

The present Public Library, opposite one of the corners of Court House Square, occupies what had been Dr. Scott's ornamental garden in front of his house; and the old house, of red brick, well preserved though somewhat changed, still stands at the rear of the library.

The little hamlet of Berlin, so named only a few years before, after having been variously known as the Sand Hills and as Ebytown, contained at this time but a few scattered dwellings. Across the road from the one spoken of there was still, and for a number of years after, a considerable stretch of woods. A little farther west was one of the sand hills, where now is the Town Hall with street surface graded down about twelve feet below its level of that time. Down the hill was a swamp which the road to the Waterloc grist mill crossed on "corduroy." Stretching for many miles about Berlin was a prosperous farming settlement of Pennsylvania Germans, who had taken up the land some thirty years before.

To this settlement, then a part of Halton County, Upper Canada, came Jacob Hailer with young wife and infant daughter, and on locating in Berlin established a home which he retained to the end of his life. He soon resumed his handicraft of wood turner and chair and spinning-wheel maker, which had been in abeyance since he had left his native Germany a few years before, and at once filled a want in the settlement. The pioneer manufacturer in Berlin, he was also the first settler from