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The holiday season at the museum began with the decoration of Christmas trees following the theme "Gifts of the Season." Many local organizations participated in this annual event and transformed the Luelleman house into a showcase of Christmas spirit. Trees were decorated by St. Peter's Church, the New Bremen Public Library, Kindergarten classes, Girl Scouts, Shirley James & Relay for Life, Dru Meyer & the Cherry Belles Red Hat Club, Ann Kuhn and Serendipity Nursery School, and the Bicycle Museum. Table displays were provided by Susie Hirschfeld, Delores Stienecker, Joyce Holdren, and Diane Paul. Dorothy Hertenstein displayed her feather tree.

The Christmas Candlelight Dinners were held on the evenings of November 28, 30, and December 5, 7. The menu by Creative Catering included: French Onion Soup, Garden Salad, Herbed Chicken in Wine Sauce, Red-Skinned Potatoes, Glazed Carrots.

NBHA board members provided delicious appetizers and desserts for each meal. Dinner guests and servers enjoyed the musical talents of Barb Leshner, Rachel Barber, Greg and Teresa Bronkema, Todd Rhodes, Yvette Blaine, Joyce Harrison, and Shari Wolf.

On Sunday December 9, 2007, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived at the museum to greet the children. Cameras flashed and videos recorded the event. The children proudly showed their parents the trees that displayed their handmade ornaments and everyone enjoyed cookies and punch served in the kitchen. [Gen Conradi]



Ann Kuhn and her Serendipity Nursery School children decorating their tree; after the tree was decorated; and "toys on the stairway" (left).

Bottom right, Tom & Diane Fledderjohann at one of the Christmas Candlelight dinners.





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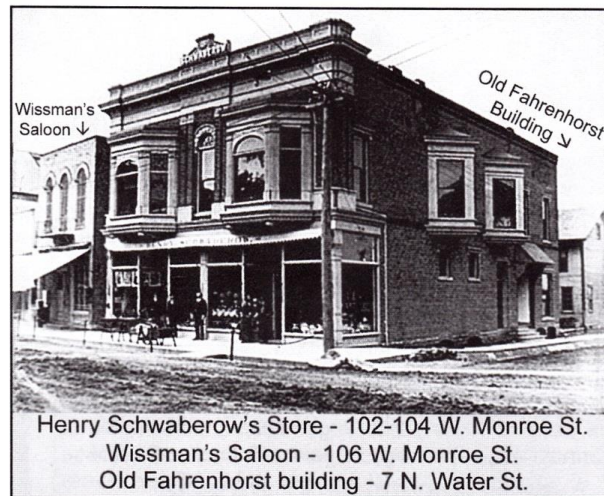
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## WISSMAN'S SALOON



## PAST HISTORY

In the last issue (October 2007), I wrote that in 1873 Herman & Henry Laut went into the saloon business on West Monroe St., west of Water St.

In the July 2004 issue, I had "Letters of Adam Helwig". On page 4, he wrote "In 1872 I bought the building (at 108 W. Monroe St.), where Plucky Laut's jewelry store is now. Herman Laut kept a saloon next door. I built a high fence between the two buildings. One day I happened to be in the yard when I heard an unusual noise. I jumped over the fence and found Emil Laut (born in 1872) in the cistern - a half minute more and he would have drowned. I took him into the saloon where Herman was playing cards and told him 'Here, I pulled Emil out of the cistern.'"



## C.F. (FRED) WISSMAN

Carl Frederick Wissman was born on a farm north of New Bremen 11/14/1848, the oldest child of Johann Friedrich Wissman and his 3<sup>rd</sup> wife, Christine Louisa Lingelbach. When a young boy, his parents moved just across the county line to Shelby County, where he helped on the farm and did other odd jobs. Later, he served an apprenticeship as a carpenter at which trade he attained noted success.

On 9/14/1871, he married Louise Katherine Tostrick. Soon after their marriage, Fred purchased the residence property on the side of the North Schoolhouse (at Lock Two?), however he sustained injuries incapacitating him for hard manual labor.

He then purchased a 1/2-interest in the saloon business with Herman Laut on Monroe St. and in 1882, he moved his family to town. After buying out his partner, he remained in the saloon business until around the turn of the century, when he disposed of it to his oldest son, Emil Wissman. He then entered into an insurance partnership with Theodore Purpus until about 2 months before his death on 11/24/1914.

Fred Wissman served as Township Trustee, Township Treasurer, Village Treasurer, and President of the Village Council. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Concordia Building & Loan Association and a prominent member of the Northern Fire Co. (See his fireman's picture in the January 2007 "Towpath").

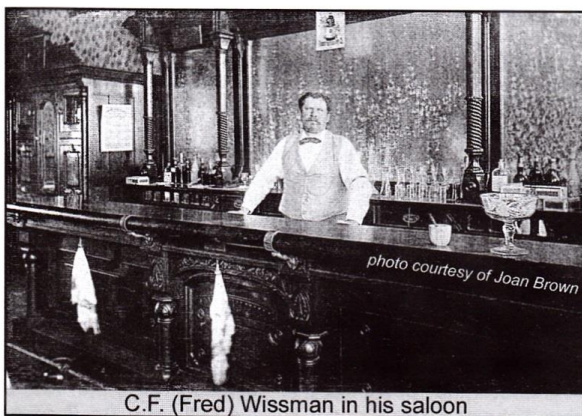


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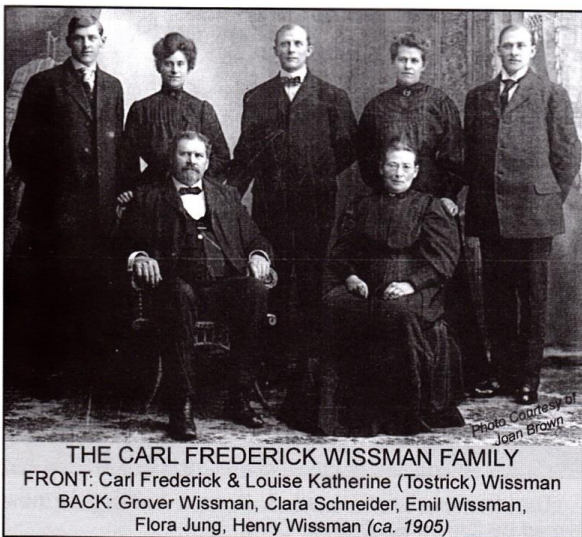
Fred Wissman's sisters & brothers were: Anna Sophia Elisabeth Kuenning & Herman HEINRICH (both children of Johann Friedrich Wissman & his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Christina Elisabeth Schroerluke; and 10 others who were children of Christine Louisa Lingelbach – Johann Hermann, Maria Louise Stork/Koeper, Johann WILHELM, Louise Wilhelmine\*, Friedrich Christian, Friedrich August\*, Mina Barbara\*, Margaret Sophie\* (the last 2 were twins), Christian CONRAD, and Anna Louise Wilhelmine\* (\*died as infants).

Fred Wissman and his wife, the former Louise Tostrick, had 6 children: Mrs. Edwin (Christine FLORENTINE) Jung, Friedrich EMIL (who took over the saloon business from his father), Anna Marie (who died of Bright's disease at the age of 16), Mrs. Emil (Clara Sophie) Schneider (both she and Emil died a month apart in March & April 1921, and were survived by 2 young children, Ralph, 9, and Ruth, 12 years old), Wilhelm HEINRICH, and Wilhelm GROVER Wissman.

Louise Katherine (Tostrick) Wissman died 6/6/1914 after about a year of suffering from cancer. Just several weeks before her death, Fred was diagnosed with a similar illness. He died just 5½ months later, on 11/24/1914.



C.F. (Fred) Wissman in his saloon



**THE CARL FREDERICK WISSMAN FAMILY**  
FRONT: Carl Frederick & Louise Katherine (Tostrick) Wissman  
BACK: Grover Wissman, Clara Schneider, Emil Wissman, Flora Jung, Henry Wissman (ca. 1905)

### THE OLD FAHRENHORST BUILDING

**3/16/1895:** William Fahrenhorst this week sold his property on Monroe Street to Fred Wissman who contemplates building an addition to his house adjoining it. The Fahrenhorst building is the oldest frame house in town but is in good condition. Mr. Fahrenhorst will move into his other house on Walnut St. (Lot 426).

**12/31/1897:** Henry Schwaberow has bought C.F. Wissman's corner property on Monroe St., formerly the property of Wm. Fahrenhorst, and contemplates erecting a brick block thereon as soon as spring opens. The building now occupying the site will be moved to the alley in the rear of the lot. (see picture)

**3/10/1898:** The old Fahrenhorst building recently bought by Henry Schwaberow will soon be moved back to give way to a handsome new business. The Fahrenhorst building is one of the oldest buildings in town. It was something out of the ordinary in its day and figured prominently among the business buildings in New Bremen. It is now probably as strong as many new buildings are, as in former years houses were built on a more solid basis because timber was cheap and there was lots of it. The building occupies a prominent corner, otherwise it would probably have stood for years to come. As a business house it has out-lived its day. It will hereafter be used for dwelling purposes.

