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FATHER'S DAY

[by Clara M. Bode, wife of Rev. D.A. Bode of New Knoxville, Ohio]
(ca. 1941-1956 - see October, 1998 "Towpath")

We talk so much 'bout mothers, leave dads out in the cold.
I'm sure that dads are parents (at least so I've been told.)
We sing out mothers' praises - we should do that too, I know.
But don't you think some dads would like to get in on the show?

They haven't things so easy - they work to make the dollars
To buy the food and pay the rent before the landlord hollers.
They seldom buy an extra suit, they make the old ones do.
They seem to be contented if they have a change or two.
While mothers, sons and daughters shop for the "newest look"
Poor Dad sits home and contemplates his flattened pocketbook.

He seldom is consulted when the family's planning fun.
He never has the family car as long as it can run.
But when it needs attention and the tank is empty too,
The family says, "The car is yours for what you want to do."

Poor Dads! They seem so lonesome-like, so sort of out of things.
They sit around dejected like a bird with broken wings.
But dads are really human and they like attention too,
Perhaps a little bit of thanks for all the things they do.

Let's sing our mothers' praises in May on Mother's Day
And make our fathers happy in June on Father's Day.
But when the joyful day is gone don't wait another year
Until you recognize their worth and fill their hearts with cheer.
[The Evening Leader - June 13th - late 1940s]

ANNUAL DINNER REPORT

By Dru Meyer, Special Events Coordinator

March 18, 2002 - 6:30 p.m. - Holy Redeemer Parish Hall
Meal catered by Ruth Krieg, served by youth from the church.
Attended by 167 people.

Speaker: Tom Block - "Let's Go Lighthousing"
Very interesting, animated talk - was presented with a gift of 3 cutout buildings from the Crown Store.

Door prizes won by:
Ross Rupert, Derrick Seaver, Tom Holdren, Charles Nagel.
Trustees re-elected were:
Rev. Lawrence Holmer, Lawrence Egbert, Dru Meyer.
Officers to be appointed at the next regular meeting.

<< UPCOMING EVENT >>

FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC
June, 2002 - On our museum grounds

THE SCHULENBERG STORY

(Chapman's 1892 Portrait & Biographical Record of Auglaize Co.)

Heinrich Friedrich Schulenberg (3/6/1809-8/15/1849) and Anna Maria Christine (Wilhelmina) Buck (5/1/1807-2/12/1849) were both natives of Ahsen Drebber, Diepholz, Hannover, Germany. In 1833, they embarked on an ocean voyage to the United States, which took two months. After arriving at Baltimore, then Cincinnati, Heinrich Friedrich Schulenberg was in the building and contracting business for several years, after which he moved to New Bremen for a few years, and then back to Cincinnati. He was not satisfied there, however, and soon afterwards returned to New Bremen, where he then settled permanently, being one of its early residents. After returning to New Bremen, he followed his trade of carpenter and builder, and all the first-class houses of that time were monuments to his work.

Heinrich Friedrich Schulenberg had served in the army in Germany and, after arriving in America, became Captain of a company of State Militia for a number of years. In 1846, he joined a mob of angry settlers who turned away the freed John Randolph slaves, denying them the opportunity to claim their land in Mercer County. (NOTE¹)

Heinrich Friedrich Schulenberg was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, which he "built" (see Box²), and was one of the most prominent and well-known men of the county. He died of cholera on 8/15/1849 at the age of 40, 6 months after his wife died of lung fever.

NOTE¹: In the winter of 1833-1834, Augustus Wattles of Connecticut started a school in Cincinnati for 200 pupils, most of whose parents had been slaves. After 2 years, he proposed buying land in the country and moving there to escape the city. In 1835, he purchased land for the former slaves in southern Mercer County in Granville, Franklin, and Marion Townships. Mr. Wattles purchased 190 acres for himself and established a Manual Labor School for "colored" boys. In November, 1842, he became acquainted with the trustees of the late Samuel Emlen of New Jersey, who was a Quaker. The "Friends" purchased Mr. Wattles' farm, appointed him superintendent of the establishment, and called it the Emlen Institute. In 1857, the Emlen Institute was sold and eventually became the site of St. Charles Seminary at Carthagenia.

In 1845, Judge William Leigh of Roanoke, Virginia purchased 3200 acres of land in this settlement for the freed slaves of the deceased John Randolph (a cousin of Thomas Jefferson). In the summer of 1846, the 385 freed slaves arrived at Cincinnati and were transported by canal boats as far as New Bremen. However, when they arrived in New Bremen, they were met by an angry mob of armed German settlers and were sent back to the boats. Almost every adult male citizen formed a picket line for two days to prevent the slaves from landing. They were sent back down the Miami-Erie canal and settled in Shelby, Miami and Warren Counties. They were never able to claim their land in Mercer County, even though a lawsuit was brought against area landowners in the early 1900s.

[History of Van Wert & Mercer Counties - Sutton/1882]

THE SCHULENBERG FAMILY TIMELINE

Genealogy

5/7/1832 - Heinrich Friedrich Schulenberg & Anna Maria Christine Buck (aka Wilhelmine Magdalene) were married in Germany. He was a miller and a millwright.

1/23/1833 - Their first child was born in Germany?

1833 - The Schulenbergs immigrated to America and settled in Cincinnati. Mr. Schulenberg then became a builder and contractor.

1834-1837 - Four more children (1 set of twins) were born in Cincinnati?

9/7/1838 - (#6) Georg WILHELM Schulenberg was born in German Township. He married Anna CATHERINE Helwig on 7/27/1865, shortly after returning home from the Civil War.

2/7/1840 - (#7) Heinrich FRIEDRICH Schulenberg was born in German Township (or Cincinnati?). He died shortly after the Civil War.

10/18/1841 - (#8) Wilhelmina Magdalene Schulenberg was born in German Township. She married William Meier and was the mother of Anna Marie Meier (7/3/1860-1/17/1952) who became the second wife of Herman Kellermeyer on 9/1/1880.

3/17/1843 - (#9) Johann Heinrich Schulenberg was born in New Bremen. He married Johanne Nieberg on 7/29/1867 and lived in New Bremen, St. Marys and Wapakoneta. He died 5/11/1911 at Wapakoneta.

2/12/1845 - (#10) Bernhard ("Ben") August (aka Benjamin A.) Schulenberg was born in New Bremen. He married Martha/Meta ("Mattie") Schwecke on 7/23/1868.

1/25/1848 - Twin? daughters born in New Bremen.

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1842-1843 - F(riedrich) Schulenberg served as Treasurer of German Township.

2/12/1849 - Anna Maria Christine (Buck) Schulenberg died of lung trouble at the age of 41.

8/15/1849 - Heinrich Friedrich Schulenberg died of cholera during the cholera epidemic. He was 40 years old.

The surviving Schulenberg children were now orphans!

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH²

by Rev. Martin Buerkle (& Rev. F.W. Bertram)

[from the New Bremen Sun - 8/1/1890 & 8/17/1895]

[St. Paul's Centennial & Sesquicentennial books - 1933, 1983]

St. Paul's Church was founded in 1833 after the early settlers first made their way to this swampy, uncultivated country and the faithful and God-fearing people felt the need for a suitable place for worship. A large barn owned by Behrend Henry Mohrmann on the southeast corner of Main & 1st Streets was consecrated and the first congregation numbering 16 members held their services there. [This building was later the location of the Hotel French - where Crown Equipment Corp.'s Guest Services warehouse is now located.]

The country was sparsely settled, the wild animals were at large, and the soil was still in a premature & unproductive state. The building of the Miami and Erie Canal about this time brought a source of livelihood and relief to the struggling humanity.

On February 2, 1834, the town's founders (*the City of Bremen Society*) donated part of the land that had been set aside as public lots [the west ½ of public lot #9 (new #22) & #10 (new #21) between Franklin & Herman sts] on which to build a church. In the same year, the first (log) church was built on the east end of this property, facing Franklin Street (in the area now occupied by the entrance to the Sunday School parking lot.) On January 25, 1835, Rev. Ludolph H. Meyer of Cincinnati took charge of the church for a salary of \$300 per year. In 1835, the church was incorporated and was called St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. Meyer died in 1839 and Rev. Friedrich W. Fuhrmann succeeded him. Rev. Fuhrmann served until 1847-1848. During Rev. Fuhrmann's administration, the congregation split and, in 1845, St. Peter's Church was formed. Rev. Fuhrmann drowned in the canal "near section 14" in 1848.

Rev. Fuhrmann was succeeded by Rev. Henry Borchers. In 1847, after the completion of the canal and the arrival of more immigrants, it was decided to build a new and more spacious frame church on the southwest corner of the church property, facing Herman Street (west of the first church which faced Franklin Street.) "Friedrich" Schulenberg was on the planning and building committee. The building of the church was started in 1848, but had to be delayed because of the loss of so many members during the cholera epidemic, including Mr. Schulenberg, who died on 8/15/1849. The church was completed and dedicated in 1849.

Civil War Records

6/1/1861 – Frederick Schulenberg, age 21, enlisted in Miami County in Company E of the 1st Ohio Cavalry. He was discharged for disability at Indianapolis, Indiana on 6/3/1864 and died of tuberculosis on 12/23/1865 (at Cincinnati?). He was the first person to be buried in the then newly-established German Protestant Cemetery at Lock Two on 12/26/1865.

9/2/1861 – John Henry Schulenberg, 18 years old, enlisted at New Bremen in Company C of the 37th Regiment of Auglaize County, an all-German regiment, after having served for 3 months in Company E of the 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at Resaca, Georgia. He mustered out at Little Rock, Arkansas on 8/12/1865 and was discharged on 8/20/1865.

8/25/1862 – William Schulenberg, 23, & his 17-year-old brother, Bernhard, both enlisted at Columbus in the same Company C. (According to the 1885 "Military Record of Auglaize County", "Bernhard" mustered out at Little Rock, Arkansas in July, 1864. However, on 5/28/1865, he was discharged as "Benjamin" at Washington, D.C.) William was also discharged on 5/28/1865 at Washington, D.C. [See the July, 2000 issue of "The Towpath" for more about the Civil War.]

