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Marie Dressler was born Leila von Koerber on November 9, 1868 in Cobourg, where her father was organist at St. Peter's Church.

She claims to have decided that she could never be a beauty and must therefore become a comedienne. Her family did nothing to alter her conviction - she seems never to have been photographed for the parlour album. At age fourteen, she left her home to join a dramatic stock company and to avoid sullyng the family reputation she changed her name to that of a German aunt.

In 1896 she saw her name on Broadway. While the ensuing years brought both successes and failures, her biggest Broadway triumph came in 1910 with **Tillie's Nightmare**. It was translated for film in 1914 as the first feature-length film farce.

The 1930 film **Min and Bill** was the top grossing film of the year. For her performance in it Marie received the 1931 Academy Award as Best Actress. Other notable features were **Anna Christie** (1930), **Emma** (1932), and **Tugboat Annie** (1933).

By the time of her death on July 28, 1934 she had appeared in more than 20 feature films.

Her childhood home, within walking distance of the harbour, has been a restaurant of distinction since 1934. Enjoy fine dining in the relaxed setting of a prosperous home of the 1860's, the time of Marie Dressler's Birth.

Reservations suggested.

Casual clothes welcome.

Lunch 12 noon - 2 pm (Brunch Sunday)

Dinner 5:30 - 9 pm (8 pm Sunday)

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