**NOTE:** Henry Schwaberow completed his new brick store and moved into it on 11/5/1898. (see "The Towpath" – April 2001)

### EMIL F. WISSMAN

Emil Friedrich Wissman was born 10/14/1873, the eldest son of C.F. (Fred) & Louise (Tostrick) Wissman. In August 1899, Fred Wissman retired from the saloon business and sold it to his son, Emil. In January 1902, Emil purchased the bar fixtures and became the sole owner of the saloon.

On 4/24/1901, Emil married Ida Thieman, daughter of Gustave & Elizabeth (Barth) Thieman. They had 3 children: Reuben Emil who married Leola Speckman, Florus Friedrich, and Opal Isabel who married Stephen Jagoditz.

Emil outlived his parents by less than 4 years, dying 3/28/1918 after an operation for a gangrenous appendix. The children were only 14, 12, and 7 years old.

Saloon keepers Emil Wissman & Henry Kastens were arraigned Tuesday in Squire Greber's court on the charge of selling liquor to Henry Schar, whom the saloon-keepers were enjoined from selling liquor. They were each fined \$30 and costs and given a sentence of 5 days in the county jail. Mr. Schar is a young man. His mother brought the suit. (N.B. Sun – 7/13/1900)

### ANTHONY H. WISSMAN

After Emil Wissman's sudden death, the Wissman Saloon was purchased by Anthony H. Wissman (no relation). Anthony Wissman was born 2/2/1877 in Mercer County, the son of Anthony & Bernadine (Brandewie) Wissman. He was married to Mary Frey, daughter of Jacob Frey of Minster, and they had 7 children: Andrew, Raymond, Richard, Urban, Norbert, Mrs. Joe (Rosemary) Turner, and Mrs. Bernard (Elizabeth) Budde. The family resided in Egypt, Ohio for years, but moved to New Bremen on 5/29/1918, after purchasing the Emil Wissman Saloon.

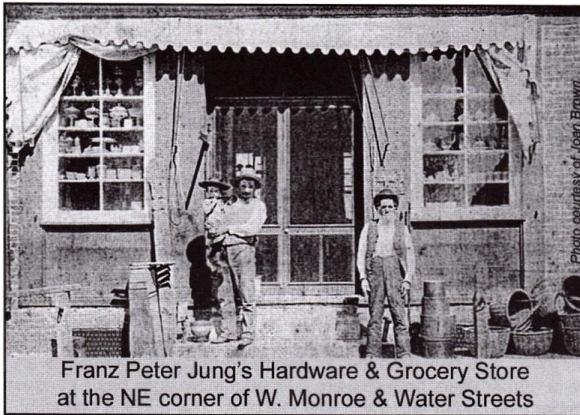
On 3/12/1919, Mary (Frey) Wissman died during the flu epidemic from influenza and pneumonia. Anthony Wissman then married a second time on 9/21/1920 to Mrs. Alvina (Seger) Hoelscher, who had a daughter Adele (later Hilgefert). They then had another child, Jerome Wissman.

Anthony Wissman also did not spend much time as a saloon-keeper in New Bremen as he died 8/25/1922.

It is not known what happened to the saloon immediately after Anthony Wissman's death in 1922.



### FRANZ PETER JUNG, SR.'S STORE



Franz Peter Jung's Hardware & Grocery Store  
at the NE corner of W. Monroe & Water Streets

Franz Peter Jung (Sr.) was born 7/13/1830 in Lauterecken, Bavaria, where he was apprenticed to the barber trade. In 1851, he emigrated to America, arriving in New Bremen on 6/28/1851. Here he followed the barber trade until he entered into the hardware business, in which he was engaged when he died. On 8/14-22/1854, he married Anna Frey, daughter of Frederick & Anna (Wesener) Frey, who was born 11/13/1834 in Pennsylvania & whose parents moved to New Bremen in 1840.

The Jung family occupied the building (shown above) at the corner of Monroe & Water Streets from 1859-1894, where Mr. Jung conducted a hardware and grocery store. They had 8 children: Heinrich Friedrich (1856-1919), Dorothea Agatha Johanne (2/10/1858-1932), Mrs. John (Matilda A.) Hilgeman (1858-1921), Charles (1861-1928), Mrs. Frank (Emelie Elizabeth) Wierth (1863-1923), Pauline Florentine Magdalene (1866-1896), Franz Peter Johann (1/10/1870-1909), Edwin/Eduard Henry Carl Franz Jung (1872-1944).

Franz Peter Jung, Sr. died 4/21/1894. No death had occurred in this building before this.

For several years after his father's death, Frank P. J. Jung, who had never been in very good health, attended to the small mercantile business, but was unable to perform much hard manual labor.

In September 1903, Mrs. Jung disposed of her husband's real estate – a 45-acre farm east of town was sold to her son, Henry F. Jung, for \$2700; the Monroe St. property was sold to son-in-law, Frank Wierth, for \$3155; a lot on East Monroe at the edge of town went to Herman Laut for \$94.50; and one on the corner of West Monroe & Herman Sts. went to son, Frank P.J. Jung, for \$200.

In March 1904, Mrs. Jung and her son, Charles, purchased lots 427 & 428 on S. Walnut St. from John Tomhaff for \$1750. Mrs. Jung and her unmarried children moved into the house at 12 South Walnut St.

Pauline Jung, who had served 10 years as organist & choir director of St. Peter's Church, was a Sunday School teacher and had worked with the church's youth, died 7/4/1896. Frank P.J. Jung died on S. Walnut St. on 10/7/1909. Henry F. Jung died there on 6/21/1919. The

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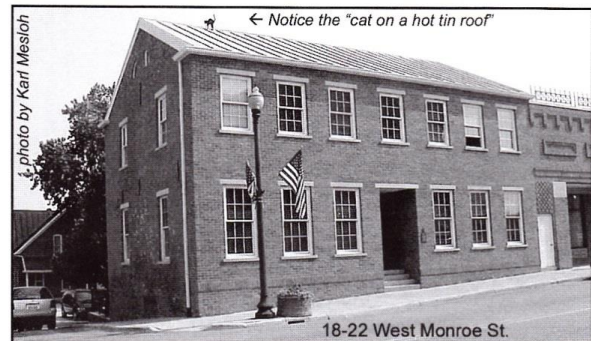
mother, Anna (Frey) Jung, died on 5/4/1926. Her son, Charles Jung, who had been employed by the Thompson Brothers Dray Service, died on S. Walnut St. 4/10/1928. Dorothea Jung, who lived with her mother and brothers, and after their deaths lived alone, died there 3/23/1932. She was found by her brother, Ed Jung, after neighbors had not seen her around for a day.

This is the same house where Carl & Verona (Jung) Arkenberg later lived for a number of years.

In September 1904, Frank Wierth sold the former Jung store property to Herman Laut & Gustave Boesel for \$3200. In March 1905, J.H. Hoverman and son Roy of Spencerville, purchased the business & furnishings of photographer F.W. Greber & leased the 2<sup>nd</sup> story of the former Jung building from Laut & Boesel. In May 1905, Thomas Flack & Sons Plumbing moved into the Laut & Boesel building (downstairs). Five years later, in March 1910, the Hovermans sold their photograph gallery to Ohio Waterman Taylor and his son, James. In the 1930s, Jim Taylor added 2 rooms downstairs with display windows. In 1946, he moved his studio to the Grothaus building at the corner of West Monroe & Main St.



According to Marge Lietz (*The Towpath—July 1989*), businesses that occupied this building during the 1920s were Erhardt's Dry Goods, Haines Millinery, Dr. Bratton (M.D.), Dr. Burk (Dentist), and "The Peacock" beauty shop of Agnes Hardwick. The downstairs later became a dry cleaning establishment – Crown Cleaners, started by Verlin Hirschfeld and later owned & operated by Mack Wellman. The upstairs was used for dwelling purposes.



The former Jung / Laut & Boesel building is now owned by Crown Equipment Corp.



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### HENRY F. JUNG – STOCK BUYER

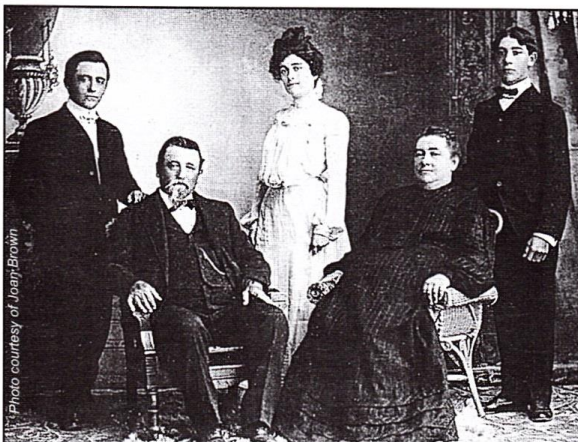
Henry Friedrich Jung was born 4/3/1856 on North Main St. in the building later occupied by Gilberg & Hegemier next to the *New Bremen Sun* office (later Krogers, then Howell's IGA). He was the oldest child of Franz Peter & Anna (Frey) Jung.

