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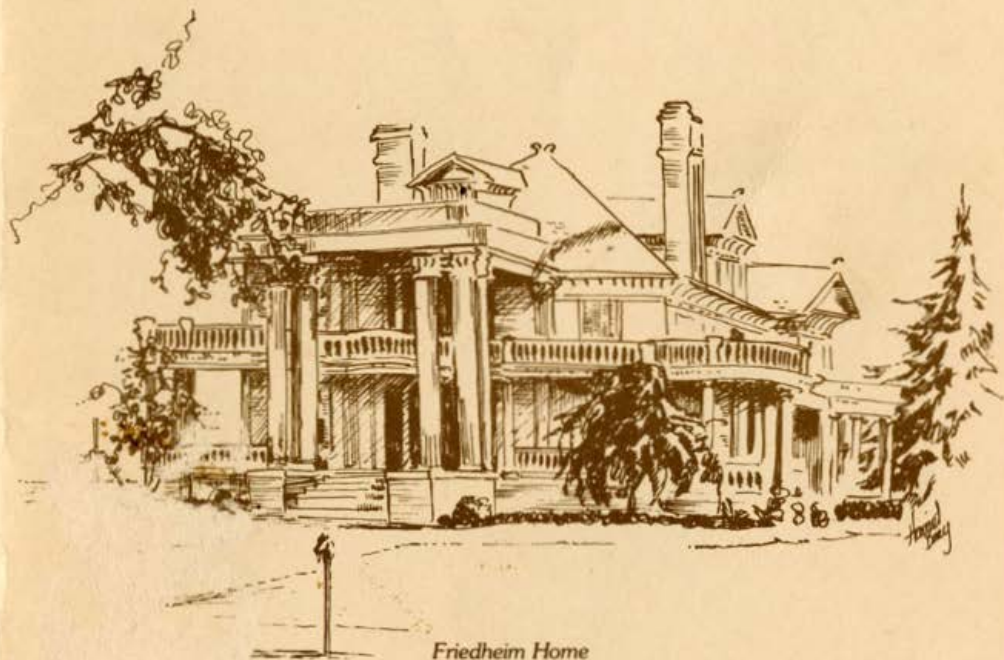
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FOREWORD

I am indebted to many people and organizations for assistance in compiling this history of the Friedheim family. Members of the family here in America and the only survivors of the Friedheims in Germany, Doris Friedheim and her daughter Dagmar Friedheim Kühn, gave much aid which is sincerely appreciated. In this connection I would like to extend thanks also to the Der Standesbentes (keepers of records) in several German cities. Officer Haas of the Springe Police Department spent several hours with me and I appreciate very much his assistance. Mrs. Harriet Bucy, talented Rock Hill artist, contributed much to our effort with a pen and ink sketch of the Friedheim home which appears on the cover. My wife, Sophie, not only inspired this undertaking but worked diligently toward its completion. York County Library provided capable efforts in research. I enlisted the help of Harper Gault, a well known Rock Hill writer and my long time friend who was also a close friend of the Friedheim family. We were unable to obtain pictures of all the early family and regret that some that are being published are old and faded.

C. H. Albright

COVER

The old Friedheim home which stood at the corner of Main and Saluda Streets. It occupied the present Municipal parking lot bounded by Elizabeth Lane, E. Main, Saluda and E. Black Streets. Pen and ink sketch by Harriet Bucy.



Arnold Friedheim

THE FRIEDHEIMS



Mrs. Arnold (Sophie) Friedheim



Julius Friedheim



Friedheim's Store



August Friedheim



Samuel Friedheim

To relate the history of the Friedheim Family of Rock Hill is to tell again the story of "America, The Land Of Opportunity."

I became keenly interested in the Friedheim family background when my wife, Sophie Marshall Albright, daughter of Fannie Friedheim Marshall, intrigued me with colorful tales of some German immigrants who came to our country with nothing, and through hard work, long hours, and actually the sweat of their brows amassed a fortune.

In 1866, when Rock Hill was still a small village on the Charlotte and Columbia Railroad, now the Southern Railway between Charlotte, N.C. and our state capital of Columbia, they established what the citizenry referred to as Friedheim's Store, on the town's Main Street. It became a flourishing mercantile business, a department store with a stock so large and varied and whose uses were so versatile that the establishment became one of the largest in the two Carolinas and a showplace for visitors.

The store was established by Arnold Friedheim who was joined a few years later by his brother, Julius. It bore the name A. Friedheim & Brother until it was closed in 1965. The old Friedheim building stands today in Town Center Mall which encompasses two blocks of the former Main Street, its massive granite columns and large show windows a landmark in a modern city harking back to times of financial panics, devastating fires, depressions, recessions, and two world wars. It stands as a monument to success achieved by a family dedicated to hard work in serving the needs of their community.

It had housed two business establishments since the Friedheim name had passed into history. At the time of this writing it was the home of a restaurant, O'Sullivan's of Rock Hill.

We shall talk more about Friedheim's Store and the early members of the family here in Rock Hill, but first let's go back to the roots of the forebears in Germany. Since all of the Friedheims who came over from Germany are deceased, the job of tracing their genealogy was difficult, but at the same time very interesting and finally rewarding.

We were surprised and gratified at the results of our efforts to obtain names of the family and any living relatives in Germany. The initial leads came from the wills of the two brothers, on record in the York County Courthouse. In his final will and statement, dated February 16, 1909 Arnold made no reference to his family in Germany. However, Julius, in his will which bore the date of March 27, 1920, listed names and places. In this document of 17 typed legal pages we found the following:

On page 10, Paragraph C, he left a sum of money to the "then living issues of the deceased (1) Sally (which we later learned was Selli) Friedheim of Springe, Germany; (2) Sassmann Friedheim of Münder, Germany; (3) Johanna Friedheim Haase of Dorman Osterfriesland, Germany." These were two brothers and a sister of Julius and Arnold.

With these names there was hope now of locating some of the Friedheim descendants in Germany. The next move was to contact the keeper of records, or Der Standesbente, in these German towns. This effort proved fruitful indeed. A letter from one of the keepers of records mentioned a Doris Friedheim and daughter, Dagmar Kühn, who resided at 2262 Leck, N.E., Germany. Mrs. Doris Friedheim was a granddaughter of Sassmann Friedheim, who was a brother of Julius and Arnold Friedheim.

