

Robert Kleberg – Alice King Family Timeline

Mc=Sons of DeWitt Colony Texas 1997-2001—Wallace L. McKeehan—Rights Reserved—came off the internet.—p.1-11

Hb-RJK Sr or II—I have seen it both ways, family say Sr.-Handbook on Line

Hb-RVR—Rosalie Von Roeder--Handbook on Line—by Crystal Sasse Ragsdale and Flora von Roeder—p. 1-3

Hb—LK—Handbook on Line—Louis Kleberg—by For a von Roeder

TL—The King Ranch—Tom Lea—Boston. Little Brown and Company Toronto, Canada-1957

The King Ranch—Frissell—Tfriss—The King Ranch, 1939-1944—A Photographic Essay by Toni Frissell—Published in cooperation with the Amon Carter museum, Fort Worth, Texas by Morgan & Morgan, Dobbs Ferry, New York—1975

KT, also DG—Kings of Texas—Don Graham—The 150-Year Saga of an American Ranching Empire by John Wiley & Sons, --Inc.--Hoboken, New Jersey--2003

Cypher-CYH and JC—Bob Kleberg and the King Ranch—A Worldwide Sea of Grass-University of Texas Press—Austin, Texas--1995

HB—Hugh Best and DTP—Debrett's Texas Peerage—Coward-McCann, Inc. New York—1983—pp.54-65

BHK—Bob and Helen Kleberg of King Ranch by Helen Kleberg Groves—Bright Sky Press in Albany, Texas--2004

JK—Janell Kleberg—Waiting for Daylight—Photography by Janell Kleberg—Stoecklein Publishing & Photography, Tenth Street Center Suite A1, Post Office Box 856, Ketchum, Idaho--2003

BC—Bobby Cavazos—The Cowboy From the Wild Horse Desert—A Story of the King Ranch—by Bobby Cavazos—Larks Dale--1999

BCH—Bruce Cheeseman—“Richard King: Pioneering Market Capitalism on the Frontier”—Paper he wrote and gave to the authors

BCHMP—Recollections of Minerva King Patch given to Bruce Cheeseman, 1993, and given to the author.

LRGV—The Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas by J. Lee Stambaugh and Lillian J. Stambaugh—The Naylor Company, San Antonio, Texas, 1954

SWHQ-Vol 074-“Met President Reitz deur Texas” by J. A. van Blerk—Translated by Natalie Alice vanBlerk, Edited by Martin Staples Shockley and A. Ray Stephens.

The Texas Monthly—TM--“The Greatest Ranch in the Worlds”—Joseph Martin Dawson, April 1929-p. 463-70

KC—Kleberg County Texas—compiled by members of the Kleberg County historical Commission and other Volunteers—American Revolution Bicentennial Heritage Project—1978—p.173-5

PW-Prominent Women of Texas by Elizabeth Brooks—The Werner Company, Akron, Ohio-1896

Sav—Henry Savage, For Life and Love—New York in 1893--novel

CS—A tour of St. Louis or The Inside Life of a great city by Joseph A. Darus, James William Buel, 1878-books google.com

BCH—Rider—Autobiography by C. E. Rider Sr. -sent by Kathy K. Dagg her great grandfather

Hist-SWT—Twentieth Century History of Southwest Texas—Anonymous. “Richard King.” Twentieth Century History of Southwest Texas. Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles. 1907, volume II, page 92.

For-King—Reader’s Digest: America’s Forbidden Kingdom: King Ranch Texas. H. Kelly. May, 1938. P. 11-14

Great-Ranch—463-9

IP—Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas—Brown, John Henry. “Richard King,” Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas. Austin: Texas, no date page 369.
Robert Justus Kleberg—p. 289-294

CAR—The West From A Car-Window—Davis, Richard Harding, The West From a Car Window. New York, Harper 1892-p. 121-51

FL—Folk-Lore of the King Ranch Mexicans—Texas Folklore Society, Publications, no. 9. Folklore of the King Ranch Mexicans. Frank Goodwyn. Dallas, Southwest press, 1931. P. 48-62

BC—Rider—Autobiography of C. E. Rider, Sr. provided by Bruce Cheeseman

KRS—The King Ranch Story by Mona D. Sizer—Republic of Texas Press, 1999,
pp.145-193

KRP—The King Ranch Papers

CK—Cattle Kings of Texas by C. L. Douglas—Branch-Smith, Inc.—P. O. Box 1868—Ft.
Worth, Texas 76101—pp. 79-94

BCMPK—Minerva King Patch—Richard King II's child, Captain King's
granddaughter and grew up with her brother Richard and sister Mary on La Puerta
de Agua Dulce. Her parents were Richard King II and Elizabeth Pearl (Lizzie)
Ashbrook.

BC-Dobie—Brush Country by J. Frank Dobie—Illustrated by Justin C. Gruelle—The
Southwest Press Dallas, Texas—1929—p.42

CC—Corpus Christi 100 Years published by -The Corpus Christi Caller-Times 1952
Sponsored and Published by the Corpus Christi Caller-Times 1952

LKR—Life on the King Ranch by Frank Goodwyn—New York, Crowell, 1951

SCC—The Story of Corpus Christi by Mary Sutherland—published by Corpus Christi
Daughters of Confederacy in 1916—pp.52-75

TL—Texas Lawyer

PL—Petra's Legacy—Texas A&M Press—College Station-2007

SWL—Semi Weekly Ledger—CC—Corpus Christi Museum—1/10

CCC--Corpus Christi Caller

CCT—Corpus Christi Caller Times—1.18/59—War and Land Booms—1861-1890

RL—Richard Leshin

OBC—Old Bay Cemetery

HDC—The History of Dewitt County, Texas by the DeWitt County Historical
Commission—Curtis Media Corporation--1991

A—Alice: A Centennial History 1888-1988 by Jean Darby—First Edition—copyright
1989—Nortex Press—A Division of Eakin Publications

Bluff—On this bluff...Centennial History 1867-1967—First Presbyterian Church
Corpus Chitsti, Texas by Margaret Lasater Clark and Historical Committee
Illustrated by Jerry Seagle--

NEWS—Newspapermen I Have Known—All Passed Away by Eli T. Merriman—Eli
Merriman Collection #79 Box 9 File 79,918.1--TAMCC

PEP—Perfectly Exhausted With Pleasure—Bruce Cheeseman—Austin. The Book
Club of Texas--1992

DEB—Debrett's Texas Peerage—Hugh Best—Coward-McCann, Inc-- New York--
1983

KCT—Kleberg County-- Texas A collection of Historical Sketches and Family
Histories Compiled by Member of the Kleberg County Historical Commission And
other Volunteers—American Revolution Bicentennial Heritage Project--1976

PMT—Prominent Women of Texas by Elizabeth Brooks—Manufactured by the
Werner Company, Akron Ohio—1896—Chapter 29—p. 171-174—The Uncrowned
Queen of the West

Cap--“Richard King: Pioneering Market Capitalism on the Frontier” by Bruce
Cheeseman provided by the author to Fran Vick and Jane Monday.

SL—Social Life and Activities and Cultural Societies—Sister Mary Xavier, Corpus
Christi, Sept. 1865

ED—A Corpus Christi Remembrance, Bill Sayger, Feb. 1, 1999

BDC—The Daily Cosmopolitan –Brownsville, Texas—Cameron County—Vol. 1—
check Petra for documentation

SDT—Sons of DeWitt Colony Texas--- 1997-2001 Wallace L. McKeehan

CC.com--Caller.com—Corpus Christi History by Murphy Givens—June 27, 2001—
Story book Mansions.

CSC—Colorado Springs, Colorado—Internet--

KR—A Kineno Remembers—Lauro F. Cavazos—Texas A&M Press—College Station,
Texas2006

RKPapers--Rudolph Kleberg Family Papers, 1829-1966, Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin

R-3R—J. P. Morris And The Rafter-3 Ranch by John T. Jack Becker, B.A., M.L.I.S.--A Thesis In History—Submitted to the Graduate Faculty of Texas Tech University in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree of Master Of Arts, August 2001

Time Table:

1803—Johan Christian Justus Robert Kleberg born Sept. 10, 1803 in Herstelle, Westphalia in the former Kingdom of Prussia.-Sons of Dewitt Colony- Mckeehan

His parents were Lucas Kleberg, a prominent and successful merchant, and Veronica (Meier) Kleberg. Robert had four siblings listed below. The family was very affluent and gave their children good educations until the untimely death of the parents.--Mc

His parents had Ernest, Louis, Joseph and Banise. He attended the Gymnasium of Holzminden and after five years of a course in the classics he chose the law profession and entered the University of Goettingen and in 2 1/2 years received his diploma as doctor juris. He was then appointed as one of the justices of the assizes of Nirhiem for one year and promoted to various judicial positions. -Mckeehan

June 20, 1813—Rosalie Von Roeder born Philippine Sophie Caroline Luise Rosalie (Rosa) von Roeder Kleberg to Lt. Ludwig Siegismund Anton and Caroline Luise (Sack) von Roeder at Vorden Westphalia00one of eleven children. Probably reared at the family estate near Westphalia in a household of affluence and played the piano and did fancy handiwork. She met Robert Justus Kleberg through her brother who attended Georg August University, Gottingen. When the family fortune faded they decided to emigrate to Texas from letters from Johann Friedrich Ernst. Rosalie persuaded Kleberg to go agreeing only to marry him if he consented to move to Texas.—Hb-RVR

September 4, 1834 he married Miss Rosalia von Roeder daughter of Lieut. Ludwig Anton Siegmund von Roeder.--Mc

