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## The Conversion of Father John Goldschmidt

by himself

The following was found in the scrapbook of Father John Priest of St. Teresa Parish, Cadiz (died 1967), recently donated to the Society. The piece was from a newspaper, probably the *Catholic Columbian*.



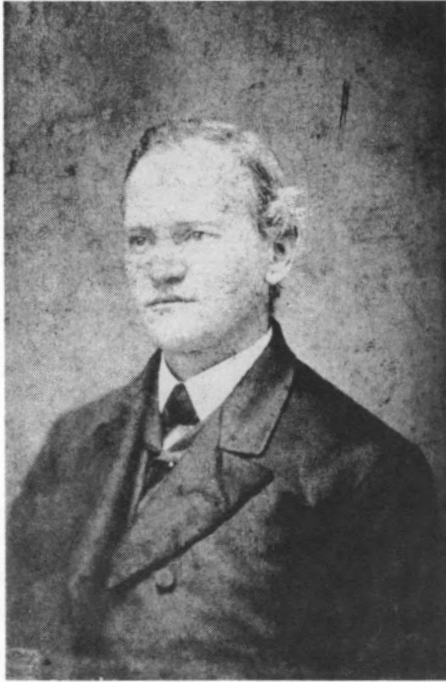
Among the papers left by good old Father Goldschmidt, the following interesting sketch of his life was found, written in his own neat handwriting. As he was greatly beloved and well-known by the people of the Diocese on account of his care of the Orphan Asylum, we feel sure its publication will be a matter of interest to all.

"I was born on September 17th, 1840, my parents being Johannes Goldschmidt and Katherine Elizabeth Bach, near Eisenach Sachzen Weimar, Germany. My parents professed the Lutheran faith and were devout in the practice of their religion. When about fifteen years of age I left my native home in April, 1856, for the seaport of Bremen, whence I embarked in a sailing vessel of the United States of America. After a voyage of about seven weeks, I arrive don June 26th, at Baltimore, Maryland. For about two weeks I was entertained there by old acquaintances of our family who were glad to see me and hear a little about their former old home.

Having enjoyed the hospitality of these friends, I left Baltimore for Newark, Ohio, and thence eleven miles to Thornville, to visit my brother John Valentine Goldschmidt.

### His Life at Lancaster, Ohio

"I stayed with him for about two years, then I left for Lancaster, Ohio, going to Mr. Joseph Steck to learn the trade of shoemaking. While staying at the Steck family -- all its members good practical Catholics, well versed in their faith, and I a Lutheran -- ignorant of the Catholic religion -- besides being much prejudiced against everything Catholic -- so it often happened that Mr. Steck and I at times came to talk on religious matters. On such occasions, it was my sincere desire to convert him from his religious belief, as I then imagined and saw it. However, kind Mr. Steck good-naturedly and with much humor would answer all my disagreements and objections to his faith -- and as he was well posted in his belief -- explained to me the Catholic faith in such a way as to upset all my previous notions of the Catholic religion. Good Mr. Steck pointed out to me my own errors of the Lutheran belief, as also my false conceptions of the Catholic religion. We would sometimes get a little heated in our talk for I would not easily give up to him or readily accept his explanations.



*Father Goldschmidt in the 1880s.*

However, I concluded I would read and study their Catholic books -- of which there was a good number at hand in the house -- and from these I thought I could prove to Mr. Steck the wrong and superstitious practices of Catholics as I imagined them -- such as worshipping pictures -- giving money to priests for the forgiveness of sins, and to get permission from them to commit sins, etc.

#### Beset with Doubts and Uncertainties

"Secretly I read the books I found in the house and to my great surprise I found therein things quite different from what I had expected. Instead of finding anything to prove my false notions and conceptions of the Catholic religion, I had to acknowledge that I was very wrong and that I had been badly informed. This set me thinking, but I could not persuade myself that I, or the Lutherans were wrong and that Catholics were right. On Sundays I regularly attended services at the Lutheran church -- later on I changed about -- going one Sunday to the Catholic church and the next Sunday to the Lutheran. My

impressions now were that both the Lutherans and the Catholics were right in their religious belief. Considering however, and thinking the matter over for a while, it occurred to me that both could not be right and true, as there were many things which the Catholics believed as true faith, but which Lutherans denied to be such, so I concluded that one must be wrong.