We were able to contact these two ladies, by letter and telephone, and obtained valuable assistance from them. While they had no knowledge of any of the Friedheims still living, they went to work and spent many hours in government record buildings and in German cemeteries. In a letter they said:

"We visited the Jewish cemetery in Bad Münder and tried to get some information. The cemetery had been restored. At first we were very disappointed because we could not read the inscriptions which were all in Hebrew. We soon discovered that there was another inscription on the other side in German. The largest and best preserved stone stood on graves of Sara and Sostmann Friedheim with the following inscription, 'Here rests my beloved wife Sara Friedheim, born Wolfers. Born January 14, 1841. Died January 7, 1907.' And the further inscription, 'And our good father, Sassmann Friedheim. Born July 7, 1831. Died November 8, 1918.'"

It is to be presumed that the first inscription on the tombstone was put there by Sassmann Friedheim upon the death of his wife, Sara. And the second was inscribed by the children of Sassmann when he passed away some 11 years later.

This was the needed link in the family chain. Since Julius Friedheim had bequeathed to the "issues of Sassmann Friedheim" we were convinced we were on the right track and ready to make some profitable discoveries.

From here we went back to the Standesbentes for information on Sassmann Friedheim and his family connection. After two years or more we have come up with some very positive answers. We have put the results in outline form which we hope will be interesting. We are aware of the fact that there are some errors entwined in this outline but for the purpose for which it is intended, it is sufficiently accurate.

The complete Friedheim outline, or family tree, as we found it, appears elsewhere in this writing. However, we will give in narrative form family information as it relates to the Friedheims who came to America and settled in the Rock Hill area.

We begin with Zadec Friedheim, father of the four sons who came to the Rock Hill section. He was a merchant, born in Springe, Germany, in 1822 and died May 24, 1875. He married Sara Siligmann on August 8, 1844. She was born in 1824. We do not have the date of her death. From this union there were seven children: Selli (Sally), Johanna, Sassmann, August, Julius, Samuel, and Arnold. The last four came to our section for residence.

August Friedheim was born October 28, 1849, in Münders. He passed away July 19, 1932, and is buried in Laurelwood Cemetery here. August was never married. At one time he operated a small store on Rock Hill's Main Street which later became a part of the A. Friedheim & Brother establishment as it expanded to the north side of Main Street. Incidentally, when Friedheim's became the first Rock Hill store to offer women's ready-to-wear clothing, most of this stock was made by a local manufacturing plant owned and controlled by August Friedheim. The plant was a two-machine affair run by two elderly dressmakers, the Misses Lowry, in their home on Flint Street.

Julius Friedheim, likewise, was a bachelor. He was born June 19, 1852, in Springe. He came to America in 1872 and became co-owner of A. Friedheim & Brother in 1876. He died June 28, 1931, and was buried in Laurelwood Cemetery.

Samuel Friedheim was born in Springe in 1846. He was married to Sophie Sternan, also born in Germany in 1870. Samuel operated a store on the road between Rock Hill and Fort Lawn, now U.S. 21 South. This location, we understand, was the later site of Fudge's Store. It might be conjectured that Samuel's store was a source of supply for the surrounding farm section. The couple later moved to Philadelphia where both are buried. Samuel died on June 22, 1927, and Sophie November 2, 1940.

Now we come to Arnold Friedheim whose descendants to the fourth generation live in Rock Hill and elsewhere. He was born November 17, 1836, in Münders and died May 31, 1915, and was buried in Laurelwood Cemetery. He was married to Sophie Stengal of Baltimore in 1870. She, too, was born in Germany, in Baden-Baden, November 30, 1850, died April 1, 1912, and is buried in Laurelwood Cemetery.

Arnold and Sophie had 12 children, two of whom died at birth. Their children: Louis, Sidney, Sadie, Minnie, Dolph, Carrie, Albert, Samuel, Harry, and Fannie.

Louis "Doc" Friedheim, born September 29, 1872, died January 10, 1934. He was a veterinarian and practiced in Rock Hill. He married Fannie Heilbron, born April 12, 1877, died June 14, 1961. Both are buried in Laurelwood Cemetery. They had no children.

Sidney Friedheim was born February 22, 1874, died September 26, 1932, and was interred in Laurelwood Cemetery. He was connected with Friedheim's Store. He was never married.

Sadie Friedheim was born April 18, 1880, died September 22, 1965, and is buried in Laurelwood Cemetery. She married Pride Ratterree, and they had one child, Pride Ratterree, Jr. He was born May 17, 1910. He is retired, living in Rock Hill and Blowing Rock, N.C. He married Gwen Coleman, who was born July 16, 1915, at Hyman, S.C. They have three children, Coleman, born October 3, 1940; Robert, December 16, 1943, and John, April 13, 1950.

Minnie Friedheim was born April 23, 1882, and died July 4, 1917, and is buried in Laurelwood Cemetery. She married Marion Heyman, a Camden, S.C., jeweler who passed away and is buried in Quaker Cemetery in Camden. They had one child, Carolyn. She was born July 4, 1910. She married Melton A. Goodstein and they lived in Florence, S.C., later in Charleston, S.C. They have

two children, Marion H., born September 20, 1935, and Arnold, born April 17, 1944.

Dolph Friedheim was born September 10, 1887, died February 13, 1952. He is buried with other members of the family in Laurelwood Cemetery. He, too, was connected with the Friedheim Store. He was a bachelor.

Carrie "Tatty" Friedheim was born March 12, 1884, and died June 29, 1950, and is buried in Laurelwood Cemetery. She married Dr. James Everard Massey, a practicing physician, who passed away July 14, 1945, and is buried in Laurelwood. The Masseys had no children.

Albert Friedheim was born in Rock Hill December 27, 1885, and passed away April 20, 1964. He is buried in Laurelwood Cemetery. Albert married Marie Yoder was born in LaGrange, IND., August 26, 1886. She died September 10, 1975, and is buried in Laurelwood Cemetery. Two daughters, Linda Marie, who died in infancy, and Sophia, were born to Albert and Marie, Sophia on November 28, 1927. Albert was the last of the Friedheim family to manage Friedheim's Store.