1834—He emigrated to the United States.—Mc—Reason for immigrating from Prussia to Texas just at the time he had obtained his Doctor of Juris degree from Goettingen University was “to live under a Republican form of government with unbounded personal, religious and political liberty; free from petty tyrannies, the many disadvantages and evils of old countries. Prussia, my former home, smarted at the time under a military despotism. I was and have ever remained an enthusiastic

lover of republican institutions, and I expected to find in Texas above all other Countries, the blessed land of my most fervent hopes” Mc

Sept. 4, 1834—he married Rosalia von Roeder. Family members three brothers of Robert’s wife, unmarried Louis, Albrecht and Joachim and sister Valesca and a servant by name of Pollhart went ahead to Texas with supplies to select point of meeting. --Mc

September 30, 1834—Robert Kleberg and wife, Lt. LA>S> v. Roeder and wife, his daughters, Louise and Caroline, sons Rudolph, Otto, and William v. Roeder, Louis Kleberg,, Mrs. Otto v Roeder, nee Pauline von Donop and Miss Antoinette von Donop (afterwards wife of Rudolph von Roeder). They landed in New Orleans.--Mc

SDT—In his own words Robert Kleberg gave his reason for emigrating to the united States—“I wished to live under a Republican form of government, with unbounded personal, religious and political liberty, free from the petty tyrannies, the many disadvantages and evils of old countries. Prussia, my former home, smarted at the time under a military despotism. I was (and have ever remained) an enthusiastic lover of republican institutions, and I expected to find in Texas, above all other countries, the blessed land of my most fervent hopes.”

December 22, 1834—They ship wrecked off of Galveston Island-Mc

September 1835—Robert and other men finished building two log cabins on land 14 miles from San Felipe where Louis an Albrecht v. Roeder while the women stayed in Harrisburg. Robert spoke English so he was the communicator for the group. --Mc

Winter of 1835—finally got everyone off the island and into a comfortable house in Harrisburg-Mc

Fall of 1835—moved group to settlement leaving non-essentials like piano in Harrisburg house which was burned during the war.—Mc

March 1836—Louis and Albert von Roeder had participated in the sanguinary storming of San Antonio? And the Klebergs and Roeders held a meeting and decided that Albrecht v. Roeder and Louis v. Roeder and others except L. V. Roeder were detailed under the aged Ex-Lt. Roeder to remain with the fugitive families while Robert Kleberg, Louis v Roeder and Otto v. Roeder were chosen to go to battle.

1836—Rosalie and infant child and other family members fled in the Runaway Scrape—Hb-RVR When they returned home their fences and homes and most of their possessions had been burned by the Mexicans and they had to start again with less than when they got here. She served many who came by her home and one was

Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels who requested coffee but refused to sit at the same table with others and she referred to him as a “conceited fool”—Hb-RVR

Robert and Louis v Roeder were at the field of San Jacinto under Capt. Mosley Baker’s Company and then after the battle was with Gen Rusk and Texas van guard that followed the vanquished armies of Santa Anna to the Mexican border and returned by Goliad and assisted in the sad obsequies of the remains of Fannin and his men.-Mc

Handbook of Texas Online—Robert Kleberg served as one of the Texas guards around Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. After the revolution he volunteered for six months duty in the Texas army.---Crystal Sasse ragsdale

The famliy moved to Galveston Island to live and encountered alligators and sickness.-Mc

October, 1836—they abandon the Island and travel to Liverpool at the head of Chocolate Bay with four Mexican prisoners they had kept and used as servants.-Mc

1836—Family settled in Cat Spring-HOL—At Cat Springs, Texas Robert and Rosalie had the following children: Clara Seigesmunde, Mov. 28, 1835; Johanna Caroline, Mov. 29, 1838; Caroline Louise, Jan. 15, 1840; Otto Joseph October 27, 1841; Rudolph, June 26, 1847;--Mc

While living in Austin County Judge Robert helped to develop the new County. Talked about the Indians that came through after visiting Gen Sam in Houston.-Mc

1837—Robert appointed by Pres Houston as Associate Commissioner of the Board of Land Commissioners—Mc

October 2, 1837—Louis Kleberg—Robert’s brother married a Roeder, Luise Roeder. They had four children and after the revolution he settled in Stephen F. Austin’s colony near Cat Spring, where he received a headright of a league and labor on May 16, 1838 for his participation in the revolution he was awarded a bounty certificate entitling him to 320 acres.—Hb-LK

1838—Robert appointed President of said commissioners by J. P. Borden, Commissioner of the General Land Office. –Mc

1841—Robert commissioned by President Lamar as Justice of the Peace—few lawyers and few law books in the area.--Mc

1846—He was elected Chief Justice in Austin County and commissioned by Governor Houston—Mc

1847—Robert came to DeWitt County—Mc In DeWitt County they had the following children: Marcellus Eugene, Feb. 7, 1849; Robert Justus, Dec. 5, 1853 and Louise Rosalie, Sept. 2, 1855—Mc.

They moved to Meyersville, DeWitt County in 1847 where they reared to maturity seven of their eight children plus a foster son, several nephews and grandchildren.—Hb-RVR

In 1847 there were no schools in DeWitt County so Judge Kleberg and Messrs. Albrecht von Roeder, John Pettus, the Bells and Yorks erected with their own hands, a log cabin on the Coletto Creek, near the old York and Ball farm which was used for a school.--Mc

1848—Robert was elected County Commissioner of DeWitt County by Gov. Wood—Mc

1848—Judge Kleberg actively fought Indians in a fight where many were killed—Mc—see account

1853—Robert was elected Chief Justice of DeWitt County by Gov. Bell and re-elected in 1854—Mc

December 5, 1853—Robert Justus Kleberg born (1853-1932) in DeWitt County, Texas—Hb—RJK Sr.

LRGV—p. 145—December 10, 1854—King married Henrietta Morse Chamberlain

LRGV—p. 145—December 5, 1860 Kenedy bought an interest in King's ranch and they took in a third partner, James Walworth. Walworth's widow sold her share back to King and Kenedy on April 24, 1865 for \$50,000.

1860—DG—pp.96—King moves family to Santa Gertudis for safety

1861—when war broke out he became a strong Confederate and raised a company of militia but because of age did not actively serve. He was commissioned as collector of war taxes.

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December 23, 1863—DG—p. 106—Union officers raid King's rancho

DC-p. 112—Kings account of raid. He said while he and the Rangers were on a sortie to the Rio Grand the Yankees raided King's rancho. "During my absence, a party attacked my Rancho, consisting of about 80 men, one half white, the remainder Mexicans, fired several shots into the house, killed one man, broke open trunks and took what they wanted. Stole quite a number of my best animals, all my wife's carriage horses, and made a free gift to my Negroes of all that was left.

The next day they came back and burned all of the cotton on the land—about 80 bales.

After war he was on the county school board—Kleberg--Mc

Kleberg was a strong believer in State rights, local self-government, was a consistent and intelligent Democrat, spurned idea of returning to a monarchical form of government, tolerated all religious denominations. He was a learned man, spoke Greek and Latin, had control of three modern languages, read and studied, had urbane manners, had graces of a refined civilization, courtly address, spoke with men of all types and had no vanity.—Mc

Strong family history in Tom Lea—474-478

1866—Robert Sr. married Alice Kleberg and they had five children—Hb—RJK-Sr. Robert Jr. was a “god among Texas ranchers” around the world, “21”, The Jockey Club and in other exclusive enclaves. The ranch was host to some of the most powerful oligarchs in the world—1983 Debrett’s Peerage Ltd publisher of Debrett’s Peerage and Baronetage in book entitled Debrett’s Texas Peerage on “the aristocrats of Texas featured “The Royal Family of Ranching, the Klebergs of the King Ranch.”—Southern Strategy, Inc: Where Wall Street Meets Tobacco Road by John Hoefle printed in the American Almanac, Feb. 2001—internet.

LRGV—p. 145—November 5, 1867—King and Kenedy dissolved partnership.

LRGV—p. 145—In 1870 Santa Gertrudis Ranch was composed of 85,000 acres; on it were 65,000 cattle, 10,000 horses, 7000 sheep and 8000 goats. The animals required the services of 300 Mexican vaqueros and had 1,000 saddle horses.

Bluff—p. 11--Dec. 15, 1866—Presbyterian Society in Corpus Christi met and voted to accept the site for the church on the bluff presented by Capt. R. King

1867

Bluff—p.16—During the yellow fever epidemic in 1867 Corpus lost two physicians Dr. E. T. Merriman and Dr. George Robertson in August and help came from Capt. Richard King who sent his ranch physician and he went into Corpus and worked single handed--???who is this.

1871

King a part of Corpus Christi Navigation Co. to dredge harbor and have Morgan Line steamers come in for export of hides and wool.

1874

CCT—Morgan Lines first steamship came in to CC.

1874—Alice and her sisters Nettie and Ella were enrolled in Henderson Female Institute—a solidly Presbyterian girl's school near Presbyterian Centre College for boys. Captain Greer returned with the girls and brother Richard on July 26, 1874 on the steamer The yacht from Indianola and then by stage for Santa Gertrudis.—Petra p. 204—I believe this is in Danville, Kentucky

LRGV—p. 145—1876—King cooperated with uriah Lott in building the Corpus Christi, San Diego and Rio Grande Railroad between Corpus Christi and Laredo.

1877

1877—King bought Corpus Christi Free Press-TL-334

1878

1878—A—p. 8—The Los Presenos Grant was subdivided in June of 1878 and Mr. N. G. Collins bought the northwest portion. Mr. Collins built the town of Collins and the Tex-Mex railroad went through it and the people from Los presenos moved to Collins to be near the railroad. The town became the terminus of the C.C. S. D., & RG railroad and soon became the most important settlement along the rail between Corpus Christi and Laredo. It became the mail center for ranchers between CC and San Diego.

