

Before his marriage, a year after the death of his father, Louis Breithaupt formed a partnership with Jacob F. Schoellkopf in Buffalo, Schoellkopf being the capitalist and Breithaupt, apparently, the more active partner, doing particularly the outward business; travelling a good deal, among other directions to the then Far West, to Chicago, and beyond the Mississippi to the Missouri River. There may here be mentioned that in the way of business requiring the services of a lawyer, he made the acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Ill., and ever afterward retained intense admiration for this national hero. A small photograph of Lincoln, received from him, remains a souvenir of this acquaintance.

An early friend of Louis Breithaupt, from his youthful years, before he was married, and afterward a friend of his family, was, and is, Mr. Carl Boller of Buffalo, now in serene old age, but still active.

In 1857, Breithaupt, preferring a business of his own, started a tannery in Berlin, Canada West, on land obtained from his father-in-law. Hither came his good friend and brother-in-law, Rev. Jacob Wagner, in the spring of 1858, having, on account of broken health, had to quit the ministry and intending to go into business with Breithaupt. He died, only thirty-three years old, two weeks after his arrival in Berlin (in a house, later moved and still in use on Breithaupt Street, then