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N the main street of Berlin, just east of what is now Scott Street corner, there stood until some twenty years ago a handsome one-and-a-half storey white frame house with sundry additions. Along the front of the house extended a trellised veranda, and the space between this and the street was filled in with a cobblestone walk and a narrow border of flower beds and perennially blooming lilacs. An enclosed lawn with fine trees, and with a grape arbor against the house, filled in the angle between main house and easterly extension. Beyond this was a spacious yard with driveway from street gate to a barn at the rear, and another one-and-one-half storey building directly on the street, the former workshop of the proprietor. Along the street line was an immaculate white picket fence. A well-cultivated vegetable garden outlined with thick rows of currant bushes adjoined the rear of the house. Beyond, down the hill, stretched an orchard to another garden enclosure and a little meadow with diminutive, but never dry, watercourse spanned by a little bridge, the whole bounded by the rear street.

Eight substantial brick houses, roomily spaced, now occupy the former orchard and meadow; the barnyard



HAILER HOMESTEAD.

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.

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

Germany, the first of the large body of native Germans who, mainly, made of the little village the most important German centre as well as the foremost manufacturing town in Canada.

Jacob Hailer was born in Wilferdingen, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, November 20th, 1804. He came to America in 1829, landing at Baltimore, Md. There, through her father, brother and sister, who had been fellow passengers with him, he met Margaret Riehl (born 1807), a native of Muehlhausen in the then French Province of Alsace, who with a younger brother had come over the year before. In those days, which saw the feeble beginnings of ocean steam navigation, the voyage to America was by sailing vessel and was a hazardous undertaking. Margaret Riehl and her young brother were ninety-two days at sea. Their vessel (named the Henry Clay), driven out of its course by adverse winds, was given up for lost, and passengers and crew were on the verge of starvation before port was gained, and this was Baltimore, instead of New York, the intended destination. Jacob Hailer accompanied the Riehl family to Buffalo in 1830, and there, in the same year, married Margaret Riehl. For a while they lived at Chippewa, on the Canada side of the Niagara River, where was born their first child, a daughter, Margaret, in 1831, in the fall of which year they came to what is now Waterloo Township, and lived for a year or longer

in a little log-house about one mile west of what is now German Mills, on the main road from that place to Berlin. In 1833 Hailer bought his first acre of land in Berlin, from Benjamin Eby, the (Mennonite) Bishop Eby already spoken of, and at once set up his dwelling and workshop.

As the years passed the German *Handwerker* and his wife progressed by thrift and industry to competence. The family increased by a further succession of daughters: Harriet, born 1836, Marian in 1838, and Caroline Hannah in 1843; and finally came a son, Jacob Christian, born in 1846 (at which time, as we read, the population of Berlin amounted to 400).

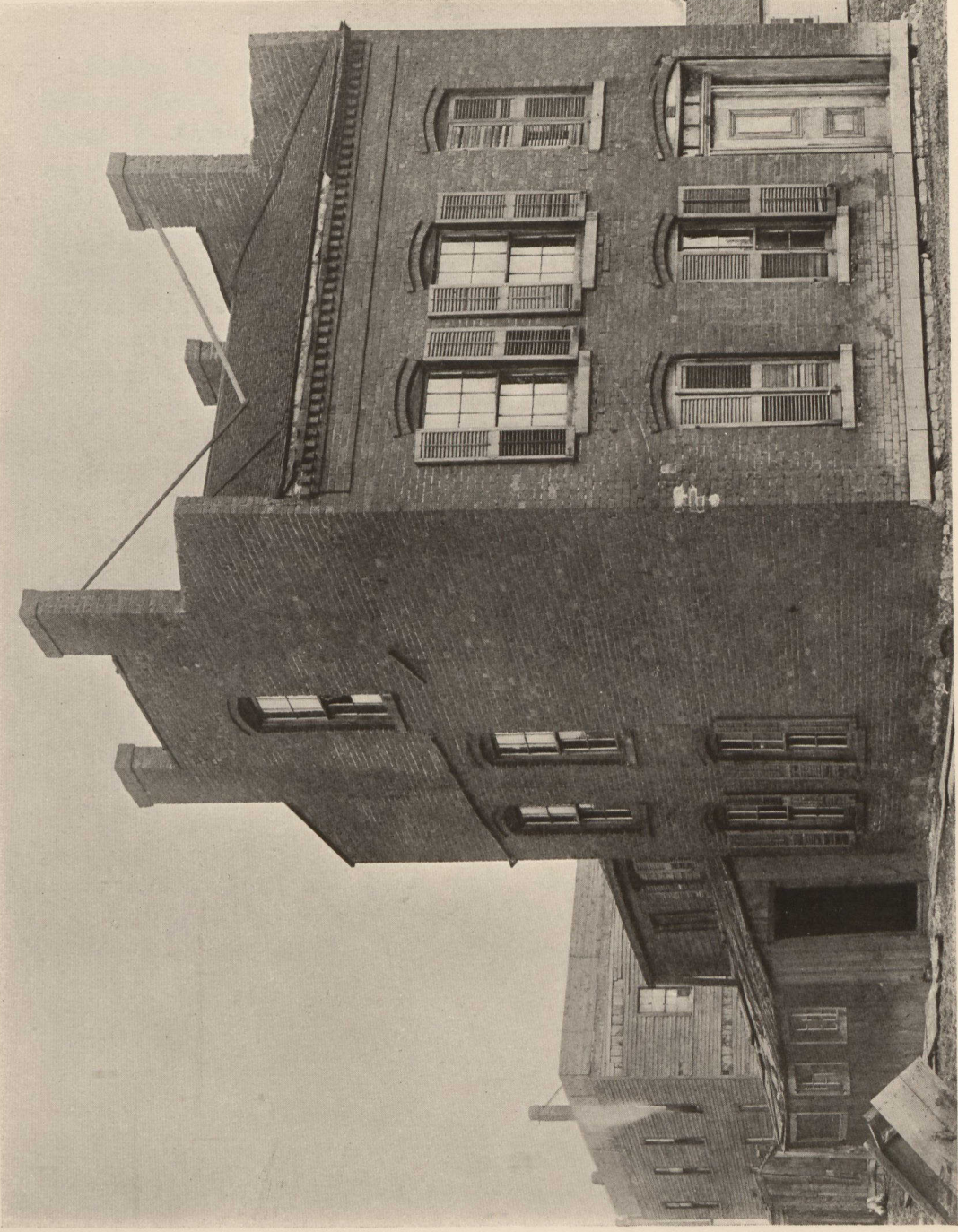
Active as he was in the establishment of the Evangelical Association in Canada, the home of Jacob Hailer was always hospitably open to the ministers of this denomination. The first meetings of the Association in Berlin were for some time held in Hailer's shop. One of the ministers, a young man Jacob Wagner, for a time in charge of the work of the church in Berlin, married Margaret Hailer. Canada was at that time a part of the New York Conference of the Association. Minister Wagner was later stationed in Buffalo, N.Y., where one of his close friends was Philip Louis Breithaupt, a young man carrying on a light tanning business with his father. Breithaupt made periodical trips to Canada to buy sheep skins, etc., for the tannery in Buffalo, and through his



