



Peninsula Belgian-American Club

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"Huy" A Beautiful City in Wallonia

A visit to the Mosan Town of Huy was just one of several days that club members spent together while in Belgium.

A walking tour began alongside the River Meuse, across from Fort de Huy (hilltop citadel), and the 14th Centruy Gothic Notre-Dame Collegiate Church. The group continued on through the quaint, enchanting cobblestone streets (*bottom left*) stopping for visits along the way at Potstainiers Hutois pewter factory; and a local museum in a 17th Century former monastery of the Friars Minor. Several of our Walloon speaking members were interviewed at the former monastery by a National Television station. Theresa Alexander is shown (*left*) being interviewed in the courtyard.

The Town Hall, built in 1766, was the location of a special ceremony that was held for our group (*bottom right*). Club members were given a book about "Huy", and Jim Lampereur presented Town of Huy representatives with a Wisconsin flag (*bottom center*), on behalf of the Peninsula Belgian American Club.



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The "Coq" Wallon

At a recent club meeting, a member asked why the red rooster (Coq) was chosen as the symbol on the flag for Wallonia. Our thanks to those in Belgium who provided the following information:

The revolution in September 1830 led to the independence of Belgium in the city of Liege. French troops helped prevent an invasion of Dutch troops in 1831 and it was then that Leopold I was elected first King of the Belgians. The Walloon movement took effect in 1888. In 1913 the red rooster on a golden background was chosen for the Walloon flag. In Latin, the word "gallus" means "Gausa" (*early settlers of Belgium territory*), but it also means "rooster." Red and yellow are the colors of Liege Province, an area with a rich history of battles for freedom. The rooster is a proud animal; thus, with a heaved chest and one leg raised, it means he is brave and ready to fight.

IN MEMORY OF

DR. JOSEPH J. PIERRE

Dr. Joseph J. Pierre, 93, Allouez, died Thursday, April 29, 2004. He was born April 17, 1911, in Brussels, WI to the late Joseph and Mary Pierre. He married Odile LeGrave in Rosiere in 1932.

After graduating from Brussels High School, he earned his B.S. degree at the University of WI and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Illinois.

Surviving Joseph is his wife Odile; and children, Dale and Sandra Pierre, Sturgeon Bay; Diane and Tom Rowader, Pittsburgh, Penn.; Dr. Donald and Mary Pierre, Bozeman, Mont.; Mary Pierre, Rawlins, Wyo.; Dr. Douglas and Penny Ann Pierre, Brussels; Pat and Mark Tweedale, Suamico; Deborah and Robert Thorsen, Tomah; Denise and Craig Fitzgerald, DePere.

Joseph will be remembered as a loving and dedicated husband of 72 years and devoted father. Other joys of his life were his Belgian heritage, hunting, fishing, and the Packers.



L-R: Kim, Al, Jim

Traveling Back.....

Door County Advocate – Sturgeon Bay, WI

June 4, 1904

All points of the Belgian community will be connected by telephone by next month.

June 18, 1904

Farmers in the Belgian community have planted more grains this year, and the crop is coming along nicely. The Belgians are splendid farmers and hardly ever have poor crops, no matter the weather.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert Alexander..... Suamico, WI
 Michelle Brantmeier..... Green Bay, WI
 Joe Delveaux..... Green Bay, WI
 M/M Larry Heard..... Sturgeon Bay, WI
 Jerry Heindl..... Atlanta, Georgia
 Mavin Kasten..... Sturgeon Bay, WI
 Michael Lepak..... Green Bay, WI
 James Parins..... Little Rock, Arkansas
 Mary Malcore St. Pierre..... Ovieda, Florida
 Char Schinkngen..... Sturgeon Bay, WI

Woes of Research

One of the more mind-boggling misspellings we've run into: Jean-Baptiste DETIENNE, or John B. DETIENNE, spelled John BEDATGEN!!!