1878—King sets up ice plant in Brownsville—TL-334

64 year old Powers takes in 28 year old Wells—TL--337

Nov. 23,1878--Nettie King married Major E. B. Atwood—TL 343

1879

1879—Chapman law suit filed—TL-334

1880-Robert Kleberg Sr. graduated with a law degree from the University of Virginia. He began a law practice in Cuero and later moved to Corpus Christi. After Captain King's death he took over the management of King Ranch. He drilled artesian wells, introduced the Hereford and Durham shorthorn cattle, and expanded the ranch. He set aside the site for the town of Kingsville and was a leader in the fight against Texas tick fever.—Hb-RJK Sr.

1879—Chapman's widow alleged that King had ejected her from the land. Sit was filed in the 25th District Court in Nueces County and bearing Cause No. 1279 sought

an undivided ½ interest in the Rincon but she had moved to South Carolina and died before the case was resolved before the case was settled in 1883 requiring King to pay her estate \$5,811. The opinion, Kleberg and his firm Lackey & Stayton represented Helen Chapman but also represented King in unrelated matters while this case was pending. Letter from Kleberg in 1881 to parents said King asked us to attend to his legal business for him. Dual representation is permissible today and was not prohibited in the 1880's.—Article in Texas Lawyer, Sept. 5, 2003 entitled "Court Rules Heirs' Evidence Doesn't Prove Extrinsic Fraud" by Mary Alice Robbins.

1880

Richard graduated from Centre College-TL-342—
DG—p. 192This does not make sense because he attended Centre College then the University of Virginia to get a law degree and set up practice in Corpus Christi in 1880.

6/10—SWL—Archery Club bows and arrows have arrived

6/20—SWL—St. James—William Biggio –prop' says there is no superior in his line of work—SAExpress complains CC stage is one day late with mail—Spohn, Burke & Hamilton card as physicians and surgeons—Offices over R.H. Berrys Drug Store—Dr. T. J. Turpin in Beckham Bldg. on Mesquite—St. James has Billard & Bar—Billard room has best of tables and cues and is cool pleasant and inviting with liquors and cigars.

June 23—SWL—N. G. Collins—Nueces Valley Stock Raisers Association, president. C. K. Gravis secretary
—King at the Rail Road Stock holders meeting at 10:00 and Kenedy there too. They authorized Pres. To have surveyed a route from Mesquite to or near Ringgold Barracks or Roma—also route from San Diego to San Antonio with view to immediate construction.

6/27—SWL—Railroad add-U. Lott advertising for 150 laborers and 75 teamsters to work between San Diego and Laredo—Lott listed as President and Manager of the CCSD & RG Railroad

*****7/4—Reliable correspondent in the city wrote the Horizons at San Diego of the killing of Capt. R. King by Bill Mann. Rumor has little foundation we refused to notice it—shame other paper didn't use such caution. Murdered Man is in splendid health.

July 4—SWL—"Almost instructive, convincing and eloquent sermon was preached on Friday night at the Presbyterian Church by the Rev. J. Johnson of Victoria."

At the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening the 30th alt by the rev. J. R. Jacobs Mr. Charles F. H. Blucher to Miss Mary Menly. Oldest families and hundreds attended

J. R. Jacobs & Temperance Council

July 11, 1880-SWL—Capt. R. King has been awarded a contract for hay & oats for troops. 50 tons per month cut & baled at the rancho. (There were U. S. troops in C.C. in 1880.

SWL—On July 5th the primary Convention for Precinct 4 was held at Santa Gertrudis—Reuben Holbein elected delegate

7/14—SWL—Drought so bad hay crop has large losses—larger streams dried up and water well scarce

July 18—SWL—Rev. C. M. Rogers & wife returned after month's absence, bringing home from school Masters Mike Rogers and Frank Rabb
Senator Bayard gave speech

July 25—SWL—Dr. Hamilton relieved Dr. Spohn at the Shell Bank quarantine station. Burke, Spohn, Hamilton alternate duties

CC coolest place south of Mason Dixon line.

Aug. 18—SWL—Lee Lovenskiold visiting from Annapolis Ada Campbell mentioned. Big storm at Collins blew hard Friday night. The whole country underwater.

Building on rancho stood but fences down, trees down. No one injured. Collins public school building blown several ft. from its foundation. Out of 9 windmills on Agua Dulce only 3 are left standing.

Aug. 22—SWL—Central Wharf has strings of trout, red fish, sheepshead, flounders, Drums & catfish were discounted.

Aug. 25—SWL—W. M. Staples in the city from his rancho. Seizure of articles of IRS. Lawyer J. H. C. White is the deputy Collector.

Aug. 29-SWL—John S. McCampbell leaves for Laredo for Democratic senatorial convention

Sept. 22-SWL—Oysters in market so fresh they must be cooked to be palatable. CC water is so fresh. A. E. Spohn superintending flocks at his rancho. On Friday hit by heaviest rainstorm ever. Heavy thunder 7 lightning

Oct. 10—SWL—Dr. Spohn & wife returned today. Capt. Kenedy bought Dowd property from Dowd. House on the bluff

Oct. 20—SWL—Holbein & son are home—Prayer meeting at Presbyterian church conducted by Mr. Carroll at 7:30

Nov. 7—SWEL—Oysters getting very fat, fresh & well flavored. Lott in town with 2 children. Sale of Free Press to Mr. Merriman consummated

Nov. 10—SWL—Lawyer in city wanted to know why James B. Wells wasn't in Court. Wasn't in court because he got married in Brownsville on the 5th to Pauline Kleiber

Nov. 14—SWL—Wizard of Oil concert given on Thursday & Friday as benefit to Presbyterian Church. Almost a fire in St. James hotel in room of Dr. Watkins

Nov. 17—Wizard of Oil Concert comp on Monday night—large group in attendance at Presbyterian organ fund

Nov. 21—SWL—Monument over Wm L. Rogers grave shows esteem in which he was held

Nov. 25—SWL—Wizard of Oil men left for Indianola, the seas were rough and not favorable. J. B. Wells in attendance at court

Dec. 1—SWL—Presbyterian now has a new church organ—"splendid instrument". Wizard of Oil only got to Hogg Island after 1 week—it is 30 miles away. J. C. Russell—magistrate arrested him for petty thievery

Dec. 5—SWL—Cr. Spohn left for New Orleans for convention to report on disease in this section

Dec. 8—SWL—Train brought wild turkeys as tame as are domestic which are somewhat scarce

Dec. 12—SWL—Tame turkeys are on the street. Weather is better—getting ready for Christmas

Dec. 22—Game on the other side of the bay in quantity—Flock of 200 turkeys sighted by one boy. Christmas tree exhibition at Methodist Church.

1881

PL—chapter 17/11 –opposition to railroad by Bishop on side of cart industry—
Century of Conflict. 17/17—Drought described by Lea—p. 351-52
17/19—Problem in cattle raising

PL—p.273—good description of Corpus from Corpus Christi in Handbook by Long—
17-21—17/32—Railroad trip by Kleberg letter to sister

1/2--SWL—Capt. Kenedy purchased land of M. S. Culver on the bluff for \$500, Corpus Christi encouraged by this—would lend encouragement to the weak and faltering."

1/5—PL—trouble with railroad terminal in Laredo

1/6—SWL—in San Antonio Express reported Lott saying they will go elsewhere other than Laredo with the rail road

1/9—SWL—Rev. J. R. Jacobs leaves for Cuero, Nanny Caldwell, his bride, will return with him—problems at newspaper—the delivery boy's saddle was stolen by a villain. Bring it back to get in the land of the good.

1/12—SWL—Capt. King got a French Norman stallion, beautiful, dappled grey to cross with improved mares owned by Capt., the superior of which will not be found in this country.

1/16—SWL—Epizootie—disease in the city

1/23—SWL—Mr. U. Lott & M. Kenedy left on steamship for NY

1/26—PL—17/21—Fire at King Rancho

2/9—SWL—The locomotive "R. King" jumped the rails

2/13—SWL—Mrs. C. M. Rogers met with accident. Fell from her buggy and broke her arm

2/16—SWL—Dr. Turner is in new & commodious office on Chaparral

2/27—SWL—Senator Powers constituency less because he divided up the county

2/27/81—PL-p. 273—Principals of railroad meet at Wharf Co. to discuss RR business and complete pkg to Eastern Investors.

p.274—money comes in from sale of railroad to Palmer group. Railroad completed in Sept.

{No dates here so fit in where it belongs}

Use Bruce Cheeseman—Perfectly Exhausted with pleasure here

Railroad reaches Laredo—K&K Excursion—TL-336

Collins Station on TEX Mex line was only 20 miles from SG headquarters—TL-p. 337

Robert Kleberg at 27 was admitted to the Texas Bar and entered the law firm of Stayton & Lackey at Cuero, county seat of DeWitt County. A few months later he moved to Corpus to hang out the shingle of Stayton & Kleberg in effect a branch office. He had read law under Stayton—get story of how he got money for law school-TL477 King must have know of Judge Kleberg of Meyersville, Marcellus Kleberg of Galveston and Rudolph Kleberg of Cuero and SA.-TL478

*****Robert Kleberg new lawyer in town and King and Kenedy beat them in a case and astonished Captains King and Kenedy found themselves soundly trounced.—TL-339 King snubbed Kleberg despite fact that he knew older members of his family well at Cuero, Victoria, and Galveston. King went to his room and wanted to retain him for \$5000 a year and took him right then out to Santa Gertrudis and for the first time he met Alice.—TL—339-341—Alice 19 years old and home from St. Louis and Mrs. Cuthbert's.

