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## **Franco-American Christening Names**

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insert on names:

An old-time custom that was generally honored among residents here was to ~~have every boy~~ christened <sup>every boy</sup> Joseph, and every girl, Marie. This was a religious practise by which the child was being placed under the protectorate of parents of Jesus Christ. Other names were given the child, usually the ~~name of one of~~ <sup>choice</sup> the godparents, another the choice of the parents, maybe one for the grandparent so that four and five given names were not unusual.

The fact that Joseph was the first name given to boys led to much confusion when these children ~~grown to manhood~~ <sup>entered</sup> ~~xxxxxx~~ military service in World War II. It was <sup>Common for</sup> ~~a practice by~~ the military to list each man by the first name that appeared on his birth record--hence the great number of Joseph's in that war..which may have led to all soldiers being referred to as a G.I. Joe (Government Issue Joseph)?

No matter if the man had been known since birth as Henri, Albert, Louis, or any other name, when he entered service he became Joseph. As a reporter, this writer was frequently assigned to obtain information on servicemen killed or wounded in action, missing, promoted or decorated. When the family name was French invariably the soldier's name was given as Joseph, and --to further complicate matters--frequently the serviceman had given his mother's name as next-of-kin.

~~parents~~

The economics of life assured - families well  
looked to filling educ. needs. Night schools were  
established for adults & working children & schools  
for the young children - priests - nuns - Poliquier & Turcotte

Naturalization as a new thing

taking on  
mother duties  
men bringing  
up families  
Bonnan

morning periods

raising money for church & school

mutual benefit societies

entertain - plays - musicals

St John feast day

History

125  
208  
202

