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President's Notes:

The annual meeting in Victoria was a great success. To no small measure this was the result of hard work by Patsy Hand and her friends. First of all, there were 341 registrants! Secondly, the arrangements, from programs to the tour of the historic sites, were well planned. Patsy, again, thank you and your crew for a great meeting.—For those who like to "revisit" the meeting and for those who, for one reason or the other, could not come to Victoria, a video of the goings-on is available. For more information on that subject, turn to page 204 of this publication.—At our board meeting in Victoria, board member Miriam York formally announced that she will go off the board at the end of her term (1995). In her quiet way Miriam is a strong supporter of German-Texan Heritage. She was the mover who saw to it that the old German-Texan newspapers at the University of Houston were microfilmed. A researcher and writer in her own right, she has to her credit Friedrich Ernst of Industry (Giddings, TX: Nixon Printing Co., 1989). Miriam, thank you for your service to GTHS.—Also at the board meeting, Theresa Gold, our journal's genealogy editor stated that she planned to retire from that position at the end of this year. If I recall correctly, Theresa has done the genealogy column since the inception of the Journal. Over the years she has gained a reputation for dedication and knowledge of her subject. She deserves a heart-felt "thank you" from all of us for her work.—Arlene Burges, President of the German Free School Guild, will also be stepping down at the end of 1995 after two years of dedicated service. Thank you to Arlene and to the Guild for getting this service organization off the ground and for helping raise funds for the GTHS.—I assume that members who placed orders for the reprint of Roemer's Texas have it in their hands by now. Also just recently, the Society made available another book in its publication program, The Diary of Hermann Seele. This volume is a labor of love by Ted Gish, University of Houston. Several years ago he located the original manuscript at the Sophienburg Museum & Archives, New Braunfels and translated the material from the German. It is a handsome volume, but then my judgment is biased.—A group of students attending St. Edward's University (Austin) is lending us their assistance by helping us with the first leg of our strategic planning process.—Last, but not least, the 1995 Development Fund Drive is ongoing until December 31, 1995. We have many worthy projects in need of funding (a "Project" List was mailed to you in September). Sending your

donation today will help us preserve our heritage for tomorrow.

Members write:

"..*Danke schön* to all of you who worked so hard on the GTHS JOURNAL and the annual meeting. Both my wife, Victoria, and I look forward greatly to the meeting in Victoria. *Auf Wiedersehen!*

Hochachtungsvoll,
Robert H. Thonhoff

Hi Patsy [Hand],

... I wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the meeting. ... Everyone was so friendly, the atmosphere thru-out the meeting so cheerful. The travelogue on the 3 counties by Doris Obsta is very interesting. ...

Sincerely,
Evelyn L. Braden

Dear Patsy Hand,

... thank you for a perfectly wonderful convention weekend. ... Please convey our thanks to all the members of your committee and all others who contributed to our enjoyment and edification. ...

Sincerely,
Erwin & Lydia Beigert

Dear Patsy,

...What a well planned weekend and outstanding activities! Going to Henry Hausschild's home, the good speakers, the trip to Meyersville, Goliad, Nordheim, the good meal there, and the homemade wine were all treats. ...

Most sincerely,
Beth Boettcher

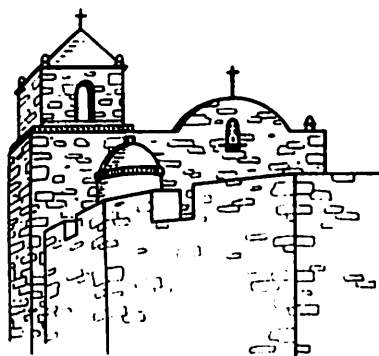
Dear Patsy Hand,

Thanks a million for chairing such a magnificent convention. ...

Sincerely,
Geneva E. Kahlich

...They certainly had a most successful 17th annual meeting of the society (GTHS), which was coordinated by Patsy Hand, chairman and Doris Obsta, co-chair, with a lot of help from others, including a couple of husbands who I noticed being put to good use. ...

Henry Wolff, Jr.
Victoria Advocate (Sept. 12, 1995)



PRESIDIO LA BAHIA EST. 1721

September 12, 1995

Ms. Patsy Hand
417 Cottonwood Street
Victoria, Texas 77904

Dear Ms. Hand:

Just a note to thank you for arranging for the participants of tour 17th Annual German-Texan Heritage Society(GTHS) to visit the Presidio La Bahia.

From our standpoint, your visit went like a piece of well oiled machinery, with buses phasing in and out on schedule and a very cooperative and appreciative group to deal with. Our only concern is that with the rather tight schedule imposed by time and distance factors that there was little time left to examine the museum and grounds.

For the forgoing reason, would it be possible for you to insert in the GTHS' newsletter or The Journal my personal invitation for your membership to visit or revisit the Presidio La Bahia?

It was a pleasure working with you in this endeavor. Please call on us again should we be able to be of service.

Sincerely,

Newton M. Warzecha
Director

FAREWELL LETTER FROM GUILD PRESIDENT

As I near the end of my term in office as the Founding President of the German Free School Guild, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who have made this experience so rich and rewarding. First and foremost, I want to thank the Officers and Board of Directors of the Guild, whose energy and enthusiastic effort were invaluable to the success of the Guild. They include:

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Charles Kalteyer, President Elect; Treasurer, William Koehler; Secretary, Elinor Koppelman; VP of Building Facilities, C. A. Schutze; VP of Communication, Helga von Schweinitz; VP of Education, Dr. Gerhild Rogers; VP of Landscaping, Charles Clinger; VP of Membership, Renate Leonard; VP of Special Events, Edwin R. Jordan, Jr.; VP of Support Services, Edna Groeschel

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I also want to give special thanks to the GTHS Board whose consent and support made the formation of the Guild possible, and, of course, to our Executive Director, Teresa Schwausch Chavez whose assistance was so dear to all of us. In addition, I want to thank all statewide members for their generous aid for our many endeavors.

It's hard to believe that it has already been two years since the Guild was founded to serve as caretakers of the German Free School, our GTHS state headquarters. The Guild has been fortunate in the response of those who share both our German-Texan heritage and desire to help preserve our unique history for future generations. I cannot begin to thank all of those who gave so unselfishly of their time and expertise to insure that the activities undertaken would succeed. Suffice it to say that the results speak for themselves. You have only to walk through the gate to notice immediately the lovely garden inviting you to linger for awhile, to know that care was taken to make it so. As you enter the front door, smiles of "Wilkommen" greet you and beckon you to visit and share in the beauty of the charming and historic building. Countless hours were spent in cleaning and decorating to create an atmosphere of eduring appeal. The beautifully appointed Charles Trenckmann Memorial Library, housing family genealogies, German-Texan history and Texana, would not have been possible without the Trenckmann's generous family gift. The delicate lace curtains enhancing the large windows were also made possible through a generous donation. Several other restoration projects were funded partially through grants and/or contributions, including much of the office furniture.

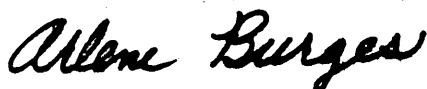
The list of accomplishments for the GFS were aided by activities undertaken by the Guild, such as: the 1994 Development Fund Drive, a Silent Auction, the 1994 Convention Raffle, a bowling fundraiser, the gift shop, membership dues, and coming soon, a Weihnachten Market. In all, more than \$20,000.00 was used to continue the maintenance and restoration of the GFS. Many other projects are in the "wings" just waiting for the time when they can be activated. A "wish list" was included in the statewide Development Fund Drive letter sent by the GTHS President, W. M. Von-Maszewski. In pursuit of creating a German-Texan Cultural Center at our headquarters, several outstanding GTHS-sponsored exhibits have been held. The first was a "Hummel" exhibit in 1994 held on German-American Day. This past May, "Oma's Attic" featured handmade textiles of a bygone era. This past October/November, the "Der Stern von Texas" exhibit highlighted accomplishments of German-Texans past and present. The speakers series this past year featured several noted and outstanding lecturers, enhancing the intellectual opportunities of both members and guests alike. The beginning German classes have offered members and non-members the

occasion to study German, their ancestral language, and focus on the fact that the building is once again a place of learning. Of course, our Membership and Christmas receptions have allowed members and guests to enjoy an atmosphere filled with music, good food and the "Gemütlichkeit" we traditionally share. Our educational, cultural and social activities, when combined, constitute the beginnings of a German-Texan Cultural Center at the GFS. All of these activities have created for each of us the opportunity to share in this dream and to make it a reality. We can all share in the pride of these accomplishments. What was begun long ago in 1857 by our German-Texan forebearers has now come full circle. We all bear the responsibility of continuing their quest to provide a place of learning and the sharing of cultural and traditional heritage. We have made a brilliant beginning, and I trust that the future will be even more bold. The GFS, as part of the overall GTHS mission to preserve and promote German heritage, has a bright future ahead as we enter the dawn of a new century. Your active participation is vital to that future.

And so I leave office in the knowledge that the GFS will continue to prosper and grow. There are so many capable and willing hands to follow me. I give my very best wishes to our incoming President, Charles Kalteyer, as he assumes office in 1996. He is ably qualified and will be a strong and decisive leader.

I look forward now to serving as an Advisor to the Guild in the coming year and assisting wherever I can. Again, I humbly thank all of you for your encouragement and support. As outgoing President, it is my sincere wish that the GFS will flourish and become a shining beacon for generations to come.

Bis später,



President, GFS Guild

**GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY (OCTOBER 6) CELEBRATED
AT GTHS HEADQUARTERS
by Teresa Schwausch Chavez**

German-American Day activities at our historic headquarters included the opening of an exhibit entitled "Der Stern von Texas" or "The Star of Texas" and oral history performances. Over 100 people dropped by on October 6th to view the exhibit.

"Der Stern von Texas" was the name of a farewell song written in 1846 by Hoffman von Fallersleben about emigration to Texas. This past October marked the 150th anniversary of this song's creation. Von Fallersleben, who also wrote the German national anthem, was so impressed that intellectual Germans would leave their comfortable existence to pursue a life in the wilderness of Texas, that he wrote this song and others to commemorate their experience. From that time on freedom-seeking Germans came to Texas in great numbers and made contributions to its architecture, art, commerce, education, music, social customs, holidays and more. "Der Stern von Texas" (the exhibit) highlighted these accomplishments.

In addition to the exhibit, popular storyteller Laura Casalz gave oral history performances at noon and at 7 pm to Bowie High School German students and to members, respectively. Combining truth, drama and color, Ms. Casalz kept her audiences spellbound as she brought to life the story of a German-American woman named Tillie Weis. Spanning a time from the 1800s to the present, Tillie's story included memories of special breads, dances at the lodge, love and death. Joining Ms. Casalz was Eva Hardeman (a GTHS/Guild and Austin Saengerrunde member). Eva added depth to the performances by singing several lullabies in German.

Special thanks go out to the following businesses for their support of the German-American Day program: Capitol Beverage, Randall's Food Stores and Shiner of Austin. The exhibit and German-American Day program were sponsored by the German-Texan Heritage Society with assistance from the German Free School Guild.

October 6th, 1995: German-American Day in Lubbock, Texas

Dr. and Mrs. Dencker of the Goethe Institute-Houston were honored in Lubbock, Texas, on German-American Day this year. They arrived on the Llano Estacado with their friends, the Rahusens, and were welcomed at a luncheon held at *Skyviews* the Texas Tech University Restaurant overlooking the campus. The evening was spent in Blanco Canyon at Casa del Sol, the home of Mrs. Smith-Ericson. On Friday, October 6, Texas Tech faculty and other friends gathered at a reception to honor the great support of German programs that Dr. and Mrs. Dencker have so very generously supplied over the past years. Mr. David Luke, Editor of *Umlaut*, presented Dr. Dencker with the newsletter which documents the Denckers' presence on the High Plains and expresses gratitude for their positive influence. (For a copy of *Umlaut*, write Meredith McClain, Southwest Center for German Studies, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX. 79409-2071.)



The Denckers and their friends, the Rahusens, (C) with Mrs. Smith-Ericson (L) & Dr. Ingrid Fry and Dr. Charles Grair (R)





The State of Texas House of Representatives

H.R. No. 82

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Texans of German descent have had a profound impact on the state's heritage and culture, laboring tirelessly to create prosperity in even the most challenging conditions and circumstances; and

WHEREAS, German immigrants began settling in Texas in the final years of Mexico's sovereignty; a freedom-loving people, those colonists joined with other Texans in their quest for independence, battling bravely in engagements at Goliad, San Jacinto, and the Alamo to help secure Texas' status as a sovereign nation; and

WHEREAS, German immigration to Texas gained momentum after the Civil War, and Germans continued to relocate to the Lone Star State in substantial numbers until after the turn of the century; and

WHEREAS, Exceptionally gifted and determined in all forms of endeavor, German settlers in Texas achieved outstanding success in agriculture, business, and industry, helping to foster much-needed economic diversity; and

WHEREAS, German-Americans comprise the largest ethnic group in the United States and one of the largest in Texas, and these highly productive individuals have successfully made the difficult transition from Old World to New World citizens without sacrificing their unique cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Texans of German extraction have been a dynamic force in shaping the history and culture of our state, and their many achievements in this regard are indeed worthy of special legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 74th Texas Legislature hereby recognize the first week of October as German Cultural Awareness Week in the State of Texas.

Saunders

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Pete Laney

 Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 82 was adopted by the House on April 28, 1995, by a non-record vote.



Cynthia Gerhardt

 Chief Clerk of the House

AN INVITATION TO "FROEHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN Y'ALL"

As we come closer and closer to the holiday season, our days seem to become more and more hectic. We don't seem to have the time to do those special things that made the holidays important to us as children and we are not always so lucky to have our loved ones living close to us. This makes it harder and harder for us to keep our culture and heritage alive by practicing the traditions handed down to us by our ancestors. Many of these traditions came over with our ancestors who came with Prince Solms-Braunfels and celebrated the first Christmas in Texas in Indianola, others were brought in the last few decades. They are all important to us as they helped our ancestors and us through happiness and sorrow, whether here in Texas or over the ocean in Germany. Some of us have found ways to keep these traditions alive and wish to share them with you and your family and friends. Therefore, you as a member of the GTHS are invited to help us with our mission to keep our heritage and culture alive by joining us this Christmas season as we share our love of Christmas with you and yours.

This year's celebration, "Froehliche Weihnachten Y'all" will be open for you, your family, and friends to visit starting November 28th through December 16. Each week from Tuesday through Thursday, the historic GTHS headquarters building (507 E. 10th) in Austin will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. for viewing of our German and German-Texan displays and decorations. Special events, entertainment and presentations are being planned for the Open House on December 2nd (Saturday) from 2 to 5 p.m. and the Christmas Market open from 11 to 4 p.m. on December 9th and 16th (Saturdays). The decorations depict two different time periods and how our ancestors celebrated Christmas during those times. The displays will show and explain items that are part of our Christmas traditions. The events, entertainment and presentations will be for all ages especially since when it comes to Christmas, we are all children at heart. The Market will have those cookies that Mother or Oma made for you, since many of you might not have the time to bake them for your children or grand-children. We will also have the cookbooks with many of these recipes in them, and handmade items such as German foil tree ornaments for sale.

In the future, we plan to change one of the time periods and the associated decorations, each year to show how "Oma and Opa" changed with the years and kept our heritage and culture alive. The displays will also be changed each year as we are made aware of those that might not have been a part of our upbringing, but certainly are German or German-Texan and were or are a part of yours.

Please call 512-482-0927 for more information, group tours, and handicapped access. Come and let us share with you, through our mutual culture and heritage, the happiness and joy of this season!!!

CK

*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*

*Frohe Weihnachten
und ein
Gutes Neues Jahr*

*Joyeux Noël
et
Bonne Année*



*O my homeland, my Alsace!
How dear to my heart are you!
To you forever will I be true,
In joy and in sorrow!*

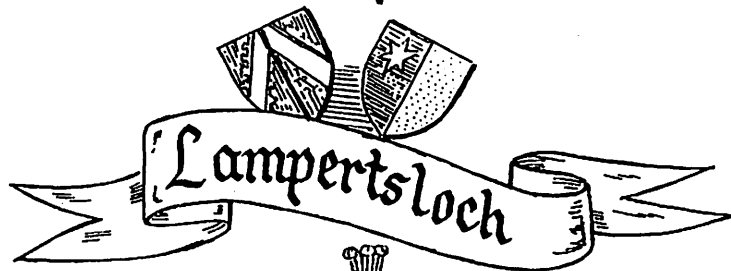
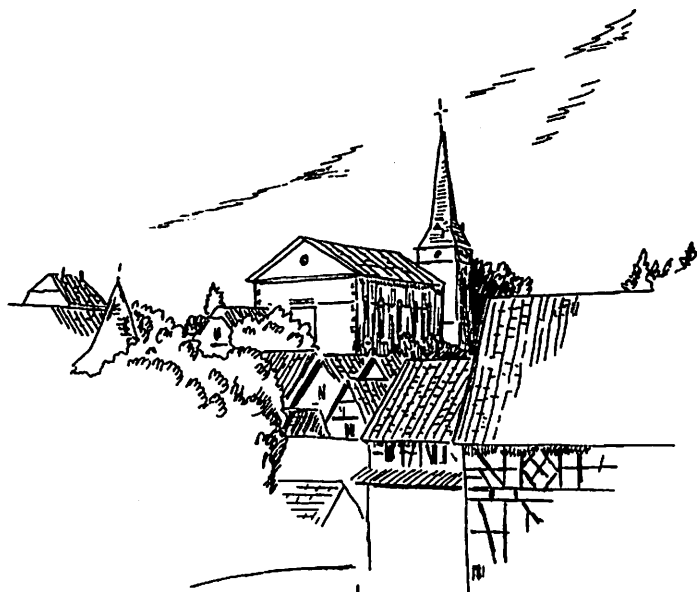
*O Heimat, mein Elsass!
Wie liebt dich mein Herz!
Treu bleib ich dir ewig,
In Freude, im Schmerz!*

*O mon Pays, mon Alsace!
Comme mon cœur t'aime!
Ma fidélité te sera éternelle,
Dans la joie et la douleur!*

Aloyse Wirth (1880)



Doris Ann and Harold Gorman



Ancestral Home of

the Apprill Family

The National German-American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center: A Fundraising Update

"Melitta North America will support the National German-American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center in Washington, D.C." With these words, spoken by Barbara Hausner, PR Manager of Melitta North America, headquartered in Clearwater, Florida, a higher level of fundraising has been reached signalling the first major corporate donation for the Museum Project.

With this extremely generous donation, Melitta N.A. has not only given credibility to the Museum Project, which will aim to display the rich German-Americana legacy, it has also affirmed its commitment to being a leader in the German-American community. "This donation is a vote of confidence for both the Museum Project and the UGAC-USA", stated William O'Brien, Vice President in charge of the Museum Project. "This donation has raised our hopes that we can realize our goal of erecting a museum in Washington, D.C. Naturally, we are very excited that a major German-American corporation has made such a contribution. We hope that other institutions and individuals will follow Melitta's lead."



UGAC-USA President Bernard J. Freitag gratefully accepts the Museum Project's first corporate donation from Melitta North America CEO H.-Helmut Radtke.

In addition to the significant contribution made by Melitta N.A., **Mr. Martin Perl** of San Jose, California is the first individual to donate a minimum of \$1,000 to the museum project. "I am pleased to make this donation and hope that my gift will inspire others to contribute as well," proclaimed Mr. Perl.

Donations from members of the **Deutscher Club Clark, Newark Sangerchor and Schwabischer Gemischterchor**, all of New Jersey, have been gratefully received and constitute the first contributions from German-American Clubs.

The collection of artifacts has also begun, with several items having already been collected. Among them are:

3 steam trunks, ca. 1920, letters and other assorted artifacts and books, donated by Martin Perl, San Jose, CA;

Books and baptismal certificate, donated by Ursula Schmidt, Olympia, WA;

Portfolio with drawings, donated by Joanne Fischer, Upper Darby, PA;

Letters, donated by Alfred Lebeau, Rydal, PA

Please contact Marlene Stocks, Executive Director, at (215)379-1722 if you have any articles of interest you wish to donate to the museum. Specifically we are interested in books, religious items, household articles, clothing, documents, tools - in essence anything that will depict the life of German-speaking immigrants

The Officers and Directors of the UGAC-USA deeply appreciate the generosity of these donors and thank them not only for their contributions but for also being the first to give this project a beginning.

The Museum Project also got a boost from the first fundraising event, a benefit concert performed under the auspices of the German Embassy to support the establishment of the National German-American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. The concert, which took place on June 10, was organized by the Washington Sangerbund, which appeared together with the Choirs of the German School of Washington and the Crystal Strings Orchestra. Approximately 400 people attended the concert which featured the *Tocatta & Fugue in D minor* by J. S. Bach, the *Requiem* by Faure and the *Magnificat in D major* by Mendelssohn-Bartholdy.

The members of the museum's fundraising campaign now hope that other regions of the country will support the project by organizing fundraising events in their areas. Remember this is a project in which we can all take pride and to which we should all contribute.



The June 10 Fundraising concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Washington.

WHO KNOWS HENRY MEYER?

Dan Rightmer, Curator of the Iredell Museum in Iredell, Texas (Bosque County), reports that several years ago he acquired a manuscript book of the poems composed by Henry Meyer. Most of the poems were written between 1892 and 1910, and some of them have been translated into English, handwritten in pencil.

A few of the poems were written in Galveston, while the others were written in San Francisco and in Morgan, Texas. Notations from an English translation of the poem "Fearless until Death" indicate that it was written for the "Opera Glass."

A letter dated 1906 was sent to Henry Meyer from the Freie Presse für Texas Publishing Company, signed by Hugo Woeller. Meyer also wrote poetry for the Prosit Neujahr in 1900 and published in Demokratischer Texas Volksboten in 1901.

Mr. Rightmer also has five photographs of H. W. Meyer. One of them portrays him holding a pen--in a pose that indicates a creative moment.

H. W[etrix] Meyer was born 24 March 1853 and died 23 January 1941. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Clifton, Texas, also in Bosque County. He once had a library in Clifton, but it burned down in 1905. His wife was Minnie (Mina) Kilke Meyer (26 January 1857-17 October 1934).

Curator Rightmer asks our members/readers if they have any information at all about this man. Replies may be addressed to: Dan Rightmer, Curator, Iredell Museum, P. O. Box 142, Iredell TX 76649.

New Album Released By Dutch Treat Duo

The Hill Country musical duo Dutch Treat--comprised of Melvin and Linda Scott of Doss--has released a new album in both cassette and CD format.

The album, entitled "Puttin' On The Squeeze" contains a variety of selections, featuring numerous sounds produced by the MIDI accordion.

Toe-tapping musical numbers range from old-time to contemporary, from oldies to originals, and from polkas and waltzes to country swing.

The cassettes and CD's are available in Fredericksburg at Altdorf Restaurant, Ausläder Restaurant, CrafTown Mall, Domino Parlor, Itri's, The Knap-sack and the Old Munich Cafe.

They are also available direct from the Scotts at 210-669-2481 or 20288 N. Ranch Rd. 783, Doss, TX 78618.

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Melvin and Linda Scott

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International Programs Growing

Among the many roles of the Texas National Guard is one that facilitates intellectual exchange and cooperation with the military forces of several nations deemed vital to American security interests.

The international military-to-military activities of the Texas Guard are at the forward edge of a federal program to assist the governments of selected countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific in developing modern, highly responsive, civilian-controlled military forces. Lt. Col. Glen Lich, director of International Programs for the Texas Army National Guard, states, "Because our work furthers American aims for peace, stability, and democracy in several critical world regions, the program advances the national security strategy of the United States by providing a venue for healthy, cooperative and vigorous dialogue."

The theory behind this international program is that the military—in the aftermath of recent political, economic, social, and sometimes territorial changes—is an important source of the leadership that countries need during emergencies and crises, said Lich. In many parts of central and eastern Europe where this exchange program was conceived, the military is still highly respected, often on a level with the church, and, like the church, the military is one of the major institutions that has the organization, experience, and communications systems to provide continuity and stability.



LTC Glen Lich, left, ARNG, directs the Texas Guard's international program while Lt. Col. Maritta Loo, ANG is currently serving as the program's liaison in Prague.



Members of an Army Airborne Engineer unit from the Czech Republic got their first look at American parachute equipment during a tour of the Camp Mabry parachute shop. After two days in Austin and a visit to Czech communities in and around Brenham, the Czech soldiers went to Camp Swift where they spent 12 days performing annual training with the 386th Engineer Battalion.

The Texas Guard has played a vital role in responding to an increasing number of American peacekeeping and humanitarian operations. Much of this work, according to Lich, supports demanding, non-traditional uses of National Guard forces for education and training, personnel management, military law, military police, logistics, civil affairs, civil engineering, communications, computers, military medicine, public affairs, and leadership.

The Texas Guard has during the past year supported over 10 high-level exchanges with several countries such as South Africa, Kazakhstan, and the Czech Republic. They have also hosted diplomats from 23 other nations, ranging from Argentina and Chile to China and Russia. Fourteen more exchanges with five European, African, and Asian countries are projected during the next six months. "We are also preparing to develop a partnership program with Mexico" said Lich.

"The basis of our success in this state is partly the powerful appeal that Texas exerts over the minds and hearts of people around the world. But in large part, it is the capacity of the Texas Guard in terms of experience and size that makes us a major player: the Texas Guard is the size of a corps, and it includes extensive ground and air assets."

The role of the Guard is unique

inasmuch as when we bring foreigners to this heartland of America, we build a "powerful public consensus to sustain our active engagement abroad," a goal of our national security strategy. "With its heritage from the state militias, the Guard still has a lot in common with the grassroots militaries of some of the countries we are working with," said Lich. "They learn from us what we have done to build on our qualities and to overcome problems; they remind us of where we came from and who we are."

What both sides learn is that our reservoir of wealth is in our people. The Texas Guard has members who have served for 30 or more years in some highly specialized fields. "We get comments back from those countries that we have sent them walking encyclopedias," commented Lich. "For a country that is inventing what it did not have before, minds like these can be a valuable resource and reality check."

An old proverb states: "If you want to fish for the hearts of people, you must first bait the hook with a part of your own heart." Activities such as the International Program clearly highlight the efforts of members of the Texas Guard in support of democratization, security, and nation building to transitioning countries in central and eastern Europe and assigned republics of the former Soviet Union.



Fohn, rancher, led humble life

D'HANIS — Wilfred J. Fohn was an insurance agent for nearly 30 years.

"Dad sold insurance to most of the residents in Uvalde for 29 years," said his son, Nick Fohn of Uvalde. "Dad had a mind for figures and keeping track of them and that was good for him, since he was in insurance."

Fohn died Friday. He was 86.

In 1940, he began working for the National Life and Accident Insurance Co. in Uvalde.

"Dad sold a lot of insurance in Uvalde and no matter who it was, he always treated them with respect and soon became good friends to all of them," the son said.

In 1969, after 29 years as an insurance agent, he retired.

"Mom and Dad returned to D'Hanis and bought the house that she had grown up in and they have lived there ever since," his son said.

Fohn was born in D'Hanis to Nick E. and Mary Fohn on June 2, 1909. A brother and sister preceded him in death.

One of two graduates in the D'Hanis class of 1927, Fohn began as a farmer when his father leased him some land.

"He did not stay a farmer due to the fact an early freeze came in and wiped out his crop of corn," his son said.

On Sept. 19, 1940, Fohn married Sara Rothe in D'Hanis. They had four sons.

"Dad was a very humble man who did not want a lot of attention and very rarely took credit for things he did," his son said. "He lived a good, honest life and was a good family man."

He also worked on the family ranch with his sons.

"Dad had a ranch he inherit-

ed from his father and every Sunday my brothers and I would run up there to check on the cattle or whenever we were needed up there," his son said.

Fohn had learned German and Spanish before learning English in school.

"Dad talked fluently in German and Spanish and during World War I. The school went overnight to all-English textbooks," his son said.

Fohn also passed on his knowledge of languages and agriculture to another son, Joe Fohn, farm editor for the San Antonio Express-News.

"He gave us all a great appreciation for language and communication because he was fluent in German and Spanish as well as English," said his son, Joe Fohn. "He also gave me an appreciation for agriculture that means a lot more now to me since I use it every day with my work."

Fohn was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus in Uvalde and a member of Hermanns Sons.

"Dad enjoyed hunting and playing cards with his friends, and also dancing the waltz with my mother, but his passion was fishing, which he taught to all of his sons," Joe Fohn said.

Since 1969 he had been a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in D'Hanis.

Other survivors include his wife of 54 years, Sara Fohn of D'Hanis; two other sons, Louis Fohn of Wall and Gerald Fohn of San Angelo; a sister, Lillian Rothe of D'Hanis; and 13 grandchildren.

A rosary is scheduled for 7 p.m. today at Holy Cross Catholic Church in D'Hanis.

Mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Interment will follow at the church cemetery under the direction of Guinn-Horger Funeral Home.



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Bonnie Bates Perdue

ODESSA — Services for Bonnie Bates Perdue, 42, of Odessa are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Westminster Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Truman Warren officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Mrs. Perdue died Friday, Aug. 18, 1995, in Midland County. She was born Feb. 1, 1953, in Memphis, Tenn. She married Edward C. Perdue Dec. 3, 1977, in Odessa.

Mrs. Perdue came to Odessa in 1962 from Victoria. She worked for Natural Resources Conservation Services for four years.

She was an avid animal lover. She was a member of the Permian Bass Club and West Texas Jazz Society. Bonnie was a 1971 graduate of Permian High School and attended Odessa College.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Perdue of Odessa; mother, Polly Bates of Odessa; and brother, Brett Bates of Austin.

If desired, memorials may be sent to the Ector County Humane Society, 1902 W. County Road, Odessa, Texas 79763.

Marker dedication set at Bear Creek

The Bear Creek Cemetery is a Texas historical landmark. The Texas Historical Commission has authorized an official historical marker, and it will be dedicated on May 27 at 2 p.m.

The history of the little cemetery at State Highway 6 and Patterson Road actually started at another location, off Patterson Road a little south of the present site. A few pioneer German settlers built the Bear Creek German Methodist Church there in 1890. The church was moved to Hwy. 6 and Patterson in 1902 because the original site was flood-prone. The present cemetery was established adjacent to the new church site, and the first burial occurred in 1904.

The church building had to be moved in 1949 when the federal government created the Addicks Reservoir. It is located now about 1 3/4 miles farther south on Hwy. 6 and it is known now as Addicks United Methodist Church. But the cemetery is still maintained by the Addicks Bear Creek Cemetery Association. Association President Dorothy Beckendorf says the speaker at the May 27 dedication ceremony will be Atha Marks Dimon. She is a member of the Harris County Historical Commission and a member of one of the original Bear Creek area families.

The Memorial Day ceremony at Harris County War Memorial in Bear Creek Park will be held this year on May 29 at 2:30 p.m. The Harris County War Memorial honors all the known residents of Harris County who lost their lives in our nation's wars. This year's ceremony will honor particularly the men who lost their lives in the sinking of the heavy cruiser *USS Houston* in the Java Sea, during the first major naval engagement between U.S. and Japanese forces in World War II.

The *Houston* went down on March 1, 1942. Only 368 of the 1,150 men in the crew survived and 77 of those died later in Japanese POW camps.

Otto Schwarz survived the sinking and 3½ years in Japanese prison camps. Schwarz will be the speaker at this year's Memorial Day ceremony at the Harris County War Memorial. *Houston* survivors and other U.S. Navy veterans have created a foundation to raise money for a me-



**Precinct 3
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Harris County
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HISTORY

German immigrants settled in the area surrounding the junction of Langham and Bear creeks in the 1840's. Settlers traveled to nearby churches for Sunday services until about 1879 when seven charter members established the Bear Creek German Methodist Church. The congregation initially met in members' homes. The church was subsequently made a mission of the Rose Hill Methodist Church near Tomball.

In 1890 a small church building was erected near the Hillendahl Family Cemetery. The site proved to be poorly drained and often inaccessible, and in 1902 the congregation moved the sanctuary here on three acres donated by Fred and Katherine Brandt. A part of the acreage was laid out as a cemetery. Christine Backen's burial in 1904 was the first recorded here. The cemetery is still active and is maintained by the Addicks Bear Creek Cemetery Association.

A summer storm destroyed the sanctuary in 1915 but by the end of that year a new church building had been erected. Area flooding in 1935 resulted in the construction of the nearby Addicks Reservoir in 1940 and the subsequent removal of the church to another site about 1.7 miles south of here. The congregation changed its name to Addicks United Methodist Church in 1968.

monial to the warship in Sam Houston Park that will include the bell salvaged from the wreck after the war ended.

Work has started on the widening of Mason Road between Rock Canyon and Kingsland. The contractor there is Ray Smith Construction Co. and the projected completion date is this fall.

The foot bridges are in place, the light poles are set and work on the extension of the hike-and-bike trail in the Terry Hershey Park off Memorial Drive is proceeding smoothly.

Planting is under way at the new Molly Pryor Memorial Orchard in Terry Hershey Park, the gazebo and arbor are finished and we hope to have the orchard completed by early June.

Work also is proceeding rapidly at the new miniature golf complex in the Mary Jo Peckham Park for All Children in Katy. We expect to have it completed by the end of May.

Retirees and representatives from all four Harris County precincts packed the Tracy Gee Community Center in west Houston the afternoon of April 27 for a discussion of Social Security.

The featured speaker was Valerie Nixon, the staff director for the Social Security subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee. She previously worked for 21 years with the Social Security Administration.

Suggestions, questions and comments are welcome here. Please send them to me at 1601 Preston, Houston, Texas 77002.

ROSENBAUM REUNION

On Saturday, October 14, 1995, grandchildren of Hermann and Henrietta Wehmeyer Rosenbaum met at the country home of Jeanie Rosenbaum Menke near Rockdale, Texas.

Hermann Friedrich Wilhelm Rosenbaum and Charlotte Caroline Henrietta Wehmeyer immigrated to the Salem Community in Washington County, Texas in 1872 and 1869 respectively. Both came from the small village of Wehdem, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. They were married in the Salem Lutheran Church in 1879. In 1899 this growing family of eight children followed other family members who had moved to Calhoun County near Port Lavaca on the Gulf Coast. The last of the ten children were born there.

Thirty grandchildren were born to these ten children of Hermann and Henrietta. Twenty-two survive today and of this number fifteen attended the reunion with their families.

Display tables were set up for pictures, documents and other mementoes which various family members brought to share with one another. After a barbecue dinner outside under the trees, the group assembled inside to watch slides and videos of past reunions when the aunts and uncles were alive. These were provided by Teta Schooley of New Braunfels and Mel Rosenbaum of Houston. Melvin also showed slides he made of the grandparents' home village of Wehdem, Germany taken during his visit there in 1993. He also gave each family group a copy of his grandparents' baptismal records and family tree traced back to the 1700's, which he made from the Lutheran Parish Church (Evan.-Luth. Kirchengemeinde Wehdem) records. This information was made possible with the help of his friend, Wilhelm Niermann of Wehdem, Germany. Also displayed was the original copy of the grandparents marriage license, part of Hermann's naturalization papers as well as funeral sermons and newspaper obituaries for both.

An invitation to the reunion was also extended to Heinrich and Grete Kalkhake of Bielefeld, Germany. Heinrich is a grandson of Grandfather Rosenbaum's only sister who chose to remain in Germany when her brothers immigrated to Texas. They sent greetings to the family, but said they would be unable to visit at this time. Melvin visited with the Kalkhake family in 1993.

The surviving Rosenbaum grandchildren are:

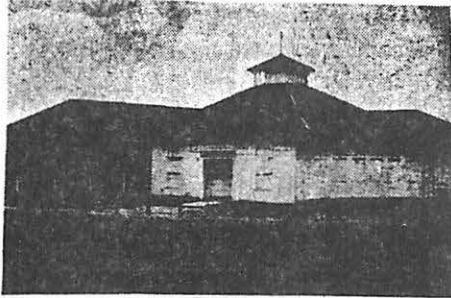
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Willett, Helmut & Lonnie Rosenbaum, Rosenberg - Needville TX
Charlie Pieper, Houston TX
Alton Pieper, Brenham TX
Laurin, Willett & Clarence Kupatt, Port Lavaca TX
Lillian Etheredge, Conroe TX
Ervie Morse, Houston TX
Hallie Brooks, Port Lavaca TX
Leroy Schooley, New Braunfels TX
Margie Chapman, Houston TX
Dorothy Strople, Corpus Christi TX
Irene Aldrich, Austin TX
Bonnie Boenig, Schertz TX
Mary Ann Goodwine, Richmond TX
Fred Rosenbaum, Ottertail, Minnesota
Melvin Rosenbaum, Houston TX
Jeanie Menke, Rockdale TX

October 8, 1995

Submitted by Melvin Rosenbaum

"ALL ABOARD!"

Ed and Marlene Kadlecek and the Village Band of New Braunfels will entertain you for seven fun-filled days and nights, 18-25 March 1996, aboard the "Stella Solaris," a 5-star cruise ship. In addition to dancing to the ship's orchestra, you can dance polkas and waltzes with the Village Band and enjoy special parties for the Kadlecks' group. For information, write to Ascot Travel, 133 Landa St., New Braunfels TX 78213, or call 1-800-460-6791 and ask for "Wilton." TG



GRUENAU HALL PH

GRUENAU - The Green Meadow of Texas - Gruenau was also a location in the province of Oldenburg, Germany, where most of the families originated. According to the historical writings of Nellie Murphree, edited by Robert W. Shook at Victoria College, the area comprising the present Gruenau community was open prairie when Vachel Weldon Sr. acquired it from the Indianola Railroad Company after plans to build a railroad along the old Indianola Trail were abandoned. The Old Indianola Trail was said to be the only road in the area. Weldon opened the land for settlement by 1890. But as early as 1872 David Stanchos, then residing at Yorktown, owned a large tract of land reaching into the Gruenau community and according to this account, the Stanchos family can be considered the first that settled on the Gruenau prairie. Other families followed and by 1897 a Turnverein was organized, later the Turn & Schuetzen Verein. According to historian, the late Caesar Metting, about 1900 a hall was built and called the Gruenau Gun Club Hall. In later years, additional floor space was added. In 1927 the first building was torn down and the present hall constructed. The hall served numerous organizations, including the Hermann Sons Lodges, Home Demonstration Clubs and the Gruenau Farm Bureau.

In 1993 the Gruenau Hall continues to serve not only as a popular place for dances but also for functions sponsored by organizations from nearby Yorktown.

Gruenau is located 7 miles NW of Yorktown, off FM 108, the Smiley road.

New Swiss envoy



Deborah Menger

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In commemoration of the Swiss National Holiday, the Swiss Society of San Antonio gave a Saturday evening garden reception at Henriette and Josef Seiterle's home.

Honored guests were Erica and Switzerland's new consul general, Alphons Mueggler, who is based in Houston.

"After six years in Hamburg, Germany, I'm ready to thaw out," the consul said of the steamy weather smothering guests on the verandah by the swimming pool.

He describes his new territory, which includes most of the Southwest, as "about the size of Central Europe."

"But I love San Antonio. When I drive into the city limits, I'm struck by the city's atmosphere and charm. I intend to be here often," he promised.

The national holiday that the 38-member organization was commemorating has no set day. "It moves, but it's always around the first of August," the consul said.

"Switzerland originated in 1291, but in 1848 the liberal and conservative parties joined forces to write a new constitution patterned after that of the United States. That's what we're celebrating," he added.

Among those sporting a red square three-dimensional memorial pin were Jean and Swiss Society of South Texas president Rolf Glauser, Laredoans Regina and Urs Walter, Trixie and Paul Newham, Carolyn and Mayor Bill Thornton, Mary Ann and Henry Guerra, Catherine and Gilbert Lopez, Maria and Fred Pfeiffer, Frank Valdez, Aaronetta Pierce and Jamie Browning.

The pins are redesigned every year, crafted by the country's disabled persons and sold to benefit a specific Swiss charity.

"This year I think the money goes for the women's movement," Josef said.

Over the strains of a hot strolling accordionist playing "Mack the Knife," Henriette encouraged one and all to sample the air-dried Swiss beef.

"It's cut very thin and cured in the sun," she explained of the razor-sharp slices.

Genuine Swiss cheese fondue, for which Josef handed out recipes, and the air-conditioned family room were magnets for Rosalie and Cliff Bolner, Connie and H.K. Beck, Marilyn and Harold Cockburn, Mike Chamberlain, Nancy Cook and Aspen returnee Bernard Lifshutz and Angelika and Bob Brown.

The Matterhorn of Swiss desserts melted away like snow.

OLDEST DRUG STORE IN TEXAS CELEBRATES 150 YEARS IN BUSINESS PH

Reuss Pharmacy, in Cuero, Texas' Oldest Drug Store, has made plans to celebrate its 150th anniversary Saturday, October 7th. The Drug Store was founded by German immigrant Dr. Joseph Martin Reuss in 1845 in the Gulf Coast seaport town of Indianola. After his arrival in this country, Dr. Reuss established the first Drug Store in a tent along side his medical practice and later in a wooden structure on Indianola's Main Street.

When the railroad from Cuero to the coast was completed, Dr. Reuss opened a branch store in Cuero with his son Dr. August Reuss as the operator. J.M. Reuss & Son Drug Store was opened on Main St. in a one story wooden structure. After the devastating hurricane of 1875 Dr. Reuss made the decision to move his entire business and family inland to the City of Cuero and later built a new two story brick building for his Drug Store and doctor's offices. The drug store remained at the Main St. location in Cuero for 99 years.

In 1971 Mr. Joe Reuss decided to build a new and larger building on North Esplanade St. thus ending the 99 year reign on Main St. Current owners Gerald Zengerle and David Polasek were born, raised and educated in Cuero and each has been associated with the business for over twenty years. They continue the tradition of quality health care, good service and local ownership that the Reuss family has maintained for 150 years.

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The Karl May Connection

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Between Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and the Indian Territory. . . lies a wide, terrible stretch of land which could be called the "Sahara of the United States".... Barren areas of dry, glowing sand mingle with naked, burning canyons, which are not able to offer even the poorest vegetation the barest prerequisites of the shortest existence; the cold night harshly and abruptly follows the heat of the day....

And what is this desert called? The residents of the surrounding territories give their various English, French or Spanish names; generally it is named after the stakes driven to mark the paths: the Llano Estacado.

—Karl May: Winnetou III, Chapter 2

This is one of Karl May's descriptions of Northwest Texas where today 24,000 students attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock, a modern, young city of 200,000 residents. The sense of danger so cultivated by May can still be experienced in some back canyons, but fortunately for the modern visitor, it is generally preserved only in the museums and historic exhibits of the area. The general impression that German guests tend to emphasize when they get back home is the unusual friendliness and generosity of the people and of the land.

AND our visitors make return trips! For example: Dr. Rolf Dencker, director of the Goethe Institute in Houston, and his wife, Grace Dencker first visited the Llano Estacado during the National Cowboy Symposium in May of 1992. Again in November of 1992 the Denckers came to Lubbock to join a delegation from Bad Segeberg, Germany, for a major Llano Estacado celebration hosted by Lubbock Mayor, David Langston.

Thanks to the Goethe Institute, an exhibit on the Karl May Festival in Bad Segeberg was on display at the Lubbock International airport and then in the University Center at Tech. As a result of this Lubbock visit, the lucky holder of ticket number 200,000 at the summer festi-



val in Bad Segeberg won a trip to Lubbock to experience the Llano Estacado in person. Mayor Langston repaid the call during the summer of 1993, an



Enjoying the November sun at the Ranching Heritage Museum with the Denckers (left) are Bad Segeberg dignitaries Mr. Wolfgang Spahr; Mr. Ernest Reher, business manager of the Karl May Festival; Mayor Jörg Nehter; and Mr. Tom Woodruff of Lubbock, who drove the entire group from the airport in a stretch limo and all over the Llano Estacado in a plush van.

event which was spread all over Germany by the press: "Texaner wollen Wilden Westen importieren," "Karl-May-Spiele bald auch in Texas," or "Texaner hoffen auf Winnetou."

Dr. and Mrs. Dencker paid a fourth visit to Lubbock for the annual TTU German Club awards banquet in the spring of 1994. Besides his delivering the banquet address, the Denckers arrived laden with gifts of German

books to honor the outstanding German students at Tech. In November of this year Dr. Dencker will be retiring from the Goethe Institute in Houston and returning to the Vaterland. We applaud the Denckers for their tremendous support of German studies at Texas Tech and for their enthusiasm for the Llano Estacado. *Herzlichen Dank, Rolf und Grace!!*



The Karl May Spirit lives on in German Cowboys

One German group invited to Lubbock by the Southwest Center for German Studies arrived for the Cowboy Symposium in September of 1993 looking more Texan than the natives. Thirteen members of a Western Club located not far from the Rhine River outside Cologne, Germany, and named "Lubbock" were given special treatment for several weeks on the Llano Estacado. You will notice from the photo above that Dr. Dencker was again in town to join the fun. Mrs. Georgia Mae Smith-Ericson, Sheriff Sonny Keese, Dr. McClain and Mayor Langston all joined forces to show these devoted fans of Lubbock a very good time. We recently received word that nine members of the club will be present for the Cowboy Symposium this fall...and that the group will stay in the area for three weeks. (Ya'll need any fences mended?)