*Alice graduated salutatorian from Mrs. Cuthbert's in St. Louis-TL-343

Lee at school in Kentucky—TL-342

Richard traveled to St. Louis to court Miss Pearl Ashbrook and Ella got married—TL-342

Ella King married Louis M. Welton a merchant of St. .Louis and San Antonio at the ranch house.—TL—343

Stories of Capt. King and his travels with family, Alice being his hostess at ranch, petting his girls, and instances in Galveston and San Antonio-TL-344

***3/9—SWL—MR. R. KLEBERG OF VICTORIA ARRIVED TO RESIDE IN THIS CITY

3/12—SWL—Capt. R. King—valuable stallion received for heavy draught. Stephen Powers-Gov. Roberts vetoes the John Upton Bill—bill to divide the county. R. King returned from lobbying to veto bill

3/30—SWL—Lott to NY—James Kendy reports a burst of water cloud in 1 spot—dry elsewhere

4/6—SWL—Spohn, Hamilton, Burke moved above Dr. Ryee & Westervelt's

4/24—SWL—St. James is being painted. Capt. Kenedy left for Brownsville to look after county affairs.

4/27—SWL—Troops leave for the Rio Grande

May, 1881—King at ranch during bad drought—business bad, cattle boom, barbed wire cutting off trails north to Kansas. Texas fever scaring northern owners forcing detours—only ship on rails in the fall and continued to acquire land with water-Carricities—TL 352

5/1—SWL—Troops battery F go to Ft. Davis

5/4—SWL—Presbyterian picnic at Banquete on chartered train. 200-250 people. It is a regular annual occurrence

5/22—SWL—Count??? Thomas Sullivan bought section of railroad to connect to Mexico

5/25—Group went out to the beautiful yacht club

6/1—SWL—Prayer meeting by Rev. Carroll at Presbyterian church—bathing indulged by several citizens. Some have new costumes—no shape to wearer but fights sea nettles

6/5—SWL—Moonlight sails now frequent enjoyment. Party at John S. McCambell for Birdie Keenan & Vineyard

6/8—SWL—Demand of ice equal to supply

6/12—SWL—Grapes & luscious cantalopes

lopes are plentiful. Watermelons ripening fast. Serenaders made the night pleasant with their music.

July 24, 1881—RHK—p. 12—Robert wrote his parents about his trip to the ranch. “We had a delightful trip out to his ranch—he drove a pair of fine fast horses and in two hours we were at his ranch—he had in his carriage plenty of ice, wine, and cigars, so the heat did not bother us much.. I stayed at his house from Monday until Saturday morning. In the evening we went riding—one day we out all day. He showed me his pasture and cattle—he owns about 1,000,000 acres of land 137 leagues in one grant and most of it is fine land—and all of it stocked with cattle, horses, mules and sheep. Near the lakes where the cattle come to drink could be seen as many as 3,000 head at a time, but the country is very dry at present—no rain at all.” At the end of the week the Captain sent young Kleberg back to the railroad depot with suitable wine and ice. Kleberg wrote, “he wants us to attend to his legal business.” He accepted a retainer of \$5,000 a year to handle Captain King’s legal affairs. On this visit, young Alice was fascinated by Robert Kleberg’s red beard and was attracted to him.

Fall, 1881—King 58 and body failing—stomach hurt-burning when swallowing and used drink for pain—TL 355

PEWP—p. 28—Gifts of silver tea service to Lott of 70 pieces and King a bronze sculpture of a ferocious pit bulldog honoring perhaps the pugnacious tenacity of his mentor. This work continues to guard the north entrance of Santa Gertrudis. –also check Petra for Mifflin’s gift of telescope. Check Petra too for banquet of fried oysters and champagne.

September 27, 1881—Excursion to Laredo
PEWP—p. 29—Kleberg letter to his sister.

1882

At some point Richard King gave Mifflin Kenedy a cane inscribed M. Kenedy from R.K.—Corpus Christi Museum—Accession Records from Mrs. Elena Kenedy—1984 gift.

Feb.--Powers dies—Lea--p.338

Feb. 7—Lea—p. 338—King writes to Jim Wells partner of Powers, “It is with great regret I learn from Capt. M. Kenedy’s telegram and your kind letter that my old and true friend Judge Powers has left us which is a great loss to all of us. You must double your energy in all particulars and take his place and tick in all matters which you can fill my dear friend’s place. There is not a man in this State, less yourself misses him more than myself. God bless him and his dear family.”

A few days later King goes to Brownsville to see Jim Wells and a new power of attorney drawn up. Mr. Francisco Yturria, the captain’s banker in Brownsville, was notified: “Mr. Wells will continue as my lawyer. Give him the money he needs and charge to my account.” The Captain asked Wells if he needed some books and Wells said he did not have the money to buy them and the Captain advanced him the money.

- . 339—Wells asked him how often he should report on his progress and Captain King said, “Young man, the only thing I want to hear from you is when I can move my fence.” P. 338 Wells received his law degree at the university of Virginia in 1875.—five years before Robert Kleberg. Wells was likable and his legal skill and knowledge of Spanish helped him in his efforts to buy derechos for land for King.

Bluff—p. 37—By July Capt and Mrs. King had decided to donate the lot in back of the church facing Caranchua for a parsonage and had been approached by Uriah Lott in April.

Late July—Lea -p. 353—Bland dies and King sick

Bluff-p. 110—Mrs. R. J. Kleberg had joined the First Presbyterian Church in 1882 and her membership remained there until transferred to the church at Kingsville in 1923.

Powers dies—TL-338

Powers dies—Lea p. 338

18/16 Kleberg hired Bruce correspondence

Early 1882 Kenedy sells Los Laureles for 1,100,000 and organizes Kenedy Pasture Co. land bought La Parra—King cannot sell King Ranch.-TL-354

Late 1882—King drinking heavily—TL--354

1883

CCT—1st cotton shipped out of the port
CC Caller founded

PL—19/2—social life in Corpus—CC Caller

Feb. 20—CC Caller has CC History

Leas—p. 354-55—Drought and Kings health

CS—Alice and Lizzie Pearl Ashworth were classmates at Mrs. Cuthbert's Young Ladies Seminary in St. Louis Mo. (BCH-MKP_ The school of young ladies is pleasantly located on the corner of Pine & 16th Sreet in a building that was for many years as the City University. When that institution relinquished the field and liquated Mrs. Cuthbert found it a most suitable locality for her Seminary for young ladies. The corp of teachers employed are good, the range of study is quite extensive and everything is done to promote the good education of those coming under the care of the Seminary. The domestic arrangement are ample with the best influences to secure a thorough education. Mrs. Eugene Cuthbert is Principal.

Chapman Law suit—filed in 1879 and settled in 1883 against Richard King for \$5811.75 plus cost—TL—p. 334

Jan. 21—CCC—FIRST ISSUE PUBLISHED—Lackey Stayton Kleberg—Cuero, Victoria, Corpus Christi—Attorneys at Law—Will practice anywhere when specialty employed. Office in Corpus Christi over DeRee and Westerdalt, corner of Peoples and Chapparral—coolest spell of the season yesterday—23 degrees—Consolidation of the Free Press and Sunday Morning Ledger

CC—Feb. 11, 1883—The Corpus Christi caller that was the result of the consolidation of the local Free Press and Sunday Morning Ledger on Jan. 21st announced "Yesterday morning thirty nine bales of cotton were shipped to Galveston on the steamer Aransas. It created considerable comment among strangers to see cotton being shipped from what they supposed to be purely a stock raising country.

Insert account of Lee's death from Petra—p. 296

March 1, 1883—Lee buried in St. Louis—call came in late Feb. that he was ill. Richard and Henrietta went right away and Capt and Alice followed. Died of pneumonia. TL-355

DG—p. 189—Lee nineteen years old and died on March 1, 1883

March 1, 1883—Lee dies—Wells letter—CCCaller March 4—Leas 355

March 18, --Capt. And Alice back at the ranch-TL 355

April 8—King wants to quit business-TL356

Lea—p. 256—King writes to Henrietta and wants to sell

April 12—King hopes Hancock will buy ranch—TL356

No sell—Leas p. 298

May 2, 1883—Henrietta Home—writes letter to Mifflin—see Petra p. 298

May 27—CCC—Capt. Richard King and daughter in town and took all night from Santa Gertrudis to Corpus Christi on train

June 1883—DG-p. 190--British agents arrived and King ordered his cattle to be rounded up

June 1883—DG-p. 191--Chapman estate settled by Kleberg

June 15—Petra--King letter to James and Mifflin's dilemma about what to do—see Petra p. 299

June 22—no rain and Richard out all the time-TL
357

PL—299-300—letters from King to Mifflin about needing water

ED—June 24, 1883—The Corpus Christi Caller article—The 18th anniversary of freedom of the colored people in the South was extensively celebrated last Tuesday by the descendants of Ham in many of the Southern states. In this city the colored people did themselves credit...with their lengthy procession and fine turnout. They had a large parade with a Professor Faupel's Excelesior Brass Band, Roberts Rifles, three large floats, 13 small floats and a long line hacks filled with families and the procession broke ranks at the Gulf House where followed speaking, feasting, and dancing lasted many hours.

