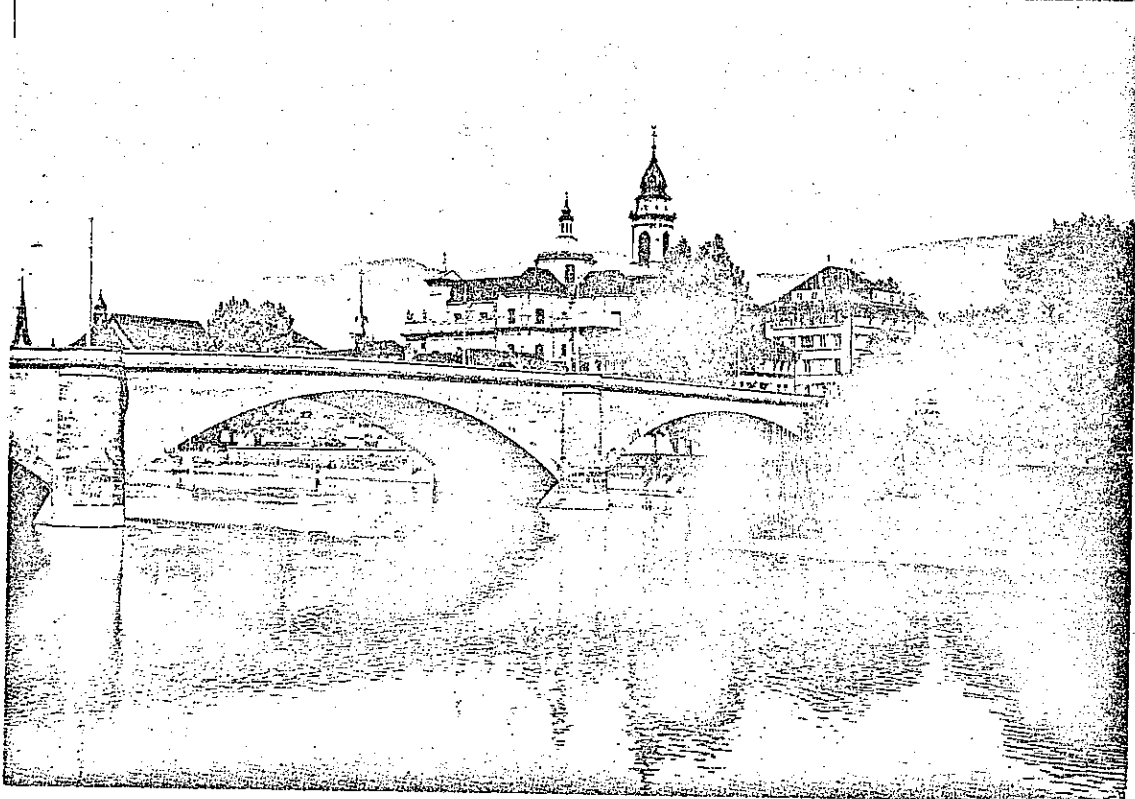
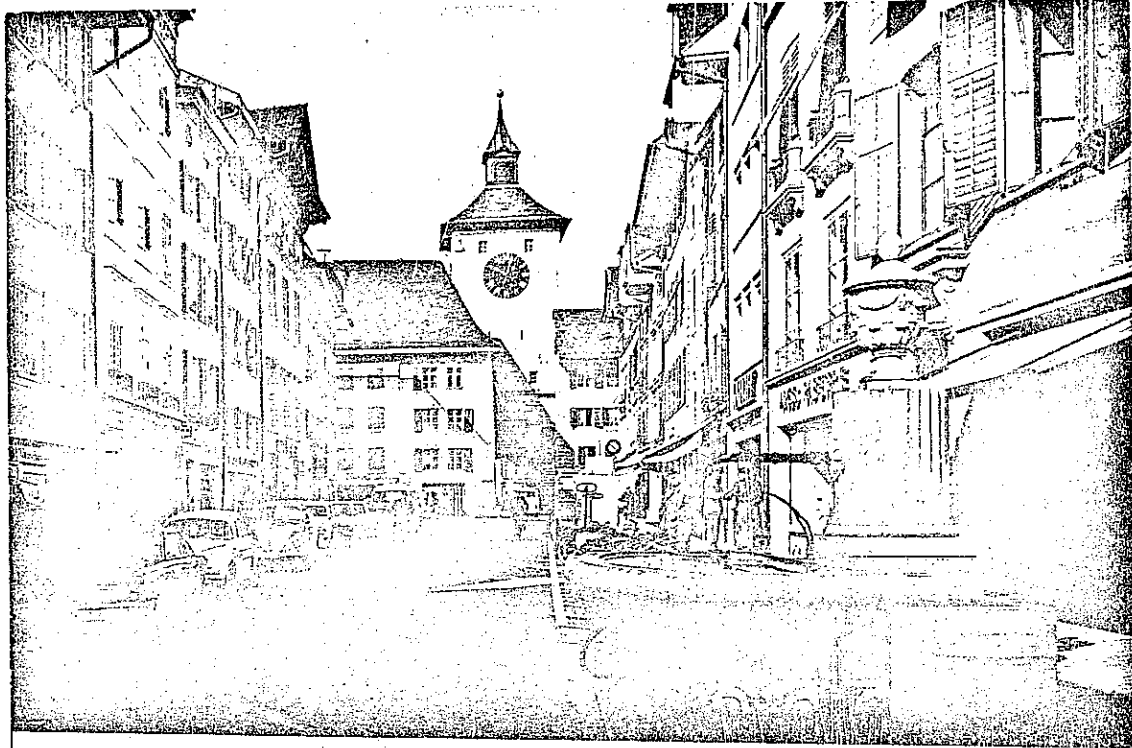