KULTURSOMMER RHEINLAND-PFALZ

Celebrating America and
German-American Relations

For the fourth year, Rheinland-Pfalz will hold a series of cultural events under the "Kultursommer" umbrella. Culture Minister Dr. Rose Götte

expects over 2,000 individual events from May through early October, which her ministry is supporting with some four million marks. Events will take place in the area's many castles, in churches, vineyards, even in military bases and railway stations.

As a unifying theme this year, fifty years after American troops liberated the Rheinland-Pfalz from Nazism and settled down as occupiers, the USA is celebrated as *Nachbar Amerika*, the American neighbor. This is an acknowledgment, according to Götte, of the enormous influence America has had on the cultural consciousness of the region. The USA will be present in museum exhibits, theater and, above all, musical events, with American jazz, rock, and pop marking the beat for the season.

Some highlights with American connections:

- "Wer ist Carl Barks?" an exhibit at the Landesmuseum, Mainz, devoted to the Disney artist who created Donald Duck, through 30 July
- Workshop and performances by Living Theatre, New York, Lautzenhausen/Hunsrück, August-September
- "The American Dream" dance performance by Donald Byrd/The Group, in railway stations in Neubrück/Birkenfeld and Ludwigshafen, and at the Mainz harbor, September-October
- "Tops in Blue" US Air Force show, Mainz, 2 October. ☉

For more information, contact Kultursommer Rheinland-Pfalz, Kaiserstr. 26, 55116 Mainz, tel. (06131) 28838-0, fax (06131) 28 83 88. Note as well a "Video Competition Neighbor America" open to all residents of Rheinland-Pfalz, including specifically Ameri-

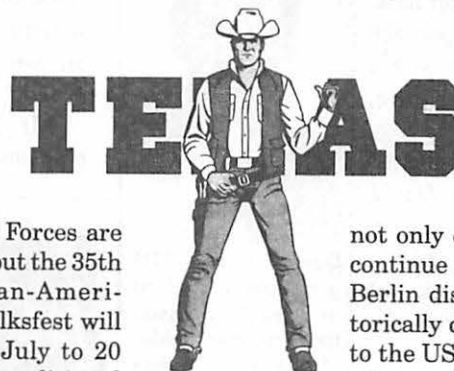
cans stationed there with the military forces, on the subject "Neighbor America." Any aspect of American life in the area, or of American influence on Germany, is fair game for the video camera. Copies of the rules in

English and German are available from Kultursommer Rheinland-Pfalz. Entries must be sent by 1 September to Landesmedienzentrum Rheinland-Pfalz, Hofstr. 257 56077 Koblenz-Ehrenbreitstein.

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German American Volksfest to Continue in Berlin-Zehlendorf



The US Forces are gone, but the 35th German-American Volksfest will take place 28 July to 20 August at its traditional location, near the former American headquarters in Dahlem, in the district of Berlin-Zehlendorf. The United States Embassy Office Berlin is taking over from the US Army as American sponsor of the Volksfest, although it will not be supporting the project financially. The theme for this year will be "Texas - It's like a whole other world."

Zehlendorf District Mayor Ulrich Menzel notes that this is the last year the Volksfest will be held before the grounds pass from the city to the federal government (1 September). But it will be some time before planning for the area can be completed and approved, and so Menzel hopes the 1996 Volksfest will be held at the present location. In the meantime, the district will be searching for other sites. Menzel believes the German-American Volksfest should

not only continue, it should continue in Zehlendorf, the Berlin district with the historically closest relationship to the US Forces.

Richard Simmons, the commercial organizer of the Volksfest for the firm Hans Purwin KG, who fulfilled that role for many years during the Army sponsorship of the event, agrees that the Volksfest should remain in Zehlendorf, and is optimistic that a location will be found.

Although the American element will inevitably not be as strong as in former days, several German-American organizations are participating and will run stands, to help retain a traditional atmosphere in the American section of the fairgrounds. The State of Texas is cooperating actively. Chili con carne and the Texas musical group Los Mariachis should provide the right Tex-Mex touch. And Simmons expects some fine additional attractions, including one of the largest transportable roller coasters in Europe. ☉

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Teaching German At Texas Tech A Sometimes Strange Experience

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When you walk into the classroom on the first day of school as a new teacher, for the first time totally responsible for everything that occurs there, it can be a very unnerving experience. You wonder, "Who are all these people? What do they expect from me? How will the semester go? Can I really teach them German?"

The supervisor had insisted that you start right off in German introducing yourself and finding out the names of at least some of your students before ever saying anything on that first day in easy English. The bell rings, so with weak knees and

as strong a voice as you can muster, you approach a student with a friendly smile: *Guten Tag!* (shaking hands) *Ich heie David.* With luck the uncertain answer comes back: *Ich heie Bob* (or Cindy, or Joe).



David Luke, TTU graduate student and teaching assistant first, then holder of M.A. and German instructor

After a few minutes of that you briefly try to help a couple of these poor unsuspecting greenhorns master the intricacy of the German *ch* instead of letting them just say *ik* or *ish*. Oh well, there's always tomorrow. At least the ice is broken, they have heard their new instructor using the target language, and they have even spoken the first words of it themselves. There will be much more of that during the semester, of course, but now it is time to hand out the syllabus and explain the course requirements in English.

With the semester off to a good start the class plows into the textbook. We are using the communicative approach. What do people usually communicate about when they first meet?

Why, the weather, of course. *Wie ist das Wetter heute?* That leads right in to learning lots of new vocabulary—a process that never stops in language learning.

Some students learned the weather vocabulary so well that it was the only German they could remember on Monday morning. The weekend often seemed to wipe out the previous two weeks of learning!

Even in the second or third semester class, the Monday morning warm up sometimes went like this: *Was haben Sie am Wochenende gemacht, Herr Miller?*

Mr. Miller pauses, scratches his chin, and finally blurts out: *Die Sonne*

**Die Sonne
scheint,
und der
Himmel ist
blau!**

scheint und der Himmel ist blau! A very safe statement 90% of the time in West Texas, but totally out of context! After the laughter subsides, you ask another student



Karl May posing as Old Shatterhand

hopefully: *Was haben Sie am Wochenende gemacht, Frau Holden?* Maybe the lady will remember more of her German.

Many hours are taken up with correcting homework and quizzes, preparing and grading the tests, as well as determining the amount and content of auxiliary teaching material. We use a good text book and it is, of course, the primary resource. But special handouts, overheads, slides, activity cards, videos, and guest speakers, etc. can raise the interest level in class and enhance the learning experience. That can make a big difference for a borderline student.

But why do they come? Why do these students choose German? There are many reasons. Some have German ancestry that they want to understand better. Others have visited a German speaking country as tourists. A few have lived there for a year as exchange students, or for a number of years as military personnel. But most of these cowboys and cowgirls sign up with us for one simple academic reason.

A survey of all first-year German students in the Fall of 1994 revealed that 89 out of 106 students took this class because it was a requirement for their major. Of course that alone does not necessarily mean that they were not previously interested. Some of those 89 would have taken German even if it was not a requirement for them. Twenty-three had already taken two years of high school German, and twenty-nine had completed two years of other foreign languages. But the challenge to a new teacher is obvious.

Dr. Thomas Bacon had some very good advice: keep it do-able and where possible, even fun. When the instructor succeeds at that, then it may be the students leaving at the end of a class period that have the strange experience of having actually enjoyed an hour of language instruction.



Dr. Ingrid Fry

New Faculty Member

The German faculty at Texas Tech, Dr. Thomas Bacon, Dr. Ulrich Goebel, and Dr. Meredith McClain, welcome their new colleague, Dr. Ingrid Fry to the campus.

She received her B.A. from Smith College and her Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis. Her research and teaching interests include 18th and 19th century German literature (especially Goethe), the American transcendentalist writers, and the literature of the holocaust.

In the spring semester of 1996 Dr. Fry will offer a new course in English on holocaust literature.



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Created in 1981, the Southwest Center for German Studies originated when a student of German at Texas Tech made a financial contribution to encourage interdisciplinary, international and innovative German programs not regularly funded by a university department. The unifying mission behind the multifaceted activities of the Center is the research into the German heritage of the Llano Estacado and the local, national and international promotion of awareness of that history.

Committed to the goal of increased understanding between cultures, the Center has created and supported programs which bring Germans and

Americans together in ways which foster mutual learning and appreciation. To this end the Center has collaborated with the Ranching Heritage Association, the Texas Tech German Dancers, the Fourth Cavalry, the Texas Tech University Museum, the Department of Chemical Engineering, the Lubbock Mayor's office, the National Cowboy Symposium, the German-Texan Heritage Society and the Goethe Institute in the U.S., as well as with a very broad spectrum of interest groups in Germany. This ranges from America Houses and the Karl May Literary Society to the cowboy clubs of former West Germany and the North American Indian clubs of former East Germany.

These cooperative efforts are influencing the way Germans and Americans are beginning to think about the Llano Estacado. Together with the Hank Smith Historic Retreat in Blanco Canyon just East of Lubbock, the Southwest Center for German Studies

is able to provide hospitality to local and international guests of Texas Tech in a setting of historic importance and unique local beauty.

Transition

After almost 15 years of existence, the Southwest Center for German Studies maintains a modest working budget with which Center projects are partially or wholly funded. In order to report on these projects to you, our readers (over 500 addresses in the U.S. and in Germany), *Umlaut* will appear once a year. Please respond with the "Reader Information" on page eleven so that we may adjust our mailing list accordingly.

The first issue of *Umlaut* appeared in 1984 and was dedicated to Professor Alexander upon the occasion of his retirement. Today, *Umlaut* appears from its new base within the Center, but reaffirms the pioneer spirit of Professor Alexander and honors the memory of his life-work.

—Meredith McClain, Director

In Memory of a Pioneer in German Academics at TTU Theodor W. Alexander

Born Aug. 1, 1919 in Vienna, Austria; died Aug. 19, 1994 in Lubbock, Texas

Perhaps not many people know how Ted Alexander happened to come to Lubbock at the end of World War II. He said himself that it was a turn of fate based on the novels of the German writer named Karl May (pronounced "My"). The tales of the vast, isolated and often hostile Llano Estacado transversed by Winnetou, the noble Mescalero Apache, and his German blood-brother, Old Shatterhand, fired the imagination of the young Austrian boy—reading under the covers at night by the dim light of a small flashlight.

Years later, at the age of 19, this son of a prominent Viennese surgeon fled his homeland in 1938 as Hitler was annexing it. Only with the help of some of his father's devoted patients who lived in London did Ted manage to escape by way of

(See *Nachruf*, p. 2)



Ted Alexander (center) at the China Rose Restaurant in Lubbock for the Spring 1993 German Club Banquet where Jackie L. Riemenschneider (left) and Sandra Fay Pulley (right) received the 1993-94 Alexander scholarships.

Hermann Ehrenberg- Fighting for Texas

By HELGA VON SCHWEINITZ

Photos Courtesy of the Author

“Liberty! Law! and Texas for ever!” Those words close Hermann Ehrenberg’s colorful account of his adventures as a young German in Texas’ war for independence. *Texas und seine Revolution* (*Texas and Its Revolution*) is quoted by historians to this day, and Ehrenberg’s help in the colonization of the West is well recognized. Yet, very little has been written about him, perhaps due to the confusing array of contradictory information about him in documents and secondary literature, beginning with the date and place of his birth and continuing to the circumstances and even the year of his death.

Ehrenberg added to the mystery by being vague about his age, disappearing without a trace for years, and shying away from close relationships with other

people. He is, in short, a researcher’s nightmare, and only extensive sleuthing—some of it in a part of Germany now behind the Iron Curtain—may finally reveal his complete story.

Ehrenberg was not a tall man, maybe five feet six, and he had a wiry figure. His hair was woolly and dark; he secretly dyed it in later years. He mentioned that once after days in the sun, he was mistaken for a mixed blood, half white and half black.

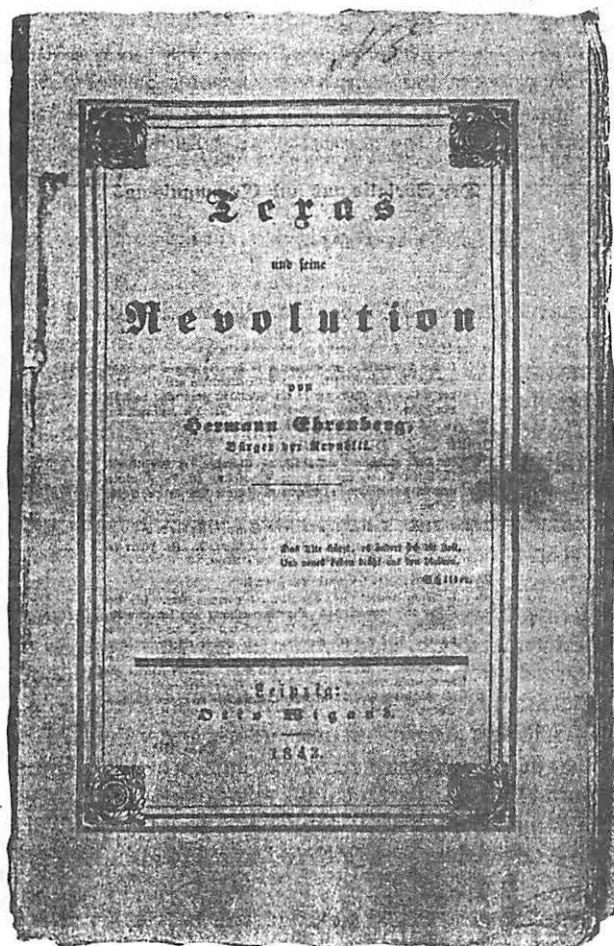
Was Ehrenberg of the German nobility? Was he a Jew? Of all the theories concerning his origins, the most likely is that he was born in a small Prussian town of Steuben, where the birth of one Hermann Ehrenberg was entered in the registry of a Lutheran church on October 17, 1816. That would make him seventeen, when, in August of 1834, a passenger by that name came to New York on the *Galliot Ludwig* stating his age as eighteen and his profession as merchant from Leipzig, not far from Steuben.

Next we find a Hermann Ehrenberg of about that age in New Orleans. There he developed an interest in the affairs of Texas which would eventually result in a book so popular in Germany that it prompted two reprints, each under a different title. The praise he heaped on the new republic, its riches, and its truly democratic society undoubtedly led many a German to seek his fortune in that El Dorado.

Ehrenberg told his story with the prejudices and the over-simplified view of the political situation shared by many of his contemporaries. Great liberties were taken with the abbreviation and the translation of the only English version of the book ever published, *With Milam and Fannin*, probably to “benefit” less sophisticated readers. But much of the original’s substance as a narrative document has been lost.

According to the German edition of Ehrenberg’s story, we find him in the Arcade, a popular New Orleans coffee house, on the evening of October 11, 1835. In a public meeting there, delegates from Texas solicited funds and volunteers for the fight against “the tyrant Santa Anna and the greedy priests of Mexico.” Mexico, they said, had given settlers from the United States land, hoping that their presence would control the marauding Indian tribes and help colonize

Texas und seine Revolution, published in 1843, told Germans about the adventures of one of their countrymen in the Texans’ war for independence.





Mission San Jose. Its ruins reminded Ehrenberg of castles back home in Germany. San Jose is now restored to its majestic beauty. Mariachi services draw large crowds of locals and tourists.

the area. But the immigrants were soon unhappy with the restrictions placed upon them, and they rebelled. Some wanted more autonomy for the province, others complete separation from Mexico. The United States' official position was neutral, but many citizens passionately favored helping their brothers west of the Sabine.

The speaker's eloquence fired the young Prussian with enthusiasm for the Texans' principles of democracy and justice. Probably the youngest of over 300 men of several nationalities, he volunteered. Each was outfitted with a bowie knife, a pistol, and a rifle. Given grey uniforms they were known as the "New Orleans Greys."

TWO COMPANIES were formed. The first, including Ehrenberg, left town the very next day on the *Washita*, moved up the Mississippi and the Red River and eventually switched to horses. Their destination was San Antonio, where the first major confrontation with Mexican troops was expected to take place.

Ehrenberg's account mentions no military training. Only a minimum of military discipline was necessary. Officers were elected and also could lose their stations by popular vote.

The quartermaster often traveled ahead of the others to give settlers and townspeople an opportunity to prepare lodgings and lavish meals for the soldiers. They did so generously. Once the company was honored with a feast featuring a bear, an oxen, squirrels, and turkeys. Imported wines were served in crystal goblets, but forks and knives were not avail-

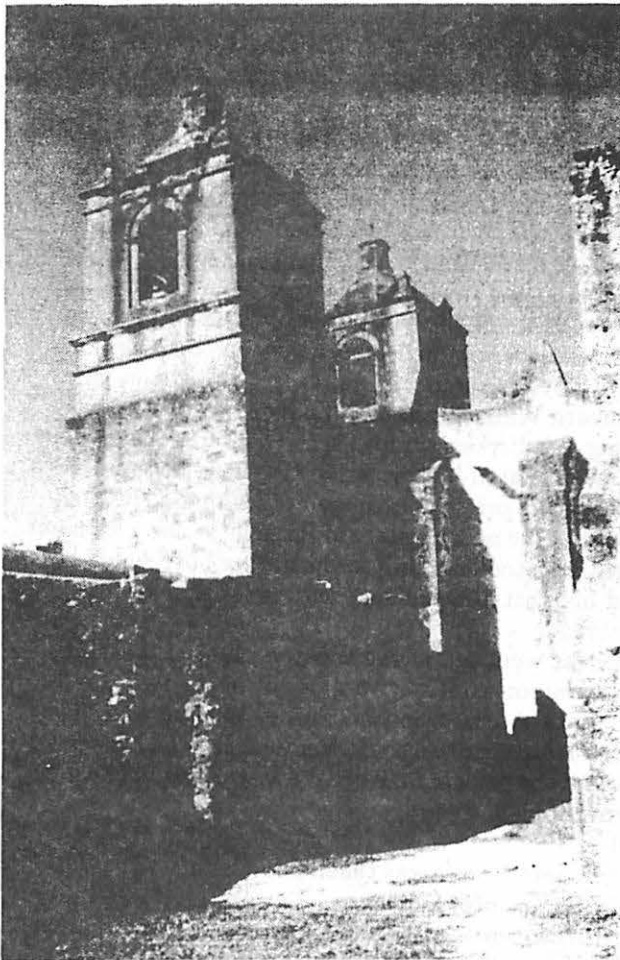
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able, and the committee of patriotic ladies sent their apologies.

During a layover in Nacogdoches Ehrenberg was introduced to two new aspects of Texas, the local Mexican population and the many Anglo Saxons with a questionable past. His host, Squire Sterne, took him to a coffee house frequented by Mexicans. To Ehrenberg they seemed a once noble people now given to idleness, seeking nothing but mundane pleasures and a life without work. They were never burdened with a bad conscience, he added, because as Catholics they could buy forgiveness from the padres for a few pesos or a well trained mustang. He could see why the Anglo Saxon colonists would not want to cast their lot with those people who had been turned into phlegmatic slaves by the priests.

The Anglo Saxon crooks, however, were of greater concern to Ehrenberg. He saw some American gamblers rumored to be fugitives from U.S. authorities relieve the Mexicans of their last silver coins. If they didn't leave the province soon or join the Texan militia, explained Squire Sterne, they would be strung up in the nearest sycamore tree. Ehrenberg was startled. Did the Texans call it justice to punish a man for a crime he might or might not have committed in another country? The compromise between what was right and what seemed necessary gave him a sleepless night.

The Greys pressed on toward San Antonio. Ehrenberg was enchanted by the autumn landscape as it changed from forest to open prairie full of deer and fowl. The presence of hostile Comanches, whom he



Mission Concepción, the oldest unrestored Catholic stone church in the United States, is one of the missions along the San Antonio river. The buildings impressed Ehrenberg even in those days of war. The "jewels" have just recently become a unit in the National Park Service.

described as "cruel" and "characterized by their cowardice," added to the excitement.

When the company finally joined the militia already camped near San Antonio, they were disappointed to learn no battle was imminent. The soldiers were anxious to send the Mexican troops from Texas once and for all, but their commanders procrastinated: the weather would be better in the spring, they said; maybe reinforcements would come from somewhere.

To amuse themselves, the frustrated volunteers launched unauthorized cannon attacks on the Alamo, then held by the enemy under General Cós. Ehrenberg and some friends daringly dashed through some houses on the outskirts of town, returning with looted pots and pans. When Deaf Smith, later of Texas Ranger fame, called them "my boys," they felt like heroes.

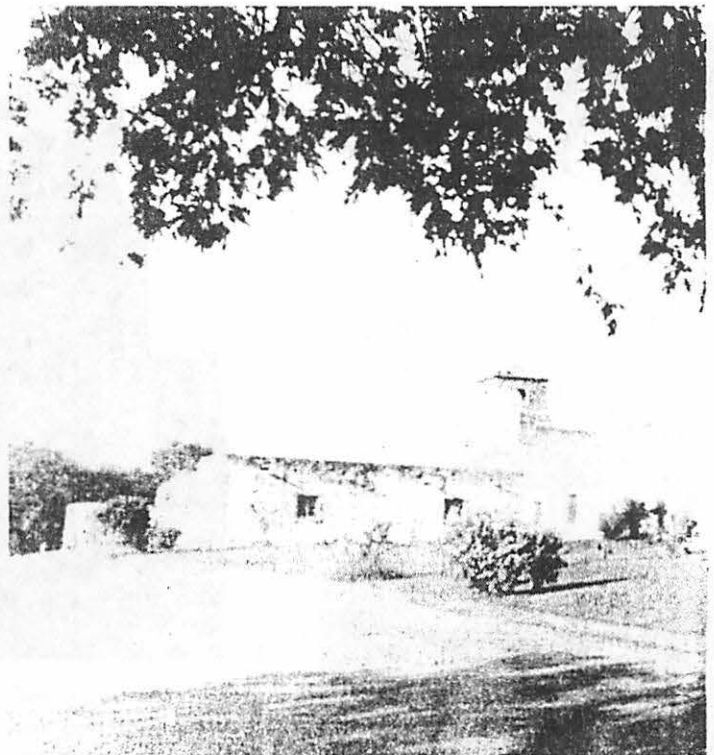
Disgusted with the poor leadership and the inactivity, most of the militia had already left for home when about 130 volunteers decided to show General Cós and his almost 2,000 bluecoats the superiority of a handful of men fighting for a righteous cause. Ehrenberg was more than ready to do his part in the

siege of the Alamo. They attacked on December 5, 1835. A cold norther blew from the prairie. The battle lasted five long days, bringing painful injuries to many and death to five volunteers and their commander, Colonel Milam. But the Texans won and occupied the Alamo. General Cós and the remnants of his army were sent south of the Rio Grande.

Ehrenberg soon became bored with life in the peaceful town. On one of his rides along the San Antonio river he discovered several old missions, venerable buildings in a state of disrepair. The ruins reminded him of the castles back home in the province of Thuringia. That rare sentimental moment, however, did not keep him and his friends from helping themselves to many bushels of the grain stored at one of the missions. They left enough for the people living there to get through the winter, he was careful to explain.

Toward the end of the year Ehrenberg and one group of the Greys left to take the fighting to Matamoros near the Rio Grande. Little did they suspect they would never again see their brothers left behind to hold the Alamo. Their ambitious journey stalled when they joined Colonel Fannin's command in the mission fort of Goliad.

To promote his own career, Ehrenberg judged, Fannin did not want to march on a battlefield where he had to compete with commanders like Houston or Grant for the glory of a victory. He intended to meet the enemy in Goliad, where he was in charge. He even ignored orders from Sam Houston, commander of all the Texan forces, to withdraw behind the Guadalupe River.



True West

Houston's orders to withdraw were also ignored by the men occupying the Alamo. Although they were told that thousands of well trained Mexicans were marching toward San Antonio, the men expected reinforcements from other Texan soldiers in the area. Heartbreaking were the letters from Travis, Bowie, and Crockett asking the volunteers in Goliad for help, but Fannin and Houston thought it unwise to sacrifice even more of their dwindling number.

WHEN NEWS CAME that the Alamo was lost and all the men inside had died, Ehrenberg grieved immensely. Activities picked up when Fannin learned General Urrea was approaching with an army of almost 10,000 men. He finally decided to withdraw. The troops had covered barely eight miles when Ehrenberg noticed the enemy was already in the area. His comrades "received the news with cheers."

Fannin, incompetent as he was, according to Ehrenberg, met the Mexicans on the open prairie. The gruesome fighting ended with Fannin's surrender on the second day. It had been a merciless slaughter on both sides. Ehrenberg had killed many a Mexican in real battle fever and had watched his friend Eigenauer die whispering to him, "*Ich starb für Texas*" ("I died for Texas").

The prisoners were herded into the church of the mission fort and left to suffer from their wounds, thirst, and hunger. A German named Holzinger who had advanced to the rank of colonel in the Mexican army offered to help those Germans who would change their allegiance, but all of them refused proudly.

Several days after the surrender all the prisoners ex-

cept those trained in the medical field were marched down the road. Finally, they thought, they were to go home as had been promised. Then they were ordered to halt; within seconds they were shot at point blank range.

Miraculously, a few prisoners escaped the Goliad Massacre. The young Prussian was one of them. He dashed for the river. A Mexican officer in hot pursuit slashed his face with a sabre, leaving a permanent scar but not stopping the frightened man from reaching the relative safety of the far banks of the San Antonio.

After wandering delirious in enemy territory for several days without the skills to live off the land, Ehrenberg realized his only chance of survival was walking into Urrea's camp. Turned over to the general, who interrogated him with Holzinger as interpreter, the desperate prisoner claimed he was just a traveler, a citizen of the neutral state of Prussia, looking for his uncle. Urrea took a liking to the daring boy, whom he called his "little Prussian," and he let him share his quarters.

The war went on. Urrea took and looted Matagorda, whereupon he left with most of his army to support Santa Anna, who had moved farther east. He ordered Holzinger to stay in Matagorda with his company and the prisoners. Ehrenberg was put in charge of provisions and enjoyed the beauty of Texas' gulf coast.

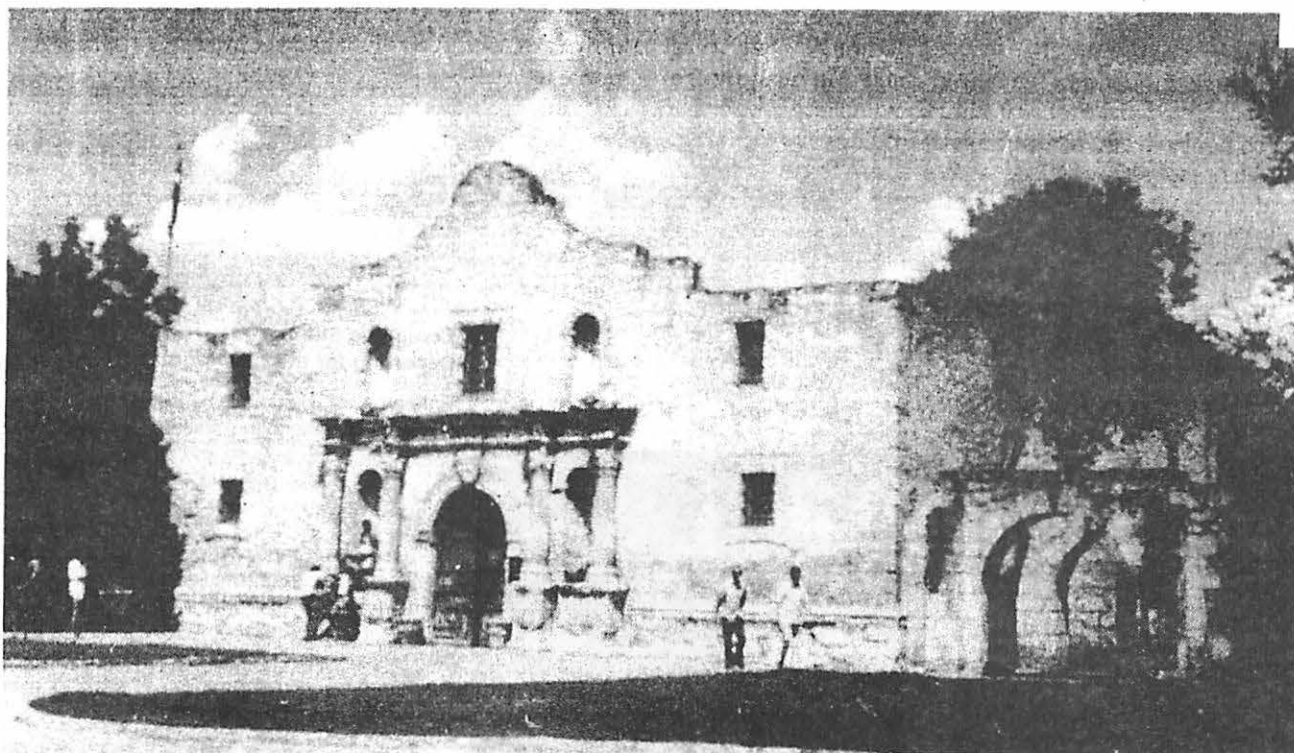
When Santa Anna was taken prisoner after the Battle of San Jacinto, Holzinger realized the tide might have turned against him. Taking six prisoners and eight of his own men on a boat with him, he ordered the rest of his charges to go home and to behave



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Left: The outer walls of the Goliad complex today. From here Urrea's prisoners were marched down the road and massacred. Above: For the Texans under Fannin's command the mission fort of Goliad became a prison.



The Alamo, now the shrine of Texas Liberty. Ehrenberg fought in the siege of the fortified mission in December of 1835 when it was taken from the Mexicans.

themselves. He set sail for Mexico.

Unversed in the art of navigation, the seafaring lot had a rough time. They pushed and rowed the boat more than they sailed it, hugging the coast for dear life. Eventually Ehrenberg and a friend escaped and heard that San Jacinto had been the final defeat of Santa Anna and his depotism. It was the birth of the great Republic! He burst with joy, "... the new star, radiating freedom, rises on the horizon...!"

On June 2, 1836, the volunteer from Germany requested and received his discharge from the army "with the approbation... for his fidelity and valor." He also received a draft for \$130 and a certificate for one third of a league of land. The land was not claimed until 1864, not by Ehrenberg but by someone else who by then held the certificate.

After his discharge we lose track of Ehrenberg for a few years. He might have stayed in Texas taking notes for his book and acquiring the surveying skills he would suddenly exhibit in later life. He was in Germany in 1842 but returned to America in 1844, crossed the continent, and sailed for Hawaii from the West Coast. He traveled to South America and to the South Seas, where, rumor had it, he won the favors of Queen Pomare.

He made a map of Honolulu before showing up in California just in time for the gold rush in 1849. Once again he fought the Mexicans as a "volunteer aide" with United States troops. Soon, however, he was pursuing such civilian occupations as topographical and mining engineer, metallurgist, surveyor, lithographer, real estate agent, prospector, and special Indian agent,

mainly in Arizona, but also in California and Oregon. Among his famous maps is the first one of the Gadsden Purchase. He was instrumental in attracting pioneers to Arizona and was always concerned about establishing laws and rules for the new settlements.

His interest in mineral deposits and a native restlessness kept him forever seeking unexplored territories and eventually brought him claims in more than a hundred mines. But the pot of gold, if he was looking for one, never came his way.

On October 9, 1866, he stopped for the night at the desert stage station of Dos Palmas. He slept outside. Before morning he was shot and killed. Speculation on who may have committed the murder ranges from Indians who wanted his mule to the station master who wanted his money.

His friend, Mike Goldwater, grandfather of Senator Barry Goldwater, buried him in an unmarked grave and named a small town on the Colorado River after him. The town of Ehrenberg is still on the map on I-10.

Hermann Ehrenberg had many friends, but was close with no one. He never married and, as far as is known, never even had a sweetheart.

Obituaries appeared all across the continent and even in Germany. Few of his friends in Arizona knew about his book or about the youthful idealism of the nineteen-year-old Prussian boy on the battlefields of Texas who had risked his life for democracy, liberty, law, and all the virtues he had hoped Texas would stand for.

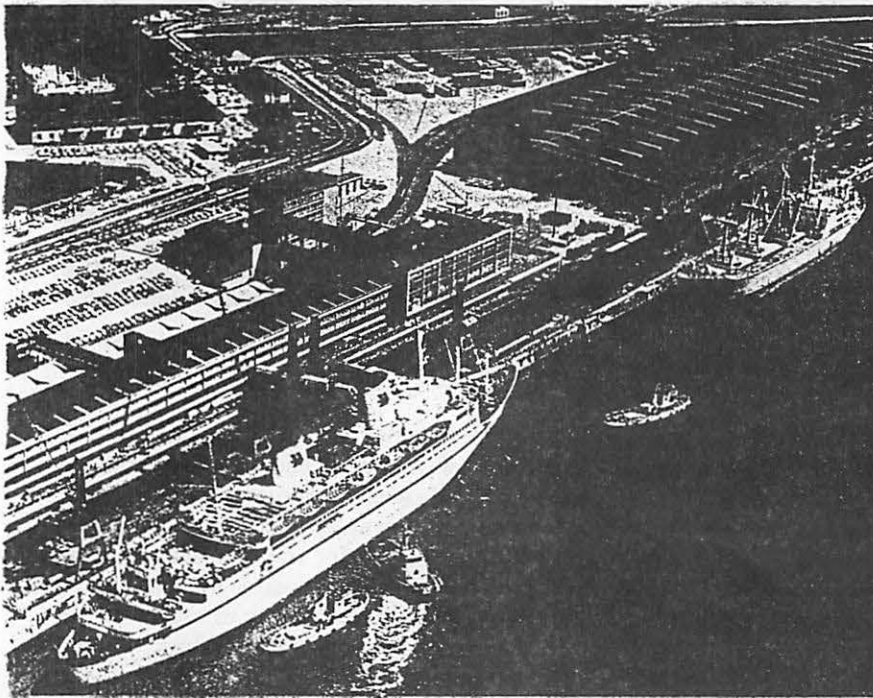


International Emigration Museum

Bremerhaven

Opening in the year 2000

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Columbus Station: Departing for the New World.

Bremerhaven, Columbus Station: For millions this station was inseparably linked with hopes for a better life in the New World.

From all over Europe, people streamed through Bremen and Bremerhaven on their way overseas. Between 1800 and 1955, over seven million emigrants passed through, making this harbor city one of the most important ports of emigration on the entire continent.

Bremerhaven, Columbus Station: An historical site for the International Museum of Emigration, Migration and Intercultural Understanding.

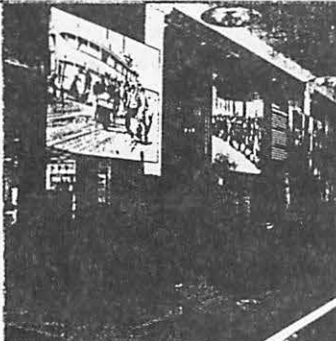
New York and Bremerhaven: A tale of two cities and two museums

New York, Ellis Island: For twelve million people, this was their first encounter with the New World. This tiny island was the most important immigration station in America. Today, it is the world's foremost immigration museum,

with nearly four million visitors every year.

Ellis Island's counterpart will be found in Bremerhaven: a living museum is being set up in the historical building complex of the Columbus Station. Here, the story of the countless emigrants

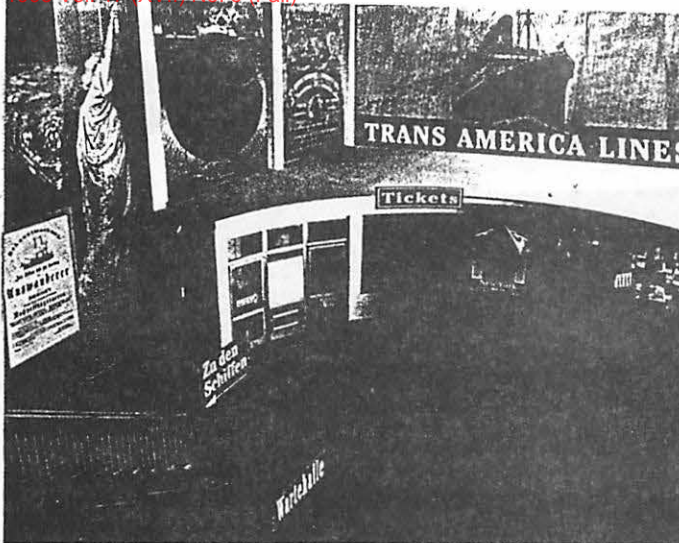
other international museums with similar focus — a multimedia documentary center with access to databases, making it possible to retrace the steps and follow the fortunes of individual emigrants.



who left the Old World between 1800 and 1955 will be told, including the tales of forced emigration and re-immigration years later. The emigration museum, in the restored Columbus Station, will be linked to



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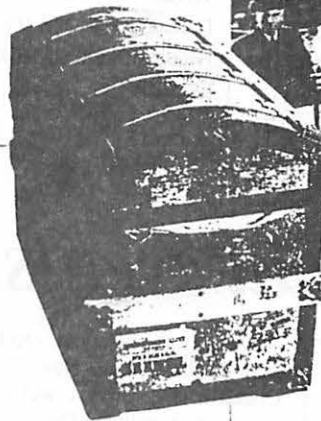
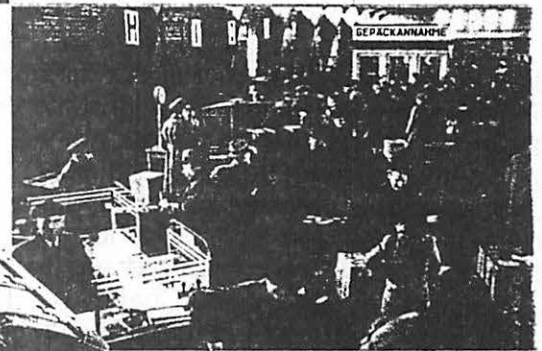


Perspectives

The Emigration Museum is alive: Visitors are involved in the story and can experience personally what it was like to emigrate to America in the 19th century; what motivated these people to leave their homes and homelands.

In addition, the great emigration movements of the present and the experience of multicultural interaction are brought to life in the exhibitions.

The Emigration Museum is multi-functional: cruise ship companies use the Columbus Station for loading and unloading passengers; it is the starting point and destination for tourist activities of all kinds, and also offers room for exhibitions and meetings.



International Emigration Museum: The dimensions

Area: up to 20,000 square meters (215,000 square feet)

Location: Bremerhaven, Columbus Passenger Terminal and Train Station 2

Anticipated number of visitors: between 300,000 and 500,000 per year.

Investment volume: 25-35 million German Marks

Making it a reality

The first conceptual phase has been completed.

Plans for the project organization, cooperation between similar national and international institutions, as well as the marketing in the USA are underway.

The conceptual study will be completed by the end of 1995.

**WARTEHALLE UND ZUM SCHIFF
WAITING ROOM AND TO VESSEL**

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD



The International Emigration Museum is to open in the year 2000.

Historical Marker unveiled

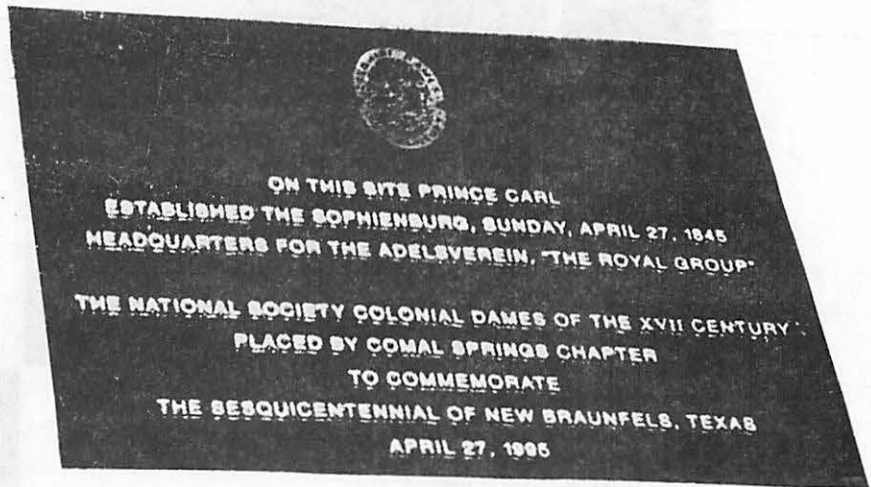
Final plans are under way for the dedication and unveiling of an historical marker at the Sophienburg Museum site on April 27.

The marker will be dedicated by members of the Comal Springs Chapter Colonial Dames of the XVII Century as a Sesquicentennial project.

The objectives of the Colonial Dames are the preservation of historical sites and the preservation of records of our country.

Mrs. L.W. Morris, Texas Society President, and Mrs. Robert Truitt, incoming Texas Society President, will attend the dedication along with local officials, members of the Museum board and guests. Clyde Blackman, Museum Director, provided guidance and assistance for the ceremony with the combined aid of Comal Springs Officers and Chairmen.

The Sophienburg Museum site has been part of the 150 years of New Braunfels' history.



If the clock were turned back to 1845, when Prince Carl selected this spot as his headquarters the Prince certainly would feel the dedication marker quite appropriate.

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HERALD-ZEITUNG, APRIL 23, 1995

Sesquicentennial events for visitors, locals

Good Friday was the kind of day everyone had hoped for. We had Texas sunshine, Texas turnout and Texas doings. It was a day that would have made our ancestors break into a broad smile.

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We remembered them, our ancestors, as the trail riders came into town from Indianola. We remembered them as present-day New Braunfelsers gathered at the Civic Center. We remembered them as representatives of Braunfels, Germany praised them and brought gifts from Braunfels to the "new" Braunfels.

It was that kind of day—a day to remember and a day of remembrance. It was a great Sesquicentennial day.

Lots of us were there. The home video cameras were rolling. The pocket cameras were recording it all. The mood was one of pride. We couldn't help but smile.

We got to hear Carter Casteel, Chairman of the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, welcome dignitaries that included Dieter Schmidt, Mayor of Braunfels, and Gerhard Adam, Secretary of the Partnership Committee between Braunfels and New Braunfels and the one who made the tour plans for about 90 German visitors who were in attendance that afternoon.

Braunfels sent some beautiful gifts to us. There was a portrait of Prince Solms, some European maps, and a reproduction of a document signed by Alexander, Prince of Solms (Carl's brother). The Giesen-Braunfels Quilt Group made a quilt for us with the carefully pieced Braunfels Castle on it plus other Braunfels scenes. We ladies especially loved, appreciated, and admired those Braunfels ladies' skills.

It was a great day. Easy Hall, the trail riders' Boss, received a Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board award for his service over the years in preserving the memory of those who made the trek from Indianola to New Braunfels.

The band from Germany, Stadtkapelle, played spirited selections for the entertainment of the crowd. The other visiting Germans took part in the day's activities with enthusiasm.

We saw a plaque unveiled that is unequalled in New Braunfels. The line drawings and the enhanced photographs are unique, but wonderfully clear and interesting.

Lots of people took part in that day's activities, like Linda and Bob Goebel, Janice and Vincent Schwab, Ann and Russell Stollewerk and Herbert Kreuzler (do those names sound a bit German?).

If you are wondering what those 90 German visitors did to keep them busy all week, here is their agenda:

They arrived on Thursday April 13 late in the day and met their host families at a reception at the Civic Center. Fritz Welsch and his committee put on a good reception. Rusty Brandt and his committee took care of arranging host families for the Germans.

On Good Friday, they toured New Braunfels' museums and the community of Gruene. Jo Ann Robinett, Florence Riedel, Jimmie Becker and

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Agnes Lehmann handled that tour. They got back to the Civic Center in time for the trail riders' appearance and for the German band members to perform.

Saturday and Sunday, the visitors were entertained by their host families.

On Monday they took four buses to San Antonio to see the Alamo, other missions, the River Walk, King William district, and the Mercado. Dick Robinett, Alton Rahe, and Gladys and Roger Reininger were their tour guides on those buses.

On Tuesday, Dick Robinett, Benno Engel, Jo Ann Robinett and Kathy Kinney guided the group on a tour of Fredricksburg and the LBJ Ranch.

Wednesday, our Germans went to Nuevo Laredo. They left early that morning, spent some time across the border in Mexico, and returned that evening. Acting as tour guides and interpreters were Myra Lee and Glynn Goff, Doris Brandt and Courtney Schwander (also fluent in Spanish).

Fifty more Germans came in on Wednesday under the direction of Helmut Schmidt. That group toured San Antonio on Friday.

The German group took the day off on Thursday to attend the wedding of their tour director, Gerhard Adam and his German fiancée, Regine Lehmund. They were married on the Main Plaza at 11 a.m. with both Judge Robert Pfeuffer and Rev. Klaus Renfordt (a visiting German) performing the marriage ceremony. Regine and Gerhard looked much like any American bride and groom. Regine wore a beige spring suit with a slight hair adornment and looked radiant. Gerhard was impressive in his tuxedo with bow tie. Both German and American friends surrounded the bandstand and appeared to be particularly delighted to be part of this "Main Plaza Romance." The organ grinder, Dieter Tornow, dressed in appropriate dress, and the German band played, to the delight of the group.

Saturday, the group will be part of the big celebration in the park. Sunday, they will depart for Germany.

Another Sesquicentennial event if the postmark for a Sesquicentennial cancellation, available at a special table in the post office. It is not too late to get your envelope postmarked but the time is short. William Lassig, one of those selling the postmarks, says that the retired mail carriers will be selling special Sesquicentennial envelopes one more day—tomorrow, April 24. We can thank some very faithful workers for making this special postmark pos-

sible. First of all, thanks to Carl Feltner who conceived the idea, and then thanks to George Mellor, Arlon Braune, Cecil Jonas, Paul Ullrich, Russell Krueger, Fred Young, Walter Mueller, Buddy Schwertfeger, Willie Fischbeck, and Harold Kohlenberg.