LOUIS BREITHAUPT.

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.

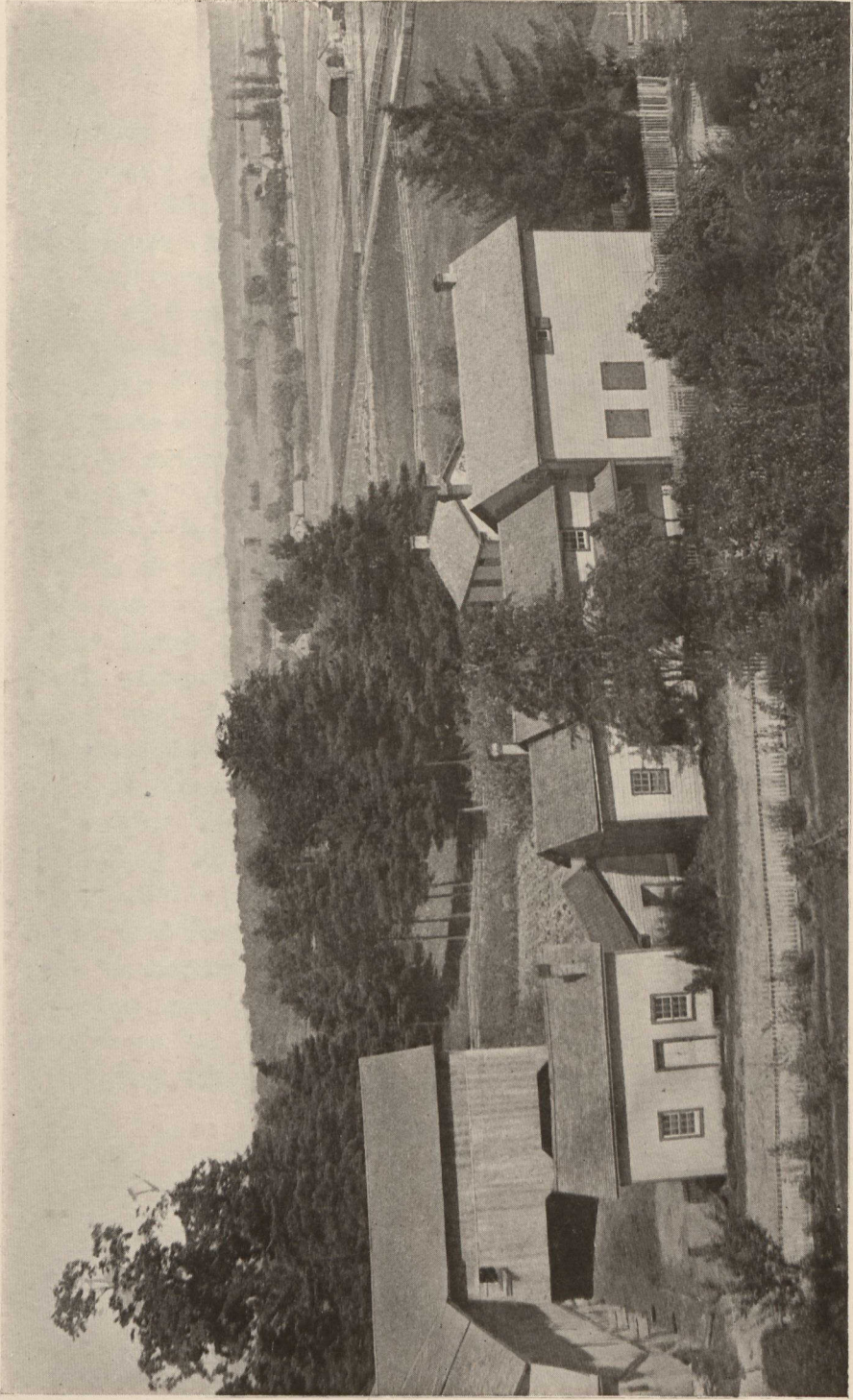


CARROL STREET, BUFFALO.

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; traveling 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.

