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## PRESIDENTS NOTES

The GTHS Board of Directors met on Saturday, November 11. One of the items of business before the Board was the tally of the mail ballots for the two Board positions that were up for election this year. I am very pleased to report to the membership that the two candidates elected are Connie Krause of New Braunfels and Donna Wasson of Fredericksburg. They each bring a strong advocacy of German-Texan heritage and culture, as well as a wealth of experience, to the Board.

We are losing the wise counsel, dedication, and hard work of retiring Board members, Janice Warncke Thompson and James Feuge. They have made invaluable contributions to our Society and will be greatly missed.

It appears that, because of misinformation circulating, we need to make people aware of the facts in regard to the Texas German Society (TGS) and the German-Texan Heritage Society (GTHS) having separate Annual Meetings in 2007. GTHS had proposed another joint meeting. However, because the Texas German Society Board voted 15-9 at their August Board meeting to no longer have a joint meeting with GTHS, we are moving ahead with plans for a top notch Annual Meeting of our own in the Texas Hill Country in the fall of 2007. We wish TGS the best in their future endeavors.

2007 will be an exciting year for GTHS because we will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of the German Free School that is our headquarters. The beautiful old stone building, with its heritage gardens and massive oaks, stands as a living, breathing example of the heritage, culture and love of education that our German forefathers brought to this new land of Texas. What a privilege to be entrusted with such a treasure!

We hope to see each of you at the annual Christmas Market at the German Free School on Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be live performances of traditional German Christmas music and songs, a visit by St. Nikolaus at 2:30 and large selections of handcrafted wooden Erzgebirge items, Bavarian tolework, blown glass ornaments, embroidered linens and more – all tax free!

As always, thank you for your strong support of the German-Texan Heritage Society and its mission.

Sincerely,  
Teddy Boehm

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The end of the year is always a busy time for us here in the GTHS office in Austin. We're involved in several Christmas Markets this year – two in Austin, one in San Antonio, one in New Braunfels, and possibly one in Houston as well. We've imported some very lovely hand-crafted items from the Erzgebirge region of Germany – nutcrackers, pyramids, smokers and arches. In addition, we're offering hand-blown glass ornaments, hand-painted Tolework and beautiful holiday linens. As you can imagine, it takes a great deal of organizing behind the scenes to make these markets happen. I want to thank the many GTHS and Guild volunteers who are working together to get the job done – from cookie bakers to cashiers to spreadsheet crunchers! We depend on these markets to raise funds for our operations, so please visit the market nearest you and enjoy a wonderful German shopping experience!

As 2007 draws near, the time is at hand to renew your GTHS memberships. By now you should have received a renewal letter in the mail. We've changed our format this year to make it even easier to renew. Your renewal form is pre-printed with your name and address. All you need to do is check off the box with your preferred membership level, fill out the payment information and send it in with your payment. Several members have already called in to pay their dues over the phone by credit card. You are very welcome to do that if you prefer.

In this issue of the Journal, we've printed the 2006 GTHS Membership list, so that you know how to get in touch with GTHS members in your area. I encourage you to get together with your local Society members for a German meal and some enjoyable conversation about our shared heritage. Informal get-togethers are springing up here and there across the state. If you'd like to organize folks in your area, please let me know and I can help you get started. Please remember that this list is for personal use only, and is NOT to be used for commercial purposes of any kind.

Many of our members have expressed an interest in German language programs in their local area. Learning the German language is a great way to actively preserve our culture. I'd like to compile a list of all the German language classes in the state, and I would appreciate it if some of you could do a little research and send me information about the classes in your area. We can publish that information in an upcoming *Journal*. We're currently working on expanding the language program here at GTHS headquarters in Austin, and are looking for additional qualified teachers for our children's classes. If you have any leads, please let me know.

May you and your families enjoy a joyful season of celebration, and may the New Year bring each of you great happiness!