"Sometimes however, I would think that the Lutheran religion was right, and again that it was false, whilst the Catholic faith appealed to me as the more true religion -- the one instituted by Jesus Christ. Great doubts and uncertainty perplexed my mind -- made me feel sad and gloomy -- but in this state of doubt I had recourse to prayer -- earnestly appealing to God, asking Him for light and grace that He would show me which religion was the true one -- the Lutheran or the Catholic -- as I wished to serve Him in the right way to obtain the salvation of my soul.

#### First Rays of Faith

"Having thus pondered over things for myself, one evening I started to see Rev. Father Lange, the Catholic priest, then at Lancaster, Ohio, to whom I wished to unburden my heart and ask his advice about receiving instructions in the Catholic faith. Father Lange kindly listened to me, asking for my motive in wishing to become a Catholic, telling me that the Catholic religion would require many sacrifices to be made on my part, reminding me too, that my change of religion would probably cause me considerable trouble from my relatives and others. My answer was that I felt convinced that the Catholic religion was the true faith, and that I wished to look to my own welfare, to serve God in the right way to save my soul. Father Lange approved my firmness, gave me a German prayer-book, a Catechism and a controversial work by Father Scheffmacher, S.J., telling me to carefully read them and come to see him again.

(To be concluded)

## Abstracts from *The Catholic Telegraph*

(Continued, from Vol. XXI, No. 5)

August 15, 1839

Subscriptions: A. M. Anderson, Esq.,  
Chillicothe, O.; Peter Dittoe, Somerset.

September 5, 1839

Subscription: Robert McDonald, Somerset, O.

September 26, 1839

Subscription: Michael Rigney, Chillicothe

October 10, 1839

Subscriptions: Timothy Collins, Bridgeport;  
John Coyle, Washington, O.

October 24, 1839

### EPISCOPAL VISITATION.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Purcell departed from Cincinnati on Friday, to visit some of the distant points of his extensive diocese. He arrived in Chillicothe on Saturday morning, and by request of the presiding judge and several of the citizens preached in the evening for nearly two hours, to a very large audience in the courthouse. On Sunday he preached in the morning and evening, to an overflowing Church, and gave the Pontifical Benediction. Forty four persons received Confirmation, and from 90 to 100 were admitted to the Holy Communion. We are happy to hear that the prospects of the church in Chillicothe are most flattering, and that much good has been accomplished by the zealous Pastor.

The following places will be visited by the Bishop.

Lancaster, October 27

Somerset, Nov. 1

Marietta, Nov. 10

Canton, Nov. 17

Cleveland, Nov. 24

Norwalk, same week

Tiffin, Dec. 1

Mount Vernon, same week

Columbus, Dec. 8

Subscriptions: James Forster, Batesville; J. & J. Mechan, Senecaville; Ter. McKune, Hoskins; James Mercer, Barnesville; J. McCarthy, Newark; C. McCarthy, Newark; James Gallagher, Washington, Guernsey Co.; to Rev. Mr. McAleer from M. Boyle, Mt. Vernon; Richard Moffitt, Louisville.

November 21, 1839

Subscriptions: James Brown, Rehoboth; John Callaghan, Meigs Ck.; John McCarthy, Zanesville.

Agents: J. McCarty, Newark; Isaac Delong, Rehoboth; H. Clark, Athens; J. M'Nally, Frankfort, Ross Co.; C. Cross, Columbus; R. J. Lilly, Lancaster; Henry Dittoe, Post Master, Somerset.

December 5, 1839

Subscription: William Dunn, Newark, O.

January 4, 1840

Subscriptions: Christopher Ryan, Urbana; Marshall Anderson, Chillicothe; Dennis McConnell, same; Mrs. B. C. Taylor, Zanesville; Anthony Beelbrey.

January 11, 1840

Subscriptions: Doet Gale, Marietta; Peter Coyle, Sunday Creek; John Crane, Perry Co.; Mr. Scott, Somerset.

February 1, 1840

Subscriptions: P. Gallagher, Somerset; S. Huit,

Somerset [corrected in Feb. 8 edition to J. Huit.]