July—rain comes-TL 358

July 4th—rains came

July 15, 1883—Capt King present Richard King II with a Deed of Gift with love and affection upon his engagement to Miss Pearl Ashbrook the 40,000 acre, well-watered Rancho Puerta de Aqua Dulce. By the time of the wedding in December a new home had been built for the bride.—Petra p. 301

PL—19/11—good description of Corpus Christi—CC downtown 1883 by givens 8/2/2000

Sept—PL-19/60—Henrietta wishes Petra would come to see them.

***August 30, 1883—letter to Robert from Alice—sounds like family came to visit—TL 360---important letter to use because it one of few we have from Alice we can use and shows Henrietta's acceptance of him and Alice's tone.

PL—October—19/55—King can never thank Mifflin enough

PL—October 7—CC Caller wishes King would move to CC

CCC—November 4—Mrs. King, R. King Jr., Alice, and Miss Pearl Ashton a lady from St. Louis in town Tues.; returned to Santa Gertrudis Wed. rumor that he will not return alone.

BDC--Dec. 1, 1883—

Dec. 12, 1883—Pearl Ashbrook marries Richard in Wentzville, Mo—TL 358
BCH-MKP—The wedding was held at Lizzie Pearl's grandmother's farm at Wentzville, St. Charles County, Missouri and the couple left for La Puerta in January of 1884. Henrietta King gave the newlyweds a stagecoach and a find carriage, a Rockaway both of which are now in the Witte Museum in San Antonio, Texas. Mail was brought by stagecoach from SA to Brownsville and a stop was made each trip for a change of horses at the Santa Gertrudis Ranch.

12/23—CCC—Mr. Richard King Jr. who was married on the 12th of this month to a lady of Missouri is now taking a wedding tour through the states and is expected back about the middle of Jan. He has bought a complete set of furniture for his handsome new residence at the Puerta ranch which is expected to arrive soon. Capt. King who seems to be all right again from his recent illness. He has gone to San Antonio. He will return in a few days.

1883—Alice still seeing Robert when he came to the ranch—Petra 301

1884

***Ford—pp-130—After Richard II set up his own Agua Dulce ranching operation only Alice King was left at home. Despite her valiant but vain effort to stop his hard

drinking, an appreciative father could write, "She is a little lady in all things and so good I could not do without my little Pet.."

Series of CCC articles—Jan 7, Feb. 10, March 9, 23, 30, April 20, 22, May 14, June 1, May 14, June 8

Collins against King and Kleber won—checked on King
Jk—p. 116—Richard King wrote in lament to a friend in 1884—"where I have grass, I have no water"

Richard King went to the National Cattlemen's Convention in St. Louis and pushed the National cattle trails-TL 364 DG—p. 191—cattle industry future was in railroads

**Alice was mother's favorite and only one left at home—Captain called her "my little Pet"—she became mother's agent and tried to keep Papa "All Right"—not drinking-TL-359

CC Caller—Jan 6-Dec. 28-1884 from Merriman Collection 76-Box 2

Jan 1 84—CC—Lackey, Stayton and Kleberg advertized -cards out for marriage of Miss Stella M. Turcotte of New Orleans at St. Louis Cathedral Wed. Jan. 30th at 5:00 o'clock p.m. We wish the young couple much joy and long life of happiness. Mr. Kenedys friends will gladly welcome him and his bride on their return

Feb. 24—CCC---R. J. Kleberg, Esq. returned Saturday from business trip to Brownsville where he was in attendance on the district court. He reports court business lively.

BDC—Capt. R. King and daughter left this morning

CC—March 11, 1884—The Weekly Democratic Statesman said Corpus Christi does a large business in lumber and fence wire with Mexico.

April 4, 1884—Robert's letter from Brownsville to Alice in San Antonio at the Menger Hotel—his love for her, concern for father's health, Capt's statement he should consider the Santa Gertrudis as his home and wanting to hear her sweet low voice—Petra 307—Picture of Alice.

April 27th—Myrtle Club is flourishing. Going to raise dues from !%-@\$%--advise those contemplating joining to put in their application

PL—p. 306—King sending cattle up the trail—CCC 4/16, and 4/27—cattle lost

PL-307—Alice and Robert letters—Corpus fever?

PL--May—sailing party for Senorita from Monterrey

PL--Mifflin in trouble financially

4/27—CCC—R. J. Kleberg returned Friday from a business trip to San Patricio & Laredo. Hon. N. G. Collins was in the city during the week on business. The Caller acknowledges a pleasant call from the Senator.

****5/18—CCC—Dawson, saddler, has closed up shop and is now with Capt. King. Rancheros greatly relieved by late rain for the cattle were suffering severely. Dr. A. E. Spohn & wife left for Laredo on Thursday's train for a brief trip. Mrs. E. M. Murphy has been visiting Saltillo for several weeks & returned on Friday's train. D. C. Rachal arrived in town Thursday and reported heavy rain at Sharpsburg the previous day. E. E. Wilson & Wife, Mrs. Doddridge & Misses Mary Fullerton and Zara Moses are visiting Laureles Ranch. Capt. R. King of Santa Gertrudes, spent the week in the city attending to business in the District Court. Tuesday night Stuttz silver corner band gave the Captain a serenade at the St. James hotel. The band was out in full uniform to do honor to the occasion. Among those visiting the bluff city last week were Wm. Chamberlain of Brownsville; Hon. N. G. Collins, Chas. Hoffman and W. L. Franks of San Diego. A change has been made in the law firm of Lackey, Stayton & Kleberg. The firm is now Stayton & Kleberg. See change in card.

Stuttz dramatic Co. "The Silver King", "Ten Nights in a Barroom." "Camille" The suit between Capt. R. King and N. G. Collins to try title to a piece of land in Duval County of about two leagues, which occupied the District court all last week, resulted in a verdict for Mr. Collins. The case is still before the court, and will no doubt go to the Supreme Court.

PL—June 22—British freighter's goods goes from Britain to Laredo in 27 days

CCC—6/22—Capt. R. King & wife, and Richard King Jr. and wife were among the visitors to the city during the week. R. J. Kleberg, Esq., was a passenger on Thursday train. He has been absent a couple of weeks on business at Austin.

ED—The following article appeared in the June 22, 1884 issue of the Corpus Christi Caller. On Thursday June 19th the 19th anniversary of Emancipation was celebrated and no little pains were spared. There was a street parade from the courthouse down Mezquit Street to Headen's wharf. The floats portrayed "The History of the Negro from the Auction block to the Treasurer's Office, 1884. At Headen's wharf there was a grand dinner spread, addresses, banner presentation and all of that was followed with games of baseball, croquet, and other sports. That night there was a grand ball at Market hall and a full eighty couples were there.

July 20—CCC—Col. Ford, Jno Greer, W. P. Caruthers left Wed. for a visit to Santa Gertrudis. He has comfort and convenience of modern life that money can get is at hand. "You may tramp through Texas without a dollar in your pocket with hardly a rag to your back and receive the treatment due a prince. This is not meant as an invitation to tramps.

A ride in the evening in comfortable coach with the Captain and his family across the prairies where the wild deer, and cattle graze is a pleasure long to be remembered. The breeze direct from the Gulf is cool and invigorating. The fine grass and fat cattle lend a charm to the picture that must be seen to be appreciated. While living in this ease there is no ostentation. One feels at home no matter how humble he has been. Such is the home of Capt. King and his estimable family.

8/3—CCC—Kenedy terracing in front of house adding nearly length of black sodded grass and trees along bluff. Stuttz Troupe—Mr. J. G. Stuttz dramatic company closed its summer performances Friday—left Sat. for Indianola—were here for 3 mo.—May 1st to Sept 3 with concerts a week-free certs and excursions balls

8/31—CCC--Robert Kleberg shooting with fun club—15 balls revolving trap—scored 8—J. C. Russell, District Attorney in CC

September—PL—p.329—King shuffling Kenedy family members to CC

10/5—CCC—R. J. Kleberg to SA to attend Federal Court—Excursion to CC from Satillo would leave at 5 a.m. and arrive in Monterrey at 8:35 and then to Laredo at 4:45 and CC at 11:40 at night—spend Wed. and Thurs. and return on Friday—round trip was \$5.75 Mexican money

Ford--October 2, 1884 says Robert sent a letter to Alice's mother, the Victorian manner of asking her daughter's hand in marriage, but no definite wedding plans were made at the time.

October 12, 1884—Robert wrote to Henrietta asking for Alice's hand in marriage—and expressing his understanding of how hard it would be for her to leave them—TL361, 481

Lea--361—use this 12th, -- they reference King Ranch Vault.

Oct. 12-CCC—Ducks and Geese have arrived

Oct. 26—CCC—mad leopard killed—was killing stock

***October 1884—Robert pops the question and announcement of the betrothal is made but no definite plans for the wedding. The couple waits for the parents to decide the right time. They got pleasant congratulations, the felicitations for the Kleberg and King family and friends.-TL361

DG—p.191—King loved lawyers and it made sense to place his rancho in the hands of one

TFiss—p. Introduction—Alice was betrothed to the Captain's dutiful and able young attorney before his death.

11/9---CCC—Residences illuminated in honor of Cleveland's election—Prominent was Capt. Kenedy illuminated from basement to tower—1st time house lighted—lights visible 20 miles away

November 11—King to National Cattleman's Convention—Lea—p. 364

Nov. 14—CCC--Corpus Christi received 4 inches of rain

Nov. 17—CCC—Mexican brass band played at John Superach's oyster establishment on Water Street—this is the first month with an R

December 1, 1884—Robert wrote Alice about personal information the Captain had shared about marriage and courtship of Henrietta. Told Robert that Alice was just like her mother and Robert said he knew that with all of King's disappointments that he looked to her for consolation. He said he understood their reluctance to give her up and they would not marry without their consent and as long as he had her love he would never grown weary in the endeavor, He closes with your affectionate lover—Petra 333

12/14—CCC--Last week St. James Hotel had visitors Capt. King, Wife, & Holbein and Wells

December 17, 1884—Richard King II born—TL367
PL—pp. 332--Dec. 21—letter to Alice about Richard III's birth.