Eva Barnett  
GTHS Executive Director



## IN MEMORIAM: JOSEPH SIDNEY LANGHART JR.

### JOSEPH SIDNEY LANGHART, JR

Joseph Sidney Langhart, Jr., age 69, passed away in Universal City, TX on Friday, June 30, 2006. He was born in Bulvaria on May 28, 1937. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Sidney & Mary Helen (Temple) Langhart. Mr. Langhart received his Bachelor of Music degree from Southeastern Louisiana University, attended University of Texas, Austin, graduated from the University of Texas Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and received his Masters of History Education at Trinity University in San Antonio. He was a loving father & a friend to many who knew him as "Mr. Sid". He taught government & political science at Brackenridge High School from 1963 until 1995. During that time, he touched the lives of many students in the greater San Antonio area. Sid was a loving father, a member of Who's Who list of America's most notable teachers. He was also known throughout

South & Central Texas as an outstanding artist & calligrapher. He was the Assistant Pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Universal City from 1975 until 1986 and was an active member of the New Braunfels Historic Railroad & Modelers Society. Survivors include: son, Stefan Langhart & fiancée, Richelle Anderson of Garland, TX; sisters, Sandra Langley & husband Randy and Marylen Langhart, nieces, Kim & Julie, all of Ashville, NC and the closest of friends, Howard "Fuzzy" Harris of San Antonio, TX & Kermit Baese of New Braunfels, TX.

A Memorial Tribute will be held on Friday, July 7, 2006 from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM at the New Braunfels Presbyterian Church, 373 Howard St., in New Braunfels, TX 78130.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that memorials be given to the Sid Langhart Railroad Memorial, c/o New Braunfels Railroad Museum, P.O. Box 310475, New Braunfels, TX 78131-0475.

Obituary from  
New Braunfels *Herald-Zeitung*  
July 6, 2006

## **IN MEMORIAM: MIRIAM AND MEREDITH YORK**

**by Robert A. Neely, M.D.**

### **Miriam and Meredith York**

I first became acquainted with the Yorks in the late 1940's. They were both teachers at Bellville High School. Meredith was the head athletic coach, and Miriam taught a number of subjects. She taught my twin sons in the late 1950's and early 1960's. Both Miriam and Meredith were excellent teachers and much beloved by my sons and all students. They also became close friends of my family.

Miriam's maiden name was Korff, and she was descended from Friedrich Ernst, who with my great-grandfather, Charles (Karl) Fordtran came to Texas from Germany in 1831, and after receiving land grants from Mexico, settled the town of Industry, the first permanent German settlement in Texas. Miriam did a lot of genealogical research on her family and published it in book form. She gave me a copy of it that I deeply appreciated.

After Miriam and Meredith left Bellville, they retired to Giddings, Meredith's home town. I would continue to see them as patients at least once a year, and Miriam would bring her mother, Alva Korff with her for eye examinations. I did surgery on Meredith's eyes sometime in the 1970's. Miriam continued to come to my office for yearly examinations after the deaths of her mother and Meredith. It was always a great pleasure to see her and to visit with her concerning earlier days.

Meredith had large land holdings in Lee County, and during the oil boom in the 1970's and 1980's a number of oil wells were successfully completed on his property. He and Miriam used the income wisely, supporting educational institutions, churches, the GTHS, and various charities. They established a fund at Bellville High School to sponsor the "York Relays", a track and field event that is held every spring here in Bellville.

I retired from practice in 1992, and I think I saw Miriam on one occasion since that time. The thing I miss most in my retirement is not seeing and visiting with my former patients and friends. Miriam was one of those greatly missed.

During the early years of GTHS' inception, Miriam supported the organization with her time, her talents, and her treasures. A wonderful lady!

Robert A Neely, M. D.  
September 12, 2006



**IN MEMORIAM: MIRIAM YORK**

**obituary submitted by Mary El-Beheri**

Miriam York

June 29, 1918 – August 28, 2006

Funeral services for Miriam York, 88 of Giddings, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 31, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church in Giddings with Rev. Tony Vinson and Rev. David Davidson officiating. Burial will follow in Giddings Memorial Park. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

Mrs. York passed away Monday morning, August 28, in Giddings.