February 8, 1840

Subscription: H. Flowers, Somerset.

February 15, 1840

#### DIOCESE OF OHIO

It is a subject of no small gratification to the Western Catholic, to observe the sure and steady progress of the church throughout this extensive portion of our country. About twenty years ago, there was but one building in the State, on which the sacred cross was raised, to cheer the heart of the Emigrant, as he journeyed to some "promised land" in search of home and happiness. Our religion was then associated with a thousand evils in the minds of the inhabitants, truth had a mountain before it, towering to the clouds, which it had to move from the path, before it could make further progress on its holy errand. The laborers, however, were not disheartened; "courage says the poet, mounteth with occasion: and they commenced to toil in the good cause, calmly but resolutely, conscious that their duty was to be fulfilled and trusting in the Lord for a successful result. Already have many of their expectations been realized. Losing nothing, but always accumulating, having within itself a conservative power of unity [of] thought and action, the church has extended its land marks all around and set the stakes deeper in the soil, to form an adequate fold for the increasing multitude of the flock. During the last seven years the cause has been steadily advancing in this city and in the country, and though much is yet to be encountered, much will also be accomplished for the glory of the church of Jesus Christ. However disposed we may be to view the subject on the brightest side, the opposition we meet represses presumption in our expectations, and hence we must look on things as they really appear and not as we would wish them to exist.

We have reason, however, for congratulation,

and as we justly entertain a preference for the immediate scene of our labors, we can often see through the parting gloom of the present, many bright and cheering vistas of future glory for our diocese. In six years the number of clergy has increased from nineteen to thirty five; in the Almanac for this year Ohio has credit for two charitable Institutions but we have now five in operation. It is also stated therein, that we have twenty-four churches in Ohio; now, the number is thirty-two, and before the ensuing Almanac is ready for the press, we hope to have still better news to impart to those who love to see the church flourishing and prosperous no matter where it may be planted. What we have said of this diocese, may be said of the others; the labor of the ministry is every where rewarded, nor can we omit alluding to the see of Vincennes, which has also made rapid progress in providing spiritual aid for the Catholics of Indiana.

These things we say not through boasting. Great changes must take place, indeed, before we could attempt, if under any circumstances we would be so disposed, to exult in what heaven alone is accomplishing. It is well, however, for the Catholic to know the exertions which are making, that he may co-operate in every manner he can, in the good work in which we are engaged.

Subscriptions: James Johnson, Somerset; P. Dittoe, same.

February 22, 1840

Subscriptions: John Elder, Somerset, for William Stine, J. B. Harholtzer, and Patrick M'Mullen, Rehoboth.

March 7, 1840

Married on the 27th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Clarkson, of Somerset, Mr. Thomas McShane, of Springfield, Clark county, Ohio, to Miss Alicea Mary Creighton, of Licking county, Ohio.

Subscriptions: E. Gallagher, Batesville; Rev. M. Wilson, Zanesville, for Osman Walke, P. Kennedy, James O'Neill, J. C. Cassily, Henry Orndorf, and D. Durbin; Tim Colopy, Mt. Vernon; Thomas McMullin, same.

March 14, 1840

Subscriptions: Rev. Mr. Shorb for P. Kelly; Rev. Mr. Conlan, Steubenville, for John Brady and James McGinness.

March 21, 1840

[Ordained last Sunday: to minor orders, Messrs. O'Laughlin and James Kearney; John M'Coy received the tonsure.]

March 18, 1840

Died on Sunday, 15th March at the residence of Mr. John McNally, of Frankfort, Ross county, Ohio, of Pulmonary Consumption, in his 27th year, Strawder Goldsberry, a highly intelligent and fervent convert to the Catholic faith.

Subscriptions: Rev. Mr. McCaffrey for F. McGuire; John Jeffres, Batesville

April 25, 1840

[An account of a visit by Bishop Miles; priests and seminarians for his diocese.]