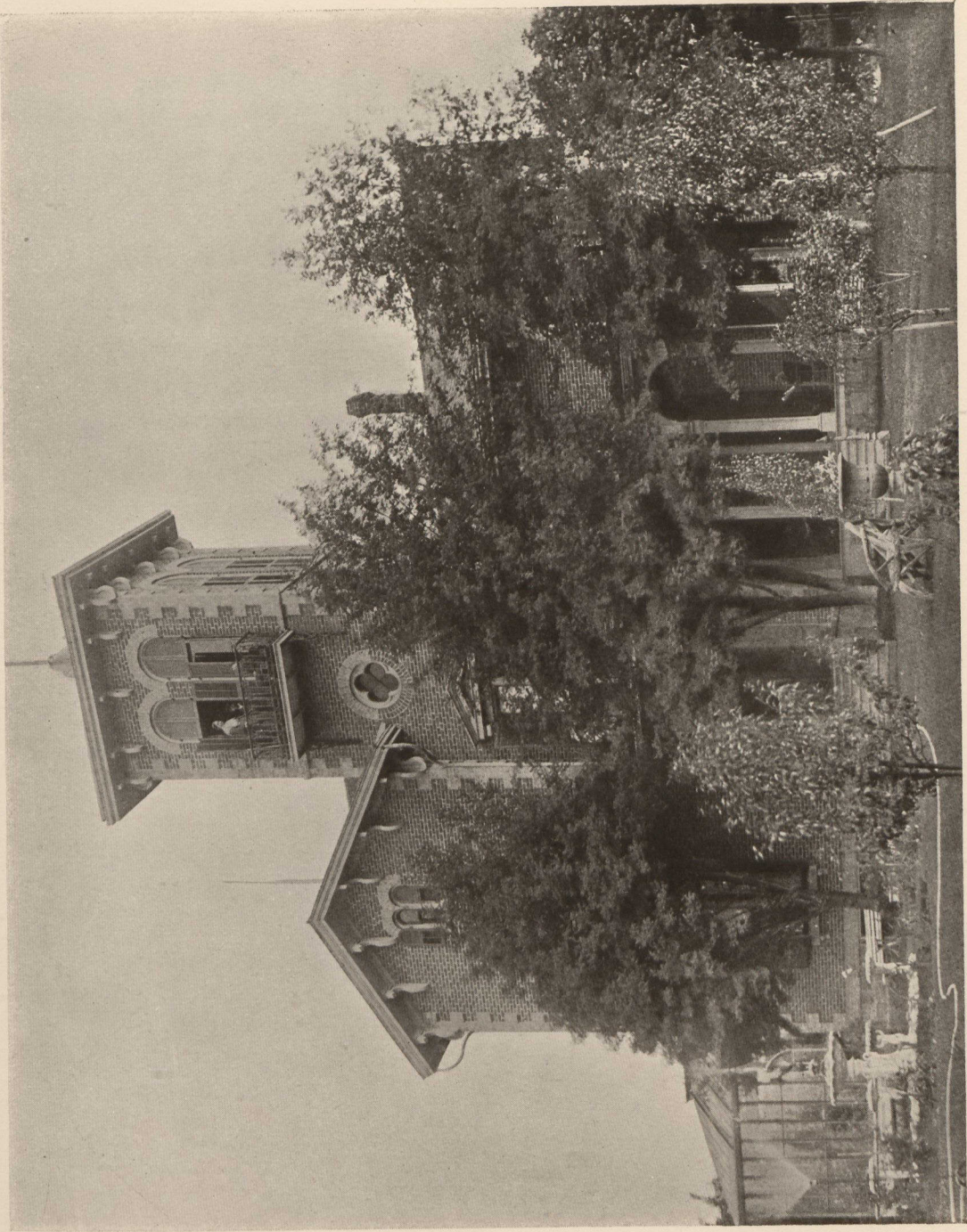
In 1857, Breithaupt, preferring a business of his own, started a tannery in Berlin, Canada West, on land obtained from his father-in-law. Hither came his good friend and brother-in-law, Rev. Jacob Wagner, in the spring of 1858, having, on account of broken health, had to quit the ministry and intending 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



OFF ADAM STREET, BERLIN.

occupying part of the site of the Breithaupt Leather Company's present warehouse and offices on Queen Street). Rev. Jacob Wagner's son, Louis Henry, now Superintendent of Missions for the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Association in the North-West Provinces of Canada, lived for many years in the family of his uncle Breithaupt; first for a while in infancy after the death of his father, later in school age, and still later, after college years, when active in his uncle's business, until he entered the ministry in 1882.

In 1861, the year of the breaking out of the American Civil War, Louis Breithaupt decided to move to Canada. The family left Buffalo on the first day of November in that year. In Berlin they occupied for ten years the frame house and additions, now, what there is left, partly separated and used as three dwellings, off Adam Street near the tannery. In this house were born the first daughter, Caroline Margaret Barbara, in November, 1861, Melvina Emilia in 1863, Esra Carl in 1866, Daniel Edward in 1868, and Albert Liborius in 1870. In 1871 the family moved into the large brick house off Adam Street at the head of Margaret Avenue, known as Waldeck; and here, in joy and sorrow and in tranquil older age, Catharine Breithaupt lived for thirty-nine years, by a few years the greater part of her life. At Waldeck were born her children, Catharina Louise in 1872, and Friederich Adolph in 1875, and here she died peacefully



WALDECK.

and with Christian resignation on the evening of July the 5th, 1910, thirty years and two days after the death of her beloved husband.

The life of the father of the family was one of unremitting activity and of indomitable perseverance. Through successes and reverses, among the latter the complete destruction by fire of his entire tannery plant twice in short succession, in 1867 and in 1870, he built up a large business. In fostering the growth of his adopted town and in the extension of its interests in every direction he was foremost. In the latter years of his life Louis Breithaupt had well earned to be called the first citizen of Berlin. For many years he was school trustee, member of the Town Council, etc. At the time of his death he was in his second year as Mayor of the Town. In all the activities of the father the mother was his constant, devoted and sympathetic helpmate. In the family the father was stern, but always affectionate. Of the mother her older sons will most strongly remember her distress when any of them had done wrong, and her persistence and love in correcting their faults.

A great sorrow came to the family in the tragic death of their little son and brother, Daniel Edward, not quite three years old, in 1871. On a Sunday afternoon, the 9th day of July, there was a Sunday School festival in a grove near the tannery, then rebuilding and not yet completed. Rain coming on the large party took shelter



DANIEL.

in the building, on the main floor, which broke, dropping many into the vats below. No one was injured to any extent except the little boy, who was drowned. "*Gott schenke mir und uns allen die Gnade ihn im Himmel einst wieder zu sehen,*" wrote father of him in the family records in his Bible.

On the third day of July, 1880, a little after ten o'clock in the forenoon, there closed the useful life of Louis Breithaupt. Of vigorous constitution and great energy, he had broken down by overwork, and died, yet a young man, not quite 53 years old. In the house he planned and built with such excellent forethought, and wherein he died, in the same room as mother after him, he lived for less than nine years.