Sophia married Paul Dupre and they had one child, Michele, born July 20, 1951. Sophia and Paul were divorced and she married Seymour "Sy" Beers in 1965.

Samuel Friedheim was born February 3, 1890, and died January 12, 1945. He too, is buried in Laurelwood Cemetery. "Sam" was a medical doctor, M.D. He was never married.

Harry Friedheim was born August 19, 1892, and was employed by Friedheim's. Harry married Kate Terrell, born 1893 in Bennettsville, S.C. Harry died July 4, 1934, and Kate, born January 3, 1893, died January 9, 1962. Both are buried in Laurelwood Cemetery. They had no children.

Fannie Friedheim was born November 18, 1878, and passed away July 21, 1966. She married James Edward "Ned" Marshall who engaged in the livery business and was a veteran oil distributor. He was born May 11, 1879, and died July 2, 1955. Both are buried in Laurelwood Cemetery in the Marshall plot. The Ned Marshalls had four children, James Edward "Ed", Jr., Arnold, Frances "Sis", and Sophie.

Ed Marshall, born April 11, 1906, married Virginia Barnes of Roanoke, Va., on June 20, 1935. She was born September 8, 1915. The Ed Marshalls have three children, J.E. "Ned", III, born March 13, 1937; Barnes, born on November 7, 1938; and Virginia, born May 22, 1953. Ed followed his father as an oil jobber.

Arnold Marshall was born March 4, 1908, and died April 15, 1980. He is buried in the Marshall plot in Laurelwood Cemetery. He married Harriet Moore of Lancaster, S.C., born August 8, 1910. They had six children: Gene Elliott, Harriet, Frances Elizabeth (Betsy), Sophie, Steve and Douglas, twins. Arnold was also in the oil business.

Frances "Sis" Marshall was born February 22, 1910. She married Daniel S. LaFar and they live in Gastonia, N.C. where he is engaged in the textile business. They have two children, Daniel S., Jr., and Wilson Marshall, born June 19, 1935, and April 11, 1939, respectively.

Sophie Marshall was born September 26, 1912, and was married to Clarence H. "Icky" Albright, born August 30, 1906, in Laurens, S.C. They have

two children: Ned M. Albright, born July 2, 1938, and C.H., Jr., "Buddy", born January 2, 1950.

Members of the Friedheim family who are buried in Rock Hill lie in Laurelwood Cemetery, owned by the City of Rock Hill. Earlier their burial plot was of a family or private nature as was the custom of Jewish families. In later years the Friedheim plot or section, which lay near Laurelwood, was given to the City by the family with sufficient funds to guarantee perpetual care of the Friedheim graves.

As we said earlier you will find the complete Friedheim family tree, as complete as we were able to compile it, elsewhere in this family history.

We would like to dwell now on the Friedheims who are remembered best by Rock Hillians, Arnold and Julius who headed Friedheim's Store and the descendants of Arnold. Julius was never married. Some of his actions and statements attributed to him became legendary.

Let's go back to 1857. A 17-year-old German lad named Arnold Friedheim, too short in stature to enter the Prussian Army, started thinking of going to America. A short time later he walked down the gangplank of a steamer in New York harbor. He had come to America to seek his fortune.

Soon he was engaged in the mercantile business, his first two years as a shipping clerk for Roessler and Co., in a Baltimore wholesale house dealing in men's clothing. In 1859, he was transferred to a branch of the firm in Salisbury, N.C., where he remained until outbreak of the War Between The States. Arnold told his boss that he had chosen the South as his home and that he intended to fight for the Confederacy.

His superior disagreed completely because he considered him a great asset to the business. He locked Arnold in a closet. But as the Fourth Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers marched through the streets of Salisbury, Arnold broke out and dashed into the streets. He hastily saluted the commanding officer and took his place in the ranks.

Arnold Friedheim was in the thick of the fighting, at Chancellorsville, 1st and 2nd Manassas, and Gettysburg. He was wounded twice as he fought valiantly. One night he led an attack which routed the Yankees. And he was at Appomattox when the South surrendered. Clark's History Of North Carolina Regiments has this to say:

"At Gettysburg, when we started to make the night attack, Colonel Grimes, who could not see very well at night, sent for Corporal Friedheim of Company K to guide him in that trying ordeal. He knew full well he could trust this man, for there was no braver or truer soldier in the Army than A. Friedheim."

After the Confederate War, Arnold moved farther south, stopping first in Charlotte, N.C. The city was not to his liking, so he moved on a few miles farther to Rock Hill, a village in which he saw great hope for the future of his business. With borrowed money, he opened a small merchandising store with a tin front on Main Street on the site which is now occupied by O.K. Boys & Mens Shop. That was in 1866, nine years after he landed in this country.

He borrowed the money to start the store from a Baltimore bank on the endorsement of a shoe manufacturer. His first stock was shoes, and he showed

his ability as a businessman and trader at the start by paying cash for the shoes and making 10 per cent on the purchase. An enterprising young man, Arnold put in long hours in his store, also spending all the time he could in the countryside meeting the people and learning their needs.

Arnold was a popular young man in the community. It was said he liked to dance and was a part of neighborhood activities. And he was not too busy to be interested in the young ladies. He married Miss Sophie Stengal, whom he had met in Baltimore on one of his buying trips. She, too, was from Germany, the resort town of Baden-Baden. He brought his bride to a new home he had purchased on what is now Caldwell Street next to the Episcopal Church. It was completely furnished when she arrived with rugs on the floors, curtains on the windows, and with servants in the kitchen.

About 1869 Friedheim's moved across Main Street to the present location of the building. It was smaller then than the frontage today. Shortly after Arnold established the business across the street he was joined by his brother, Julius, who became a partner in 1876. The name was changed to A. Friedheim & Brother, under which it continued.

Julius entered the firm about the time of the "Great Speculator's Panic." And in a comparatively short time the Friedheim name had become so well known and respected that Arnold's name, along with the signatures of Major John R. London and A.E. Hutchison, two other leading citizens, was signed on script issued in Rock Hill instead of money. This was one of the early banking services in Rock Hill.