12/21—CCC—Mr. Richard King Jr., is the happy father of a bouncing baby boy. Richard the Third Has Arrived—

SA Light says more oysters coming from CC to this city than from Galveston—trains loaded with oysters, fish, and sea turtles—3 times a week

**12/28—CCC—Capt. DeRyee has removed his family over his drug store and the bachelors Kleberg, McGregor, and Lackey now roost at Charley's late residence.

Treacherous weather now days for pneumonia and croup. Party of young folks left yesterday for the woods on a grand cat hunt.

By the end of the year Cap was back at Santa Gertrudis, sick and infinitely tired—TL 364

December 21, 1884—Robert wrote Alice from Corpus to say he had heard of the birth of Richard III. He hoped he would fill the aching void in her parent's hearts (over Lee) and he longed to meet him.—Petra 332

1885

1885—Establishment of the Myrtle Club—CCC—1883-1983 Centennial Issue-- Thomas S. Southgate was instrumental in organizing the myrtle Club about 1885. Club rooms were upstairs over the Doddridge Bank. There was a reading room with many newspapers and magazines. In the game room was a billiard table, and whist was the popular card game. Occasionally they had ladies night. With a membership of 35 most of the prominent business men of the town belonged. Among them were David Hirsch, Thomas and James Hickey, S. W. Rankin, George F. Evans, Charles Carroll, Dr. A. E. Spohn, John S. and Atlee McCampbell, G. R. Scott, R. J. Kleberg Sr., Charles Weil, M. Lichtenstein, John Uehinger, Dr. Burke.

Southgate says Dr. Thomas J. Turpin was also a member .

Mrs. Woods added that the Women's Clubs were as active as their male counterparts. She wrote "For years Market Hall was the scene of the town's programs and larger social events. That was before the Ladies Pavilion was built. Several of the leading feminine citizens bought and sold shares in this enterprise.

They had the pavilion built over the water about where the Nueces Hotel Laundry is located today .

The building was rented to stock companies, lyceum programs and home talent plays. Each Saturday afternoon the ladies of the town had a social meeting. Several in the city remember the elaborate refreshments.

Area of the ranch 614,140 acres more or less—TL—332

¼--CCC—Captain King taken quite sick in this city but on Saturday was better.

1/11—CCC—Ladies of the Episcopal Church assisted by several ladies and gentlemen tendered their services propose to give a musical and literary entertainment at Market Hall on Thurs night next. Participants: Mrs. Adam son, Misses Emma Mitchell, Miss Tusten, Miss Emily Lovenskiold, Miss Hattie Hirsch, Mr. Eicher, Mr. Kleberg, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Luther and others. Price of admission 50 cents.

January 13—King returned home from Corpus mortally ill—TL367

Bluff—p. 38—In January he had returned to the ranch from a business trip to Corpus Christi a mortally sick man. Yet it was more than a month before his wife Henrietta and his daughter Alice were able to persuade him to place himself under the care of this physician in San Antonio. The Rev. J. W. Neil, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio performed the funeral services in the parlors of the Menger Hotel.

1/18—CCC—A special train left this city last Wed. Morning for Collins, having as passengers Capt. R. King and wife, Wm Chamberlain, R. Holbein and Dr. T. S. Burke. The Captain was much better from his recent illness and is hoped still rapidly improving.

2/15—CCC—SAExpress reports that Uriah Lott is now living in retirement at Watertown, N. Y.

2/22---CCC---King's Brands running w-Richard—SU—G. King Jr.—H K—Mrs. H. M. King—LEE—King R. E. L. ; HK connected—Richard King Jr.—see illustration.

Feb. 25—King leaves ranch for SA—Henrietta with him—went to Collins to catch train-TL367

Feb. 27—At the Menger Hotel cancer of the stomach diagnosed—Robert and Alice wrote Richard II that Henrietta ask the Doctor to ask him not to drink anymore-L368

3/1—CCC—Oyster Bake—Friday evening one of the loveliest of the season. While oysters steamed and baked fun and frolic ran high. Messrs R. J. Kleberg, E. A. McCampell, S. C. Lackey, Fred Lovenskiold, en Barnes, Jno. Iler, T. J. Turpin, J. B. Baggett, F. Morris, Luther Perkins, T. B. Southgate (later marries Emily L), Mrs. Southgate, Mrs. Turpin, Mrs and Miss Maud Baggett, Mrs. Luther, Miss Tusten, Miss Emily Lovenskiold, Mrs. Green land, Miss Ida McLaughlin, Miss Fullerton, Miss Beckham, Mrs Williams, Miss Maud White.

3/22—CCC—Brazilian plant called Alveloz being looked at for treatment of cancer—Medical Society of Washington looking at it.

Caller glad to report that Capt. King is rapidly regaining his health. The Captain and family are in S.A.

R. J. Kleberg returned Thurs. from S.A. He says the S. A. & Aransas Pass railroad is booming and that Mr. Lott is hard at work .

Petra Vela Kenedy Died--The bereaved family have the sympathies of the whole city. Funeral at 4:30 p.m. and largely attended. Funeral Services by Father Jailleit was impressive. Only a few weeks ago that a beloved son was followed to the grave in the same way.

3/15—CCC—Special Edition for World's Fair—had the spread on Capt. Kenedy's House

Leading Tax Payers in County—Kenedy—34,250; Gusset—111,600; Tex Mex RR—50,968.

***RJ went to the Menger along with RII and Pearl and Ella and her husband but not Nettie. Mifflin there—TL368

Rip F—p.133—Etta King implored the physician to see if Richard would give up the drinking she so despised, to “tell him with a smile that I need him a while longer” Dr. Herff passed on Etta’s appeal, the captain never touched another drink.

BC—Letter from Bruce Cheeseman to Jane Monday dated March 26,1885 to Mrs. H. M. King—Menger Hotel San Antonio, from Mifflin Kenedy

Your letter of 19th—with the letter of Miss Hale of the 9th of March to the Captain which I now return to herewith—This letter—at still more important for Mr. Kleberg to go to Brownsville—He left this morning. I suggest that you get a copy of the letter from Carson to Miss Hale and have her state that it is a true copy. This letter surprises me indeed. I have always thought Carson to be an honest and correct man. The letters of condolence from yourself and Alice received. You will please accept my sincere heartfelt Thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy therein expressed—with kind regards to the Captain and Alice. Yours truly M. Kenedy.

April 2—King makes will with Henrietta, Mifflin and Doddridge executors and Jacob Waelder and Lott as witnesses-TL 369

April 5, 1885—CCC—R. J. Kleberg prominent lawyer off CC is expected in this city this coming week—Brownsville Times

Capt. M. Kenedy and Perry Doddridge left on a special last Sunday night for San Antonio. One rumor had it they had been called to the bedside of Capt. King who is there for health and another that they had gone to confer with the Directors of the S.A. and Aransas Pass railway with a view of diverting it to this Port.

Howard Spohn brother of A>E> Spohn in city from Canada—medical director of the Reformatories of Canada.

4/12—CCC—Sad News from Capt. King—from SA Express—It is understood that the eminent physicians who were called here to consult with Dr. Herff pronounced his malady a hopeless and incurable one though everything that science can accomplish will be utilized to prolong the life of the sufferer. Private telegrams received here corroborate the above sad tidings.

April 14, --King died—quote rough and good man—TL370

RHK—p. 13—He was diagnosed with stomach cancer and was buried in San Antonio and after Henrietta’s death he was moved to Chamberlain Cemetery beside her.

April 15—CCC-King funeral-TL370—Took from SA Express article on the 15th this story—when respectable Texan returned home broke in health and fortune with wife and eight children and rent due and no money—wolf was driven from the door—rent paid for the future and every month \$250 deposited for invalid Colonel for two years. That was Colonel Ford and Capt. Richard King the donor.

April 16th—CCC took this from the San Antonio Express—details of Funeral—At 4:30 the remains of Capt. King interred yesterday (Wed. 15th) at city cemetery. Large number of the most prominent people were friends of the deceased—very lengthy and impressive religious services in large parlors at the hotel and at the tomb by Rev. Dr. J. W. Neil. Rt. Rev. Bishop Elliott attended but did not assist. Parlors and corridors filled with large thongs of ladies and gentlemen. One of the most elegant caskets that could be procured and most tastefully decorated with a profusion of white flowers and floral tributes from loving friends of the deceased.

April 19th—King's Death Notice--Sun

***April 26—CCC—Mrs. R. King Sr. and family arrived at Collins from San Antonio Tues en route to their home—Capt Kenedy arrived SA Wed.—R. J. Kleberg, Esq. returned from the Alamo City on Wed—evidently Kenedy and R. J. went on to the ranch with them and spent the night and came back to Corpus Christi the next day on Wed.

**Henrietta appoints RJ as the ranch manager—TL 470

TFiss—Intro—R.J. Kleberg, Sr. took over the full management and operation of the King Ranch. Under his expert direction and leadership the ranch grew to a million and two hundred and fifty thousand acres.

May 10—CCC---countless thousands of yellow butterflies all over streets and yards—prairies between CC and Laredo covered too. At sea millions covered the air.