Miriam Cloteel Korff York was born on June 29, 1918 in Cleveland, Ohio to Walter and Alva Vida (Black) Korff. She was united in marriage to Meredith Garrett York on April 3, 1947 in Humble, Texas. She taught school in Bellville, Humble, Caldwell and Giddings. Mrs. York enjoyed and took an active role in genealogy, history, restoration and preservation projects. She and her husband's philanthropy is exhibited through their numerous gifts to educational institutions including the Meredith and Miriam York Field Event Center at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Mrs. York was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the Capt. Jabez Deming Chapter in Brenham, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in the Dr. R.F. Brenham Chapter in Brenham, United Daughters of the Confederacy in the Minnie B. Williams Chapter 531 in Brenham, the Austin Colony of the Magna Charta Dames, the John Person Chapter of the Colonial Dames, the German-Texan Heritage Society, the Lee County Historical Commission, the Lee County Historical Society, the Lexington Chapter of the Eastern Star for over 50 years, as well as many other historical and genealogical societies in Texas, South Carolina and Ireland. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Giddings where she enjoyed singing in the choir.

Mrs. York was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Meredith; two brothers, Walter and Emmett; and a sister, Dorothy Rohde.

She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and friends, as well as the numerous students who have benefited from her teaching and generosity.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Giddings, the Lee County Heritage Society, Hospice Brazos Valley or the charity of one's choice.

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## THE TWO NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE GTHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

These short bios were submitted by Eva Barnett, GTHS Executive Director

### CONNIE SCHNEIDER KRAUSE

Connie was born in Seguin, grew up in the largely-German community in and around New Braunfels. She spent many days visiting Omas and Opas on their farms near Bracken in Comal County and near Zorn in Guadalupe County. She speaks, reads and writes German and is a sixth generation descendent of German families who settled in Comal and Guadalupe Counties, including the Braune, Erxleben, Dietert, Klaerner, Dreibrodt and Widerstein.

After graduating from the University of Texas, Connie married Michael Krause in a German service on his family ranch. Connie and Michael then moved to the Austin-Leander area where both worked. On weekends they continued to return home to visit with family and to work on Michael's family ranch. They both have been involved with GTHS for thirteen years. For eleven years both took part in the annual GTHS Christmas Market. About six years ago Connie moved back to New Braunfels to help Michael run the family ranch founded in 1865 by Michael's great-great grandparents, Wilhelm and Augusta Kopplin Dierks. Connie's and Michael's faithful ranch companions include two German shorthair pointers, Nikolas and Fritzie, (named for Michael's Oma Elfrieda Guenther). When not tending cattle or doing genealogy research, Connie is an active volunteer in many organizations. She volunteers for the Sophienburg Archives, assisting people with genealogy research, and she also serves as Vice President and Editor for the Comal County Genealogical Society, as well as Chair and Cemetery Committee Chair for the Comal County Cemetery Commission. Connie and Michael are members of the GTHS Guild, Hermann Sons, New Braunfels Conservation Society and are life members of the Sophienburg Museum and Archives.

### DONNA WASSON

Dr. Donna Stieg Wasson's paternal family line traces back to Industry, Texas. Her maternal grandfather immigrated from Saarburecken, Germany, in 1918. Donna has visited family members in Germany since she was a child. As an adult, she was a science instructor for the U.S. Department of Defense schools in Germany at Erlangen, Nuernberg, and Muenster. She also taught at a German school in Berlin (the John F. Kennedy Schule) and resided in Zehlendorf. Donna speaks fluent German as well as French and Spanish. She has traveled by bicycle extensively throughout Germany and has led workshops in Germany for teachers. Currently, Donna teaches beginning and intermediate German classes in the Extended Studies Program of Texas Tech University. She also is Co-Director, along with Mr. Kenn Knopp, of the German Heritage Foundation of Fredericksburg.

Donna has a "Patenkind" named David who is studying at the Graphic Arts High School in Nuernberg. Before moving to Texas, Donna was an assistant professor at universities in Indiana and Kentucky where she taught courses on different and served in the colleges of education. Her husband, Michael, is a physical therapist at Hill County Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg and understand "ein bisschen" German, but understand German food much better than the language! Donna and Michael plan to retire in Fredericksburg.