The panic hit in 1893 and though short lived brought business just about to a standstill. Money was almost non-existent, cotton prices were very low, and farms were sold to satisfy mortgages. Every man did what he could to earn a dollar. Samuel Friedheim, one of the brothers who had opened a store near Rock Hill on what is now U.S. 21 South, is said to have taken 100,000 cotton bolls to the Chicago World's Fair to be boxed and sold for a dollar each. We have no information of how that venture turned out. But there are today faded copies of the script used in 1893.

Julius was a colorful character and stories about him are retold, even to the present. It was said that he and Arnold made a good team. Arnold managed the business and Julius was "the trader." The story is told that a local citizen came to the store and told Julius that Mr. Roddey, the banker up the street, had agreed to make him a loan if Julius would endorse the note. Julius replied quickly:

"Ah, go back and tell my friend, Mr. Roddey, that I will lend you the money if he will sign the note."

Julius loved ice cream. My wife, Sophie, said she always dreaded the chore of going to the ice cream parlor for him. In those days ice cream was dispensed from a churn, scooped up, and put into a cardboard container.

Julius would squeeze the container, she remembers, and tell her, *"Ah, take it back and tell them to pack it."* While Pride Ratterree, Jr., was a student at Bailey Military Institute at Greenwood, S.C., Julius oftentimes would send him a check. Always inscribed on the lower left hand corner was, *"To treat your friends to ice cream."*

Ned Marshall, my father-in-law, received as a gift from Uncle Julius a tract of farm land on Ogden or Friedheim Road. The merchant owned land on both sides of the road and all was pretty badly run down and eroded. Ned owned a livery stable from which the compost did a good job of restoring the acreage. Soon it was a tract of fine looking acres. Ned invited Julius to ride out with him to inspect it, thinking of course it would be a big surprise to the former owner. Julius stared at the land, then exclaimed, "*Ah Ned, you've made a terrible mistake. I gave you the farm on the other side of the road.*"

But Ned got even. He "by mistake" shipped Julius' prize pony to St. Louis in a load of mules. Uncle Julius was still looking for the pony many years later. This was a typical joke between the groups.

While Julius was a shrewd trader and knew how to handle the dollar, he would give his grand-nieces and grand-nephews anything they wanted from the store. When it was a gift of clothing he insisted that it be of the finest quality in the house.

There's a tale that he made a sale of a saddle and forgot to whom it should be charged. He sent out a bill for a new saddle to each of his customers and soon he knew who had been the purchaser. Not too well educated as to the use of the English language he charged a "wheel" of cheese to a customer. The purchaser complained that he had bought a grindstone, not a cheese. Julius was not abashed. He told the patron, "*But ah, I forgot to put the square in the center.*"

In 1898, a fire which ravished the whole north side of Main Street and part of Trade Street, left Friedheim's Store in ruins. Friedheim's was the last building to go. When heat from the roaring blaze reached the west side wall where snuff, tobacco, and gun powder were stored, the whole structure literally blew up.

The Friedheim brothers who had come to America to make their fortune showed their ingenuity. Two days later they were back in business in what had been their stock building fronting on White Street, opposite the Good Motor Company buildings and lot of today. They had stored buggies, wagons, harness and the like in the building. Next door Dr. Louis Friedheim, Arnold's oldest son, a veterinary surgeon, had offices and a livery stable adjacent.

When rebuilt after the fire the Friedheim structure on Main Street was as it is today. The imposing stone-trimmed arch front of the present building was completed in the spring of 1899. There are three stories of brick and stone 20 inches thick. Second and third floors enclosed a balustraded opening which rose to a vast skylight. Old counters of yellow pine were not only beautiful but durable. A cable system from sales people to cashier served its purpose for many years and was a curiosity to the youngest visitors. The store as rebuilt was modeled after John Wannamaker of Philadelphia.

It was after the rebuilding that Friedheim's began handling a vast and highly diversified stock of general merchandise and dry goods. In the earlier days buggies hung from the ceiling at the skylight and the store stocked everything for the farm folk, fertilizer, seed, farm tools, knitting needles, and jars for preserving. The dry goods department offered everything in the realm of piece goods and dress and clothes fashioning. Ready-made clothes for men, women, and children, along with shoes, all name brands, filled the shelves and racks. To the rear of the first floor was a grocery section. It stocked staples such as fat

back, flour and meal. Also, on the shelves were high quality can goods, rare delicatessen items, fresh vegetables, tobaccos, and hardware.

This most unusual and complete stock of merchandise, many items of a yesteryear vintage, remained on the shelves even into modern times. When the Ninth Division of the U.S. Army had maneuvers just east of the city not many years before World War II, the soldiers found Friedheim's Store most intriguing. Boys from other parts of the country flocked to the store and bought old-fashioned high top women's shoes with the spool type heels, oil lamps, derby hats, and antiquated pieces of wearing apparel and other articles which they had never seen before.

When Albert Friedheim, son of Arnold, was managing the store in a period after World War II he read in the press that the North Carolina Prison System was unable to find shoes for a giant prisoner they called the "Human Rock Crusher" or some similiar nickname. Albert wired them that he could fit their "Human Rock Crusher" and received an order to ship the shoes. They were some outlandish size, like 17 or 18 or thereabouts.

The Friedheims were a part of Rock Hill in many ways, aside from offering a wide and varied stock of merchandise. Facing on East White Street was Friedheim's Hall. About the turn of the century, this was the only auditorium in town. Records of Rock Hill High graduating a class of some 25 students around 1901 described the exercises as being held in Friedheim's Hall. The auditorium was on the second floor with an outside stairway.

This was a center of many community activities, gatherings, dances, minstrel shows, and the like. In the early days stables for mules and horses were on the ground floor and later this area became a garage.

The first "Birthday Balls" in the early thirties were held in this old hall.

Friedheim's Hall was torn down in 1965 to provide more parking space for the uptown section. While it had ceased to be a public gathering place, the old structure had housed a liquor store and garage in its later years.

The Friedheim home, a few blocks east of the store on Main Street, was a showplace. The 16-room home, which was known as "White Palace," a two-story white weather boarded mansion with its garages, which replaced stables of an earlier day, occupied what later became a solid city block.

