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Cranberry Prairie

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Convent of MARY'S FLIGHT INTO EGYPT ~ EGYPT ~ Egypt ~ 1856

Maria Flucht nach Ägypten Kloster ~ Ägypten

Land for the convent at Egypt, *Mary's Flight into Egypt*, was purchased in February 1856 from Johann Albert Osterloh. Several sisters took occupancy of an already standing blockhouse on 30 August 1856, awaiting the completion of the brick convent, which was dedicated on 24 December 1856. That Christmas Eve the sisters began their perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a practice found in all the convents that Father Brunner established. In the mind of Father Brunner, the Egypt Convent was a place of quiet and of rest. For many years the convent served as the place of welcoming new candidates from Europe, of giving them a period of probation, and of affording them the opportunity to become acclimatized to their new country. In July 1912 the convent and its farmland were sold and the sisters closed the door lastly in November 1912. A part of the old convent still stands, and is a private residence. The number of sisters residing at Egypt remained relatively stable throughout its history. In 1880, there were 33 sisters, and in 1900 there were 32 sisters. The convent land there comprised 220 acres.

This completes the historical sketches of the convents in west-central Ohio. The next issue will begin a series of historical sketches on the mother parishes in and around Mercer County. The first Catholic parish established in Mercer County was that of St. Augustine in Minster. This parish at one time covered not only Mercer County, but parts of Shelby, Darke, and Auglaize Counties. From Minster, a string of daughter parishes was established - St. John the Baptist, Maria Stein; St. Michael, Fort Loramie; St. Rose, St. Rose; St. Henry, St. Henry; and St. Joseph, St. Joseph (Victoria). A brief history of each of these will be presented.

From whence they came... PROVINCE OF WESTPHALIA, KINGDOM OF PRUSSIA

Ostbevern:	Bankemper, Bensmann, Bittmann, Brüske, Brune, Dierhake, Sudhues genannt Eilermann, Fromme, Hagedorn, Hasselhorst, Hölcher, Hollinde, König, Hillmann, Holthaus, Krampe, Nienberg, Lammers, Lehmkuhl, Middendorf, Pelster, Ruhe, Scheiper, Stetskamp, Stockmann, Sudhues genannt Schürmann (Shermann), Vennemann, Watterkötter, Wiggermann, Vogelsang
Perizes:	Winhoven
Rade:	Teklote
Recke:	Beckmann, Wolke
Rhaden:	Langhorst
Rheine:	Berning, Braun, Gude, Hut, Lau, Leugers, Mehring / Meiring, Pelzer, Post, Schulte, Terstiege
Riesenbeck:	Funke, Heilers, Plagemann, Ungruhn / Ungruhe
Schöppingen:	Bills, Dillmann, Fortkamp, Gresshoff, König, Röttgermann, Samberg, van Oÿ, Wiggenhorn
Stadtlohn:	Menker
Telgte:	Baumhöve, Klapecker, Pohlkamp, Schemmel, Töggemann
Veert:	Hartings
Velmede:	Schlosser, Schmücker