## GENEALOGY INQUIRIES

### LIZ HICKS, GTHS GENEALOGY EDITOR

**If you have information that will assist with any of the following queries, please respond to the submitter at the address given.**

**Do YOU have a genealogy inquiry of your own? Send it to Liz Hicks, Genealogy Editor, e-mail: [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net) or 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030. We reserve the right to edit queries. Queries are printed as space permits at no charge.**

#### **EBERT-SAHM-LOEFFLER**

Celestine Zuehl Hoffmann, 4826 Cambray Dr., San Antonio, TX 78229; (210) 614-4454  
Is seeking information on parents of Caroline Ebert born 10 June 1839, died 27 Feb. 1910.  
She married William Sahn 16 March 1856. Was Caroline's father Martin Ebert?

Celestine has unidentified photographs of family members (from her grandmother Anna Sahn Loeffler). One photo is Henry Ebert b. 20 Nov. 1861, d. 18 Jan. 1910.

**Reply:** A Martin Ebert age 50, born Germany, is listed on page 61B of the 1850 Comal Co., TX census with wife, Catharine age 49, children: August 16 and Caroline 14. This could be your Caroline. Check for testate (with will) or intestate (no will) for Martin Ebert in Comal and Guadalupe Cos. If you do not find probate records for him, try looking for deed record in which he deeded his property to his heirs. In 1860 Comal Co. page 216, there is a Martin Ebert age 60, b. Prussia in the household of Wilhelm Sahn and wife, Caroline Sahn (age 24 b. Prussia). Caroline Ebert Sahn said she immigrated in 1846 on the 1900 Bexar Co. census. According to "A New Land Beckoned" by Geue, a Martin Ebert(h) came to Comal Co. in 1846 from Callies on the ship "Johann Dethardt". Martin Ebert age 50 filed declaration of intent 6 May, 1850, naturalization Fall, 1852 Comal County. It looks like you could build a good case for Martin Ebert as Caroline Ebert Sahn's father.

#### **ANDRES (History Question)**

Gary Andres, 2801 E. Rosser Ave., #7, Bismarck, ND 58501-5109-has history question.  
Did the French Catholics force Protestants from Alsace between 1700/1770? If they did, are the records available of those forced families?

#### **REITSCH-AMSTER**

Martha Findley, 227 Viceroy, Houston, TX 77034; (713) 946-7527, [mfind44923@aol.com](mailto:mfind44923@aol.com),  
would like any information on Hugo Reitsch who came to US circa 1852-53 to Austin Co., TX. He married Caroline Amster in 1855 and died 1869 in Hempstead, TX. Also, according to 1870 mortality schedule he was a silversmith and naturalized.

**Reply:** I would check the WPA Index to Texas Naturalizations 1846-1939 (microfilm) for Austin and Waller Cos. Find Hugo on the 1860 census. The published 1860 census index for Texas missed many people. You may have to look at the entire county to find him and Caroline and their children. Remember, you can track someone year

by year on the Texas county tax rolls. Also, there was a Nic.(Nickolas) Reitsch who came from Berlin in 1846 on the ship, "Hamilton". According to "A New Land Beckoned" by Geue, 2 persons were in his party. Wonder if one was your Hugo? I certainly would check Comal Co. records as well as Austin and Waller Cos. I know of a Jean/Johann Schneider who came on the "Hamilton" in 1846 and is on the 1850 Comal Co. census.

#### **HOSINGER-BREITSCHOPF**

Frances Hopper, 3211B William Cannon, Austin, TX 78745, [Fhopper@SBCglobal.net](mailto:Fhopper@SBCglobal.net) would like to know what happened to Katarina Hosinger, single, home Horitz, Austria, who came on the "Frankfurt" 5 Dec., 1903. Her passage was paid for by her cousin, Wenzel Breitschopf of Gonzales, TX. No marriage record for her in Gonzales, and she is not on 1910 census.

**Reply:** I would check surrounding counties for marriage record, and search the enumeration district her cousin lived in. Some people are missed on indices (Soundex). I checked the passenger list for the "Frankfurt" and found an Agnes Wuchte from Austria, listed next to Katarina. Agnes was going to Frank Wuchte in Fort Worth. It's a long shot, but these two girls may have become friends on the voyage over and stayed in touch. Also, Katarina may have been in someone's household working as a servant? It is possible census taker made an error and enumerated her by employer's surname?