#6-William Schulenberg

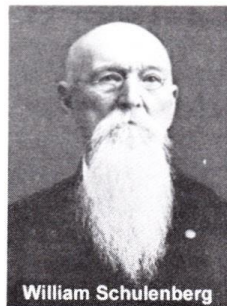
Georg WILLIAM Schulenberg was born 9/7/1838 in German Township and was baptized (twice! – according to church records) in St. Paul Church. He was the sixth of twelve children born to Heinrich Friedrich Schulenberg & Anna Maria Christine (aka Wilhelmina Magdalene) Buck, and was only 10 years old when his parents both died in

1849. (By 1892, only three of the twelve Schulenberg children were still living – William, Bernhard / "Ben", and John Henry.

William attended the log schoolhouses with slab seats. After his parents died, he painted wagons in the shop of a wagon-maker, _____, with whom he remained until the age of 15. He then hired out to work on a farm for approximately 3 years for \$3.00 per month, after which he boated on the Miami-Erie Canal during the summer, and was a cooper during the winter months. From 1858-1862, he ran the stage and carried the mail from New Bremen to Piqua.

On 8/25/1862, William and his brother, Bernhard ("Ben"), both enlisted in Company C, 37th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Siebert. A brother, Henry, had enlisted 9/2/1861, also in the 37th Regiment. Three brothers served in the same company and another brother, Frederick, was in the 1st Ohio Cavalry.

William participated in the battle of Vicksburg, the siege and assault of Jackson, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, and Bentonville. He had several bullet holes shot through his blouse, and was shot through the hair once, but never received a flesh wound. He was in the hospital about a week during his service. The last six months of his service, he acted as forwarding officer at Columbus, Ohio, forwarding substitutes to the front. He became a clerk in that department. On 5/28/1865, both William and Bernhard were discharged and returned to New Bremen.



William Schulenberg

On 7/27/1865, William Schulenberg married Anna CATHERINE Helwig, a native of Cincinnati, and he worked in a brewery. Later, he secured a position in a hardware store and still later was in the saloon business for himself. In 1868, William Schulenberg started his book and stationery business in the two front rooms of his residence (16 North Main Street), and on 3/15/1869, under President Grant, he was appointed Postmaster at New Bremen, a position he held until 12/7/1885. The Post Office was also conducted in his home. In November, 1886, he was elected Sheriff of Auglaize County on the Republican ticket, even though the county was largely Democratic. During his 2-year term as Sheriff, he lived in the county seat of Wapakoneta, but continued his business at New Bremen. At the end of his term, he returned to New Bremen and was re-appointed Postmaster on 4/13/1889 under President Benjamin Harrison. Mr. Schulenberg's stationery store and the Post Office were moved to (30) South Washington Street across from the Kuenzel Mills until October, 1891 when the building of his new store on West Monroe Street was completed. From 4/29/1893-6/8/1897, Edmund Grothaus served as Postmaster and the Post Office was moved to August Finke's building (112-114 W. Monroe). (August Finke was the Assistant Postmaster.)



William Schulenberg served twice as New Bremen's Mayor - in 1886 (until being elected Sheriff) & 1908-1909. He served as Chief of the Fire Department, Councilman, and Superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday School. He also served as Treasurer and Justice of the Peace of German Township. He operated a tile yard for a few years at St. Marys and started a mineral water factory, but soon sold it. He was connected with Henry Aue in an agricultural implement business (on North Main St., where the Zion's Church building now sits, per F.W. Bruns, in "Do You Remember?" - 6/2/1933). In May, 1891, the partnership was dissolved and he and Henry J.C. Laut built the Schulenberg-Laut block next to Henry Aue's blacksmith shop on West Monroe St. William Schulenberg ran a large stationery store next to Henry J.C. Laut's "Central" Saloon & Restaurant. (The Central Hotel wasn't built until 1896, between the saloon & Henry Aue's blacksmith shop.)

William Schulenberg was affiliated with the Mercer Masonic Lodge (#121 F. & A.M.) of St. Marys from which, on 1/7/1920, he received a gold-headed cane in honor of his golden anniversary with the Masons. He had joined the Union Lodge #441 of New Bremen on 1/11/1870, but when this Lodge disbanded, he transferred his membership to Mercer Lodge in St. Marys and attained the 32nd degree on 11/30/1909 at Dayton. He was a member of the Odd Fellows (New Bremen Lodge #101, I.O.O.F) for over 37 years. He also served as President of the Citizens Building & Loan Association for nearly 50 years, retiring only a few weeks before his death. William Schulenberg died 1/26/1928. Catherine (Helwig) Schulenberg, born 8/6/1843, died 3/16/1929.

ATTENTION FARMERS!

Go to Schulenberg & Aue, New Bremen, Ohio, for your agricultural implements of all kinds if you want a 1st class article & want to save money. We have on hand a large stock of Albion spring tooth cultivators, the best in the world, also the improved 8-shovel Fremont cultivators, spring tooth harrows, corn planters & check rowers, the Richmond Champion steel 2-horse grain drills & 1-horse grain drills, sulky & walking plows, hay rakes, hay forks, etc. All these articles will be sold at greatly reduced rates on account of a change in business. We are also agents for the Osborne steel frame binders, reapers & mowers - the most complete, most durable & lightest draft machines on the market, in which we offer great bargains. It will be greatly to your benefit to call on us before purchasing elsewhere.

SCHULENBERG & AUE (11/15/1889)

The picture at the left is from a tintype and first appeared in *The Towpath* in October, 1995 and again in January, 1996. The building on the left was identified as "The French House" and the building at the far right as the home of J.H. Mesloh. The sign on the small building in the center was identified as "Drug Store." This was the home and business, including the Post Office, of William Schulenberg. The Hotel French was run for a time by Alex & Margaret (Helwig) Bourquin. The building just to the right of the French House was once a saloon operated by Henry J.C. Laut. The next building was once Peter Tomhafa's Grocery Store. Crown Equipment Corp.'s Guest Services warehouse is now located where the French House & the saloon used to be.

Family of Wm. & Catherine (Helwig) Schulenberg

William and Catherine (Helwig) Schulenberg had three children: (1) Anna Maria Louise (8/3/1866-5/31/1965) who married Edward Langhorst; (2) Herbert Heinrich Louis (1/21/1873-2/13/1928) who married Wahlullah (Lula) Taylor; and (3) Frances (Franziska) Margarethe (4/5/1881-11/29/1962) who married Ernst Kuck.

In addition, they raised a foster son - Catherine's nephew, (4) Franklin Huenke (10/4/1877-7/15/1945), the son of Henry Huenke, Jr. and Maria Frances ("Fanny") Gress. Fanny, who died 4/27/1878 when Franklin was 6 months old, was a half-sister to Catherine Helwig.

(1) Edward and Anna (Schulenberg) Langhorst had 4 daughters: Mrs. Elmer (Lyda) Roettger, Mrs. Howard (Verona) Huenke, Agnes (Hardwick), and Mrs. Robert (Katherine) White. (2) Herbert and Lula (Taylor) Schulenberg had 4 children: Cade* Franklin (7/15/1897-12/26/1958) who married Norma Heil, Elton* Henry (4/20/1899-6/20/1986) who married Mildred Vornholt, Mrs. Frederick Leroy (Ethel Ione*) Schaefer (1901-9/5/1992), and another son (b. & d. 2/28/1904.) (3) Ernst & Frances (Schulenberg) Kuck had a son, William H., who lives in Findlay, Ohio. (4) Frank Huenke lived in Lima and was a traveling salesman for the National Biscuit Co. He and his wife, Anna Kirsch, had 1 son, Ted Huenke (1921-1994).

[*For a childhood picture of Cade, Elton and Ione Schulenberg, see the January, 2001 issue of *The Towpath*.]

The Helwig-Gress Family

Catherine (Helwig) Schulenberg was born in Cincinnati, the daughter of _____ Helwig, who died 7/6/1849, & Anna M. Fischbach (1818-3/30/1887). There were 5 Helwig children: (1) George (2/28/1839-5/19/1875); (2) Anna Margareta (Margaret) (5/7/1841-12/1/1930), who first married Selley Boogher, and after his death, on 9/18/1878, married Alexander Bourquin; (3) Anna CATHERINE (8/6/1843-3/16/1929), who married William Schulenberg; (4) Adam Helwig (6/1846-12/17/1937); and (5) William Henry Helwig (born 8/1849, died before 1930).

After her first husband's death, Anna M. (Fischbach) Helwig re-married, this time to Philip Gress, who enlisted with Co. C of the 37th Regiment on 9/1/1861, but was given a medical discharge on 2/18/1862. He died 10/20/1870. They had 3 Gress children: (1) Maria Frances

("Fanny") (2/3/1852-4/27/1878), who became the 2nd wife of Henry Huenke, Jr.; (2) Peter Michel Gress (born 9/9/1856, died between 1923-1930); and (3) Charles Philipp (C.P.) Gress (4/15/1861-5/1/1934), who was a telegraph operator and a freight & express agent for the Lake Erie & Western Railway (later called the Nickel Plate) for 23 years. He also owned & operated a coal yard and a building supply firm until he retired in 1925.

The Bourquin Hotel / Hotel French

Alexander Bourquin was born in Hardin County, Ohio in 1842 and was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted in the 94th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He came to New Bremen in 1877 and married Margaret (Helwig) Boogher (a widow) on 9/18/1878. Alex & Margaret Bourquin became the proprietors of a hotel on the southeast corner of North Main & 1st Streets (now the location of Crown Equipment Corp.'s Guest Services warehouse). Their hotel was named the Hotel French / French House. (Prior to the Bourquins, the hotel had been run by Christian & Dorothea Dicke, then by J. H. Mesloh.)

The Bourquin family left New Bremen and moved to St. Marys in 1890. Mr. Bourquin then followed the occupation of detective and was also a house painter and wallpaper hanger. Alex Bourquin died 12/10/1906 after suffering a long illness due to several paralytic strokes. He was survived by his wife and 2 children. Margaret Bourquin died 12/1/1930 in Santa Fe, Ohio at the home of her son, A.G. Boogher, who was the proprietor of the grain elevator at Santa Fe. [There is still an A.G. Boogher & Son Elevator listed in the telephone directory.] The Bourquins were buried in Elm Grove Cemetery in St. Marys.