Father's death was the great crisis in mother's life. It was followed in a few short years by a number of deaths in the family. Freiderich Adolph, the youngest of the family, a most affectionate little boy, and already giving, at his tender age of seven years, evidence of large mental capacity, died of diphtheria on June 21st, 1882, in Cleveland, Ohio, where his mother was on a visit to her friend Mrs. (Bishop) Dubs. On April 14th, 1886, Catharina Louise, the youngest daughter, a bright, lovable child, the sunshine of the household and her mother's particular dependence, died after a short illness.

Grandfather and grandmother Hailer celebrated the fiftieth anniversary, their golden wedding, quietly on



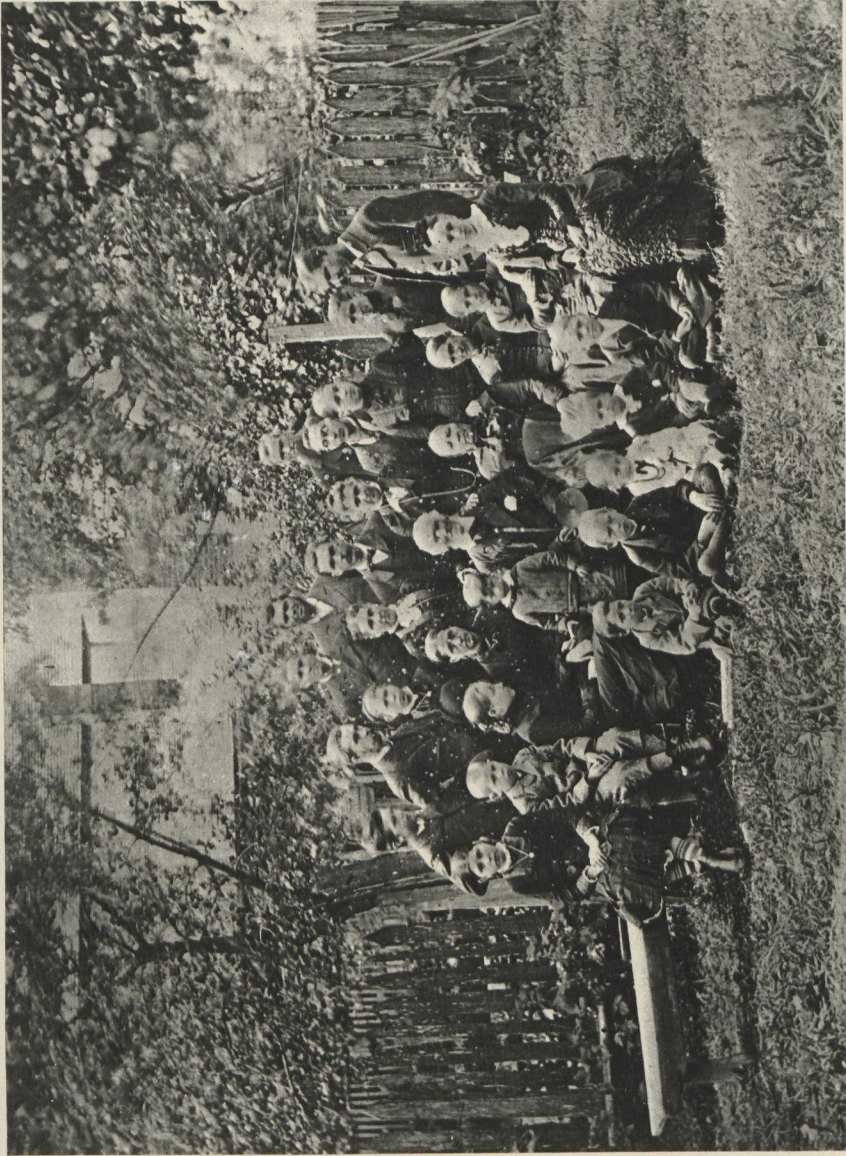
LOUISE.

September 19th, 1880. Not two years after, on the 6th of March, 1882, grandfather died. Grandmother, surviving him for three years, died on the 9th day of June, 1885.

Mother's only brother, Jacob Christian Hailer, died November 5th, 1886. He was twice married; in 1866 in New York, where his first wife died, and on November 21st, 1883, to Louisa Knell, at Berlin, Ont., to where he had returned. One daughter, Erna Bertha, is now the only bearer of the family name of grandfather Hailer's descendants.

Grandmother Breithaupt lived for many years in the family of her son, who tenderly cared for her after the early death of his father. Grandmother came over from Buffalo a few years after the rest of the family. Father had a separate dwelling built for her in one of the additions to the old house, and when building his new house a special part of it was built and arranged for grandmother. She died, at the age of 85 years, in January, 1887, six and one-half years after her son.

Our brother Esra Carl died, faithful unto death to his sense of duty, at 2 o'clock A.M. on the 27th day of January, 1897, from injuries received the evening before in an explosion at the Berlin Gas and Electric works, of which he was manager and part owner. Thus suddenly closed, in the flower of early manhood, at not quite 31 years, a life of large promise of usefulness. Esra Carl



GOLDEN WEDDING.



HALLER SISTERS AND BROTHER.



GRANDMOTHER BREITHAUPT.

had taken the scientific course at North-Western College, Naperville, Ill., graduating in 1887. For some years after that, his health not being strong, he spent parts of the winters in the South, in Bermuda and in Texas, accompanying to both places Dr. D. S. Bowlby, an old and esteemed friend of the family; the family physician for more than forty years. In 1891 and 1892 he took a post-graduate course in Electrical Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, after which he lived regularly in Berlin. He changed the Berlin and Waterloo horse railway to an electric railway, and shortly afterward acquired a large interest in the property and became president and manager. He was member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and of the Canadian Electrical Association, of which latter body he was vice-president at the time of his death. Of his estate mother gave a thousand dollars to the Berlin and Waterloo Hospital, in which is placed a window to his memory.