A few other things have been going on in town other than Sesquicentennial events. Tim Brierty, President of the American Cancer Society, has just

announced that Virginia Hansard is taking over the duties of Memorials Chairperson for the American Cancer Society. She is encouraging those who wish to donate to the ACS to use the P.O. Box 310241 address. The zip code is 78131-0241.

Virginia is taking over these duties from Janice Quent. Janice served the ACS for 8 years as Memorials Chairperson. That's dedication.

Festival ^{FHC} celebrates 150 years' heritage

By ZEKE MACCORMACK
American-Statesman Staff

NEW BRAUNFELS — It was on Good Friday in 1845 that weary German immigrants stopped beside the Guadalupe River rather than continue on their treacherous trek to West Texas.

Now, residents of the city they founded are going all the way to commemorate their founders' decision.

New Braunfels' sesquicentennial celebrations kicked off Friday with the arrival of 70 local trail riders who spent five days tracing the path of 240 German settlers from Indianola to New Braunfels.

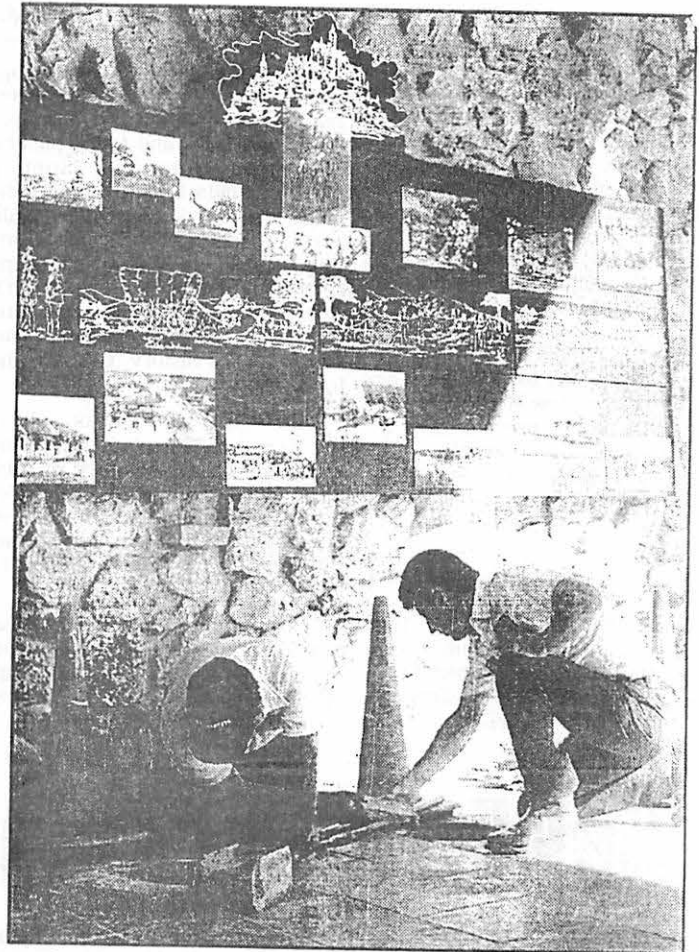
The 10-day festival includes fireworks, a dance, a parade, shooting matches, musical and theatrical performances and, of course, the Wurstfest.

"It's g-tting crazy," said Jim Scheele Jr., director of the New Braunfels visitor's bureau, as he searched Wednesday for shelter for 230 visitors from Braunfels, Germany.

Five years of planning and 500 volunteers have worked to support the city's claim as the "German Heritage Center of Texas."

"We've organized events that were typical of the early days," Scheele said, "a shooting match, a nine-pin bowling tournament, a skat (German card game) tournament, and kaffee klatsch afternoon gatherings."

There are commemorative



Staff photo by Zeke MacCormack

City employees Roland Martinez, left, and Alfonso Hernandez put the finishing touches on a plaque installed this week at the New Braunfels Civic Center to mark the town's 150th anniversary.

plaques, cups, posters and stamp-cancellations, as well as a 1,100-page history of the city by New Braunfels native Everett Fey.

"These colonists came over with a dream to go to West Texas where they had a land grant," Fey said. "On the way, Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels realized they couldn't make it that year

so he decided to buy some land as a temporary thing. That turned out to be New Braunfels."

Few of the original settlers ever moved on, he said, and the city quickly established itself as an industrial center.

The burial of a time capsule will wrap up sesquicentennial observations.

Heritage at home in Castroville

San Antonio Express-News 6B Saturday, September 16, 1995

Last Sunday people-filled chairs covered the shady lawn beside Landmark Inn in Castroville.

The Castro Colonies Heritage Association, or CCHA, was celebrating its 20th anniversary and honoring Ruth Curry Lawler. "She has given us a gift of our history," proclaims the Castroville Visitor Guide.

Miss Ruth, as she was called, taught at Castroville Public School from 1927 until 1960 and recognized her students' unique Alsatian heritage of which most were not aware: the customs, the architecture, the language. A Germanic dialect was still spoken in Castroville as it was in Alsace-Lorraine, provinces on the Franco-German border from which Henri Castro, the impresario founder, and many settlers of Castroville, Quihi, Vandenburg and D'Hanis had come in the period from 1844 to 1847. Until her death in 1990 Miss Ruth worked to preserve the culture and heritage of her adopted community.

No one who met Miss Ruth will ever forget her. I can still see her serving tea at Landmark Inn, now a state historical park, which she and her brother had bought and preserved. It was at Landmark Inn in September 1975 that the CCHA, a revival of an earlier organization to study the history and people of Castroville, was voted into existence.



Barbara Stanush FHC

Today the group is 418-strong, and it's inclusive. Any interested party is accepted. And it's active. There are talks and tours, picnics and programs. The Sunday speaker, Linda Hetsel, touted Indianola, the hurricane-ravaged gulf port that received thousands of immigrants from 14 different countries in the 1800s. The town doesn't exist now, but Hetsel would like to see Indianola remembered for its role in Texas history. CCHA is interested.

The CCHA publications extend the messages of history; "Old Favorite Receipts," "History of Medina County" and "Let's Celebrate." Folklore, customs and activities for schoolchildren and families were compiled and written by members.

CCHA has also reprinted books of significant historical value that might otherwise be lost, including "Castroville and Henri Castro,

Empresario," by Julia Nott Waugh (1934), and "A Texas Pioneer. Early Staging and Overland Freightling Days on the Frontiers of Texas and Mexico," by August Santleben (1910).

"A Texas Pioneer" is particularly valuable today, as it describes, through Santleben (and his collaborator-editor, I.D. Affleck) the relationship of Texas and Mexico in a commercial operation of the 1800s when the first language of commerce was Spanish and Mexican trade via San Antonio to the coast was primarily with Europe.

The book's value is enhanced by an index of some 1,500 names, compiled by Dr. Jerome F. Weyand. The names include people, stations, watering holes, ranches, creeks, crossings and springs.

Born in 1845, Santleben was an infant when his family left Hanover, Germany, for Texas, to settle near Castroville. He grew up helping his father farm and at 14 carried mail on horseback from Castroville to Bandera every Monday, a job which ended when the Civil War broke out.

At 16, he left home and worked in Piedras Negras, Mexico, at various jobs — ranging from digging the first well to making ox-yokes to hauling water — before joining the Union Army.

After the war, he carried mail by stage from San Antonio to Eagle Pass, then operated a stage line from San Antonio to Monterrey, Mexico. From 1869 to 1880, Santleben operated a freight and passenger line from Indianola to Chihuahua, Mexico, a distance of 1,150 miles. His travels, involving teamsters, mules, loaded wagons and passengers, mostly through wild and uninhabited country, were fraught with danger from hostile Indians and robbers.

Santleben estimated that between 1865 and 1880 he traveled more than 126,000 miles (more than any man alive, he said), carried millions of dollars worth of freight and never lost one penny through negligence. Nor is his story lost. Santleben's story, in its awareness, its detail, connects us with the larger forces of history, past and present.

CCHA, Box 636, Castroville 78009, has provided free copies of Santleben's book to every high school library in Medina County, as well as to neighboring public and university libraries. Profits from sales will go toward a proposed museum.

How's that for heritage?

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DeWitt's German heritage lives on

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The Victoria Advocate

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YORKTOWN — Frances Hartmann, the last of her immediate family to live in DeWitt County, is proud of her strong German heritage.

It's a heritage that helped to build DeWitt County.

Hartmann, whose great-grandparents immigrated from Luettgenrode, Germany, in 1854, said people are more interested than ever in their roots. As resident historian and temporary director of the Yorktown museum, she meets people every week tracing family histories.

She knows firsthand how rewarding the past can be: She has written a history of Yorktown and is helping research the

adventures of Captain John York, Yorktown's namesake.

Her own extended family researched and published a book on their ancestors' flight from Germany to escape the war in Prussia to landing in Indianola and moving on to Meyersville and Nopal and other parts of Texas.

Others landed in other parts of America and established new lives.

"We have been able to trace our family back to 1650 on my mother's side and 1741 on the Duderstadt side," said the retired schoolteacher and former city librarian.

Her great-grandparents, Friederich and Friederike Duderstadt, came to Meyersville in 1854, only six years after the German community was settled by Adolph Meyer.

They were followed by many, many more

German families.

Some of those families moved inland from Indianola to escape killer hurricanes, with the bulk of the immigration inland coming after the storms of 1875 and 1886.

The hard-working, God-fearing Germans brought with them two attributes that characterize the county's people even today: a stoic work ethic and a respect for the law.

In some cases, immigrants also brought, piece by piece, their homes that once stood in Indianola. Many of these homes still stand in Cuero.

And many descendants of Friederich and Frederike still live in DeWitt County, making up parts of many of the older families of the county — Egg, Bettge, Thamm, Ideus, Sager, Diebel, Riedesel, Riedel, Moeller, Kloesel, and Murr, to name a few.

(Part Two and Conclusion)

My Experiences in Texas
 by Julius Schuetze (JPA)
 (Translated by W. M. Von-Maszewski)

Texas Vorwärts, July 9, 1886

The Murder of German Unionists in
 Fredericksburg, Texas, in 1864

On my arrival in San Antonio I immediately called on Brig. Gen. J. S. Ford and General W. B. Knox to whom I reported the horrible happenings in Gillespie County. Major C. E. Jefferson of the State troops was particularly taken by the unfortunate incidents and made the promise to me that he would do everything in his power to apprehend the guilty parties as soon as he received instructions from the governor. At noon of March 19th I began the journey home to Austin by myself. After reaching New Braunfels in the evening, without delay I sought out Robert Bechem, Brig. Gen. of the 31st Brigade, State Troops, of which Major Hunter's Battalion was part, and told him what had transpired. I was not aware that at Grape Creek at the very same hour 30 to 60 from the horrible band of murderers were perpetrating the most hideous murder of four innocent, good and peace-loving citizens. Later I pieced together the incident, part from official sources and transactions, part from information offered by the relatives of the unfortunate victims, and part from the confessions by some of the murderers. On March 7th, the day of my departure from Fredericksburg, about 18 to 20 of my brother's murderers had camped for several days eight miles from Fredericksburg waiting for my return to Austin - as they said among themselves, to bring me closer to heaven. They, indeed, were informed by the Indian that I was enroute to Austin. It was also their resolve to bring my escort closer to heaven. Our change in course to Boerne however, spoiled their plans. They waited 'till 11 o'clock and then started for Fredericksburg, thinking they would meet us. Finally they found our horses' tracks which took off in a right angle to the south. They went in pursuit. However, by then we had a lead on them of 20 miles and they must have realized that we would not dally around, that our ride was more like a flight. Still we set out guards during the night in Boerne. Our escape enraged them and they decided to kill all the farmers at South Grape Creek who were members of my brother's frontier company. On March 9th they gathered about 40 men among them Lieutenant William Banta from Hunter's company. Richard Moebus was the only German who joined. Shortly after sunset they fell upon the peaceful and unsuspecting citizens of the settlement. The first victim was Peter Burg on the Austin Road. This man, already tested by fate, had just three days earlier buried his wife. At home were seven children, ranging from 2 to 13 years old. He had just re-

turned from the field after a hard day's work and watered his horses at the creek and started back toward the barns when the bandits rode up. He asked if he could be of help. They replied that he had to go with them to witness against a traitor. Peter Burg realized immediately that his life was in danger. He knew that his fate would be like my brother's and decided to give up his at a high cost. He answered quite innocently that he would certainly accompany them as soon as he had taken care of the horses. Undoubtedly his intentions were to get to the weapons in the house and die fighting. Surrounded by the bandits he walked the horses toward the homestead, tied them up, and started toward the house. A half dozen revolvers were pointed at him and it was made clear to him that he had to come along without entering the house.

No body knows what went through the mind of this desperate man. It can be assumed that he preferred to be killed, and maybe only just wounded, during his last and desperate attempt, to get inside the house and to his weapons. He kicked the horse closest to him in the side, it reared pushing the other horses aside. In the momentary confusion he took big strides toward the house. His children had stared from the door at the armed men in fear as well as in wonder. Before he reached the door he was felled by two bullets. The poor, desperate orphans who were all old enough to comprehend the fate that had befallen them, threw themselves wailing and crying on their father's corpse, kissed him to bring him back to life. They were pushed away and under threat of death ordered to fetch from the house all weapons, ammunition, money and woolen blankets. The poor children in their grief, crying and lamenting, were forced to gather in the house anything of value and turn it over to their father's murderers.

I report here only the truth without distortion and exaggeration. The young orphans of those days have grown to honest men and women and they can verify the truth of those terrible circumstances.

After the lust of these beasts in human form was satisfied on the pitiful orphans, they continued up Grape Creek to Henry Kirchner's house, a neighbor of Peter Burg. They took him prisoner with the same promise that he needed to come along to witness against a Unionist and without further ado put him in their midst. With their prisoner they went from there up the creek to the next neighbor, Wilhelm Feller. He and his family were at supper when they arrived at the gate and called him out. He stepped up to the gate and asked what they wanted. While he was asked inconsequential questions, two men entered through the gate and placed themselves between him and the house. They indicated that he was their prisoner and was to go along as witness against a Unionist. Mrs. Feller immediately recognized the danger her husband was in. She quickly reached for a revolver, hid it under her apron and ran out to pass the weapon to her husband. One of the guards standing between her and her husband moved quickly and grasped the revolver and apron from her. Other men hurried into the yard and in no time at all the

unfortunate victim was dragged through the gate.

Continuing up the creek they met on the trail a man named Herp. They asked him repeatedly for his name and ordered him to come along. After a while they demanded that he spell his name. After he had done so several times, they let him go. They rode on to John Blank's farm, a neighbor of Herp's. It had turned dark when they arrived there. Supper was over and John Blank, a courageous, hard-working and religious man, sat at the table reading the Bible when he was called outside. He stepped out unsuspecting and was immediately taken prisoner. They forced him to saddle his best horse and to come along. In the meantime, 20 to 30 of the murderers ransacked the house and took everything of value, including 100 dollars in silver that he kept in a chest. They broke into all the chests and boxes looking especially for money. John Blank was considered a well-to-do farmer and the gang expected to find a large sum of money. They took also five of his best horses. With all three prisoners they set out on the trail along the pasture fence. A Mexican worked for John Blank and helped with the livestock. He owned an expensive horse harness inlaid with silver. This the thieves took also. This Mexican followed the murderers inside the pasture fence wanting to see what would happen to his employer. When the murderers stopped at the corner of the fence one of them said: "Boys, it is too late to fetch the others tonight. By now the settlement is aroused and warned. It would be better, if we first take care of these three and look for the others later." The Mexican clearly heard the name Luckenbach as one of the intended victims. The men agreed and moved from the fence into the dense post oak forest

The night was very dark and stormy. The murderers stopped about 300 yards from the corner fence, built a small fire and stood around it in a circle. Inside the circle were the three unfortunate victims.. Their hands were tied behind them, a loop put around their necks and the ropes thrown over a branch. Feller and Kirchner were jerked up and strangled. John Blank asked what he had done to die such terrible death. "What harm have I done to you or any other person?" - Wm. Banta, who appeared to be the leader, replied, "You are all damned Unionists, sympathetic to the Yankee cause. This is the reason you have to die." - "So give me five minutes to make peace with the Maker. I do not need more. Knowingly I have done no one an injustice in this life," Blank responded and in a low voice said a brief prayer. J. Caldwell, a corporal in Waldrup's company called to him: "John' if you tell us where your money is hidden, we will spare your life." - Blank responded, "No, I will not tell you. If I do, my family will be completely robbed and you will kill me anyway. Kill me if you can justify it before God and men, but you will not get my money." There was a jerk on the rope and the poor, courageous John Blank hung twitching between heaven and earth. He was lowered after a short time, the loop was loosened and he was asked if he did not want to reveal where his money was hidden. He sank to his knees and said no word. "Put an end to him," ordered Banta and the unfortunate man was lifted by a

dozen hands. Life was soon gone from these three good, peace-loving, hard-working, gallant citizens of Gillespie County, all family men.

After a brief wait, the gang continued up the trail along the creek and reached Petzch's home. They surrounded the place and forced their way into the house. However, having heard the terrible news from his neighbors, he had taken flight. The thieves emptied his place taking everything of any value that could be moved.

From here they proceeded to Martin Pehl's farm. He too had gotten out of their way. When he couldn't be found they took the family's entire provisions and other valuables. Messengers quickly spread the news of the horrible events from neighbor to neighbor. The call for help went to the entire surrounding area. Even the teacher at Grape Creek, Mr. Huelsemann, received the call for help. He shouldered his rifle. Hurrying down the creek he fell into the hands of the gang as they came from Pehl's place. They captured him and asked him his name. Confiscating his double-barreled rifle, they let him go.

In the meantime a small number of farmers had gathered during the night for mutual protection. They carefully searched the area in hopes of finding the murdered men. However, it was so dark in the forest that one could not see the hand before one's eyes. Finally, at daybreak of March 10th, the bodies were found hanging from a tree. The terrible news shook all West Texas. Major James Hunter rode quickly to Austin to see the governor.

I arrived in Austin on the evening of March 10th, and on the 11th handed over to the governor my written report about my brother's death. No one in Austin had heard about the murder of the other four. There was no direct mail service between Austin and Fredericksburg. Letters went by way of San Antonio. Finally, on March 14th, a letter arrived from A. Maier of Fredericksburg. He traveled to San Antonio on March 10th and from there informed the governor of the murder of the four Germans at Grape Creek and in the name of the people of Gillespie County asked for help. The governor had me brought to his office and showed me the letter. Major James Hunter arrived in Austin from Fredericksburg a few hours later.

Texas Vorwärts, July 16, 1886

My report to the governor.

Your excellency P. Murrah, Governor of Texas
Dear Sir,

With deep sorrow I present you the following facts regarding the brutal and horrible murder of my unfortunate brother Louis Schuetze of Fredericksburg,

Gillespie County. On the 24th of the previous month at about 7 o'clock in the evening his town home was surrounded by a gang of about twenty who demanded entry. When my brother denied it, the door was broken down and they forced their way in. When he called for help, he was shot at without being hit. He escaped to the kitchen. The bandits grabbed a candle which my brother's daughter, a girl of 19 years blew out repeatedly until she was restrained by two men. Those two she recognized as the Gibson brothers, frontier soldiers in the company previously commanded by Major James M. Hunter. Accounts from witnesses at the coroner's inquest confirm that both of the Gibsons had been at my brother's house in the morning to purchase a pair of shoes on credit. My brother refused to give them credit. When the murderers found my brother in the kitchen, they told him that he had to go with them. They dragged him out of the house.

His daughter and three citizens who rushed to his assistance were threatened by the murderers with death if they didn't turn around. They heard my brother beg for his life. "Think of my wife and children," they heard him say. "I have done no wrong. I was always friendly toward you." Witnesses heard him say, "Oh, Mr. Waltrip." When they had him out on the street, he called to his daughter, "Louise, come here. Fare well. They will kill me." On her knees she begged the murderers to allow her to go to her father. The answer was a swear word. The murderers bound his hands with a rope and tied the other end to the saddle horn. Then in a smart gait they rode out of town, their unfortunate victim on foot next to the horse. They took from the house an old unloaded double barrel shotgun, two swords, about \$400 in Confederate money, five pairs of shoes, his watch and chain and other articles of value.

The three citizens who were chased away by the bandits, ran to the churches and rang the bells to call together the citizenry. My brother must have been still in earshot. The investigation that I conducted there during my stay an experienced scout stated that on that night my brother on foot was taken to a deserted farm twelve miles from Fredericksburg. The trail showed clearly that for a stretch he was dragged. It started from a tree stump in the middle of the trail. My brother was very near-sighted and without glasses he could hardly see.

The people of Fredericksburg were so intimidated and in fear that the following day, February 25 no one had dared to go in pursuit of the murderous gang. Major James M. Hunter, under whom my brother had commanded a company, on the 25th (Feb.) issued the following order to the 1st Lieutenant of the company:

Fredericksburg, Feb. 25, 1864

Lieut. C. Weinrich

Dear Sir - You are hereby instructed to assemble your company as quickly as possible and to find Capt. Louis Schuetze who, as you informed me, on the eve of Feb. 24 was forcibly taken from his home by unknown individuals. Furthermore, you are to make inquiries about this incident and submit to me a report.

James M. Hunter
Commanding Major of the 3rd Frontier District.

The members of the company lived scattered throughout the county, some 15 to 20 miles from each other. It took 'till Friday, Feb. 26, before the company was on the way. Around 9 o'clock in the morning, three miles from Fredericksburg, they found the unfortunate man dangling from a live oak. The body was still warm and the limbs still pliable. The rope had not choked him because the knot was above the right ear and he had just a superficial wound on the forehead. How long he had been dead when found could not be ascertained because a doctor was not present. However, in the opinion of the experienced scouts who investigated the tracks Friday, the unfortunate man had hung there 10 to 20 hours before he died.

A letter from the Justice of the Peace who held the inquest, shows your excellency that no arrest warrants were issued for people who were suspected of the deed because many lives in Fredericksburg would have been endangered. The civil authorities were not strong enough to enforce the law.

These individuals who are not just suspected of the murder but their deed can be proven, came to Fredericksburg, Saturday, Feb. 27, a force of about 30 men. They threatened to harm the JP if he issued an arrest warrant. The above-named Waldrup called out into the street that with powder and lead would he talk and answer. On that occasion he wore the saber that had been taken from my brother's abode.

These are briefly the facts of this sad event based primarily on statements deposited under oath before the coroner, and enclosed I submit certified copies to you.

My brother was 46 years of age and leaves behind a mourning widow and eight children in dire circumstances. He was a peace-loving, law-abiding citizen and had been unanimously elected captain by his company.

In closing, Your Excellency, allow me to thank you for your counsel and support you gave me at the time of my departure for Fredericksburg. Without your help it would have been difficult to gather facts on this matter. I also wish to express my appreciation to Brig. General John S. Ford, General W. S. Knox, General Robert Bechem and Major C. E. Jefferson for the sympathy, counsel and support that they gave me on my trip home.

It is my hope now that your Excellency will take the appropriate steps to bring these murderers to justice. I am convinced that you will do everything in your power to effect this.

I remain your obedient servant
Julius Schuetze

Governor Murrah was visibly shaken after reading the report. He offered me his hand and said, "Depend on it, I will leave no stone unturned to see those murderers apprehended. As soon as Major Hunter arrives, I will call for you." He called me as soon as the news of the murder of the other four Germans arrived from San Antonio. On March 14 I met Major Hunter in the Governor's office, after both had been in consultation for a long time. Major Hunter remained in Austin for several days. He assured me that the governor had taken the appropriate steps to arrest the murderers. Orders went even to San Antonio as I can attest from a letter which came to me from there on March 17th:

"We talked to General W. B. Knox who under the Governor's orders will personally take command of a troop of state militia to arrest the murderers. The expedition will start from here, take the road by way of Sisterdale to Fredericksburg, go up to William Coebbler's Farm, then cross the main road? and go on a side trail to Meusebach Creek where a guide will wait for them. From there within two to three hours those suspected of murder can be arrested at their homes. The settlers along the road will be notified to be ready should the need arise. This week instructions will go to Boerne, Sisterdale and Comfort. Everything is prepared to aid the authorities so the murderers will receive their due punishment. The commanding general here let it be known that he would carry out the governor's orders. Since you are around the governor, do everything in your power for the prosecution. You must have heard by now of the murder of the other four good Germans. Should you succeed please let us know by way of your sister, of your plans and what is the best for you and us."

At his departure from Austin, Major Hunter showed me a broadside with the Governor's proclamation. It was to be distributed and posted in the western parts of Texas. According to this proclamation Major James Hunter was in charge of arresting the guilty parties and it declared the murderers to be free game and also stated that every citizen with a warrant from a Justice of the Peace was free to arrest the named murderers. In case of resistance the murderers were to be rendered harmless. When this proclamation was posted in Gillespie County, a large number of the citizenry volunteered their services to Major Hunter so the message of the proclamation could be carried out. The Governor's order scattered the murderers in all directions. Nine of them were arrested and under guard placed in the old military jail at Fort

Martin Scott. Many escaped to Mexico and others sought refuge in the hills. Gibson was fatally shot at the Rio Grande River. Waldrup, who hid, was shot in Fredericksburg shortly after the Civil War.

How the round-up of the murderers was carried out and how the jail at Fort Martin Scott was stormed one night and hundreds of pistol shots fired at the murderers inside will become the topic of a factual narrative at a later time. The purpose of describing these events here is strictly to recount the murder of honest and peace-loving citizens during that horrible time.

The sons and daughters of those murdered who still live in Texas number over twenty. Though the memories of those horrible days are painful, the retelling of these events is for those who are not aware that they happened or who heard a distorted account. It places the martyr's death of these brave men in the proper historic light and removes any doubts or misconception about these past events.

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HE GOT THE DROP ON WALDRIP

By Louis B. Engelke

The story of Captain Waldrup has been told and retold in Fredericksburg, and today the children there learn about him in school, but for years the identity of the person who put the bullet through his evil brain remained a mystery.

For the record, it was Henry Langerhans, who, fearing for the safety of his wife and daughter, brought Waldrup to justice at 100 yards.

Had Langerhans admitted his feat of marksmanship, he would have won immediate public acclaim. But his identity probably would have earned got him sudden death, perhaps by the dark of the moon.

As God willed it, Langerhans was to live a happy married life and was to rear eight children. Of these, only one son, Fritz Langerhans, 80, who still resides in Fredericksburg, and a younger daughter, Mrs. Christine Grul, now of Watsonville, California, still, survive.

The death of Captain J. P. Waldrup occurred in 1867, two years after the end of the Civil War and two years after Waldrup had been indicted as a wanton killer.

In fact, Gillespie County records show that Waldrup's entire gang, known as "Waldrup's Wolfpack," was indicted for "mob murder" as soon as the Fredericksburg Germans could emerge from a reign of terror which ended with the Civil War in 1865. For a period of four years, the pro-slavery Waldrup gang had killed one anti-secessionist German after another.

Victims were usually seized at night and hanged or tortured to death before the eyes of their wives or children. During the war years, no one dared to seek an indictment against Waldrip. That's why the action waited until 1865.

Even then, it was a dangerous procedure, for some of Waldrip's men still lurked on the highways and byways of the county, and continuing post-war murders were attributed to these die-hards.

Consequently, with typical German thoroughness, Gillespie County declared Waldrip "Vogel-frei," which in German means "free as a bird" - to shoot, of course.

Why Waldrip left his hideout 10 miles east of Fredericksburg and rode into town on a swayback mule that fateful day in 1867, nobody really knows. Perhaps it was to burn the courthouse, or more likely to steal a horse.

But whatever the reason, when Waldrip arrived an unknown party in Fredericksburg wired Capt. Philip Braubach in San Antonio.

The message brought Braubach, U. S. Customs collector for the Western District of Texas, riding as fast as a horse could carry him to Fredericksburg.

A native of Wiesbaden, Germany, who had settled in San Antonio in 1850, Braubach had served in McCulloch's Texas Rangers and had carried the mails across the Indian-infested wastelands between Texas and California. Nevertheless, he was arrested by Confederate agents in Fredericksburg, where he had been visiting his fiancée, Fräulein Louise Schuetze, when the Civil War broke out.

Taken to San Antonio, where a ball and chain was fixed to his leg and he was given the odorous job of cleaning up the San Antonio River, Braubach eventually escaped to the border, where he formed an anti-Confederate company of Mexicans. Becoming lovesick for Louise, Braubach finally decided to risk a trip to Fredericksburg, but Waldrip learned of Braubach's visit and raided the Schuetze farmhouse. Not finding Braubach there, the gang murdered Louise's father.

Vowing to avenge Herr Schuetze, Braubach headed back for the border and later made his way to New Orleans, where he joined the Union Army, rising to the rank of captain. After the war, Braubach returned to Texas and married Louise. They were living in San Antonio when the important looking telegram arrived late one afternoon.

After supper, Braubach calmly told his wife he had some "business to tend to in Fredericksburg," and departed on a fast horse.

Never having seen Waldrip before, Braubach entered the Nimitz Hotel before high noon the next day with one hand on the Colt revolver he had used in the Civil War.

Nothing happened when Braubach entered the lobby, so he next entered the hotel's saloon, which had just opened. The only person present was the bartender who knew Braubach.

"Waldrip ist hier - im Fredericksburg," the man whispered.

"Where is he? How can I identify him?" Braubach asked.

The bartender said Waldrip was wearing a big black Beaver hat and had gone on Fredericksburg's broad main street.

Braubach circled north around a two block section, so as to meet Waldrip face to face. The pair met 150 yards west of the hotel in front of Brockman's store.

Noticing Waldrip's black hat, Braubach asked: "Are you Captain Waldrip?"

"Yes, sir," Waldrip replied.

Braubach drew his gun and pulled the trigger. Nothing happened. Braubach cocked the revolver and pulled the trigger and again nothing happened. The revolver was of the cap-and-ball type, and the powder had become soaked with the sweat of Braubach's horse.

Waldrip by now was running as fast as he could toward the Nimitz Hotel with half the village, including Braubach, who was shouting for somebody to throw him a rifle, after him.

Women, who had ventured onto the street to catch a glimpse of the notorious criminal, were now fleeing in every direction. Among them was Mrs. Henry Langerhans, with two-year old Bertha in her arms.

Observing Waldrip wrestle with a man for a gun at the hotel and seeing his wife and Bertha still on the street, Henry Langerhans, standing in the second-story window of his boot and saddle shop, catty-corner from the Nimitz Hotel (where the Sinclair station is now), reached for the Kentucky rifle he had used in many Hill Country turkey shoot.

Waldrip went through the hotel, with Braubach, who now had a Winchester rifle, after him. Waldrip, holding his shoulder where Braubach had winged him, then came vaulting over the hotel's high stone fence.

Langerhans saw Waldrip take refuge behind a great oak near the fence. Waldrip raised his head and looked in one direction then another. If the man was ever to get a horse, he had to get it now.

It dawned on Langerhans that Waldrip might possibly grab his wife and little Bertha as hostages. Taking careful aim with the long rifle, Langerhans fired. Waldrip toppled into the ditch.

Everybody in town looked at Waldrip's body, particularly the hole in his head, but nobody knew who fired the fatal shot. Nobody but Langerhans and his wife, that is.

Mrs. Langerhans kept the secret from her children until her husband, the man who had got the drop on Waldrip, died of natural causes.

One couldn't be too cautious when dealing with any of the Waldrips. Even those who had the protection of public office knew that.

This was evidenced by the fact that Gillespie County officials according to the records, waited until 1874 before they paid Charles Basse \$10 for hauling the body of the notorious outlaw 300 yards in a wheelbarrow from the Nimitz Hotel to an unmarked grave on Town Creek. Afraid of the werewolf of the Hill Country? Perhaps.

And to top everything in the Waldrip saga is this weird touch. They buried Waldrip with his big, black beaver hat. And two years later, Waldrip's brother, who somehow learned exactly where Waldrip was buried, sneaked into town by the dark of the moon and resurrected the hat.

Erste sorbisch-wendische Hochzeit seit 45 Jahren

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Die Abiturientin Nadine Groß (19) und der Mechaniker Jörg Masnik (24) spielten ein sorbisches „Brautpaar“. F.: Horn

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Sie waren ein Brautpaar – für ganze drei Stunden. Im Hof des Wendischen Hauses in Cottbus, auf leuchtend-grünem Kunstrasen, inszenierten gestern Nadine Groß (19) und Jörg Masnik (24) vor interessiertem Publikum „ihre“ Hochzeit nach altem niedersorbischen Brauch.

„Wir wollen vergessene sorbische Traditionen wieder ins Bewußtsein holen“, beschrieb Helene Teurich vom Haus für sorbische Volkskultur Bautzen die Absicht der gespielten Vermählung. Und der Oberbürgermeister von Cottbus, Waldemar Kleinschmidt (CDU), brachte den Zweck der farbenprächtigen Veranstaltung auf die griffige Formel: „Wir wollen unsere Tradition besser vermarkten ohne sie zu verramschen.“

Die letzte „echte“ sorbische Hochzeit hatte 1950 in der Gemeinde Döbbrück stattgefunden. „Wir feiern hier eine wendische Hochzeit, wie sie 1920 in der Niederlausitz üblich war“, kommentierte Angela Ranhöft vom niedersorbischen Trachtenverein Spintestübchen Sielow das gestrige Hochzeits-Programm. Bei älteren Cottbusern hatte der Trachtenverein nachgefragt, wie denn dieser bedeutsamste Tag im Leben junger Sorben vor 70 Jahren gefeiert, welcher Hochzeitsschmaus gegeben, welche Lieder gesungen und welche Festtagstracht getragen wurde.

Die Niederlausitzer Sorben – sie wanderten im siebten Jahrhundert aus den Karpaten in das Gebiet zwischen Elbe und Oder ein – begingen das dreitägige Fest ohne Polterabend. Statt dessen flochten

Mädchen aus der „Spinte“ (Spinnstube) am Vorabend der Vermählung einen Girlandenkranz, den sie am nächsten Tag unter Gesang am Haus der Braut anbrachten.

Jetzt schlug die Stunde des „Pobrats“, des Hochzeitsbitters und Brautführers. Der beste Freund des Bräutigams mußte die Braut bei den Freundinnen der Auserwählten, den Brautjungfern, für symbolisches Geld „loskaufen“. In ritualisierten Liedern preisen die Brautjungfern, die zum Zeichen ihrer Jungfräulichkeit Girlanden auf dem Kopfputz tragen, die Vorzüge und Tugenden der zukünftigen Ehefrau – der Hochzeitsbitter muß immer tiefer in die Tasche greifen.

Nachdem sich die Gesellschaft handelseinig geworden ist, leistet der Pobrats wortreich „Abbitte“. Er dankt Eltern, Pfarrer, Lehrern und

Freunden für die gute und liebevolle Erziehung der Braut; er bittet um „Entschuldigung“ für die läßlichen „kleinen Übertretungen“ der Jungfrau. Dann schreitet das Paar zur Trauung – Nadine und Jörg traten gestern an Stelle des Weges in die Kirche lieber einen Spaziergang durch den Park am Staatstheater an.

Nach dem traditionellen Brautanz ließ sich die Gesellschaft an der Hochzeitstafel nieder – zu Eierflockensuppe, Rinderbraten mit Rotkohl und Hirsepudding mit rotem Zucker. „Ich kann mir schon vorstellen, in niedersorbischer Tradition zu heiraten“, meinte Nadine. Aber noch fehlt der Abiturientin des Sorbischen Gymnasiums Cottbus „der richtige Partner“.



Blumenmädchen trugen die prachtvolle niedersorbische Tracht.



Ein Musiker mit dem „Kozol“, einem Dudelsack aus Ziegenfell.

DIE HOCHZEITSSUPPE

350 g Rindfleisch in einem Liter Wasser aufkochen, abschäumen, Salz, Lorbeer, zerdrückte Pimentkörner hinzugeben. Zwei Stunden kochen, verdunstetes Wasser stets ergänzen. 15 Minuten vor Fertigstellen 80 g Möhren, 100 g junge Erbsen, 2 Zwiebeln, 20 g Petersilie, Schnittlauch, Estragon zugeben. Nach dem Garen Brühe durch ein Tuch passieren, mit Muskat abschmecken.

Mit Schneebesen drei Eier verrühren und in die kochende Brühe geben. Das gewürfelte Rindfleisch, die Möhren, und feingehackte Küchenkräuter wieder dazugeben.

SCHWAB FAMILY

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS IN NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

Descendants of THOMAS SCHWAB born 1818, Michelsrombach, Hesse, Germany are celebrating his 150th year of arrival in New Braunfels, Texas; and also the 150th year of the founding of New Braunfels, Texas. Named so by Prince Carl zu Solms when he arrived on Good Friday, March 21, 1845, after his principality of Braunfels, Germany. This will also be the 36th Anniversary of the Schwab Family Reunion.

THOMAS SCHWAB, being single, age 26, signed an "Einwanderung Vertrag" (Immigration Contract) to receive 160 acres of land in Texas through the "Adelsverein" at Bremenhafen, Germany before he boarded the "Brig Wesser" 10 May 1844. THOMAS SCHWAB, along with 80 other immigrants, arrived at the Port of Galveston, Texas 8 July 1844. There he was detained until Prince Carl zu Solms had selected a suitable harbor for disembarkation. Carlshafen, now known as Indianola, was selected; it was 152 miles to the land selected for the immigrants of the Adelsverein settlement. Due to shallow water, THOMAS SCHWAB got to Indianola on a schooner. There he again was detained waiting for transportation inland, by wagon-train. On the morning of 21 March 1845 THOMAS SCHWAB was riding on the first wagon to cross the Guadalupe River, at New Braunfels, Texas; more than 10-months after leaving Bremenhafen, Germany.

THE ABSENT-MINDED MAN

Adapted by AMY FRIEDMAN

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A German tale

There once lived a man named Hans who was so absent-minded he would sometimes ring the bell of his own house and ask if Hans were home.



Sometimes he wondered what his name was. And sometimes when he left his house and walked to town, he would scratch his head when he arrived and say, "Why am I here?"

One day Hans was standing in the middle of the sidewalk. He wondered where he would find some lunch and how he would pay for it. Hans did not have a penny in his pocket. Now he was too far away to go back home and fetch his money.

"Oh, poor me," he said to himself. "I'm hungry and tired and chilly, but I have no money."

As he stood on the sidewalk, a friend passed by. Poor Hans looked so miserable, his friend stopped and asked, "Dear Hans, what is wrong?"

"I am starving," said Hans. "I have no money and my home is far away. If I want to eat lunch, I will have to walk home and fetch some money. But by the time I return home, it will be past lunch, and by then I may be too hungry to walk back."

Now his friend caught sight of something bulging from Hans' coat pocket. He looked closer and saw a piece of fresh bread and a big, fat sausage stuffed inside.

"Oh, poor Hans," said the friend. "I suppose you forgot to take your lunch with you."

"Yes," said Hans. "I knew I would be walking a long distance. I knew I would not return home until evening. But I never thought of lunch — until now. Oh, poor me!"

Now Hans' friend wasn't above playing a trick or two. "Poor Hans," said the friend. "I do wish I could help you, but I don't have any money with me." His friend reached in his pockets and pulled them out. "You see," he said. "Quite empty."

"That does make things worse," said Hans. "Dear me."

"I can think of only one thing to do," said the merry fellow.

"What? Do you have a plan?"

"You may not like my plan," said the merry fellow, frowning.

"I would do anything," Hans said, "so long as it is right and just and would bring no shame to an honest man. You see, I am terribly hungry."

Now the friend laughed. "Oh, the plan I have in mind is honest. Still ..." He looked at the ground. He pursed his lips and brought his finger to his chin. "This may not be something you wish to do."

"Why wouldn't I? Please tell what it is you are planning."

"This is something you have never done," said the merry fellow. "It is an easy thing — easy indeed."

"I will do it then!" cried Hans.

"All right," said his friend. "All you have to do is reach into your coat pocket and pull out that slice of bread and that nice juicy sausage!"

Hans stared in amazement at his friend. And then, very carefully, he put his hand into his pocket and pulled out his sausage sandwich.

The merry fellow burst out laughing and turned and walked away.

Hans fell into a deep sadness. "How could I have felt so hungry and left this sandwich in my pocket all morning?" he asked himself.

He wondered so hard that he forgot all about his sandwich. Without thinking, he put it back in his pocket and walked on.

He walked until it was nearly

dark. As the air grew colder, Hans started to think about supper. He thought about a big hot bowl of stew and some warm biscuits. Oh, how lovely that stew would taste!

Now Hans heard a yip. Turning around, he saw a long line of dogs. You see, each time he had passed a dog, the creature had sniffed the sausage. By noon there were five dogs following Hans; by 4 o'clock, 10 more had joined the parade.

"Oh my," said Hans, "look at all these poor hungry dogs!" Now they began to jump and snap at his pocket where the sausage still lay.

"These dogs seem hungry. I suppose I could feed them my sausage," Hans said. Hans reached into his pocket and took out the sausage. He looked at it and thought awhile, and on he walked, the dogs on his heels.

Soon Hans came to his street. Hans turned and smiled at the dogs. And when he saw his house, he smiled still more broadly. "How nice to be home." He looked down at the sausage sandwich in his hand. "And what a delicious-looking sandwich."

Hans sat down on his doorstep, and right then and there he ate every single morsel of his sausage sandwich. The dogs lay down before him, hoping they might get a crumb. Hans patted each one and said, "How nice to have so many companions. What a grand day this has been, though I do wish I had eaten lunch."

Adapted from the story "Hans Ryitzar's Breakfast" in St. Nicholas, February 1874.

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Made in Germany: Meissen Porcelain

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Stephen Cone Weeks

▼ The Düsseldorf auction room was filled with hushed anticipation, a nervous hum. A large collection of Meissen porcelain was up for auction that day, and I had come to bid for lot number 520, a "Cupid With Two Burning Hearts." I stubbornly held my hand aloft until the other bidders had retracted theirs. "Burning Hearts" was expensive, but for a lesson on love and a footnote to history, the price was relatively low, while the crossed swords on the base meant an investment in "white gold."

"Je mets le calme" is inscribed comforting-ly on the pedestal of this first figurine that I acquired in 1987 – an ironic promise in light of the passion it provoked, but one that would no doubt please Michel Victor Acier, the French artist who modeled this figure in 1785. He came to Meissen from Paris and created an entire series of figures with similar themes: devilish putti comforting, separating, punishing the love-sick heart. In retrospect, they seem fitting symbols of the ancient, traumatic history of porcelain, which stretches back to the 7th century Tang Dynasty in China. Marco Polo was the first to bring Asian porcelain to Europe in the 13th century, sparking curiosity and seemingly insatiable desire in European courts, where ever-increasing quantities were imported to fill princely collections of chinoiserie.

As the desire for porcelain grew, so did the need to become independent of East Asian imports. By the mid-17th century, the search for a European porcelain had reached fever pitch. Attempt after attempt at re-inventing the formula for "china" had produced the Medici Porcelain in Florence (1575), St. Cloud soft-paste porcelain (1683) and, of course, Delft faience, but none could be compared with the hard-paste "kaolin" porcelain still waiting to be discovered.

The inventive spirit was strongly present at the Dresden court of the Prince of Saxony and King of Poland, August the Strong, who had been bitten badly by the porcelain "bug." At August's insistence, the Saxon physicist Ehrenfeldt Walter, Ritter von Tschirnhaus, had traveled the length and breadth of Europe in the hope of tracking down the arcanum of

porcelain. After a great deal of experimentation, Tschirnhaus did succeed in using a mirror to melt ground minerals together, but he was still far from producing porcelain.

*"For gold in Physik is a cordial,
Therefore he loved gold in special."*

THE CANTERBURY TALES

Chaucer, had he lived 300 years later, might well have written something similar about Friedrich I of Prussia, whose coffers were empty by the end of the 17th century. In hopes of restoring his fortunes, the Prussian king issued a warrant in 1701 for the arrest of the alchemist Johann Friedrich Böttger, who had boasted in youthful self-confidence that he was able to make gold. Rumor had even spread that he had befriended a wandering monk and wizard who presented him with the philosopher's stone, the substance alleged to transform base metals into gold. To save his reputation and his neck (the punishment for charlatan alchemists was death), Böttger escaped to Saxony and threw himself on the mercy of August the Strong. Far from extraditing his poor captive, August saw Böttger as rescuing angel.

The alchemist was promptly imprisoned in Dresden's "Goldhause," where his attempts at producing gold from Saxony's abundant resources of tin and silver repeatedly failed. Yet the king did not lose faith in his abilities and had him transferred to a secret laboratory in a damp, deserted fortress at Meissen, where his experiments were to be supervised by none other than Ritter von Tschirnhaus. The physicist soon recognized Böttger's brilliance and began to assist him. If Böttger could not turn tin into gold, perhaps "white gold" would suffice. Saxony, after all, was also rich in kaolin. It was probably Tschirnhaus's encouragement which ultimately led the unhappy Böttger to his first successful experiments with red porcelain, the so-called "Böttger Stoneware." At Christmas, 1709, the alchemist was finally able to present the king with a bowl of white-glazed porcelain and the following, loosely translated lines:

*For golden fruits so great
the King's desire,*

*Yet this weak hand has
not these to offer.*

*In their stead, mere crystals
of porphyry and borax,
My heart placed humbly in a
porcelain shell,*

*Are here laid, as offerings both,
before the Royal Throne.*

In possession of the ancient East Asian secret – indeed, in possession of the formula for a much harder porcelain – the exuberant August the Strong founded the Royal Porcelain Manufactory of Dresden, which was established in the Albrechtsburg in Meissen and opened on June 6, 1710. This enormous Gothic castle, built for Duke Albert of Saxony, was part of a complex of buildings on a mountain and hence easy to guard. It could only be reached by a single bridge, and therefore the arcanum, shrouded with secrecy, seemed safe.