For a number of years, Henry F. Jung conducted the hardware business with his father in the building at the corner of Monroe & Water Streets. In later years, Henry formed a partnership with William Schelper in the cattle buying business, a venture in which he experienced much success - a business he was still engaged in when he died in 1919 at the age of 63.

Henry F. Jung married Wilhelmine Erb on 9/20-21/1876. They had 3 children: Theodore Karl (1876-1921) - a former senator from Hamilton County, Ohio; Dorothea (1881-1912); and Leroy Franz (1888- ).

Beginning about 1905-1907, Mr. Jung spent much of his time at Denver, Colorado (where his sons lived) because of his wife's and daughter's failing health. After the deaths of his daughter in 1912 and his wife in 1917, Henry came back to New Bremen and lived with his mother, Anna (Frey) Jung, and his siblings at 12 South Walnut St. until his own death on 6/21/1919.

Henry F. Jung's death followed close on the heels of the sudden death of Herman Laut 36 hours earlier (see October 2007 issue of *"The Towpath"*). Having complained recently of pains in his chest, Mr. Jung dropped the remark the day before his death that he would likely fall victim to a sudden death similar to Herman Laut. Several hours thereafter his prophecy was fulfilled. Feeling ill, he had just entered the door of the Hegemier Vulcanizing Shop (the former Franz Jung building) opposite the Hollingsworth Hotel when he dropped to the floor, an acute attack of heart trouble causing his death in just a few minutes.



The Henry & Wilhelmina (Erb) Jung family  
Dorothea flanked by her brothers, Theodore & Leroy  
(unknown which son is which) (before 1912)

### EDWIN JUNG - BUTCHER

Edwin Jung was born 7/20/1872, the youngest child of Franz Peter & Anna (Frey) Jung. For a few years in his young manhood, he assisted in taking care of the farmland which his father owned west of New Bremen, but he soon (ca. 1899?) entered the employ of William Schelper, becoming an expert butcher and assistant in the expanding business. He proved to be a diligent, painstaking and trustworthy employee, and at the death of Mr. Schelper in October 1933, he continued in the employ of Alton Schelper, William Schelper's successor. Only when physical ailments compelled Mr. Jung to withdraw from active labors about 1943 was the 44 year association with the Schelper Old Reliable Meat Market broken.

Edwin Jung and his partner in work, Levi/Lafe Neuman, were often spoken of as two of the most reliable workmen New Bremen ever had. Day in, day out, in rain or shine, they were at their post from early morn and, whenever occasion demanded it, until late at night.

On 4/7/1892, Edwin Jung married Flora Wissman, who was born 4/12/1872, a daughter of Fred & Louise (Tostrick) Wissman. Her father was the proprietor of the Wissman Saloon on West Monroe St. (see pg. 2).

Edwin & Flora (Wissman) Jung had 5 children of their own and also raised an orphaned niece and nephew. Their children were: Mrs. Carl (Verona) Arkenberg (1892-1969), Dr. Felix Jung (dentist) (1893-1977), Homer Jung (1895-1970), Mrs. Howard (Anna) Wilson (1897-1950), and Rev. Harold Jung (1905-1978). They also raised as foster children Ruth (Schneider) Eichhoff / Zullo (1909-



Ralph Schneider  
[from the Grover Wissman collection]

1973) and Ralph Schneider (1912-1989), the orphaned children of Emil & Clara (Wissman) Schneider, the sister of Flora (Wissman) Jung.

Edwin & Flora Jung lived at 11 N. Water St., next door to Flora's brother, Grover Wissman. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 4/12/1942 with about 50 relatives & friends attending the reception at the American Legion hall on South Washington St.



Edwin & Flora (Wissman) Jung - 1942

Edwin Jung died 4/11/1944, the last of his family. Flora died 3/3/1962.



### SCHELPER'S OLD RELIABLE MEAT MARKET

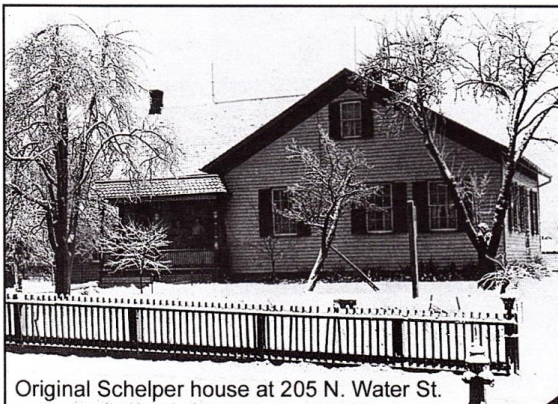
Heinrich Caspar Schelper was born 4/19/1836 in Muenden, Goettingen, Hannover, Germany. He learned the butcher trade from his grandfather in Bremen, Germany which he followed from the age of 20.

 <b>Königreich Hannover.</b> <b>Wanderbuch</b> für <i>Heinrich Schelper</i> gebürtig aus <i>Hannover</i> wohnhaft in <i>Malaga</i> Profession <i>Malaga</i> Gegenwärtiges Wanderbuch dient dem Inhaber zu seiner Legitimation und ersetzt im Falle gänzlicher Fähr- und Kundschaften. <b>Erinnerung.</b> 1) Der Inhaber dieses Wanderbuchs muß in jedem Punkte an jedem Orte, wo er sich zweimal 24 Stunden aufhält, sich bei der Polizeibehörde melden und sein Wanderbuch von derselben versehen lassen. 2) Die Fähr- und Kundschaften werden gratis erteilt. 3) Der Inhaber darf an den Orten, wo er seine Fähr- und Kundschaften findet, sich nicht länger als zweimal 24 Stunden aufhalten.	4) Die in dem Wanderbuche vorgeschriebene Route darf er ohne ausdrückliche Erlaubnis der betreffenden Behörde nicht verlassen. 5) Der Gefährlichkeits-Ertrag ist ihm das Betteln und jede andere Unterthätigkeit untersagt. 6) Die Annahme eines falschen Namens, der Gebrauch eines andern oder verfälschten Wanderbuchs, Fälschung, Fälschungsmittel oder jede andere ungesetzliche Verfehlung wird mit der gesetzlichen Strafe bestraft.
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Henry Schelper's "Wanderbuch" (Passport), given to him upon completion of his apprenticeship and attainment of Master Butcher License 9/8/1857 permitting him to travel from town to town in search of employment.



Henry & his "intended", Anna Adelheit (Wobse), who was born 10/22/1843, left Bremerhaven 4/14/1866 and arrived in New Bremen 6/7/1866, where they were married 8/11/1866.



Original Schelper house at 205 N. Water St.

Henry & Anna had 7 children: Mrs. Gottlieb (Mamie) Laut (1<sup>st</sup> wife) (1866-1890), William Schelper (1867-1933), Mrs. Henry (Lizzie) Mader (1869-1951), Mrs. Gottlieb (Rosine) Laut (2<sup>nd</sup> wife) (1874-1962), Katie Schelper (1876-1920), Henry Schelper (1878-1906) and Mrs. Christ (Dora) Otte (1882-1943) (my grandmother).



THE SCHELPER FAMILY  
 Standing: Rosine Laut, Katie Schelper, Lizzie Mader  
 Seated: Dora Otte, William Schelper  
 [between 1906-1920]

Henry Schelper (Sr.) died 12/6/1895. The New Bremen Fire Department, of which he was a member, accompanied his remains to the cemetery. Anna Schelper died 9/8/1925. Their oldest daughter, Mamie (the first wife of Gottlieb Laut) died 8/4/1890, less than a month after the birth of her son, Ben Laut. Henry Schelper (Jr.) died of typhoid fever 7/31/1906, leaving 3 young children: Bendetta, 5, (Mrs. Lee Wallace), Beatrice, 4, (Mrs. Vern Paul), & Alton, 2 years old.



Henry & Laura (Vanderhorst) Schelper  
 children: Beatrice, Alton, Bendetta

Anna Schelper continued to live in the family homestead at 205 N. Water St. with her unmarried daughter, Katie, until Katie's death in 1920, after which she spent the greater part of each year at the homes of other members of the family. She died 9/8/1925 at the home of her daughter, Lizzie Mader, from complications of a broken hip.



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Originally, slaughtering was done in a small shed on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (next to the house at the corner of Water & 2<sup>nd</sup>). Later (in 1881?) the butcher shop was brought uptown to 107 West Monroe St. (shown below).



This picture dates about 1887-1888 and shows Anna Schelper with her son, William (carrying in a side of beef) and her daughter, Katie Schelper. Photo below from 1917 Atlas shows butcher shop after it was given a full glass front. (Wm. Schelper on left).

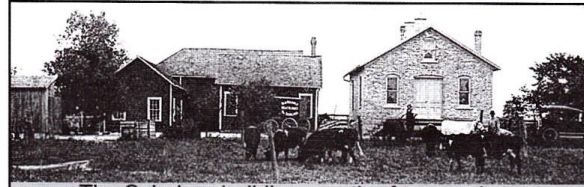


William Schelper was born 9/30/1867 and quit school at the age of 13 (1880?) to work with his father. In November 1893, Henry Schelper purchased the 6-acre tract of land formerly occupied by the Wm. Langhorst & Son brickyard north of town for \$550 on which he planned to build a slaughter house. After Henry's death in December 1895, William operated the business for his mother for a year after which he became sole proprietor in September 1897.

