.
- Sept. 22 Went to Mill and from there to the new church for my tools.
- Sept. 23 Went to the New Church for my pay for building it.
- Oct. 2 Plowed near all day. My brother Jerry died in Franklin, Warren County, Ohio.

1869

- Oct. 12 Dug potatoes. Got first No. of Chicago Times.
- Oct. 17 Went to Mass at Thomas McComish's.
- Oct. 18 Worked on new church. Very cold.
- Nov. 28 Went to the New Church. It was the first Mass that was ever celebrated in it. Drisled rain and spoiled the slaying. Wm. McGrane's 4th child born (Boy). Tom Davis mare dies.
- Dec. 14 Went to the Burgh and got groceries for turkey playing. Roads very rough. Andrew Fleming buried.
- Dec. 15 Snowed near all day and last night and it is yet only 3 inches deep. This is a fast day.
- Dec. 16 Went around and gave notice Turkey playing at my house on Saturday next.
- Dec. 18 Went to the Burgh. Very rough slaying. Had playing for turkeys in night.
- Dec. 24 Went to the shooting mach at Felix McDonald's and I won a turkey.

1870

- May 29 Went to Calamine. John Morgan and Julia and Mary my two girls went with us. My daughter Julia Ann is 14 years old this day.
- June 18 Worked for Jos. Harkins. Extremely warm and dry. Denis Murphy died at 5 o'clock this morning in Benton.
- Aug. 1 Our 9th child born (boy). Wife sick. Went to the Burgh and brought the Priest and Dr. Lee to my wife.
- Aug. 2 Buried our child.
- Aug. 21 Went to Dutch Church.
- Sept. 8 Put up hay. Went to James McWilliams to try and sell colts to Brother Ambrose of Mount Melary but did not sell any. Drisled rain all day.
- Oct. 5 Worked for Ryans. Rosana Doyle my godmother died at Frank Belkins and is buried St. Rose's Church.
- Oct. 28 Went to Belmont for second load of lumber to repair school house. Children and wife began to husk my corn.
- Dec. 14 Helped James Hennessey put pews in Prarie church. Quite fine.

(THERE ARE NOTATIONS OF WORKING ON PEWS FOR THE PRARIE CHURCH THROUGH DEC. 23.)

1871

- Jan. 28 Helped James Hennessey finish 42 pews in Prarie Church. Quite fine.
- Feb. 30 (sic) Rain, thunder and sleet all last night. Jerry Sullivan and wife came to see us. All of us got the mumps
- Apr. 30 Went to church. Julia Ann and Mary Jane staid and went to catechism.
- June 9 Plowed my potatoes third time. Went with my girls to catechism to the church. Heavy rain. Fixed up fence.
- June 25 Went to church. Thomas Mahony got married to Catherine Ryan.
- June 27 Went to Pat Sullivan's in the morning to get dresses made for my two girls.
- July 1 Took our girls to get prepared for their First Communion.
- July 2 Went to early Mass. Our two oldest girls made their first Communion.
- Oct. 15 Went to Church. Catherine Ryan died. Mises Campbell died in New Diggings.
- Nov. 5 Went to Church. Stood sponsor for James McGrain's boy named John.
- Nov. 18 Our tenth child born dead (girl). Buried our child.
- Nov. 21 Went to the Burgh to get things for our children to prepare for confirmation.
- Nov. 24 Took a sack of corn to Copeland's mill. Went from there to the Burgh; took our girls to catechism.
- Nov. 25 Took our girls to church to prepare for confirmation.
- Nov. 26 Went to church. Our girls Julia Ann and Mary Jane got confirmed. Quite fine.

1872

- Feb. 30 This day is bogus.
- Mar. 23 Extremely cold for the season. Lots of old snow and new snow on the ground and no frost gone out of the ground yet Mrs. Downs joined Catholic Church.
- June 11 Went to the Burgh. Charles Harkin died in Yankton Ducoto (sic) at 10 O'clock.
- June 14 Went to Charles Harkin's Funeral in Benton.
- Aug. 15 Holy day. Went to early Mass. John Morgan and Thomas Cumings went to Dunleith.
- Sept. 21 Plowed in the forenoon. Went to Ralph Rider's store in the afternoon. Wife bought new dress and bonnet. Heavy thundershower and rain in the night.

1872

- Sept. 22 Went to Mass at the Prarie Church and went from there to Owen Gallagher's to a dinner. Heavy rain in night. Jacob Francis and Kate published to be married.
- Nov. 1 Went to Mass and from there to help put up cross on Prarie Church in town of Seymour.

1873

- Jan. 11 Came home from Galena. Quite fine. Rev. Father Pendergast died. He is the Parish Priest of the town of Benton.
- Jan. 13 Helped Mahoneys bucher 28 hogs. The day very soft. Rev. Pendergast buried.
- Jan. 19. William Nichols died. Dedication of the Prarie Church. Went to see it.
- May 27 Went to Mass. Four or five priests in the Burgh - a kind of jubilee in the church.

1874

- May 28 Went to early Mass. Kind of Spiritual Retreat in Shullsburgh.
- Nov. 19 Went to the Burgh; took Julia Ann and Mary Jane to wash for their grandfather.

1875

- Jan. 10 Went to Mass by myself. Very cold but somewhat more moderate than it was. Mishion began at Shullsburgh. Held by Father Henebery.
- Jan. 12 - 19 Went to the Mission.
- Jan. 20 Went to the Burgh to get articles recommened by Missionary priest. Quite soft. Jim Sullivan had a dance at his house this night.
- Mar. 17 Went to the celebration of Patrick's Day by the Temperance Society.
- Sep. 14 Went to the Burgh with the girls to help scrub the church.

1876

- Jan. 21 This day I am 52 years old.
- May 25 Went to Mass. Mary Morgan, my mother-in-law, died at Apple River.
- June 4 Went to Early Mass. Our daughter Elizabeth made her first Communion. Very cold for the season.
- June 28 In Darlington on the Jury. Samuel Tilden nominated for President in St. Louis.

1876

- July 3 Hoeing in the garden. Signs of more rain. Our boy named Thomas Jefferson 8 years old.
- Dec. 5 Went to George Gilly's Sister for yarn we left there to be spun.