In 1710, it was unthinkable that the factory could be open to the public. It would have been a nightmare for poor August to imagine that two centuries later his manufactory would welcome 500,000 visitors a year to its "Schauhalle" and demonstration workshops, which are open daily from April to October, except on Mondays. The manufactory, however, is no longer in the Albrechtsburg. By the mid-19th century, the size of the building had become restrictive, while chemicals and kilns had taken their toll of stone carvings and architectural details. There were loud protests from the citizens of Meissen that it was not appropriate to use one of Germany's most impressive examples of late-Gothic secular architecture as a factory. Slowly, so as not to interrupt production, the manufactory was moved in 1864 to a new building in Triebischtal, the valley of the Triebisch river, within walking distance of the ancient city of Meissen.

Long before, the jealously guarded arcanum had escaped the Albrechtsburg fortress, to reappear in Austria when the Vienna Porcelain Manufactory was founded in 1718. Other competitors had soon sprouted up all over Europe, though by the end of the 18th century most of them had closed. Meissen survived. Its secret had been stolen, but the magic of

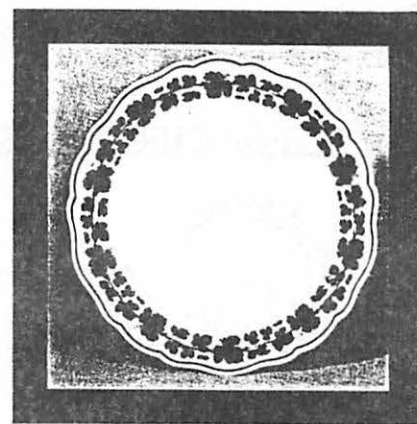
its artful wares remained. This, combined with the creative power of some of its star artists and the consistency of quality associated with the famous crossed swords, has kept the Meissen Manufactory alive through the upheavals of more than 250 years.

A passionate collector and patron of the arts, August the Strong ensured his manufactory's high aesthetic standards by engaging a brilliant artist whose work seemed the very essence of porcelain: Johann Joachim Kaendler. The 24-year-old Kaendler was discovered by August and brought to Meissen in 1730. He was an unpretentious but dedicated worker with a rich imagination. Remarkably prolific, he transformed the forms of French Rococo into porcelain, modeling what seems an infinite number of allegorical and mythological depictions, portrait figures, court scenes, hunting scenes, animals, shepherds and shepherdesses. There were no restrictions to his fantasy, no role-models. Porcelain was new, and Kaendler's sculptural inventiveness unlimited. He produced everything from splendid dinner services lathered in nymphs, shells, fish and swans to large-scale sculptures, chandeliers, mirror frames and even mantelpieces, all in porcelain.

The great age of porcelain, the 18th century, ended with the political turmoil of the Napoleonic Wars, and the rise of the merchant classes brought far-reaching changes in European social structures. Porcelain no longer reflected courtly life but was made to fit the bourgeois spirit, to educate and to moralize. In the process, porcelain was punished for its excesses. It was even subjected to the modesty of Biedermeier in the early 1800s. Art history has been unkind in viewing the results as a deterioration of style. One easily forgets that the functional aspect of porcelain has always made it particularly dependent on, and vulnerable to, the tastes of its buying public.

It was fortunate for the Manufactory that, after 1820, the English developed a taste for Kaendler's 18th century Meissen and imported vast quantities of Rococo-style vases, clock-cases and figure groups in what came to be known as the "Old Meissen" style. Art always hovers between safety and risk, between the trap of repetition and the freedom of true innovation. Aesthetically speaking, the manufactory remained static in the 19th century. It was, however, a time of dynamic technical development which reflected the need to lower production costs and thus make Meissen products available to a much greater number of people.

By the end of the 19th century, a technical perfection had been attained that rivaled the



Love Trapped, modeled by Heinrich Schwabe in 1879

Grape-leaf decor, designed by J.S. Arnhold in 1817

Photos: Meissen Porcelain Manufactory)

artistic achievements of the 18th, and new techniques eventually gave rise to new forms of artistic expression. The Paris World's Fair in 1900 was the turning point, though only a fraction of the Meissen exhibition, which could have been entitled "In Celebration of the Past," was devoted to modern works. Critics were full of praise for the first pieces in the Art Nouveau style, but were otherwise merciless toward tradition-bound Meissen. The arrows stung, and the energy of a young art was liberated.

The movement in a fresh, unexplored direction resulted in new ways of judging achievements in porcelain production. It was suddenly no longer the duty of the manufactory to administer and immortalize an historical heritage, but to accept and encounter the artistic challenges of the age. This has been the path of the 20th century, beginning with the porcelain children modeled by Julius Konrad Henschel (1904), which depict not the saccharine sweetness of children but their everyday behavior.

Later innovators would include Rudolph Henschel, Erich Oskar Hüsel, Emil Paul Börner, and the sculptor Paul Scheurich, whose figure "Lady Falling From a Horse," modeled in the politically complex 1930s, was at first banned by the manufactory as scandalously suggestive. It was later proudly exhibited as one of Meissen's "star" pieces at

the Paris World's Fair in 1937, where it and five other works by Scheurich were awarded the "Grand Prix." After the Second World War, in the newly-formed German Democratic Republic, designs were simple, their decoration highly stylized. In 1960, an "Artistic Development Team" was formed with the daunting task of creating contemporary designs against a background of more than two centuries of porcelain traditions. The results have varied from large, highly individualistic, abstract sculptures and wall pieces, to a clown series reflecting the humour of Kaendler's celebrated "Monkey Band."

Today Meissen is adjusting to the changes brought about by the fall of the Berlin Wall and struggling with the economic problems of the 1990s. It has responded to the new spirit of austerity with a relatively inexpensive white service, "Large Cutout Relief," designed by Ludwig Zepner. And a next-generation "Artistic Development Team" has been founded, with the mandate to carry Meissen porcelain art through the "no-trend" nineties and into a new century of achievement.



Stephen Cone Weeks is a Canadian painter living in Düsseldorf. In recent years, his works have incorporated Meissen figurines from his own collection. An exhibition of his paintings will open in June at the Meissen Porcelain Manufactory.

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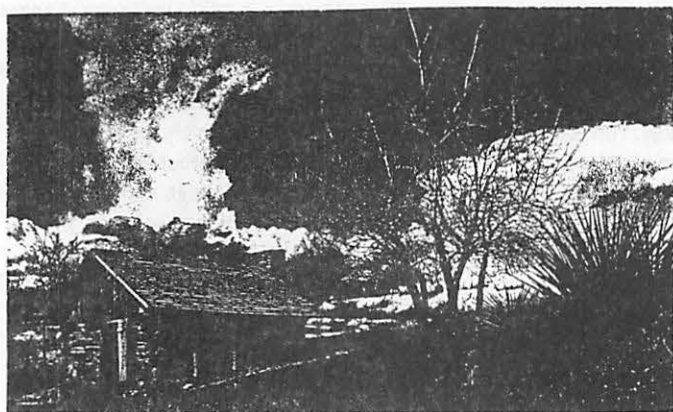
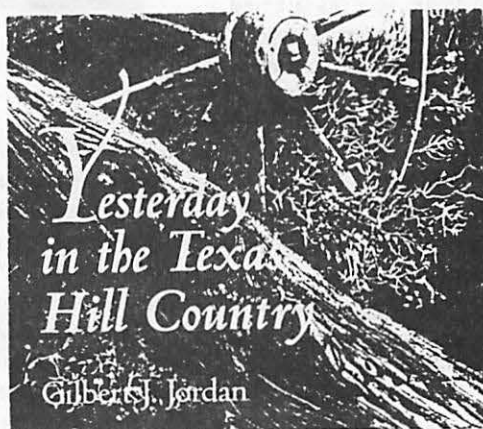
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by Elizabeth Skidmore Sasser

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THE PLURAL FORM OF „HEIMAT“
(From out of my sewing basket...)

Custom Tailoring - Advent & Christmas

Among the many adjustments I had to make after falling in love with my husband and moving to Germany to marry him, adjusting to the differences in customs was one of the greatest.

As an American, I lost Thanksgiving, Halloween, Valentine's Day, Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, the Fourth of July, big watermelons in summer, my mother's white sweet decorated cake on my birthday in August, and a diamond engagement ring.

I gained St. Martin's Day, Advent, Carnival, white asparagus and strawberries in May, local fun-fairs in June, plum tart for my birthday in August, and for our engagement my wedding ring to be worn on the left hand. Just for the record, I did get a beautiful turmaline ring after our wedding, one my best Texas girlfriend commented on thus, „Oh, a semi-precious stone.“

There were also changes in the major celebrations, Christmas and Easter.

In our early days together, my husband and I went along all right as „children“ in his family. Of course I missed Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day, those confirmations of family feeling and love, with my family far away and my love believing Valentine's Day a crude commercial invention. He gave me many lovely and unexpected gifts on many unexpected days, but not on Valentine's Day. I made Thanksgiving dinner for his office at their request, for my father-in-law disliked fowl and my French girlfriend had made a face when tasting the pumpkin pie that had cost me so much effort to produce and so much trust to serve.

It was only when our own children came along that the question of which customs to observe and how to observe them became acute. Starting with this season, this is what we've come up with.

Soon after what should be Thanksgiving, the Advent season begins. As a Texas Lutheran I knew about Advent, the „waiting time“ four weeks before Christmas. Upon marrying into a German Catholic family, the meaning of Advent took on a different weight. First there was the Advent wreath. In my parents-in-law's home it did not hang on the front door or sit on the coffee table. It hung horizontally, three feet in diameter, with honey-colored beeswax candles, suspended from the ceiling on purple ribbons. The candles were lit one a Sunday until Christmas, when they all blazed gloriously. The colors were foreign to me, and when I got a wreath for us, it had red ribbons and red candles among the green fir. This caused protest from my husband, who was used to the purple of repentance and whose favorite colors anyway are purple and yellow. Now we alternate, and this year it's my turn to have a red and green wreath again.

Another lovely tradition in Advent is the children's Advent calendar. This can take many forms, the most popular being a chocolate and cardboard version on which there is a tiny piece of shaped chocolate behind a small cardboard door for each of the 24 days before Christmas. You know the children are growing up when they are able to open just one door a day instead of ravaging the calendar completely at the beginning. Now 11, our son is more interested in having a „New Year's Eve calendar“, with one firecracker a day throughout December.

My German friend Hildegard, who is an elementary school teacher, passed on an Advent tradition

from her family. Each year she buys a booklet with a story and picture for each of the 24 days before Christmas and a big poster at the end. Every evening after supper the parents take turns reading a story and the children take turns cutting out the pictures and pasting them on the poster which has been hung up in the dining room. It's exciting to see that poster taking on form, to see Christmas approaching. The last page is read, the last picture cut out, the poster complete at the tea after the children's church service on Christmas Eve afternoon, just before the presents are opened.

>Presents in our part of Germany are brought by the Christkind, the Christ Child. He doesn't come down chimneys or travel by reindeer-drawn sleigh, of course. He is not seen or heard at all. The only signal that he has been present is the tinkling of a tiny bell, announcing that the tree has been decorated and the gifts have been brought.

What about Santa Claus? He comes on the evening of December 5th - Nikolaustag - putting small goodies in the freshly-polished shoes of good children and leaving behind switches to those less-than-good. In Hildegard's family, St. Nikolaus really appears in his red suit and white beard, reading from a book the previous year's deeds, both good and bad, and handing out presents afterwards. Once we were invited to this, but the children never wanted to do it again. They were embarrassed by having their misdemeanors read aloud before an audience and were scared of Santa Claus. So at our house, they polish their shoes and set them out under the Christmas stockings from Texas I've hung on the hall sideboard. They get candy and small presents in their shoes, in the stockings, and on a „Teller“, a plate full of spicy cookies, apples, nuts and tangerines. It took many years before my husband realized he was missing his „Nikolausteller“ and I realized I was not providing it, but we're both content now, although Stefan shudders at the shoestring potatoes and cans of Coke the children get in addition to the traditional fare.

Still another Advent/Christmas tradition is the setting up of the „Krippe“ or manger scene. My brother-in-law Joachim's family in Dortmund always has the most lovingly arranged manger scene, on its own small table on a white tablecloth with fir branches providing a background and a candle lighting the foreground.

„Our“ manger scene, a big, modern one, was given to our daughter by her art-collecting German grandparents when she was two. The first year, when we placed it on the floor so Isabelle could see it better, she removed the figures and crawled inside as far as she could go! Now it is part of our Advent ritual to set up the wooden shelter on the first Sunday in Advent under our horizontally hanging red and green (or purple and gold) Advent wreath, arranging fir branches around the outside of it, straw from Isabelle's guinea pig inside, and a small candle in front. Only the ox and donkey are placed inside, waiting for Christmas. Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, sheep, angel and star don't arrive until December 24, and the figure of the swaddled babe is laid in the manger just before the tiny bell rings at the climax of Christmas Eve. The wise men with their camel don't appear until January 6 (Epiphany, or Three Kings' Day), when it's almost time to dismantle everything again.

Decorating the tree was also a matter of contention. I love candles on the Christmas tree, but I also enjoy the ease of being able to light up that tree in the early mornings or evenings after Christmas by plugging it in. So we now have both -- candles for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day -- and tiny white electric lights for the rest of the time.

In Texas decorating the tree was a family venture. We bought it or brought it in from the woods together, my father cursing as he wrestled it into the stand, re-styled it to fit his sense of aesthetics, and got pricked when stringing on the lights. Then my mother, brother and I took over, ending with the yearly debate on whether to have icicles, which my father loved as a childhood memory. They are called „Lametta“ in German.

In my father's German-Texan childhood and in my husband's modern German one, children had nothing to do with decorating the Christmas tree. The Christkind did that in a living-room strictly off-limits to children until Christmas Eve. In this sense, my husband still lives part of his childhood. He wrestles the tree into its holder with more or less cursing, depending, but the rest of it is up to the children and me. We love doing it, although the discussions on which and how many ornaments should go where are not always conducted in a Christmas spirit. My favorite ornaments are two little wooden angels with the children's baby-hair, one blond, one honey-brown. The children get to take turns supervising, but we always forget whose year it is. It is a turbulent time, with the cat weaving in and out among the boxes and tissue paper and father coming home from work in the middle of it. It is usually done a few days before Christmas, a far cry from the weeks I knew at home.

In 1974, before we had children, Stefan and I went to Texas for Christmas, arriving via Air France without suitcases on December 23. We had asked my brother to wait with the tree, because we (we?) wanted to buy it and decorate it with him. But there was no tree left in Houston on December 23, 1974. We drove for hours, rejecting rejects (black and purple trees!) finally finding one barely acceptable, far outside the city limits. My brother wouldn't speak to us for a while, he was so disgusted. I had been away only five years then and already hadn't known any better.

For my husband and me, when to celebrate Christmas has never been a problem. At home in Texas, we celebrated on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, depending on when we were driving to the farm to be with my grandparents. I had no set ritual, so it was easy to accept my husband's set ritual of Christmas Eve as the inner family celebration. We walk to the 4 o'clock children's Christmas Eve service at our parish church around the corner. There feelings of loving brotherhood are sometimes sorely tried because the church is so small, so full, the children so excited and the service so long. It is no use trying to find a seat, because with certainty a child, fragile grandmother or harrassed, overburdened young mother will appear who needs it more. Once the service begins, though, it is magic. One year when I had been involved with the preparations and was collecting the song sheets afterwards, a young boy lingered at the front of the church near the manger scene, still under the spell, and asked me whether he had to go home!

Last December at school in the photocopy room, I innocently asked an American colleague I knew was married to a German, how they had meshed their Christmas traditions. He appalled me by saying they lived in his parents-in-law's house and celebrated only in the German way; there was none of his tradition in it. What he missed most was opening the presents on Christmas morning as he had done all during his childhood. Doing it on Christmas Eve seemed to jump the gun, he thought, and was illogical when considered in the light of the German tradition of birthday celebrating, in which it's bad luck to wish someone happy birthday even one minute before the actual day. But traditions have nothing to do with logic, at least not with any logic apparent to an outsider. I've talked to that colleague again since, and he said they'd decided to open their German presents on Christmas Eve and their American presents on Christmas Day. This year that colleague is getting part of the pumpkin pie I bake and eat all by myself every November.

That brings us to the last custom left to touch on: Christmas food. Finally, baking cookies is the thing to do in Germany: brownies, chocolate chip cookies, decorated sugar cookies, gingerbread -- all are appreciated. At our Christmas Eve afternoon tea we enjoy a slice of the Christmas Stollen loaf my friend Christel has baked and given to us. Back in the days when I was the harrassed mother of two small children trying to impress my parents-in-law on Christmas Eve, I had wailed to Christel that I would never be able to provide the quality of Stollen I thought they expected. She promptly included us in her round of Stollen baking, and that's become a Christmas tradition. She's also shared her family tradition of putting butter on the (pardon me, rather dry) Stollen slices, something my parents-

in-law would never have done. I've now found a recipe for Stollen in English, so there's no excuse for not attempting it, except that I'd much rather bake cookies.

On Christmas Eve we save me a lot of work, since I'd much rather be helping build the Lego pirate ship than cooking, by having „cold fish“ for the parents and „free choice“ for the children. For many years, as they enjoyed their cocktail sausages and French fries, we had to endure the children's nauseated comments of „Oh, how can you ?“ as we tried to enjoy our lobster. Last year Isabelle had spaghetti and Christian a whole roasted chicken to himself. He still talks about that.

Christmas Day we spend with my husband's family, where the traditional main dish is Christmas ham. Since my mother-in-law has grown older and is alone, my sister-in-law who lives next door to her organizes Christmas dinner, with each family bringing one course or the drinks. My doctor brother-in-law makes the ham. Last year we provided dessert, my husband's favorite raspberry-quark-cream. I knew I had to get that recipe from his law partner's wife when he asked her if he might lick the bowl.

The next day, or Second Day of Christmas, is my husband's Names Day, usually forgotten in the holiday hustle and bustle. We eat leftovers and haven't much appetite, for I've forgotten to mention the Texas treasures that have arrived in our packages from home: pecan pralines Mom has made from the pecans from the tree in her backyard, a fruitcake from the Corsicana, Texas, bakery, almond rocca, taco chips and bean dip from my brother. Their packages are always a treat, with the newest in solar-powered calculators for my husband, something battery-powered for the children, and something against homesickness for me, like a roll of paper towels with cat motifs or a subscription to Southern Living. On these packages the postage has sometimes cost almost as much as the contents, although they have been shipped by surface mail in November. My packages to Texas must also be ready by mid-November at the very latest, for I send them SAL (sea-air-land). This year so far, my brother will receive some of the beautiful smooth stones I collected on the beach in Tuscany, and Mom will get A Year in Provence, plus the video of our Tuscan vacation, but as usual I have no idea for Daddy, who always buys himself everything he needs just before Christmas, his birthday and Fathers' Day, as he likes to be surprised.

We all like to be surprised, but we also need the continuity of our traditions. Change and permanence are especially apparent in Christmas customs tailored to the needs of internationally-mixed families. I tried unsuccessfully for many years to conform to German traditions, putting pressure on myself to „get it right“. Now I know my goal should have been to „get it right for us“. No, my goal should be „to enjoy the process of trying.“

Mary Susan Westhoff
Düsseldorf

Edelweis Moden

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Yuletide

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Cold crisp nights with no humidity. Now, toward winter, we have the proper conditions for making Christmas cookies, Grandma's anise cookies in particular. Grandma was my mother-in-law, Mary Burda Stanush, and the Christmas season, starting on Thanksgiving Day, was marked by her cookies. She baked presents for the whole family. When she died seven years ago, in her 104th year, the cookies stopped.

Although various members of the family have tried in fits and starts to continue the custom, it's not the same, and the memories themselves may be in jeopardy. That's worse. For Grandma's greatest pleasure in life, I think, was making cookies. It was the one thing that she could still give of herself, right up until she died.

These are memories we want to keep. Hence, I spent last weekend on the phone from here to Michigan, to College Station, to Austin and to other parts of San Antonio to save an important part of our holiday tradition, and maybe, by extension, yours. And what was exciting, each of Grandma's two sons and seven grandchildren recalled something the others had forgotten or had never known.

The stories started back on South Street, itself now a memory under HemisFair Park. In those days, the '20s, Grandma made cookies all year long, as many mothers did. But the high point was the month before Christmas, when the smells of anise and molasses, pfeffernuss and lebkuchen cookies permeated the house.

Claude remembered the aromas of baking and the cookies in the stockings on St. Nicholas Day. Frank remembered hanging cookies on the Christmas tree.

The Stanushes were not German, but the Freys lived next door, and their German recipes became favorites in the family. Grandma Frey used to sweep her front sidewalk with a broom each time someone walked by, but the neighbors loved her anise cookies.

In the 40s, Janice, the oldest grandchild, stayed overnight with Grandma (she slept under a feather bed there) before she baked cookies. "I didn't stir them, or roll them, or cut them. She probably didn't think anybody could do it



Barbara Stanush

like she wanted," Janice reminisced.

Grandma then stored the cookies in her cool garage, where they slowly mellowed. None of the family would have raided the cookie tins early, not with Grandma. "She was very particular about not eating them until Christmas. She gave them to us at the Christmas party."

Janice also recalled that Grandma hunted a long time for a particular rolling pin to make the anise cookies with. It had pictures of animals, flowers, a flag, and a cross on it. When Grandma died, that was the only thing of hers Janice requested. We found the rolling pin carefully stored in a plastic bag along with a vegetable brush to clean it.

The progeny were split half and half re: the anise cookies. The older ones loved them, the younger ones thought they were beautiful, but didn't like the taste. "It's an acquired taste," said Susan. Her older brother Pat opted for the anise, but he loved the molasses ones, too. "My mouth waters when you mention it," he said.

We still make Grandma's "Mama's Molasses Cookies." Here's the recipe, an early yuletide present: "2 cups molasses, 1 1/4 cups sugar, 2 cups pecans, 1/2 cup butter, 1 teaspoon allspice, 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1/2 of whole nutmeg (grated), 1/4 glass whiskey (Grandma omitted this), peelings of 2 lemons and juice of 1 lemon, 1 egg, 4 cups flour, 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda.

"Cream butter and sugar. Add egg and molasses. Add lemon rind and juice. Add pecans. Then add flour mixed with spices, baking powder and baking soda. Refrigerate overnight or longer until dough is hard enough to handle. Roll only small amount at a time. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes."

Long ago, the pecans came from the tree Frank Stanush Sr.

Living Carefully 'Between the Years'

Germans, like most Europeans and North Americans, tend to take it easy nowadays in the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. There is, however, long tradition behind the habit, as well as a panoply of centuries-old customs governing conduct during this period. In the time "between the years," as this week was known in many regions of Germany, certain mundane chores were strictly off limits. Baking, spinning, and laundry were widely considered unlucky, and violating this unwritten ban was an invitation to demonic punishment. Not only spinning wool, but also cooking beans and sewing during the "holy time" were avoided in Hessen, for example, from the Middle Ages until well into the last century. It might turn out that one was sewing one's own shroud.

Death was a particular preoccupation; this had to do with the fact that the cold nights between Christmas and New Year's were seen as auspicious occasions for seeing into the future. Individuals were more susceptible to attacks by the "wild hordes" of winter demons active in this week, so the company of others was imperative

for self-defense, particularly on New Year's Eve. In some areas, though, only men were allowed to seek safety in numbers, since women, the guardians of home and hearth, were not considered to be in danger from "wild hordes."

One can only conjecture about the origins of "the days between the years." One theory, the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* wrote, is that the church of the 15th century dated Christmas as the beginning of the New Year, while the civil calendar began with January 1. ■

The Week in Germany—January 6, 1995

Flag fest activities

By JIMMIE FERGUSON
Herald Staff Writer

Saturday, 50 entries in the Festival of Flags Parade were led through the streets of downtown Killeen by marching units of Fort Hood's 2nd Armored Division and the parade's grand marshal, retired U.S. Army Gen. Robert Shoemaker, along with Fort Hood general officers and the 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment, all on horseback. This number of entries is down by 20 from last year's parade.

Among the colorful and dynamic showings, this year's parade entry winners are:

- The German Edelweiss Club float took first place in the Grand Marshal's Award-the Best Overall Entry or Float, and the Pacific Heights Express Dance Troupe was runner-up.

- The 1st Cavalry Horse Detachment won the Mayor's Award-the Best Riding or Group entry, and runner-up went to the Nuestras Raíces.

- The Lone Star Cloggers won the Governor's Award-the Best Children's Entry, and the Texas Tumblers Gymnastics was runner-up.

- The Escape Theatre Northside 7 float took first place in the Commerce Award-the Best Commercial Entry, and Gidden Distributions was runner-up with its car/truck entry.

Harker Heights Mayor Stewart Meyers, Gatesville Mayor Wyllis Ament, Killeen City Councilman Mark Manning and the NAACP's Silas Harrell Jr., were the judges.

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German Christmas Markets

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Just when the cold, dark days of winter descend, threatening to send everyone indoors, Christmas markets open all over Germany.

The festive markets, with strolling musicians, hot drinks and tables of handcrafted gifts, open the first Sunday of Advent — this Sunday.

People look forward to meeting friends and neighbors at the market to browse among the gift tables, listen to music and chase away the chill with a glass of hot, spicy wine.

"There are spices, baked goods, gifts. You can find everything there," says Judith Gorner of Stuttgart, who attends the Weihnachtsmarkts (Christmas markets) to find gifts for her family. Gorner and her sister, Elisabeth Weisz, a university student in Braunschweig, Germany, talked about Christmas markets and customs.

"Music is playing, there is glass-blowing, and people drink hot wine and visit," says Gorner. The huge

market at Nuremberg "is the most famous and, it seems to me, the most beautiful. It is in front of the cathedral inside the very old city, and the atmosphere is like the old times."

Although the most well-known markets are in Nuremberg and Munich, the capital city of Bavaria, they also are held in villages all over the country. Each market reflects the traditions of the region.

The Nuremberg market dates back to 1697. On opening day, a young girl dressed as the Christ Child extends holiday greetings to those gathered in the town square. Later in December, school children parade through the streets carrying homemade lanterns.

Among the specialties sold at the Nuremberg market are the little prune people figures, called "Zwetschgenmannchen." Made of nuts, raisins, figs and dried plums, the prune people are dressed in colorful clothing and sold as Christmas decorations.

The spicy aroma of gingerbread wafts through the brisk air, tempt-

ing shoppers to sample the bread, called "Lebkuchen," or perhaps buy an elaborate gingerbread house.

The Munich market goes back more than 600 years and is held in the Marienplatz in front of the town hall. In addition to mouthwatering delicacies, the Munich market offers handmade wooden toys, Bavarian folk art, candles and colorful nutcrackers. This market is best known for its handcarved Nativity scenes, which are produced in all sizes and styles from the simple to the elaborate.

Most markets are open all day and into the evening. Office workers and shop clerks stop after work to eat pastries, roasted chestnuts and spicy bratwurst while they listen to musicians perform in the town square.

In Rothenburg on the Romantic Road, Germany's best-preserved medieval town, the Christmas market is inspired by the city's past. Celebrations include plays, concerts, torchlight parades and coach rides.

Music is an important part of the celebrations.

The Frankfurt market, held on Romerberg Square in front of City Hall, features trumpeters playing carols. The glockenspiel from the old Nicholas Church is played on Sundays, and on the first Sunday of Advent and on Christmas Eve, churches ring their bells at the same time.

Berlin has put on a Christmas market for 150 years, but only in the last couple of years have reunified Berliners enjoyed a market together. Booths decorated with greenery and lights are placed along the Kurfurstendamm shopping street, known as the Ku'damm. Gift and food tables draw crowds in the shadow of the jagged ruins of the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, which stands as a reminder of the war that destroyed most of the city and killed 50,000.

With the reunification, many Germans are visiting markets in the former East Germany for the first time.

In Fulda, a small picturesque town near the former East German border, the market is held among the half-timbered houses in the Town Hall square. Choruses sing and a brass band plays in the tower of the Parish Church.

Yule tree bedecked with custom, history

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Of all Christmas customs, perhaps the most universally treasured is the Christmas tree. Brightly decorated with shimmering lights and glittering ornaments, the tree is as likely to reflect the traditions of each individual family, as it is those of the world at large. From the moment when the tree is erected, usually some days in advance of Christmas Eve, it commands a position of central importance during all holiday festivities.

So much so, that it is difficult to believe that, a scant 2,000 years ago, the custom of trimming a tree at Christmastide was not widely observed outside its native Germany.

One legend credits Martin Luther, the 16th century theologian, with having set up the very first Christmas tree. According to this legend, Luther conceived of a tree alight with countless candles as a way of representing to his children the glory of the starlit heaven. However, historical sources indicate that the first Christmas tree can be traced to the early 17th century, when fir trees — decorated with colored paper, gold foil, apples, toys and candies — were reported in the German city of Stasburg.

What are the antique origins of the Christmas tree? Historians point to a multitude of sources, among them the Roman custom of decking residences with evergreens during the festival of the Kalends, which occurred in the early part of January.

Parallels between the Roman observance of Kalends and the festivities traditional at Christmas are many and include those of decorating the home with lights, extending lavish hospitality to friends and family, as well as extravagant gift-giving.

Many early Christian beliefs stand behind the tradition of trimming a tree at Christmas. For instance, it was customary for people to bring flowering trees, such as hawthorn or cherry, indoors during the autumn, so that they might bloom and bring forth fruit on Christmas Eve.

This tradition may derive from the belief that St. Joseph of Arimathea, settling at Glastonbury in western England, planted his staff in the earth, where-upon it became a thorn tree and sprouted leaves. Furthermore, it miraculously blossomed.

December 24th, according to the old Church calendar, was the Feast of Adam and Eve, on which day it was traditional to hang a fir tree with red apples. This Paradise Tree, as it was called, is certainly a forerunner of the Christmas tree as we know it.

There are some very pretty stories associated with both pine and fir trees, among the most popular choices for Christmas trees. According to one legend, the pine tree provided a hiding place for the Holy Family when they were fleeing from the soldiers of Herod.

Dates with history: A Fredericksburg artist has developed a 1996 calendar that features watercolors of historic buildings in Fredericksburg and information about the city's 150th anniversary, which will be observed for 10 days in May. John Nichols, who lives in Fredericksburg, has done small watercolors of 60 historic buildings in the city of about 7,500, which is about 80 miles west of Austin, and de-

signed them into a calendar, which includes information about activities planned in Fredericksburg next year. The calendar includes a map to help visitors find the old buildings, Nichols says, and will be available from J.S. Calendars, P.O. Box 226, Fredericksburg 78624 for \$18 including postage and handling. Nichols says the first 1,000 will be signed by the artist.

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Grandmother Gruen's memoirs

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Gilberto M. Hinojosa

Like most San Antonians, I generally associate the 19th-century German-Texan experience with the King William neighborhood and Beethoven Hall, the historic remnants of the elite, not of ordinary settlers. For the latter, life was full of difficulties.

I was reminded of this while reading, "I Think Back — Being the Memoirs of Grandma Gruen as Told to Her Granddaughter." This booklet, made available to me by Thelma Cade-Perdue, contains the memorable recollections of *Grossmutter* Mathilda Gruen Wagner.

Her father, Louis Doebbler, and his brothers William and Frederick left Luckenwalde, near Berlin, in 1850 after a revolt against the king failed. The Doebblers arrived in Galveston and made their way (the men walking, we are told) to Fredericksburg. There the brothers worked for two years before bringing their families to Texas. In time, each acquired a 300-acre acre homestead on Grape Creek. But our storyteller's mother stayed in town, sewing to bring in cash

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for the family while the farm got established. Uncle William supplemented his income by writing for newspapers, including the San Antonio Express.

Acquiring land promised security, but the family was not spared tragedy. Mathilda's oldest brother drowned in a stream. Her mother died shortly after giving birth, and the orphans were turned over to area families to work as servants, as had been the custom in Europe. The children seldom saw one another and were never all reunited. The smallest child, Amalia, died after consuming fly poison mixed with sugar. Sister Nellie had a hand crushed in a sugar press. Mathilda herself suffered with a mean-tempered stepmother.

Mathilda's memoirs include recollections of general historical interest. There is mention of the octagonal *Vereins-Kirche*, or people's church. Everyone called it the *Kaffeemuehle* because it resembled a coffee mill. Trading visits by friendly Indians are recalled, along with later terrors of attacks and raids. And there is the story of Louis Schuetze, a teacher (grand-

father of Winifred Schuetze Cade, recorder of this memoir) killed because he openly opposed Texas' participation in the Civil War.

And there were good times. There were trips to the flour mill, with stay-overs at Uncle William's house, and feasts at slaughter time. At barn-raising or harvest get-togethers, the men ate so much they literally weighed more after dinner. Quilling bees left happy memories, as did the aroma of roasting and grinding coffee beans. Childhood corn-shuck dolls and barefoot summers were never forgotten.

When she was 8 years old, Mathilda was sent to a San Antonio family, for whom she did chores and errands. She attended a German school and there befriended another orphan whose one dress was always dirty. "Lucky" Mathilda had a special dress for Sunday services at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Most of the time little Mathilda was alone and frightened. On her errands and to get to school, she had to cross the river on the Navarro Street footbridge, which, she tells us, "was set on barrels with boards nailed across. . . I always

hated to cross this bridge. I crawled across it in rainy weather, holding tight at each side."

At 14, she was brought back home. There she helped clear new fields, which left her with corns on the palms of her hands. Life improved considerably, however, when she met and married Frederick William Gruen. The newlyweds lived at his father's home, where she was loved. Later, Doebbler built a two-story stone house for them and their eight children.

The Gruens eventually sold the farm and moved to Kerrville, but life did not improve as expected. When her husband died in an accident, Mathilda took in boarders. After her father-in-law, "Grandpa" Gruen, died, she brought her family to San Antonio. They lived in the German district on Wyoming Street, near the railroad station, a location attractive to boarders.

Grossmutter Gruen's sacrifices were repaid by her loving children and grandchildren, who have preserved her story, offering another perspective on 19th-century Texas.

Centenarian reflects on old times

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By FREDERICA WYATT
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JUNCTION — A century of time may be likened unto a grain of sand in the plan of eternity, but to one Junction woman, the years reflect her well-spent life. Hattie Dechert Becker became a centenarian June 16 and looks back on the last 100 years in retrospect.

A second-generation Texan, Becker was born in the small Gillespie County community of Luckenbach, where her paternal great-grandparents settled with their children soon after landing at Galveston in 1846. The Decherts were natives of Germany and were typical of the hard-working immigrants coming into Texas from the "Old Country."

In recalling events of her life, Becker said her hometown of Luckenbach might well have gained national fame except for the idiosyncrasies of fate.

Long before the town's rise to fame was heralded by the likes of Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings, an air pioneer by the name of Jacob Brodbeck invented a

flying machine he referred to as his "bird."

Brodbeck singlehandedly built his aircraft and piloted it for more than 100 yards several years before



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stored the plane in her father's hayloft. The plans for Brodbeck's plane were lost, and the Texas inventor never received proper acclaim for his foresighted venture, she said.

In the spring of 1908, Becker's parents, Willie O. and Anna Eckert Dechert, made a move to Kimble County seeking a healthier climate. The family made the trek by covered wagon, covering the distance in a two-day span. The first night the entourage consisting of the par-

ents and children arrived at the W.O. Brown ranch in the White Bluff community in Kimble County, where the weary travelers received a warm and welcome respite from the laborious journey.

En route to the new home, the Decherts were confronted by a Texas "blue norther," and the resulting freeze wiped out their first crop, planted by the father before he returned to Luckenbach to move his family to a new homestead at the confluence of Johnson Fork Creek and the Llano River.

After more than 80 years in Kimble County — her home since age 12 — Becker still remembers the family's attraction to the bountiful and beautiful streams of fresh water.

The Junction woman began her education at the Grape Hill school near Luckenbach, where her grandfather was a school trustee and was instrumental in erecting the "hall of learning."

But after the move to Kimble, the Dechert children attended school at Elm Hollow, where their teacher was Ola Phillips. Later they

forded the river by boat to attend the Gentry Creek school taught by Ella Stevenson, sister of Coke R. Stevenson, later governor of Texas. Another Gentry teacher was Victoria Brewer of London. When they reached high school age, the Decherts attended the Junction schools.

A bride during World War I, Hattie Dechert married Rudolph Becker on May 16, 1917, before he marched away to fight overseas. The Beckers' son and both sons-in-law served their country in World War II.

The Beckers were parents of three children — Leon Becker and Annabelle Hester, both deceased, and Louise White, who resides near Junction. Becker has one living sister, Marie Peterman of Mason, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Throughout the ever-changing years, Becker has been an avid football fan and faithfully cheers her favorite team, the Dallas Cowboys. She reads each edition of the San Angelo Standard-Times, the San Antonio Express and the Junction Eagle.

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BITS AND PIECES AND NEWS

Genealogy Workshop at 1995 Annual Meeting covered German names and naming practices as well as some new resources available for Germanic genealogical research. Members in attendance received a handout with an extensive bibliography referring to general works; special topics; atlases, maps and gazetteers; addresses and letter writing; words, names, and handwriting, and "special helps" as well as immigration and passenger lists. Two additional pages suggest ways to locate an ancestor's place of origin in Germany from U.S. sources and from German sources.

Anyone wishing to receive a copy of this handout, send a SASE (a long #10 envelope with 78 cents postage) to your Genealogy Editor. These will be available as long as supply lasts.

In an effort to share some of the proceedings of that Workshop with members who did not attend, here are excerpts from the bibliography on Germanic names. These are the resources used in the lecture portion of the Workshop.

Edda Gentry, transl. Dictionary of German Names by Hans Bahlow. This is a translation of Hans Bahlow's Deutsches Namenlexikon. See review elsewhere in this Genealogy Section.

George H. Jones, German-American Names. See review in this Section. A copy is in the library at our GTHS office in Austin.

"Names," Chapter 2 in Kenneth L. Smith's German Church Books: Beyond the Basics. A review of this book is in this Section.

"Masculine Names," "Feminine Names," "Surnames," "Typical Town Names," pages 16-19 in Ernest Thode's Atlas for Germanic Genealogy. For availability, inquire of the author at RR 7, Box 306GH, Marietta OH 45750.

"What are German Names?" in Charles R. Haller, Distinguished German-Americans. See review in GTHS Journal, Summer 1995, p. 112. A copy is in the GTHS office library in Austin. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Bowie MD 20716, telephone 1-800-398-7709; price is \$24.00 plus \$3.50 postage.

"Personal Names," Chapter VII in Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns. See review in this Section.

Kevin Tvedt, "Using Surnames to Trace German Origin," German Genealogical Society of America Bulletin. Inquire of GGSA, 2125 Wright Ave., Suite C-9, La Verne CA 91750-5814. Reprints are about \$2.00 per issue.

Chapter on naming practices in Wolfgang Ribbe and Eckhart Henning, Taschenbuch für Familiengeschichtsforschung. The 10th edition of this book is available from Genealogy Unlimited, P. O. Box 537, Dept. GT, Orem UT 84059 or 1-800-666-4363. Price is \$50.00 plus \$4.50 postage. Since it is in the German language, you may obtain the Table of Contents in English first by sending an SASE.

"Names," pp. 244-249, in George K. Schweitzer, German Genealogical Research. See review in GTHS Journal, Fall 1992, p. 240. Available from Genealogy Unlimited (address and telephone above) for \$18.00; minimum postage on all orders is \$4.50. It is also available from the author, 407 Regency Court, Knoxville TN 37923 for the same price, postage amount not stated.

Chapters 12 and 13 in Volume I and Lectures 9, 10, 11, and 12 in Volume II of Larry Jensen's A Genealogical Handbook of German Research. These are out of print, but the author projects a re-release at the end of 1995. For availability, contact Larry Jensen at P. O. Box 441, Pleasant Grove UT 84062, or call (801) 240-1065. See below.

Alton J. Rahe, "On the Meaning of German Family Names," Family Footsteps, March 1995, pp. 33-36. This is the publication of the Comal County Genealogy Society, P. O. Box 310160, New Braunfels TX 78131-0160. Back issues are \$4.00 each plus \$1.00 postage.

For general information on the origin and development of surnames and first names throughout history, consult a general encyclopedia, such as Encyclopædia Britannica.

A Genealogical Handbook of German Research, volumes I and II, is out of print. Author Larry Jensen tells us that Volume II is being revised and will be ready "the end of the year" (this year) and will be an in-depth treatment of records--different types of records, records repositories, and means of accessing records. Volume I, the beginners' volume, is also being updated and will be finished by the end of 1995. Eventually there will be a third volume for advanced researchers and will deal with problem solving. Jensen's little book, Maps of the German Empire of 1871 is still available for \$15.00 postpaid by writing to Larry Jensen, P. O. Box 441, Pleasant Grove UT 84062. His office number is (801) 240-1065. This map book includes not only maps of each of the German states but also a one-page history of each territory, although not up-to-date with recent changes. It also includes an excellent lesson in using the Meyers Orts- und Verkehrs Lexikon, the same as Appendix B in Volume I of his Genealogical Handbook. Since we have so highly recommended the Genealogical Handbook, especially Volume I for beginners, and it is not currently available, researchers may want to look at it at a L.D.S. local Family History Centers, microfilm #1,181,765, item 4, or microfiche #6000366-68.

(from: conversation with Larry Jensen and L.D.S. Research Guide: Germany)

Immigrant Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 7369, Burbank CA 91510-7369 has a large number of sources not available through GTHS. IGS volunteers will research from those sources for a modest fee. Searches include German and Swiss telephone books, Social Security death index, Hans Bahlow's dictionary of German names (see above and the review elsewhere in this Section), Glendorfs, Ahnenlisten Kartei, FANA, Germanic Emigrants Register, Deutschen Familienarchiv, as well as various published emigration and passenger lists. If you wish to obtain a copy of IGS's seven pages of research order forms, send a SASE (long #10 envelope with 55 cents postage) to your GTHS Genealogy Editor.

Hesse family researchers will be interested in a research option offered by Immigrant Genealogical Society not listed in the seven pages described above. The Hesse Family Society published four volumes of over 34,000 Hessian ancestors researched by 535 German genealogists. The IGS will search for either a surname or a town of residence for a fee of \$8.00. For additional information, write to Immigrant Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 7369, Burbank CA 91510-7369.

(from: flyer from Immigrant Genealogical Society)

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Hesse-Darmstadt researchers may benefit from the recommendation of Betty Cook, a member of the Immigrant Genealogical Society. She reports she was pleased with the research work done in Darmstadt archives by Dr. Werner Wittich, Hessische Familiengeschichtliche Vereinigung, Staatsarchiv-Karolinenplatz 3, D-64289 Darmstadt, Germany. Dr. Wittich is 92 years old and is assisted by three other researchers in their 70s and 80s. She says this contact is important as the Archive staff is not always responsive to genealogists. (from: Immigrant Genealogical Society Newsletter, May 1995)

Schaumburg-Lippe Churchbooks and materials from Hesse have been acquired by the Immigrant Genealogical Society. Persons interested in a specific church in Schaumburg-Lippe may write to the Immigrant Genealogical Society at P. O. Box 7369, Burbank CA 91510-7369.

(from: Immigrant Genealogical Society Newsletter, August 1995)

Pfalz researchers looking for the villages of Konken, Lusel, Langenbach, Herschweiler-Pettersheim, Lichtenberg, Quirnbach, Selchenback or villages in that vicinity of the Pfalz will be interested in the 275-page "Chronik" titled Langenbach: Nachgedanken zur Geschichte (translation, Langenbach: Recollections of the past). The editor of Der Blumenbaum, Sacramento (Calif.) German Genealogy Society, has created surname and locality indexes to this book. If you would like a copy of the six-page set of indexes, send an SASE plus a blank, stamped envelope (as reimbursement for copying costs) to: Shirley Reimer, 355 Hatteras Way, Sacramento CA 95831.

(from: Der Blumenbaum, Winter 1995)

Where to Look for Hard-to-Find German-Speaking Ancestors in Eastern Europe is now available in the second edition. This book contains 19,270 different surnames, indexed from 13 relevant texts, with a history of the German settlements in Eastern Europe that are covered by the indexed books. Authored by Brude Brandt and Edward Reimer Brandt, the book is available from Clearfield Company, 200 E. Edgar St., Baltimore MD 21202. The price is \$18.50 plus shipping.

(from: Federation of Genealogical Societies Forum, Summer 1995)

German Military Records and Brandenburg Records in Print, Part I, were among the articles in the Summer 1995 issue of German Genealogical Digest. The article on military records includes helps in confirming the family tradition that an ancestor fled the old country to avoid military service. It also gives concise histories of the Danish-German War (1864), Seven Weeks' War (1866), and the Franco-Prussian War (1870-71), plus a bibliography of important military sources and archives. Subscription is \$24.00 per year from German Genealogical Digest, 245 N. Vine, Salt Lake City UT 84103.