In May 1914, the slaughter house (brick building) and other buildings were built on the 6-acre tract north of town near the railroad track. There the slaughtering was done along with preparation of the meat for sale in town – lard rendered, sausages made, meats smoked, etc. For

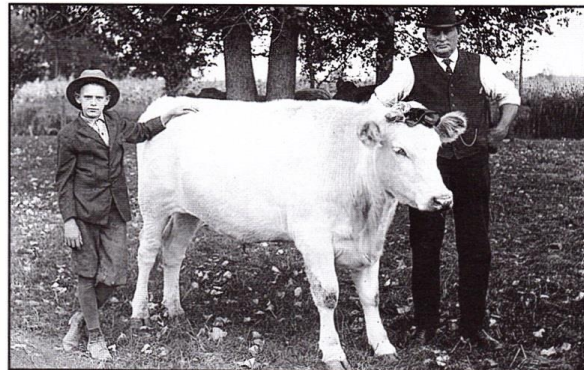
some years, 2 meat wagons took the meat to town to be sold to the housewives door to door. Lafe Neuman had the route east of the canal and Ed Jung's route was west of the canal.

(See Marge Lietz's article in the October 1997 "Towpath").



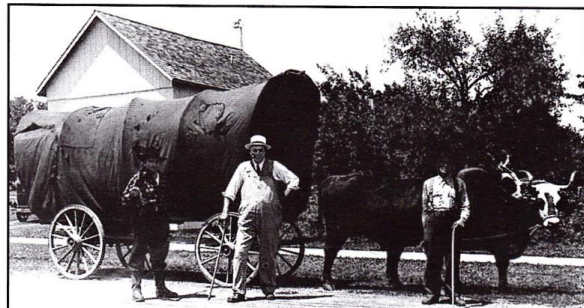
The Schelper buildings north of town, where Shanverton Court is now located. One of the meat wagons can be seen in the center. [The horse pulling a 2nd wagon is shown with its head sticking out of the shed.]

William Schelper also owned a 40-acre tract of land west of town where herds were kept and fattened either for slaughter at home or for the market in the city. William Schelper married Lizzie Ellerman 9/10/1896. They had no children of their own, but they raised their nephew, Alton Schelper (son of Henry & Laura), since his father had died when Alton was 2 years old (1906).



Alton Schelper with his uncle, William Schelper and their prize-winning steer

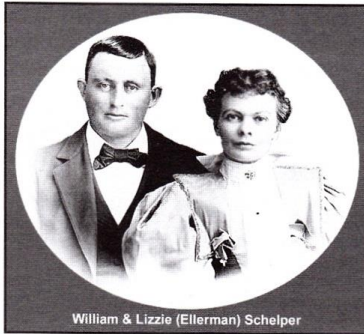
Alton Schelper was born 6/28/1904 and married Alvera Stroefer 10/19/1925. Alton became associated with his Uncle Willie in the butcher business. After William died 10/10/1933, Alton continued to operate the business.



William Schelper (center) & Ed Jung (right) with the covered wagon drawn by oxen and their driver which participated in the Centennial parade in July 1933 just 3 months before William's death.



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William &amp; Lizzie (Ellerman) Schelper

Lizzie Schelper  
(6/22/1867-4/29/1955)

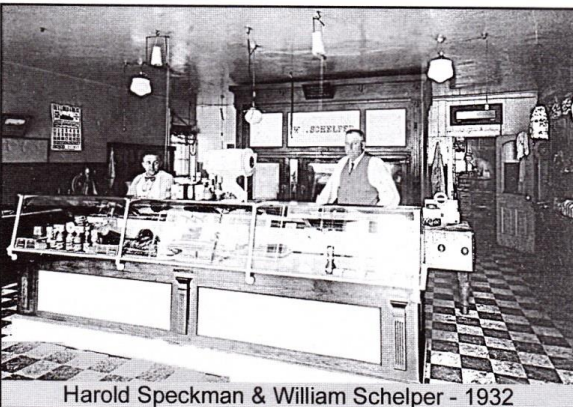
In 1932, William & Alton Schelper added a grocery and changed the name of the butcher shop to Schelper's Old Reliable Meat Market & Grocery.

Alvera & Alton Schelper, Swift & Co. representative?,  
William Schelper & Harold Speckman - 1932

**3/31/1932:** Saturday, April 2, 1932, will see the formal opening of Schelper's Old Reliable Meat Market & Grocery. The store is one of the best equipped in New Bremen, having been completely remodeled in the past few weeks.

Owned by William Schelper, the Old Reliable Market is one of the oldest retail institutions in New Bremen. Until now it dealt only in meats and allied products, but because of the change in modern merchandising methods, a complete line of quality groceries, canned goods and vegetables will be handled in the future.

A representative of Swift & Co., Chicago, will be at the store and will have personal charge of a complete display of canned goods. Samples & favors will be given away.



Harold Speckman &amp; William Schelper - 1932

**5/4/1933:** William Schelper, the Old Reliable Meat & Grocery store owner, has added a new clerk to his staff of employees in the person of Don Kettler.

"Butch" is recuperating from a complication of ailments and is planning to take life a little easier from now on. Since Bill entered the employment of his dad many years ago, he has been an early riser and a hard worker. During the spring and summer months, when eats were delivered by wagon, it was not uncommon to see him in his store as early as 3:30 a.m., lining up the day's work. His close application to his business has spelled success for him. By treating his help well at all times, he has always had the cooperation of all his employees.

Yes Sir, Butch is entitled to a life of more ease. He expects to do a lot of fishing and camping this summer and is looking forward to enjoying every minute of this new adventure.

**10/13/1933:** Unfortunately, William Schelper did not get to enjoy a long retirement. He died on October 10, 1933. Among his pallbearers were employees Ed Jung, Levi/Lafe Neuman, Harold Speckman and Donald Kettler.

**5/5/1955:** Lizzie (Ellerman) Schelper died 4/29/1955. She was the daughter of Henry & Anna (Althoff) Ellerman. Her pallbearers were employees Levi/Lafe Egbert, Glenn Moeller and Alfred Honigford; nephews-in-law Vern Paul & Lee Wallace; and neighbor, Wilfred Poppe. *[Wilfred Poppe lived in the old Fahrenhorst building mentioned & shown on pg. 2 - 7 N. Water St.]*

William & Lizzie Schelper lived in the little stucco house at 6 North Water St., just behind (north of) the old Franz P. Jung building, which by now housed Crown Cleaners.

**12/6/1945:** Schelper's Old Reliable Market has concluded an expanded remodeling program and is now being opened and operated as a self-serve supermarket, wherein the customers can gather their own purchases in basket-carts, making payments as they leave the store.

**7/17/1947:** Schelper's Old Reliable Super Market has just installed one of the newest and most popular enterprises - a frozen food locker. The unit is composed of 70 individual compartments, each with an average capacity of 260 pounds. It is operated on an automatic basis whereby a temperature between zero and -5 degrees is being maintained.

Dale Fledderjohn took particular pains to explain the workings of the locker plant, showing the electric mechanical devices by which the cooling system is being motivated. Both he and Alton Schelper demonstrated how chickens, for example, are cut into pieces, wrapped first in cellophane and then in heavier wrapping paper before placing them in the freezing compartment.

**5/13/1948:** Schelper's Market is at work on a new front which will make the store one of the more attractive business places in this community.

**10/6/1949:** Alton Schelper this week announced the sale of Schelper's Old Reliable Super Market. The new owners, Leonard Widau of Herman St., New Bremen, and Leon Filson of Lima, will assume management of the store. The transaction involves the transfer of the store on Monroe St., the slaughter house north of town, and the 7 acres of land adjoining it.

Widau is an experienced meat cutter and has been an employee for the past year. Mrs. Widau has also been employed as a cashier. The Widaus are originally from Lakeview, Ohio.

**8/30/1951:** The Casmire Cieslak family (from Poland) has arrived here from a displaced persons camp at Reckenfeld, Westphalen, Germany & are living on a small acreage owned by Alton Schelper north of town. Mr. Cieslak is a butcher. The family was brought here by the National Catholic Welfare Council.



## SCHELPER CONSTRUCTION CO.

### New Bremen Firm Contracts for 14 Prefab Houses

[New Bremen Sun - 9/21/1950]

Prefabricated homes produced by National Home Corp. of Lafayette, Indiana are fast becoming popular in this area. Alton Schelper & Carl ("Jack") Abbott, operating as S. & A. Homes, are the authorized dealer-erectors for Auglaize County (except for St. Marys). They also have the franchise for Sidney.

First of the prefabs to go up here was the North Walnut St. home belonging to (1) Mr. & Mrs. George McNamara. Since then a 3-bedroom house has been erected for (2) Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Widau at 21 Eastmoor Court. This week work was started on a residence for (3) Mr. & Mrs. Merlin Fischbach on a lot adjoining that of the McNamaras and another is planned by (4) Mr. & Mrs. Ben Furry. Still another is scheduled for erection next week for (5) Mr. & Mrs. James Cox on a lot near the Cox Greenhouses at 301 South Franklin St.