6/2—CCC—R. J. Kleberg Esq. spent several days in Corpus last week

6/14—CCC—King Monument—Caller learned from SA Express of recent date that the King monument that was erected in St. Louis has been transferred to S.A. "The beautiful and exquisite monument which had been erected in the family burying grounds at St. Louis arrived in three cars yesterday—It is 27 feet high made of very beautiful and fine quality of granite from Hurricane Island Md. Surmounted by a delicately wrought urn and other carvings lower down on the shaft." J. W. Mitchell of Hurricane Granite Co. will be in charge of erecting it. The large lot in the cemetery 25x62 ft. will be handsomely enclosed with granite coping, altogether forming one of the finest monuments in the State of Texas.

ED—June 21, 1885 this article appeared in the Corpus Christi Caller—Friday June 19 was the twentieth anniversary of emancipation and was celebrated with a procession of the Roberts Rifles (the colored military company) various clubs, pedestrians and vehicles following a brass band. They halted at the pavilion where speeches were made and a barbecue was served and ended with a grand sance Friday night at the Pavilion.

6/29—CCC---Mary Ashbrook mother of Pearl Ashbrook died—Funeral July 1. Mr. and Mrs. King were visiting St. Louis at time of the death

7/5—CC—Corpus Christi without mail again because of washouts on the Tex-Mex railroad.

7/12—CCC—R. King Jr. is a Grand Juror

7/19—CCC—Ingleside—breeze, navigated in a skiff, grapes and melons in abundance, fishing and bathing, glorious sunsets over the bay—each summer—R. W. Stayton and others gather their each summer.

Richard King Jr. disposes of his yearlings last week to Rachal at \$9. Young cattle are growing scarce in this section.

7/26—CCC—A talk with Captain. Kenedy -Editor called on him at his handsome house. Sitting on his veranda in the moonlight enjoying the moonlight. He remarked that Corpus...was one of the most desirable places for a residence he has seen. His view is unequaled on the Gulf Coast, the quiet town nestled below and the bay stretching away.

Kenedy returned last Monday from NY where he and Lott purchased rails and other material for the railroad. Locomotives, baggage and freight cars have been ordered. CC can get the road if people and town offer sufficient inducement. Main terminal will be at Aransas Pass on port Side

R. J. Kleberg Esq. returned Monday from court at San Diego. Dr. Spohn qualified as city physician.

Aug. 4—Henrietta only executor—Kenedy and Doddridge step out-TL 471

April 23, 1885—Slayton and Kleberg filed for probation—TL 471

3 appraisers appt.—Reuben Holbein-ranch bookkeeper, John Greer and Thomas Beynon both ranch foremen and herd bosses—564,784 real estate, 469,700 livestock and 1,061,489 other property. TL-471

8/16—CCC—notice of public meeting in regard of SA&Aransas Pass RR to branch this way

Mrs. H. M. King and daughter off to St. Louis.

Oct. 15—CCC—Lott & wife are down with dengue fever in San Antonio

Nov. 22—CCC—Mrs. John Kenedy returned from a visit to her old home of New Orleans on the Steamer Aransas

Nov. 29—CCC—Capt. Kenedy unwell in San Antonio

Dec. 13—CCC---Richard King, Jr. of Puerta ranch spent Tuesday in Corpus. He has recently returned from St. Louis and the North where he and family spent the summer months

Saying was 500,00 acres and 1,000,000 debt-TL 472

R.J. got Wells to help and people accepted Henrietta's note in King's place—T:473

1886

CCT—San Antonio and Aransas Pass connecting CC with San Antonio and the North. Later acquired by Southern Pacific

A—p. 9 When N. G. Collins and the SAAP railroad could not agree on terms because Collins and associates refused their outrageous demands John B. Armstrong, Robert J. Kleberg and Mifflin Kenedy incorporated the SAAP Town Site Co. They bought 23,000 acres three miles west of Collins and in 1886 the SAAP line reached the junction point with the TEX-Mex tracks. The community there was first called Bandana, then an attempt was made to call it Kleberg but there was already a post office with that name so the new town was called Alice and Collins residents moved again to the new community.

KRS—p. 145—1886 and 1887 were terrible years for Henrietta and Robert because of the low market prices and semidesert drought. Robert had stopped the trail drives to use the railroads but too many cattle and the drought had ruined the market. Robert had to clean out the breeding pasture of the wild and dangerous cattle. Robert brought in shorthorn bulls to breed in to the herd but they died in the climate.

BCH_MKP—Richard Kings daughter Mary was born in 1886 and Minerva was born in 1892. The first two born at the ranch and Minerva born in Corpus Christi.

Cattle boom collapsed and drought went from 1886-1873—TL474

Spring 1886—after proper time had passed the date was set for the wedding-TL 479

Jan. 3, ---CCC—R. J. Kleberg left on Steamer Aransas, Saturday for Galveston

Jan. 17—CCC—Puerta ranch the property of Mr. Richard King, Jr. is one of the model ranches of Southwestern TexasExesLIC@aol.com

Jan. 24—CCC---Richard King, Jr. & wife visited the Bluff city, spending 1 day with many friends. Dr. W. W. McGregor returned from his trip to the country looking much improved. It is stated on good authority that he slaughtered an alligator in

one of the Puerta lakes that measured 15 feet. The monster was brought to the Puerta ranch & exhibited

Jan. 31,--CCC—R. W. Stayton of law firm Stayton & Kleberg, visited Corpus on business last week.

March 7, 1886—CCC—Dr. McGregor is visiting the Puerta ranch. He has greatly improved since leaving the city.

March 28, 1886—CCC—Lott & Kenedy returned from successful business trip up north & left on a special train for the front to inspect work on the road beyond San Antonio. They are well pleased with the progress (San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railway.

April 11, 1886—CCC-Express says Lott confined to room in San Antonio with a carbuncle on neck.

April 13, 1886—CCC—San Antonio Times says: “Mr. Lott is still suffering very severely at the Menger hotel from a malignant carbuncle, and has to have a nurse constantly at his bedside.” Dr. Burke quarantine officer for Aransas Pass, is in receipt of Gov.’s proclamation. He goes to his station May 1st from which day quarantine will be established.

May 2, 1886—CCC—R. J. Kleberg esq., arrived in town Thursday night from the lower Rio Grande.

May 16, 1886—CCC—Dr. Spohn wife visiting the ranch at Encinal last week. W. P. Caruthers, esq., left on yesterday morning’s train for Texas Press Association meeting in San Antonio

June 17 1886—at 6 a.m. they were married at the ranch with only Captain Kenedy and Lott there outside of the family. Mrs. King, Lott and Kenedy left for Collins along with the newlyweds to go north for the summer-TL-481

DG—p. 194—Alice and Robert went on a two month long honeymoon on the East Coast with Henrietta

June 6, 1886—CCC—John Kenedy of the Kenedy Pasture Company and manager of the model livestock ranch of Texas is in the city. Mr. Kenedy and wife are visiting relatives and friends here. The Express of a late date says “Capt. M. Kenedy, San Antonio’s great benefactor arrived at the Menger yesterday from his home in Corpus Christi, to attend the directors meeting of the Aransas Pass railroad today, when the building of the northwestern extension will be discussed.

June 13, 1886—CCC—John Kenedy announces son born early part of the week.

June 20, 1886—CCC—Kleberg-King wedding reported

June 27, 1886—CCC—June -the great month for school exhibitions, watermelons and crabs. J. M. Doughty, who is now in charge of the Santa Gertrudis ranch has the reputation of being a fine trader as well as a fine gentleman. It is said that he is always on the go, being in the saddle half the night and in the buggy all day.

July 18, 1886—CCC—Miss Emelie R. Lovenskiold married Thomas B. Southgate by Rev. Father Jaillet. Married in the residence of brides' mother. Bride in magnificent costume entered on the arm of Capt. Mr. Kenedy followed by Mr. U Lott and others. Supper followed in adjoining room.

Late 1886—all returned

10/24—CCC—Kenedy & Lott returned from extended trip north

Richard King, J. & family will return home about middle of the month from Wentzville Mo. Judge J. W. Stayton & son R. W. Stayton returned from their trip to Santa Gertrudis Wednesday and left for Victoria Friday. Miss Mollie Ogden who has been spending the summer days with her friend Miss McCampbell at rose cottage, where the fierce winds of the coast never reach, but come "as gentle as zephyrs blowing below the violet" has returned home to the Alamo City to the regret of many friends here.—check notes here question about dates from Richard King on.

11/28—CCC--Richard King of Puerta de Agua Dulce ranch, Nueces County, sold 500 head of heifer yearling at \$6 and 500 steer yearlings at \$7, delivered to A. P. Rachal of San Antonio who will winter them in Nic Bluntzer's pasture, Nueces Co.

12/4—CCC—Capt. Kenedy back from several days at San Antonio accompanied by Mr. S. M. Swenson of New York City.

12/11—CCC—All kinds of weather this month: cold and hot, dry and wet, calm and windy, cloudy and clear, pleasant and disagreeable. Mrs. H. M. King closed a trade this week with Mr. Dan Taylor of Denver, Col. In which she contracts to deliver next March for 1500 young heifer cattle. The consideration was paid in advance. Prof. Mc Neese, the veteran phrenologist had so much to that he remained another week. His consultation room in at Mrs. Merrimans. N. G. Collins and t. H. Mathis, wealthy stockmen, were in town last week. J. M. Doughty of Santa Gertrudis was in the city, Wed. on business.

12/18—CCC—The Misses morel of Monterey are visiting the city and are the guests of Capt. M. Kenedy Mrs. H. M. King and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kleberg of Santa Gertrudis returned Wednesday from a brief trip to San Antonio. They spent Thursday in Corpus.