#9-John Henry Schulenberg & Family

Johann Heinrich Schulenberg was born 3/17/1843 in New Bremen, where he learned the blacksmith trade. He enlisted with Company E, 20th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in St. Marys under Colonel Mott for 3 months service. At the expiration of his time, on 9/2/1861 he re-enlisted, this time at New Bremen with Company C, for 3 years. After the allotted time, he again re-enlisted and remained at the front until the close of hostilities.

Returning to New Bremen after the Civil War, John Henry again took up the trade of blacksmith. He later went to St. Marys to take charge of a tile-making yard near the bulkhead that belonged to his brother, William Schulenberg. When the oil field was opened at St. Marys, he worked there for a number of years. After that he entered into a partnership with J.N. John in the retail grocery business. Soon after the repair shops for the Western Ohio Railway (interurban) were established in Wapakoneta in 1902-1903, he became employed there as an armature winder, where he remained until his death. After his funeral services in Wapakoneta, his remains and the funeral party were taken on a special Western Ohio car direct to the cemetery road in St. Marys. He was buried in Elm Grove Cemetery.

John Henry Schulenberg married Johanne Nieberg on 7/20/1867. They had 5 children: (1) Caroline (b. 5/2/1868), (2) Natalie (b. 10/13/1869), (3) Johann HEINRICH (b. 10/2/1872), (4) Melania Eugenie (b. 9/17/1877), and (5)

Robert (12/29/1879-1/13/1881) who died in Wapakoneta. John Henry died 5/11/1911 at the age of 68.

#10-Bernhard/Benjamin Schulenberg & Family

Bernhard August Schulenberg was born 2/12/1845 in New Bremen. After both of his parents died in 1849, the 4-year-old was taken in by the Polsdorfer family who resided on a farm northwest of town.

When the Civil War broke out, the 17-year-old Bernhard enlisted with his older brother, William, in Company C of the 37th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Upon being honorably discharged on 5/28/1865 (as "Benjamin"), he returned to New Bremen and found employment with the New Bremen Plow Company (H. Lanfersieck & Co.). In later years, he was employed at various other jobs.



"Ben" Schulenberg

Bernhard ("Ben") married Martha / Meta Margarethe ("Mattie") Schewecke on 7/23/1868. Mattie was born 10/17/1846 north of town near Lock 4. When she was a young girl, she lost her mother and for some time afterwards, made her home with her neighbors, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Stroefer, the parents of Ed Stroefer. (Ed Stroefer, born in 1865, later married Mattie's daughter, Malinda.) After their

marriage, Ben & Mattie lived for many years on West South Street along the canal, in the house later occupied by William Pohlman and Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Wieman (now the home of Lester & Ruth Topp.)

Ben & Mattie Schulenberg had 3 children: (1) Malinda Margaretha Gersina (5/19/1869-1/21/1936) who married Edward F. Stroefer, (2) Friedrich WILHELM (4/23/1871-6/3/1939) who married Emma Baker, and (3) George Theodor (7/30/1874-1/12/1878). Ben Schulenberg died 7/20/1915. Mattie died 12/14/1920.

(1) Edward and Malinda (Schulenberg) Stroefer were the parents of Helen Stroefer and Mrs. Alton (Alvera) Schelper, both deceased. Daughters of Alton & Alvera Schelper are Col. Shirley A. Schelper of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Mrs. Richard (Anita J.) Martin of Winter Haven, Florida.

(2) Friedrich William ("Willie") Schulenberg (aka "Matz"/"Matsey") married Emma Baker and lived in Lima. They had a son, Floyd Benjamin, born 6/22/1899, who died in infancy. Willie Schulenberg was a painter most of his life, but also for some years was employed at the Spoke Works in St. Marys. Around 1918, he moved to Lima.

Willie Schulenberg, son of Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Schulenberg, while slate roofing at the school building in Troy, Ohio last Friday, lost his balance and slid down the roof for a distance of 20 feet and then fell to the ground - a distance of 25 feet. He landed about 25 feet away from the building. He sustained two broken arms and a fractured skull from which he is not expected to recover. He was in the employ of the Favorite Stove Works of Piqua. (N.B. Sun - 12/31/1892)

Public Service & Business Directory Timeline1880 Atlas of Auglaize Co.

4/7/1879 – At the German Township elections, William Schulenberg was elected Township Treasurer, and J.H. (Henry) Schulenberg and August Wehrman were elected as Township Constables. Henry Schulenberg was also elected as the Village Marshal in the village election.

John H. Schulenberg – Blacksmith

William Schulenberg – Dealer in stationery, school books, wallpaper, window shades, paper, fancy notions, confectionery, etc. Picture frames a specialty. Also, Postmaster.

1887 Business Directory by C.M. Smith

Benjamin Schulenberg – Blacksmith

Willie Schulenberg – Painter

William Schulenberg – Books, Stationery, Groceries & Notions

1898 Atlas of Auglaize Co.

1882-1884 (1886-1888?) – William Schulenberg served as Sheriff of Auglaize County. He was also Postmaster of New Bremen for 17 years (1869-1885), Mayor & Treasurer of New Bremen, and Treasurer & Justice of the Peace of German Township.

1917 Atlas of Auglaize Co.

1842-1843 – F. (Friedrich) Schulenberg served as Township Treasurer of German Township.

1876-1880 – William Schulenberg served as Township Treasurer.

1895-1898 – William Schulenberg served as Justice of the Peace of German Township.

1896-1898 – Herbert Schulenberg served as Township Clerk of German Township.

1912-1928 – Herbert Schulenberg served as Justice of the Peace of German Township.

1968 German Festival book

1886 (until being elected Auglaize County Sheriff in November, 1886) – William Schulenberg served as Mayor of New Bremen.

1908-1909 – William Schulenberg again served as Mayor of New Bremen.

1930-1934 – Cade Schulenberg served as Postmaster.

1979 History of Auglaize Co.

1957-1958 – Cade Schulenberg served as Clerk of Courts of Auglaize County.

Herbert Schulenberg

Herbert H.L. Schulenberg was born 1/21-22/1873, the only son of William and Catherine (Helwig) Schulenberg. In January, 1894, he became a partner in his father's business where he had "worked" since he was big enough to look over the counter. The business was called Wm. Schulenberg & Son. He also served his father as Assistant Postmaster. Later, he became a realtor and was known throughout northwestern Ohio as an astute businessman, accumulating a small fortune, only to see it wiped out entirely through bad investments in later years.

On 1/20/1897, Herbert Schulenberg married Wahlullah (Lula) Taylor, the daughter of Ohio Waterman Taylor and Caroline (Callie) Hayes, and a sister to James Taylor (the photographer) and Mrs. Joe (Lina Taylor) Brucken. They had 4 children: (1) Cade Franklin (7/15/1897-12/26/1964), (2) Elton Henry (4/20/1899-6/20/1986), (3) Mrs. Frederick Leroy (Ethel Ione) Schaefer (1901-9/5/1992), and (4) a son (b. & d. 2/28/1904).

Last Wednesday evening, Herbie Schulenberg and Miss Lula Taylor, daughter of "Hi" Taylor and his estimable wife, plighted vows to protect, honor & obey each other for the remainder of their lives. The celebration took place at the bride's parents, at which the Little Six Band took active part. The newly wedded have gone to housekeeping in neatly furnished rooms in the Boesche building on East Monroe Street [later Henry Dierker's Store, then the 1st National Bank, on the southeast corner of Monroe & Washington Streets.]

(N.B. Sun – 1/22/1897)

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Fifty-nine years ago last Tuesday, on December 11, 1847, a wee, tiny boy was born down in Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio. For fear that the good state on which the little shaver first saw the light of day might someday pass into oblivion without one of its noble sons bearing its name, his parents decided to call him Ohio. "Hi" Taylor is the oldest of five children. His father is still living in Georgetown at the age of 83 years. [The Waterman part of Ohio Waterman Taylor's name comes from his mother, Mary Waterman.] (12/14/1906)

In 1912, together with Herman Laut, Sr., Herbert Schulenberg was responsible for building the Laut-Schulenberg block on the north side of West Monroe St. (across from the Schulenberg-Laut block, which housed the Schulenberg Store and the Laut Saloon.) This building housed the Laut (later Hespe) Auditorium and the Crown Theatre. (see the April, 2001 issue of "The Towpath" for the story about this building and New Bremen's theatres.)

In 1914, Herbert was the Republican candidate for Auglaize County Treasurer, but was defeated by his Democratic opponent (E.J. Emrick?). He was Justice of the Peace for German Township and also served as a director of the Concordia Building & Savings Company. He was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias Lodge #543 who conducted last rites at his graveside when he died.

Herbert Schulenberg died 2/13/1928, just 18 days after the death of his father. He had been suffering for the past two months with liver cancer and was hospitalized with a nervous breakdown when his father died on 1/26/1928. Lula (Taylor) Schulenberg died 9/13/1964.

Make my Store
your Head-Quarters

Herbert Schulenberg

NEW BREMEN, O.

Phone 19

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[NOTE: This picture, advertisement. & many on the next page were taken from my Grandpa Otte's pocket notebook for the years of 1913-1914.]

LMF/Editor



Herbert Schulenberg - 1912

SCHULENBERG'S at NEW BREMEN, OHIO

Schulenberg & Laut Block - Monroe Street



The New Columbia Grafonola

MADE BY
Columbia Phonograph Co.
Come to our store and
see and hear it.

Pianos, Player Pianos

Edison Phonographs and Columbia
Graphophones.

Musical Instruments, Violin Strings
and Musical Sundries of all kinds.

A liberal allowance for your
old instrument.

If you contemplate buying a
Phonograph let us know and we will
send one to your home on 10 days
approval.

Our Drug Department

Consists of Patent Medicines and Drug
Sundries of all kinds.

Rubber goods in endless variety.
Hot Water Bottles, Syringes, Ice Bags,
alid's Cushions and all sickroom
necessaries.

WE HAVE THE EASTMAN LINE OF

Kodaks and Cameras

Premo Cameras
and Brownie Kodaks

Post Cards, Printing Paper
and Chemicals.

MAIL ORDERS GIVEN
PROMPT ATTENTION.

We carry a complete line of
CANDIES

IN BULK AND BOXES

WE REPRESENT THE SPALDING LINE OF Baseball Goods Footballs and Tennis Outfits

*Sweaters and Suits for all
outdoor sports.*

We solicit your patronage for
anything in this line.