The New Bremen dealers also have a contract for their first home in Minster, to be built for (6) Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Howe. The firm has contracts for a total of 14 units to be erected before the end of 1950.

National Homes Corp. is recognized as the nation's largest producer of prefabricated housing. Presently, it is producing 60 units a day. Started in 1940 by 2 Lafayette real estate men, the firm had an original capacity of 2 houses a week.

When a truck carrier arrives with a home at the building lot at 7:00 a.m., the home ordinarily will be up by 5:00 p.m., even to the tar paper on the roof. The houses are completed for occupancy in 10-14 days and have 2-3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bath & utility room.

The houses sell for \$6,500-\$12,000, including the lot. Delivery is promised in 30 days. Equipment includes everything in the kitchen except the stove, complete bath (plumbing & fixtures), and utility room with gas or oil heating system and automatic water heater. A deluxe line of houses with 2,3,4 bedrooms, full basements, garages, porches and breezeways are also available.

### New Homes Open for Inspection

**3/17-18/1951:** The home at 115 N. Walnut, purchased by the Furrys, will be open for public inspection. It has 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bath, utility room and gas furnace. Painting and decorating was done by Knost Brothers. Floor covering will be laid by the Arcade Dept. Store. It will be completely furnished by the Home Furniture Company. S. & A. Homes has completed 8 homes since it was organized last year. Six more are scheduled for this spring - 1951.

**9/8-15/1951:** S. & A. Homes' latest 4-bedroom home on South Washington St. will be open for inspection. It has been completely furnished by the Home Furniture Co.

### SHANVERTON COURT

**10/4/1953:** Open house at Shanverton Court on St. Rt. 66, just north of New Bremen - Schelper Construction Co.'s Del-Ray model of National Homes 1954 - the first in the new Shanverton Court.

**1/14/1954:** A fourth National home is scheduled for erection by the Schelper Construction Co. at Shanverton Court next week. Buyers of 3 other Shanverton homes include Mr. & Mrs. Ward Landis of Union City, Indiana, Mr. & Mrs. William T. Silvers of Minster, and Mr. & Mrs. James Sipe.

### What / Where is Shanverton Court?

In October 1949, Alton & Alvera Schelper sold their Schelper's Old Reliable Super Market on West Monroe St. to Leonard Widau and Leon Filson. The sale included the slaughter house north of town and the 7 acres of land adjoining it.

The next year, Alton Schelper and Jack Abbott joined forces to create S. & A. Homes and started building prefabricated National homes in the area.

By 1951-1953, slaughtering had been discontinued & Alton had regained ownership of the shelter house & the land around it. In 1953, he started his own construction company and began building homes on the shelter house land. He named this new addition to New Bremen "Shanverton Court" for members of his family:

**SH**-irley, **AN**-ita, **AL**-VER-a, **AL**-TON.

In 1957, Alton Schelper sold the supermarket to Thomas Moeller, who ran it for 10 years before going out of business in 1967.

After retiring, Alton still made sausage for area markets for a number of years. Alton died 2/26/1999, the last of the Schelper family. Alvera, daughter of Edward & Malinda (Schulenberg) Stroefer, died 11/21/1994 at the age of 89. She worked with Alton at the store and prior to that, she had worked at Rabe Lumber Co. Alton & Alvera had 2 daughters - Shirley Schelper and Mrs. Richard (Anita) Martin; 2 grandsons, Tony & Dane Cook; and 2 great-grandchildren. Dane Cook and his family still live in the old Schelper homestead at 205 North Water St.

### MONSTER SAUSAGE!

Oh My Gosh! I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it. It has just been my pleasure, and much to my astonishment, to view the longest and thickest hunk of summer sausage I have ever seen. In fact, if there has ever been a more massive hunk of the stuff, I have never heard of it.

Over at Schelper's Old Reliable Market, they have recently created this monster sausage. And it's an actual order! The sausage is approximately 6' in length and approximately 3" in diameter. Whether this customer actually has an explicit need for this extra big sausage or if he was merely testing Schelper's ability to handle such an order, I don't know. Nevertheless it was made, and I might add for all sausage lovers "It looks mighty tasty".

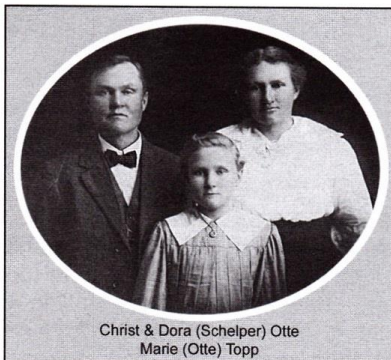
(N.B. Sun - 4/19/1956)



Gottlieb, Rosine & Ben Laut

Gottlieb Laut was a barber in New Bremen, and also ran the "Star Bakery" for a while. He was the son of Christian and Katherine (Wieggers) Laut (see October 2007 "Towpath"). In 1915-1916, he and Rosine moved to Columbus to open a barber shop in partnership with his son, Ben. Rosine (Schelper) worked a number of years at the "School for the Blind" in Columbus.

Ben Laut married Hilda Geib, daughter of Peter & Wilhelmina (Papenhagen) Geib. They had 2 sons - Lothar and Richard Laut.



Christ & Dora (Schelper) Otte  
Marie (Otte) Topp

Christ and Dora (Schelper) Otte's daughter, Marie, married Lafe Topp 2 days after William Schelper's death - October 12, 1933. Their children are Lucille Francis (me), Kathleen Topp, and Stanley Topp.

Grandpa Christ Otte was a carpenter & worked at different times for several other carpenters - Henry Kuck & Herman Schaefer. He kept diaries from about 1895-1947, which I gratefully have possession of.



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**SCHLESSELMAN FAMILY UPDATE**

In response to the October 2007 issue of *The Towpath* and the article about the Schlesselman sawmill, I was given material (including these pictures) that had been sent to a recent owner of the old Schlesselman house on North Water St.

Apparently, the owners at that time were inquiring about when the porch had been added to the house (see pictures below).

I believe that I may have the answer to that question, since my grandpa, Christ Otte, was a carpenter, and in his diaries for September 25 – October 2, 1906, he said that he worked 45 hours at "Mrs. Schlesselman".

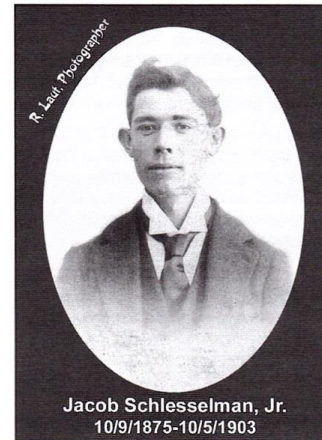
[Material & photos provided by Dina (Spieles) Tankman]



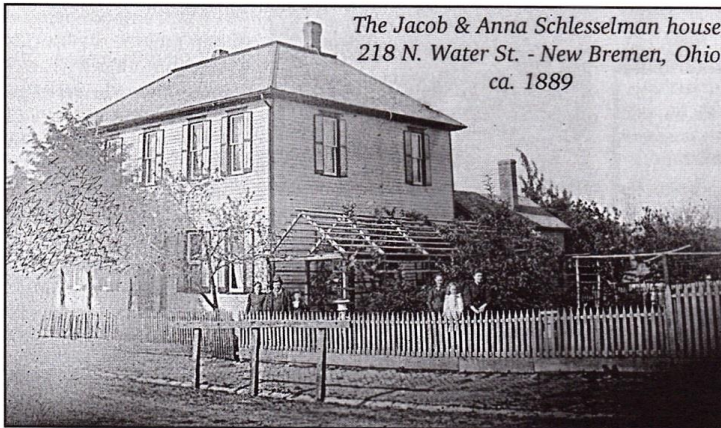
Mrs. Jacob (Anna Peters) Schlesselman  
July 1940 - Age 92  
(She died December 3, 1940)



JACOB & ANNA (PETERS) SCHLESSELMAN FAMILY - 1889  
John (6), Jacob Sr. (58), Alvina (3) (in the rocker), Anna (41), Rosina (8-9)  
BACK: Jacob Jr. (14) flanked by his sisters, Emelie (16) & Anna (17)  
(not known which sister is which - just guessing)



Jacob Schlesselman, Jr.  
10/9/1875-10/5/1903



The Jacob & Anna Schlesselman house  
218 N. Water St. - New Bremen, Ohio  
ca. 1889



The Jacob & Anna Schlesselman house  
at 218 North Water St. - New Bremen, Ohio  
after a porch was added and the arbor was removed.

**MORE ABOUT THE FAMILY OF FRANZ PETER JUNG SR. & ANNA FREY**

Did the names John Hilgeman & Frank Wierth (on pg. 4) sound familiar? They married sisters Matilda & Emelie Jung, daughters of Franz Peter Sr. & Anna (Frey) Jung. Both men were in the brick making business north of town. [See the July 2005 issue of *The Towpath* for more information about the brick &

tile makers of New Bremen, including William Langhorst, whose brickyard property was later sold to Henry Schelper (see pg. 7) and is now the site of Shanverton Court (see pg. 9)]. Frank Wierth was also the sexton of the German Protestant Cemetery from 1915-1926.



