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HENRY BODER

Henry Boder, house and bridge builder, with his wife and elder son came to St. Joseph in the steamboat Nimrod in the spring of 1844. He built two houses, one of logs and one of frame, being among the first built in ~~St.~~ ^{Saint} Joseph after Joseph Robidoux plotted a quarter section of land and named his trading post Saint Joseph. The Boders came from St. Louis where they had resided four years, and were French speaking. They were enroute to Fort Pierre Chouteau in present South Dakota. Meeting Joseph Robidoux and other French residents here, they decided to go no further.

^{TR} Henri, the son of Jean Jacques Boder, was born in 1805 in the village of Orvin sur Bienne in Jura Bernois, then a part of France. After the fall of Napoleon in 1815 the region, originally a part of the Duchy of Burgundy, became a part of the Swiss republic. Anne Louise Matt^{oit}~~ot~~, whom ^{Boder} Henri married in Mt. Eton, Ohio, in 1836, was born in Saint Sauveur France in 1814. Henri Boder's mother was born in Courtilary, also in Jura Bernois, where he was educated and mastered the building trades.

^{As with} ~~Like~~ the progenitors of all American families, there were heart-breaking farewells to ^{these} ~~the~~ emigrants to the New World. Henri Boder had two sisters who with their husbands followed him abroad: Lydia Boder Vernier went to Montreal, Canada, and Susan Boder Jandervin emigrated to La Plata, Argentina Republic, South America. Lydia's daughter Sara married Joseph Provost in Montreal, pastor of the French Congregational Church there from 1875 to 1878.

In 184⁶~~5~~ Henry Boder, his wife and son, went back for a period to New Orleans and then returned to Saint Joseph to make their permanent home. Henry Boder's first wife died in Saint Joseph July 3, 1852, and was buried in Mt. Mora cemetery. In 1863 he married Madame Angelique Croteau, a widow who came to Blacksnake Hills in 1840. Her first husband had originally been employed by the Robidoux family in trading with the Indians.

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Henry Boder's second son, Louis, was born in Saint Joseph Aug. 24, 1848. He attended in St. Joseph, the subscription school of Prof. E. B. Neely; Bryant's Business College in 1865, and then ~~the~~ Knox College in Illinois. The elder son, Henry Boder, Jr., went to Troy, Kansas in 1857 as deputy county clerk, and soon became county clerk. From Knox College his brother Louis followed him and February 4, 1870, they began the banking business, with their father's aid, under the name Boder Brothers, Bankers. The bank still exists under the title First National Bank of Troy. Henry Boder, Sr. was elected to the city council of Saint Joseph in 1863 from the third ward, the present first ward. Alexander Lozo in the ^{1870s} 1870s was making his collection of photographs of former city officials, hence the inclusion of Henry Boder in this Lozo series. He died at his home 610 Main Street, Feb. 19, 1888. His son, Louis Boder, president of the old Merchants Bank ^{of Saint Joseph} died in ~~St.~~ ^{Saint} Joseph Oct. 18, 1907. Both are also buried in Mt. Mora cemetery.