It was years after father's death before our dear mother could be induced to resume any interest in life. A visit she made to Germany in 1888, with her son John, daughter Melvina and nephew Rev. L. H. Wagner, to father's relatives as also to her own, may be said to have been somewhat of a turning point. Gradually she became interested in many church and other benevolent activities, and particularly in her grandchildren as they came one by one. Her greatest pleasures were the family gatherings



CARL.

at her house, at Christmas and on other occasions. In her own Zion Church, in the building of which she so largely took part, both financially and with good counsel, and in the many interests connected with it; in the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Association, and in the general missionary and other causes of the Association; in the Berlin and Waterloo Hospital, of the Ladies' Auxiliary of which she was treasurer for a number of years, and in other worthy interests of her native town; she was for many years active. The cause which in later years held her greatest interest was perhaps that of the Deaconess' Society of the Evangelical Association in Canada; a cause which she had near at heart, and to which she left a handsome property in Berlin.

With her two oldest sons she was a trustee of her husband's estate, and in this capacity showed her business acumen as well as her power of smoothing out difficulties and reconciling divergent views. She was the active head of the family.

Our dear mother's health, for years feeble after father's death, was later fairly good. To this her habits of industry and regularity and of early rising and retiring largely contributed. She greatly enjoyed travel and benefited thereby. In 1896 she made a second visit to Germany. She made periodical visits to the two of her children living at a distance, and made other journeys, sometimes accompanying one or other of her sons on



FAMILY GROUP AT WALDECK.

long trips, on one, only a few years ago, with her son Albert to the Pacific coast, all of which she enjoyed with ever buoyant and eager spirit. For more than twenty-five years she regularly spent part of the summer months in Penetanguishene, on Georgian Bay, where was her summer home and where she had many friends.

She was a good correspondent, and had, naturally, the art of writing interesting letters. For many years she kept an extensive diary, which became a valuable family and general chronicle.

The death of her son-in-law, A. B. Augustine, in 1909, deeply affected her. Albert Benjamin Augustine was born in Racine, Wis., March 6th, 1859, graduated from North-Western College, Naperville, Ill., in 1879, and had been, at the time of his death, Principal of the Winslow School in his native city for over 25 years. He married sister Caroline in August, 1887, and became a greatly esteemed member of our family. His untimely death, Saturday, April 12th, was caused by kidney disease, which had confined him to his bed about four months. A life-size bronze medallion portrait of him, placed shortly after his death in the school which he well served for so many years, testifies to the respect in which he was held by his fellow citizens.

Mother had been subject to heart trouble more or less for a number of years. In March last she accompanied her son William on a somewhat hurried journey to Ber-



A. B. AUGUSTINE.

muda. Here were at the time her friends, and relations by marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy and Miss Murphy, and she much enjoyed a short visit with them and to the scenes described to her, years before, by her son Esra Carl. The journey brought, however, some over-exertion, not sufficiently heeded. Her friends had urged her to prolong her visit in Bermuda, but she was eager to return home, and here her too active disposition led her at once to take part in various work and excitations instead of taking the rest she required. A month after her return heart disease again gave trouble, and a lingering illness set in which gradually exhausted her vitality. She had left her house for the last time, as it proved, by special effort, as she did not feel well, to attend a meeting of the Deaconess' Society. At times hope of recovery seemed justified, but complications ensued and the end was a gradual sinking. On Tuesday morning, July 5th, her children and grandchildren were called to bid farewell. She rallied somewhat, but was weaker again in the afternoon, and slowly lapsed into unconsciousness; she died at half-past eight in the evening. The funeral, Friday afternoon, July 8th, was very largely attended by friends and relatives from near and far. Her mortal remains were reverently laid to rest in the family plot in Mount Hope Cemetery, between the graves of her husband and her son Esra Carl.

“So strong, so gentle, a life full of love and good works, which invokes sweet memories, not of sorrow, but of joy and hope,” said, of her, a close personal friend. The memory of her useful, noble life remains a blessing to generation upon generation of her descendants.

About fourteen years ago our dear mother planted, in the centre of the little public green in the bend of Margaret Avenue near her house, a northern oak sapling, brought from Georgian Bay. This oak, now becoming a stately tree, is typical of her character—strong, steadfast, beautiful.

Surviving are four sisters, four sons, two daughters, twenty-five grandchildren, the youngest born in her house during her last illness, and two great-grandchildren.

An item from the *Toronto Globe*, a biographical sketch from the *Berliner Journal*, a short biography and appreciation in the *Christliche Botschafter*, by her friend, the editor, Rev. G. Heinmiller, an extract from the *Berlin Daily News* of July 7th, 1880, relating to Louis Breithaupt, and a family register are appended.

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BERLIN, ONT., March, 1911.

From the *Globe*, Toronto, Thursday, July 7, 1910:

DEATH OF MRS. BREITHAUPT.

BERLIN'S OLDEST NATIVE RESIDENT AND A
PROMINENT CHURCH WORKER.

BERLIN, Ont., July 6.—The death took place on Tuesday evening of Mrs. Catharine Breithaupt, relict of the late Louis Breithaupt, at the family residence on Margaret Avenue. The deceased had been ill since April with heart trouble.

The late Mrs. Breithaupt was born in 1834, and was Berlin's oldest native resident. Her parents immigrated to Canada in 1830, and were the first German settlers in Berlin. In 1853 she was married to the late Mr. Louis Breithaupt, who then resided in Buffalo. In 1861 they moved to Berlin and Mrs. Breithaupt has resided here ever since. Her husband died in 1880. She is survived by four sons and two daughters.

During her long residence in Berlin she has been connected with almost every charitable and philanthropic movement in the town. She was a life-long member of Zion Evangelical Church and one of its most liberal contributors. In addition to assisting in the erection of the new church, she also donated the beautiful organ in memory of her deceased husband and son Carl. She was a valued member of the various organizations of the church, and was also officially connected with the Deaconess' Society of the Canada Conference and of the General Board in Chicago.

From the *Berliner Journal*, July 13, 1910.

† Frau Catharina Breithaupt.