## FRANK P. JUNG JR.'S HARNESS SHOP

Franz Peter Jung, Jr. was born either 9/30/1870 (his son's version) or 10/3/1870 (St. Peter's Church baptism records), a son of Carl Jung (5/22/1822-4/23/1886) and Elisabeth Vizedon (4/29/1843-5/7/1929), Carl Jung's second wife. On 9/10/1896, he married Anna Marie Greber, a daughter of Henry William & Dorothea (Kohlhorst) Greber. They had one son, Albert Carl Wilhelm Jung, who graduated from N.B.H.S. in 1915 and was the manager of the newly organized New Bremen basketball team in 1915-1916. He later became the curator of exhibits in the Cleveland Public Library.



Frank & Anna (Greber) Jung - married 9/10/1896

Frank Jung was born "at the old homestead" on the Kettlersville Road, about 3 miles east of New Bremen. At the age of 16 (1886?), he left the farm to go to Rockford, Ohio where he learned the trade of harness-maker in the shop of Jacob Fritz. He worked there for the next three years (to 1889-1890?). He then went to work in the Limbacher shop at St. Marys. After a total of 7 years of apprentice-

ship, on 2/1/1894, he purchased the harness shop of Henry G. Barienbrock which was in the south room of the John A. Koeper building on South Washington St. and was known as the "Big Whip" harness shop.

Frank Jung's harness business occupied several different locations on Washington St. at various times. At the time he acquired the business, it was located in the building then owned by John Koeper.

When John A. Koeper was appointed in 1904 as postmaster of New Bremen and transferred the post office from the Schulenberg building on West Monroe St. into the south room of his building, Frank Jung moved his harness business across the street into the former Boesche warehouse (1st building to the right of the light pole). Later, he moved back to the east side of the street into the Lanfersieck building - only 4 doors south of the 1894 location (#20, next to the Fire Dept., under the twin towers).

For a long time, Frank Jung was the principal harness maker in these parts. Besides making harness, he also carried a complete line of leather goods as well as robes, blankets, collars, and all repair parts needed in an up-to-date harness shop. Some of his employees were: Walter Neuman, Herman Pape, Adam Schneider, John Troring and August Wehrman.

Frank Jung was also an officer of the Concordia Building & Savings Association, a member of the board for the German Protestant Cemetery Association, and served as vestryman & secretary at St. Paul's Church.

Frank & Anna (Greber) Jung lived at the corner of North Herman & Pearl Sts. (In 1948, that house became the rectory for the newly organized Catholic church.) Frank died 3/7/1944 in Cleveland, where he and Anna had gone to live with their son about 1940. Anna had died 11/20/1941 at the age of 73. In addition to their son, Frank was survived by 2 sisters, Mrs. Gust (Hannah) Maurer and Mrs. Christ (Minnie) Paul, and his youngest brother, Christ Jung. Anna was survived by a brother, William F. Greber.

Frank Jung's father, Carl Jung, had first been married to Elisabeth Pohlman. Half-sisters and half-brother to Frank were: Mrs. Carl (Elisabeth) Geib (1856-1916); Anna Catharina (died at 1 month, Feb. 1858); Mrs. Jacob (Caroline Wilhelmine) Schneider (1862-1929); Mrs. Wilhelm H. (Dorothea Philippine) Schroerluke (1864-1927); Charles Jacob Jung (1866-1927).

Full brothers and sisters (children of Elisabeth Vizedon) were: John Christoff (1868-1919), Mrs. Heinrich (Anna Catharine Elisabeth) Brockmann (1872-1939); Wilhelmine Mathilde (1874-1876); Mrs. Gust (Johanne Elisabeth) Maurer (1877-1954); Mrs. Christ (Wilhelmine) Paul; (1880-1962); and Christian Adam Jung (1884-1951).





# From the Mailbox



I have been reminded that there used to be two houses in town with tile roofs. Herman Laut was the first to build his tile-roofed house in November 1907 on the northeast corner of South Washington & Cherry Streets (232 S. Washington – see pg. 5 of the October 2007 “Towpath”). In December 1912, Frank Sunderman built the house above on the southwest corner of Walnut & Plum Streets at 203 S. Walnut St.

In 1915 (and again in 1920 – see the October 2001 “Towpath”), Frank’s parents, Henry & Louise (Keuthan) Sunderman moved into the house.

Henry Sunderman died in 1940 and Louise continued to live there by herself until 1948, when her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. Herbert & Lillie Dickman, moved in with her. After Louise died on 8/15/1956, the Dickmans had a public auction of household goods on 8/25/1956 and moved to Warsaw, Indiana.

At some point before 1968, Lowell & Betty (Holdren) Quellhorst bought the house and moved into it. In 1975, due to cracking and leakage, the tile roof was removed and replaced with shingles. So says Bob Finke, brother-in-law of Lowell Quellhorst, who says he helped to do this.

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Dear Lucille:

10/2/2007

I was delighted to receive from you the announcement of the wedding of Clara Elizabeth Boesel and John Henry Koenig on 6/24/1903. It is the first one we’ve seen, although we have a picture of Clara in her wedding dress. My husband, John Henry Koenig, Jr., was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 5 children in this marriage.

Clara said that her mother, Mary (Schroeder) Boesel (3<sup>rd</sup> wife of Charles Boesel Sr.), told her that when she was growing up, her family (the Schroeder family of Montezuma) used lard on their bread so that they could sell the butter.

The New Bremen and St. Marys area German immigrants produced wonderful citizens for the United States. Their great-grandchildren served as Navy officers, football heroes, doctors, lawyers, engineers, business executives, company presidents, research scientists, professors, teachers, directors of University departments and more.

Yours truly, Shirley A. Koenig – Owens Crossroads, Alabama

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Please find enclosed a check for \$24.00 for 2008 & 2009. I’ve been enjoying *The Towpath* very much. Thanks for all the hard work and time that goes into it.

Rosanne (Schaefer) Meyer – Celina, Ohio (11/1/2007)

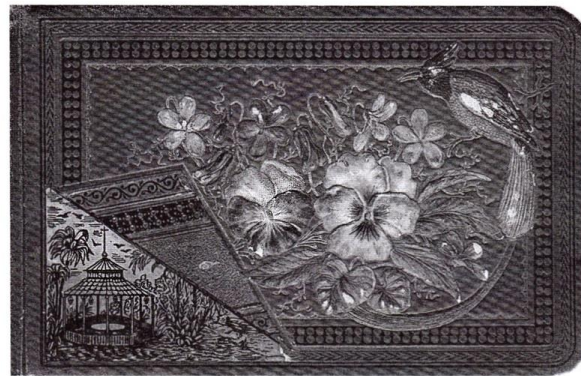
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Dear Lucille:

10/29/2007

I am sending you this Autograph Book that belonged to Pauline Jung, sister to my great-grandfather, Edwin Jung. Perhaps you can use some of the legible verses in *The Towpath*, then keep the book for the N.B.H.A.’s museum.

Joan Brown – Mansfield, Ohio



## Autographs

New Bremen Ohio July 17/84



Dear Friend

Let the road be rough and deary,  
And its end far out of sight;  
Foot it bravely – strong or weary;  
Trust in God and do the right.  
Gut bafte Glück für den Aufsteiger! –  
No wanderer foot shouldst return for  
In diesem Gange stehen wir denn,  
Alles für dich und nie klüger denn wir!  
With my kindest love dear Pauline I am  
Your friend Sophie H. Mohrmann.

From the Autograph book of Pauline Jung –  
the message from Sophie H. Mohrmann  
(the prettiest page in the book - written in red ink 7/17/1884)

The English message from Julius F. Zwez:

“Hope, Faith, Charity! Compliments of your teacher and friend,  
Julius F. Zwez – New Bremen, Ohio – January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1888.”

Dear Friend:

’Tis but a trifle that you ask, but this you will admit,  
That trifles, more than greater tasks, will sometimes strain our wit.  
I wish thee health and wealth and joy, as others have before;  
And were I in poetic mood, I’d surely wish thee more.

Your friend, Matilda Hilgemann

Dear Friend:

May beauty and truth keep you in youth.  
Green tea and sage preserve your old age.

Your friend, Georgina Dietrich [2/11/1885]

Autographs date from 1883-1888. Names include Amalia Backhaus; J.H. Bordewisch; Paul Buerkle; Katie Buttemeyer; Georgina Dietrich; Louisa & Malinda Fahrenhorst; Anna & Juliana Finke; Anna, Charles, Edward & Florenz Garmhausen; Charley, Gusta, Gustave, Louisa & Mary Gilbert; Emma Greiwe?; Forentine Heil; Lena, Martha & Matilda Hilgemann; Emilie & Pauline Jung; Flora Kellermeier; Fredonia Koop; Emilie, Ida, Lena & Rosa Kuenzel; Cordilia Langhorst; Henry, John & Rosine Miller; Hermann & Sophie Mohrmann; E.J. Neumann; Auguste Oberwite; Kate Pohlman; Martha, Mary & Marvin? Schmidt; Carrie & Gus Schneider; Anna Schulenberg; Alvina & Ellen Strafer; Ernst & William Wiehe; and Carolina, Julius & Lizzie Zwez.