The great white house replaced one which Arnold Friedheim bought from Captain E.R. Mills, located at the corner of Main and Saluda Streets. The original Mills dwelling burned to the ground and Arnold built the new home, about 1909. The house was occupied by Arnold and his large family. It was said that the dining room table was always set for 22. That would seat the entire family, wives, and grandchildren, and oftentimes guests who were always welcome at the Friedheim table. The last of the line to live in the old dwelling were Dr. Sam and Dolph Friedheim.

It might be said here that Dolph was a man of a quiet and rather retiring nature. This was true at the store where he sat near the back door at an improvised desk, perhaps a board across a couple of barrels, or boxes. Many of the citizenry went back to speak with him because Dolph was liked and highly respected. Some came out of friendship and many to transact business with a man who had served them well over a half century.

Mrs. Sophia Friedheim Beers, daughter of Albert and Marie, recalls stories of Polly Parrott, a fixture in the great white house for many years. Polly knew all the family names and when the phone rang she would rattle off half a dozen members of the household. And at times she was a little vile in her language causing considerable embarrassment and bringing apologies when clergymen were visitors.

While the Friedheims were of the Jewish faith, they never practiced Judaism in Rock Hill. They attended the Presbyterian Church and some were members of the First Presbyterian Church. They numbered among close friends, Dr. Walter Lingle, former pastor of the church and later president of Davidson College, and Dr. F.W. Gregg, for many years pastor of the church. These ministers were often visitors in the Friedheim home and very likely had been the brunt of some of Polly's outbursts.

Remembered as part of the Friedheim household and mercantile establishments were three faithful black servants, Tim Broomfield, Lena Clemdenning, and Essie Barber. At his death, Julius left a home to Tim for his lifetime, as well as an income.

In the spring of 1953, the City bought the property for \$125,000 and converted it into a free city parking lot, bounded by Main, Saluda and Black Streets and Elizabeth Lane. Elizabeth Lane, the eastern border, had not been built when the Friedheims occupied the house. When the house was built the lot had front footage of 262 feet on Main, 343 on Saluda, and 253 on East Black.

When the old structure was to be torn down, the City sold the house to Roger L. Whitesides, an area businessman, who reconstructed his own beautiful dwelling on Lakeside Drive in Country Club Estates.

The old store on lower Main Street, with its massive front and large show windows, was a landmark in the growth of the community about it. And the show windows proved a target, or so the story goes, for citizens celebrating the end of World War I. One of the joyful throng gathered in front of the store took aim and shot out the big windows with a shotgun. We have heard the marksman was a former mayor but we are not sure of his name. Very likely, the Friedheims, always patriotic folk themselves, indulged the crowd in its wild celebration.

As the older Friedheims passed away, their worldly possessions, which included stock in the old store, went to their children, or near kin. It was said that the estate of Julius Friedheim, a bachelor, was worth something like a half a million dollars, quite a fortune at the time of his death in 1931. This was the period of the Great Depression.

Arnold Friedheim's sons, Sidney, Dolph, Albert and Harry were given places in the business. Arnold died in 1915. Then after Julius' passing in 1931, active management of the concern was placed in the hands of Sidney, Dolph, and Albert Friedheim. After Sidney and Dolph passed on, Albert became manager, last of the name to head the store. He owned the majority of stock in the business.

A great deal of the color and love for fun with his friends must have been handed down or "rubbed off" on Albert Friedheim. His early association with the store went back to boyhood days when he drove a large horse-drawn conveyance to carry the Winthrop girls from the college to Friedheim's Store

and back. It seemed the young fellow was a favorite with the students, then all girls.

As an adult, he was quite a "card." He liked to go to sports events and was a regular fan at the Carolina Cup horse races in Camden. He went to football games as well. Usually, he was the life of the party, as the saying goes "full of himself" and of interesting, funny stories which he liked to tell. Once he was photographed with a group of radio men at the Camden races as he regaled them with his tales.

He took a prominent place in Rock Hill business life and was a leader in merchandising and community affairs of varying kinds. As the Yuletide Season was approaching one year Albert took over a Salvation Army pot on Main Street to help the Christmas effort for the poor. He got a potful of money and blistered his hand gripping the handle.

When the citizens of Salisbury, N.C. were marking the 200th birthday of their community, Albert drove up to help them celebrate their bi-centennial. The Salisbury Evening Post of April 16, 1953, carried a story about his visit. It was headlined:

"S.C. Man Returns To Pay Debt Incurred By His Father In 1861."

The article started off, "*A dapper little man with a set of happy beaming eyes stepped out of a Cadillac as shiny as the top of his gray fast balding head this morning and announced, 'Greetings to Salisbury from the House of Friedheim, Municipality of Rock Hill, County of York, State of South Carolina.'*" A mischievous twinkle came to his eyes as he added, "*An besides all that, I want to settle up an old debt with the good folk here. I'd like to pay for the door my father knocked down in a Salisbury store when he ran away to join the Confederate forces in 1861.'*"

Albert Friedheim had quite a day in Salisbury, being interviewed by both the press and radio. He met several old friends and that afternoon he heard President Eisenhower who was also on hand to help the Salisbury folk celebrate their 200th birthday.

After the passing of Albert Friedheim in April, 1964, there were no male members of the family to carry on. The stockholders decided to liquidate the stock with the holding corporation continuing to function, and with the hope that the building might be occupied by another retail business.

Grahams, an affiliate of Carolina Cash in Spartanburg, took a 10-year lease on the store, thus continuing the service of a dry goods store.

After the Graham store vacated the structure, it was purchased by Killian & Krug of Charlotte, a promotional concern which had developed Villa Square on Providence Road in that city. While, it is understood, the new owners considered changing the huge building into an arcade with a number of small store and shop spaces available for business, this plan did not evolve. Instead O'Sullivan restaurant became the occupant.

Friedheim's Store was opened in Rock Hill when the community was but a village and grew with the expansion of the area into a leading metropolis in upper South Carolina. At its peak, the House of Friedheim was the city's oldest, largest, and most successful retail concern. It served this section of the state for almost a hundred years, from 1866 to 1964. The memory of the old store, as it

was, is kept alive even today by its handsome front in the lower section of Town Center Mall.

And the name of Friedheim, identified with the progress of Rock Hill for upwards of a century and a quarter, lives on today. There have always been close ties with Winthrop College. Julius Friedheim left a bequest of \$12,000 to establish and maintain two "Julius Friedheim Scholarships." And from the early days, the Winthrop uniform committee could order from Friedheim's everything to transform what was sometimes an awkward country high grad into a trim blue-clad Winthrop girl during the days all students wore the blue uniform outfit.