#### **SHOFNER**

Michael Shofner, 508 W. Gramercy Pl., San Antonio, TX 78212 would like information on my grandfather, William Preston Shofner around San Augustine, Texas.

**Reply:** I have no way of knowing from this query if William Preston Shofner was living ca. 1850 or 2006. According to the SSDI (Social Security Death Index), a William P. Shofner born 28 Nov. 1923, died in San Augustine, TX 3 August 2002. A burial listing has him as a Junior. A William P. Shofner (possibly senior) died 25 Dec. 1943 in Shelby County, TX (Shelby is a neighboring county to San Augustine). According to this Wm. P.'s death certificate #73119, he was born 14 Sept. 1893 in Shelby Co. Parents given were W.O. Shofner and Sallie Britten both of Shelby Co., TX.

#### **BARTH**

Christine Boyd Barth, 703 Shadwell Dr., San Antonio, TX 78228, [cajbofar@swbell.net](mailto:cajbofar@swbell.net). Wants to know everything she can about her Barth family of Fredericksburg, TX.

**Reply:** I need more information to be helpful. The only Barth found on the Index to Texas Naturalizations 1846-1939 is a Friedrich Barth who filed his declaration of intent 20 April 1874 in the District Court of Gillespie Co. He said he was a native of Prussia and age given at the time as 44 years. A Friedrich Barth born 1830 Prussia is listed on page 286 of the 1880 Gillespie Co. census. According to "Ships Passenger Lists Port of Galveston, Texas 1846-1871" the following Barths came on the Bark "Iris" 16, October 1869: Johanne 43, Marie 16, Minna 11, Bertha 12, Anna 8, Frederick 4, and Carl 1. The

Frederick age 4 does not appear to be the Fredrich who was age 44 in 1874. You might try to find a copy of the original passenger list as possibly the elder Fredrich was omitted in transcription?

### **LADEWIG**

James Ladewig, 3621 Meade St., Schertz, TX 78154, [jladewig747@hotmail.com](mailto:jladewig747@hotmail.com), is looking for info. of the Ladewig name. He found pictures of grandparent's headstones & other members of family in a cemetery in Freyburg. Any information about where they lived, where they came into the country appreciated.

**Reply:** James you didn't mention any first names or dates. I found several Ladewigs listed in Fayette Co. naturalizations: Friederich/Frederick age 26 in 1871; Johann Henry age 30 in 1869; Julius age 28 in 1869; Julius age 47 in 1887; Frederick 36 in 1871; and a Julius Ladwig age 47 in 1887. There is a Julius Ladewig listed on the 1910 Fayette Co. census who gave his age as 69, born Germany, said he immigrated in 1869 and is nat. Is this your ancestor?

### **RAAB-BOECKER-KOEHLER**

Joan Raab Boecker, 4134 W. FM 485, Cameron, TX 76520, [boecker@tlabwireless.net](mailto:boecker@tlabwireless.net) According to census, the Raab's came from Bohemia. My grandmother Raab came from Moravia, but I can't find anything about grandpa Raab.

This query appeared in the fall "Journal". I received more information from Joan. According to Index to Texas Naturalizations, her Joseph (Josef) Raab filed his declar. of intent in Lavaca Co. 20 Sept. 1894. He gave his age as 28, native of Austria. His grant of citizenship was in Min. of Nat. Volume 2 page 160. Joan wrote to the Co. Clerk who said she couldn't find a record for Joseph Raab.

**Reply:** I'm afraid this may be a case of a clerk that doesn't want to be bothered? Since The above reference comes from a WPA records project, we know the record existed in the Lavaca Courthouse at one time. I was able to find death certificate #4231 for Joseph, which said he was born 10 Aug. 1866, Germany, died 14 Feb. 1922 DeWitt Co.

### **WUENSCHENDOORFF, LAUBAN, PRUSSIA IN HAUGSDORF**

Ivarene Hosek, [ihosek@yahoo.com](mailto:ihosek@yahoo.com) needs help finding these towns as of 1823. Also, her Christiane Roemisch Schmidt was born in Gebbesdorf, Lauban, Prussia 25 Feb. 1825. Ivarene says there isn't an umlaut on any of the names.

