

became acquainted and were married in 1856. Later they moved up to Carrick Township as many other German families did. Carrick was then all bush (or the greater part of it) but was good farm land - this accounts for so many of the people of Carrick being of German descent.

Valentine and Gertrude settled on the 12th Concession of Carrick and worked for the Larks who lived 2 1/2 miles straight north of Deemerton on the south west corner of the 12th Concession. Here they worked side by side, day by day, felling and burning the trees. It was here where Gertrude had the misfortune of having a burning log roll back on her leg. But this did not keep her from her duty as she placed her leg across the seat of a chair and continued. Later they bought 50 acres of land on the Southline of Brant Township - 2 1/2 miles north of the Lark farm, now owned by Bill Siegner, their great grandson. By 1885 they had cleared probably about a quarter of their land. They built themselves a house and barn and in 1871 they built a new house which is still in use. They now had a family of four boys - George, Frederick, Conrad and Henry. Henry, my great grandfather bought the farm in 1896 from his father when Gertrude died April 4, 1896, who sold it to Bill his grandson in 1943. The house has been sold to William Ernewein but Bill owns and works the land.