(from: German Genealogical Digest, Summer 1995)

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern International e.V. is a new organization formed to serve as a forum of communication between the Old and New Worlds. The society will provide members with information about Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Among the stated goals, the one of interest to genealogists is making contacts with public and non-public archives and assisting overseas members with their ancestral research. Yearly annual membership is DM50. (Call Reusch International at 1-800-424-2923 if you need assistance in converting currency.)

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Initially, members will receive a large color booklet on Mecklenburg-Vorpommern culture, and then in 1996 a multi-lingual magazine will begin publication. The address is: Mecklenburg-Vorpommern International e.V. (MVI), Mecklenburgstrasse 2, D-19053 Schwerin, Germany. The person responsible for communication with overseas countries is: Jürgen F. Boden - MVI, Uferstrasse 41, D-22113 Oststeinbek, Germany, Fax # 0049-40-713-4188. (from: German Genealogical Digest, Spring 1995)

Additional assistance with Mecklenburg emigrants may be obtained through the Institute for Migration and Ancestral Research, e.V. As this year marks the 1,000th anniversary of the Land of Mecklenburg, a small group of historians has teamed up to trace the emigration of Mecklenburg citizens to all corners of the globe. It is their aim to contact the descendants of emigrants and reconnect them with their family history. Any helpful information should be sent to the group at Richard-Wagner-Str. 31, D-18119 Warnemünde, Germany. (From: Der Blumenbaum, Summer 1995, based on German Life, July 1995)

Germans from Galicia Descendants of Germans who immigrated to or from Galicia (present-day Ukraine and Poland) and who want to find information on those ancestors will be interested in the new organization Galizien German Descendants. Formed at the May 1994 conference of the Federation of East European Family History Societies (FERFHS, see GTHS Journal Fall 1994, page 253), the group seeks to share research findings and information gleaned from trips to Galicia, ancestral villages, religious affiliations and family surnames. U.S. dues are \$12.00, but the amount may be adjusted as the group becomes established. The contact is: Evelyn Wolfer, 12367 S.E. 214th St., Kent WA 98031. (from: Federation of Genealogical Societies Forum, Spring 1995, based on a GGD press release)

Northfrisland descendants may be interested to know that the Northfrisian Emigrant Archives opened in February in Bredstedt, Germany. The Archives will collect family histories and genealogies from those whose ancestors came from the Frisian Islands. The names will be computerized to assist future family researches and to provide a collection of valuable information to historians. For further information, contact: Scharlott Goettsch Blevins, German-American Heritage Center, P. O. Box 42, Davenport IA 52803-0342. (from: Federation of Genealogical Societies Forum, Spring 1995, based on information from the American Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society)

Alsace-Lorraine records may not be as inaccessible as previously thought. Some years a wealthy Frenchman named Andriveau hired scribes to copy all the official records of births, marriages, deaths, divorces, etc., from all the cities and districts of Alsace-Lorraine. Later many of the original records were lost, burned, or destroyed. When French officials asked Andriveau to let them recopy his records, he refused. However, the L.D.S. was permitted to microfilm the Andriveau records, so although they are not available in Europe, they can be viewed in any U.S. city where a local L.D.S. Family History Center is located! (from: Der Blumenbaum, 12:2:77, and Immigrant Genealogical Society Newsletter, August 1995)

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A list of Middle Rhein research books has been translated by the German Research Association of San Diego, Calif. It consists of family books, citizen lists, tax lists, and court records for various cities. The list included authors' addresses and the translators updated the postal codes. For information, contact the German Research Association, P. O. Box 711600, San Diego CA 92171-1600.

(from: Immigrant Genealogical Society Newsletter, August 1995)

Half a million German pedigrees, mostly dating from 1650 to 1850, are available on microfilm at the L.D.S. Family History Library and local Family History Centers. Many pedigrees are hundreds of pages long. The collection, titled Die Ahnenstammkartei des deutschen Volkes (The German Pedigree Card Index) includes: 638 index films (FHL Catalog computer number 688651), a handwritten phonetic index on 2.7 million cards, arranged by the wife's maiden name; and over 600 pedigree films (FHL Catalog computer number 677728). A detailed introduction to the collection, written in German, appears on microfilm number 1,799,712, item 3. The Family History Library Catalog contains a briefer explanation in English.

(from: News of the Family History Library, Summer 1994)

Germans in Russia records are also available on 135 new microfilms through L.D.S. sources. The German Protestant Church (Evangelische Kirche) of Russia was organized into several consistories and headquartered in St. Petersburg. The new microfilms contain 274 volumes of the consistories' church record transcripts stored at the Russian State Historical Archives. These records are from German settlements in Ingermanland (the area near St. Petersburg), the Black Sea, Bessarabia, and the Crimea for the years 1833 to 1885. The films are listed in the Subject section of the Family History Library Catalog under: Germans - Russia - Church Records and Registers.

(from: News of the Family History Library, Summer 1994)

The "Leipzig Films", 621 rolls, contain the card indexes to Ahnentafels submitted to the Central Office for Genealogy in Leipzig by members from 1921 on. The members' charts were destroyed during World War II, but the card index has survived. Apparently the L.D.S. Family History Library has made these available via microfilming. Three microfiche hold the surname index indicating the number of the film roll.

(from: Immigrant Genealogical Society Newsletter, June 1995)

Abbreviations in Meyers gazetteer were explained and translated in an article in the Summer 1995 issue of Der Blumenbaum. Although the information contained in Meyers Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexikon is most valuable (see GTHS Journal Fall 1994, page 247) it can be frustrating since the format consists of a string of abbreviations in the old German printing. And, the book has no abbreviations key. Several sources have produced a list of the abbreviations with explanations and translations into English, the latest this article in the quarterly of the Sacramento (Calif.) German Genealogy Society. This issue will be available at our GTHS office library.

(from: Der Blumenbaum, Summer 1995)

Palatines to America, a national society, publishes a scholarly journal as well as a quarterly newsletter and sponsors an annual national conference.

The 1996 Conference will be 6-8 June in Peoria, Illinois. Annual membership dues, \$20.00, include membership in one of the eight state chapters. This group is sometimes called "Pal-Am." The Society's name is derived from the "Palatinate," a state on the Rhine River, which was the origin of many 18th century immigrants. Before the 1871 unification of Germany, German-speaking immigrants thought of themselves as arriving in America from Prussia, Rhineland, Bavaria, Württemberg, Switzerland, Austria, or other states of the old Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation. For information, contact Palatines to America, Capital University, Box 101P, Columbus OH 43209-2394, telephone (614) 236-8281.

(from: flyer from Palatines to America)

Links Genealogy Publications publishes Krefeld Immigrants and their Descendants, a semi-annual compendium of information, book reviews, and queries for the descendants of the founders of Germantown, Penn. in 1863. Subscribers (\$14.00 per year) also receive free queries and chart registration. Back issues are available. Topical indexes are available for Vols. 1-5 and 6-10 for \$3.50 each plus \$1.50 postage. A sample publication has been furnished to our GTHS library in Austin.

(from: sample copy of Krefeld Immigrants and their Descendants)

Germanic Genealogy Society, a branch of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, sends its Newsletter to our GTHS office in exchange for our GTHS publications. The September 1995 issue tells that the Minnesota Genealogical Society is on the Web at "<http://www.mtn.org.mgs>" and that the group Germanic Genealogy Society still has a number of publications and research helps for sale, including ancestor charts and family group sheets with labels in the German or Polish languages, maps, guides to the Meyers and Müllers gazetteers, helps with German script and pronunciation, and much, much more. This is the group that has published the highly-praised Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns. See our review of it elsewhere in this Section. For information on the Germanic Genealogy Society, write to P. O. Box 16069, St. Paul MN 55116-0312. Back issues of their Newsletter are on file in our GTHS Library.

(from: Germanic Genealogy Society Newsletter, September 1995)

German Interest Group in Janesville, Wisconsin, has monthly meetings and publishes a quarterly Newsletter. We have made arrangements to exchange publications with this organization, and their Newsletters will be on file in the Library in our GTHS office. Membership runs 1 May through 30 April of each year; dues are \$7.50 for an individual and \$10.00 for a family. Address your queries to: German Interest Group, 4327 Milton Ave., Janesville WI 53546.

(from: German Interest Group Newsletter, Winter 1995)

Historic Emigration Office in Hamburg has closed as of 17 March 1995. It no longer takes requests for searches of the Hamburg Passenger Lists. The L.D.S. Family History Library has these on microfilm and thus they are available at local L.D.S. Family History Centers. See Review in this Section of the Resource Guide on the Hamburg Passenger Lists.

(from: German Genealogical Society of America Newsletter, April 1995)

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Czech Immigration Passenger Lists, Volume VI is now available. It covers over 35,000 Czech arrivals at New York between 1881 and 1886 and at Galveston between 1880 and 1886. The information was extracted from over 60 rolls of National Archives microfilm. In the case of Galveston where no National Archives records exist for that time period, contemporary newspaper accounts were used, including the Wisconsin Slovie (a Czech newspaper), the Galveston Daily News, and a souvenir passenger list. The price is \$19.95, postpaid, from the author, Leo Baca, 1707 Woodcreek, Richardson TX 75082. Over the years he has produced five other books on Czech passenger records. Here is a summary of them:

Vol. I, New Orleans, 1852-1879; Galveston, 1848-1871, price \$17.95 ppd.

Vol. II, New Orleans, 1879-1899; Galveston, 1896-1906, price \$17.95 ppd.

Vol III, Galveston, 1907-1914, price \$17.95 postpaid.

Vol. IV, New York, 1847-1869, price \$17.95 postpaid.

Vol. V, New York, 1870-1880, price \$17.95 postpaid.

Vol. VI, New York, 1881-1886; Galveston, 1880-1886, price \$19.95.

Note that some of these include records for New York arrivals in the unindexed years.

(from: press release and letter from Leo Baca)

U.S. Passport records are now available on microform from the L.D.S. Family History Library and local Family History Centers. These 2,150 microforms cover Dec 1810 to 1924 for registers and indexes and Oct 1795 to 1947 for applications. Passport applications may contain much valuable family and biographical information. The L.D.S. records are cataloged: United States - Emigration and Immigration.

(from: News of the Family History Library, Summer 1994)

The use of the Internet in genealogy was the subject of an article by Mike Eldredge in the June 1995 issue of APG Quarterly, the publication of the Association of Professional Genealogists. The article explains from ground zero what the Internet is, how information is exchanged, and how genealogists can benefit from the Internet.

(from: APG Quarterly, June 1995)

Genealogy lessons on video are available from Video Knowledge, Inc. The three videos, one hour each, cover general how-to topics and many specialized tips to assist in your research in the U.S. Nothing in the list of topics indicates assistance with research in Germany. The instructors, Gordon and Carolyn Casper, charge up to \$275.00 to students in their courses. The advantage of seeing it on video, of course, is that you can replay a segment of interest. The price of the three tapes is \$59.95 plus \$7.95 shipping. Order from: Video Knowledge, 32 North 200 East, Suite 1, Spanish Fort, UT 8460, or call 1-800-347-6687, ext. 107. There is a money-back guarantee.

(from: letter from Video Knowledge, Inc.)

A Texan visiting Meisenheim, Germany, in 1989 told the church caretaker that his ancestors had carved the pulpit in the church. The visitor's name was Karl Schmidt. Several days later, the caretaker told a resident named Marie Schmidt about his visit, and she has been looking for "Karl Schmidt from Texas" ever since. Christa Prewitt is trying to help the 90-year-old Marie Schmidt locate this man. If you know of a Karl Schmidt who went to Germany in

1989, please contact Ms. Prewitt at P. O. Box 992, Elgin TX 78621, telephone (512) 281-2916.

(from: Stirpes, September 1995)

Genealogical Fraud! The National Genealogical Society (NGS), in cooperation with the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), has submitted a report (written by Dr. Helen Hinchliff, Chair of the NGS Ethics Committee) to the U.S. Postal Service requesting an investigation of a mail order business known as Halbert's. We have written about this before--about every two years--in our GTHS Journal; but our relatives and GTHS members (including LaVerne Hoelscher of San Angelo and Fredericka Richter DeBerry of Houston) continue to call to our attention the letters sent by Halbert's. This company produces books whose main feature is a list of addresses for persons who share the addressee's last name. The marketing leads possible customers to assume that the offered books contain material about their own family histories. There are at least six different titles used:

1. The World Book of [Yourlastname] lists addresses and takes records from Filby and Meyer's Passenger and Immigration Lists Index.
2. Burke's Peerage World Book of [Yourlastname] is the same as #1; however, readers should know that "Burke's Peerage" did not publish this book. That firm has ceased business, but apparently Halbert's bought the name.
3. [Yourlastname] Since the Civil War lists addresses and gives names and dates from the Social Security Death Index.
4. [Yourlastname] Since 1791, and
5. [Yourlastname] Since 1620 repeat chapters from #1 and #3.
6. Who's Who of [Yourlastname] in the United States includes details drawn from questionnaires completed by the addressees.

Halbert's also markets "clan reunion tours" of Scotland that follow a standard route no matter where the tourists' ancestors might have lived.

Halbert's also sells coats of arms. Although its literature calls them "ancestral," these arms are created by Halbert's own artists and have nothing to do with the ancestry of those who purchase them.

An eight-page summary of the report to the Postal Service is available from the NGS or FGS. Halbert's letters suggest that the book on a name will give the customers facts about their roots. The letter is from a person who shares the addressee's surname, with the letter stating that this person is the "director" of a project that resulted in this particular book. Enclosed is a "family" snapshot which customers assume is the family of the "director." However, all envelopes contain the same snapshot. Also, the so-called "directors" did not work on the book--instead they sold the use of their names to Halbert's in exchange for a two percent cut on book sales. Halbert's sold 500,000 surname books in 1993 and projected sales of over 780,000 for 1994.

Because Halbert's does business by mail order, the Postal Service has investigated them before. In 1988, the firm's representatives signed a Consent Order promising to cease and desist from falsely representing their products. Nevertheless, NGS and FGS representatives concluded that Halbert's advertising disregards both the letter and spirit of the 1988 Order.

Halbert's uses these return addresses: 3687 Ira Road, Bath, Ohio, and 611 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E. #1015, Washington DC. Its business address is Old Portage Center, 1566 Akron-Peninsula Road, Akron OH 44313.

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Over the past year, over 100 genealogists contributed comments and complaints about Halbert's books and/or advertising. These have been analyzed and summaries sent to the postal authorities. Now is the time for you to write to the Postal Service directly. Send your views to: Jennifer Angelo, Chief Counsel, Office of Consumer Protection, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington DC 20260-1100.

Remember also that these offers usually include a money-back guarantee. If you order one and are not 100 percent satisfied, return it--by certified mail with a receipt requested! We have also read articles about customers having difficulty getting a refund, but that, too, is a matter for the Postal Service.

(from: FGS Forum, Summer 1995, IGS Newsletter, June 1995, and other sources)

Early Residents of the Cistern Community of Fayette County were the subject of an article in the March 1995 issue of Stirpes, quarterly of the Texas State Genealogical Society. The article, about German immigrant August Naumann, was written by Harry Lueders in 1967 and was submitted by GTHS member Betty Bostick.

(from: Stirpes, March 1995)

The History of the Coletoville Cemetery is the title of an article by GTHS member Gladys Arnold in the September 1995 issue of Stirpes, quarterly of the Texas State Genealogical Society. Coletoville (in Victoria County) was previously named Steiner Settlement or Steinerville as it was founded by Carl Steiner, a German immigrant. Two acres were donated by August Spitzer, as the settlement had no cemetery to bury his two children who died in 1872 of diphtheria. The cemetery later became a community cemetery. In 1914 a cemetery association was formally organized. Records between 1872 and 1917 were lost in a fire, but records since then are available as are records of the cemetery association, except for a period 1925-41. In 1939, the German constitution was changed into English. Most of the article details the activities of the association in caring for the cemetery since then.

(from: Stirpes, September 1995)

Family Footsteps, the magazine of the Comal County Genealogy Society, had an outstanding issue in June 1995. It included a report on the New Braunfels Sesquicentennial Parade and the Society's participation. Names of the members who walked in the parade are listed under the names of their pioneer families, with some snapshots. Also included is a photograph and description of the "Maibaum" erected at the Wurstfest entrance. The maibaum has ten branches and 20 symbols of painted metal depicting New Braunfels history. Continuing the series on Comal County towns is a history of Specht's Crossing. Other items include surveys of several small cemeteries, transcriptions of county records, and lists of the many books the group has produced for sale. The Comal County Genealogy Society has a new address: P. O. Box 310160, New Braunfels TX 78131-0160. The street address is 200 N. Seguin Street.

(from: Family Footsteps, June 1995)

Canyon Lake Historical Committee, newly formed, intends to compile the written and oral history of that area, including Canyon City, Hancock, Fischer, Spring Branch, most of Smithson Valley, Startzville and Sattler. For information, write to the Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 1435, Canyon Lake TX

78130-1436, or call Linda Woodworth at (210) 935-4590.
(from: Family Footsteps, June 1995)

The Kern Family from Switzerland to Texas (Galveston and Fredericksburg) was outlined by Diane Tofte Kropp from history, references, and notes on file in the Boerne Library and published in Keys to the Past, the quarterly of the Genealogical Society of Kendall County.
(from: Keys to the Past, July 1995)

First Families of Texas Certificates are available to descendants of persons residing in Texas prior to 19 February 1846. Applicants must complete a form and a lineage chart, submit proofs from primary sources, and pay a \$25.00 fee. As applications must be postmarked by 31 December 1995, anyone interested is encouraged to look in the local library for the March 1995 issue of Stirpes, the publication of the Texas State Genealogical Society, and copy the application and proofs forms. The contact person is Wanda L. Donaldson, 3219 Meadow Oaks Dr., Temple TX 76502-1752, telephone (817) 778-2073.
(from: Stirpes, March 1995)

Washington County Cemeteries were featured in the county's Spring/Summer 1995 Visitors Guide. The tabloid describes the location of some 119 cemeteries, as featured in Cemetery Records of Washington County, Texas, 1826-1960 compiled by Judy and Nath Winfield, Jr. A copy of this information is on file at our GTHS office.
(from: Washington County Visitors Guide, Spring/Summer 1995)

FROM OUR MEMBERS

The following section was compiled by your Genealogy Editor from the information received from our members. If you have an interest in any of the families mentioned, write directly to the member. To have your story or query appear in a future issue, write to your Genealogy Editor, **Theresa Gold**, 106 Ranchland, San Antonio TX 78213. Items are published free of charge for members. For non-members, there is a \$5.00 query fee.

If you wish to submit a longer article for publication, please be sure it is camera-ready. The manuscript specifications are: materials must be typed, single spaced, on 8.5" by 11" white paper, with only .25" margin on all sides. Remember, your typing must be almost edge-to-edge. Because of concerns as to the length of the Journal, we suggest that such articles be limited to two pages.

Although every effort is made to publish reliable and historical resource material, the GTHS Genealogy Editor does not accept responsibility for errors in fact or judgement in the materials submitted by members for publication. This holds also for spelling of names of persons and of places in Germany; unless a family or place name falls within the previous personal research experience of the Genealogy Editor, the spelling is used as submitted by the member.

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James D. Morgan 3528 Granada Dr., Richland Hills TX 76118 is seeking more information on the families of Christian A. and Caroline (Jaeger) Steinmann, born in Saxony about 1798 and 1805; Franz and Anna Stahmer, born in Holstein, Denmark, about 1801 and 1903; Daniel and Christine (Jaster) Thiel, born near Posen in 1835 and 1837. The Steinmanns came to Texas with sons Christian and William in 1846, farming in what became Swiss Alp in Fayette County. No ship passenger record has been found for them. They died in Fayette County and are buried in the Philadelphia Lutheran Church Cemetery. She died in the 1870s, and he died in the 1880s. The son William (born in 1836) married Olinda (maiden name unknown) in 1877 and farmed at Swiss Alp. They had 11 children. The son Christian (born in 1830) was married in 1855 Louisa Stahmer (born in 1837). She emigrated from Bergedorf in Holstein with her mother, Anna, and two brothers in 1861 aboard the bark "Republic." Louisa's father, Franz, and brother, Heinrich, had emigrated in 1850 aboard the bark "Alexander." Franz Stahmer and his son went from Fayette County California to seek gold; Franz died there, but Heinrich returned to Fayette County and lived out his life there. He did not marry. Louisa Stahmer's mother and a brother died upon arrival at Galveston; she and her brother, Rudolph, were cared for by the Steinmanns. Louisa and Christian Steinmann had 13 children, 12 of whom lived. The son Herman is James's grandfather. Christian died in 1920; Louisa in 1929. Both are buried in the Philadelphia Lutheran Church Cemetery in Schulenburg. Their large stone house still stands at Swiss Alp. Rudolph Stahmer (born in 1834) was married in 1855 to Ina Peterson (born in Germany about 1849, emigrated in 1871), and they had seven children. They made their home in Fayette County where he died in 1915 and she died in 1935. Daniel and Christine (Jaster) Thiel immigrated to Texas on their honeymoon in 1860 aboard the bark "Weser," going first to Washington-on-the-Brazos and then to Fayette County. The Thiels settled in the area that became Schulenburg, where he farmed and they raised their family of ten children. Daniel died in 1904; Christine in 1908. Their daughter, Hulda, married Christian Steinmann's son, Herman, in 1888, while their son William married William Steinmann's daughter, Caroline, in 1902. James's main interest is in the story of the ancestors' movement to and settlement in Texas, "family life" stories, and their German-Danish background.

Carolyn Cunningham 1214 Summerfield, San Antonio TX 78258-3600 is trying to get information from Germany on her great-grandparents, Charles P. F. Seidel and Emma Louise Stange. Charles was born 1 Jan. 1856 in Silesia, the son of Hugo Seidel. On his naturalization record in Bexar County, the place of his birth was given as Pavelsehowe in Prussia. Since Carolyn was not able to locate a place by that name, she contacted Omega Translations, who suggested the town may be Pawioszewo, now in the district of Wołow (old name, Wohlau) in Poland. Emma Stange was born 13 Nov. 1851 in Germany, the daughter of August and Augusta Stange, but the town of her birth is unknown. They both came to Galveston in 1882, but no record of their landing has been uncovered. They married in 1883 and lived in Bexar County until their deaths. Charles was a florist and was Catholic, while Emma was Lutheran. Emma died 12 Feb. 1914, and Charles died 14 Aug. 1925.

Mary Koenig 2720 University Blvd., Houston TX 77005 is trying to find information about Wilhelm Meine and his brother, Emil Meine, who had the "Meine Brothers" dance band in Dallas, possibly in the 1890s and early 1900s.

Betty Mozisek 3314 Shady Springs, San Antonio TX 78230 hopes to be able to find time to do some family research. Her grandfather was Maximillian Jacob Schafer, born 23 May 1848 probably in Karlsruhe. On his death certificate, the place of his birth is given as "Collins Rhew," Germany. He lived Kinney County at Brackettville, and died on 17 July 1925. He was married twice. His first wife was Louise Mann, born 1 Feb. 1883, died 15 Sept 1888; they were married 14 Dec. 1854. His second wife, Betty's grandmother, was Emma Frances Mieres, born 8 March 1866, probably in Württemberg, Germany, although her place of birth has been given as "Whittenburg." She died 7 Sept. 1946; she, too had lived at Brackettville. Both Maximillian and Emma were Catholic.

Tina Ray 11852 Morgan Ln., Garden Grove CA 92640-2536 needs help in locating her ancestors. Thus far, she has found Henry Maeyer (or Meyer) and his wife, Sophie, in the 1900 Census as residing in Lavaca County's Justice Precinct No. 6. Henry came to Texas in 1861 with his parents. Sophie Priesmeyer (also found as Preistmaeier and Preitsmeyer) was born in La Grange 1 Mar. 1862. Her parents, M. Priesmeyer and A. Koester, came from Germany. Sophie was first married to a Henry Mueller. There were nine children born into the Maeyer family; in addition Sophie and Henry Mueller had one son, Henry, born May 1882; he was raised with the Maeyers. Sophie Priesmeyer Mueller Maeyer died 7 Nov. 1930 in San Antonio. In addition to Henry Mueller, Sophie had these Maeyer children: Louise (born June 1885), Klo (born April 1888), Lee (born Dec. 1889), Dorothy ("Dora," born Sept 1890), Viola ("Bo," born 19 Aug. 1895), Willis Henrietta (twin to Viola, Tina's husband's grandfather), Otilie ("Tillie," born Sept. 1898), Henrietta (lives in Golden, Jefferson County), and John (lives in Alvin, Brazoria County).

Robert O. Girndt, 6514 Patricia Ln., Katy TX 77493 is the grandson of August and Emma Girndt, pioneer German Catholic settlers of Fayette County. At one time, Aug. Girndt had a saloon at Live Oak Hill (Ellinger), Texas, according to his advertisement in F. Lotto's 1902 Fayette County: Her History and Her People. Robert says he has some family history, but it is not complete, as he does not know what part of Germany they came from.

Eugenia Krause 820 Ridgefield, Plano TX 75075 plans to go back to Colorado County to check on records on William Krause, her husband's grandfather. William and his sister, Mary, were left under the guardianship of their grandfather, Joseph Berger (also found as Burger), and Eugenia hopes to locate Joseph Berger's citizenship records. The 1860 Census shows his birthplace as Alsace, which agrees with family tradition. His wife and daughter were both named Anastasia. August and Anastasia Krause were the parents of William, her husband's grandfather, William, who married Bernardine Geistmann and lived in Milam County. Eugenia reports that Diana Kansteiner Foster located Bernard Geistmann's application for citizenship in Colorado County records. In that record he stated he arrived in Texas in 1847, although the family has not yet found him on a ship list. GTHS member Ulrich Hölscher of Rheine, Germany, has assisted her with the Geistman records. Eugenia's mother-in-law was a Kleypas, which ties her research to that of GTHS member Jacque Anderson of Houston.

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Wilhelm Ulrich Fischer Am Söldnerfeld 12, 86381 Krumbach/Hürben, Germany is searching for two parts of the Fischer family in Texas. First, Dr. Josef Anton Fischer, born 14 March 1903 in Pfaffenhausen, came to Texas in 1840 where he joined the Rev. Louis Cachand Ervendberg. According to Glen E. Lich's The German Texans, Ervendberg and Fischer organized Protestant congregations in Industry, Cat Spring, Biegel, La Grange, and Columbus. Perhaps he was instrumental in establishing as well those at Galveston and Frelsburg, and it is possible that Fischer participated in the 1841 synodal meeting at Frelsburg. Samuel Wood Geiser, in his Naturalists of the Frontier, agrees for the most part, and adds that Ervendberg and Fischer "seem, for short periods at least, to have conducted schools in the German settlements of Austin and Colorado counties" and "work[ed] together to establish the first Synod of German Christian Churches in Texas, neither Reformed nor narrowly Lutheran." Apparently J. A. Fischer left Texas before the end of 1842, so he was no longer here when the Adelsverein settlers arrived. He went on to Kentucky, Ohio, and Illinois, including Chicago. Herr Fischer has a fairly complete chronology of J. A. Fischer's life and has found some of his descendants. A letter written from New Orleans, found in a Swiss archive, tells a little of J. A. Fischer's impression of Texas and the people. Herr Fischer would like to know more about Dr. Fischer's days in Texas and to confirm the establishment of the congregations in the settlements named. Members who live in or near those communities, or who have knowledge of the early Protestant congregations of those communities, are asked to correspond with Herr Fischer.

W. U. Fischer's second request concerns J. A. Fischer's two younger brothers, Ulrich F. Fischer (born 1810 in Hohenraunau) and Karl F. Fischer (born 1812 also in Hohenraunau). Perhaps these are the two by the same names mentioned by Moritz Tiling in his The German Element in Texas from 1820-1850 as among the 53 members of the 1840 "Deutscher Verein" of Houston, the first German Club in Texas. Dr. I. [sic] Anton Fischer was also listed as a member. Herr Fischer is looking for descendants of Ulrich and Karl Fischer, possibly in Houston, or elsewhere in Texas. Could someone help him by beginning with a search of the 1850 and 1860 Census records?

Arnold Michalke 4616 Star Flower Dr., Chantilly VA 22021 has done extensive research in courthouses, newspaper offices and cemeteries but is looking for still more information on the Michalke (or Michalka) family of Fayette County. His great-grandfather, Wilhelm Michalke, was a native of Austria, from the region that was Slovakia, then became part of Czechoslovakia, and now is the Slovak Republic. Wilhelm departed from Bremen on the German steamship "Donau" and arrived at the Port of New York on 11 March 1881. Accompanying him were his second wife and an 18-year-old daughter. Arnold is seeking additional information to tell him the mode of transportation and route of travel Wilhelm may have used to get to the Schulenburg area of Fayette County. Also, where in Austria his town of origin was located. He is also interested in identifying earlier or later family arrivals in the U.S. Anyone knowing about modes of transportation or of persons by this name, please contact Arnold.

Sandra Havener 1514 N. Adams, Odessa TX 79761 is looking for information on her great-grandfather, R. B. Havener, and his wife, Berta. She thinks they were born in Germany, but wants to know when they were married and when they immigrated. Also, if the name was changed over the years. R. B. Havener came to the Wichita Falls area of Texas in the late 1880s from the Kansas City

area, Appleton City in St. Clari County, Missouri. She says there are about 1,000 families with the surname Havener, but she wants to know if there are other relatives in the Kansas City area or elsewhere. R. B. Havener worked for the railroad and had a deer park with a recreation area. She also wants to know when he moved to Bell County, Missouri, and to Wichita Falls. The children of R. B. and Berta Havener were: Joe (Sandra's grandfather), Eula (unmarried?), Sammie Lou (born 2 Feb. 1902, died 29 Oct. 1965, married John Coffey), Lois (died in the mid 1960s, unmarried), Lucy (married a Farmer), and "Buster" (married a woman named Gail). Her grandfather, Joe Havener, worked in a dairy and in the oil fields and later repaired windmills. He was born in Indian Territory and lived in Oklahoma, but died in Lovington, New Mexico, while most of the family stayed in the Wichita Falls area. Her grandfather's wife was Velma Williams, but they were divorced. She died in Jacksonville, Florida, at the home of her daughter, June Townsend. Her own father died in Odessa in 1991, but her mother is living.

Chester C. Eckermann 1297 Bauer Ave., Santa Maria CA 93455 wrote to our GTHS office to congratulate us on publishing Lawrence H. Konecny's article on Galveston's missing passenger lists as this topic interests him. He found in Hamburg a list of the Bremen brig "Clementine" that landed at Galveston on 20 Oct. 1852. This list shows the head of the household by name with the other family members listed as numbers. Chester has found his roots in Germany, but it took years and the help of Richard O. Eckermann of South Australia.

David Crane (né Schumamm) P. O. Box 271747, Houston TX 77277-1747 is at a dead end on one of his German ancestral lines. His great-grandfather, William F. Schaper, married Wilhelmina D. Muennink in Medina County, 6 Nov. 1880. She appears in the 1900 Census as a widow with seven children residing in San Antonio. David can trace her line back into Medina County, but William presents a problem as it appears he spent his life avoiding the Census taker. David has found a few Schapers, Schaefers, and Schaefers in central Texas, but none with an obvious connection to William and none in the Census for Medina County. His basic leads are four Schapers mentioned in the published history of Medina County: 1) his great-grandfather, Willie or William F. Schaper described above; David knows this line fairly well after 1880, but does not know Willie's origin or date of death. Willie was born probably about 1861 as Minna, his wife, was born in 1862. 2) J. A. Schaper who was the first pastor of New Fountain Methodist Church, 1858-59, and again 1873-74. He could have been the father of Wilhelm, as he had a daughter, Liessette, born in 1858. David is seeking biographical information on this Methodist pastor to see if there is a connection. From the Census, he finds an August Schaper in Comal County in 1860 as a Methodist minister from Hanover and a J. A. Schaper, age 73(?), in the Guadalupe County census of 1900. 3) a Louis Schaper is mentioned as the first husband of Fannie Gerdes, born in 1862 in Medina County. There is no clue to connect them, but the August Schaper found in the 1860 Census of Comal County had a 4-year-old son, Louis, and a 1-year-old daughter, Lisette. Are these the same? 4) Augusta Schaper who married Martin Zuercher in 1905 and had five children. David has no clue as to who she was, but does know that she was not a child of Willie and Minna. Anyone who knows any connection between William F. Schaper, his parents, and these other people, please help out.

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Mary F. Thomas 2109 Rockwood Circle, Bryan TX 77807 is looking for the location of her great-great-grandfather's grave somewhere in Texas. He was Casper Heinrich Olheide, also found as Olheyde and Altheide. His birth surname was Göhner or Goehner. He was born in Westerenger (W. Enger), Kreis Herford, Westphalia on 8 March 1808 and died somewhere in Texas in 1846. She learned of this from his widow's emigration permit which gave his date of death in Texas. His date of immigration is unknown. Cemetery inventories and lists of early settlers of New Braunfels and Fredericksburg have been searched, as well as names in Geue's New Homes in a New Land and Fisher-Miller colonists. Casper Heinrich was married to Anne Marie Ilsabein Altheide/Olheyde and had three children: Hanna Christine (born 1834), Anne Catherine (born 1837), and Johann Friedrich (born 1839). After Anne Marie Ilsabein's death in 1842, Casper--now known as Casper Heinrich Olheyde geb. Göhner--married Anne Margaret Ilsabein Kipp in 1843 in Westerenger. Their daughter, Anne Catharine Friedericke was born in 1844. In 1847, Anne Margaret Ilsabein Göhner, a widow, and her daughter were listed as emigrants from Westerenger to America. They settled in Alabama and had other relatives in Indiana. If anyone finds these names in any German-Texas settlement, be sure to let Mary know about it.

Wilhelm Niermann Stenwederberg Str. 84, D-32351 Stenwede-Wehden, Germany has helped several of our GTHS members through correspondence, and now he asks for help for a friend. Dr. Heinz-Ulrich Kammeier wants to receive copies of letters German Texans received from their relatives back in Germany. He is particularly interested in letters from the former Kreis Lübbecke, but letters from others in Germany are also welcome. Dr. Kammeier would use some for a follow-up to his dissertation on emigrants from the old Kreis Lübbecke in the second half of the 19th century, and those from other places would be sent to an unspecified place where they also use these letters.

Following his dissertation, Dr. Kammeier, a teacher, started to collect old letters, mainly sent from immigrants to their families or friends in Germany. Last fall, his book with those old letters was published, and another will follow. The books (in German, of course) can be found in the Clayton Library in Houston through the donation of Dr. Kammeier and Mr. Niermann with the help of GTHS member Fredericka Richter De Berry of Houston. Mr. Niermann recognizes that these old letters have much history in them, including prices of products, harvests, and crops, but also that few of today's Texans would be able to read and translate the old handwriting in German.

Mr. Niermann's original request for letters appeared in our GTHS President's message in GTHS Journal, Fall 1994, page 188, but since there has been no response from our members, he is asking again. If any member has letters from the former Kreis Lübbecke, or from elsewhere in Germany, and is willing to share them, please send copies (not originals) directly to: Dr. Heinz-Ulrich Kammeier, Im Waldwinkel 4, D-33615 Bielefeld, Germany.

Lillian Schneider 238 Sharmain Pl., San Antonio TX 78221 has a third query to add to the two in the previous issue. This concerns Karl Friedrich Kohleffel, born 29 Jan. 1806 in Hagenberg, Brandenburg. He was married twice. His first wife was Marie Dorothea Nolte, born in 1810 and died 12 Apr. 1840, in Botzow, Brandenburg. They had six children: Marie Dorothea, born 1 Dec. 1829, married in 1852 to Conrad Kieler; Karl Freidrick, born 25 July 1831, married in

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Prussia, did not emigrate; Karl Ludwig, born 21 July 1832, also did not come to Texas; Karl Ferdinand, born 21 July 1833, married Constantine Auerbach; Carolina Friedericke, born 1 July 1835, married John Dietrich Hattermann; and Charlotte Friedericke, born 30 May 1838, married Jacob Heinrich. Karl Friedrich's second wife was Anna Sophie Ruhrmund. They had three children: Sophie, born 28 Feb. 1842, married Gerhardt F. Mehrens; August F., born 29 July 1848, married Helena Marie Kitzing; and Wilhelm H., born in 1855 in Texas, married Bertha (Betty) Kitzing. Karl Friedrich, his second wife, and all the children except Karl Friedrich and Karl Ludwig, came to Texas on the ship "Neptun." They landed at Galveston on 6 June 1852. On the same ship was Karl Friedrich's sister, Charlotte Friedericke, wife of Friedrich Joachim (John) Ortmann and their four children. Of the Ortmann children, Auguste was born 27 July 1834 and married in 1855 Wilhelm Krebs; Carolina Ortmann, born in 1837, married in 1858 Seraphin Burger (see item in previous issue); Wilhelm, born 12 July 1842, married four times Caroline Burkett, Auguste Veith, Adolphine Keithel, and Mrs. Justina Pffanstel Mackie; Sophie, born 22 Sept 1848, married Julius Krebs. Lillian wants information on all these Ortmann children and their descendants. She has some information and is willing to exchange information. She also has much information on the Kohleffels, but is in need of some missing pieces.

SUCCESS STORIES!

Members in Touch with Members
And Follow-up Information

Following an item in the Summer 1995 issue on the Carl Richter and Julia Rzeppa family, Mary Ann Fitzgerald of Rosanky received a response from Anni Balthaus of Germany on the Pauly family.

Due to an item in the Summer 1994 issue on the background of the Griesenbeck family of San Antonio, new member Bill Griesenbeck of New Jersey heard from Arlene Dimmick of San Antonio, a long-time GTHS member and descendant of the same family. Bill made a trip to San Antonio in late August to re-live his ancestors' heritage, but due to Arlene's illness, a planned reunion was postponed. Instead, your GTHS Genealogy Editor showed the visitor the sights and sites of German San Antonio.

Ulrich Hölscher of Germany has been in touch with several other GTHS members, including Eugenia Krause of Plano, Leonora Wolf of New Braunfels, and Theresa Gold of San Antonio. Eugenia also corresponds with Jacque Anderson of Houston Geneva Tetley of San Angelo, and Louise Hollas of Rockdale.

Ann Barnes of Mesa AZ writes to thank us for the help she received from the Journal. She made a trip to Texas and accomplished much toward her family research, but the highlight came a week after returning home when she received a note from Mary Ann Fitzgerald in response to a Journal query. Mary Ann enclosed a copy of a letter sent to her by Charles Hornberger, a grandson of Jacob G. Hornberger (see GTHS Journal Summer 1995, pp. 172-173). The new-found cousins are swapping information and photographs and, according to Ann,

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"it's been wonderful and a finally a dream realized."

Her letter did not make mention of a response from anyone in Austin with information on William Hornberger and his wife, Anna Von Rosenberg. William was a tailor in Austin, and his wife was well known in German circles in Austin. Is anyone in Austin willing to assist with this, as well as with information on the Bengener who had a hardware store in early-day Austin. See query and story cited above.

Elizabeth Banks of Duncan OK had requested advice in locating the town of her ancestors' origin. The name was given as "Mettrectin" in Saxony. We suggested she send \$10.00 and an SASE to Omega Translations, P. O. Box 745, Iowa City IA 52244-0745 and enclose a copy of the Declaration of Intention where that spelling of the town was given. Omega Translations replied, suggesting that the town might be one of two actually named "Mittweida" as the only place with a remotely similar name. The reply included coordinates and a description of both towns plus a map with the locations marked. Elizabeth's next task is to check records in both places to see if either is actually the town of her ancestors.

Anni Balthaus of Bad Camberg, Germany, wrote to say the Peter Eichhorn described in the previous issue is not the one she is looking for. That Peter Eichhorn was from Saxony, while the one she seeks was from the town of Würges, nowhere near Saxony. However, she has also had replies from Joann Moore and Marcella Spiller, both of Austin. She has written to several persons suggested by Marcella and has had replies from at least one of them, David Eichhorn of Houston (no connection there). David Crane of Houston sent references from the published Medina County history, which probably refer to the same Eichhorn said to be from Saxony. In the meantime, Anni has learned from the church books in Würges that there were actually two men named Peter Eichhorn from there. One was born 14 Feb. 1811 and the other on 2 Oct. 1832. This second one was the brother of Maria Anna who married George Meuth in Würges and immigrated in 1855 to the Rockne area of Texas. From his search of the records of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Frelsburg, Texas, the Rev. Bernard Goertz found that a Peter Eichhorn was a sponsor at the baptism of Petrus (Peter) P. Meuth on 23 April 1856. This might be the man Anni is looking for, as other Würges natives settled at Rockne and the Frelsburg Catholic Church records include some early residents of Rockne. Although she has not been able to look at all the emigration papers on file at the Hauptstaatsarchiv Wiesbaden, she did send information on four different persons named Eichhorn where she did find records. In addition, she sent a large family-tree chart, covering three pages, listing several families. So far, we have: 1) Maria Anna Eichhorn, born 19 Sept. 1834, married John T. Lehmann in the Rockne area; 2) Maria Anna Eichhorn, born 12 Dec. 1828, married George Meuth in Würges and settled in the String Prairie area, near Rockne; 3) Margareth Eichhorn, born 11 May 1821, married Peter Pauly in Würges, emigrated in 1846 and settled first in New Braunfels and later in San Antonio; 4) Johann Georg Eichhorn, born 6 Feb. 1813, married Marg. Traut in Würges, they emigrated to America in 1849 but no further information is available; 5) the Peter Eichhorn of the original query. Anyone else having additional findings on persons with the Eichhorn name, please continue to send them to Anni. Her address is: Robert-Koch-Str. 36, 65520 Bad Camberg.

GTHS MEMBERS' GENEALOGICAL EXCHANGE

Members are encouraged to use this column format in sending information for the Journal. It gives readers the names, areas, and other facts "at a glance." Please send in all three types of information: origin in Germany, Texas County settled, and religion. If any item is unknown, enter a "?". The "Origin in Germany" may be given as broadly or as specifically as known. Place and family names are published as furnished by the contributors.

Researching Surnames	Origin in Germany	Tex. County Settled	Religion
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Meng	Remmerod, Nassau	Comal	Protestant
Muennink	Ost Friesland	Medina	Methodist
Orth	Herborn, Nassau	Comal	Protestant
Schaper	Ost Friesland ?	Medina ?	Methodist ?
Schumann	Hattenheim	Comal	Catholic

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Meyer/Maeyer	?	Lavaca	Lutheran
Koester	?	Fayette	Lutheran
Priesmeyer/Preistmaeler/ Preitsmeyer	?	Fayette	Lutheran

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Renn	Poznan area	Washington	Lutheran/Ev.
Weiser/Wieser	Poznan area	Austin/Washington	Lutheran/Ev.
Sitz	Poznan area	Austin/Washington	Lutheran/Ev.
Kaulfus/Kaulfuss	Poznan area	Austin/Washington	Lutheran/Ev.
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Winkelmann	?	Washington	Lutheran
Krause	Wiella, Prussia	Washington	Lutheran
Pollei	Province Posen	Washington	Lutheran
Penkert	?	Washington	Lutheran
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Peter	Bretthausen, Nassau	Comal	Ger.Prot.Congregation*
Fenske	Rembels, Kreis Danzig	Comal	Ger.Prot.Congregation
Galle	Opeln, Schlesien	Comal	Ger.Prot.Congregation
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Schild	Frankenhausen	Gillespie	Catholic
Klar	?	Kendall	?
Ewald	Bremen	Comal	?
Blum	Mattenheim, Rhein-pfalz, Bayern	Gillespie	
Rippstein/Ripestine/Reipstine	?	Bexar	?
Wagner	?	?	Catholic

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Drosche	Harris
Sandman	Harris
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Arnim	DeWitt
Wolters	DeWitt

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Koenig	Nordel, Hanover/Lippe	Washington?/Galveston?	Lutheran
Struck	Schleswig-Holstein	Washington	Lutheran

OLD SAN ANTONIO NEWSPAPERS ARTICLES AVAILABLE

In the summer 1991 issue, we offered copies of a number of 1930s newspaper articles from the San Antonio Express concerning German Texans. Many members responded with requests for those articles, but some went unclaimed. Since we have many new members, we are re-offering the remaining articles. If you have an interest in any of the persons or families listed below, send an SASE (stamped, self-addressed envelope) to Theresa Gold. Please note that the dates given are the dates of the newspaper account, not necessarily the exact date of the event.