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THANK YOU
for your
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLUB

Darlene Harman for cupboard, **Shirley Fontaine** for table repair, **Kim Potier Davis** for table and chairs, **Ron Tillman** for donation of cedar trees and bridal wreaths, all the people who worked on painting, cleaning and construction, including, but not limited to, **Bertha Villers, Mary Chaudoir, Bernie Moore, Barb Chisholm, Fr. Sam Jadin, Wayne Baudhuin, Harry Chaudoir, Theresa Alexander, Mary Ann Jeanquart, Russ Delvaux, Randy Bouche, Nellie DeBaker, Ed Sauborin, Al Moore, Jim Dickelman, Mike Gilson, Al Alexander and Jim Lampereur.** Our apology to any persons we failed to acknowledge.

Ancestral Corner



Genealogy is fun, interesting, and a learning experience. It's a means of keeping our heritage alive!

Locating Your Ancestors

By Mary Ann Defnet

Have you found all your ancestors? We don't expect an affirmative answer, because for most of us the hunt is never-ending! In the past few newsletters, we've given hints and resources for researching your families. We also promised to publish some websites that could prove helpful. Your writer does not use the Internet, but the following sites have been obtained through correspondence with those who do. As always, caution is necessary as everyone who puts out genealogical material on "the net" is not scrupulous about publishing proven data. You might get lucky!

Portals to the World – Belgium Genealogy Links, etc.:

<http://www.loc.gov/tr/international/european/belgium/be.html>

Immigrant Ship photos (a cost involved):
<http://www.northstargalleries.com>

Belgians listed in 1850, 1860, and 1870 Belgian Settlers by State; Belgians in the Civil War; Emigrants Arrival by year and ship; U.S. 1870 Census of Belgian Born: <http://www.geocities.com/wanr8846/>

For people with ancestors from Luxembourg Province, Belgium:
<http://users.skynet.be/gelux/>

Netradyle – Circle of History and Genealogy Center - located in **Tourinnes-le-Grosse, Belgium**. Information provided: parish resources, publications, genealogy forum, monthly newsletter, resource links, and church photos-history.
<http://www.netradyle.com>

Marriages Indexes, 1601-1796, Historical Society of Fleron. The list shows the husband and wife surnames, the place and the year of the wedding. (12,000 references)
<http://www.chfleron.be/AMIS/AMISCHF.htm>

Not sure what this is, but Belgian Laces Editor says it will blow you away! <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/pittsburgh>

Subscription information for "Belgian Laces," a genealogical and historical quarterly publication: (E-mail) barmbrindle@sbcglobal.net or visit the Belgian Researchers website at http://www.rootsweb.com/~inbr/belgian_laces.htm

Belgium White Pages: <http://www.infobel.com/Belgium/default.asp>

The Belgium-Roots Project: <http://belgium.rootsweb.com>

Locate Surnames on Map of Belgium: <http://www.familienaam.be/> or <http://www.sopres.be/website/f/3/4/3/000.asp>

Wisconsin Genealogy – GenWeb Project:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigenweb/>

Wisconsin Historical Society: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>

Bureau of Land Management – Search Land Patents:

<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/PatentSearch/>

Census Links:

http://www.censuslinks.com/index.php?sid=349098227&t=sub_pages&cat=6

Peninsula Belgian American Club – Resources:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wipbac/resources.htm>

Wisconsin Genealogical and Historical Societies:

<http://www.obitlinkspage.com/hs/wi.htm>

"Passagers Belges parties vers l'Amérique en 1856" by Father Ducat from the Digital Research Collection at the University of Wisconsin.

<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/BelgAmrCol.DucPassBelg>

"Brabançons au Nouveau Monde : contribution à l'étude de l'émigration de Belgique méridionale vers les Amériques au 19e siècle" by Father Ducat

<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/BelgAmrCol.DucBrabNouv>

"From Grez-Doiceau to Wisconsin" by Father Ducat and Mary Ann Defnet

<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/BelgAmrCol.DefGrezWisc>

Belgian-American Research Collection: includes Immigration Histories; Oral History Recordings; Images; numerous Photos of Local Architecture;
<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/BelgAmrCol>

Archives in Belgium: <http://surf.to/BEL-archives>

NARA Genealogy – Passenger Records:

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/genealogy/immigrant_arrivals/new_york_port.html

Ellis Island Passenger Search:

<http://www.ellislandrecords.org/search/passSearch.asp>

We are always willing to answer genealogical questions or help with your research. Contact Kim at the PBAC website, or Mary Ann Defnet at (920) 432-0260. Queries of general interest will be published in the newsletter. Happy hunting!

