

friend Wagner made the acquaintance of the Hailer family. Liborius Breithaupt, the father of Philip Louis, died in May, 1851. His funeral was the first at which Minister Wagner officiated at Buffalo. The son thereafter dropped his one given name, Philip, and called himself simply Louis; mainly, it appears, in order to continue the business name of L. Breithaupt.

Louis Breithaupt married Catharine Hailer on the 8th day of February, 1853. We are told of how the wedding party, strung out in a line of cutters, drove gaily to Bridgeport, to an hotel located on the south side of the road between the two bridges. Bridgeport at that time was a thriving trade and industrial centre, where were made, by hand, waggons, harness, saddles, knives, scythes, and farmers' requirements generally. In the evening the party attended the opening of the new court house of Waterloo County, then just completed, in Berlin. Husband and wife proceeded by horse and buggy—there was no railway to Berlin—to Buffalo, where awaited them on Carrol Street, next to Seneca Street, in the part of the city long known as the Hydraulics, a neat, substantial and commodious brick house just built by the husband. Here passed the first nine years, almost, of Catharine Breithaupt's married life, and here were born her first three sons, Louis Jacob in 1855, William Henry in 1857, and John Christian in 1859.