OUR Book Department

GIVES SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE
SUBSCRIPTION BUSINESS.

Let us have your order for any
book, magazine or paper
that you may want.

If you want a book — no matter on
what subject, or when published, let
us know, we can obtain same for you.

*Write us for our Club Rate
Magazine Catalogue.*

Wall Paper and Window Shades

IN ALL THE LATEST DESIGNS
AND PATTERNS

Our Sundry Department consists of
Purses, Bill Books, Combs, Brushes
and Toilet Articles of all kinds.

Our Stationery Department is
complete with

Blank Books Pocket Memos and Office Supplies

of all kinds.

*John Holland Fountain Pens
in endless variety.*

When in New Bremen,
visit the new **Crown Theatre**
and Picture Show.

Fire Proof and Most Modern
Picture Show in Northwestern
Ohio.

HERBERT SCHULENBERG
Prop.

The **Western Ohio Railway**
Company's Ticket and Freight
Office and Wells Fargo & Com-
pany's Express Office are located in
our room.

*We issue Money Orders, payable in all
parts of the United States.*

We make a business of Auctioneering & Clerking Public Sales

Also the writing of Deeds, Mortgages,
Last Will and Testaments.

Agreements and Notarial Work
of all kinds.

Your patronage solicited.

William Schulenberg **Herbert Schulenberg**
NEW BREMEN, O.
Phone 19

WE REPRESENT THE BEST Stone Quarries IN OHIO

When in need of Crushed Stone,
Cinders or Lake Sand
in car load lots, come and see us.

Meet your Friends at Our Store.

ICE CREAM AND SODA IN SEASON.

*Cigars, Tobaccos, Pipes
and Sundry Articles.*



THE

Edison Phonograph

WE WILL SEND ONE TO YOUR HOME
ON APPROVAL.

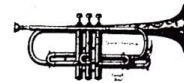
*Come to our store and let us
demonstrate to you.*

EDISON PHONOGRAPHS

All of the finest music. The work of the world's
master artists brought to your home.



SAXOPHONES & CORNETS



The Cornet is especially
adapted to church and
parlor music and blends
exquisitely with the
human voice. Let that
boy have a Cornet.

The whole world seems
to love the sweet-
flowing melody of the
Saxophone. It is
especially attractive with
piano accompaniment.
An aid in deep breathing
and its consequent
improvement in health is
a result in Saxophone
playing that should not
be overlooked.



GUITARS - UKULELES - VIOLINS

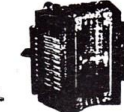


Guitars are finished in beautiful figured
mahogany, quartered oak and walnut. Metal tail
piece and strung with steel strings. Tuning pipe
and Warner's Self-Instructor given with each
Guitar.

Ukuleles - Hawaii has come to America in
the form of this musical messenger with its
entrancing and fascinating melody. No instrument
is easier to play than the Ukulele.

Violins in Conservatory, Hoff-Stainer and
Stradivarius models. Our Beginner's Outfit
consists of Stradivarius Violin, bow, 1 set strings,
rosin, wood case and instructor. \$10.00 buys the
Outfit. Old instruments will be taken in exchange.

DRUMS & ACCORDIANS



The Drum has taken a prominent place in home
circles today for its accompanying features with
the Edison and Piano. Its possibilities for
orchestral work are well known. Opportunities for
entertainment are many if you possess this outfit.
This outfit consists of Bass Drum, Snare Drum
Cymbal and Drum and Cymbal Beater.

[N.B. Sun - March, 1917]



New Bremen, O. Oct. 30, 1914

My Dear Friend:

I am a candidate for County Treasurer
on the Republican Ticket and I desire to
make a final appeal for your support at the
election next Tuesday. I wish I could see
you before the election, but it is almost
impossible to see each and every one and I
therefore take this method of thanking you
for any favors which I assure you will be
appreciated by me.

Sincerely yours,
Herbert Schulenberg

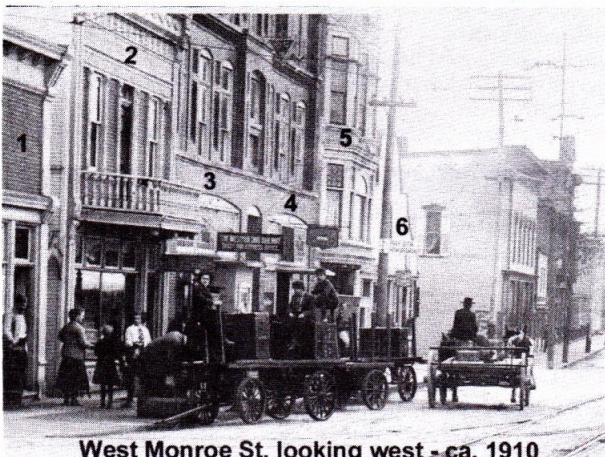
[postcard]

[above ads from 1913-1914 pocket notebook]

THE SCHULENBERG STORE

In 1868, William Schulenberg started his book and stationery business in the two front rooms of his residence on North Main Street (now 16 N. Main) where he also conducted the Post Office.

In May, 1891, William Schulenberg and Henry Aue dissolved their partnership in the agricultural implement business and William Schulenberg and Henry J.C. Laut built the Schulenberg-Laut block, two connecting brick buildings on the south side of West Monroe Street, just west of the Miami-Erie Canal (#3 & #4 in picture below.) The Schulenberg Store was to the east and Henry J.C. Laut's Saloon & Restaurant ("The Central") was to the west. The Schulenberg Toy and Patent Drug & Sundry Store (9 W. Monroe), operated by William Schulenberg, and Laut's Saloon & Restaurant (13 W. Monroe), operated by Henry J.C. Laut, both opened for business in their new building in October, 1891. The other business already in existence in this short block between the canal and Water Street was Henry Aue's blacksmith shop (#6). When the Schulenberg-Laut block was built, Mr. Aue moved his business back to be in line with the others and in April, 1892, Berea sandstone sidewalks were laid in front of all three businesses.



West Monroe St. looking west - ca. 1910

Other occupants of the Schulenberg-Laut building in 1892 were the New Bremen Post Office (William Schulenberg was the Postmaster - "Dolly" Taylor was a "Postmistress", according to Ralph May), the I.O.O.F. (Independent Order of Oddfellows) Lodge Rooms & Hall in the 2nd & 3rd stories (above the entire block), and Ed Patterson's & Oscar Boesel's "Climax" Barber Shop & bath rooms in the basement of Schulenberg's. The kitchen for Laut's Saloon and Restaurant was located in the basement of the saloon. The basement was reached by descending steps in front of the building. (See protective iron railings in the store front picture - upper right.) The Oddfellows used a door and a narrow stairway between Schulenberg's and Laut's Saloon to get to their upstairs quarters.

In 1896, Henry J.C. Laut built the Hotel Central (#5) between his saloon and Henry Aue's blacksmith shop and in June, 1897, the Schulenbergs made plans to erect a frame building (#2) east of the brick building. The Post Office was moved from the Schulenberg Store into the front

room of this new building (7 W. Monroe) in August, 1897. The *New Bremen Sun* was to move into the basement. (A.C. Buss, the Editor of the *N.B. Sun* was also the new Postmaster.) Schulenberg's Ice Cream Parlor occupied the rear of this new building. Access to the Ice Cream Parlor was by a sidewalk on the east side of the building. "Cream Parlor" sign hung over the sidewalk between the buildings after the freight house building was built next door.) When John Koeper became the new postmaster in 1905, the Post Office was moved to his building on South Washington Street and the front of the frame Schulenberg building was used as a barber shop for a while. There were apartments above this addition, where Herbert and Lula (Taylor) Schulenberg made their home since 2 years after their marriage. Also, Mrs. James (Rhea Riley) Taylor lived up here for a while.



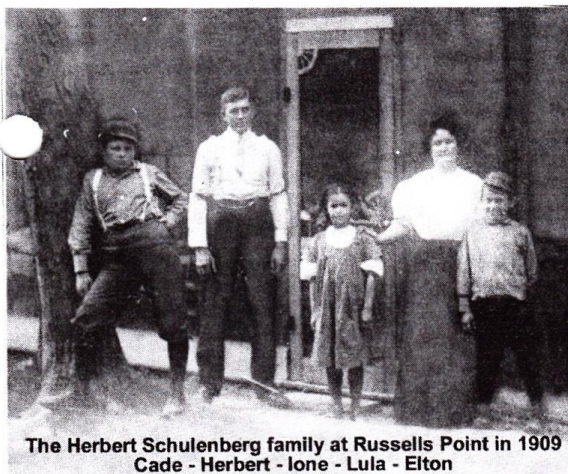
Schulenberg's Store Front - ca. 1912
Ice Cream Parlor at left - Door to Oddfellows Hall at right

[From the Ralph May collection]

In April, 1902, the St. Marys-New Bremen branch of the Western Ohio Railway Co. (interurban) was opened and a building (#1 in the picture at left - 3 W. Monroe) was built east of Schulenberg's Store to be used as a depot and freight house for the interurban. The ticket agency for the interurban was in Schulenberg's Store. (see the April, 2000 issue of *The Towpath* for the story about the interurban.) In 1914, the front northwest corner of this building (5 W. Monroe) was occupied by a barber and the entire frame Schulenberg building was designated "Ice Cream Parlor." The Oddfellows Hall had been taken over by the Knights of Pythias organization. (Ref: Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.)

After the demise of the interurban on 1/16/1932, Buckeye Stages started operating a bus line through New Bremen from Columbus to Celina on Sunday, 2/14/1932. The large freight building was to be taken over on 9/1/1932 by the Kroger Store which had been located in the Leo Huenke building down the street since being established in town. The front northwest corner was occupied by William Patterson's Barber Shop (later by barber Howard Scheer.) Schulenberg's Store continued to serve as the ticket agency for the new form of transportation.

When Herbert Schulenberg decided to go into the estate business, his sons, Cade & Elton, took over the store and the ticket & freight agency. In 1920, Cade became sole owner of the business.