NOTE: Websites in French can be translated by going to <http://www.altavista.com> and entering the website address. This is meant to be an aid only.

Grez-Doiceau Archives Now Open

from geneabel@yahooogroupes.fr

Good news for the genealogists. The community of Grez-Doiceau has decided to open its archives. A station is organized for all the first Tuesdays of the month, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon, in an area of the Town Hall (place Dubois). The access is free. And it is possible to make photocopies. We hope now that the other communities will follow this example.

(Note: The Town Hall at the village of Grez-Doiceau keeps the Registers of Births, Marriages, and Deaths for Grez-Doiceau, Archennes, Biez, Nethen, and Bossut-Gottechain.)

THANK YOU!

On behalf of all the travelers, I would like to say thank you to the Wallonie Wisconsin Club, and all of the host families. You open your homes to us and make everyone feel so welcome; your generosity and hospitality make the whole trip possible. We appreciate the time you take to show us the sites, and fulfill our endless requests to see local sites, cemeteries and ancestor towns.

All the ceremonies and dinners for the group were so special – from the anniversary celebration in Grez-Doiceau, to the dinner and talented singer in Nethen, our walking tour and ceremony in Huy, and our absolutely fantastic Farewell Dinner and museum tour in Beauvechain at the air base... it was all wonderful.

Jacques and Jacqueline....thank you for all your tireless efforts. Your dedication and hard work are very much appreciated by everyone.

Each time Ken and I go to Belgium we come home with many wonderful, and fond memories. Thank you to all of our friends – old and new - for everything! A special thank you to our host family, and very good friends, Jacques and Jacqueline - - you make every trip extra special.

Ken and Kim (Potier) Davis



GREZ-DOICEAU

Group Day – Ceremony in front of the Town Hall, followed by a dinner in Nethen.

**BELGIUM
September 2004**



“Smart” Car
This is what you drive when the price of gas is \$6/gallon.



BEAUVECHAIN – AIR BASE

Group Day began with a **Tour of Museum** (Left) Plane flown by first Belgian woman pilot.

Ceremony at Monument: (Above) Jim Lampereur and the Commander - ceremony at monument honoring fallen soldier. (Below) Belgians and Americans at ceremony.



Members of the Wallonia and Peninsula Belgium American Club enjoyed a bus tour of Europe in September, 2004. We enjoyed traveling together through the southern part of Belgium and on to Munich, Dachau, Vienna and Budapest. This was a very educational trip for us and especially the opportunity to visit Vienna and Budapest. It was also a wonderful opportunity to get to know many of our club members better. We have **uploaded 355 photographs** of the bus tour to Dot Photo's website. Anyone who hasn't seen our images can send me their email address and then I will reply with an invitation to see them via Dot Photo's web site. Send to: esabouri@tampabay.rr.com

Note if you use Norton Anti Virus/Internet Security software running on your computer and have a feature called "Ad Blocking" you must **turn it off** otherwise all of the photographs will not load on your computer from Dot Photo's site. There are a total of 355 images so it will take a longer time to load if you have a dial up connection to the internet.

Ed & Nan Sabourin

Farewell Dinner

(Bottom) L-R: Emile Lehaye (Painter & Member of Wallonie-WI Club), Jacques Jacqmot (Pres. of Wallonie-WI Club), Jim Lampereur (Pres. of Pen. Belg. American Club). Jim Lampereur accepting a painting from Emile Luhaye on behalf of the Peninsula Belgian American Club. The painting is the portrait of a famous Belgian composer.



The **Farewell Dinner** was awesome! It was a beautiful warm day. Everyone enjoyed the wine and hors'dourves served outdoors prior to going inside for a fantastic, elegant dinner that was served by white gloved waiters. Dinner lasted about 5 hours and ended with a plate of 4 different types of chocolate dessert. Those Belgians really know how to eat well, and take the time to enjoy it. The Wallonie-WI Club definitely spoiled everyone and we are most appreciative.

We really enjoyed our first trip abroad. Having Marcelle and Louis as our hosts made it even more enjoyable. They showed us all the interesting sites around Namur, including the Citadel, Abbaye De Maredsous and Bastogne, the American War Memorial.

