JOSEPH BAILLY HOMESTEAD PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1939

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Bailly Homestead was founded by Honore Gratien Joseph Bailly de Messein in 1822 as a trading post near present day Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.

Bailly was born in Sainte Anne de Varennes, Canada, in 1774. He became one of the first white settlers in northern Indiana. His homestead served as an early meeting place for Native Americans and Euro-Americans using fur-trading networks until his death in 1835.

The property was passed down through the family until the death of Frances Howe, Bailly’s granddaughter, in 1917. Upon her death, the property was auctioned off. Joseph Sidney LaRoche and his wife Alma LaRoche owned the Bailly Homestead property from 1937 until Joseph’s death in 1966. The site was made a National Historic Landmark in 1962. In 1971, the property was purchased by the National Park Service as part of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, now Indiana Dunes National Park. The buildings are currently used as interpretive structures and have been restored to their 1917 state.

Sources:
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of sixteen black and white photographs of the Joseph Bailly Homestead circa 1939. The photographs feature scenes of different buildings on the property including the main house, log structures, and the Bailly cemetery. There are also photographs of the property owners at the time showing some of the building interiors.

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