The Herbert Schulenberg family at Russells Point in 1909
Cade - Herbert - lone - Lula - Elton

[Photo courtesy of Janice (Schaefer) Overton]

Cade & Norma (Heil) Schulenberg - 1948-50



[Photo courtesy of Val & Susan (Schulenberg) Rabe]

Cade Schulenberg was born 7/15/1897 to Herbert & Lula (Taylor) Schulenberg. He graduated from N.B.H.S. in 1915 and on 6/18/1920, he married Norma Heil, daughter of Charles & Louise (Huenke) Heil. They had two daughters: Bonnie Knipple / Crain (deceased) and Mrs. Valentin (Susan) Rabe of Geneseo, New York. Cade & Norma lived at 303 West Monroe St.

Cade Schulenberg was a staunch Republican and was involved in county, district, state and national politics. He served for several years on the Auglaize County Election Board.

He was prominent in insurance circles and was a field representative with the Minster Mutual Insurance Co. He also served as Vice President of the Auglaize County Tuberculosis & Health Association.

He served on New Bremen's Board of Public Affairs, and served as chairman of the New Bremen Park Commission working for the development of New Bremen's swimming pool which was completed in 1940.

Cade was secretary of the Citizens Building & Loan. He was a director of the New Bremen Rubber Company for some years and in 1951 was elected president of the company.

He served as New Bremen's Postmaster from 7/1/1930, when replaced Reinhard W. Kuck, until 8/16/1934 when Herman J. (Bud) Laut became Acting Postmaster.

In 1956, Cade Schulenberg was elected as Auglaize County Clerk of Courts and was serving as such when he died on

12/26/1958. Norma (Heil) Schulenberg died in April, 1992. In April, 1959, shortly after Cade's death, Norma sold the store buildings to Gilberg & Hegemier Furniture Store, who occupied them until September, 1997 when John Gilberg & his family built a new store south of town. Today, the former Schulenberg buildings are the home of the Bicycle Museum of America.

Elton Schulenberg

Elton Schulenberg was born 4/20/1899, the 2nd child of Herbert & Lula (Taylor) Schulenberg. He graduated from N.B.H.S. in 1917, attended Heidelberg College for a year, and in 1927, he graduated from Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. On 4/4/1927, he became an accountant for the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. in Akron. On 11/1/1939, he became manager of the general accounting department and on 1/13/1945, he became assistant treasurer of the company. He then became executive vice president and retired in 1968. He retired from the Board of Directors in 1970. He was also on the Board of Directors for the Childrens' Medical Center in Akron.

Elton married Mildred Vornholt, daughter of Ben & Anna (Kuck) Vornholt, on 12/26/1925. They had 3 children: William (lives in Florida), John Theodore ("Ted") (lives in Texas), and Mrs. Richard (Martha Jean) Dunbrook (deceased). Elton died 6/20/1986. Mildred died 5/9/1995.

Ethel lone (Schulenberg) Schaefer

Ethel lone Schulenberg was born in 1901 in New Bremen, the 3rd child of Herbert & Lula (Taylor) Schulenberg. She graduated from N.B.H.S. in 1919, attended Oberlin College, and became a schoolteacher. In 1927, she married Frederick Leroy Schaefer, who worked as an engineer for Dupont and Jergens. The Schaefers had 3 children: (Dr.) Leroy Schaefer, Jr. of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, Janice (Schaefer) Overton of Norton, Massachusetts, and Anita Schaefer of Cincinnati, Ohio. Because of Leroy's job, the Schaefer family lived in many different places, including some time overseas. Leroy died in 1981 in Hamilton, Ohio. lone died in 1992 in Cincinnati.

DANGEROUS FALL

Although he suffered a fractured left arm above the wrist, Roy Schaefer, Jr. was fortunate Sunday afternoon in not sustaining any more serious injuries when the railing above the tumble at the lock gave way and precipitated him about 12 feet to the concrete bottom in front of the tumble. There were only a couple of inches of water as the tumble was not running and Roy quickly gained his equilibrium and walked out at the east shore where the mill run used to be in former years.

Backaches and bruises are causing almost as much inconvenience as the major injury though Roy will be his old self in a few weeks. He is spending part of his vacation with his grandmother, Mrs. Lula Schulenberg, and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Schaefer, Sr. of Charleston, West Virginia.

The concrete walk across the tumble is a public thoroughfare for pedestrians - has been for as long as anyone can remember, and the iron railing has been a rather wobbly contraption for some time. Now a make-shift repair has been effected by reinforcing the rail with a strip of wood wrapped securely with a light rope and fastened to a wooden stake at the west end (until another misfortune happens?)

(N.B. Sun - 7/13/1944)

"CLIPS" from The New Bremen Sun

12/2/1890: Henry Laut, our worthy fellow-townsmen, has purchased a building site formerly owned by Henry Aue on the west side of the Monroe St. swing bridge and contemplates erecting thereon a fine brick building this spring for the purpose of carrying on his restaurant and saloon business.

6/13+20/1891: The contract for the building of the Schulenberg & Laut block was awarded Saturday to Messrs. Green & Brodbeck of St. Marys. The entire building, including the brick, glass, gas fitting, extra stone work and cost of excavation will reach a cost of \$8000. The building will be located just west of the canal bridge. It will be something like the style of the Fountain Hotel block at St. Marys.

8/8/1891: Henry Laut has sold his popular saloon located near the French House to Messrs. Porter & Singleton. He will soon take charge of his new place.

10/17/1891: The Post Office is now removed from Herman Laut's building on South Washington Street to the new Schulenberg and Laut block. Mr. Schulenberg has a magnificent store now located right in the center of town. Henry Laut calls his saloon "The Central."

4/30/1892: The revolving candy case at Schulenberg's candy store is attracting universal attention. It is a beauty.

5/14/1892: New Bremen's fountain block will be the Oddfellows building. Last Sunday William Schulenberg set in operation a neat little fountain on the grassy space adjoining his store. The fountain worked on the principle of a siphon and obtains the water from the canal.

Messrs. Schulenberg and Laut contemplate putting in pipes leading from the summit level of the canal to their respective business rooms, and will at the same time connect the pipes to a device in the lawn. The water will rise to a height of about 60 feet, producing a constantly flowing fountain. This will add immensely to the attractiveness of the place and we hope the enterprise will be successfully carried out.

7/22/1893: "The Dauntless" is the prince of bicycles. William Schulenberg sells the best for the least money.

5/25/1895: William Schulenberg and Henry Aue put in a hydraulic ram at the towpath of the canal near their respective places of business.

7/6/1895: Oscar Boesel, the young barber, ordered the high electric light pole in front of Schulenberg and Laut's block to be painted red, white and blue. These are the right colors and permission from proper authorities was promptly granted to him. Christ Laut did the painting and made a good job of it.

6/25/1897: The Post Office will be located in a new building soon to be erected on the east side of the Schulenberg & Laut block, and the Sun printing office will be removed to the basement of that building. The Post Office will be taken charge of by the new Postmaster (A.C. Buss, also editor of the *New Bremen Sun*). Fernando W. Bruns will be the chief clerk in the Post Office.

9/3/1897: The Post Office was moved into new quarters near the Monroe St. canal bridge last Saturday afternoon. It is centrally located and will convenience the general public.

3/28/1902: Wm. Schulenberg & Son leased a strip of ground from the state alongside of the canal just east of their building for building purposes. The ground is 18' from the water's edge and extends from Monroe St. to the alley in the rear of their premises.

3/20/1903: The first express car came to New Bremen on the Western Ohio Railway on a trial trip.

4/1/1904: William Schulenberg & Son are re-arranging their storeroom preparatory to the erection of a new and latest up-to-date soda fountain purchased recently. The new fountain will be a beauty and eclipse anything in its line in this neck of the woods.

5/12/1911: William Schulenberg has again been busy on public work begun by him last fall in the Miami and Erie Canal just below the lock. The fill has been nicely leveled, the bank properly sloped and the whole has been sown in grass. This and the new concrete lock will certainly improve things from what we have been obliged to look upon for these many years.

8/9/1923: Herbert Schulenberg is having a retaining wall constructed along the east bank of the canal between the Monroe St. bridge and the lock. Construction of the levee will serve to strengthen the bank and will also add greatly to the beauty of the already neatly-kept grass plots and flower beds which have been placed along the east bank.

AMUSING TID-BITS

7/11/1891: Thursday forenoon, the horse and buggy of William Schulenberg came slowly up Monroe Street from the depot without a driver. It was halted and hitched to a post by Fred Vogelsang who joined in the chuckle of bystanders.

2/13/1892: Did you see Herbert Schulenberg's moneymaking machine? It is an apparatus of the simplest construction. A sheet of white paper the size of a dollar bill is placed between the rollers and out comes a \$1.00 or \$5.00 bill. At first sight, a person is dumbfounded, but the magnitude of risk a person would incur by having such a machine leads a person to catch on. It is a very clever device and is a source of much amusement for Herbert.

12/3/1892: New Bremen now has a full-fledged weather signal station. On Tuesday, a rope was stretched across Monroe St. from the Oddfellows block to Frank P. Jung's ar flags indicating all kinds of weather will be hoisted by William Schulenberg. There are 5 different flags, but the signals are more numerous. (Includes a long list of descriptions of flags and interpretations of displays.)

11/10/1894: The Republican headquarters on election night were in Wm. Schulenberg & Son's Store and the Democratic headquarters were in Henry Laut's Saloon. They were very near to each other but yet so far. They kept up a friendly jollity but viewed the returns through different glasses.

CORRECTIONS

The second paragraph on the back page of the January, 2002 issue of *The Towpath* should have read as follows:

[Robert Kettler (not Weinberg) lived there (in the 2-story brick house at 222-224 N. Main St.) as a young boy. He has told the story that one day when playing on the front steps, he dropped a quarter between the steps and the foundation. He never did get his quarter back!]

I'm told this happened about the year of 1926, when Bob was about 9 years old. I'm sorry I gave you your wife Betty's maiden name, Bob.

2/5/2002

I always enjoy *The Towpath*. My thanks for all your time and effort to keep it so interesting. Keep up the good work.

I was surprised, however, when I did not see my state of Florida listed in the mailing addresses on the back page of the January, 2002 issue – nor that of my son, Blaine Heinfeld, who lives in Indiana. Evelyn (Warner) Heinfeld – Fruitland Park,

[OOPS!! I missed listing the whole group of states that receive a mailing of 10 or more copies: California (28), Florida (26), Indiana (20), Michigan (10), and Texas (12). The total of 199 out-of-state addresses was correct, however.]