Sophia Beers recalls spending pleasant Sunday afternoons with her Uncle Sam in the old Friedheim home listening to classical music, the voice of Caruso, and other notable opera performers. Dr. Sam Friedheim, who played the piano, was a lover of the classics, and he gave to Winthrop College a priceless collection of these recordings.

The Friedheims were great lovers of the classical arts and the annual presentation of the Atlanta Opera found the Friedheims in attendance in full dress.

Sidney was one of the founders of the Peoples National Bank, which merged with C & S of today and Albert was a director, and of the Peoples Trust Company, an early affiliate of the bank.

Because of his interest in the city's history, Albert, as manager of Friedheim's, sponsored a weekly program over WRHI. Eddie Leonard, Jr., lyric tenor and foster son of the great Eddie Leonard of the stage and at the time a member of the Winthrop music faculty, conducted the program of narration and song. Many stories of old Rock Hill were related.

After writing the Friedheim history and compiling the family tree, it was the happy pleasure of my wife, Sophie (Mrs. C.H. Albright) and me to visit the land of the original Friedheims. During a four week vacation in Switzerland, in the late summer of 1982, we went on an extended tour into West Germany. Enroute to Karlsruhe to spend a couple of days, we cancelled our plans and continued on to Springe and Bad Münden. We spent the night of Friday, September 3, at Springe. The next day being Saturday, the Rathause (City Hall) was closed. However, the police department proved to be both friendly and helpful and they spent several hours with me.

We located what we believe to be the school which the Friedheims attended, as well as the old Friedheim home in Springe. The Jewish cemetery there was destroyed during Hilter's reign and a home has been built on the site.

Next day we continued to Bad Münden, a few miles away. This was Sunday and while the Rathause was closed we found local residents to be most helpful. After much conversation and research, we were able to locate the Jewish cemetery and found the grave of Sostmann Friedheim, a brother of Arnold and Julius, and that of his wife, Sara Wolfers Friedheim. In Bad Münden we were also directed to the site of a Friedheim's clothing store.

This trip into West Germany was not only interesting but rewarding in that we brought home pictures as valuable additions to the Friedheim family history.

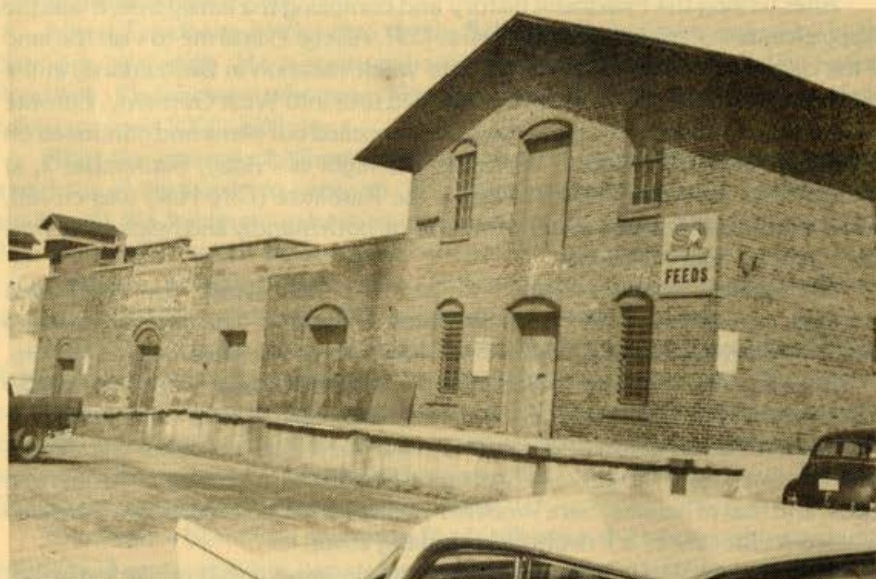
And so the House of Friedheim, in which the family of the same name served Rock Hill and area for 98 years, and the White Palace, in which they

lived, have passed from the modern scene. The name lives on in the annals of progress, pride, and dedicated service to our community and in the hearts of many who knew and respected the Friedheims, their heirs, and descendants.



FRIEDHEIM'S STORE PARADE FLOAT

In front seat, Harry Friedheim (driver), and Ms. Susie Steele; in back seat Ms. Eva Fewell (Carothers) wife of former mayor, and Miss Marie Fewell, longtime secretary of Chamber of Commerce.

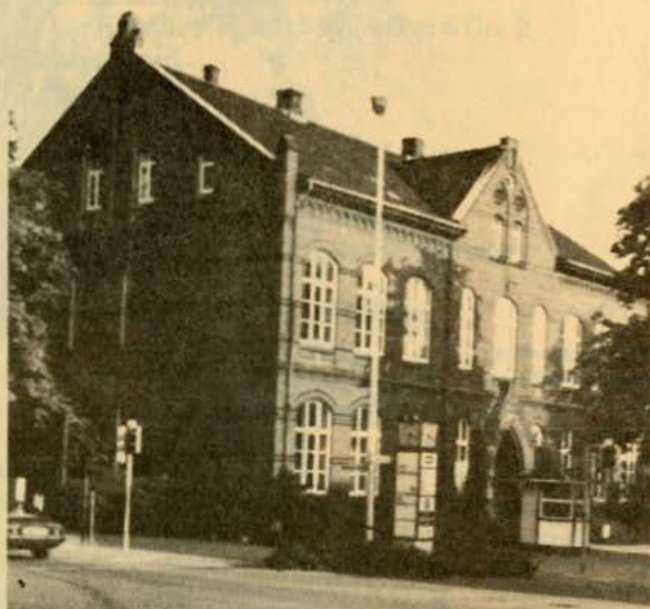


FRIEDHEIM WAREHOUSE AREA

Located to rear of Friedheim's Store between Main and White Streets.



