

[Dr. Carl Peter (Fredericka's husband) saying to Catherine Schmidt Joss]

“...your father said, he [Dr. Peter] could have known all about his, the doctor's wife [Fredericka], when she was his [Catherine's father's] hired girl, as she was at our house a while after she came to the place.”

[Catherine Joss recounting:]

“Her mother [Frederika and August's mother] who was more of a lady than a house-keeper, wished mother to try to learn her daughter to work at house work. So she stayed with us a while, for which she got paid, as mother would not have her work for nothing.

“The doctor went home, which was in part of Mrs. Scheurer's house, told his wife he never knew he had married a hired girl, and told her the story, for which I had come up in the night to tell. She went into a hysterical fit, he called for help, the women of the house went in, when the fit was over she just raved at him, saying, that's what you do, disgrace your wives at the beer houses. There was nothing that could be done any more, the doctor was the only reliable one, and he denied it, but my parents would not let me go home, and I had left my children, thinking to go back with the man that took me there.”