

Joe's grocery and coffee house in plate 2

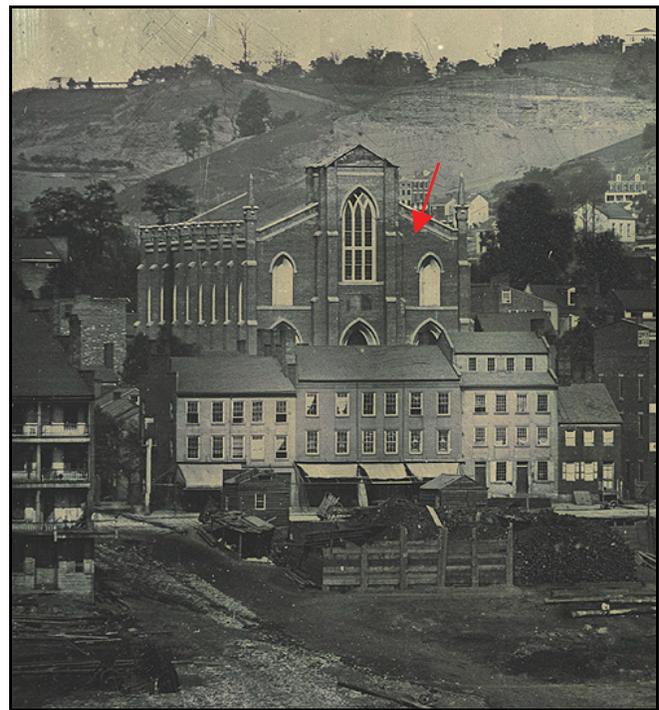


From GEH 16X of plate 2. Courtesy of the Public Library.

plate 2, Joe's coffee house was located in the building in the center, the left-most corner of Cassilly's Row. The deeper main Public Landing is to the left, where the carriage is. According to *The Cincinnati Panorama of 1848* brochure from the Public Library,⁹⁸ Stephen Foster, composer of *Oh! Susanna* and *My Old Kentucky Home*, was working as a steamboat clerk a few doors to the east (right) of where Joe's coffee house was.

St. Philomena's Church in plate 5

Another historical site for our family appears in plate 5 – St. Philomena Church on East Pearl St, east of Pike St. This is where Ben and Elisabeth Niemer were married on 6 February 1848, just 7 months and 18 days before the Panorama's daguerreotype plates were exposed to sunlight. Bernard and Elisabeth's last child Bernadine Louise "Louisa" Von Laer was baptized there on 23 July 1849, ten months after the photos were made. Within the next four years funeral services for two of the five immigrant siblings would be held there.



St. Philomena's, from GEH 16X of plate 5.
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⁹⁸ *The Cincinnati Panorama of 1848*, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. On page 104 of the *1848-49 William's Cincinnati Directory* is found a "Foster Stephen, b. k. for Irwin & Foster, bds. Mrs. Griffin." Apparently "b.k." stands for bookkeeper.