### PEN AND INK

It's rather wonderful, I think  
When friends are made by pen and ink.  
A piece of paper blue and white  
Someone decides that they will write  
To one that they have never seen,  
Who lives where they have never been.

A pen becomes the magic wand;  
Two strangers start to correspond.  
Not strangers long, but soon good friends;  
Just note how their last letter ends.  
How pleasant this exchange of views,  
The comments on important news.

Two friends that live quite far apart  
Can gladden much each other's heart;  
Can nourish, too, each other's mind  
With letters, understanding and kind.  
It's truly beautiful, I think,  
The friendships that spring from Pen and Ink.

*Author unknown*

E-mail to Tom Braun:

11/5/2007

I enjoyed reading the last (October 2007) issue of *The Towpath*, especially the history of the Central Hotel, since my great-grandfather, Max Berend, was the Hotel's manager for a while in the very early 1900s (October 1901-March 1902?). The Mr. Berend mentioned on page 5 is my maternal grandmother's father. His full name is Philip Max Berend, born 3/24/1855 in Potsdam, Germany, and died 6/27/1943 in New Bremen. He married Martha Emma Dorothea Hoffmeister (1/2/1863-11/6/1927) in Germany on 10/10/1886 and they started their family there.

My grandmother, Elsie Emma Berend, was born in Germany 4/16/1893. The family came to America in 1895-1896 and settled in Cincinnati for a short time until they made their way to New Bremen in 1901 to manage the Central Hotel. My grandmother said her job after school was to go to the Hotel and make beds, along with other duties. After this, she could go out to play with her friends.

The Berends had 4 children who lived to adulthood: Max (Jr.?) (2/2/1888-2/1/1973), Dr. Kurt Berend (1889?-\_\_\_\_), Elsie Emma (4/16/1893-5/3/1968), and Albert William Berend (10/10/1896-1/19/1924). All graduated from N.B.H.S. Max played on the 1905 & 1906 N.B. football teams, graduated in 1906, taught school in N.B. and later became an attorney in Cleveland. Kurt graduated in 1907, became a doctor and lived in Cincinnati (in 1943). Elsie Emma Berend married Albert (Mack) Huenke (*the baseball player*) on 2/24/1916. My mother, Mrs. Frank (Louise Huenke) Dicke, is their daughter. She has one sister, Marguerite Rackle. Albert Berend graduated in 1914, attended Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, then went into partnership with fellow New Bremenite, Herbert May, in a restaurant in Dayton. At one time, Albert managed a chain of 3 eating places in Dayton. He died of uremic poisoning at the age of 27. His funeral was held in the family home on Front St.-N.B.

Thought you would be interested in the family history.

*Jack Dicke - Worthington, Ohio*



**N.B.H.S. CLASS OF 1942 - 65 YEAR REUNION**

The N.B.H.S. Class of 1942 held their 65 year class reunion at the Fireside Pub in New Bremen on 9/8/2007.

Present were Charles Vornholt, Don Isern, Robert Heinfeld, Dorothy (Donnerberg) Feltman, Lodema (Egbert) Dicke, Dorothy (Koenig) Dunlap, Rosemary (Landwehr) Gerling, Dorothy (Fark) Haupt. *[photo provided by Dorothy Haupt]*

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### NEW BREMEN - A SMASH HIT!

October 11 and 12, 2007 will go down in the Ohio Historical Decorative Arts Association's history as one of our best trips ever. Everyone found it hard to believe the astronomical amount of American art and antiques that Jim Dicke II has collected and displays in Crown Equipment Corp.'s buildings. Jaws were dropping constantly. There were paintings by well known-artists by the dozens, great sculpture, New Bremen furniture, Stickley furniture, important movie and political memorabilia. Ohio's top museums would have a hard time competing.

Then there was our housing, with more art and antiques, to say nothing of soft drinks and snacks on the house. Phyllis and Tom Kuhn and daughter Stacey Eymon slept in Victorian splendor. Louise Davis slept in "Republican Headquarters" complete with a picture of her husband, Jim, who was the state legislator from west central Ohio for 10 years. Republicans Edythe and Don Ackerman had to make do with Democratic headquarters. Pat Rice and Dorothea Ten Eyck held forth in the Pullman car.

A delightful change of pace was the Bicycle Museum of America where we had lunch. Then it was on for tours of the New Bremen Historical Museum, the 1897-built German Lutheran Church (now a Church of Christ), and Dave Hemmert's farm to see those collections. A bonus was that both Dave and Tom Braun, our speaker from the Historic Association, accompanied us throughout the day answering our many questions.

An unexpected treat occurred when we stopped at the old German church in New Knoxville. It had been closed for renovation all summer. That day it was open and we got to see its spectacular huge stained glass half dome over the altar which could not be seen from outside. In addition, the minister there popped out to greet us and gave a hilarious account of the history of the church.

Those in the know knew the trip was a winner and it was filled within six days of our announcement going out, and there was a long waiting list thereafter. Don Ackerman deserves a Nobel prize of some sort for his work putting this trip together. As Cincinnati member Cathy Chapman said "On a scale of one to 10, it was an 11."

*[published in the November 2007 newsletter of the O.H.D.A.A.]*



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<b>New Bremen Historic Association</b>	
<b>Annual Financial Report for 2007</b>	
<i>Thomas Braun, Treasurer</i>	
<b>ASSETS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007</b>	
CHECKING ACCOUNT	2,513.64
CDS (2) - 1 <sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL BANK	27,182.97
LOCK ONE RESTORATION ACCOUNT	24,660.94
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$54,357.55</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
MEMBERSHIP: ANNUAL DUES	4,503.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	2,220.00
DONATIONS (Includes \$679.00 / Membership donations)	1,180.18
MEMORIAL DONATIONS	3,740.00
GRANT & MATCHING FUNDS	625.00
INTEREST: Certificates of Deposit (2)	1,028.62
ANNUAL DINNER	1,270.00
COMMUNITY PICNIC	600.00
CHRISTMAS DINNER	2,125.00
MERCHANDISE SALES	4,528.26
SHIPPING & HANDLING RECEIPTS	7.00
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
LOCK ONE RESTORATION DONATION	5,000.00
LOCK TENDER'S HOUSE DONATION	1,000.00
BRONZE STATUE DONATION	35.00
<b>TOTAL YEARLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$27,862.06</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
ELECTRIC & WATER (N.B. Utilities)	333.20
NATURAL GAS (Vectren)	989.71
TELEPHONE (Verizon)	322.57
INTERNET (N.K. Telco)	155.40
INSURANCE : Property	723.00
MUSEUM PAINTING	13,370.00
BARN RENOVATION	828.00
DISPLAY CASES FOR BARN, ETC.	498.00
INDOOR MUSEUM MAINTENANCE	1,657.30
SUMMER KITCHEN MAINTENANCE	945.50
OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE	748.82
REFURBISH OLD FIRE EQUIPMENT (WHITNEY PAINTING)	300.00
CURATORS - SUPPLIES	740.06
OFFICE SUPPLIES	366.32
POSTAGE	386.91
TOWPATH PRINTING	2,766.12
TOWPATH POSTAGE (Bulk Mailing only-does not include permit)	712.86
ANNUAL DINNER	853.84
COMMUNITY PICNIC	201.04
CHRISTMAS DINNER	1,190.36
PURCHASES OF MERCHANDISE FOR RESALE	3,789.96
SALES TAX ON SALES + \$100 REPORT FEE	320.33
RENTAL OF GOLF CARTS - AUGLAIZE COUNTY FAIR	400.00
MEMBERSHIPS: Chamber/Commerce, Mecca, Visitor's Bureau	215.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	84.21
<b>LOCK ONE RESTORATION PROJECT EXPENSE</b>	<b>8,945.00</b>
<b>TOTAL YEARLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$41,843.51</b>
<b>ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007</b>	
PETTY CASH	25.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT (INCLUDES \$4,445.84 LOCK TENDER RECEIPTS)	2,608.53
CD-1 <sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL BANK (#157024-\$15,000 @ 5.05%-due 12/8/08)	17,026.63
LOCK TENDER'S HOUSE PROJECT (BEFORE TRANSFER OF \$4,445.84)	20,715.94
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$40,376.10</b>

<b>LOCK ONE PRESERVATION PROJECT</b>	
<b>Financial Report for 2006-2007</b>	
<i>Thomas Braun, Treasurer</i>	
<b>LOCK ONE ACCOUNT (as of 1/1/2006)</b>	<b>\$26,445.94</b>
CONTRIBUTIONS:	70,000.00
Canal Book & Game Sales (2006)	890.00
Speaker's contribution	25.00
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
New Bremen Village	-70,000.00
Garmann & Miller (Lock Tender house drawings)	-2,700.00
<b>LOCK ONE RESTORATION ACCOUNT (as of 12/31/2006 -    - 1/1/2007)</b>	<b>\$24,660.94</b>
Lock One Restoration Donation (December-2007)	5,000.00
Paid to New Bremen Village	-8,000.00
Garmann & Miller / Architects-Engineers (Lock Tender's House)	-945.00
Transfer to Lock Tender's House project	<b>\$20,715.94</b>
<b>BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2007</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>LOCK TENDER'S HOUSE PROJECT</b>	
Transfer from Lock One project	<b>\$20,715.94</b>
Lock Tender's House donation (November-2007)*	1,000.00
Lowell Ziegenbusch Memorial Donations*	2,650.00
Sale of canal books & games (2007)*	795.84
<b>BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2007</b>	<b>\$25,161.78</b>
(*\$4,445.84 Receipts still in regular checking account)	

### ...A Page From the Past... -20 Years Ago-

[from "THE TOWPATH" - January 1988]

#### —A WINTERTIME HERITAGE— Ice Skating On The Canal (by Marge Lietz)

During the winter most every window was covered with frost. Sometimes it stayed most of the winter. Mom always said that Jack Frost painted the windows during the night! He must have been a very busy little man. The patterns in the frost were exquisite - ferns, fronds and beautiful leaves, all woven together in a design that was breathtaking! It was truly frosted glass.