OUR MOTHER

Mother was born March 9, 1887, Hedwig Stoub, in Solothurn, Switzerland in the Old Time Square. She was the daughter of Sophie Struss and father, a watchmaker of the same town. She lived there for two years.



Robert and Mary Hamann, Aunt and Uncle, brought her to the U.S.A. in 1889. Her mother married Samuel Soom in Switzerland. By that marriage one son, Robert, was born.

Mother lived in Salt Lake with Aunt and Uncle Hammond for a short time then moved to Rexburg, Idaho with the Hammonds where they operated a tailoring shop. She did household work and whatever duties the Hammonds needed for her keep. Her mother, Sophie, then came to America. She arrived in Salt Lake where she married James Howells in the Logan Temple in 1893. They had two children, son James, and daughter Sahra.

Our mother was raised by the Hammonds but was never adopted or sealed to them.

Mother met our father in the spring of 1902 and married in the Salt Lake Temple October 1903. They established a two-room log home on the east side of Rexburg where they lived for a short time and where their first son, George, was born on February 26, 1905. Then they moved to the dry farm and their Rexburg home was rented to the Gardners. They stayed on the farm all winter.

Another son was born to them November 1906 named William Hammon Blunck. January 1909 a third son was born; named and blessed by his father Leo Christian. They were blessed by a fourth son July 1, 1911 named Kenneth Edward and a fifth son born 21 April 1914 named Rulon Detlif.

Our mother, after a long and waited wish for a girl, finally was overjoyed with a baby girl June 11, 1916 named Lula Mary.

In 1918 the winter was severe (flu epidemic). Mother was

carrying another child when she was stricken with pneumonia which unfortunately caused the loss of her second baby girl.

Mother worked very hard and under meager circumstances still provided a kind and loving home.

May 9th another baby girl came into their home; named and blessed Viola May by her father. Year 1923.

July 8, 1925 another girl named and blessed Erna Genive by her father.

August 15, 1927, LaVina Ruth was born; named and blessed by her father.

Our mother was loved and lived in the hearts of many people. She was kind, considerate, and did whatever she could do to contribute to anyone for happy feelings. She had many friends.

Our mother had ten children and passed away May 6, 1935 after an operation in the Idaho Falls Hospital from a blood clot on the heart.

We received many sweet tributes from her good friends:

"Your mother, as your mother was, she was my special friend."

Dora Packer

"Your mother was a wonderful woman. I loved her friendship."

Sister Bessie Manwaring

"Her sweet character was fine and beautiful."

Eva Taylor

"We were always good friends."

Mary Huskinson

"May your family be just what your dear mother would have you be."

A friend,
Mrs. Pearson

"May the lovely qualities of your dear mother be magnified in you."

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Stowell

"I loved your dear mother. She was a friend to me years ago."

Ruth S. Ricks

"Wishing your family well."

Genevieve C. Klingler

"Ever your friend."

Mrs. George A. Hoopes

"I loved your mother."

Erma Stucki

These are just a few friends and quotes. I'm sure there were many more.

We all knew her as Hattie. I guess from so many friends that called her Hattie as she will always be remembered.

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