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Portfolio

August H. Brinkmann was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1843. By 1870 he was living in Baltimore, where he had a bustle and shirtwaist manufactory on Hanover Street that fell victim to the great fire of 1904—a financial blow from which he evidently never recovered. After working briefly as a salesman, Brinkmann disappeared from city directories in 1907.

In happier times, he indulged his interest in photography. Striving for artistically pleasing compositions, he recorded friends and family and familiar places in and around Baltimore. In 1886 a photography club awarded him an album for “excellence of work.” The Maryland Historical Society has recently acquired this album. We publish here a selection of its images for the first time.

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Brightside, Baltimore County, 1886

Group at Brightside, 1886





Lake Roland Bridge, 1886

Lake Roland from Brightside, 1886