DIED, at St. Mary's Convent, Somerset, Ohio, on the 1st inst. after an illness of six weeks, Sister Ann Hill, at the age of 34 years, 17 of which she had passed in religion. The deceased was of respectable parentage, of a family distinguished for intelligence and worth in Washington county, Ky., where she was born. She was one of the first to compose the community at its formation in Kentucky, where she passed ten years in the edifying practice of virtue, and about seven years since she came to found the convent of St. Mary's at Somerset. Over this she presided as mother superior, for one year, and at the time of her death, she held the office next inferior to it. During her brief illness she edified the

community by her perfect resignation to the divine will, and most indomitable patience under the pangs of disease. This she learned from divine meditation on the Passion of Christ, to which she was much devoted; and she was often heard to exclaim, when she was not conscious she as listened to; "How is it possible, O Lord, that thou couldst have done so much for such an unworthy one as I!" She was never heard or seen to give any sign of impatience during the progress of her malady, and she heard its fatal termination announced with visible joy. -- This is the second severe loss which this community has suffered during the last half year. -- "O quam pulchra est casta generalio cum claritate: immortalis est enim memoria illius: apud Deum nota est."

Subscriptions: J. Elder, Somerset, for J. H. Dittoe, H. Sterner, and W. Wiseman. Isaac Delong, Rehoboth, for Henry Sheran.

May 2, 1840

Subscription: J. J. Stone, Hebron.

May 9, 1840

Subscriptions: Jac. Boes, Ross P.O.; L. A. Zimmer, Portsmouth; Rev. Mr. Butler for D. McConnell, Chillicothe.

May 23, 1840

[Obituary of Father Gallitzin of Pennsylvania]

Subscription: Mr. McQuade, Steubenville.

June 6, 1840

Subscriptions: Rev. G. A. J. Wilson, at Zanesville, for: James Durbin, Thomas Coakly, Joseph Mattingly, O. Farrell, and C. M. Mattingly.

June 13, 1840

Subscriptions: W. French, Wheeling; J. Delong, P.M., for D. Delong.

(To be continued)



**Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Columbus**  
**Cathedral Division Lot Records, 1867-1926**  
**and Tombstone Inscriptions**  
(Continued, from Vol. XXI, No. 3)

page 329. John H. Crowley, 429 E. Spring St.; James Crowley, 517 E. Fulton St., Feb. 29, 1889, half lot 21 north [correctly west] side A. Graves: March 4, 1898; Sept. 7, 1899 (child); Oct. 23, 1908 (or 1902?) (child).  
(Father) John H. Crowley, died Mar. 3, 1890, aged 49 years  
(Mother) Mrs. John H. Crowley, died Feb. 8, 1898, aged 54 years  
Margaret E. Paul, 1898 - 1900 )  
Infant son, 1902 )  
Children of Harry T. & Margaret M. Paul )

page 335. Charles Bigler, 376 Bolivar St., June 27, 1889, half lot 63 [east side] A. Graves: June 27, 1889 (child); Aug. 6, 1892 (child); Sept. 1, 1892 (child). (no stones)

page 346. Michael Ford, 222 Sixth St., May 14, 1883, half lot 51 north side A. Graves: Feb. 19, 1890; Aug. 9, 1892; Feb. 14, 1895; Dec. 13, 1910; March 13, 1916.  
John F. Ford, born Oct. 24, 1861 † died Feb. 17, 1890. May his soul rest in peace.

page 351. Austin Sheridan, 102 Water St.; Michael Mulligan. July 15, 1890, quarter lot between 10 & 11 A. Graves: July 15, 1890; Nov. 3, 1905.  
Michael Mulligan )  
Bridget Sheridan )

page 394. Daniel Sullivan, City Ave and Montgomery; 106 N. Park; 458 W. Poplar Ave.; 128 Starling St.; 747 Pennsylvania Ave.; 518 W. First Ave.; Oct. 13, 1894, half lot 63 west side A. Graves: Oct. 13, 1894; Aug. 20, 1903; May 17, 1909; Dec. 13, 1913; Oct. 27, 1914; Jan. 17, 1920; Aug. 17, ----; Jan. 11,