In Walbeck, der Familienwohnung an Margaret-Avenue in der Nordward, starb am Abend des 5. Juli Catharine geborene Sailer, Wittve des vor 30 Jahren verstorbenen Louis Breithaupt, im Alter von 75 Jahren, 10 Monaten und 19 Tagen. Im April wurde die Dahingefchiedene von einem Herzleiden befallen und dasselbe hat nun ihren Tod herbeigeführt.

Jacob Sailer, der Vater der Verstorbenen, kam 1832 mit seiner Gattin, als erster deutscher Ansiedler nach Berlin und begründete später ein Möbelgeschäft dahier. Frau Breithaupt war seine zweite Tochter und wurde am 16. August 1834 dahier geboren. Sie war mithin die älteste hier geborene Einwohnerin der Stadt. In 1853 trat die Verstorbene mit Louis Breithaupt aus Buffalo, der hierherkam um Häute für seine Gerberei zu kaufen, in den Ehestand. Am Hochzeitstage fand in Berlin auch die Eröffnung des neuen Courthaus'es statt, und das junge Ehepaar betheiligte sich abends an der Feierlichkeit, nach einer Spazierfahrt nach Bridgeport. Die Reise nach Buffalo machten die Beiden in einem Fuhrwerk, denn Eisenbahnen gab es natürlich noch nicht. 1857 etablirte der Gatte eine Gerberei in Berlin, und 1861 ließ sich die Familie hier nieder. Louis Breithaupt starb am 3. Juli 1880; er war der Mayor der Stadt, und die Beerdigung fand am 6. Juli unter sehr großer Betheiligung statt. Die Sorge für die damals zum Theil noch nicht erwachsene Familie fiel nun auf die verwittwete Mutter, und sie hat ihre schwere Aufgabe gut ausgeführt.

Sie hat ihre Familie christlich erzogen, und nebenbei manches Werk der Barmherzigkeit im Stillen ausgeführt. Der Zionsgemeinde der Evangelischen Gemeinschaft wandte sie ihre Mildthätigkeit in besonderem

Maße zu. Die Frau hat die schöne Orgel in dieser Kirche zum Andenken an den verstorbenen Gatten und den im schönsten Mannesalter verunglückten Sohn Karl gestiftet. Dem Diakonissenverein der Canadakonferenz machte sie ein Haus an der Ecke von Maynardstraße und Margaret-Avenue zum Geschenk.

Von den zehn Kindern leben noch sechs, nämlich Louis J., William & John E. und Albert E., alle hervorragende Geschäftsleute hier in Berlin; ferner Frau C. M. Augustine in Racine, Wisconsin, und Frau Dr. Baumann in Waterloo. Auch hinterläßt die Verstorbene 25 Enkel und 2 Urenkel. Drei Söhne sind gestorben; der schon erwähnte Sohn Karl vor zwölf Jahren bei einer Explosion in der städtischen Gasfabrik, Daniel in der Kindheit durch Ertrinken in der Gerberei des Vaters, und Adolph an der Diphtheritis, während er mit der Mutter einen Besuch in Cleveland machte. Die jüngste Tochter, Louise, starb in 1886.

Besonders anerkennenswerth war der echte deutsche Charakter der Frau Breithaupt. Obwohl hierzulande geboren, hegte und pflegte die Verstorbene die deutsche Sprache und den deutschen Geist. Sämmtliche Kinder haben eine gründliche deutsche Erziehung genossen, und sind im Stande das Deutsche fließend zu sprechen und zu schreiben. Ja selbst in die Familien der Kinder hat sich die Liebe zur Muttersprache fortgepflanzt: das Deutsche ist in den jüngeren Familienkreisen immer noch die Umgangssprache, und Eltern wie Kinder sind stolz auf ihre deutsche Abstammung und ihre deutsche Sprache.

Die Beerdigung erfolgte am Freitag Nachmittag. Im Trauerhause hielt Ehrw. J. G. Pitt eine kurze Andacht, worauf sich der Leichenzug in die von Hrn. A. G. Schreiter mit Trauerzeichen ausgeschmückte Kirche begab. Das geräumige Gebäude war mit Leidtragenden angefüllt und beim Got-

tesdienste sprach Ehrw. M. E. Wing von Waterloo die Eröffnungsgebete, Bischof Botoman aus Montown, Pa., hielt eine eindrucksvolle deutsche Predigt, Ehrw. G. D. Damm verlas den Lebenslauf der Verstorbenen, und Ehrw. G. Johnson aus Cleveland sprach in Englisch über deren Thätigkeit im Interesse der Evang. Gemeinschaft. Acht andere Prediger der Evang. Gemeinschaft beteiligten sich an den Trauerfeierlichkeiten. Leichenträger waren die vier Söhne Louis, William, John und Albert, sowie Dr. Baumann von Waterloo und Ehrw. E. G. Wagner. Eine sehr große Zahl Blumenspenden waren von Verwandten und Freunden gesandt worden. Die Bestattung erfolgte auf dem Familiengrundstück im Mount Hope Friedhof. Friede ihrer Asche!

From the *Christliche Botschafter*.

Eine edle Frau.

Auf der 1. Seite dieser Nummer bringen wir das gelungene Bild einer edlen Frau, Schw. Catharina Breithaupt, deren Heimgang in dem trauten „Walbeck“ zu Berlin, Canada, sowie in der Berliner Gemeinde eine große Lücke hinterlassen hat. Die Heimgegangene war eine ideale Mutter, eine treue, zarte Freundin und eine schätzenswerte Mitarbeiterin im Weinberge Gottes. Früh ihres geliebten Gatten durch den Tod beraubt, hatte sie allein die schwere und verantwortungsvolle Aufgabe der Erziehung ihrer großen Familie auf sich, und wer wie Schreiber dieses oft Gelegenheit hatte, in den Familienkreisen zu weilen, die aus diesem lieben Heim hervorgegangen, der weiß, wie erfolgreich sie diese große Aufgabe gelöst hat. Wie der unsterblichen Königin Luise waren auch ihre Kinder der ihre „liebsten Schätze.“ Es war ein gar liebliches Bild, wenn Kinder

und Kindesfinder im „Walbeck“ sich zu einem Familienfest vereinigten und die Mutter und Großmutter wie eine Königin unter ihnen waltete. Sie sorgte nicht nur für das irdische Wohl ihrer Kinder, sondern deren geistliches Wohlergehen war ihr ein noch größeres Anliegen, und eine große Freude war es ihr, als sie sehen durfte, wie Söhne und Töchter dem Herrn dienen und in der Kirche hervorragende Stellungen einnehmen.