We visited Dachau in Germany, which reminded us of the horrors that went on during WWII. In Vienna, the palace of Franz Josef really left a lasting impression with us. I have never seen so much gold and marble in one building.

My dream of seeing the beautiful Danube came true, especially all the beautiful old buildings along its banks. The parliament buildings were memorable.

The Belgians serve great-tasting meals. Their beer, wine, cheese and chocolate desserts were, "out of this world". We will never forget our Farewell Dinner .

We were able to visit some relatives while in Belgium. The Evrards had us over for refreshments and an enjoyable meal. We were able to tour their farm and found it to be much like our farms in Namur, Wisconsin.

Sunday, our last day, we were able to enjoy the Namur Kermis. It was just like our Kermises years ago, lasting three days. We saw several marching bands. There were stands selling beer, wine, cheese, souvenirs and more wonderful food. The Battle of the Stilts(baston) was the highlight of the Kermis. The last man standing on his stilts was the winner.

We want to thank Kim and Ken Davis and Jacques and Jacqueline Jacqmot for planning this memorable trip.

Al & Theresa Alexander

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (Schonbrunn Palace)



BUDAPEST, HUNGARY



Dinner & Entertainment in VIENNA



View of Budapest & the Danube



This was our first trip overseas and to Belgium in particular. The sites we saw and the things we did were so incredible. I had to pinch myself once in awhile to make sure it was all real, not a dream. Even had a chance to look up a cousin. This trip made me ever so proud to be a Belgian! Probably the best part of the trip were the people we met. We made many new friends. And our group was like one big happy family. Many thanks to all for a great trip.

Judy & Tom LaVine



MUNICH, GERMANY (Hoffbrauhaus)



"I had the most wonderful trip to Belgium. My host family was the most congenial and made me feel part of their family. They traveled to a different city for site-seeing every day I spent with them. I thanked them from the bottom of my heart for being such a wonderful host family. The side trip was most fulfilling as the driving was left to someone else so I could enjoy the scenery."

Nellie De Baker

DACHAU, GERMANY



EMIGRATION EN AMERIQUE.

LANDVERHUIZING NAER AMERIKA.

Avis important.

Le soussigné ADOLPHE STRAUSS, a l'honneur d'informer le public, que depuis plusieurs années il s'est établi à Anvers, où il s'occupe exclusivement de l'expédition des passagers émigrants pour New-York et autres ports des États-Unis de l'Amérique.

Pour donner aux intéressés une idée de la manière dont il remplit sa mission, il suffira de transcrire ici littéralement le témoignage de M. Thielens, Inspecteur du service des émigrants :

Gouvernement Provincial.

« Anvers, 30 Janvier 1855.

- » L'inspecteur du service des émigrants à Anvers, certifie que le sieur ADOLPHE STRAUSS, s'occupe activement de l'expédition de passagers émigrants pour les États-Unis, qu'il est initié de la manière la plus complète à tous les détails et besoins de ces sortes d'entreprises et qu'il exécute fidèlement les contrats passés de son nom et pour son compte.
- » Il est en outre en ce moment un des exportateurs les plus importants de la place.
- » Les navires affrétés par le sieur STRAUSS sont toujours assez spacieux, pour loger convenablement les passagers, ils présentent en outre toutes les conditions désirables de salubrité.

« Signé : THIELENS. »

Pour prix du passage, de première, deuxième et troisième classe, avec ou sans nourriture, ainsi que pour les époques des départs, s'adresser au dit ADOLPHE STRAUSS, place S^{te} Walburge à Anvers, ou à Bruges, chez Monsieur Hippolyte JONCKHEERE, courtier de navires, quai du Miroir.

ADOLPHE STRAUSS.

Aenbelangendberigt.

De ondergeteekende ADOLF STRAUSS, heeft de eer het publiek te verwittigen dat sedert verscheidene jaren, hy geplaetst is te Antwerpen, waer hy zich alleenlyk bezighoudt met de inscheping van personen die begeeren te verhuizen naer New-York en andere steden van Amerika.

Om aen de belanghebbende te doen zien, op welke wyze hy zyn zending volbrengt, zal het vergenoegen hier letterlyk aen te halen het getuigschrift van den heer inspecteur des dienst van uitwyking, luidende als volgt :

Provinciael Gouvernement.

