

Those two boon companions left Philadelphia in the summer of 1838 on a long trip through the West. Baker's manuscript diary of the trip ~~was~~ is one of the treasures among the family papers at the Foundation; it ^{records} narrates in detail the ^{life} ~~trials~~ of traveling in those days, and contains vivid sketches of Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago, and other ^{cities} places. One result of this trip was that the two men agreed to form a partnership and set up in business in Cincinnati.

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upward*

Within a few months the plan was carried to fulfillment, and on February 22, 1839 Baker & Von Phul opened their lamp and candle store in Cincinnati, on Fourth Street between Vine and Walnut. There they dealt in lamps and ^{candlesticks} wicks, tallow and sperm oil.

This marble building erected much later

*Look up - 1st
Store on Main
betw 3rd & 4th in a
bldg. rented for N.C.*

After a few months Baker returned to Philadelphia on a visit, and ^{he was} while there on October 3, 1839 he married Henrietta Adams Potter, the widow of William Woodburn Potter of Philadelphia. Miss Adams was born and grew up in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Her family had lived there for generations, and she was a thorough New Englander. Through her father and grandfather, both named Benjamin Adams, she was descended from John and Priscilla Alden, two of the first Pilgrim band at Plymouth. She was related likewise to

Robert & Van Phel, Mfgs. of Lamps, Chandeliers &c.,
oil & Candle Store JWB
1839 - #146 Main St. - lived at same address.

1842 - same, 1st Ward, Main betw. 4th & 5th ←

1843, 1844 - same, same address as 1842.

1846, 13 & 14th, lamp & oil dealers, #160 Main St.

1849, 13 & 14th, lamp & gas fixtures, #160 Main St.

1850-51 ditto

1855 at 62 West 4th & stayed there.

1851-2 ditto

1853 ditto

1857 mfgs & importers of lamps, chandeliers, gas fixtures,
and fancy goods, 62 West 4th St.

1858 ditto

1860

Covington 1839. - 2,000 inhab. - 1 Bank, 1 Insur. office,
5 churches, Rolling Mill (iron & nails, 120 hands, built 1832)
Cotton Factory (built 1828, makes yarn, 90 hands)
2 Flour Mills, & 1 Park House, cures "Grunters"