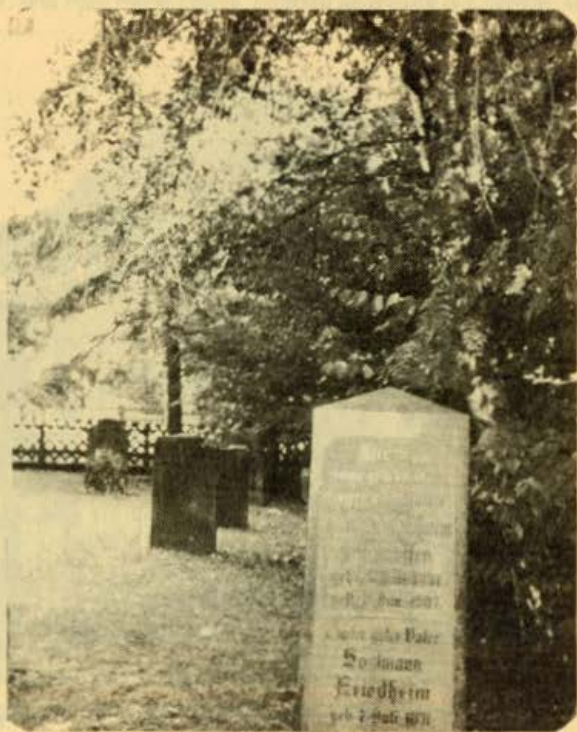
Original Friedheim Home in Springe, Germany, as it appears today



School Attended by Friedheims in Springe, Germany



Railway Station in Bad Münden, Germany



*Headstone at graves of
Sostmann Friedheim,
brother of Arnold and
Julius, and his wife, Sara
Wolfers Friedheim, in
Jewish cemetery located in
Bad Münden, Germany
(Note the name Sostmann
appears on the tombstone.
However, the name is
spelled Sassmann in official
records.)*

OUTLINE OR SYNOPSIS OF THE FRIEDHEIM FAMILY

Zadec Friedheim

Born 1822 in Springe, Germany

Died May 24, 1875

Occupation: Merchant

Married Sara Siligmann, August 8, 1844

Born 1824

Children: (A) Selli (Sally), (B) Johanna, (C) Sassmann, (D) August, (E) Julius, (F) Samuel, (G) Arnold

A. Selli (Sally) Friedheim (Male)

Born March 11, 1846 in Münder, Germany

Died Springe, December 28, 1913

Occupation: Livery

Former Address: Long Strabe, #1

Married Selma Blank, daughter of Samuel and Esther Blank of Newberg, May 24, 1875, Springe

Born November 17, 1848 in Springe

Died September 18, 1881 in Brunninghause

Children: (a) Ida, (b) Sammi, (c) Alfred, (d) Else, (e) Otto

(a) Ida

Born March 11, 1876 in Springe

Died January 15, 1902 in Springe

Not married

(b) Sammi

Born March 2, 1878 in Springe

Died February 16, 1917 WWI-Bat: 6 Co. 2

Not married

(c) Alfred

Born February 11, 1880

Died May 19, 1880 Infant

(d) Else

Born June 19, 1881 in Springe

Died December 29, 1952, buried Springe

(e) Otto

Born February 8, 1884 in Springe

Died August 22, 1884 Infant

B. Johanna (Friedheim) Haase

Born October 30, 1876 in Dorman, Germany

Died July 2, 1919

Married Moses Heyman Haase, Son of Lazarus and Julie Haase (Joseph) Date December 7, 1846 in Dorman

Born August 18, 1822

Died April 12, 1898 in Dorman

Children (a) Sara, (b) Matilda

Johanna - 1/2 sister of Arnold Friedheim

(a) Sara Friedheim

- (b) Matilda
Born March 16, 1833
Died October 30, 1876 in old peoples home - Hildersheim
Married Moses Friedheim of Hildersheim

C. **Sassmann (Sostmann) Friedheim**

- Born July 7, 1831 Münden
Died November 8, 1918
Married Sara Wolfers
Born January 14, 1841
Died January 7, 1907
Children: (a) Herman, (b) David, (c) Willy, (d) Matilda

(a) Herman

- Born January 14, 1908 Bad Münden
Died October 17, 1924
Occupation: Livery
Married Auguste Biesler
Born
Died November 7, 1918 in Concentration Camp
Children (1) Doris

(1) Doris Friedheim

- Born April 24, 1917 Köhn
Living 2262 Lech, NF-Brister-43
Children: (a) Dagmar

(a) Dagmar Friedheim Kühn

- Born December 25, 1941 in Berlin to Münden
Living in Kokkedahler Weg. 119
2262 Lech, NF, Germany
Married, Kühn (divorced)
Children: Viola, (April 25, 1961); Ute, (February 20,
1964); Ango, (May, 1965); Marion, (August 7, 1970)

(b) David Friedheim

- Born June 17, 1865 in Dorman
Died April 12, 1935 in Bad Münden
Occupation: Livery
Married Emma Köhn in Münden
Born April 13, 1872
Died 1939
Children: Hermath

(c) Willie (Willy) Doctor-Veterinarian

- Born March 10, 1877 in Hildersheim
Died December 31, 1943
Married Martha Frank Ingemaie
Children: Peter, Emma, Hermath

(d) Matilda

- Born
Died Old folks home, Hildersheim
Not married

- D. August Friedheim**
 Born October 28, 1849 in Münden, Germany
 Died July 19, 1932, Rock Hill
 Buried in Laurelwood, Rock Hill, S.C.
 Lived in Rock Hill
 Not married
- E. Julius Friedheim**
 Born June 19, 1852 in Springe, Germany
 Died June 28, 1931, Rock Hill
 Buried Laurelwood, Rock Hill, S.C.
 Came to America, 1872
 Co-owner - A. Friedheim & Bro.
 Not married
- F. Samuel Friedheim**
 Born November 30, 1846 in Springe, Germany
 Died July 22, 1927, Philadelphia
 Buried in Philadelphia, Pa.
 Wife Sophie Sternan
 Born 1870 in Germany
 Died November 3, 1940 in Philadelphia, Pa.
 Children: None
- G. Arnold Friedheim**
 Born November 17, 1836 in Münden, Germany
 Died May 31, 1915 in Rock Hill, S.C.
 Buried Laurelwood, Rock Hill, S.C.
 Original Owner, A. Friedheim
 Co-owner A. Friedheim & Bro.
 Co-owner with Julius Friedheim
 Came to America - 1857, Baltimore, Maryland
 Came to Salisbury, N.C. - 1858 - 1861
 Came to Rock Hill, S.C. 1866
 Wife Sophie Stengel
 Married 1870 in Baltimore
 Born November 30, 1850 in Baden-Baden, Germany
 Died April 1, 1912
 Buried Laurelwood, Rock Hill, S.C.
 She met Arnold in Baltimore, Maryland
 Children: (a) Louis, (b) Sidney, (c) Sadie, (d) Minnie, (e) Dolph,
 (f) Carrie, (g) Albert, (h) Samuel, (i) Harry, (j) Fannie, and two
 others who died at birth.
- (a) Louis ("Doc") Friedheim
 Born September 29, 1872 in Rock Hill, S.C.
 Died January 10, 1934
 Occupation: Veterinarian
 Married Fannie Heilbron
 Born April 12, 1877
 Died June 14, 1961