1926. (no stones)

page 408. David Reese, 39 E. Goodale St., Oct. 16, 1896, lot 65 A. Grave: Oct. 16, 1896 (child). Mrs. Cornelius A. Hayes, Jan. 26, 1915 purchased same from David Reese. Grave: Jan. 26, 1915.  
Cornelius A. Hayes, 1873 + 1915  
Anna L. Hayes, 1868 + 1946  
Robert P. Hayes, 1902 + 1948

page 409. Michael Harrington, 185 E. First Ave., Oct. 20, 1896, half lot 67 A. Graves: Oct. 20, 1896 (child); Feb. 24, 1903 (child); Mar. 8, 1905; Oct. 1, ----; Jan. 11, 1910; May 22, 1930. [This lot is now called 46 1/2.]  
(Mamma) Margaret Harrington, died Mar. 7, 1905

page 422. Miss Dora Hubbard, 876 Summit St., June 11, 1901, quarter lot in half lot 18 [northwest] A. Grave: same date. (no stones)

page 424. Dennis Kinney, July 7, 1895 lot 50 [west half?] A. Graves: Aug 24(?), 1901 (child); [two additional dates are illegible].  
Jane Kenney, 1848 + 1929  
Donald, son of John & Clara Corbett, Apr. 26, 1913  
Alden, son of same, 1899 - 1901

page 427. Mrs. Mary Burns, 941 Hunter St., Oct. 28, 1901, one grave in half lot 18 north side A. (For the tombstone, see *Bulletin* page 213.)

page 460. Mrs. Francis R. Fagan, Grogan, O., Oct. 27, 1905, two graves in quarter lot 56 north side A. Graves: Oct. 27, 1905; Dec. 22,

1910; March 14, 1917 (child).  
(Husband) Francis L. Fagan, Apr. 11, 1846 - Oct.  
26, 1905. May his soul rest in peace.

page 486. Mrs. Margarit Morris, 88 N. Grant,  
Jan. 17, 1910, 1/12 [i.e. one grave] of lot 11  
[north-]west A. Grave: same date. [This  
grave had been returned to the cemetery from  
the Brophy lot in 1909, per note on ledger  
page 195.]

Edward J. Morris, 1870 - 1910 (Woodmen of the  
World memorial)

page 490. D. A. Donovan, 167 N. 18th St.,  
May 15, 1911, half lot 57 west side A, bought  
from J. B. Fitzgerald. Graves: May 15, 1911;  
Feb. 4, 1913. [This lot is now designated  
number 66.]

Tim, Jan. 6, 1938

(Mother) Mary Teresa, 1852 + 1911

(Father) Denis, 1837 + 1913

Patrick Donovan, March 1, 1869 - Jan. 7, 1945

page 505. George Welker, April 19, 1917,  
quarter lot 33 south side A, transferred from  
Katherine McGarr. Grave: same date. (For  
tombstones, see *Bulletin* page 197.)

page 505. Miss Mary McCloskey, Apr. 19,  
1917, quarter lot 33 south side A, transferred  
from Miss Cath. McGarr. Grave: June 6,  
1919. (For tombstones, see *Bulletin* page 197.)

### Single Graves

Spaces between the lots and the fence along  
Mt. Calvary Avenue were used for children's  
single graves. These are recorded not in the lot  
ledger, but in a single grave register that  
begins with the year 1898. On the east half of  
Lot 54 or, as designated on page 79 of the  
register, "Section A, from North end by Gate  
along fence", are buried the following:

1. Mary Schmidt, July 29, 1918

2. Geno Carmornti, Aug. 25, 1918
3. Paul Sapp, Aug. 28, 1918
4. Antonio Catalagno, Aug. 27, 1918
5. John A. Douglas, Sept. 30, 1918
6. Caroline Tomascello, Sept. 15, 1918
7. Frank Vonsille?, Nov. 6, 1918
8. Joseph Dalore, Nov. 1, 1918
9. Caroline Tomascello, Nov. 7, 1918
10. Rosie Tontello, Nov. 9, 1918
11. John Herder, Nov. 8, 1918
12. Alphonsa Copeblance, Dec. 14, 1918
13. Conseto Delfine, Jan. 1

Tombstones in this area are:

(Daughter) Marie F. Schmitt, born May 28, 1911,  
died July 25, 1918. R.I.P.