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Old San Antonio Newspaper Articles Available:

- Mrs. Jacob Gold, of Fredericksburg, 86th birthday, 11 Nov. 1934.
- Mr. & Mrs. Anton Knopp, of Fredericksburg, wed 50 years; other names Pyka and Peter, 11 Nov. 1934.
- Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Heidrich of New Braunfels, wed 50 years, 11 Jan. 1931.
- Mr. & Mrs. Hugh J. McDermott, wed 50 years, grandchildren named Perkins, 30 Nov. 1930.
- Mr. & Mrs. A. Becher, wed 50 years, lived in San Diego TX before moving to San Antonio, daughter married a Keller, 25 Nov. 1930.
- Mrs. Marie Mittendorf of New Braunfels, 95 years old, daughter married a Dittmar, 16 Nov. 1930.
- Mr. & Mrs. G. F. Korges of Hallettsville, wed 50 years, family names include Oster, Schroeder, Nolkemper, 25 Jan. 1931.
- Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Laubscher of Switzerland sent their photo for his 80th birthday to son, E. T. Laubscher of San Antonio, 25 Jan. 1931.
- Frederick G. Biering obituary, died 12 Dec. 1920. He had owned the O. Henry house, now located at Lone Star Brewery.
- Cast of "Mein Leopold" as presented in German by Beethoven Maennerchor, photo and story, 14 Dec. 1930.
- Three Yorktown men, all past 90 years old, all three German-born: Gus Zedler, Jr., Ed Fechner, and Henry Menn, 12 July 1931.
- Mr. & Mrs. Joe Richter, of near Stockdale, wed 30 years. Photo of four generations includes son, Felix, granddaughter, Mrs. Ben Bowden, and great-grandson, Louis Felix Bowden, all of George West. (Our sources tell us this was a Polish family.) 11 Dec 1932.
- Mr & Mrs. Moritz Hartmann of Gillespie County, wed 50 years, daughters married Meurer, Mechler, Christelles, and Noble, 30 Aug 1931.
- Mrs. Mary Zinsmeyer, 89th birthday, mentioned is granddaughter, Mrs. W. J. Volz, of Alamo Heights (San Antonio), 16 Aug. 1931.
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Soechting of Hunter in Comal County, wed 50 years, five sons and two daughters, not named, 16 Aug. 1931.
- Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Mimke married 50 years ago in Fayette County, daughters married Richter, Heiler, and Kuhn, 9 Aug. 1931.
- Mrs. T. Weiss, 92nd birthday in New Braunfels, includes a five-generation photo with persons named Krueger, Smith, and Elbel, 28 Oct. 1934.
- Completion of Joseph Kopecky home in Alamo Heights (San Antonio) kept the German custom of nailing an evergreen bough to the highest point of the roof. Photo includes family and workmen, 20 Oct. 1934.
- Francis Matthew Halbedl, age 85, obituary 11 May 1932. A native of Austria, he was a noted teacher, musician, and principal of San Antonio's first public high school. Daughters married Lachapelle, Price, and Kirkwood.
- Joe E. Yeary, Jr., Karnes City, one year old photo, mother was a Dietze, 3 Jan 1932.
- Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Hoegemyer, Weimar, wed 50 years, daughter married a Beken, 3 Jan 1932.
- Mary Grace Arhart, one year old, photo, mother was a Lindsay, 3 Jan 1932.
- Mr. & Mrs. Julius Bulgrin, Sr., wed 50 years, 18 Sept. 1932.
- Lucille Zuelecke, 12 years old, photo, 7 Aug. 1932.
- Four generations of a Bee County family, Stienmeyer, Etter, Ross, 7 Aug. 1932.
- Mary Louise Heger, Seguin, one year old, photo, 7 Aug. 1932.
- Oberkampff family reunion, New Braunfels, 16 people in photo, other names Matthews, Feigerle, and Dunn, 7 Aug 1932.

BOOK REVIEWS

Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns by Edward R. Brandt et al. Published by Germanic Genealogy Society, Dept. H-54, P. O. Box 16312, St. Paul MN 55116-0312. 8.5" by 11" 370 pages, softbound, 26 maps, 15 tables, bibliographies, index. \$24.00 plus \$3.00 postage.

The Germanic Genealogy Society's previous book, Research Guide to German-American Genealogy, was a highly-rated resource (see GTHS Journal Vol. XVI, No. 3, Fall 1994, pages 259-260). But, this new edition is even better! It is so greatly expanded that it deserves the entirely new title it was given.

The strength of the previous edition, dealing with resources in areas of German settlement outside of today's Germany, is even further enhanced to the extent that the entire name of the work has changed to reflect that--it deals with Germanic, not merely German, genealogy; and it deals with worldwide sources and migration patterns. Not that Germany itself is neglected.

The chapter on using sources in the U.S. to determine an ancestor's origin in Germany gives many recommendations that can be used by our GTHS members and others who inquire about that troublesome problem. Other chapters are devoted to personal and place names, political and physical geography of Germanic settlement areas of Europe (not just Germany), and the role of religion in recordkeeping and migrations.

The unique and most helpful sections deal with the history of the "German-speaking people in Europe," including migration patterns, and instructions for researching Germanic families in European records, country by country. Here in this one volume you can also find ancestor charts and family group sheets in German, Polish, and French; sample letters in German; instructions for reading the old German script; an introduction to German grammar with six pages of genealogical terms in German and English; and tips on what you might find in other languages.

Throughout, words and names in German include an English translation; many references are made to other organizations and published works; each chapter has a list of bibliographic references; all postal codes are current; and a new chapter by an expert has been included to address Jewish genealogy.

The chapter on maps reproduces 26 maps to show such helpful topics as rivers, dialects, growth of Prussia and of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire, partition of Poland, Russian-German settlements, plus 20 more. The maps assist in locating hard-to-find regions or provinces, but none is intended to locate towns.

Rounding out this comprehensive volume are an extensive bibliography, an address list for organizations, a chronology of Germanic (not just German) history, and an extensive index.

This is an excellent reference work for beginners and experienced researchers alike. Each genealogical and public library should have a copy for reference, and most GTHS members will want their own copies. Even those not particularly interested in genealogical research will benefit from the background on history and geography.

The Germanic Genealogy Society has donated a copy to the GTHS Library for members' use.

REVIEW: FOUR L.D.S. PUBLICATIONS

NOTE: Below are reviews of four publications from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (L.D.S., or "Mormons") Family History Library. All may be ordered from the Salt Lake Distribution Center, 1999 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City UT 84104-4233. They should also be available at local Family History Centers. The entire Family History Publications List (Item #34083), no charge, lists many other publications available either free of charge or low cost, such as an Ireland Research Outline or a French Letter-Writing Guide. Credit card orders may be placed through 1-800-537-5959. However, there is a \$2.00 service charge for telephoned credit card orders (except when all items are free), so it may not be cost-effective to place a small order by telephone.

Note also that the L.D.S. "German Word List" is not available for distribution to individuals but it should be at local Family History Centers and copies can be made there. This information came to us in a letter dated 15 Nov. 1994 from Kory L. Meyerink, Publications Coordinator for the Family History Library.

Research Outline: Germany. Family History Library, 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City UT 84150. Publication #34061. 8.5" by 11," 52 pages, stapled and punched, tables, two maps, illustration. \$.75 from Salt Lake Distribution Center, 1999 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City UT 84104-4233. Also available through Genealogy Unlimited or at local Family History Centers.

This small publication cannot compare with the Germanic Genealogy publication reviewed above, but it has a great deal of information in its 52 pages. The first nine introductory pages include information about the general steps in a research strategy and about the L.D.S. Family History Library Catalog as well as a helpful chart on what type of record to seek to locate various types of information, plus two maps of Germany (1871 and now). The bulk of the publication addresses various topics in German genealogical research--but in alphabetical order, not necessarily in the logical order a person would use them. Topics include: archives and libraries; cemeteries; census; church directories, history and records; directories; emigration and immigration; gazetteers, a table of German states and provinces; handwriting samples; heraldry; history and historical geography; Jewish records; languages; maps; military records; personal names; naturalization and citizenship; newspapers; nobility; schools and societies. This is a good and inexpensive resource for beginners, and even experienced researchers will find something new. It is clear from the size of it that it does not go into depth on any one topic, but is instead an overview as it touches lightly on many topics. Yet, for a beginner, this may be just what is needed.

Note that the price of \$.75, plus the \$.25 price of the "Letter Writing Guide: Germany" (below) adds up to an even dollar. Our experience is that orders placed with the Salt Lake Distribution Center take a long time to arrive. Thus, Genealogy Unlimited has made these two items available for \$3.00, and they will arrive promptly, especially if orders are placed by calling 1-800-666-4363. However, Genealogy Unlimited's minimum postage and handling fee is \$4.50, so this offer is a "good deal" when combined with another order. To receive Genealogy Unlimited's catalog, write to P. O. Box

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537, Dept. GT, Orem UT 84059-0537. Check with your local Family History Center to see if it is for sale there.

Letter Writing Guide: German Family History Library, 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City UT 84150. 8.5" by 11," 7 pages, stapled, punched. \$.25 from Salt Lake Distribution Center, 1999 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City UT 84104-4233. Publication #34066. Also available through Genealogy Unlimited or at local Family History Centers.

This simple leaflet is one of the German genealogists most valuable tools. In a few pages can be found the way to write an intelligible in the German language! The introduction includes reminders to consider "before you write," tips on doing research by mail (to parishes, civil registration offices, archives or organizations), instructions on addressing a letter to Germany--or to Austria or Switzerland. It also has short items on postal codes, writing dates, and sending return postage and money. Then, it gets down to the business of constructing a letter. Rather than presenting various letters to fit various situations, this Guide gives you sentences so you can pick and choose what you want to say and fill in the blanks. The sections include greetings, introductions, biographical information about your ancestors, your genealogical request, referral requests, payment statements, and closing remarks. Another section suggests sentences to use on follow-up correspondence. This is well worth the 25-cent price.

See last paragraph of above review of the L.D.S. "Research Outline: Germany" for ordering information.

Resource Guide: The Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934 Family History Library, 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City UT 84150. Publication #34047. 8.5" by 11," 4 pages, folded, punched. Free, from Salt Lake Distribution Center, 1999 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City UT 84104-4233 or at local Family History Centers. Not available through Genealogy Unlimited.

Everyone should know that it is not necessary to write to Hamburg to have these records searched. The Hamburg Passenger Lists and Indexes are available on L.D.S. microfilm, so this resource guide should make it easier to use, although the handwriting does not remove the challenge. This simple four-page guide steps you through the selection and use of the Hamburg Passenger Indexes and then the Passenger Lists themselves. The use of boxed examples and diagrams makes the explanation more effective, and an example of one page translates the page headings.

Note that there is no charge for this item, so it can be ordered at the same time as the German research outline and letter-writing guide if those are ordered from the Salt Lake Distribution Center. It should be available at the local L.D.S. Family History Centers.

Research Outline: Texas Family History Library, 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City UT 84150. Publication #31080. 8.5" by 11," 11 pages, stapled, punched. \$.25 from Salt Lake Distribution Center, 1999 West 1700 South, Salt

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Lake City UT 84104-4233 or at local Family History Centers. Not available through Genealogy Unlimited.

This publication is similar in format to the "Research Outline: Germany" but is much smaller and thus does not cover as much territory. Topics include the Family History Library Catalog, archives and libraries, bible records, biography, cemeteries, census, church records, court records, directories, emigration and immigration, gazetteers, genealogies, history (a brief chronology), land and property in Texas (including land grants), military records, newspapers and periodicals, probate and vital records. As with the German research outline, the topics are in alphabetical order, not necessarily in the order of importance or of use. This guide is recommended for a beginning researcher. Both beginning and experienced researchers may experience some frustration, as this L.D.S. publication seems to use only examples of resources that are held by the L.D.S. Family History Library, meaning that for some topics one example is given--of a publication from Dallas or Houston or one other city. For use as a general outline for research in Texas, it is fine. After all, that is what it was intended to be.

See note before the review of the German Research Outline for additional information on ordering L.D.S. publications.

German-American Names, Second Edition, 1995. By George F. Jones. Published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore MD 21202-3897. 5.5" by 8.75" hardbound, 320 pages. \$25.00 plus \$3.50 postage.

Dr. Jones's book on German-American names consists of several introductory chapters followed by a massive alphabetical list of names, some 15,000 in this second edition. The introductory chapters include: Given Names - Significance and Origin; Surnames - Their Need and Origin; Christian Names ("first" names); Americanization of Names; and Suggestions for Using the Name-List.

The 200-page alphabetized list of names has little or no information following the name, other than perhaps a translation or a cross reference. Instead is found a number, and it is important to know that this number refers to the numbered 171 paragraphs in the first five "introductory" chapters. The numbers are not page numbers as would be expected in an index. Also important to know is that at the very end is an addendum of 12 additional pages (the alphabet starts over) with names submitted by the public after the book had been typeset.

The five narrative introductory chapters give a great deal of information and many examples that are tied to the references in the name lists. The emphasis is on the translation or definition of the name and not so much on the geographic origin of the name. Most of this information is straightforward, some is obscure, and some is trivial and even silly. All the information should be taken with a large or small grain of salt as, for example, the author relates an inquiry from a woman named "Busch." In paragraph 72, he describes a "Busch" as a scrubby forest, but in paragraph 63 "Busch" is a sprig of greenery tavern keepers used to announce the arrival of new wine, with the name Busch thus denoting a tavern keeper. Because the author assumed that his inquirer would not care to have her husband descended from a tavern

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keeper, he told her that "the name 'Busch' could be either the spring hanging in front of a tavern or else the 'Helmbusch,' or crest on a knight's helmet." The author concluded, "It is easy to guess which interpretation she preferred." Paragraph #2 furnishes another example. Readers should note, also, that the lack of a Table of Contents and the use of "Introduction" as a heading for the first five chapters make it difficult to locate a sought-after chapter.

This second edition is 50 pages longer than the first edition (320 vs. 268) and has 2,300 more names (12,700 vs. 15,000). It has been highly acclaimed in national-level genealogical publications.

Your GTHS Genealogy Editor has a copy of the first edition through personal purchase. A copy of the second edition has been donated to the GTHS Library by the publisher. The GTHS Library copy is available for members' research.

Dictionary of German Names by Hans Bahlow, translated by Edda Gentry, 1993. Published by Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 901 University Bay Dr., Madison WI 53705. 6" by 9.25" hardbound, 641 + 44 pages, two maps. \$22.50 plus shipping.

For many years, the late Hans Bahlow's Deutsches Namenlexikon has been the premier source for information on German surnames, about 15,000 of them. Your Genealogy Editor has used the 1967 edition in paperback of about 600 pages. But, it is in German! In some cases this was not a barrier, as the entries are fairly straightforward and unfamiliar words could be found in a German-English dictionary. But, all those abbreviations! Most are found in a list at the front of the book, but then to interpret all this and make some sense of it!

This is the answer! Edda Gentry's translation provides the best of all worlds and eliminates the necessity to struggle with the volume in German. A significant statement in the Introduction to the English Edition acknowledges the reality of the loss of "German linguistic identity among German-Americans."

The value in this book is enhanced by the fact that it does not merely attempt to give the meaning of a name, it also gives documented occurrences of that name, location and date, as well as variants of the name. Users of this reference work are advised to read the Introduction to the English Edition, as it explains the "telegraph style" used with abbreviations to compress the mass of information. Three examples are given to assist in turning the compressed version into a readable narrative. Four tables of abbreviations assist: language areas and historical dialects (with a map); place names; other abbreviations (of English words); and bibliographic sources.

The English translation of Dr. Bahlow's Introduction to his original work will be of great value to those interested in studying the origin and evolution of German names.

Although not every family researcher will purchase this for a personal library, a reference copy should be in the public and genealogical libraries of every German-Texan city, town, and county.

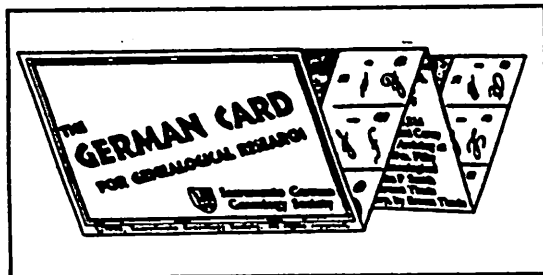
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German Church Books: Beyond the Basics Revised edition, 1993, by Kenneth L. Smith. Picton Press, P. O. Box 1111, Camden ME 04843-1111 or 1-800-742-8667. 6" by 9", 223 pages, hardbound, illustrations, glossary, bibliography, index. \$29.50 + \$3.50 shipping.

The author admits that the title is misleading. It might be better stated as Protestant Church Books in the German Language as that is the focus of the book where the author erroneously assumes that Catholic church books in Germany were not written in German. Nevertheless, here is the volume that treats the subject in depth. The chapter on names was particularly helpful to your Genealogy Editor in preparing for this year's Annual Meeting Genealogy Workshop. Other chapters deal with specific types of Protestant church records: marriage, baptismal, death, confirmation, and "miscellaneous" records. A full chapter is devoted to interpreting handwriting, and the glossary gives lengthy explanations of terms found in German records, not just a one- or two-word definition. Did you know that the title "Herr," today used for virtually every man who is of age, formerly was applied only to men of some wealth or standing in the community, as was the English title, "Mister"? If a man was entitled to be called "Herr," then his wife was called "Frau" as a title of respect. The initial chapter on "overall problems" sets the stage for going beyond the basics. Here may lie the answer to interpreting those records when you find them. There is a lot of information packed into those 223 pages, and examples throughout enhance the understanding. By studying the examples, a genealogist can use this to develop a strategy for using church books as a basic research tool. Although genealogical libraries should have it on the shelves, this is a book the serious researcher will want to own--so he or she can carry it along to the L.D.S. Family History Center to use for reference when reading those records on microfilm.

The German Card. 3.5" by 8.5" flat; 3.5" by 2.25" folded. Sacramento German Genealogy Society, P. O. Box 660061, Sacramento CA 95866-0061. \$3.00 plus a long (#10) stamped (32-cent stamp), self-addressed envelope.

The "German Card" is a long strip, laminated and folded into four pieces, eight sides, so that it is about the size and thickness of a plastic credit card. Along the sides is the complete German alphabet, both in cursive script



and printed Fraktur letters, with capital and lower case letters for both. This is its most helpful feature, as the researcher can move it around on a page or microfilm screen so that the sample letters can be placed right against the letters in the document for ease in comparison and interpretation.

Other features include symbols used in German records, basic vocabulary

terms for German research, a reminder of the general rule to determine when civil registration began in different parts of Germany, and a brief list of basic resources for German genealogy. To help with research of U.S. records,

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it also includes a summary of the information found in the various U.S. Censuses from 1850 through 1920 and the code for the Soundex system used for 1880-1920 Census indexes. And, all in a handy, compact card that fits easily in a billfold or purse. For such a small price, it is well worth having and keeping handy. Highly recommended!

The Kothmanns of Texas, 1845-1991, Fourth Edition, 1995. Anchor Publishing Co., San Angelo, Texas. 6" by 9" 932 pages, hardbound, photographs, maps on endleaves, 2 indexes. \$30.00 plus \$3.00 postage.

This massive family history is the fourth edition for this pioneer Texas family. The first edition was published in 1931, with subsequent editions at 20-year intervals.

German immigrant Heinrich Conrad Kothmann arrived at Galveston 20 December 1845 and was among the pioneer settlers of Fredericksburg. In 1848 he received a certificate for land in the Fisher-Miller Grant and in 1856 he moved to Upper Willow Creek, now Art. He was married twice and had 10 or 11 children.

The first chapter consists of a well-researched biography of Heinrich with family memoirs interwoven with a historical narrative, repeating information in previous editions of the family history with newly added information printed in bold face. Although there are no footnotes in the narratives, a bibliography follows Chapter 1.

Chapter 2 contains biographies and photos of the nine second generation children who lived to adulthood; Chapter 3 does the same for the third generation, and Chapter 4 covers the fourth generation. For this fourth edition, the biographies of the third generation were updated and those for the fourth generation were added.

Other chapters cover the Premier Ranch, the family homestead; a digest of reunion and book committee minutes; and the family tree design.

A 30-page index follows Chapter 8, with a black border on the edge of the pages for ease in locating it, approximately in the middle of the volume. This index includes not only full names, with women indexed under both maiden and married names, but also places and subjects covered in the family history narrative-biographies.

Chapter 9, the Family Register, is the second half of the volume, listing each member of the family, generation by generation, with names, dates, number of descendants (number of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc.). As this section unfolds, generation by generation, it eventually comes to the young married couples and the youngest descendants of the eighth Texas generation. Another full-name index follows this section.

A consistent numbering system is used throughout the book making it relatively easy to trace a particular family and to tie a person's biography to the list of descendants, although it is difficult to find the code for the asterisks and letters found beside some names.

The first edition of this family history, published in 1931, had 163 pages with 543 direct descendants. The second edition, published in 1951, had 357 pages with 958 direct descendants. The third edition, published in 1971, had 520 pages with 1,649 direct descendants. This, the fourth edition, has 932 pages with 2,628 direct descendants.

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Kothmann family descendants held their first family reunion in 1926 with approximately 500 in attendance. The next year they decided to make the reunion a biennial event, and thus reunions have been held every other year since, with an average attendance of 200. Happenings at 35 reunions, through 1991, covered in Chapter 6, present a picture of the family's activities.

The book committee minutes in Chapter 7 may be helpful to others planning the massive project of updating--or beginning--a family history book. This is also an excellent example of how to update and expand a previously-published family history and genealogy book.

A copy of this book has been donated to the GTHS Library by John Kothmann of Fredericksburg. Copies have also been sent to major universities and research libraries throughout the state as well as to city, county and high school libraries in the Texas Hill Country area.

The Geistweidt Family Book, Second Edition, 1994. Nelson W. F. Geistweidt, Theresa N. H. Schmidzinsky, and John A. Geistweidt. 8.5" by 11" hardbound, 106+ pages, photographs, map, full name index.

The brothers Johann Heinrich and Wilhelm Geistweidt were from the village of Geistweid near the city of Siegen, formerly in Nassau and now in Northrhine-Westphalia. In 1853 they arrived at Galveston and went to Fredericksburg, where both married shortly after arrival. Johann settled his family first on Squaw Creek and in the 1880s moved to Onion Creek. Of his 12 children, five reached adulthood. Wilhelm and his family made their home on Beaver Creek, today's Hilda. He had ten children by his first wife and one stepson by his second wife.

This family has done a great deal of research in Germany on the family origins and has traced two main branches of Geistweidts with many variations in the spelling of the name. The two Texas families form two "twigs" of one "branch" of one "main branch" of the family. With the assistance of many persons in Texas as well as in Germany, France, and the Netherlands, this updated and expanded version of a 1971 family book presents introductory chapters on the German origins to the 15th Century and family background to the 17th Century. The bulk of the book contains listings, with dates, of descendants of the two brothers, one generation at a time. Some lines are presently into the sixth and seventh generations. Inserted between the sections devoted to the two brothers is a section of photographs of persons of the first two generations. A full-name index completes the volume.

A copy has been donated to the GTHS Library by member John A. Geistweidt of Doss. Elsewhere in this section are his contributions, Wilhelm Geistweidt's biography and the ancestral village's background, abbreviated from this book.

Descendants of Ernst Wilhelm Raba (1874-1951) & Maria Margaretha Fuhrwerk (1875-1965) compiled by Herbert A. Holzmann, 15315 Pebble Sound, San Antonio TX 78232-4135. 8.5" by 11", softcover, plastic binding, pages not numbered. Photographs, charts, documents, map.

Ernst Raba is remembered in San Antonio for his artistic and photo-

graphic skills, especially for his interest in photographing not only customers (including your GTHS Genealogy Editor's family) and his own family and friends, but also street scenes. Thus he furnished actual photographs of long-gone landmarks that are often used by historians in depicting the San Antonio of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Ernst Wilhelm Raba was born in 1874 in Bohemia, but spoke only German when he first arrived in Texas. In 1899 he married Margaret Fuhrwerk, sister of the well-known pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Commerce Street. They lived first on Wyoming Street, then on Alamo Street, and finally on Guenther Street. They had seven children. The only child still living, Ernst, Jr., Dean Emeritus of St. Mary's University School of Law, furnished his reminiscences which comprise the first section.

Included in other sections are memorabilia, letters, death certificates, a map of San Antonio's eastside cemetery district, a reprint of a chapter from St. Joseph's history dealing with Pastor Fuhrwerk, and charts and lists of descendants of the Rabas. Final sections contain reproductions of selected photographs of family members and newspaper clippings. Also included are mementoes of the reception hosted by the San Antonio Conservation Society upon the occasion of the donation of the Raba Collection of glass negatives and photographs of old San Antonio to the Society's library and archives.

It is well that Ernst Raba's grandson, GTHS member Herbert Holzmann, has compiled this book of memories for the family. Because of the quantity of copies printed, it cannot be offered to the public.

FAMILY REUNIONS

ANNUAL KOEHL REUNION

The annual Koehl Reunion, given by the descendants of Peter Koehl, was held Saturday, October 14, 1995, at DuPont Park, Victoria.

Peter was one of ten children of Peter and Francisca (Wampflug) Koehl who lived in St. Amarin, Alsace, in the early 1800s. Peter immigrated with his younger brothers, Jacob and Joseph, and his elder sister, Mary Anne Koehl Ellinger, wife of Joseph Ellinger.

Reservations were taken by Laurie Koehl, 202 Repka Road, Inez TX 77968-9620 (512) 575-7041. Information was sent to GTHS by Judy Rowe Koehl, P. O. Box 1424, Huntsville TX 77342-1424.



Mauks hold 29th reunion in Oklahoma

The 29th Mauk Family Reunion was held July 7th and 8th at the Western Hills Guest Ranch in Wagoner, Oklahoma.

In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mauk of Wylie. Special guests included Inga Mellerowic-Mauk of Lauffen, Germany (homeland of the Mauks since the 1500s), and her brother, Gunther, and his wife, Elizabeth, of Pipersville, Penn.

Wine tasting from the hills of Lauffen, Germany, and a seated dinner were among some of the activities enjoyed by the Mauks. 1997 will see 60 years of celebrating the Mauk Family Reunion.

From The Wylie (TX) News
Sent by Ken & Margaret Mauk

CEMETERIES

In October, Your Genealogy Editor taught a three-week, non-credit course, "The Story of San Antonio's Cemeteries" for a group of senior citizens. In the process of preparing for the class and talking to many persons with knowledge of local cemeteries, we discovered that the Hermann Sons' Cemetery, east of downtown, is now 100 years old. A special commemoration was held on September 30, 1995. The history goes back to 1895, when three Lodges leased a cemetery plot from the City of San Antonio for a 50-year term. The cemetery, at 431 S. New Braunfels Ave., is bounded by South New Braunfels Avenue, Dakota, St. Anthony, and Nevada streets. In 1950, representatives of the then-nine Lodges formed a separate non-profit Hermann Sons Cemetery Association, Inc., and purchased the cemetery land from the City. Because the Hermann Sons at first had only a lease on the land, family cemetery plots could only be leased. Later on, they were sold.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the cemetery, the Hermann Sons Cemetery Association produced a centennial booklet. Copies are available to anyone interested by sending a check in the amount of \$4.00 (includes postage) payable to Hermann Sons Cemetery Association and sending it to Hermann Sons Cemetery Association Inc., 7114 Quintana Road, San Antonio TX 78411.

Save Texas Cemeteries, Inc. is a new statewide organization formed to promote the preservation of historic cemeteries and burial grounds throughout Texas through public education and historical research. One of the group's first projects is a computer database of all Texas cemeteries. How many cemeteries are there in Texas? No one knows. There could be 50,000 to 150,000 of them. Dues begin at \$20.00 for an individual. To furnish information, to learn more, or to join, write: Save Texas Cemeteries, Inc., P. O. Box 202975, Austin TX 78720-2975, or call the president, Karen Thompson, in Austin (512) 258-5688.

The Texas Historical Commission has a free eight-page brochure with guidelines for preserving cemeteries. For a copy, write Texas Historical Commission, P. O. Box 12276, Austin TX 78711.

THIS IS A CEMETERY

Lives are commemorated - deaths are recorded - families are reunited - memories are made tangible - and love is undisguised. This is a cemetery.

Communities accord respect - families bestow reverence - historians seek information - and our heritage is thereby enriched. This is a cemetery.

Testimonies of devotion, pride, and remembrance are carved in stone to pay warm tribute to accomplishments and to the life - not death - of a loved one. The cemetery is homeland for family memorials that are a sustaining source of comfort to the living.

A cemetery is a history of people - a perpetual record of yesterday - and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today. A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and remembering - always.

Help reduce desecration and vandalism to our cemeteries.

Visit your cemetery often.

---from Hermann Sons Cemetery Centennial Book, reprinted with permission

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FOR BEGINNERS ONLY: Devote only 15 uninterrupted minutes to this exercise, and be amazed by how much you learn!

'BUT I DON'T KNOW A WORD OF GERMAN!'

You say you can't read German? Not at all? Once you've worked through these two pages, you won't be so sure of that. Follow these steps:

STEP 1: In the box below is an actual archival record, chosen not because it is easy to read, but because it is typical. (Even readers who know some German would run into some tricky spots in this passage.)

If you are a complete novice, you will find yourself confused in a number of places, but don't despair because in Step 2, as preparation for a second read-through, some simple clues will be provided.

Now, slowly read through the text, even if you understand nothing more than names of people, the dates, and place names.

STEP 2: Beginners in reading German genealogical material will need to learn the words listed below, which comprise some of the basic vocabulary of archival records:

- ♦ *geboren* (commonly abbreviated to "geb.") = born (Tip: *geboren* looks a lot like *born*)
- ♦ *geheiratet* = married (No tip. You will just have to memorize the root - *heiraten* - of this one. The verb *heiraten* means "to marry.")
- ♦ *Sohn von/Tochter von* = son of/daughter of (Tips: *Sohn* looks like *son*, and *Tochter* sounds like *daughter* - well, sort of.)
- ♦ *Vater* = father (Tip: Don't the German and English words sound almost the same?)
- ♦ *Kinder* = children (Tip: Think of "kindergarten.")
- ♦ *auswandern* (past tense *ausgewandert*) = to emigrate (Tip: Think of "wandered out" - *aus* means "out" - which is not the actual meaning of

the German verb, but it can serve as a device for remembering the "emigrate" idea)

Now, putting these clues to work, read the text again. Even though you can still expect some problems, you should now be able to answer these genealogically vital questions:

1. Who were the parents of this emigrant, Adam Beck?
2. When and where was the emigrant Adam Beck born?
3. When and where did Adam Beck marry Maria Margaretha Lang?
4. Who were the parents of Maria Margaretha Lang?

1 Beck Adam, Sohn von Adam Beck (siehe
 2 unten) und Elisabetha Bauer, geboren in
 3 Langenbach in der bayrischen Pfalz am 28.
 4 Juni 1821, geheiratet am 8. 8. 1850 in
 5 Weehling, Pa. mit Lang Maria Margaretha,
 6 Tochter von Daniel Lang und Margaretha
 7 Trumm, geboren in Osterbrücken am 11.
 8 November 1822, Pfalz Bayern, der Mann
 9 ausgewandert im Mai 1847, die Frau im
 10 Frühjahr 1848. Zur Familie des Mannes
 11 gehört noch des Mannes Vater Beck Adam,
 12 Sohn von Adam Beck und Maria Wagner, geb. 13
 13 am 2. 11. 1787.
 14 Die Kinder des Adam Beck und der Maria Lang
 15 sind:
 16 1. Carolina, geb. am 20. 4. 1851 in Weehling Pa.
 17 2. Emma, geb. am 30. 1. 1854 in Weehling Pa.
 18 3. Mathilde, geb. am 29. 6. 1856 in Salem Tp.
 19 Ohio

STEP 3: Now let's look at some other obstacles in this text, having nothing to do with vocabulary:
3a. Does the surname come first or last?

According to the American system of naming,, this emigrant's name is "Adam Beck." Yet Germans, if they were conversing about the Beck family's ancestors, would likely refer to him as "Beck Adam." Such discussion might also include mention, for example, of Beck Adam, Beck Jacob, Beck Karl, and Beck Daniel.

Yet in this text, an inconsistency appears as we read that "Beck Adam" is the son of "Adam Beck." While the emigrant's name is quoted with the surname first ("Beck Adam"), his father's name is stated as "Adam Beck."

In line 3, Adam Beck is reported to have married "Lang Maria Margaretha." Here again, the surname is placed first.

In line 12, we find the emigrant's father's name listed as "Beck Adam," but then we note with surprise that the name of *his* father (the emigrant's grandfather) is given as "Adam Beck."

Note that the reader was advised in line 1 to "see below": *Beck Adam, Sohn von Adam Beck (siehe unten)*. (If this helps, this tip for remembering the meaning of "siehe unten": Envision the words as "see under.") The "see below" reference points to the sentence beginning on line 10, *Zur Familie des Mannes gehört noch des Mannes Vater Beck Adam, Sohn von Adam Beck und Maria Wagner, geb. am 2. 11. 1787.* Translation: "Also belonging (*gehört*) to the family of the husband was the husband's father Beck Adam, son of Adam Beck and Maria Wagner, born on 2 November 1787." Incidentally, *Mann* usually means "husband."

Note that dates in German records are often written with numerals only, as in the example above (line 13), "2. 11. 1787." The first numeral represents the day (not the month), and the second numeral represents the month.

3b. Watch those commas!

Look at the first sentence: "Beck Adam, Sohn von Adam Beck . . . und Elisabetha Bauer, geboren in Langenbach in der bayrischen Pfalz am 28. Juni 1821, . . ."

Who was born on 28 June 1921 — Adam Beck or his wife Elisabetha Bauer? Answer: Adam Beck. The part of the sentence set off in commas (son of Adam Beck . . . and Elisabetha Bauer) is parenthetical material. If we were writing this sentence in English, we would probably write it this way: "Adam Beck (son of Adam Beck and Elisabetha Bauer), born on 28 June 1821 . . ."

We see a repetition of this convention farther along (lines 5-7), where we read that Adam Beck married "Lang Maria Margaretha, Tochter von Daniel Lang und Margaretha Trumm, geboren in Osterbrücken am 11. November 1822, Pfalz Bayern...." Now, who was born on 11 November

1822 — Maria Lang or her mother Margaretha Trumm? The answer is Maria Lang — because "*Tochter von Daniel Lang und Margaretha Trumm*" is a parenthetical comment, set off by commas. The 1822 birth date belongs to Maria even though it directly follows (after a comma!) the name of her mother, Margaretha Trumm.

In line 13, this same pattern is repeated in the recording of the emigrant's father's birth date ("2. 11. 1787"). In lines 11-12, we learn that the emigrant Adam Beck's father was also named Adam Beck, whose own father (the emigrant's grandfather) was Adam Beck as well. If it weren't for the commas expressing parenthetical material, our confusion would be all the greater.

3c. The geography of America was not always clearly understood in 19th century Europe.

We might be amused that the writer did not know how to spell "Wheeling," and that he placed that city in Pennsylvania (Wheeling is very close to the Pennsylvania border) instead of in Virginia (part of which state became West Virginia a few years after this family's children were born).

By the way, *sind* (line 15), means "are."

STEP 4. Knowing when a thought ends

Note the great length of the first sentence — a typical trait of German sentences, incidentally. The first sentence, by the time it reaches line 8, strings out 11 genealogical facts in a row — count 'em! — and by then native readers of English expect the sentence to mercifully bump to a stop.

Yet after the word "Bayern" (line 8), which certainly feels like the end of the sentence, we find another complete thought tacked on: *der Mann ausgewandert im Mai 1847, die Frau im Frühjahr 1848.* In English, we would express that thought in a new sentence: "The husband [*Mann*] emigrated in May 1847, the wife [*Frau*] in spring 1848."

Unlike English, the German language allows a sentence to incorporate two complete thoughts. Writers of English, however, are compelled to separate the complete thoughts into two sentences or to divide them with a semicolon. If a German sentence such as this one is translated literally into English, the result is that literary no-no of the English language — the "run-on sentence."

Therefore, as we read to the end of this German sentence, we instinctively resist its flow and become confused. The help for it is to remember that the "run-on" is a perfectly OK construction in German.

STEP 5: Go back and read the passage one last time. See what just a few minutes' practice in reading German can accomplish? Now give yourself a pat on the back.

THE GUSMUS FAMILY

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My mother's maiden name was GUSMUS. Her father was LOUIS GUSMUS, born in Texas. Louis had two sisters, also born in Texas. One sister was "lost" after she married, and the other became a Catholic nun in Wisconsin. The nun, Sister Pacifica, had written a short story around 1914 telling how she and her brother were lost in the "wilds of Texas" for three days. (See GTHS Journal, Spring 1991, pp. 54-55.) Tradition says that Louis's father, JOHN GUSMUS, traveled with a prince or nobleman throughout the West. The prince died, and John settled in Texas and raised a family. This was the extent of my knowledge of the GUSMUS family, until in 1991, the Catholic Archives in San Antonio supplied me with my first real clue toward finding John GUSMUS. They found that John GUSMUS married AGNES POSTERT in Castroville, Texas, on 12 October 1847.

JOHN CONRAD GUSMUS was the son of Christopher GUSMUS (born ca. 1760 in Winzenburg, Hannover) and MARIA THERESIA DUVENKROP (born ca. 1765). Christopher was titled "Dominus" (Sir) Economiae Administratoris. Records indicate that he moved about every four years in the area around Hildesheim, Hannover. Christopher GUSMUS was probably the son of Johann Peter GUSMUS and an unknown mother. Johann Peter Gusmus was the son of Cornelius GUSMUS (born ca. 1695) and Anna Maria Magdalena ULRICH (born ca. 1700). They were married in Hackenstadt (Sottrum), Hannover, 27 July 1723. Some of these records are in Lamspringe. Other names associated with this research are TRIPEK, ENGELKE, VOLMER, HECKT, DEGER, BUSCH, BOTTGER. The GUSMUS name has been spelled that way since a 1689 tax list for the principalities of Calenberg-Göttingen and Grubenhagen, when both GUSMUS, GUTESMUTS and GUTSMUTS are listed. There are no persons named GUSMUS listed in modern Germany.

John Conrad GUSMUS sailed from Bremen on 1 August 1845 on the ship "Margaretha," and landed at Galveston on 25 November 1845 along with 129 other passengers. As Castro colonists, they went to D'Hanis in Medina County, where John received his patent, #29 on 320 acres of land, on 16 April 1850. According to the 1850 Census, he, his wife, Agnes POSTERT, and daughter, Mary, were living in San Antonio at that time.

John GUSMUS and Agnes POSTERT and their three children, Mary, Elizabeth, and Louis (my grandfather) left Texas at the close of the Civil War and moved to Chicago. They lived there for four years and then moved to Watertown, Wisconsin, where they lived for another four years. Then they moved to Tuscumbia, Alabama. In Wisconsin, Elizabeth at age 14 entered the order of the Franciscan Sisters of the Perpetual Adoration. About 1872, Mary, the eldest, married John Joseph HENKE in St. Florian, Alabama. In 1880, Louis married Augusta MECKE in St. Florian. Augusta was the daughter of Wilhelm Leo MECKE and Genovfa DIETRICK of Ruedershausen, Hannover. They came to Alabama by way of Poughkeepsie, New York. These families were part of a German settlement of about 75 families brought to Alabama by the "German Catholic Homestead Association of Cincinnati."

WILHELM GEISWEIDT

Source: The Geistweidt FamilyBook (1560 - 1994)

Authors: Nelson Geistweidt & John Geistweidt

Wilhelm Geistweid was born August 30, 1833, in Erndtebrück, Westphalia, Germany. He was baptized on September 1, 1833, by Pastor Basse in the Evangelical Kirchengemeinde in Erndtebrück. His sponsors were Wilhelm Utsch, Maragarete Birkelback, and Christina Röth. His mother died in 1844 and his father died in 1849. Since he and his brothers were still at a young age when the mother died, the children were taken care of by an aunt, Christina Röth.

The real reasons for immigrating to Texas may never be known. However, during the 1850's, public policies and the results of the Frankfurt Assembly of 1848 were beginning to take effect. There were many reasons for leaving Germany: compulsory military training, the Industrial Revolution, the Romantic revolutionary spirit, rural economic depression, and overpopulation. Also with the confusion of governmental policy and the many Germany states that did exist, any single reason may be difficult to prove. Another reason may be that acquiring land in Germany was very difficult. Usually the oldest son received all the inheritance since there was not enough to be divided by many children.

The trip from Bremerhaven, Germany, to the Port of Galveston, Texas, was a difficult and extended voyage. Besides the lengthy eighty-three (83) day trip on ship over the Atlantic Ocean, the overland trip from Erndtebrück to Bremer to the Port of Bremerhaven took weeks. Just the difficulty of acquiring funds to pay for the trip much less the governmental bureaucracy of leaving the country was difficult. Most Germans left from the Port of Bremerhaven rather than Dutch ports because of high costs of the Dutch tax policies to allow individuals to leave their ports. The ship, the JOHANN[ES] EDVARD GROSSE, left September 27, 1853.

The ship arrived at Galveston Bay December 18, 1853. Had it not been for a sister ship which gave them food, water, and supplies, many would have perished. From Galveston Bay, the ship sailed to Indianola (previously known as Carlshafen or Indian Point). The brothers traveled to Fredericksburg by horse and wagon. In Fredericksburg, they were met by the Bonn and Pfarrer Basse families, formerly of Erndtebrück.

In Fredericksburg, Wilhelm engaged in any kind of work he could find with his brother Johann Heinrich. They worked in hay camps and wood yards for the sum of fifty cents per day. Wilhelm also worked for a shingle camp and as a teamster.

Wilhelm met Anna Elizabeth Röhrig (Rörig), at Zion Lutheran Church and after a short and proper courtship, they received permission from her parents to get married. Wilhelm Geistweid and Anna Elizabeth Röhrig were married on December 29, 1854 in Zion Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg. (The Röhrigs were from Röhrigshof, now incorporated into the village of Windeck, on the western Westphalia, Germany boundary.) Anna Elizabeth Röhrig's parents were Gerhard Röhrig, born May 12, 1811 and Anne Elisabeth

Kolb, born December 13, 1796; married January 31, 1832. Anna Elizabeth Röhrig was born September 7, 1838, in Röhrigshof, Germany. An only child, she immigrated with her parents to Texas on the ship named COLCHIS from Antwerp, leaving on September 1, 1846 and arriving in Galveston October 29, 1846. Anna Elizabeth Röhrig was confirmed in Zion Lutheran Church on September 11, 1853. Wilhelm and Anna Elizabeth Röhrig Geistweid had ten children born from their marriage: Marie, Wilhelmina, Anna, Elizabeth, John Henry, William Jr., Charles, Olga, Frank, and Emma. A few years after their marriage, they built a home on Beaver Creek, the southern part of present Mason County, 16 miles south of Fort Mason, known as Beaver Creek; today the community of Hilda, Texas. Here they started ranching and lived the rest of their lives. Wilhelm became an American citizen in 1860 in which the name was officially spelled Geistweidt.

Anna Elizabeth Kolb Röhrig died in 1873. Gerhard Röhrig deeded land and livestock to William and Anna Elizabeth Geistweidt on Barons Creek and other land and property with the following conditions which represented one-half of the community property of his deceased wife: that " William Geistweidt was to furnish to Gerhard Röhrig every year five (5) good milk cows, and one (1) beef out of said stock of cattle; the privilege of so much of the firewood as needed for his use, and two (2) hogs for home use. If William and Anna Elizabeth Geistweidt fail, refuse, or neglect to comply with such conditions, Gerhard Röhrig reserved the privilege to revoke and annul such conveyance. . . ."

Wilhelm, with the assistance of his wife Anna Elizabeth, helped organized the St. Paul Lutheran Church in the town of Mason. He was also one of the organizers and directors of the German American National Bank in Mason, a forerunner of the present Mason National Bank.

Wilhelm, an excellent businessman and manager, acquired large tracts of valuable land in the present counties of Mason, Kimble, and Gillespie. He and his son, John Henry, owned one of the largest stores west of San Antonio, dealing in everything that was to be bought or sold. Horse trading was one of Wilhelm's favorite hobbies and he owned many good horses. He was listed on the Muster Roll of Ft. Mason in 1864 for general protection of the citizens during the War between the States.

Anna Elizabeth Röhrig Geistweidt died of typhoid fever July 2, 1892. She is buried in the family cemetery on the family homestead where they lived all their lives.

Wilhelm Geistweidt died October 9, 1915, apparently of a heart attack. His son Frank found him dead one morning as he went to awaken him in preparation for a business trip to Mason. He had forty-four grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. He is also buried on the homestead in the Geistweidt family cemetery with his wife and several grandchildren. Today, his legacy lives on as most of his heirs are still in the ranching business in Gillespie and Mason Counties.

THE VILLAGE OF GEISWEID

The village Geisweid is located west of the river Ferndorfbach about three (3) miles north of Siegen, Westphalia, Germany. The oldest settlements of "Blas-und-Hammerhütten" (i.e. the ironworks or iron ore cottages/huts), started in the 14th to 15th century. The iron workers searched the valley for a adequate place to settle, while acquiring sufficient water for the forges.

The ironworks cottages/huts were small working and living areas, and the areas developed into industrial hamlets. An unknown number of settlers built in about 1453 a few cottages east of the agricultural village of Klafeld, but closer to the river. That spot later became a village named "Geisweid". During the ages the area was indicated or known as Klafeld. Klafeld was first mentioned officially in a manuscript in 1079 as "mansus in Clahvelde". It was a small village, consisting mainly of agriculture. In 1453 the ironworks settlement Birlenback was founded, and a few years later the ironworks village of Geisweid was founded.

In 1861 a railway separated Klafeld and Geisweid. It became more and more usual to name the village Klafeld-Geisweid. By Order of the Government of May 28, 1963, the municipality name was officially changed into Geisweid. This lasted only three years. By the First Siegerlander Act of July 1, 1966, the town Weidenau and the villages of Geisweid, Dillenhütten, Buchen, Sohlbach, Nieder, Obersetzen and Langenholdinghausen were joined together as one municipality which was named Hüttental.

By the Second Siegerlander Act of January 1, 1975, the boundaries of the three new organized towns of Siegen, Hüttental and Eiserfeld were joined together as the City of Siegen. All former municipalities were now part of Siegen, but this form guaranteed the name of each individual village as a part of the city of Siegen. Thus an individual will see road signs, maps, and indications of such villages referred to as Si.-Geisweid, Si.-Klafeld, Si.-Birlenback, etc. The "Si." referring to the municipality of Siegen.