Aber auch eine edle Freundin war die Entschlafene. Würdevoll in ihrem ganzen Benehmen, war sie doch leicht zugänglich, vertrauens-erweckend, zart, rücksichtsvoll und dankbar. Wir lernten sie zuerst vor Jahren kennen, als wir noch in der großen Kapelle zu Neutlingen wohnten und das Vorrecht hatten, sie und ihre Begleitung in unserem bescheidenen Heim zu beherbergen. Das hat uns aber die edle Frau, die damals das Hotelleben so satt hatte und sich nach einem christlichen Familienkreis sehnte, nie vergessen. So oft sie nur konnte, brachte sie ihre dankbare Liebe zum Ausdruck, und so oft wir im „Walbeck“ einkehrten, wurden wir liebevoll daran erinnert, daß wir ihr mal eine Freundlichkeit erwiesen hatten. Wir betrachteten es als eine große Ehre, einer so edlen Freundin einen bescheidenen Kranz aufs Grab legen zu dürfen.

Allgemein bekannt ist auch, welche warmes Interesse Schw. Breithaupt an der Förderung der Reichs Sache Christi hatte. Auf mehrfache Weise betätigte sie sich im Interesse des Werkes Gottes. Erwähnens- und rühmendswert ist, wie sie auch um das geistliche Wohl ihrer Angestellten besorgt war. Viele Jahre lang bestellte sie 30 und mehr Christliche Botschafter für ihre deutschen Arbeiter, die sie gratis erhielten und auch gerne mitnahmen, ob sie evangelisch oder katholisch waren. In dieser Weise hat die Entschlafene unberechenbar reichen Segen ausgestreut. Zum Andenken an ihren verunglückten Sohn Karl stiftete sie die prächt-

tige Pfeifenorgel in der Berliner Kirche, und in ihrem Vermächtnis sind \$500 vorgesehen, um dieselbe gut im Stand zu halten. Wie ihr Herz warm schlug für die Diakonissensache, das bekundete sie oft als Glied der Verwaltungsbehörde unseres Diakonissenwerks in Chicago und in der Schenkung eines Diakonissenheims in Berlin, Canada, im Wert von etwa \$4000. In ihrem Testament hat Schw. Breithaupt, wie wir von der Familie erfahren, folgende Bestimmungen gemacht:

Für die allgemeine Missionskasse	\$1000
Für die Canada Konferenzmission	3000
Für die Canada Konferenz-Kirchenbausache	3000
Für die Canada Konferenz-Diakonissensache zusätzlich zum Diakonissenheim	500
Für die Pfeifenorgel zusätzlich	500
Für die Young Men's Christian Association in Berlin unter gewissen Bedingungen	1000

Noch in anderer Weise war die Heimgegangene weitem Kreisen ein reicher Segen geworden. „Ich will dich segnen, und du sollst ein Segen sein,“ ist auch an ihr reichlich in Erfüllung gegangen. Ihr Pfad war nicht immer mit Rosen bestreut; im Gegenteil mußte sie manche bittere Erfahrungen machen, und wiederholt führte ihr Weg durch das Tal des Todes-schattens, wo es ihrer Seele um Trost bange war. Aber im kindlichen Vertrauen hielt sie fest an Dem, der alles herrlich hinausgeführt hat. Nun erkennt sie im Lichte der Ewigkeit, wie alles zusammen gewirkt hat zum Besten derer, die Gott lieben. Ihr Andenken wird im Segen bleiben.

G. S.

From the *Berlin Daily News*, July 7, 1880.

MR. BREITHAUPT'S FUNERAL.

Without doubt the largest funeral that ever took place in the County of Waterloo was that of the late Mayor Breithaupt. Amongst those present were friends and relations from Detroit, Buffalo, New York, and other places in the States, the Warden of the County, the Mayors and Councils of Galt, Waterloo, Guelph, Stratford, &c., and nearly all the other leading citizens of the County of Waterloo. As previously stated in these columns, the funeral services commenced at the family residence, where the Revds. S. Weber and C. A. Spies led the devotions. After this the procession formed in the following order, headed by Mr. H. Anthes in a carriage:

The Town Police,
The Band,
The Fire Brigade,
The Employees,
The Clergy,
The Family Physician,
The Hearse,
The Family,
The other Mourners,
The Berlin Council,
Councils of other Places,
The Citizens.

The Police, Band, Firemen and employees were on foot, the rest in carriages. The pall bearers were H. Kranz, M.P., Ex-mayor, Wm. Jaffray, Reeve, and Councillors Clement, Staebler, Anthes and Moffat. The procession moved very slowly, the Band playing the Dead March in a most feeling and affecting manner. All along the route the streets were lined with people desirous of seeing the pageant move along. At the church only a very small portion of the people could get in, but a highly interesting and affecting service was held. The Rev. Joseph Umbach, an old friend and pastor of deceased, preached a very eloquent and powerful sermon in the German, and the Rev. S. L. Umbach made a short address in the English language. The service being concluded here, the procession was again formed and proceeded to the cemetery, where the pastor of the church, the Rev. J. Kliphardt, read the burial service. Amongst the clergy present were, in addition to those already mentioned, Revds. C. F. Braun, Geo. Braun, G. Staebler, M. L. Wing and J. Murlock from a distance, and Revds. Messrs. Fellman, Ford, Manz, Tait, Beaumont, Funcken and Sherk, of the Town. The mere mention of all these names is sufficient to show conclusively in what great esteem the late Mayor was held. In addition to what has already been given in these columns, we add the following particulars as furnished by the family:—Louis Breithaupt was born Nov. 8th, 1827, in Allendorf an

der Werra, Kurhessen, Germany. In 1842 his father emigrated to America, and in the following year returned to Germany and brought in his mother and himself. He was at this time 16 years old. He came to Buffalo, N. Y., where he carried on business on a very limited scale in company with his father. On the death of his father in 1851 he became a partner in the extensive tanning and leather business of Mr. J. F. Schoellkopf of Buffalo, travelling for this firm for 12 years. In 1858 he established his leather business in Berlin, and three years later, before the outbreak of the late American war, he removed with his family to Berlin, Canada. He was married in 1853, the three eldest sons being born in Buffalo, N. Y., and the rest of the family here. Three daughters and six sons are now living, and one son was accidentally drowned in July, 1871. He was burned out twice in Berlin. His mother, aged 79, is still living, as also his only sister who resides in Detroit.