Dec. 27—CCC---Miss Emma Abbott visited San Antonio last week. Wen Corpus gets the railroad we may expect first class companies to visit our city

Cyh—p. 22—House that Robert and Alice lived in started as a cottage and was remodeled and enlarged until it was a Victorian-style T-shape two-story atrocity that housed their extended family and their many guests that burned in 1912 that was set by a demented arsonist and it burned to the ground.

LRGV—p. 146—1887—the hacienda at Santa Gertrudis was remodeled and there Richard Mifflin Kleberg was born.

Names men who worked under Robert-TL 482

**called Robert El Abogao—The Lawyer-TL 483

No more cattle drives after Kings death in 1885—all by rail-TL484

12/31/87—turnips in , some watermelons, fall was good for planting. Blizzard—ice and snow—icicles everywhere—entertainment at Methodist church canceled—John McGregor dreaded going home because of certain great loss of sheep

1888—Town of Bandana became Alice named for Alice King Kleberg when a post office was granted in 1888. The lines of the Corpus Christi, San Diego, and Rio

TFiss—Intro—Robert Kleberg put Richard King and Bob in the house with Caesar Kleberg and Sam Ragland to learn the ranching business and have the male influence. When it rained Sam Ragland would go into Bob's room and talk about the influence of rain on the ranch and he would tell Bob "When you can see the cow chips floating, then we had a rain."

Grande and the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railroads intersected a new townsite in Nueces County.—Fort Tours—Jim Wells County Historical Markers—internet

October 23, 1888—Robert Justus Kleberg/Kleberg died in his eighty-sixth year surrounded by his family and was buried with Masonic honors at Yorktown, DeWitt County. He was survived by Mrs. Rosa Kleberg, and the children Mrs. Clara Hillebrand, Mrs. Caroline Eckhardt, Miss Lulu Kleberg, Hon. Rudolph Kleberg, Marcellus E. Kleberg and Robert j. Kleberg. His oldest son, Otto served with distinction in the confederate army preceded him in death in 1880 from Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas by John Henry Brown.

1889—KRS-p.147—Dr. Cooper Curtrice of the Bureau of Animal Industry arrived and stayed three years and identified the tick as the problem and in 1891 Robert

invented the world's first cattle dipping vat. He also got rid of the worthless wild mustangs—four thousand of them.

1891—JK—p. 116—Mrs. King shipped 12,000 head of cattle to pasture in the Indian Territory in 1891 the rest starved and the hides were sold for tallow. Less than 20% of the land was useable until Kleberg found water in 1899.

1899—Robert Kleberg brought in a gusher of a water well and then another and another—discovering a river of water running under the drought-prone rangelands. He also oversaw the building of cross fences that divided the vast acres into managed pastures. He established a concerted program to accelerate the breed improvement of horses and cattle on the ranch. He imported top equine stock and led efforts to develop a breed of cattle that could withstand the hot, harsh South Texas climate. He also initiated aggressive mesquite-clearing program on the ranch. He designed the first cattle dipping vats to battle tick fever. He and Mrs. King diversified the assets with agricultural development, land sales, and town building projects. In 1904 their efforts were instrumental in helping to build the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railway.—King Ranch -ww.king-ranch.com "The Legacy

1892

KRS-p. 149—The ranch house had been enlarged and refurbished for Robert and Alice Kleberg. One story had become two with pillars and lattice railing on the outside galleries that ran along both the first and second floors. The home was furnished with the beautiful antiques the Captain had bought for Henrietta and the fine furniture she had brought from St. Louis.

1895

Henrietta at sixty-three lost Mifflin Kenedy her husband and families' good friend on March 14, 1895 and that year gave Robert her power of attorney. She made long trips to visit the families of her other children and built herself a house in Corpus Christi when she could watch Alice's five children go to school and enjoy their progress. She entertained in a royal style there and on the ranch. In 1895 she was free of debt and the land cleared of its overstocking and everything seemed smooth To move into a new century.

LRGV—p. 146—1896—Kleberg had paid all the debts of the ranch and increased its size to 650,000 acres.

RHK—p. 172—Robert and Henrietta photographed beside the first artesian well on King Ranch. It was 532 ft. deep and Grandfather said, "The men wondered why I cried when we finally saw what we had been praying for. But I knew that once a definite source of water was available I could induce railroad construction, which in turn would lead to the development of South Texas. Now the water guzzling steam engines could be supplied.

March 1899-March 1901—Robert Kleberg Sr. was the president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association—Hb-RJK Sr.

1900-JK-p. 134—Caesar Kleberg and Robert Sr. began the practice of burning pastures in the winter months to control brush and remove dry grass bringing on winter weeds for the wildlife.

1900—Cyh-p. 13—shortly after 1900 Robert brought in two Brahma bulls and bred them into the British breeds and this led to Monkey—sire line of the Santa Gertrudis.

DG—p. 198—1904—Kingsville established

1900

KRS—p.156—They build a railroad that went from Sinton 160 miles south to Brownsville and called in the “Brownie.” The town of Kingsville was build tree miles due east from the ranch house and Henrietta donated the land for the town and called it Kingsville. The longest streets were King Avenue and Santa Gertrudis Avenue and in order north of King Avenue were Nettie, Ella, Richard, Alice, and Lee after her five children in order of the births. Then there wee Kenedy, Ragland Caesar, Armstrong and Wells. They owned the Lumber Co. and the town was laid out on the 853 acres she donated. Each lot was \$50 and there was to be no liquor sold on those lots and no saloons. She gave the land for the first church Presbyterian and then Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians and Catholic. Henrietta was issued Complimentary Pass No. 1 and number 2 was for Mrs. R. J. Kleber & Children. Every Friday afternoon a caboose was hooked on to the engine and sent into Corpus Christi to pick up the Kleberg children—Dick, Henrietta, Alice, Bob and Sarah who rode their own train to the station and at Kingsville horses were ready for them to gallop the three miles to the ranch. On Monday morning the reversed the journey and lived like princes and princesses.

KC—p. 173--July 4, 1904 the first run from Brownsville to Corpus became a reality. Kingsville was christened and named for Captain King.

KC—p. 175—1908 There was a four year celebration in Kingsville and Alice and Mrs. King watched the paraded from the gallery of the King’s Inn and Robert rode in the parade in a King Ranch coach and the cowboys roe by the hotel and uncovered their heads in respect to the ladies.

1912—CYH—p.22--The Big House burned to the ground from a fire set by an arsonist. The Senior Klebergs had just returned from visiting a ranch in Mexico and stayed in a typical Spanish Colonial hacienda predating the independence of the style that is preserved today on the 16th and 17th century ranches. Mr. Kleberg had plans drawn along those lines. It had white walls and red tile roofs, its Italiante carved friezes, arched columns and windows, is a wedding

cake feast to the eye—a light and shadow delight. Inside solid and comfortable, plain. The antique Mexican and Spanish furnishings were few the artwork Texas early 1900s. Robert was in his mid-fifties and his habits were formed and changed little the rest of his life.

BC—p. 166—The rumor was that the gardener Schultz burned it down because Alice had given him two weeks notice after chewing him out about not doing his job.

TFiss—p. 2—Big House was built from 1912-1915 under Robert Sr. and Alice's direction with Henrietta.

Robert J. Kleberg was the builder, the man who consolidated the vast King holdings, who up the King herds, who took the lead in every movement for the betterment of the cattle industry.—Frontier Times Magazine—vol 9 No. 6—March 1932--internet

July 3, 1907—Rosalie Kleberg died in Yorktown, Texas surviving her husband by 27 years. She was buried on the Caroline and Robert C. Eckhardt ranch. She was survived by three daughter and three sons one being Robert Kleberg-Hb—RVR

1916--Cyh-p. 7—Robert Kleberg got Robert an agricultural exemption from the draft because he did not want him to be drafter and Dick also got an exemption and it followed them all their lives as draft dodgers and enemy sympathizers because of Robert's German heritage.

1916—RHK—p. 29 In the late fall of 1916 Grandfather Kleberg had a stroke and Bob returned home to run the ranch.

1925—DG—204—Henrietta King died on March 31, 1925 at the age of 92.

1926-JC-p. 114—Robert Sr. helped found the deep water port in Corpus.

October 10, 1932—Robert J. Kleberg Sr. passed away at the ranch.—Hb-RJK Sr.

RHK—p. 21—He died at 78 with all except his daughter Henrietta Larking who lied in New York present. Old Mexican of the range put it best when he said with tear-dimmed eyes and trembling lips as he looked long and tenderly on the silent face “Adios, amigo mio.”

His funeral one of largest in Texas history

RHK—p. 29—Sept. 26, 1933—Humble Oil leased the lands.

Good summary of Ranch history in Hb –King Ranch and another good story in KRS for the rest of the time under Bob Jr.

1918—803-KRP—Henrietta King at 86 with 7 more years left gifted Alice two important properties. One was the main headquarters of the Santa Gertrudis including the Main House Hacienda and the surrounding 30,000 acres. It was fitting because Alice had been born there and spent her entire life there and it would not do to have her homeless. She also gave her the Palo Alto Farm that Bob sold and replaced with the Encino Division was then also Kleberg property. Also in 1922 the Widow King took possession of the San Antonio Viejo Ranch—77,000—from Alice East and her husband Tom East who had borrowed money from during the drought and they continued to ranch the property and it was one of the first places where the discovered oil.

1945—KRP-814-The Borregos Field came in at Santa Gertrudis and by 1953 there were 650 operating oil wells on King Ranch and eventually King Ranch pumped more oil than Saudi Arabia.