Curators Corner

◆NEW ACQUISITIONS◆



(4) Anna Catherine (Beckman) Luelleman
(peeling pears under her pear tree, ca. 1940)

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President John F. Kennedy assassination items:

- (1) TV Guide: January 25, 1964
- (2) Reader's Digest: January, 1964
- (3) "Four Days" book printed by Dayton Journal Herald in 1964
- (4) Look magazine: "Kennedy & his family in pictures" (special edition)
- (5) Life magazine: "John F. Kennedy memorial edition"

Magazines & Newspapers:

- (1) Dayton Journal Herald: April 1, 1981 (Ronald Reagan assassination attempt)
- (2) Look magazine: October 19, 1971 (last issue)
- (3) Life magazine: December 29, 1972 (last issue)
- (4) Dayton Daily News: September 10, 1991 (pgs. 6A-7A - "The Changing Soviet Union")
- (5) Dayton Daily News: December 14, 2000 ("Election 2000")

1978 Blizzard items:

- (1) The Evening Leader: January 30, 1978 (reprint of front page)
- (2) Dayton Journal Herald: February 4, 1978
- (3) Dayton Daily News "Leisure": February 26, 1978

Cincinnati Reds memorabilia:

- (1) 1972 World Series program (autographed by Walter Alston)
- (2) 1972 World Series ticket stub for game 7
- (3) Dayton Journal Herald pamphlet: ("Reds '78") April 1, 1978 [donated by Lowell & Lucille Francis]

"Historic New Bremen" Tapestry-Coverlet (multi-colored earth-tones): 2nd historic coverlet sold by The Crown Store.
[donated by Jean (Greife) Waterman]

Luelleman family pictures:

- (1) Photograph (copy) of the Luelleman house (now our museum) with Anna Catherine Luelleman & her daughter, Alvina, standing in front (see pg. 1.)
- (2) Photograph (copy) of William Heinrich & Anna Catherine (Beckmann) Luelleman, the first of the Luellemans to live in this house, which was in the Luelleman family for over 100 years from 1868-1973. (see the October, 1998 issue of "The Towpath")
- (3) Small portrait of Anna Catherine (Beckmann) Luelleman (a large 20"x24" framed portrait is hanging in the dining room of our museum, donated in 1998 by her great-grandson, Jan Luelleman).
- (4) Small photograph of Anna Catherine Luelleman sitting behind the house (now our museum) on the brick patio near the summer kitchen. Shows a tree behind the house, trellises, a grape arbor, and a wooden bench alongside the summer kitchen.
- (5) Large framed portrait of Alvina (Luelleman) Luedeke. [donated by Enola (Luedeke) Hirschfeld]

Enola (Luedeke) Hirschfeld is one of five children of Franklin Frederick Luedeke and Alvina Anna Katharine Luelleman. Alvina, born 3/4/1886, died 2/6/1921 at the age of 34 when Enola, the youngest, was just over 1 year old. The children were raised by their grandmother, Anna (Kawell) Luedeke. Enola's grandmother, Anna Catherine (Beckmann) Luelleman (at left), died 5/14/1942 at the age of 97.

Newspaper: The Evening Leader – November 6, 1968

("Richard Nixon wins Presidency"). [donated by Phyllis Cox]

Map: 3-city street map of New Bremen, Minster and New Knoxville businesses. [donated by the Chamber of Commerce]

Leather Postcard - 1906: engraved with a picture & "He's Me Pal" (mailed from New Bremen to Piqua).

[donated by Jack Hansbrough – St. Marys]

Small Ornate Door Handle, (2) small irons:

[donated by Rita Heitkamp]

Canning Jar Lifter (Retractable):

[donated by Jon Russell]

Wavy-edged "Cake" Knife: Handle embossed with "Leo Kuhlhorst – Dealer in Selected Eggs".

[donated by Alberta (Ahlers) Loffer]



Aluminum "Token": Embossed with "William Combs" "New Bremen Ohio" & a flag centered in the star.

[unidentified donor]

Dr. W.F. Wood's pistol used in November 1879 "Bloody Barn Battle" to shoot a robber

also a 6/30/1959 letter written by Fridolin Purpus describing his memory of the 1879 events. [see pg. 14]



[donated by Valentin Rabe - Geneseo, New York]

From the Mailbox...



Dear Lucille:

1/24/2002

I enjoy reading *The Towpath* even though I do not know many of the people and families in the articles. It has been 68 years since I left New Bremen. I have enclosed a check in memory of my brother, Franklin Coss, and my sister, Jane B. (Coss) Baird.

Sincerely, Raeanna (Coss) Summerill - Lancaster, Wisc.

[See the October, 1998 issue of "The Towpath" for more about the Coss family.]

1/19/2002

Enclosed is my check for 2002 dues. I enjoy reading your newsletter to see if I can locate any new info on the Braun families since my son is married to Judy Braun. I believe her brother, Richard, has been doing more research on this family than I've been able to do. Their relatives include your Tom Braun, Dr. David Steiner, and even Tom Block, who is to speak on "Lighthouses." Keep up the good work - very interesting articles even if no connection.

Sincerely, Mrs. Vada Morr - Celina, Ohio

1/30/2002

Thank you for sending me a complimentary copy of the January, 2002 issue of *The Towpath*. I enjoyed it very much. There were so many interesting things in it, especially about the Hoffman family and its history.

I am also interested in the March 18th Annual Dinner, where Tom Block is to be the speaker. Would you send me more information about this? Enclosed is my check for 2002 membership.

Virginia (Hoffman) Shaw - Fairfield, Ohio

Dear Lucille:

1/22/2002

Hey! I liked your article on the Hoffman family - Hoffman building, Kuhlhorst building, etc. That was "home ground" for me while we briefly lived in the Schlesselman house at 216 N. Water Street. I remember the Schelpen girls, Donna Greber, even Jerry Brown.



Enclosed is a picture of my great-uncle, Julius Fritz Warner, who is the fifth boy from the left in the front row of the 1901 St. Paul's Church confirmation picture. At one time I thought this was a "casket" picture. Julius died 8/16/1903 and apparently the family didn't have a picture of him, so they "blocked out" the other boys around him and made a copy of his confirmation picture.

John Julius Schwepe - Findlay, Ohio

1/24/2002

Thanks so much for sending me a complimentary copy of the January, 2002 issue of *The Towpath*.

Walter Kuhlhorst - Van Wert, Ohio

New Bremen Historic Association:

1/23/2002

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your sending me the complimentary copy of the January, 2002 issue of *The Towpath* containing the photograph the 1901 St. Paul's Church confirmation class which included my grandfather, Wilson Staas. I was unable to identify him from this photo but I intend to visit the museum this summer to look at the larger picture. Enclosed is a check for dues.

Dillon Staas - Lima, Ohio

2/2/2002

I received my January, 2002 issue of *The Towpath* and was very glad to see the confirmation class picture of my great-uncle, Fernando Blumhorst. A copy of this will go into my Blumhorst family tree. I'm the granddaughter of Oscar Blumhorst (brother to Fernando) and the great-granddaughter of Elizabeth (Heil) Blumhorst, so I will also be checking the Heils in this picture.

Thelma Ratchford - Englewood, Ohio

To *The Towpath*:

2/9/2002

You recently sent a complimentary copy of the January, 2002 issue of *The Towpath* for which I thank you. On page 9 is the picture of the 1901 St. Paul's Church confirmation class. While I was not aware that my father, Walter Sunderman, was a member of this class, the youth at the right end of the back row looks very much like other pictures of him from about this time.

My niece, Carol Kostik, came across the book, *New Bremen*, ©1999, written by Mark Bernstein in a bookstore in New York City where she lives. I have recently had occasion to read it and found it very interesting.

Eloise (Sunderman) Merrick - Weatherford, TX

To Thomas Braun, Treas.

2/15/2002

I received the complimentary copy you sent of the January, 2002 issue of *The Towpath* - also John Dickman's book, *Recipes and Reminiscence*, both sent by request of my cousin, Nan (Eshmeyer) Gorbics of Shelby, Michigan.

I thoroughly enjoyed every word John wrote, as my maternal grandparents were Christ & Louisa (Harjehausen) Dickman (John's great-uncle). My parents were Emil & Nellie (Dickman) Poppe. I was born in 1914 in Piqua, Ohio and raised there. Many childhood memories were brought back of the many summers spent in New Bremen.

Enclosed please find a check for a year's subscription to *The Towpath*. Thanks for the complimentary copy.

Sincerely, Esther (Poppe) Vosler - Mesa, Arizona

2/9/2002

I look forward to receiving *The Towpath* so much that I would like to send my sister, Beverly (Fark) Copp, a subscription. We were both Irvin Fark's daughters. Thanks again and keep up the good work.

Dottie (Fark) Haupt - Englewood, Ohio

[See Marge Lietz's October, 1994 issue of "The Towpath" for a story about Irvin Fark's Bakery written by Dottie (Fark) Haupt.]

Dear Lucille:

1/29/2002

The January, 2002 issue of *The Towpath* arrived today and I was transported back to the neighborhood where I was born in 1926. The house at 220 North Main et was built in 1925 (not 1928, as was stated - Ed.) and yes, my mother, Lola (Huenke) Dietrich, often said she was the only woman who ever lived in the house. Enclosed are my dues for 2002. I will continue looking forward to the arrival of *The Towpath*.

Jane (Dietrich) Douglas - Kendallville, Indiana

1/23/2002

I certainly enjoyed all the *Towpath* issues I have received, but I found the January, 2002 issue especially interesting since I am working on the Kuck genealogy. Would you please send a copy of this issue to Ernst W. & Cathie Kuck of Sun City West, Arizona? Ernie is a first cousin of June & Walter Kuhlhorst, children of Leo & Esther (Kuck) Kuhlhorst, and we have been corresponding about our relationship. Ernie's father, Walter Allen Kuck (b. 1902), and his sister, Esther (Kuck) Kuhlhorst (b. 1896), were first cousins to my father, Reinhard W. Kuck (b. 1894). Esther & Walter were the children of Ernst W. Kuck (b. 1871) and his wife, Laura C. Frey.