BREITHAUPT HOUSE, ALLENDORE, A. W.

FAMILY REGISTER.

Liborius Breithaupt was born in Allendorf an der Werra, Kurhessen, Germany, in 1797; died, Buffalo, N.Y., May, 1851. October 24th, 1826, he married Barbara Catharina Goetze, born October 19th, 1801, died, Berlin, Ont., Canada, January, 1887. Like his father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Liborius Breithaupt was by occupation a light-leather tanner. In January, 1844, after a preliminary voyage to and stay in America for apparently about a year, he brought over his family, wife and son, and settled in Buffalo, N.Y. His own account is:

„Wir haben unsere theuere Heimath verlassen unter dem 4ten November 1843, und reißten auf Bremen, den 20ten Nov. gingen wir unter Segel, nach einer gefahrvollen betrübteten Reise von 10 Wochen, langten wir unter Gottes Beistande, den 27ten Januar 1844 glücklich in New-York an, wir hielten uns allda 18 Tage auf, darnach reißten wir von da hierher nach Buffalo, wo wir den 25ten Februar 1844 glücklich ankamen, wir kauften uns hier in der Feider Mitz ein Haus mit einem Garten Bar 315 Dolar, und singen den folgenden Monat unter Gottes Beistande unser Geschäft an, der Herr welcher die Schicksale der Sterblichen leitet, sey mit uns, beschirme und beschütze uns, und schenke uns seinen himmlischen Segen, in diesem neuen Lande, dieses wünscht aus Herzensgrunde.“

LIBORIUS BREITHAUPT.

CATHARINA BREITHAUPT.

Liborius and Catharina Breithaupt had issue:

Philip Louis, afterward known as Louis Breithaupt, born in Allendorf a.W., November 8th, 1827; died, Berlin. Ont., July 3rd, 1880.

Marie Elisabeth Friederika, born June 14th, 1829, died May 13th, 1834.



FAMILY GROUP, 1876.

Catharina, born, Buffalo, N.Y., February 18th, 1847; married, March 3rd, 1864, Jacob Raquet, who died in Detroit, Mich., 1887. Issue: William Jacob, born 1867; Clara Maria, 1869; Edward David, 1870; Henrietta Catharine Philomene, 1873; Emilie Louise, 1875; and Joseph John Louis, 1876.

Louis Breithaupt, married February 8th, 1853, Catharine Hailer (parents, Jacob and Margaret Hailer, see p. 4), born August 16th, 1834, Berlin, and there died July 5th, 1910. Issue:

Louis Jacob, born March 3rd, 1855; married, April 5th, 1881, Emma Alvarene Devitt, born Waterloo, Ont., October 17th, 1860. Children:

Louise Evelyn, born June 11th, 1882; married, October 31st, 1906, John Roland Parry, M.D., born Dunnville, Ont., June 13th, 1879; children: Margaret Magdalen Lilian, born August 4th, 1907, and Emma Elizabeth, born May 25th, 1910.

Emma Lilian, born May 28th, 1884.

Martha Edna, born July 26th, 1885.

Rosa Melvina, born June 19th, 1887.

Louis Orville, born October 28th, 1890.

William Walter, born June 7th, 1894.

Catharine Olive, born January 28th, 1896.

Paul Theodore, born September 9th, 1903.

William Henry, born January 25th, 1857; married, February 1st, 1898, Martha Cunningham Murphy, born Montreal, Que., July 24th, 1865. Children:

Philip William, born New York, December 16th, 1898.

Margaret Catharine, born Berlin, Ont., October 4th, 1901.

Martha Elizabeth, born Berlin, Ont., April 29th, 1906.



FOUR GENERATIONS.

John Christian, born February 27th, 1859; married, January 27th, 1892, Caroline Catharine Anthes, born Berlin, Ont., September 29th, 1868. Children:

John Edward, born December 8th, 1892.

Louise Catharine, born September 29th, 1894.

Carl Louis, born July 27th, 1896.

Frieda Carolina, born March 30th, 1898.

Walter Hailer, born November 20th, 1901.

Helena Esther, born September 23rd, 1908.

Caroline Margaret Barbara, born November 17th, 1861; married, August 3rd, 1887, Albert Benjamin Augustine, M.A., born March 6th, 1859, Racine, Wis., and there died April 12th, 1909. Children, born Racine, Wis.:

Albert William, October 26th, 1890.

Laurene Catharine, May 31st, 1894.

Grace Melvina Louisa, September 12th, 1895.

Melvina Emilia, born February 8th, 1863; married, June 25th, 1901, Amos Franklyn Baumann, M.D., born Waterloo Township, near Bloomingdale, Ont., September 29th, 1857. One child:

Eduard Franklyn Breithaupt, born, Waterloo, Ont., June 21st, 1904.

Esra Carl, born February 19th, 1866; died January 27th, 1897.

Daniel Edward, born October 30th, 1868; died July 9th, 1871.

Albert Liborius, born November 3rd, 1870; married, July 2nd, 1901, Lydia Louise Anthes, born Berlin, Ont., March 27th, 1877. Children:

Friedrich Albert, born July 29th, 1902.

Martha Marie Louise, born December 15th, 1903.

Rudolph Anthes, born October 21st, 1906.

Ruth Anna Catharine, born April 12th, 1910.

Catharina Louise, born December 3rd, 1872; died April 14th, 1886.

Friederich Adolph, born March 25th, 1875; died June 21st, 1882.



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