

contains a dwelling and several business buildings; and the old house, still standing, but masked by a brick extension to the street line, is changed to two stores, known as numbers 104 and 106 King Street East.

In this house, not long after it was first built, and many years before it with its setting attained the trim and prosperous look we so well remember, there was born at half-past ten in the evening of a sultry summer day, the 16th day of August, 1834, Catharine, the second daughter of Jacob and Margaret Hailer.

The time was one of memorable affliction in the settlement. An epidemic of cholera had broken out in the village of Galt, twelve miles from Berlin, immediately following the visit of a circus on the 28th of July, and had been brought by resident circus visitors to Berlin and vicinity. In one week there were thirty-three deaths in Galt alone. A victim in Berlin, dying of cholera on August 18th, was the wife of Bishop Eby, who appears to have been the principal man of affairs of the settlement. A man later prominent in Berlin and in the County generally as a public-spirited citizen came into notice at this time. Dr. John Scott had come over from Scotland to his brother in Galt only a few weeks before the breaking out of the cholera there, and was one of the most active and fearless relief workers. He was later for many years a resident of Berlin, was the first Reeve of the village and first Warden of Waterloo County.