Lock One in New Bremen was a gathering place for ice skaters! Because New Bremen is a canal town, the children had a splendid opportunity to learn how to ice skate. It was Dad or Grandpa who drilled the small round hole in the ice to measure the thickness, and when he put the folding rule back in his pocket and smiled, then you knew it was time to get your skates ready! One of the first jobs was to sweep the snow off the ice. There were good places to skate back of Rairdon's Garage and Tony Schwieterman's Blacksmith Shop or further south by Long's packing house near the Plum Street bridge. Word spread rapidly through the village.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** These are some of Marge's wintertime stories from her second issue of "The Towpath". Marge had a way of painting a picture with words and it is fun to read some of her early articles again!



## Curators' Report

### CURATORS' YEAR END REPORT

WE ARE CELEBRATING THE 175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLATTING OF NEW BREMEN. OUR CELEBRATION WILL START ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> OF JANUARY AT THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY COURTHOUSE. OUR CELEBRATION WILL CONTINUE WITH ALL OF OUR EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

IN DOWNTOWN NEW BREMEN, WE ARE DOING THE WINDOW DISPLAY AT THE OLD MESCO BUILDING. WE HAVE CHANGED THE DISPLAY ONCE.

WE ARE INITIATING THE CLEANING & REFURBISHING OF THE TOOLS IN THE BARN FOR DISPLAY IN OUR NEW CASES.

THE MUSEUM HAS BEEN REPAINTED INSIDE & OUT.

WE HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF GOOD & DIVERSE ITEMS. WE HAD NEW TAGS MADE FOR IDENTIFYING SOME OF OUR INVENTORY. ANNETTE THOMPSON AT THE BICYCLE MUSEUM OF AMERICA MADE THE TAGS FOR US.

BY THE END OF THE YEAR WE WILL HAVE LIGHTING AVAILABLE IN ALL ROOMS.

WE HAVE HAD MANY TOURS GO THRU THE MUSEUM.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 2008 & ALL THAT IT MAY BRING, INCLUDING WORKING ON THE LOCKKEEPER'S HOUSE.

THE CURATORS, DE & JOYCE



**FROM THE EVENING LEADER:** The opening ceremony for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Wapakoneta and New Bremen will begin inside the main lobby of the Auglaize County Courthouse at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker will be James Dicke II, CEO of Crown Equipment. A short reception will follow the speakers. A snow date is planned for January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Other events scheduled throughout the year as part of the anniversary include the introduction of a commemorative postmark, special exhibits and talks at the Auglaize County Public District Library, lectures by a direct descendent of the Wright Brothers, dedication of an Ohio Historical Society marker, a parade, river fire, community pot-luck, harvest festival, and tour of historic homes.

### RECENT ACQUISITION



photo donated by Bill Kuck

#### ST. PAUL CHURCH'S WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Mrs. Ernst (Frances Schulenberg) Kuck, Mrs. Heisler, Mrs. Marvin (Bernice Schroeder) Blanke, Mrs. Willis (Leta Bertke) Quellhorst, Mrs. Harry (Frieda Dammeyer) Schroeder, Mrs. Elwin (Louise Meckstroth) Hespe, Mrs. Frank (Marie Dicke) Buckloh, Mrs. Arlando (Irene Tontrup) Schmidt.

[Picture taken at Heisler's cottage at Behm's Landing - 8/11/1954]

### NEW MEMBERS THIS PERIOD (THRU 12/31/07)

[\*Spousal Memberships @ \$6.00 or \$60.00/LM]

11/5/07	Burgess, Kevin – Chagrin Falls, Ohio
11/5/07	Burgess, Ryan – Columbus, Ohio
10/8/07	Clark, Sandra (Woehler) – Melbourne, Florida
10/2/07	Fledderjohann, Scott (LM) – Telford, PA
10/30/07	Frey, Joan (Prendergast) – St. Marys, Ohio
10/3/07	Gehle, *Roberta (Rempe) – Celina, Ohio
10/3/07	Gehle, Donald L. – Celina, Ohio
10/20/07	Purpus, Norma (Woehrmyer)(TR) – Minster, OH
11/25/07	Schulte, Sylvia (Bernard)(TR) – Piqua, Ohio
12/18/07	Truster, Ken – New Bremen

### ADDITIONS TO LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

10/2/07	Fledderjohann, Scott (new)
12/6/07	Huckriede, Richard
10/22/07	Scheer, David

### MEMBER DEATHS THIS PERIOD

10/20/07	Purpus, Theodore (died 10/20/07)
11/25/07	Schulte, Leo (died 11/25/07)

### MEMORIAL / HONORARY DONATIONS

The following donations have been received this period:

**In memory of Lowell Ziegenbusch**

by Mark & Patty Cisco, N.B./N.K. Rotary, Jason This

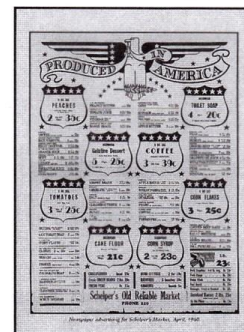
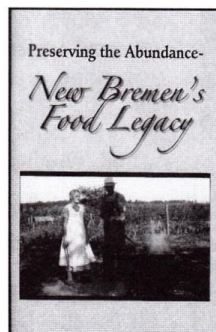
### MEMORIAL / HONORARY DONATIONS

Donations to memorialize the deceased or to honor the living are welcomed in any amount. When donations in memory of or in honor of any one person or couple have reached \$100.00, a brass plate engraved with their name(s) is attached to the Memorial Plaque.

### NEW COOK BOOK!

What foods remind you of New Bremen? Do you remember sweet rice and pork and kraut on the school menu? Do you still look forward to gritz in the winter and summer sausage in the summer? A new publication is available from the New Bremen Historic Association entitled *Preserving the Abundance - New Bremen's Food Legacy*. It describes the provision of food for families in or around New Bremen during the last 100 years, shares memories relating to food, and gives some of the old recipes. We hope readers will enjoy reading the stories about food and will try some of the recipes today.

The book is on sale at The Artist's Touch, Howell's IGA, New Bremen Coffee & Books, The Crown Store, or from any NBHA board member. It is also available on-line at [www.newbremenhistory.org](http://www.newbremenhistory.org). The book sells for \$7.00. If mailed add \$2.00 for S/H. All proceeds will go towards building the Lock Keeper's House at Lock One. [Gen Conradi]







## ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Monday, March 17, 2008  
6:30 p.m.  
Holy Redeemer Church

**SPEAKER: Jim Dicke, II**

**Tickets: \$10.00**

For more information, Call 419-629-3495

### COMPLIMENTARY COPIES

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(Membership Dues information on pages 1 & 2.)

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\$12.00 / Year \*\*\*\*\* \$120.00 / Lifetime

Collection of Back Issues \*\*\*\*\* \$20.00 (+\$4 S/H)

### OTHER BOOKS & RELATED ITEMS:

The History of Fire Fighting in New Bremen  
Then and Now (Village Pictures)

A Journey Through Time (Miami-Erie Canal)

CANAL Board Game (related to book)

Recipes and Reminiscence (by John Dickman)

A Military Memoir of W.W.II (by Katy Gilbert)

Ralph May Remembers New Bremen

New Bremen Marriages (genealogy information)

### SCHOOL COMMEMORATIVES:

Central School: Paperweights, Pencil Caddies

1929 High School: Trinket Boxes

BOTH: Porcelain Medallions

Snow Globes

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

"Interurban on Main St." colored prints

"Monroe St." colored prints

N.B.H.A. Shirts & Caps

N.B.H.A. Mugs & Pencils

N.B.H.A. Christmas Ornaments

N.B.H.A. Note cards

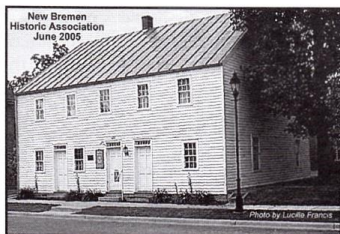
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