When visiting the area, best spots for orientation are: the street Klafelder Markt and a few streets adjoining where the former center of the village Klafeld was located. More to the east, on the other side of the railroad where today the "Krupp Stahlwerke Südwestfalen" factory is located. This is where in the older days the ironworks settlement "Auf der Geissweide" developed. Nothing remains of the original Geisweid village today. The Geistweidts of Texas can trace their ancestry to Johann Geissweid, born in 1560, in the village of Geisweid. From the village of Geisweid, there are descendants in Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Indiana, U.S.A.; Holland, France, Germany, Canada, and the Republic of South Africa.

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Die Texaner mit ihren deutschen Freunden im Hof der Grabenstraße 7. Hier wurde 1842 der Urgroßvater von Willie Mae Smahlik geb. Becker (3.v.r.) geboren.

Nach 150 Jahren Besuch im Stammhaus

Texanische Familie im Haus ihrer Vorfahren

BAD CAMBERG (ca). In diesen Tagen besuchte Willie Mae Smahlik-Becker mit ihrem Mann Ernie und ihren Kindern Kathryn und Henry die Kneippstadt, von wo aus ihr Urgroßvater Adam Becker mit seiner Frau Margarethe geb. Diehl, ihren 5 Kindern zwischen 2 und 12 Jahren im Jahre 1846 nach Texas auswanderten. Damals waren noch zwei Verwandte und Familien aus Camberg, Würges, Erbach und Villmar dabei. Mit dem Segelschiff „Bohemia“ segelten sie in 9 Wochen nach Texas und fanden in der Nähe von New Braunfels, einer damals neu gegründeten Stadt, in der Siedlergegend welche sich „Pin Oak“ nannte, eine neue Heimat.

Adam Becker baute sich dort ein stattliches Blockhaus und wurde ein geachteter Mann, der viel für die Siedler in Texas getan hatte. Bald waren die Erinnerungen an die alte nassauische Heimat dahin und nur eine Ansichtskarte von Camberg, aus der Zeit um 1900 nach Texas geschickt, erinnerte die Nachkommen an die Herkunft ihrer Vorfahren.

Tochter Kathryn machte sich 1986 mit ihrem Mann Jerry und der Camberger Ansichtskarte auf Spurensuche nach Bad Camberg. Durch glückliche Umstände traf

sie hier auf Manfred Kunz, der sich schon lange mit der Auswanderungsgeschichte unserer Gegend nach Texas befaßte. Sein Verwandter, der junge Johann Preuß, wanderte 1850 auch nach Texas aus und siedelte in der Nachbarschaft von Adam Becker. Bei diesem Besuch konnte Kunz den Suchern aus Texas schon mehr von der Becker-Familie berichten, als diese vermutet hatten. So war schnell eine Freundschaft entstanden, die sich ein Jahr später schon mit dem Besuch der Eltern von Kathryn in Bad Camberg festigen konnte.

Im Laufe der Zeit konnte in Bad Camberg und in Texas vieles zur Becker-Familie erforscht und über den Atlantik geschickt werden. Dazu gab das Stadtarchiv viel an Material her. 200 Jahre alte Familiendokumente können sich in Texas zeigen lassen, was auch Willie Mae Smahlik in ihrem Deutschen Club mit Stolz tat. Vieles wurde neu bekannt, nur wo das Elternhaus der Beckers stand, lag noch im dunkeln. Durch einen Zufall entdeckte Manfred Kunz im Staatsarchiv in Wiesbaden einen Brandplan

aus dem Jahre 1855, wo das Becker-Haus eingezeichnet war. Durch weitere Unterlagen aus dem Stadtarchiv wurde nun das Haus genau lokalisiert. Es ist das Haus im Hof der Grabenstraße Nr. 7.

Dieses Haus stand natürlich an erster Stelle im Besucherprogramm der Texaner in Bad Camberg. Willie Mae Smahlik schrieb dazu, daß sie ihren Kindern zeigen wolle, wo sich ihre Wurzeln befinden, denn hier wurde ihr Großvater Georg Becker 1842 geboren. Einmalig ist, daß inzwischen dieses historische Haus aus dem 16. Jahrhundert von der Familie Willy Schütz in vorbildlicher Weise nach den Richtlinien der Altstadtsanierung wiederhergestellt wurde und so noch mehr Eindruck auf die Besucher machte. Willy Schütz und seine Familie zeigten den Texanern das Haus vom Keller bis zum ausgebauten Dachgeschoß. Er erklärte, wo sich früher die Küche, die gute Stube befand, wo auf dem Speicher die Becker-Kinder schliefen und wo die Räucher-kammer war. Auch der Hof wurde eingehend in Augenschein genommen, denn Adam Becker war Wagner und betrieb hier eine Wagnerwerkstatt und kleine Landwirtschaft. Doch nicht auf die Hausbesichtigung beschränkte sich das Besuchsprogramm. Zuvor empfing Bürgermeister Gerhard Reitz die Gäste in seinem Amtszimmer. Hier ließ er sich über die Geschichte der Auswandererfamilie informieren. Manfred Kunz berichtete Bürgermeister Gerhard Reitz, daß vieles aus seinem Buch zur Bad Camberger Auswanderungsgeschichte mit Willie Mae Smahlik erforscht wurde und sie viel zum Inhalt seines Buches beigetragen habe.



Willie Mae Smahlik und Bürgermeister Gerhard Reitz.

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 Part I of II - Coming to America: The Ludeke Family

Two reasons compel me to write this down; to save for my children their German heritage and to refresh those things in my own mind and to savor them. My father, Alfred LUDEKE, arrived at Ellis Island from Berlin, Germany. Right away you understand we were not German-Texans in that he did not arrive by way of Indianola or Galveston. Nevertheless, the invitation was extended to share memories and I am most happy to respond. My tie to Texas came with marriage to one born in this grand state, and as the bumper sticker reads, "I got here as fast as I could."

Father's brother Willie had already immigrated and he and Tante Lisa lived in Chicago. Times were good he had said (It was 1930!) and I suppose that compared to Germany they were. Mother, Lilian KLEINERT LUDEKE followed in 1931, and I was born the following year. My very first word was German, as were many thereafter. Chicago consisted of many ethnic neighborhoods. We lived on Waveland Avenue within the roar of the fans at Wrigley Field. Onkel Willie worked as an auto mechanic and Tante Lisa was a fine seamstress who worked for Powell's on Michigan Avenue. Life was good for them and they soon moved to the suburbs. In our neighborhood practically everyone spoke German. Gute ryebrot und stollen came from Dinkel's Bakery; leberwurst, blutwurst, und herring salat from Kuhn's delicatessen, and St.Paul's Lutheran Evangelical and Reformed Church had an early service 'auf Deutsch'. Recreation and gymnastics took place at the Turnhalle, the Lincoln Turners in particular. Summer vacations were taken at Turner Camp on the Fox River where the German beer drinking songs were duly learned and beer was consumed with gusto! The Lincoln Turners claimed Johnny Weissmuller, the first Tarzan, as an early member. Meta Neumann, also a Lincoln Turner, qualified for the US ladies gymnastic team in the 1952 Olympics.

Meanwhile grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins lived in Berlin, a district known as Friedrichshain and later a part of East Berlin. My father, Alfred, was born in 1904. He recalled being sent to work on a farm during WWI with POW's from Russia. He was only a teenager when he was hit by a machine-gun bullet fired by a communist causing a commotion at an intersection in Berlin. A bullet entered his chest and exited his back. His mother found him two weeks later in a hospital. Then, in 1923, when Alfred was a runner for a bank in Berlin, a hand-grenade was thrown into the bank lobby by communists. It exploded, and he was hit in the chin by shrapnel.

Father was a very good carpenter, as was his brother Willie, stemming from their youth in the family business; but father left to apprentice to the German bank which subsequently failed. He was then retrained as a display designer. In the USA, Alfred was happy for any kind of work that he could get. Father's first job was yelling back orders to the cook in a Chicago hash house. Once they realized that he did not understand what he was repeating, the customers ordered items not for public consumption. The enraged cook emerged with a butcher knife, and father's job came to an abrupt end. Father finally learned English listening to his English speaking wife and attending American movies, it was hard enough to find work even if you spoke the language.

My mother Lilian's father, Johann William KLEINERT, was from Katowitz, a coal-mining region in Ober Silesia (today Poland). Johann was a head-waiter. He heard that German Maitre-D's were in demand in England and he emigrated. He married Lillie Veronika BOHLEN in Leeds, England. Sometime later, they moved to London, the home of the Bohlen family in the Shadwell district which includes the docks. Grandmother's father was named ERICKSON, probably a sea-faring man. The first war broke out and because he was a German national, grandfather Kleinert was initially held in London in the arboretum, leaving Lillie to provide for four children by sewing and waiting tables. Later he was Interred on the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea. It was there in the cold and damp climate that he contracted T.B. Meanwhile, in London, Mother remembered descending into "the underground" to escape the German Zeppelins which were passing just over the rooftops.

After the war, Johann Kleinert and his family were deported to Germany. It was with great dismay that grandmother

left her family English Bible containing the family records, having chosen instead the necessary iron skillet and the sewing machine with which to make a living. Hard selections had to be made for limited space. Grandmother refused to learn to speak German and later associated with ladies at the English speaking church. Times in post World War One Berlin were extremely hard, many were out of work and inflation was rampant. Mother recalled that a pound of butter cost a million marks and money had to be carried in a shopping bag. Groceries were bought as soon as one was paid, for by the day's end the price had risen again. 1923 was the year the German mark died. London and New York banks refused to quote, buy or sell the depreciated currency. Later, Father had a job working for Wertheim's, one of the large department stores, and he and mother married and lived with his parents. Mother had apprenticed to work in the grocery business and together they managed to save enough for father to respond to his brother Willie's invitation to come to America.

Originally the Ludeke's in Berlin were in the furniture business as woodcarvers, refinishers, manufacturers, and retailers. The only story that has been preserved is that of the family livery wagon, horse-drawn of course. Horses had to serve their time in the army, and theirs was no exception. Having been retired from military duty he was sold to the Ludeke's to draw the furniture delivery cart. Waiting patiently while the furniture was carefully hauled and set in place, the horse evidently heard the strains of a military band marching in the vicinity; and true to his training, pranced off behind it, delivery wagon and all.

My childhood memories of the pre WWII days in Chicago consisted of exciting visits to the Germania Club where the "Weihnachtsman" would finally arrive with his heavy sack and distributed candies and fruits to the children. The Kinder Chor would sing and these special occasions were times of great fellowship for our elders and excitement for the children. Approaching war changed all that. At first, there were money raising rallies for this and that, and mysterious guest speakers would speak with great vehemence. A friend returned from a visit to Germany, her young son with a radio-controlled toy car and a complete set of lead German army soldiers. (I wonder if he still has them.) I remember how she raved on about Hitler and the good he was doing for Germany, I believe it was 1939. Later, the visits to the Germania Club were discontinued and mother remarked how shameful it was that Germans were disassociating with their friends for fear of repercussion. A girlfriend on Waveland Avenue was home alone when the FBI came and forcibly entered looking for her father. He was later picked up and detained in a camp in North Dakota for the duration of the war. Again, mother and schoolage daughter went to seek work while husband and father was interred. When asked why they didn't come for my father, mother said it was only those who still had property in the old country. That seemed to satisfy me. They (the police) did come for our little black box camera however, which was returned after the war was over. Father, now a citizen, built a substantial display case mounted on the corner of our block, where notices of patriotic meetings were posted. Home windows bore little flags, a blue star denoting a family member in service, a gold star for those killed in action. Families were proud of their men in service and I wanted to be also, although I never mentioned on which side my relatives were fighting.

Censored letters and photos arrived spasmodically from Berlin and later in the war mother (Lilian) would send word back to them through the red cross. Her sister Elsie MASCHMEYER lost a baby born in an air-raid shelter, and her husband, a member of the Luftwaffe, was wounded during the fall of Paris and hospitalized for the rest of the war. Father's brother Willie lost a son, Bruno, in the war fighting for Germany. My cousin Horst LENKEWITZ also served in the German army. Mother's sister Trude's husband, Karl REITER, a railroad engineer, was captured by the Russians with the whole train. Father's brother Felix was also imprisoned by the Russians, and returned years later, broken in health. Trude, pregnant with Evelin, walked over the rubble of Berlin to escape the Russians approaching in the east, to be with Elsie who had moved to the Tempelhof area. In the US my mother (Lilian) communicated with family through the Red Cross. Later, she took a part-time job to pay for the CARE packages she sent to both families overseas. At first, they could weigh only a pound. It was amazing how much coffee and how many cigarettes she could fit into that little package. They used it to barter for food.

World War II was finally over, and most of the Ludeke's in Germany had survived. The people managed to dig their way out of the rubble; those in the western zone with the help of the Marshall plan. Those in the east were not so fortunate. NEXT ISSUE! Part II, "After the War: Re-establishing Ludeke Family Ties"

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BOSTICK, MRS RAYMOND H	6914 SCOTSDALE DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-4275	210-826-5137
BOWEN, BERTHA KOCH	8618 CHARRO LN	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78217-5802	210-822-1821
BOWENS, JOELLE	12453 ELGIN BLVD	SPRING HILL	FL	34609-1509	817-528-2951
BOWNDS, HELEN MACHEMEHL	1708 MOHLE DR	AUSTIN	TX	78703-1812	512-472-6614
BOZEMAN, MRS DAVID	PO BOX 409	JOHNSON CITY	TX	78636-0409	713-494-7841
BRACHT, JAMES VICTOR	4707 CARBROOK CT	SPRING	TX	77388-4968	713-353-8981

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BRADSHAW, LOUISE LEONARD	1722 BROGAN DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78232-4404	210-494-2122
BRAEUTIGAM, DAVID WILLIAM	1511 PARK CHASE AVE	ARLINGTON	TX	76011-2791	817-276-0736
BRAND, MR/MRS JOEL	5100 SAN FELIPE ST APT 274E	HOUSTON	TX	77056-3620	713-629-8843
BRAUN, RON	1302 BERRYWOOD LN	HOUSTON	TX	77077-2906	713-496-3108
BRENDLE, JOHN E	4808 WHEELLOCK DR	FORT WORTH	TX	76133-5116	817-292-6879
BRESHEARS, GERALDINE WEIGE	5207 LYMBAR DR	HOUSTON	TX	77096-5215	713-729-9986
BREWER, MS GLADYS A	RR 2 BOX 142	FLATONIA	TX	78941-9353	512-865-2863
BREWER, PEARL V, ALTENHEIM	100 N COLLEGE ST	ROUND ROCK	TX	78664-4415	512-310-1046
BRIESEMEISTER, HENRY H	9714 NONA KAY	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78217-4526	210-828-5921
BRIGGS, DR HEIDE M	6301 SUNSET RD	FORT WORTH	TX	76180-4938	817-485-1102
BROCK, MRS INGRID	4317 PATRICK DR	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	78413-3415	512-852-8751
BROTHERMAN, CARL W	8100 PINTO PATH	AUSTIN	TX	78736-1823	512-835-4511
BROWN, MR/MRS J. STEVEN	1509 FROST ST	ROSENBERG	TX	77471-3135	713-342-1010
BROWN, MRS DORIS KIRSCHKE	PO BOX 788	LAKE MARY	FL	32795-0788	407-333-0889
BROWN, MRS. RICHARD L	593 SHADOW WAY CT	HOUSTON	TX	77024-5217	713-465-7353
BROWN, PAT R	12502 VALLE DEZAVALA	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78249-2100	210-690-1934
BROWN, SHERRYL	7920 ROCKWOOD LN APT 243	AUSTIN	TX	78757-8058	512-458-2415
BRUECKNER, ALFRED	960 ENCINO DR	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-6651	210-625-5206
BRUEGGERHOFF, MR/MRS CHARLES	124 TWINLEAF LN	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78213-2515	210-341-7157
BUCK, CHARLES	RT 1 BOX 74	WASHINGTON	TX	77880-9703	409-878-2195
BUCKHAULTS, FRANCES SCHAEFER	PO BOX 286	BASTROP	TX	78602-0286	512-321-4616
BUEHRING JR, MR/MRS LOUIS E	RR 3 BOX 79	KARNES CITY	TX	78118-9403	210-780-3746
BUESCHER, LYN	105 ST PAUL DR	COLUMBUS	TX	78934-2030	409-732-3834
BUNTZEL, MR ROBERT E	4107 BROOKFIELD DR	HOUSTON	TX	77045-6309	713-433-2012
BURGES, III, MR/MRS RICHARD J	1701 BLUFF DR	ROUND ROCK	TX	78681-6340	512-255-5223
BURKHARDT, NIMNIE	626 ROYAL RIDGE DR	DENISON	TX	75020-4128	903-465-4484
BURLESON, JO NELL	3459 RIVER NORTH DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78230-2521	210-694-7883
BURRUS, MRS EDNA SEELIGER	820 N BRITAIN RD APT 109	IRVING	TX	75061-7669	214-721-1269
BURZLAFF, MR/MRS BERNIE	11317 SMALLWOOD DR	BURLESON	TX	76028-6946	817-293-5243
BUSBY, MRS DOROTHY N	127 BUSBY RD	BOERNE	TX	78006-8013	210-537-4512
BUTLER, MARG. & MRS J T WALLING	2519 TANGLEWOOD TRL	AUSTIN	TX	78703-1534	512-477-5629
BUTLER, MRS. MAYDE W	109 HILLCREST DR	RICHMOND	TX	77469-4514	713-342-4651
CADE-PERDUE, THELMA	311 HUNSTOCK AVE	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78210-2825	210-534-9949
CAMPBELL, NONA K HOIKEMEIER	8724 MEDITERRANEAN DR	DALLAS	TX	75238-3742	214-349-0558
CANION, BARNEY	506 CONAL AVE	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-7629	210-625-8766
CARTER, JR, LTC/MRS ROY A	9318 EAGLE CREST BLVD	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78239-2111	210-656-1877
CARTER, MR/MRS JACK E	PO BOX 672	LULING	TX	78648-0672	210-875-5542
CARTY, FRANCES QRENNON	223 EMPORIA BLVD APT 6	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-4025	210-822-4534
CASEY, KAY	PO BOX 173	DENISON	TX	75020-0173	903-465-8567
CATHOLIC ARCHIVES / TEXAS	PO BOX 13327	AUSTIN	TX	78711-3327	512-476-4888
CHAMBERS, ELLADEAN RUPERT	719 W PEACH HOLLOW CIR	PEARLAND	TX	77584-4013	915-388-4723
CHAPPLE, MARCELLA JO	1402 WOOTEN DR	AUSTIN	TX	78757-8327	512-453-6730
CHAVEZ, TERESA & FRED	3905 DANLI LN	AUSTIN	TX	78749-4932	512-282-1238
CITZLER, AMY	1000 W COURT ST	SEGUIN	TX	78155-5978	210-372-6962
CLANTON, MADELINE EDNA	13926 CHISON CREEK	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78249-2503	210-690-7429
CLARK, MRS JOHN D	6240 INDIAN PATH	SAN ANGELO	TX	76904-4914	915-944-0121
CLAYTON LIBRARY	5300 CAROLINE ST	HOUSTON	TX	77004-6803	
CLIFT, EDWINA WEILKUNSTER	6203 GREEN OAKS DR	AUSTIN	TX	78746-5130	512-327-1710
CLINGER, MR/MRS CHARLES E	2503 MITCHELL LN	AUSTIN	TX	78748-1329	512-282-1374
COBB, EULA MAE	10587 S FM 2038 RD	BRYAN	TX	77808-8285	409-589-3100
COLE, CARL WILLIAM	1880 WRIGHT RD	BUDA	TX	78610-9639	512-243-2721
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COMAL CO GENEALOGY SOCIETY	200 N SEGUIN ST	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-5006	
COHER, STEPHEN EARL	2112 TWIN ELMS DR	ARLINGTON	TX	76012-5639	817-461-1833
COMFORT HERITAGE FOUNDATION	PO BOX 433	COMFORT	TX	78013	
CONNALLY, MABEL E	3703 PETRY DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78219-1342	210-661-3679
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CONNER, MRS GAYNEL, NIXON REUNION	PO BOX 465	MANCHACA	TX	78652-0465	512-295-3592
CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE FRG	1330 POST OAK BLVD STE 1850	HOUSTON	TX	77056-3017	
CONWAY, MR/MRS W G	7731 BROADWAY APT 243	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-3217	210-377-2733
COOK, DORIS HERMANN	28024 WILLOWGREEN	KATY	TX	77494-5413	713-392-2606
COOK, RALPH L	RR 1 BOX 118A	SANDIA	TX	78383-9616	512-384-2013
COOPER, LORIE ZAFT	232 WESTOVER DR	ARGYLE	TX	76226-4819	817-340-1030
COPE, GAIL	3140 BROOKHOLLOW DR	FARMERS BRANCH	TX	75234-6486	214-484-2673
COPELAND, FRANCES HEIMER	118 WILLIAM CLASSEN DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78232-1321	210-494-2107
CORDES, CALVIN H	13803 BRITOAK LN	HOUSTON	TX	77079-3329	713-497-2289
CORNELISON, ELLEN U	138 ACAPULCO	AUSTIN	TX	78734-3454	512-261-9125
CRANE, DAVID C	PO BOX 271747	HOUSTON	TX	77277-1747	713-349-9589
CRENDELGE, DR W E	112 CRISTOL DR	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-5202	210-997-0207
CRENDELGE, MR/MRS KENNETH	206 GOEHMANN LN	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-5310	210-997-3808
CRIM, MR/MRS STERLING C	525 PEYTON DR	BEAUMONT	TX	77706-6123	409-866-3686
CROWELL, JOAN F	2402 WELSH DR	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78132-9999	210-620-6126
CULBERTSON, RICHARD D	6428 ARTHUR DR	FORT WORTH	TX	76134-2858	817-293-8024
CUNNINGHAM, CAROLYN	1214 SUMMERFIELD	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78258-3600	210-545-1664
CUNNINGHAM, DON R	5822 CROOKED POST RD	SPRING	TX	77373-7004	713-821-4655
CUNNINGHAM, HELEN S	323 W GLENVIEW DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78228-1518	210-734-6279
DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY	SE.S EB92, 1515 YOUNG ST	DALLAS	TX	75201-5499	
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DAMERAU, NORMAN G	803 LELAND CIR	BEEVILLE	TX	78102-6017	512-358-5562
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DAVIDSON, HELEN OERLEIN	PO BOX 417	CEDAR PARK	TX	78630-0417	512-267-1338
DE GOLYER LIB SHU PER	PO BOX 396	DALLAS	TX	75275-0001	
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DEBERRY, FREDERICKA RICHTER-	1023 KEMBERTON DR	HOUSTON	TX	77062-2717	713-488-6632
DEDEKE, EDWARD R	125 OKLAHOMA AVE	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-8109	210-625-5593
DELANY, MARGIE SMITH	PO BOX 41306	RENO	NV	89504-5306	702-673-5276
DENNIS, RAY & AMELIA	6111 JANEY DR	AUSTIN	TX	78757-4435	512-453-1231
DERR, A ANN	PO BOX 992	COLUMBUS	TX	78934-0992	409-732-5551
DETTMAN, MR/MRS H R	RR 2 BOX 174	STOCKDALE	TX	78160-9622	210-996-3852
DEUTSCHE SAMSTAGSSCHULE	2802 LAFAYETTE	HOUSTON	TX	77005-3038	713-666-8125
DICKERSON, DR MELFORD S	1205 E APPLGATE DR	AUSTIN	TX	78753-4007	512-836-3155
DIERKS, MRS WILLARD	PO BOX 4033	BERGHEIM	TX	78004-4033	210-336-2326
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DIMMICK, MRS EDWARD P	4315 ROLAND RD	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78222-2827	210-333-4694
DIMON, ATHA MARKS	PO BOX 129	BARKER	TX	77413-0129	713-492-2935
DIXON, LTC MALCOLM R	5431 MERKENS DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78229-4920	210-690-9200
DOAK, MR/MRS JOE DALE	514 N WINDING OAKS DR	WYLIE	TX	75098-4564	214-442-3588
DOLE, MR/MRS LEO J	685 FRITZLER DR	SAGINAW	MI	48609-5103	517-781-1923
DONAHOO, FRANCES	RR 2 BOX 8	HAMILTON	TX	76531-9611	817-386-5414
DONLEY, MR/MRS ROBERT J	273 HARDWICKE RD	HOUSTON	TX	77060-5115	713-448-2156
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DRESCHER, MR ALFRED E	10619 KNOBOAK DR	HOUSTON	TX	77043-2405	713-464-8782
DREYER, M/M E R	208 E FRANCIS ST	BAYTOWN	TX	77520-3022	713-427-3195
DROLL, MSGR LARRY J	PO BOX 228	WALL	TX	76957-0228	915-651-7551
DUBE, JR, MR/MRS W J	RR 2 BOX 130	BURTON	TX	77835-9607	409-278-3611
DUCE, THOMAS E	4060 PORTE DE PLAMA APT 23	SAN DIEGO	CA	92122-5118	619-554-0125
DUDERSTADT, PEGGY A	2627 STRATFORD	SAN ANTONION	TX	78223-2247	210-532-5944
DULLNIG, MR/MRS RONALD	1118 EL MONTE BLVD	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78201-2513	210-733-9977
DUNAWAY, MR JAMES H	1624 NEUMAN ST	GONZALES	TX	78629-4325	210-672-2242
DUNCAN, LINDA CAROL BAHNER	3103 LAZY PINE LN	LA PORTE	TX	77571-6921	713-470-0335
DUNK, MARYLEN KROESCHE	421 BRONZEGLO DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78239-2030	210-656-5104
DURBON, MARK C	5931 CHARLESTOWN DR	DALLAS	TX	75230-1705	214-233-6757
DURKEE, JEAN & ROBERT, JR	15 HEDGE LN	AUSTIN	TX	78746-3208	512-328-8501
DURST, NELSON D	PO BOX 604	COLLEGE STATION	TX	77841-0604	409-822-0175
DURST, ROLF	TUEBINGEN STR 68	72135 DETTENHAUSEN		GERMANY-AIRMAIL	
ECKERMANN, COL/MRS CHESTER E	1297 BAUER AVE	SANTA MARIA	CA	93455-5130	805-937-6738
ECKERT, H CHARLES	RR 3 BOX 18	SHINER	TX	77984-9703	512-594-2345
ECKERT, JOAN LUCKENBACH	HC 10 BOX 58	MASON	TX	76856-9217	915-347-5619
EDGAR, BETTY K	901 W CUTHBERT AVE	MIDLAND	TX	79701-4117	915-682-3810
EDWARDS, LORIS NICKEL	113 E UPSHAW AVE	TEMPLE	TX	76501-1564	817-778-8692
EDWARDS, MRS MARGARET H	2013 WILLIAMSBURG CT S	LEAGUE CITY	TX	77573-5048	713-332-2008
EGGENEYER, ADELINE	405 RIO CONCHO DR APT 307	SAN ANGELO	TX	76903-5571	
EHLER, REV/MRS CLARENCE C	7201 GUETTERMANN EHLER RD	MULDOON	TX	78949-5131	409-561-8744
EHMANN, D E	900 KOSTRE CT	IRVING	TX	75061-2359	214-445-0234
EICKELBERGER, KATHLEEN	18 STILL FOREST ST	HOUSTON	TX	77024-7518	
EISENHauer, ROLAND A	7070 MCCULLOUGH AVE	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78216-7424	210-826-8923
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ELLIS, JEAN HALFMANN	RR 2 BOX 70A	NEW ULM	TX	78950-9524	409-732-6571
ELLIS, MAYDELL KOCH	6318 WALTWAY DR	HOUSTON	TX	77008-6264	713-861-5507
ENDER, DIETER H	534 DANA LN	HOUSTON	TX	77024-6708	713-461-0762
ENGELHARDT, DR H TRISTRAM	HC 3 BOX 1	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78132-4101	210-625-8246
ENGELHARDT, JR, DR/MRS H T	2802 LAFAYETTE ST	HOUSTON	TX	77005-3038	713-660-7861
ENGELKING, MR/MRS RUDOLPH A	107 BRIAR CIR	SEALY	TX	77474-3001	409-885-3357
ESCHBERGER, ALVIN & ADELINE	101 LINK ST	ELGIN	TX	78621-2041	512-285-5235
ETLINGER, JOSEPHINE	PO BOX 127	SEGUIN	TX	78156-0127	512-379-3130
EVANS, MR/MRS EWING K	309 RIDGEWOOD RD	AUSTIN	TX	78746-4618	512-327-0876
EVANS, ROBERT W	401 BELLAIRE	MACO	TX	76712-3905	817-776-4767
EVERS, MISS BESSIE E	211 W AUSTIN ST	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-3803	210-997-2985
EXTINE, RENATE	421 NW 55TH ST	LAWTON	OK	73505	405-248-5718
FALTIN, AUGUST	PO BOX 11	COMFORT	TX	78013-0011	512-995-3279
FAMILY HISTORY LIB/SERIALS	35 N WEST TEMPLE	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	84150-1003	
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FELDMAN, MABEL L	304 HOLIK	COLLEGE STATION	TX	77840	409-696-7074
FELTHOUS, DR. ALAN	12 QUINTANA DR	GALVESTON	TX	77554-9350	409-772-3984
FERGUSON, JOHN & CHERYL	100 BUCKEYE TRL	AUSTIN	TX	78746-4418	512-329-8720
FEST-MUSIK-HAUS	PO BOX 162	MEDINA	TX	78055-0162	210-589-2268
FEUERBACHER, MR/MRS ALVIN L	110 WILDROSE AVE	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-3813	210-826-5830
FEY, EVERETT A	6516 HONEY HILL	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78229-5422	210-681-6147
FICKESSEN, A J	10527 THORNLEA DR	HOUSTON	TX	77089-1510	713-946-3070
FINK, LOUIS H	335 GETTYSBURG DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78228-2045	210-736-6488
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FITZGERALD, MARY ANN	PO BOX 55	ROSANKY	TX	78953-0055	512-237-2821
FLACH, MISSES DORA & EDNA	835 NORTH CREEK RD	COMFORT	TX	78013-9724	512-995-3714
FLENTGE, MR/MRS HAROLD	RR 2 BOX 20	ROSEBUD	TX	76570-9507	817-583-7897
FOERSTER, DARWIN A	508 DUNDEE ST	VICTORIA	TX	77904-2822	512-575-0716
FOERSTER, MR/MRS KENNETH	PO BOX 10178	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	78460-0178	512-241-7821
FOHN, GERALD	3349 TANGLEWOOD DR	SAN ANGELO	TX	76904-6020	915-653-2361
FOHN, LOUIS J	716 S KOENIGHEIM ST	SAN ANGELO	TX	76903-6709	915-653-2361
FORTHUBER, BERT	RR 2 BX 77	SAN JUAN	TX	78589-9611	210-787-2272
FOX, FRANCES POER	RT 1 BOX 144	NEW BOSTON	TX	75570	
FREEMAN, MARION M	2163 SWIFT BLVD	HOUSTON	TX	77030-1215	713-667-8761
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FREUDENBERG, REV/MRS CLIFTON	1441 ROBIN LN	SEGUIN	TX	78155-4028	210-379-1178
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FRIESENHANN, WILBUR & BERNICE	8045 BINDSEIL LN	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78266-2107	210-651-9007
FRITZE, MR/MRS VICTOR O	19409 FM 2252	GARDEN RIDGE	TX	78266-2518	512-651-6099
FROEHRER, HENRY	1721 CREEK DR	HOUSTON	TX	77055-3101	713-465-0350
FUCHS, JR, MR/MRS OTTO L	131 W FUCHS RD	CARMINE	TX	78932-5123	409-278-3391
FUCHS, PATRICIA ANN	1805 GARDEN VILLA DR	GEORGETOWN	TX	78628-2928	512-863-9470
FUCHS, SR M THARSILLA	OLL CONV, 515 SW 24th ST	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78207-4600	210-434-7918
FUELBERG, BEN & EVELYN	6815 SIDE SADDLE	AUSTIN	TX	78745	
FUELBERG, BENNIE & JEANIE	1030 POST OAK	DRIPPING SPRINGS	TX	78620	
FUELBERG, CURTIS D	1122 COLORADO ST APT 1204	AUSTIN	TX	78701-2124	512-480-9818
FUELBERG, MR/MRS ARNOLD	RR 2	BRENHAM	TX	77833	
FULBRIGHT, BOBBY & DEE	PO BOX 205	HEBBRONVILLE	TX	78361-0205	512-527-3146
FULKS, MR/MRS B D	6002 COUNTRY CLUB DR	VICTORIA	TX	77904-1631	512-573-6132
GABLER, HARVEY E	4639 HOPE VALLEY RD APT E	DURHAM	NC	27707-5659	919-490-6281
GANNAGE, JR, MR/MRS T EARNEST	3050 POST OAK BLVD STE 665	HOUSTON	TX	77056-6525	713-621-4141
GARNER, MRS JO ANN STARKEY	2027 EDGEHILL DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-2023	210-826-8980
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GARRETT, DAPHNE DALTON	1740 NURSERY RD	THE WOODLANDS	TX	77380-4308	713-364-9392
GARRETT, MRS CHARLES R	8144 MEANDERING WAY	AUSTIN	TX	78759-8613	512-345-3555
GASS, MRS LEROY C	150 LORENZ RD	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-2520	210-824-6941
GEBERT, KARL C	233 WILDROSE AVE	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-3814	
GEBERT, KERMIT O	DRAWER W	PREMONT	TX	78375-0063	512-348-3678
GEBHARDT, THEODORE E	521 E POLK ST	RICHARDSON	TX	75081-4265	214-234-4625
GEISTMANN, LESTER	RR 3 BOX 18A	WINTERS	TX	79567-9403	915-754-5410
GEISTWEIDT, JOHN & DEBORAH	HC 62 BOX 37	DOSS	TX	78618-9602	915-347-5514
GEISTWEIDT, NORMA	HC 62 BOX 34	DOSS	TX	78618-9604	210-669-2391
GEN & HIST SOC / CALDWELL CO	215 S PECAN AVE	LULING	TX	78648-2607	
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GIKAS, LEOLA SHAFER	1750 BRANDENBURG DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78232-4402	210-494-2283
GILLESPIE CO HIST SOCIETY	312 W SAN ANTONIO ST	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-3727	210-997-2835
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GILLIAM, MRS C L	190 WENDT RD	BELLVILLE	TX	77418-9305	409-865-3757
GIPS, ELVERA JANSSEN	1201 HUCK ST	CUERO	TX	77954-2223	512-275-5306
GIPS, PAUL & LILLIAN DURST	3655 CORAL GABLES DR	DALLAS	TX	75229-2620	
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GLENEWINKEL, MR/MRS ERICH C	RR 1 BOX 27	BLEIBLERVILLE	TX	78931-9711	409-836-7359
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GOBEL, DR VOLKER	1502 SHELTON DR	NACOGDOCHES	TX	75961-2210	214-569-0421
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HAESE, ALTON O	1033 HOLLAND DR	GARLAND	TX	75040-4227	214-495-4180
HAGELSTEIN, RICHARD F	3315 STEWART AVE	MIDLAND	TX	79707-5818	915-697-3000
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HANDLER, DR SHIRLEY WOLZ	203 E CROCKETT	MARSHALL	TX	75670-4129	903-935-2357
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HASSLER, WENZEL	311 S ST MARYS ST APT 11A	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78205-2707	210-223-3601
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HEESCHE, MR/MRS W H	18 RIDGE DR	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-6624	210-629-0031
HEGAR, MRS LUCILLE B	1007 MELISSA DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78213-2026	210-342-6068
HEHNSOTH, HELEN L	266 E ELKVIEW PL	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-3808	210-822-5590
HEINAN, JR, COL GROVER GEORGE	2881 GLENVALE DR	FAIRFAX	VA	22031-1436	703-280-5799
HEINE, KARL J	12074 SPRING GROVE	HOUSTON	TX	77099-3202	713-495-1937
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HELPERT, MR/MRS ALBERT	9635 VINEWOOD DR	DALLAS	TX	75228-4245	214-327-0481
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KAHLE, BARBETH	17508 SAINT ANDREWS DR	POWAY	CA	92064-1235	619-487-9496
KAHLICH, GENEVA E	6110 STAGE COACH TRL	SAN ANGELO	TX	76901-4910	915-942-9669
KAHLIG, BEN W	RR 2 BOX 71	LOTT	TX	76656-9622	817-584-4703
KAHN, LISA	4106 MERRICK ST	HOUSTON	TX	77025-2319	713-665-4325
KAISER, BILLY J & BETTY	4200 LULLWOOD RD	AUSTIN	TX	78722-1118	512-459-0426
KALINEC, EVELYN & JOE	RR 1 BOX 145	ORANGE GROVE	TX	78372-9730	512-384-2231
KALTEYER, C RONALD & CAROLYN M	4508 BECLAIRE AV	DALLAS	TX	75205-3038	214-526-5264
KALTEYER, CHARLES F	70 SAINT STEPHENS SCHOOL RD	AUSTIN	TX	78746-2524	512-327-9279
KALTEYER, DON P	443 CALUMET PL	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-3403	210-826-6225
KALTEYER, STEPHEN F	973 MEMORIAL VILLAGE	HOUSTON	TX	77024-4435	713-725-5050
KALTEYER, WALTER	457 BARRACUDA PL	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	78411-1521	512-852-6353
KALTWASSER, A C	PO BOX 861	EL CAMPO	TX	77437-0861	409-543-4452
KANPE, DR/MRS CARSTEN ERICH	4411 SPICEWOOD SPRINGS RD APT 501	AUSTIN	TX	78759	512-502-7440
KANPHOEFNER, WALTER	HISTORY DEPT., TANU	COLLEGE STATION	TX	77843	409-845-7759
KARNES, NELLIE GROTH	717 EGYPTIAN WAY	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	75050-6305	214-262-0825
KATTNER, LAUREN ANN	1492 HAMLET ST	COLUMBUS	OH	43201-2211	614-241-2051
KAVANAGH, H LEE	PO BOX 891545	HOUSTON	TX	77289-1545	713-486-2617
KELLER, DOLORES DONOP	PO BOX 219	MASON	TX	76856-0219	915-347-6681
KELN, MRS JAN	7309 WINDSOR DR	HARAHAN	LA	70123-4838	504-738-0431
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KIESLING, CLARENCE E	PO BOX 955	COMFORT	TX	78013-0955	210-995-2098
KIGHT, LORINE NEUMAN	9814 LA RUE ST	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78217-4514	210-824-8721
KILLEN, ANITA SCHMEDES	4505 ELWOOD RD	AUSTIN	TX	78722-1017	512-459-9303
KING, MRS J T	PO BOX 6	LOMETA	TX	76953-0006	512-752-3527
KINKLER, AMY L	13412 GEORGE RD	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78230-3021	210-492-1464
KIRBY, MRS HARRY C (ESTELLE S)	114 DOWNING DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-6406	210-824-8740
KLEIN, DR RUDOLF M	5226 CATSKILLS DR	WICHITA FALLS	TX	76310-2558	817-692-9080
KLEIN, IRENE S	1022 SANDALWOOD DR	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-3650	210-625-6575
KLEMENT, WILL & JULIE	RR 4 BOX 185	MISSION	TX	78572-9707	210-682-2980
KLINKSIEK, DEBBIE	3702 ORRELL CT	AUSTIN	TX	78731-1908	512-345-6519
KLOESS, ALLAN & CHRISTINE	1821 DOROTHY DR	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	75051-3705	214-264-5967
KLOPPE, ED & WILMA	6807 DUCQUESNE	AUSTIN	TX	78723-	512-926-5525
KLOTZBACH, GINNY & GEORGE O	5612 BAYTON LOOP	AUSTIN	TX	78745-3404	512-892-0314
KNESCHK, NORMAN M	RR 1 BOX 119B	JONESBORO	TX	76538-9609	817-572-3673
KNEZEK, MRS LA VERNE D	4901 RACQUET CLUB DR	ARLINGTON	TX	76017-2627	817-465-2323
KNIGHT, LARRY	RR 1 BOX 19	MARTINDALE	TX	78655-9703	512-357-6619
KNIGHT, MRS MARIA B	455 SENOVA DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78216-6455	210-344-3754
KNOBELSDORF, JOHN C	8807 CARRIAGE DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78217-4637	210-656-7688
KNOBLAUCH, MR/MRS HUGO S	RR 1 BOX 140Q	ROBSTOWN	TX	78380-9412	512-387-3302
KNOEBEL, JOHN	19634 SAN GABRIEL	HOUSTON	TX	77084-5217	713-492-6827
KNOPP, KENN	120 E MAIN ST #B	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-4228	210-997-7273
KNUPPEL, MAGDALENE	2202 S FISHER CT	PASADENA	TX	77502-5624	713-944-0804
KNUTSON, RUBY P	PO BOX 1080	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-1080	210-997-2961
KOEHL, DR/MRS MICHAEL F	PO BOX 1424	HUNTSVILLE	TX	77342-1424	409-291-3090
KOEHL, MRS ROBERT C	704 BENSDALE RD	PLEASANTON	TX	78064-2010	210-569-2358
KOEHLER, JAMES B	RR 2 BOX 156D	PFLUGERVILLE	TX	78660-9611	512-251-8693
KOEHLER, RUTH & BILL	4500 HYRIDGE DR	AUSTIN	TX	78759-8054	512-345-4409
KOENIG, ELVA OEDING	8516 FM 609	LAGRANGE	TX	78945-5638	
KOENIG, JOHN WELDON	1607 BEN CRENSHAM WAY	AUSTIN	TX	78746-6162	512-328-7805
KOGER, JEANETTE KNOPP	RR 3 BOX 374	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-9311	210-997-6377
KOKINDA, INGRID E	9202 ATTLEBORO ST	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78217-4202	210-654-7170
KOLB, ROSALIE EIMANN	33 PERTHUIS FARMS RD	LA MARQUE	TX	77568-4718	409-935-3433
KOLODZIEJ, ANNAMARIE KRIEG	1500 RESTON DR	RICHARDSON	TX	75081-2652	214-783-1454
KOPPELMAN, MR/MRS WILLIAM P	3909 SIDEHILL PATH	AUSTIN	TX	78731-1417	512-345-3886
KOPPLIN, MR/MRS HILBERT	RR 1 BOX 646	THREE RIVERS	TX	78071-9716	512-786-3024
KOSKA, LEAH A	2123 A 35TH	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544	
KOTHMANN, JOHN H	328 GLENKOOR ST	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-3432	210-997-3617
KOY, DOUGLAS J	4326 WIGTON DR	HOUSTON	TX	77096-4429	713-723-0067
KRACKAU, MRS ALICE	15781 N STATE HWY 123	SAN MARCOS	TX	78666-2046	512-353-7080
KRAFT, HUGO JR & FRANCES M	22934 FM 762 RD	NEEDVILLE	TX	77461-9512	409-553-3275
KRAUS, KATHERINE	7624 SPRING AVE NE	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	87110-7330	505-256-0697
KRAUSE, DR. ROBERT B & EUGENIA P	820 RIDGEFIELD DR	PLANO	TX	75075-8717	214-516-1800
KRAUSE, GLADYS J	PO BOX 85	ROUND TOP	TX	78954-0085	409-249-3252
KRAUSE, MICHAEL G & CONNIE L	502 COUNTY GLEN ST	LEANDER	TX	78641-2140	512-259-1355
KREBS, JR, ARNO W	1301 MCKINNEY, STE 5100	HOUSTON	TX	77010-3095	713-651-5522
KRETZSCHMAR, JR, SAMUEL L	2280 BENT PINE ST	MELBOURNE	FL	32935-7144	407-779-4442
KRIEG, ANNA WALTER	4213 DODY ST	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	78411-3001	512-852-7696
KRIEGEL, MR. LAWRENCE H	3905 ANY CIRCLE	AUSTIN	TX	78759-8101	512-345-4977
KRONKOSKY, DR/MRS PRESTON C	8101 HILLRISE DR	AUSTIN	TX	78759-8604	512-345-2062
KRUEGER, MARVIN & LUCIA	5701 COUNTY RD 132	HUTTO	TX	78634-4405	512-759-4451
KRUSE, CURTIS	1101 SWINGING BRIDGE RD	LONGVIEW	TX	75604-5722	903-759-2596
KRUSE, OLAN E	325 SEALE ST	KINGSVILLE	TX	78363-3464	512-592-7602
KUBICEK, ELLEN HAECKER	112 ADOBE DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78213-2301	210-342-6129

