

YOUTH SEPARATED FROM HIS FATHER DURING 16 YEARS

Asks Aid of the Police in Finding Brother Also

Mother Is Frantic Over Dis- appearance of Her Daugh- ter

Having read of other persons being reunited to relatives and friends after many years of estrangement, William Beiderbach, of 645 Grant street, Camden, has sought the aid of The Inquirer and the police in a search that he is making for his father and brother, neither of whom he has seen since he was a mere child. He is now 20 years old and has been separated from them since the death of his mother, 16 years ago.

The young man does not know whether his brother, who is two years his junior, is aware that he has any kin, or that his father is living. The death of their mother, according to William Beiderbach, resulted in his brother, when the latter was two years old, becoming a charge of the Camden County Home, at Blackwood, N. J., where he remained until indentured to a farmer, whose identity the young man has never been able to learn.

Anxious to See Father and Brother

"I am writing with the hope that you will be able to reunite me with my father and brother," the youth's letter reads, "and if you succeed it will mean that I have accomplished a life's ambition. There's no reason why I should be apart from them, providing, of course, both are alive, and especially when I am anxious to be with them.

"There is a possibility that my fath-

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er, whose name was Charles Beiderbach, and who was a cigarmaker by trade, is dead; but I am confident that my brother, whose name was Raymond, is alive, and that he would have sought me if he really knew he had a brother.

"Should you find either of them, as I hope you will, be kind enough to impress on them my anxiety to see them after a separation of so many years. My father, if alive, may be in Philadelphia, but I have no idea where to find my brother, as he was, according to information, taken away from the Camden county institution by a farmer, who adopted him and whose name my brother, no doubt, has assumed."

Augustus Merkle, of Slatedale, Pa., is eager to obtain information concerning his brother, Benjamin F. Merkle, a seafaring man, of whom he has heard nothing since he sailed a year ago for Swansea, Wales, on a lumber vessel from another foreign port.

In reporting the disappearance on May 9 of her daughter, Anna, who is supposed to have gone to Brooklyn to join a vaudeville troupe, Mrs. Mary E. Woerner, of 1238 Knight street, Camden, asserts that she is greatly worried over the girl's continued absence from home.

"I don't know what my fate will be if Anna does not soon return," the distracted mother wrote, "and I trust that she will read my letter in your paper and heed the appeal of an affectionate mother. She may have thought that it was to her own advantage to go, but she will probably learn differently in time, while she should also have had some regard for my feelings."

"I am broken-hearted over her disappearance, and hope she will not cause me any further worry and suffering. Tell her, please, to return home, and that she will find a faithful mother awaiting to welcome her and to assure her of happiness."

George Wehner, of 27 West Seventh street, Hazleton, has appealed to The Inquirer to help him to locate John Durran, a friend, who lived until about a year ago at 252 East Ontario street,