

Brother Gall Bissegger

July 2nd is the anniversary of the death of Brother Gall Bissegger. Joseph Bissegger was born in Dietschwyl, Canton St. Gall, Switzerland, on June 11, 1855. When he was 31 years old he came to the United States, arriving October 20, 1886. One week later, on October 27, he reached his destination of St. Benedict's monastery in Arkansas.

Joseph Bissegger professed his vows as a monk of our monastery on March 21, 1888, receiving the name Gall. He served our community for four decades as gardener and orchard keeper.

At 8:15 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 1928, Brother Gall died at the abbey having received the last sacraments. At the time of his death, Brother Gall was 73 years old and in the 40th year of his monastic profession. He is buried in our cemetery.