We are also related to the Hoffmans because Helena (Kuck) Hoffman (b. 1877) was a half-sister to my grandfather, George W. Kuck (b. 1866) and Ernst W. Kuck, (b. 1871). Their father was Ernst Kuck (Sr.?), whose 1st wife was Sophia Elizabeth Venneman (George Kuck's mother). Helena (Kuck) Hoffman's mother was Elizabeth Christina Niemeyer who married Ernst Kuck in 1873 after his first wife died. Ernst died in 1882 and his 2nd wife re-married, to Ernst Huelsmeyer in 1883.

Sincerely, Kathleen (Kuck) Noble - St. Marys, Ohio

The New Bremen Sun²
New Bremen, Ohio

1/31/2002

Dear Friends,

I have just finished reading the two books about New Bremen written by Mark Bernstein¹ (*New Bremen*, ©1999 & *New Bremen 2000*.) They were the gift of a friend and how I treasure them. My mother, Ethel lone (Schulenberg) Schaefer, was born and raised in New Bremen and I have priceless memories of my visits to my grandmother, Lula (Taylor) Schulenberg.

I recognize not only the names of my own relatives, but of so many of the people or their families that my Mother so often spoke fondly of. I also recognize the places, like Lock 1; which was right out my Grandmother's back door - she lived over the Schulenberg "drugstore." (I enjoyed the remarks about how it was not really a "drug" store.) I remember the comic books, the sheet music, the bubblegum & candy counter, and best of all, the soda fountain where Uncle Cade Schulenberg allowed us to make our own sodas or sundaes after going to the movies across the street - after the store was closed.

I have always envied my Mother's being able to grow up in New Bremen, and reading these two books does not diminish that. I am so very pleased and proud to have so much more of New Bremen's history and my

own. I am also proud to know that the heritage continues in so many ways, even as changes are occurring in more recent years.

I hope you might find room in your paper to place this letter in case there are still people who remember my Mother or Uncle Cade or Great-Uncle Jim Taylor who would be inclined to send me any stories or remarks they might have about those remembrances to include in my family history records.

In any event, my very best to all the folks in New Bremen. You have a wonderful heritage and it still sounds like a wonderful place to grow up.

Janice lone (Schaefer) Overton
9 Country Circle - Norton, MA 02766

NOTE¹: The two "New Bremen" books mentioned in this letter and the letter from Eloise (Sunderman) Merrick (pg. 12) are available at The Crown Store in New Bremen.

NOTE²: The above letter was delivered to the New Bremen Sons of the American Legion and forwarded to the N.B. Historic Association. Several complimentary copies of "The Towpath" were sent to Mrs. Overton. The following is her follow-up letter:

Dear Lucille:

2/12/2002

I was tickled to death to receive your letter and all the information as well. As a result, I enclose my check for a year's subscription to *The Towpath* [and did that title ever speak to me! - I have often told my children and grandchildren how I recall walking along that towpath every day when we visited Grandma Schulenberg so I could swim at the pool where my cousin, Sue (Schulenberg) Rabe, was a lifeguard.]

Imagine my surprise and delight as I read your January, 2001 issue to not only see the picture of my Mom and her brothers (I have that same picture), but to read the letters from Ted Schulenberg (a cousin whom I don't remember except from pictures) and from Mary Ellen (Taylor) Belton/Patton, another "cousin" who used to play with me when my Mom visited her mother, my Great-Aunt Rhea Taylor. Her father, Great-Uncle Jim Taylor, used to take pictures of me and my brother and sister in his studio. I remember his magical ability to pull quarters out of thin air.

[See Marge Lietz's January, 1989 issue of "The Towpath" for a story about Jim Taylor written by Mary Ellen (Taylor) Belton.]

There is also the picture of the New Bremen Women's Club in 1932/1933, dressed in colonial costumes. I feel fairly certain that two of those women may have been among my mother's group of six friends who called themselves "The Bittersweets." I gather they were not only close friends but a lively bunch as well.

The path of my first letter was heartwarming. I wasn't sure what might happen to it, but I was hopeful that in a small town like New Bremen it might find a good "home" and it did. That could only happen in a small, caring community. It does one's heart good.

We will plan a trip back to New Bremen. We have only been back for the short experiences of burying both of my parents in German Protestant Cemetery (in 1981 & 1992), so a longer visit would be a decided treat.

Sincerely,

Janice (Schaefer) Overton

Dear Joyce Holdren, Curator:

2/7/2002

Ever since reading "The Bloody Barn Battle" in the October 2000 issue of *The Towpath*, I've been trying to locate both the pistol used by Dr. W.F. Wood and Fridolin Purpus's 6/30/1959 explanation letter about it. Fridolin was about 7-8 years old when the shootout took place.

The Purpus & Boesel Insurance Agency was at 7 West Monroe St. in the same building as Schulenberg's Store. One summer in the late 1950s, when I was home visiting, I dropped into Fridolin's office and he showed me the pistol he said was involved in the only "attempted bank robbery" in New Bremen's history. He then offered to sell it to me.

I have no idea how Fridolin Purpus obtained the pistol, but he sold it to me and said that it was the one Dr. Wood used to shoot the unlucky robber.

Since you have the lantern used by Marshal Franz Lindenberg in the shootout, it seems appropriate that Dr. Wood's pistol be displayed with it and I would like to donate it to the Historic Association, along with Fridolin Purpus's letter.

My wife (Susan Schulenberg) and I hope to get to New Bremen this June when Sue goes to her 50th class reunion at Miami, and we hope to get a look at all the changes I've read about at the museum, having not been in town when it was open for over a decade.

Sincerely,

Val Rabe - Geneseo, New York

Dear Lucille Francis:

2/20/2002

I want to congratulate you on the professional job you've done in writing and editing *The Towpath*. My wife, Susan (Schulenberg), and I read and enjoy every issue, and almost always find something that reminds us of our own youth in New Bremen - most recently Paul Poppe's letter referring to an "archeological" expedition I apparently participated in, but lost all memory of.

I'd like to make a few amendments to the biographical sketch of my brother, Peter Rabe, in the October, 2001 issue:

Peter Leo Rabe (he never used the middle name, rarely even the initial) was born on November 3, 1921 in Halle, Germany (also the birthplace of our mother and maternal grandmother) in the eastern province of Sachsen/Anhalt. The family then moved to Hannover where our father, Dr. Michael Rabe, established his practice, and where Andreas & I were born.

In late 1938, Dr. Rabe and Peter moved to Detroit, living with Dr. Rabe's brother until he obtained a license to practice medicine in the United States.

In June, 1940, the reunited family moved to New Bremen, with Peter matriculating that fall at Ohio State University. After graduating with a B.A. in 1943, he did some graduate work and held a number of odd jobs until he became a naturalized citizen and could join the U.S. Army in 1944.

Discharged in 1946, he began to work on a PhD in psychology at Western Reserve University, married Clare Frederickson of Cleveland, and then received a national grant to conduct psychological research at the Jacks Memorial Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine. (He never worked as a psychiatrist, lacking an MD, but did work as a practicing psychologist at various stages of his career.)

Returning to Cleveland about 1950, and with his son Jonathon about to be born, he took a job with a steel fabricating company, eventually writing their technical literature and advertisements. It was at this point (September, 1954) that he had his first story published, "Who's Having This Baby?" by McCall's. In revised form, this was published as a hardcover book, "From Here To Maternity" in 1955 by Vanguard Press.

As was stated in your article, he may have indeed "started writing when he was 10 years old", but I have no knowledge that before the 1954 article, his writing consisted of anything more than student assignments, laboratory reports, anonymous advertising, etc.

He wrote some things for the original "Batman" TV series, and in 1967 he wrote a novelization of the movie script for the W.W.II movie, "Tobruk" for Bantam books. By this time, the original paperback market had all but dried up.

A few years later, he reluctantly returned to psychology and an academic career, teaching psychology for the next 20 years at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo until his death on May 20, 1990.

I am enclosing a copy of the late-1989 interview he gave for "Paperback Parade" magazine, along with a bibliography of his books. You can add these to your "Authors' Nook" collection.

My own briefer and less "fun-reading" entry for your "Authors' Nook" file is as follows:

Valentin H. Rabe was born January 30, 1930 to Michael and E. Margarete (Beer) Rabe in Hannover, Germany. He emigrated to the United States and moved to New Bremen in June, 1940 where he attended the New Bremen schools until 1946. He graduated from Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in 1949, and with a B.A. from Tufts University in 1953.

He married Susan Schulenberg [daughter of Cade & Norma (Heil) Schulenberg] in New Bremen on August 16, 1952 and served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. He graduated from Harvard University in 1957, received a PhD in History in 1965, taught at Drexel University in Philadelphia from 1961-1967, and SUNY College at Geneseo, New York 1967-1991. A list is included of four publications published by the Harvard University Press: 1959, 1960, 1974, 1978 concerning American-Chinese relations and missionary enterprise.

Sincerely,

Valentin H. Rabe - Geneseo, New York

Dear Mrs. Francis:

2/23/2002

My brother, Carl Poppe of Carlsbad, California, called after he read the January 2002 issue of *The Towpath* containing my earlier letter in which I mentioned that in 1941-1942 Dale Braun, Valentin Rabe and I had searched for a canal boat that was supposed to be buried north of McKay's Mill. Carl said he had seen a canal boat that was buried just north of the intersection of North Walnut & East 1st Street (east of McKay's) on the west side of the street.

He said that the city was installing a sanitary sewer line along North Walnut in the area where the Auglaize School was later located. He thought it would have been between 1931-1933. He said "The trench-digging equipment exposed the bow of a boat. The crew made the decision to saw through the starboard gunwale, lay the sewer line through the slot, and backfill rather than try to excavate more of the hull." Carl said the wood was a well-preserved oak material and that the stern of the boat was toward the canal and lower than the bow.

It was Carl's recollection that the boat had been sunk in a channel that connected the canal to a lagoon east of the canal in the area northeast of the intersection. When we were children, the area east of North Walnut was garden and fruit trees. Doc Schmidt's barn and veterinary office was in the middle of the block on the east side of the street. Carl said this area and the area our house occupied at 123 North Jefferson Street was built on fill material placed in a depression in order to build the houses along 1st Street and North Jefferson.

He also thought there should be some sanitary sewer plans that would mark the construction. I hope this may be another piece in your puzzle.