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KUHN, GLADYS FROBOESE	RR 10 BOX 29B	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78132-3603	210-438-7450
KURETSCH, RAYMOND & VERLIE	RR1 BOX 71	GARLAND	TX	77962-9731	512-771-3769
KUSENBERGER, RUTH	HCR 3 LOT 30 QUAIL RUN III	DEL RIO	TX	78840-9803	210-775-1345
LACHMANN, REINER	17 PARK AVE	PENNINGTON	NJ	08534-2314	609-737-0499
LAKES, MR/MRS WILLIAM J	3314 MARION ST	AMARILLO	TX	79106-6211	806-352-7159
LAMPRECHT, MARION	RR 1 BOX 15	TAFT	TX	78390-9736	512-528-3288
LANGHART, J S	219 MADRID DR	UNIVERSAL CITY	TX	78148-3140	210-658-0593
LANGHOFF, MR/MRS JOHN C	RR 2 BOX 119A	YOAKUM	TX	77995-9525	512-293-6159
LANSFORD, INGRID GIMM	1202 PEACH TREE LN	GEORGETOWN	TX	78626-6118	512-863-6054
LARSON, MR/MRS LEONARD C	2300 DUFF DR	PORT ARTHUR	TX	77642-0534	409-963-1554
LAUE, ROBERT W	2541 STEEPLECHASE RD	GALLATIN	TN	37066-5810	615-822-3691
LAVIN, MARY ANN	2502 DANBURY ST	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78217-6020	210-822-2040
LAY, DIANA KELLERMAN	2217 ONION CREEK PKY UNIT 126	AUSTIN	TX	78747-1602	512-280-8516
LE BLANC, JR, LOYD	411 KAYTON AVE	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78210-3538	210-532-9225
LEHMAN, KEITH A	7527 ASHTON DR	HOUSTON	TX	77095-4169	713-550-5431
LEHMAN, OLIVER & HILDA	116 DORIS DR	DENISON	TX	75020-7711	903-465-0742
LEHMANN, AGNES	1977 PALACE DR	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-8337	210-625-5391
LEHMANN, ELIZABETH	604 ATLOW DR	BRENHAM	TX	77833-5310	409-836-7689
LEHNHOFF, KURT F	1212 GARDENIA DR	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-5906	210-629-4810
LEIS, STELLA D	5100 JOHN RYAN BLVD	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78245-3502	210-677-0066
LEONARD, RENATE	HC 3 BOX 848-T	SPICEWOOD	TX	78669-9597	512-264-2472
LEONHARDT, EDGAR & LORETTA	RR 1 BOX 62	RED ROCK	TX	78662-9762	512-303-0584
LEWIS, JEFFERSON S	51 E 74TH ST # 1-R	NEW YORK	NY	10021-2716	212-744-8653
LEWIS, JR, MRS OLIVER	9407 LANTANA DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78217-5011	210-824-5449
LEY, DR PHILLIP B & STANCIE D	4910 GRANITE LAKE CT	MISSOURI CITY	TX	77459-3948	713-261-8900
LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS	SW TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY	SAN MARCOS	TX	78666-4601	
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS	EXCH & GIFT DIV, 10 FIRST ST SE	WASHINGTON	DC	20540-0001	
LICATOVICH, JOCELYN	30 SCENIC DR	YANTIS	TX	75497-9401	
LICH, MRS SUSAN	STURDY OAK FARM RT 1 BOX 121	COMFORT	TX	78013	512-995-3961
LIEHSEL, GERHARD & MARTHA	3939 BROADWAY AVE	FORT WORTH	TX	76117-3544	817-834-7007
LIESE, CARL G T	900 WILDBRIAR DR	LUFKIN	TX	75904-4456	409-634-6566
LINDEMANN, ANN & JIM	PO BOX 218	INDUSTRY	TX	78944-0218	409-357-2772
LINVILLE, STEPHEN	2828 CARLSON DR	DALLAS	TX	75235-7524	214-559-4679
LITTLE III, IRA	3350 OAK CREEK DR	CORINTH	TX	76205-2166	
LITTLE, MARIANNE E,	RR2 BOX 148A	YORKTOWN	TX	78164-9538	
LITTON, MARY HELEN FISCHER	7300 WATERLINE RD	AUSTIN	TX	78731-2053	512-345-0531
LOCY, ANN HEFNER	4728 CROOKED LN	DALLAS	TX	75229-4211	214-361-2097
LOESCH, MABEL	2140 E SCOTT ST	PENSACOLA	FL	32503-4957	904-433-2358
LOHRMANN, LAVINIA E	898 N NEBLETT ST	STEPHENVILLE	TX	76401	---968-4729
LOITZ, ETHEL PAPE	3840 RIDGEWAY DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78259-1754	210-497-3594
LUCKENBACH, CARL ALBERT	9605 UXBRIDGE AVE	LUBBOCK	TX	79424-4841	806-794-7547
LUDTKE, DAVID EUGENE	5422 NORDLING RD TRLR 27	HOUSTON	TX	77076-4746	713-694-4178
LUDWIG, KRISTINE	102 DEWITT CIR	HATTIESBURG	MS	39402-1029	601-269-7788
LUDWIG, MR/MRS LESTER F	3214 W WOODLAWN AVE	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78228-4921	210-433-5973
LUEDECKE, JOHN C	3536 N CAREFREE CIR APT C	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80917-2822	
LUEDECKE, LYNN	5304 FM 973	DEL VALLE	TX	78617-3408	512-247-4257
LUEDECKE, WILLIAM H	PO BOX 5936	AUSTIN	TX	78763-5936	512-453-5282
LUEDEMANN, MELINDA B	1220 OLD HOMESTEAD	SEGUIN	TX	78155-7912	512-379-7387
LUERSEN, LILLIE SIBLEY	2239 BASSE RD	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78213-4504	210-344-1616
LUNDIN, SHIRLEY	3100 CALIENTE	BAKERSFIELD	CA	93306-4306	805-871-2030
LYNCH, MRS SCHUNKE	7516 STEWART RD	GALVESTON	TX	77551-1918	409-744-0506
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MAI, WILMA	HC 1 BOX 360	SHARON SPRINGS	KS	67758-9749	913-852-4455
MANNING, MRS VAUGHN E	8623 STARCREST DR APT X3	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78217-4706	210-655-3034
MAPLES, JERRY & URSULA	510 LAS CRUCES DR	IRVING	TX	75063-4639	214-401-3243
MARQUARDT, LEWIS R /DONA REEVES-	2770 SOUTH LOOP 4	BUDA	TX	78610-9510	512-295-5901
MARTIN, DR ANNETTE O	6206 KNOXVILLE DR	LUBBOCK	TX	79413-5413	806-799-2049
MARTIN, HELGA	4318 AVENIDA PRIMA ST	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78233-6823	210-654-6142
MARTY, BG/MRS WAYNE	CAMP MABRY, STE 295	AUSTIN	TX	78703-1223	512-465-5174
MASON, JANE (TRACY)	306 E SAN ANTONIO	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-4644	210-997-4051
MASSIRER, VAN D	124 CANAAN CHURCH RD	CRAWFORD	TX	76638-3328	817-486-2366
MASSON, MARGARETE S	12302 LONGWORTH LN	HOUSTON	TX	77024-6128	713-461-5393
MATHIAS, R V	3100 MISTYWOOD CIR	AUSTIN	TX	78746-7861	512-327-6077
MATTEEN, MR/MRS MICHAEL A	1315 W FOREST DR	HOUSTON	TX	77043-4520	713-493-1903
MATTHIESEN, LEROY T	PO BOX 5644	AMARILLO	TX	79117-5644	806-383-2243
MATTHIJETZ, SANDRA	1350 TWIN FALLS RD	HOUSTON	TX	77088-1942	713-447-3576
MAUK-ENZONE, JANICE	25 SOUNDVIEW DR	HUNTINGTON BAY	NY	11743-1439	
MAUK, MARGARET & KEN	BOX 308	WYLIE	TX	75098-0308	
MAX KADE GERMAN-AM. RESEARCH INST	305 BURROWES BLDG	UNIVERSITY PARK	PA	16802-6203	814-863-9537
MAXWELL, EARL	1203 WILDERNESS DR	AUSTIN	TX	78746-6730	512-328-5039
MAYES, WARDEN & JEAN	9945 TANGLEVINE DR	DALLAS	TX	75238-1527	214-341-6360
MCANANEY, EDNA H	1606 UPLAND DR	HOUSTON	TX	77043-3702	713-465-9084
MCBEE, SUE BRANDT	2605 VELASQUEZ DR	AUSTIN	TX	78703-1546	512-476-2386
MCCLAIN, DR MEREDITH	2612 24TH ST	LUBBOCK	TX	79410-1632	806-744-6033
MCCLUSKEY, WILLIAM, JR.	5932 RICHMOND AVE	DALLAS	TX	75206-6840	214-827-3677
MCCOLLOCH, MRS T R	608 S UNION ST	RICHMOND	TX	77469-3329	713-232-3370
MCDONALD, MR & MRS C J JR	PO BOX 742	TATUM	TX	75691-0742	903-678-3653
MCELVEEN, EVELYNE BRAUTIGAM	12615 PINEROCK LN	HOUSTON	TX	77024-4008	713-468-2570
MCKINNEY, ELIZABETH DEHNEL	10902 SAGE OAK CV	AUSTIN	TX	78759-7006	512-258-2168
MCMANUS, JOHN / U ST THOMAS	3812 MONTROSE BLVD	HOUSTON	TX	77006-4626	713-525-3515
MCNEILL, JOHN W	42 WILLOWDALE DR	ROCHESTER	NY	14618-2330	
MEADOR, JOEL R	RR 2 BOX 341B	LULING	TX	78648-9531	512-540-4815
MEARSE, LINDA	2841 PASO DEL ROBLES	SAN MARCOS	TX	78666-1001	512-396-6182
MEIER, JEAN H	7211 WESTOVER DR	GRANBURY	TX	76049	817-579-0029
MEIER, WILLIAM J	9116 LINWOOD AVE	SHREVEPORT	LA	71106-6510	318-222-0685
MEINERS, CAROLYN A	1034 S MADISON ST	LA GRANGE	TX	78945-3304	409-968-3806
MEINERS, HARVEY W	12349 SCHUSTER RD	ROUND TOP	TX	78954-5207	409-249-5349
MELCHER SR, J C	624 N COMMERCE ST	PORT LAVACA	TX	77979-3037	512-552-6139
MELLENBRUCH, JULIA	4102A AVENUE H	AUSTIN	TX	78751-4725	512-451-4467
MELLOR, DORIS R	6889 OAKWOOD GRV	HOUSTON	TX	77040-4403	713-686-2465
MENKING, MRS AMELIA	601 N PARK BLVD APT 805	GRAPEVINE	TX	76051-6912	817-488-7669
MERCER, KATHLEEN K	11310 WILLIAMSBURG DR	HOUSTON	TX	77024-7420	713-952-0703
MERIDIAN, DON & ROSIE	HC 60 BOX 64	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-9725	210-997-0238
MERRELL, CRES & CYNTHIA GRUETZNER	8408 ELKRIDGE AVE	LUBBOCK	TX	79423-3008	806-745-3893
METZGER, OSCAR F	301 NORTHWEST DR	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-9143	210-997-1082
METZKE, RAYMOND A	780 ELIZABETH AVE	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-5378	210-625-4377
MEURER, MR/MRS HUGO	2324 WESTOAK DR	AUSTIN	TX	78704-5817	512-442-6518
MEYER, DOROTHY E	RR 5 BOX 161A	VICTORIA	TX	77901-2018	512-578-1010
MEYER, MARY	4919 PECAN GROVE DR APT 255	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78222-3505	210-337-6254
MEYER, WILLIE L	19754 HIGH BLUFF RD	HELOTES	TX	78023-2900	210-695-9156
MICHAEL, MARIAN	405 W 37TH ST	AUSTIN	TX	78705-1313	512-453-3788
MICHALEK, RODNEY ALLEN	1600 NE LOOP 410, STE 115	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-1612	
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MILLER, COL/MRS HARVEY FISHER	9006 SYCAMORE CRK	DRIPPING SPRINGS	TX	78620-9776	512-858-7540
MILLER, DOROTHY L	540 SOLANO DR NE	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	87108-1048	505-265-9198
MILLER, ESTHER L	18744 VISTA DEL SOL LN	DALLAS	TX	75287-4023	214-248-4864
MILLER, EUGENIA R	1632 NORFOLK ST	HOUSTON	TX	77006-5229	713-652-5934
MILLER, HORACE D	PO BOX 301	WINNSBORO	TX	75494-0301	903-365-7334
MILLER, MARY & RICHARD D	1318 WHITAKER DR	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	78412-4020	512-991-0676
MILLER, MR/MRS STANLEY	2530 HIGH POINT CI	WICHITA	KS	67205-1329	
MISTROT, GUS & BERNICE	12800 BRIAR FOREST DR APT 83	HOUSTON	TX	77077-2206	713-531-1956
MISTROT, PHYLLIS	3003 WINDMILL ST	SUGAR LAND	TX	77479-1603	713-980-4661
MOLLENHAUER, MRS BERNADINE H	122 BEECHWOOD LN	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78216-7342	210-824-5514
MONTFORT, RODNEY G	9205 SAN JUAN PASS	AUSTIN	TX	78737-3039	512-288-5899
MONTONDON, AVADNE	5501 SHOAL CREEK BLVD	AUSTIN	TX	78756-1802	512-451-2408
MOORE, JO ANN	2115 KENWOOD AVE	AUSTIN	TX	78704-4439	512-444-4044
MOORE, LODENE	RR 5 BOX 5673	BELTON	TX	76513-9311	817-939-7530
MORGAN, JAMES D	3528 GRANADA DR	FORT WORTH	TX	76118-5951	817-284-7022
MORGAN, MARJORIE ANN	1406 E INEZ ST	BEEVILLE	TX	78102-2913	512-358-3491
MORRIES, MARGARET	RR 1 BOX 136A-2	COMFORT	TX	78013-9630	210-995-3264
MORRIS, GERTRUDE V	1002 CAIRO	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	78412-3801	512-991-0894
MORRIS, REBECCA ROBINSON	1718-14TH PLACE	PLANO	TX	75074-6402	214-740-6934
MORROW, MR/MRS W H	4011 ROCKLEDGE DR	AUSTIN	TX	78731-2943	512-345-2038
MORROW, MS MELL	5830 S LAKE HOUSTON PKY APT T38	HOUSTON	TX	77049-2616	713-459-2957
MOSES, NELLIE KINKLER	1927 E LANSDALE DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-2043	210-826-5862
MOZISEK, BETTY	3314 SHADY SPRINGS	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78230-4931	210-342-3027
MUEGGE, W H	810 NW 9TH ST	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	75050-5337	214-262-7720
MUELLER, LEO O JR	1903 ELTON LN	AUSTIN	TX	78703-2917	512-476-3357
MUELLER, MR HANS J	395 ROCKY SPRINGS RD	WIMBERLEY	TX	78676-5518	512-847-9174
MUENZLER, KEN & CAROL	4311 SENDERO DR	AUSTIN	TX	78735-6321	512-892-3832
MULKEY, GERALDINE BARTH	209 TUTTLE RD	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-6144	210-824-5550
MULLENIX, EDWARD & DENISE	1805 SHREVEPORT TRL	PLANO	TX	75023-3051	214-517-7750
MULLENS, DELLA R	8 TOURNEY CV	AUSTIN	TX	78738-1119	512-261-8597
MUNKE, SHARON USELTON	11527 SAYAMORA CT	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78216-3526	210-340-1832
MURPHY, MOLLEYO DOLEN	PO BOX 1170	TOMBALL	TX	77377-1170	713-357-0807
MYSKA, DOROTHY	2519 4TH ST	ROSENBERG	TX	77471-5919	
NAGEL, ARTHUR & BERNICE	15 WASP CREEK RD	BOERNE	TX	78006-7120	210-537-4830
NANCY CAROL ROBERTS MEM. LIBRARY	100 W ACADEMY ST	BRENNHAM	TX	77833-3107	409-836-2312
NASH, MRS CHARLENE	RR 2 BOX 30	LAMPASAS	TX	76550-9601	512-556-5087
NAUMANN, QUENTIN F	5459 BRIARBEND DR	HOUSTON	TX	77096-5001	713-723-3104
NEBGEN, ANNIE & META	PO BOX 994	STONEWALL	TX	78671-0994	210-644-2372
NEELY, DR/MRS R A	105 E HACIENDA ST	BELLVILLE	TX	77418-3103	409-865-2839
NELSON, DR/MRS F MURPHY	1419 RIDGEHAVEN DR	AUSTIN	TX	78723-2528	512-453-8196
NELSON, MARIAN	RR 1 BOX 455	RED ROCK	TX	78662-9756	512-303-0028
NELSON, MRS EMMA JEAN	205 ROYAL OAKS CIR	LONGWOOD	FL	32779-3549	407-649-2407
NEUMANN, MRS KERMIT	7722 JANAK DR	HOUSTON	TX	77055-3613	713-682-2446
NEUMANN, REV CHARLES W, SM	520 FORDHAM AVE	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78228-4821	210-436-3762
NEUSE, EDGAR & MARY JEAN	RR 1 BOX 11C	GONZALES	TX	78629-9700	210-672-3696
NEWHOUSE, PATRICIA A	6337 LAKESHORE	DALLAS	TX	75214-3613	214-821-3220
NIEDERS. STAATS- & UNIVERS. BIBLIOTHEK	GOETTINGER SIEBEN 1	37070 GOETTINGEN		GERMANY	
NIKAMP, DALE A	604B ARCADIA ST APT 107	HURST	TX	76053-5216	817-284-1918
NIERMANN, WILHELM	STENWEDER BERGSTR. 84	32351 STEMWEDE-NEHDE		GERMANY-AIRMAIL	05773-1618
NIESNER, MR/MRS FRANKLIN D	406 BERKSHIRE LN	VICTORIA	TX	77904-1749	512-575-1929
NISWANGER, MARY ANN	PO BOX 308	PROSPER	TX	75078-0308	214-347-2905

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NORTHWEST HS GERMAN CLUB	RR 2 BOX 42	JUSTIN	TX	76247-9604	817-430-0036
NOSER, GARNETT P	5326 YARWELL DR	HOUSTON	TX	77096-5119	713-723-4564
NOVOSAD, MRS HELEN REMMERT	HC 4 BOX 1017	BURNET	TX	78611-9644	512-793-6555
OENHAUS, MARY B	7110 NEFF ST	HOUSTON	TX	77074-3312	713-774-2036
O'BRYANT, TINA SALGE	126 DOGWOOD DR	CROSSETTLE	AR	71635-4104	
OBSTA, ROBERT & DORIS FISCHER	4306 GUY GRANT RD	VICTORIA	TX	77904-2223	512-575-4303
OCHS, HELMUT	AN DEN IRLAN 7	40764 LANGENFELD		GERMANY	
O'KEEFE, HEIDI	732 W COLL ST	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-5625	210-625-4712
O'NEILL, PATRICK L	2911 HEADLY DR	AUSTIN	TX	78745-4709	512-442-9361
OVERSTREET, CAROLYN LINDEHANN	PO BOX 1089	CENTER POINT	TX	78010-1089	210-634-2455
OZAN, CECIL R, JR	307 HAVERHILL DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78228-3104	210-735-6090
PANKRATZ, HERVA & GEORGE	15 THUNDER VALLEY RD	BOERNE	TX	78006-8116	210-249-2855
PARKER, CATHERINE L	22 PINE CREEK CT	HOUSTON	TX	77017-6717	713-946-9137
PARKER, JANINE GITTINGER	114 CRESTVIEW DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78201-2650	210-732-5063
PARNA, MR/MRS FRANK	3311 CAROLINE WAY	RICHMOND	TX	77469-9680	713-342-4898
PARRIS, MIRIAM E	1907 RUNNING BROOK DR	AUSTIN	TX	78723-3445	512-928-2777
PARSONS, W GASTON	345 PRINCE DR	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-5353	210-625-5735
PATTERSON-WILLIAMS, PATRICIA	PO BOX 1714	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	78403-1714	512-992-3383
PAWEL, THOMAS ERNST/CONCORD OIL	105 S SAINT MARYS ST STE 1500	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78205-2807	210-224-4455
PEARCE, LAVERNE S	221 WOODLAND AVE	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-6062	210-629-7267
PEEBLES, MR/MRS HERBERT H	5566 TILBURY DR	HOUSTON	TX	77056-2018	
PELHAM, JOY C	2706 W 49 1/2 ST	AUSTIN	TX	78731-5002	512-452-9725
PENBERTON, GARY	829 NORTHPARK RIDGE	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-8319	210-629-6016
PENKERT, MR/MRS LEONARD W	1029 FRANCES DR	ROSENBERG	TX	77471-2107	713-232-4183
PENSHORN, MR/MRS HARVEY	3730 HUNDRED OAKS DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78217-3410	210-655-8463
PERDUE, MATTHEW M	11500 BRAESVIEW APT 4803	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78213-1212	210-492-7128
PERKINS, IDA B	PO BOX 244	COMFORT	TX	78013-0244	512-995-3807
PERKINS, III, ROY O	PO BOX 244	COMFORT	TX	78013-0244	512-995-3807
PESSARRA, MR/MRS JOSEPH H	RR 1 BOX 3834, RIVER RD	FREEPORT	TX	77541-9206	409-233-5035
PETSCH, EUGENE E	23141 BIGGAR LN	COVELO	CA	95428-9739	707-983-6783
PFEFFERKORN, MR/MRS PETER	11708 D-K RANCH RD	AUSTIN	TX	78759-3770	512-258-6240
PFEIFER, VIRGIL D	4101 KINGSTON DR	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	78411-5018	512-855-3434
PFEIFFER, BARBARA KLAR	204 PRIMERA DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78212-2053	210-826-5815
PFEIFFER, BEN	3650 HIGHCLIFF DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78218-2418	210-656-8341
PFEIFFER, MR/MRS ROY	2106 WEBERWOOD DR	SOUTH CHARLESTON	WV	25303-3015	304-342-5440
PFEIFFER, MRS J J	7225 NE 116TH ST	KIRKLAND	WA	98034-2472	206-823-9053
PFENNIG, ROBERT H	912 EMPIRE ST	EL CAMPO	TX	77437-2823	409-543-2309
PFLUGER, GLADYS	PO BOX 324	PFLUGERVILLE	TX	78691-0324	512-21-3185
PHELPS, MR/MRS RICHARD	6005F COUNTRY CLUB DR	VICTORIA	TX	77904-1630	512-572-4575
PHILLIPS, BETTY JEAN	5828 PARKMONT CI	EL PASO	TX	79912-5325	----584-8489
PHILLIPS, ELLYN WEDEMEYER	PO BOX 1965	MIDLAND	MI	48641-1965	
PHILLIPS, LINDA OHLENBUSCH	PO BOX 188	WALLIS	TX	77485-0188	409-532-2293
PHILLIPS, MRS PAULINE	410 KENT ST	YOAKUM	TX	77995-4402	
PINKERT, DORA	RR 2 BOX 176	SLATON	TX	79364-9525	806-828-3036
PINO, BARBARA	232 MEADOWBROOK DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78232-2117	210-494-2212
PLAEGER, BERNICE S	PO BOX 1042	MADISONVILLE	LA	70447-1042	504-845-8700
PLAGENS, FR JAMES	PO BOX 1188	BRADY	TX	76825-1188	915-597-2324
PLASCHKE, ALFRED & HANNELORE	10810 PANDORA DR	HOUSTON	TX	77013-2820	713-672-9603
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POLINARD, HERBERT L	609 E COURTHOUSE ST	CUERO	TX	77954-2701	512-275-5749
POMPER, IRMGARD CHRISTINA	7921 GOFORTH RD	DALLAS	TX	75238-4134	214-343-4747
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PORTNER, ANGELINE	RR 2 BOX 31	NEW ULM	MN	56073	507-359-2121
POWELL, KATHARINE G	5366 FIELDWOOD DR	HOUSTON	TX	77056-2708	713-961-0054
POWELL, MR/MRS H ROBERT	2505 BERENSON LN	AUSTIN	TX	78746-1917	512-327-4456
PRESSLER, JUDGE PAUL	5118 HOLLY TERRACE DR	HOUSTON	TX	77056-2100	713-622-4491
PREWITT, CHRISTA	PO BOX 992	ELGIN	TX	78621-0992	
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PRILOP, MRS LLOYD T	2602 INDIAN RIDGE DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78231-1905	210-492-6907
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PRINZ, MERLE E	128 SKYLINE RD	GEORGETOWN	TX	78628	512-869-7957
PROSKE, MYTRLE & EBERHARD	7004 TWIN CREST DR	AUSTIN	TX	78752	512-453-3356
PRUESSNER, ROBERT D	PO BOX 772	CALDWELL	TX	77836-0772	409-272-3945
PUHLMANN, HILDA	RR 1 BOX 284	LA VERNIA	TX	78121-9715	210-667-1628
PYBURN, JR, MR/MRS JACK D	3031 PINEY CREEK RD	LA GRANGE	TX	78945-5316	409-242-3273
QUEBEDEAUX, MR/MRS MARCEL	231 NASSAU DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78213-4048	210-344-8687
QUINN, ALLAN S	7739 KIVA DR	AUSTIN	TX	78749-2919	512-892-7078
QUIRING, STANLEY & DARLENE	911 HOLLY HILL DR	SUGAR LAND	TX	77478-2666	713-242-4249
RAABE, ANNIE T	2724 BILOXI LN	MESQUITE	TX	75150-1116	214-279-4413
RAAZ, LILLIE	RR 1 BOX 88	SHINER	TX	77984-9752	512-594-3870
RAHE, ALTON J	940 OAK LN	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-6069	210-625-4529
RAMEY, EVELYN P	9615 EINHORA LN	HOUSTON	TX	77080-5315	713-464-6854
RAWLY, MRS ENOGENE M	306 VEDA MAE DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78216-7137	210-342-6501
RANSON, ALETA G	11301 SLIPPERY ELM TR	AUSTIN	TX	78750-1441	512-335-0891
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READ, NORMA BRACHT	PO BOX 718	FRANKLIN	TX	77856-0718	409-828-3916
READING, ANTOINETTE D	1314 COURTNEY ST	RICHMOND	TX	77469-4208	713-342-2644
REDFORD, THOMAS M	8452 FREDERICKSBURG RD BOX 193	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78229-3375	210-342-7214
REDUS, EUGENIA	PO BOX 903	COLUMBUS	TX	78934-0903	409-732-2439
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REICH, MR/MRS BRUNO WILLIAM	14189 HOWARD RD	DAYTON	MO	21036-1017	301-596-9182
REIMANN, KATHLEEN	2108 E MISTLETOE AVE	VICTORIA	TX	77901-3523	512-575-4272
REINHART JR, MR/MRS OLIVER J	PO BOX 98	O'HANIS	TX	78850-0098	210-363-7373
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RESCH, KATHLEEN SIEVERS	3203 KING ST	AUSTIN	TX	78705-2225	512-452-5236
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RICHTER, WILLIAM H	301 E PHEASANT DR	AUSTIN	TX	78753-4231	512-836-7083
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RICKE, LUCILLE E	1302 OVERHILL ST	HOUSTON	TX	77018-4224	713-681-4514
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RIEDEL, FLORENCE	565 S WALNUT AVE	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-5861	210-625-2760
RIEDEL, LUCILLE	1639 OLD MARION RD	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-7703	210-625-6566
RIEDEL, M. C/O STERLING	8080 N CENTRAL EXPY STE 1100	DALLAS	TX	75206-1807	
RIEGLER, JAMES	3113 SESBANIA DR	AUSTIN	TX	78748-2603	12-280-6043
RIEMAN, DOROTHY POKES	11402 SANDMAN ST	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78216-3029	210-342-2821
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RIPPS, MR/MRS CORNELIUS A	PO BOX 727	LYTLE	TX	78052-0727	210-772-3923
RITTMANN, CARMEN B	710 RITTMANN RD	SPRING BRANCH	TX	78070-4915	210-904-4526
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ROGERS, FREIDA ROSENOW	14 CR 33 BOX 653	UVALDE	TX	78801	210-597-5238
ROGERS, GERHILD B	8100 HILLRISE DR	AUSTIN	TX	78759-8605	512-345-1729
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ROST, CLAUDIA	3920 BAHLER AVE	MANVEL	TX	77578-2823	713-489-9600
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SACRAMENTO GERMAN GEN SOC	PO BOX 660061	SACRAMENTO	CA	95866-0061	
SALLEE, WILLIAM & JUDITH	1701 BRITISH BLVD	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	75050-7036	214-647-8444
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SAN ANGELO GEN & HIST SOCIETY	PO BOX 3453	SAN ANGELO	TX	76902-3453	
SAN ANTONIO PUB.LIB.HIST-REF DEPT	600 SOLEDAD	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78205-1208	210-207-2500
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SCATES, ANNIE WESCH	159 FENNEL DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78213-2852	210-342-8225
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SCHAEFER, MARY JANE	RR 1 BOX 107C	PORT LAVACA	TX	77979-9770	512-552-1511
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SCHARF, IRENE F	PO BOX 305	HELOTES	TX	78023-0305	512-695-8008
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SHEEL, CLARENCE & JEAN	717 POINT OF THE PINES DR	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80919-8139	303-528-5482
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SCHEIDER, MAX B	8811 WESTERKIRK DR	AUSTIN	TX	78750-3611	512-258-8635
SCHLEICHER, MR/MRS FRANK C	1505 RIDGECREST DR	AUSTIN	TX	78746-2218	512-327-0327
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SCHLINKE, MRS WALTER	RR 1 BOX 10	NORDHEIM	TX	78141-9732	512-938-5222
SCHLORTT, MINNIE	PO BOX 69	KNIPPA	TX	78870-0069	512-934-2623
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SCHMIDT, MRS JOYCE	5301 OVERLAND WAY	PLACERVILLE	CA	95667-8803	916-644-4337
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SCHOELLMANN, ELIZABETH	PO BOX 88	NADA	TX	77460-0088	409-758-3418
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SCHUESSLER, DARLENE	15330 MORNING DOVE DR	HUMBLE	TX	77396-2226	713-441-2943
SCHULDY, MR/MRS ERBEN	1865 SAMS WAY	BEAUMONT	TX	77706-3135	409-866-8917
SCHULTZ, MR IVAN D	703 INDIGO ST	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78216-3407	210-344-6965
SCHULTZ, MR/MRS VERNON C	9302 WENDOVER ST	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78250-2047	210-681-6939
SCHULTZE, RUTH ANN	STAR RT BOX 74	POTEET	TX	78065	210-742-4148
SCHULZ-BEHREND, GEORGE	1100 GASTON AVE	AUSTIN	TX	78703-2508	512-472-6312
SCHULZE, ARTHUR E	8807 MOBUD DR	HOUSTON	TX	77036-5321	713-988-5585
SCHULZE, MRS EGMONT	400 GIN SPUR	SEGUIN	TX	78155-8339	210-379-5360
SCHULZE, WESLEY N	HC 2 BOX 239W	CANYON LAKE	TX	78133-2105	210-935-2432
SCHUMACHER, JR, CARL W	5655 LYNBROOK DR	HOUSTON	TX	77056-2010	713-965-0039
SCHUMANN, IRIS T CA	1079 FREDERICKSBURG RD	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-6019	210-625-5656
SCHUMANN, MELBA	1074 CAPITAL PKY APT 325	AUSTIN	TX	78746-6844	512-452-5980
SCHUMANN, WALTER ARTHUR	1110 VISTA VALET APT 714	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78216-1730	210-493-5456
SCHUSTER, MR/MRS N A	4 STAYTON CI	HOUSTON	TX	77024-6725	----932-0425
SCHUTZE, C A & SUZANNE	PO BOX 3547	AUSTIN	TX	78764-3547	512-447-5507
SCHUTZE, KENNETH	2307 FALCON HILL	AUSTIN	TX	78745	512-441-4025
SCHUTZE, STEVE	1200 SUGARBERRY	CEDAR PARK	TX	78613	512-335-6555
SCHWAB, CURTIS A	1636 SHADOW VALLEY DR	OGDEN	UT	84403-4627	801-479-0930
SCHWAUSCH, MARVIN D	3109 FREEMONT ST	ROUND ROCK	TX	78681-3842	512-244-0784
SCHWAUSCH, MR/MRS ELDOR	1550 CR 31	COPPERAS COVE	TX	76522-9999	817-547-3249
SCHWAUSCH, STEVE & JULIE	212 BLANKET DR	COPPERAS COVE	TX	76522-1044	817-547-4938
SCHWETTMANN, DUANE	800 S CHAPPELL HILL ST	BRENNHAM	TX	77833-4220	409-836-3229
SCOTT, HERTHA A	PO BOX 405	MOULTON	TX	77975-0405	512-596-4858
SEARLS, MRS NORENE	447 SARATOGA DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78213-3441	210-344-6109
SECKER, FRED	6628 VELASCO AVE	DALLAS	TX	75214-3759	214-827-2132
SEDLMEYER, MRS ANGELINE	RR 2 BOX 292	SHINER	TX	77984-9688	512-594-3942
SEELIGER, GUS	3314 WILLIAM BREWSTER DR	IRVING	TX	75062-4269	214-255-3518
SEFFEL, STEPHEN D	RR 4 BOX 664	BLANCO	TX	78606-9754	210-833-4696
SEIDEL, EDKUND O	9507 E VALLEY VIEW LN	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78217-3316	210-824-1932
SEIDEMAN, CHARLES H	11109 SPICEWOOD CLUB DR	AUSTIN	TX	78750-2858	512-258-2993
SEIFERT, LESTER M J	1210 UNIVERSITY BAY DR	MADISON	WI	53705-2253	
SELLSCHOPP, RUEDIGER & VAVIE	2720 QUAIL RDG	IRVING	TX	75060-5544	214-986-8167
SELMAN, JEANETTE	7521 JONQUILL ST	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78233-2702	210-653-3174
SENBRTITZKY, MR/MRS L A	PO BOX 544	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-0544	210-997-2286
SENSENEY, MRS LORE A	127 MOONSTONE DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78233-6540	210-655-4720

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SHADDOCK, MR/MRS CARROLL	1715 SOUTH BLVD	HOUSTON	TX	77098-5419	713-524-8744
SHARP, MRS MARGARET S	3013 WEST AVE	AUSTIN	TX	78705-2113	512-472-3204
SHELTON, MR/MRS ROBERT R	PO BOX 1834	KERRVILLE	TX	78029-1834	210-896-8280
SHELTON, WALDEN E & ANN ROSSNER	7920 ROLLING ACRES TRL	BOERNE	TX	78006-4037	210-981-4952
SHERIDAN, POLLY GRONA	112 PALM CI	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78213	210-340-3935
SHERRILL, ALMA A	11327 CHACO CYN	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78245-2808	210-673-6614
SHULTZ, DR MARIE	2847 SHOAL CREST AVE	AUSTIN	TX	78705-3514	512-472-1362
SHURLEY, JAY & ERWINA BODE	3816 S LAMAR BLVD APT 3619	AUSTIN	TX	78704-7960	512-441-0347
SIEBOLD, MARGIE W	319 METZ AVE	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78223-2425	210-532-9446
SIMS, DAVID M	12626 PEBBLEBROOK	HOUSTON	TX	77024	713-984-2679
SIMS, MRS SAMUEL E	11621 BLALOCK FOREST ST	HOUSTON	TX	77024-6403	713-782-1280
SINGLETON, PAULETTE	RR 11 BOX 520	HUNTSVILLE	TX	77340-9141	409-295-5918
SLATON, MIGNON R	RR 1 BOX 240	ANDERSON	TX	77830-9702	409-874-2314
SLOAN, MR/MRS DON K	4088 S FANNIN ST	ROCKWALL	TX	75087-3744	214-771-4278
SMALLEY, LUCILLE M	8611 MORLEY ST	HOUSTON	TX	77061-3334	409-645-5266
SMITH, MARILYN	1716 SENA ST	DENTON	TX	76201-2520	817-383-4410
SMITH, MR/MRS A M	4355 FOLSON DR	BEAUKONT	TX	77706-7432	409-898-3094
SMITH, SELMA M	718 N OLIVE ST	SEGUIN	TX	78155-3238	210-379-5508
SNELL, RONALD R	1811 HEATHERGLEN LN	AUSTIN	TX	78758-3571	512-834-8759
SOKOLYK, HERTA	1211 DONNA KAY DR	KERRVILLE	TX	78028-3453	210-257-4948
SOMERS, MRS JOSEPHINE	13221 FORCE ST	HOUSTON	TX	77015-2809	713-453-7938
SOPHIENBURG MUSEUM & ARCHIVES	401 W COLL ST	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-5619	210-629-1572
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SPEIR, MR/MRS ELWYN D	15 LAS BRISAS	AUSTIN	TX	78746-5328	512-327-4665
SPENCER, MRS DOROTHY B	9606 LANTANA DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78217-4516	210-824-5141
SPENCER, MS ROBIN MICHEL	100 WYNNEDALE DR	HARBERTH	PA	19072-1727	610-664-4886
SPIES, WELDON A	4403 ELSEY ST	HOUSTON	TX	77009-2827	713-694-2661
SPILLER, MARCELLA D	2605 EUCLID AVE	AUSTIN	TX	78704-5418	512-442-3140
SPINN, GILBERT HERMAN	1303 WOODSON LN	BRENNHAM	TX	77833-4336	409-836-2552
SPRECHER, THELMA	1222 24TH AVE N	TEXAS CITY	TX	77590-5519	409-945-0863
STADE, THOMAS H	4015 W 7TH ST	FORT WORTH	TX	76107-1621	817-737-7819
STAEHELY, WILLIAM P	1905A ROCKMOOR DR	AUSTIN	TX	78703-2030	512-476-3071
STAHL, ROBERT	3306 ANTILLES AVE	GALVESTON	TX	77551-1644	409-740-3665
STALEY, EDWARD P	1101 HARDING AVE	MUSCLE SHOALS	AL	35661-2542	205-383-3603
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STAPLETON, DOROTHY M	HC4 BOX 125 HWY 165-2325	BLANCO	TX	78606-9758	210-833-2220
STARR, LILLIAN O	RR 1 BOX 379	RED ROCK	TX	78662-9759	512-839-4448
STATE HIST SOCIETY, AQUIS. S.	816 STATE ST	MADISON	WI	53706-1482	
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STEENKEN, MRS CLARISSE E	230 HILLWOOD DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78213-4622	210-342-8973
STEFFEK, MRS ELLEN	RR 4 BOX 381	HALLETTSVILLE	TX	77964-9428	512-798-4205
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STEPCHICK, KIRSTEN K	7921 GOFORTH RD	DALLAS	TX	75238-4134	214-343-4747
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STEVES, MR/MRS ALLEN R	3915 GALACIA DR	AUSTIN	TX	78759-5032	512-346-9931
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STEWART, MIKE & ANNE	834 N CREEK RD	COMFORT	TX	78013-1900	210-995-2607
STEWART, MR/MRS TED	2314 ISLAND WOOD RD	AUSTIN	TX	78733-2117	512-263-9449
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STIEGHAN, DON L	223 BOKOSHE CI	LOUDON	TN	37774-2753	615-458-2142
STOEBNER, LLOYD F	7341 ELLIS RD	FORT WORTH	TX	76112-4303	817-457-8182
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STOKES, BARBARA H	4142 HILLSWIND	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78217-4217	210-657-1393
STRANDTMANN, MR/MRS GEORGE E	2402 PEMBERTON PKWY	AUSTIN	TX	78703-2544	512-476-0333
STRUVE, ARNO	701 2ND ST	ABERNATHY	TX	79311-4015	806-298-2209
STUDER, MR/MRS G E	105 LARRY LEE DR	KERRVILLE	TX	78028-6523	210-896-2096
SUCHYTA, SUZANNE DIEBEL	115 CALYPSO DR	AUSTIN	TX	78734-5180	512-261-4931
SUHR, HELGARD	8 MISSION DR	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-6622	210-625-6330
SUTTLE, BARBARA	4223 DARTMOUTH ST	HOUSTON	TX	77005-1023	713-665-2164
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SWANSON, VICTORIA	1549 NORRISS RD	WICHITA FALLS	TX	76302-3407	817-767-3851
SWICKHEINER, DAVE & LINDA	PO BOX 1184	GOLIAD	TX	77963-1184	512-645-3680
TATSCH, ANITA	RT 2 BOX 314	SPICEMOOD	TX	78669-9106	512-693-2894
TATSCH, BERTA RUTH	7925 ROCKWOOD LN APT C-208	AUSTIN	TX	78757-8049	512-452-3324
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TAYLOR, VIVIAN FROEHLICH	RR 3 BOX 263	WEINAR	TX	78962-9747	409-263-5416
TEINERT, GLORIA MAE	11901 MUSTANG CHASE	AUSTIN	TX	78727-6629	512-345-3890
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TEMPLETON, BARBARA	15020 AFTON CT	DUMFRIES	VA	22026-1038	703-680-6836
TETZLAFF, DR OTTO W	3625 WILLOW BROOK DR	SAN ANGELO	TX	76904-5924	h915-944-192
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THOMAS, JR, DR/MRS SELLERS J	106 MAPLE VALLEY RD	HOUSTON	TX	77056-1008	713-627-8431
THOMAS, MRS MARY F	2109 ROCKWOOD CI	BRYAN	TX	77807	409-822-1520
THOMAS, RUTH WIESE	1506 S JACKSON	BRENNHAM	TX	77833-4536	409-836-5380
THOMPSON, ANNA	2116 LYNBROOK DR	AUSTIN	TX	78748-2131	512-282-1933
THOMPSON, JANET & CARL	1334 HILLCREST FOREST	CANYON LAKE	TX	78133-5001	210-899-2679
THOMPSON, SUZANN M	2704 DEL CURTO RD	AUSTIN	TX	78704-4826	512-441-8769
THONKOFF, ROBERT H & VICTORIA B	617 N ESPLANADE ST	KARNES CITY	TX	78118-2522	512-780-3582
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TREIBS, MR/MRS GLEN	RR 4 BOX 268	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-9546	210-997-7356
TRENCKMANN, MRS HELEN	2602 THOMAS DR	AUSTIN	TX	78703-1641	
TREPTOW, REV/MRS HENRY F	1436 GLOUCESTER PT	KERRVILLE	TX	78028-2733	210-257-3021
TREYBIG, ARLISS	PO BOX 1236	EL CAMPO	TX	77437-1236	409-543-3730
TUBBS, GEORGIA	PO BOX 101	ROUND TOP	TX	78954-0101	409-249-3042
TURNBO, VERDA	1108 FOLTS AVE	AUSTIN	TX	78704-2117	512-440-0043
TURNER, ALICE M	489 SUMMIT CIR	FREDERICKSBURG	TX	78624-5025	210-997-7402
TURNER, MRS EDD R	900 W MAIN ST	KERRVILLE	TX	78028-4153	210-896-8069
TURNER, MRS ERNA	230 GRUENE RD	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-3214	
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UDEN, VICTORIA Y	PO BOX 77	HEBRON	IL	60034-0077	815-648-2551
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UHLIG, LARRY A	RR 1 BOX 72	CAT SPRING	TX	78933-9605	409-732-5238
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VOIGT, MENDEL G	1215 MATTAPAN DR	PFLUGERVILLE	TX	78660-2927	512-251-0990
VOLKMAN, MR/MRS HENRY	3737 SEGUIN DR	DALLAS	TX	75220-6328	714-352-0627
VOLLNER, PENNY SCHWETHELM	301 VELMA DR	TAYLOR	TX	76574-1769	512-352-6919
VOLTIN, A T & DORIS	RR 2 BOX 188	ROSEBUD	TX	76570-9553	817-583-4768
VON DONOP, PAUL E	1524 12TH ST NW	WASHINGTON	DC	20005-4432	202-265-8160
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VON ROSENBERG, DALE U & MARJORIE	6036 DEL NORTE LN	DALLAS	TX	75225-2801	214-739-0649
VON SCHWEINITZ, HELGA	2319 VILLAGE CIR	AUSTIN	TX	78745-2734	512-441-2089
VON-MASZEWSKI, MATTHEW	9449 BRIAR FOREST APT 4515	HOUSTON	TX	77063-1002	713-782-9283
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WACHHOLZ, EDWARD R	1801 OLD MILL CREEK RD	BRENNHAM	TX	77833-9152	409-836-9032
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WADE, MARY D	8826 ROWAN LN	HOUSTON	TX	77036-5346	713-777-5394
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WALSHAK, JOAN	RR 4 BOX 139	GONZALES	TX	78629-9334	210-672-3087
WALTER, THERESA C	542 CLEARFIELD DR	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX	78130-6108	210-625-9751
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WARMBIER, WOLFG & EDELTR	PO BOX 90	LAVON	TX	75166-0090	214-840-6520
WARKE, NANCY	746 CORTLANDT ST	HOUSTON	TX	77007	unlist.
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WEAVER, NEVILEE A	18710 ROSEHILL RD	TOMBALL	TX	77375-3545	713-351-6291
WEBER, PAULA	1435 CHURCH HILL PL	RESTON	VA	2094-1232	703-904-0677
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WEEDIN, MRS ELEANOR F	520 ARGO AVE	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78209-4404	210-826-0806
WEEREN, EDWARD L	4005 FAR WEST BLVD	AUSTIN	TX	78731-2929	512-345-5428
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WEINSTROM, MR & MRS LEON H JR	619 COBBLE DR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78216-3729	210-342-5622
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WEISZ, MS A K	1925 MCGRAW AVE, APT 4B	NEW YORK	NY	10462-7939	
WELCH, MARGOT	11007 GALLERIA CV	AUSTIN	TX	78759-5134	512-331-0233
WENDEL, ELIZABETH GOHMERT HAUN	1137 B HAUN RD	MEYERSVILLE	TX	77974-9999	512-175-5264
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WENDT, MR/MRS WAYNE MORRIS	361 N POST OAK LN APT 145	HOUSTON	TX	77024-5902	713-682-6262
MERCHAN, SOPHIE & JAMES	4504 TEJAS TRL	AUSTIN	TX	78745-1541	512-442-7120
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WHITE, ANNA SUE	RR 2 BOX 34-Y	GOLIAD	TX	77963-9711	512-645-3515
WHITE, DEBRA KLEVE	108 ROYAL OAK	AUSTIN	TX	78734-4520	512-261-4033
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