- Buried Laurelwood in Rock Hill, S.C.
Children: None
- (b) Sidney Friedheim
Born February 22, 1874 in Rock Hill
Died September 26, 1932
Occupation: Merchant - A. Friedheim & Bro.
Never married
- (c) Sadie Friedheim (Ratterree)
Born April 18, 1880
Died September 22, 1965
Buried Laurelwood, Rock Hill, S.C.
Married Pride Ratterree, Sr.
Children: (1) Pride, Jr.
(1) Pride, Jr.
Born May 17, 1910, Rock Hill
Lives in Rock Hill & Blowing Rock, N.C.
Occupation: Retired
Married Gwen Coleman
Born July 16, 1915, Hyman, S.C.
Children: (1) Coleman, October 3, 1940; (2) Robert,
December 16, 1943; (3) John, April 13, 1950
- (d) Minnie Hope (Friedheim) Heyman,
Born April 23, 1882 - Rock Hill, S.C.
Died July 4, 1917, Camden, S.C.
Buried Laurelwood, Rock Hill
Married Marion Heyman of Camden, S.C.
Born October 3, 1875
Died January 29, 1955
Buried Quaker Cemetery, Camden, S.C.
Occupation: Jeweler
Children: (1) Carolyn Friedheim Heyman
(1) Carolyn
Born July 4, 1910
Living in Charleston, S.C.
Married (1) Melton A. Goodstein, (2) Harry H. Germain
(1) Born June 29, 1909
Died June 28, 1968
Children: (1) Marion H. (Goodstein) Goodman
Born September 20, 1935
(2) Arnold Goodstein
Born April 17, 1944
- (e) Dolph
Born September 10, 1877 in Rock Hill
Died February 13, 1952
Buried Laurelwood, Rock Hill
Occupation: Merchant - A. Friedheim & Bro.
Never married

- (f) Carrie (Friedheim) Massey "Tatty"
 Born March 12, 1884 in Rock Hill
 Died June 29, 1950
 Buried in Laurelwood, Rock Hill
 Married Dr. James Everard Massey, M.D.
 Born April 12, 1875
 Died July 14, 1945
 Buried in Laurelwood, Rock Hill
 Children: None
- (g) Albert
 Born December 27, 1885, Rock Hill
 Died April 20, 1964
 Buried in Laurelwood, Rock Hill
 Occupation: Merchant, A. Friedheim & Bro.
 Married Marie Yoder
 Born August 26, 1886, LaGrange, Indiana
 Died September 10, 1975
 Buried in Laurelwood, Rock Hill
 Children: (1) Linda Marie, (2) Sophia
 (1) Linda Marie, died in infancy, June 26, 1926
 (2) Sophia
 Born November 28, 1927
 Living in Rock Hill
 Married (1) Paul Dupre, (2) Seymour "Sy" Beers
 Children: Michele Dupre, July 20, 1951
- (h) Samuel "Sam"
 Born February 3, 1890, Rock Hill, S.C.
 Died January 12, 1945
 Buried in Laurelwood, Rock Hill
 Occupation: Medical Doctor - M.D.
 Never Married
- (i) Harry
 Born August 19, 1892 in Rock Hill
 Died July 4, 1934
 Buried in Laurelwood, Rock Hill
 Occupation: Merchant, A. Friedheim & Bro.
 Married Kate Terrell
 Born January 3, 1893 in Bennettsville, S.C.
 Died January 9, 1962
 Buried in Laurelwood, Rock Hill
 No Children
- (j) Fannie Friedheim (Marshall)
 Born November 18, 1878 in Rock Hill
 Died July 21, 1966
 Buried in Laurelwood, Rock Hill
 Married James Edward ("Ned") Marshall

Born May 11, 1879, York County
Died July 2, 1955
Buried in Laurelwood, Rock Hill
Occupation: Livery & Oil Dealer
Children: (1) James Edward "Ed" Jr., (2) Arnold, (3) Frances
"Sis", (4) Sophie

- (1) James Edward, Jr.
Born April 11, 1906
Living in Rock Hill
Occupation: Oil Jobber
Married Virginia Barnes of Roanoke, Va on June 20,
1935
Born September 8, 1915
Living in Rock Hill
Children: (1) J.E. III, March 13, 1937; (2) Barnes,
November 7, 1938; (3) Virginia, May 22, 1953
- (2) Arnold Friedheim Marshall
Born March 4, 1908
Died April 15, 1980
Married Harriet Moore, Lancaster, S.C.
Born August 8, 1910
Living in Rock Hill, S.C.
Children: (1) Gene Elliott, October 11, 1933;
(2) Harriet, March 25, 1937; (3) Betsy, February 11,
1941; (4) Sophie, February 16, 1943; (5) Steve,
February 4, 1953; (6) Douglas, February 4, 1953 -
February 10, 1953
- (3) Frances Elizabeth "Sis" Marshall
Born February 22, 1910
Living in Gastonia, N.C.
Married Daniel S. LaFar, Gastonia, N.C.
Children: (1) Daniel S. Jr., June 19, 1936; (2) Wilson
Marshall, April 11, 1939
- (4) Sophie Marshall
Born September 26, 1912
Living in Rock Hill, S.C.
Married Clarence H. Albright, Laurens, S.C.
Born August 30, 1906
Children: (1) Ned M. Albright, July 2, 1938; (2) C.H. Jr.
(Buddy), January 2, 1950