« Antwerpen 30 January 1855.

- » De inspecteur van de dienst der uitwykingen te Antwerpen, verklaert dat d'heer ADOLF STRAUSS zich werksamelyk bezig houdt met de inscheping der passagiers uitwykingen naer Amerika, dat hy op de volledigste wyze de bezonder-en-noodwendigheden van deze ondernemingen kent, en dat hy getrouwelyk de verbintenissen in zyn naem en voor zyn rekening aengegaen, ten uitvoer brengt.
- » Hy is daerenboven nu een der bezonderste verzonders van Antwerpen.
- » De schepen bevracht door d'heer Strauss zyn altyd groot genoeg om op eene betamenlyke wyze de passagiers te logeren ; zy leveren ook al de wenschylyke voorwaerden van gezondheid op.

« Geteekend, THIELENS. »

Voor den reisprys, van eerste, tweede en derde klasse, met of zonder voedsel als ook voor het tydstop van afvaren, zich te bevragen aen genoemde ADOLF STRAUSS S^{te} Walburga-plaets, te Antwerpen, of te Brugge by Mynheer Hippolyte JONCKHEERE scheepsmakelaer, Spiegel reye.

ADOLF STRAUSS.

English Translation:

EMIGRATION IN AMERICA

Important opinion.

The undersigned, ADOLPHE STRAUSS, informs the public, that for several years it has been established in Antwerp, and is occupied exclusively of the forwarding of emigrating passengers for New York and other ports of the United States of America.

To give interested parties an idea in the way in which it fulfills its mission, it will be enough to literally transcribe here the testimony of M. Thielens, Inspector of the service of the emigrants:

Provincial Government.

Antwerp, January 20, 1855.

The Inspector of the service of the emigrants in Antwerp, certifies that the 'sior' (?) ADOLPHE STRAUSS, actively occupies himself of the forwarding of passengers emigrating for the United States, and has initiated the most complete manner with all the details and needs for these kinds of companies and that it faithfully executes the contracts on its behalf and for its account.

He is moreover at this moment one of the most important exporters of this place. The ships 'affrétés' (?) by 'sior' (?) STRAUSS are always roomy enough to lodge the passengers suitably, in addition they present all the desirable conditions of healthiness.

Signed: THIELENS.

For price of the passage, of first, second and third class, with or without food, and the times of the departures, contact ADOLPHE STRAUSS, place Ste Walburge to Antwerp, or in Bruges, Mr. Hippolyte JONCKHEERE, shipbroker, 'quay' (?) of the Mirror.

ADOLPHE STRAUSS.

Antwerpen. - For the third time Drukkery van C. DE BACKER, Zirkstraet, 1217.

Looking for 'BEFAY'

Has anyone done research on "BEFAY?" Sharon Parcel is trying to find information about her paternal grandmother, ALICE BEFAY. According to the wedding registration, Alice was the daughter of DENIS BEFAY and FILVIE LEMPEREUR.

Sharon is most interested in a photo of her grandmother because she never saw her, but would also like birth information, etc.

If you can help Sharon, please contact her at parcel@starband.net

Wish List

- Insulated Carafes for Coffee
- Upright Vacuum Cleaner
- Small Storage Cabinet for Pantry Room off Kitchen.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY DINNER RESERVATION



Sunday, December 5, 2004

The Eagle's Nest, 3261 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay
 Bar Open: 11:30 AM
 Dinner: 12:00 Noon

The cost for chicken and ham dinner, tip included, will be
\$11.00 for Paid Members, and **\$13.00 for Non-Members**

"A video will be shown after dinner on the Belgian Underground Railroad"

Please make checks payable to "Peninsula Belgian American Club" and mail to Kim by **November 26th**.

of Paid Members _____ Name(s) _____

of Non-Paid Members _____ Name(s) _____

(If you're form is stamped here, you are not a current member)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

DIRECTIONS TO EAGLE'S NEST turn right on K when heading south on 57, or left on K when heading north on 57, and turn left on Nicolet Rd. to Eagles Nest.

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\$10 per Person

Due by **May 31st** each year

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Peninsula Belgian American Club

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Sturgeon Bay WI 54235**

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