Sincerely,

Paul Poppe - Edmonds, Washington

[From the New Bremen Sun - 7/30/1931]

GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE IN SEWER CONSTRUCTION Workmen Find Buried Bridge On North Walnut Street

Good progress is being made on the North Walnut Street sewer despite several earlier delays in the work. Construction of the sewer was started last week. The sewer is being laid at an average depth of approximately 10 feet, although in some places the excavation reaches 14 feet and more.

An unexpected delay occurred Monday (7/27/1931) because of a serious cave-in near the Drs. Schmidt veterinary barns. The mishap occurred when a buried culvert bridge was unearthed.

Old timers recalled afterwards that many years ago the canal in the north end of town extended beyond Walnut Street and that boats docked at a wharf located between Walnut and Jefferson Streets.

LaRose (Dicke) Gossette

of Fresno, California, sent this picture of herself. She served from 1943-1945 as a WAVE (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) and was stationed at the Norfolk Navy Yard. This picture was taken at the home of her brother, Henry Dicke, at 237 E. Monroe St.

the January issue for Helena Kuck's story about her years in the WACS (Women's Army Corps.)]



LaRose (Dicke) Gossette

Dear Lucille

2/25/2002

Thank you for the interesting articles in the January 2002 issue of *The Towpath*, recounting the church youth groups of the early 1900s in New Bremen. Thank you especially for including the picture of my dad, Frederick Luedeke, as an officer of the 1933 St. Paul's Young People's League. I had not known of that picture, and I learned more interesting things about my dad's varied and active life! My great uncle, Walter Sunderman, was noted in the 1901 St. Paul's Confirmation Class picture.

I do thank you for the October 2001 *Towpath*, featuring the Sunderman family. Rereading the "Life and Times of Frank Henry Sunderman" (my grandfather), written by my uncle, James F. Sunderman, reminded me of our wonderful heritage. He was truly a great grandfather to me, my sister Sue, and brothers Jon and Jamie through our growing-up years at 117 South Washington Street. As Uncle Jim described Frank's memorable relationship with "OMOM" and "OPOP" Sunderman, Grandpa was the same to us.

Grandpa always wanted and expected the best for and from us. He always had an upbeat, positive attitude. He was a hard worker, diligent in everything - is this where we got our good old German work ethic? Frank Sunderman was known for his home-grown fruits and vegetables, and he insisted that my mother and all of us canned or froze every last bit of them. Famous for his "four-times sweeter" corn, Grandpa early involved the four of us grandkids in marketing and delivering the corn. Then he insisted we four divide and keep all the profits! In the winter, he was the one to test the canal before any of us could ice-skate, then he would always check up on us. He treated us with rides in his trailer through New Bremen!

My grandpa would have been very upset about the events of 9/11. I have lived in or near New York City since 1967, when I left New Bremen to study at Nyack College. (My great-uncle, Ferd Sunderman, interestingly, also attended Nyack College.) My husband, Augie, and I lived in Brooklyn for five years, and often drove by the construction site of the World Trade Center in the late 60s and early 70s, as it was most fascinating. As I watched the towers collapse on TV that September morning, I felt violated myself. I remember thinking, how can this happen? There is no space for these buildings to fall, I thought!

We live in Nyack, right on the Hudson River, about 20 miles north of Manhattan. We realized later that the first hijacked plane, diverted southward along the river heading to New York City, probably flew right over our house on its way to tower #1. Many in the Nyack area have been affected, some have escaped with amazing stories. Memorial services are still happening.

Thank you again for your work on *The Towpath*, stirring again many wonderful memories, as well as gratitude for family, our heritage, and many blessings we enjoy.

Sincerely,

Kathleen (Luedeke) Mascaro
Nyack, New York

Dear Lucille:

3/2/2002

I have enjoyed reading several complimentary copies of *The Towpath*. In the July, 2000 issue you included a photo of the Civil War Veterans in the 1912 Decoration Day parade.

We believe my great-grandfather, Frederick Dickman, should be #9 in the photo, not #10. He received a leg injury on his return train ride home and never fully recovered (note the cane with the 9th person in the photo.) My mother, Dorothy (Dickman) Koenig, has also identified him from other photos.

Beverly Koenig - Napoleon, Ohio

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Does that make #10 William Vomholt? or perhaps Anton Friedrich of Minster? Does anybody know? In the 1983 Sesquicentennial book, #9 was identified as "H. Dickman" and #10 was identified as "Anton Friedrichs of Minster." These men were identified by Ralph May who would have been about 20 years old at the time the picture was taken. Different pictures have different identifications.]

I also mis-identified the building(s) in this picture. Jim Cooper corrected me in the October, 2000 issue. There is more in this current issue about these buildings, which were the freight house building on the left (with the millinery store in the front northwest corner and the frame Schulenberg's Ice Cream Parlor on the right - see page 8)

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we report the death on January 18, 2002 of Janet (Fledderjohn) Wisner. Janet was a Charter and Lifetime member of the New Bremen Historic Association. She also worked 32 years as a sales secretary for STAMCO, from the time of her graduation from N.B.H.S. in 1955 until 1987.

In August, 1975, Janet became the second curator for the Historic Association after the resignation of Greg Parrott. She was responsible for establishing the cataloging system for donated items and also wrote the early newsletters, establishing the "Curator's Corner" in February, 1977 in which she gave detailed listings of the museum's new acquisitions. In January, 1982, she established the "Authors' Nook" (see the October, 2001 issue of *The Towpath*). From time to time she also published membership lists and letters or genealogical queries from readers.

In the fall of 1977, Janet left her post temporarily to complete her studies at Wright State University of Dayton and get her degree in history. During this time Rosemary Heitkamp served as curator and she and others wrote the newsletter. In March, 1980, Janet returned as curator and editor of the newsletter, which had recently been named *The Towpath*. In 1983, she served on the committee for New Bremen's sesquicentennial celebration. In 1986, Janet resigned and the curator and editor positions again became vacant, although Janet continued to fill them until she left New Bremen. In October, 1987, Marjorie Lietz became the new *Towpath* editor and in April, 1989, Vernita Scheer & Dottie Boesel became the new curators.

Janet was very dedicated and also served as the museum's caretaker, sometimes scrubbing floors in her bare feet. It is due to Janet's tireless organizational efforts in the early days of our Association that we now have established systems to follow. In the fall of 1981, teacher Karl Wisner came into Janet's life and became a "handyman" at the museum.

On September 26, 1986, Janet and Karl were married and eventually left the New Bremen area. They were currently living in Columbia, Missouri. We extend our sympathy to Karl and to the rest of the Wisner and Fledderjohn family.

NEW MEMBERS THIS QUARTER (THRU 3/20/02)

02/25/2002 Almich, Kathryn (Hawisher) - Cary, North Carolina
01/23/2002 Bruns, James - New Bremen (re-joined)
02/09/2002 Copp, Beverly (Fark) - Bradenton, Florida (re-joined)
01/28/2002 Dunlap, Dorothy (Koenig)(LM)-Columbus Grove, C
03/12/2002 Eckhart, Melvin A. - Sidney, Ohio
01/23/2002 Greber, Wilbur & Enola (Bushman) - New Bremen
02/05/2002 Hegemier, Rev. Gene - Oak Harbor, Ohio (re-joined)
02/06/2002 Heil, Herbert - Vandalia, Ohio
02/14/2002 Hoffman, Mrs. Ezra (Attilia Pettiti) - Sidney, Ohio
02/13/2002 Jones, Louise (Schaefer) - Cassopolis, Michigan
03/04/2002 Koenig, Beverly - Napoleon, Ohio
02/28/2002 Kuennig, B/G Thomas E., Jr. (LM)-Reston, VA (re-joined)
01/24/2002 Kuhlhorst, Walter - Van Wert, Ohio
02/12/2002 Looker, Larry - Eaton, Ohio (re-joined)
02/06/2002 Luedeke, Jonathon - Columbus, Ohio
02/19/2002 Overton, Janice (Schaefer) - Norton, Massachusetts
02/07/2002 Parsons, Nancy (Kellermeyer) - Canandaigua, New York
02/04/2002 Ranyak, Mark - New Bremen
01/30/2002 Shaw, Virginia (Hoffman) - Fairfield, Ohio
03/12/2002 Sikora, Jim A. - Chicago, Illinois
01/25/2002 Staas, Dillon W., Jr. - Lima, Ohio (re-joined)
02/19/2002 Vosler, Esther (Poppe) - Mesa, Arizona
02/15/2002 Watson, Jane (Block) - Dayton, Ohio (re-joined)
02/23/2002 Whitten, Rebekkah (Malik) - New Bremen (re-joined)
01/23/2002 Ziegenbusch, Barbara (Cashdollar) - New Bremen

MEMBER DEATHS THIS QUARTER

02/23/2002 Laut, Mrs. Melville (Leona Nolte)(LM)
01/24/2002 Mousa, Mrs. Virgil (Helen Rehn)(CM)
01/18/2002 Wisner, Janet (Fledderjohn)(CMLM)

ADDITIONS TO LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

02/15/2002 Conradi, Ned
01/28/2002 Dunlap, Dorothy (Koenig)(new)
01/26/2002 Knapke, Dr. Gene
01/28/2002 Kuennig, B/G Thomas E., Jr.
03/04/2002 Poling, Marilyn (Swartz)
02/07/2002 Schaefer, Dale
02/07/2002 Siefring, Brenda (Schaefer)
03/06/2002 Turner, John A.

If "2001" appears on your mailing label, that means we haven't yet received your dues for 2002. Please help us keep our membership over 800 by sending payment now.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The following memorial donations have been received this quarter:

In memory of Harold & Eunice (Boesel) Brucken
by John & Eleanor Brucken
In memory of Eunice (Boesel) Brucken
by Jeanne (Boesel) Sills,
Charles & Mary Ellen (Taylor) Patton
In memory of Franklin Coss & Jane (Coss) Baird
by Raeanna (Coss) Summerill
In memory of Thomas H. Dicke
by Carole (Dicke) Ferguson
In memory of Nevin Hirschfeld
by Verona (Kettler) Hirschfeld
In memory of Janet (Fledderjohn) Wisner
by William & Donna Conradi, John & Joyce Gilberg,
James & Anna Mae Hudson, Jerry & Sue Maxson,
Lillian Schowe (all of New Bremen),
Steve Specker & Carol Bruce (Columbia, MO)
In memory of Leona (Nolte) Laut
by her nephew, Eugene Jordan