



MISS BARBARA RUTTLE, MRS. SARA RUTTLE,
Aged 77. Aged 82.
Sisters: grandnieces of Barbara Heck, sitting under the pear-tree
in front of the old Ruttle home.

bloom in great showers of blossoms above our heads, for the flowers grow tall and luxuriant in Ireland. Right opposite are the crumbling ruins of some old houses, the former homes of Palatines, and in their midst we can trace the foundations of the first chapel of these German-Irish Methodists, built in 1758, with Philip Embury of Ballingrane as chief carpenter.

Here stood the first Palatine preaching-house or chapel, in which Wesley preached—to-day not a trace of it remains; it has disappeared, but a thousand Methodist chapels in Upper Canada are its offspring. Let us quote John Wesley himself:

“Friday, June 23rd, 1758, I rode over to Court Matrix, a colony of Germans, whose parents came out of the Palatinate about fifty years ago. Twenty families of them settled here, twenty more at Killiheen a mile off, fifty at Ballingrane about two miles eastward, and twenty at Pallas four miles farther. Each family had a few acres of ground on which they built many little houses. They are since considerably increased in numbers of souls, though decreased in number of families. Having no minister, they were become eminent for drunkenness, swearing and an utter neglect of religion. But they are washed since they heard and received the truth which is able to save their souls. An oath is now rarely heard among them or a drunkard seen in their midst. Court Matrix is built in the form of a square, in the middle of which they have placed a pretty large preaching-house, but it would not contain one-half