† qui riposo Gino Centofanti, nato il 14 Agosto  
1917, morto il 24 Agosto 1918

Paul, son of F. & V. Sapp, Dec. 16, 1904 - Aug.  
26, 1918

Josephine D'Aloia, nata il 18 Gennaio 1916, morta  
il 25 Ottobre 1918, figlia di Vincenzo  
D'Aloia e di Irena Tangi

Angelo Tomacelli, nato 9. Ottobre 1916, morto )  
6. Gennaio 1921 )

Carolina Tomacelli, nata 18 Giugno 1918, morta )  
14. Ottobre 1918 )

Rosa Tantillo, Jan. 20, 1917 - Nov. 1, 1918

Filomena Cocco, nata 21 Marzo 1917, morta 2  
Novembre 1918

Infant son, Concetto Delfino

The area between lots 47 and 48 and the fence is  
designated Lot 48A in the Interment Register,  
pages 1-2. The register begins in the year 1919,  
during which the following burials were  
recorded:

June 25, Alberto Madelin

Aug. 4, John B. Salomons, 6 months

Aug. 12, Michael Flesch

Aug. 12, Rose Mary Izzi

Aug. 13, Giovani Lanetta

Aug. 29, Loius Albert Lombard

Sept. 2, Marie Schorn

**Tombstones:**

Donald R. Lusignolo, Feb. 4, 1943 - Apr. 19, 1943  
F. Louis Lombard, Apr. 26, 1915 - Aug. 27, 1919  
Michael, son of I. & A. Flichia, born Nov. 24, 1918,  
died Aug. 11, 1919  
Teresa Maggi, nata 11 Giugno 1913, morto 7.  
Febraio 1914  
Albert Nadalini, nato 13 Julio 1917, morto 24  
Giugno 1919  
Carmine Gastorini, nata 1890, mori 1918

The path space between lots 58 & 59 in the  
interment register (page 2) is called "Fraction  
Infant A, 4 Alley" and the listed graves are:  
Oct. 6, 1919, Louis Lommano  
Oct. 16, 1919, infant Baker

**Tombstones in this are are:**

(Husband) Pasquale Iudiciani, born Dec. 28, 1887,  
died Oct. 30, 1918. R.I.P.  
Luigi Lommano, figlio di Nickola & Grace  
Lommano, nato 18. April 1919, morto 4.  
Ottobre 1919

The path space behind the small Fahey lot is  
designated "Single fraction 45 A" on page 2 of  
the interment register; the grave is listed as that  
of Infant Theoda Colage, Dec. 6, 1919.  
Dora Colange, Dec. 20, 1917 - Dec. 5, 1919

Three graves are listed in the space called  
"Single Fraction A, 2 Alley" on page 3 of the  
interment register:

Dec. 30, 1919, Nicols Degeca  
Jan. 8, 1920, Joseph Stewart  
March 9, 1920, Pauline Collura

This tombstone is very close to those listed

above, which are situated on Lot 54:  
Baby Pauline Collura, Aug. 10, 1918 -  
Mar. 8, 1920

On page 9 of the interment register, the path  
space between lots 20 & 21 is designated "Single  
Section A, The last Alley" or "Extry Single Child  
A, last alley" and these two burials are listed:  
Sept. 8, 1921, Clara Xoddi  
Sept. 22, 1921, Infant Sicario

**The tombstones are:**

Qui riposa Livia Oddi, nata il 11 Ottobre 1919,  
morta il 7 Settembre 1921, figlia di  
Vincenzo Oddi & Margherita Costanzo  
Salvatori Sciagca, Nato Novembre 17, 1920,  
morto Settembre 20, 1921

Additional Tombstones

Path space between lots 19 & 62:  
Giuseppe Tantillo (Woodmen of the World,  
Humbert Camp No. 10), June 7, 1884 -  
Apr. 28, 1920

Path space between lots 47 & 66:  
Teresa A. Mogavero, Nata 6 Giugno, 1920,  
Morta 17 Giugno, 1920  
Anthony Costello, 1881 + 1969

Lot 11, northeast quarter, one of two graves in  
the Brophy lot that were returned to the  
cemetery in 1907:

(Mother) Sarah Daugherty died Jan. 19, 1919,  
aged 90 years

(End of Cathedral Section A)

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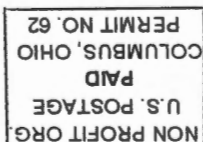
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