**Reply:** Can anyone help? I think the place should be Wuenschendorf or possibly Wunschendorf (with umlaut over 'u'). I do not understand the way the place of origin is given. I have found (2) Gebbersdorfs (no Gebbesdorf): one in Kreis Sorau, Silesia now Poland and one in Kreis Grufenhager in former Pommern now Poland. I also found a Haugsdorf, Kreis (county) Deutsch Krone, Brandenburg, then Prussia. Any help appreciated for location(s).



**DR. GEORGE FERDINAND HEROLD'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE SCHMIDT, LAUW, AND LINBRUGGER FAMILIES IN TEXAS—PREPARED 15 OCTOBER 2006—BY ANGELINA GENZER KRETZSCHMAR, 130 NAVATO BLVD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78232-2255**

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In the 1870 Frelsburg, TX census, Dr. Herold or Harold was 40 years and from Prussia. He is listed as a farmer and physician, owned land valued at \$5000 and personal property at \$600. He lived with his wife Anna, who was 50 years old, and listed as keeping house. I can not read the name of the country she came from. No children were listed. He had 3 farm laborers living with him. They were listed as: Haerman (27 years), William (19 years) and Clem (22 years) Blome from Hanover.

In the 1880 Frelsburg, TX census, George F. Herhold, 46, from Hesse Cassel is listed with his wife, Anna Herhold, 61, from Oldenburg. Listed as living with them are four orphans, Mathilde Lauw, 13 at school; Julie Lauw, 11 at school; Anna Lauw, 9 at school; and Anna Meyer, 1, orphan. Lauw is spelled Laow. Also, in the same 1880 census, Rosina Lauw, 36, seamstress, Bohemia is listed with her children: Minna 18, farm laborer; Mathilda, 14, farm laborer; Julia 11, farm laborer and Anna 9, at school. The children's father is listed from Oldenberg and their mother is from Bohemia. Anna Herold (wife of Dr. Herold) and Anton Lauw (father of the orphans) are both from Oldenberg. Hesse Cassel is a mid-size German state located between Prussia and Westphalia.

In the Columbus, Colorado County, TX courthouse I found the following information in the index of land deeds:

**Grantee: G. F. Herold**

Page 136, 11 January 1873, book Q page 406, bought 221 acres of P. Pieper League (Frelsburg) and 128 acres of Erasmus Jones League.

Page 136, 21 Aug 1879, book V, and page 52, bought 33 acres, in P. Pieper League (Frelsburg).

Page 138, 2 Dec 1896, book 14, page 313, bought 518 acres, in F. Pettus League (Shaw Bend area) (left of Colorado River).

**VERY IMPORTANT REGARDING DATES:** The date given is the date the purchase was recorded at the courthouse. The actual purchase date is on or before the date it was recorded. You must look at the actual deed to see when the land was purchased. Also, sometimes the purchase was not recorded until the land was paid for in full.

For example: I had time to get only one copy of the first deed recorded in 1873. G. F. Herold purchased the land for \$1161.00, in gold, in a promissory note, dated 1 February 1870, at 10 per cent interest. The land is 12 miles north of Columbus. The deed was

signed on 10 June 1872 by F. Schneider, Administrator of the Estate of B. Schneider, deceased.

**Grantor: G. F. Herold, Anna Herold and husband, Anna Herold by Association**  
 The same land sold is recorded a few different ways. By G. F. Herold or by Anna Herold and husband or Anna Herold by Association. For example: the first two listed look like it was recorded twice; once by Anna Herold and husband and a second time by Anna Herold by Association. You will need to look up each document.

**Page 115, Anna Herold and husband, 1884, book 1, page 516, 130 acres of Pieper League.**

**Page 115, Anna Herold by Association, 1895, book 12, page 482, 130 acres of Pieper League.**

**Page 115, 1896, Anna Herold by Association, 1896, book 13, page 101, 72 acres of Pieper League and 60 acres of Erasmus Jones League.**

**Page 114, 1873, Anna Herold, book Q, page 191, 70 acres of Pieper League and 60 acres of Erasmus Jones League.**

**Page 114, 1871, Anna Herold and husband, book O, page 568, 40 acres of Erasmus Jones League.**

**Page 114, 1871, Anna Herold and husband, book O, page 536, 30 acres of Jones League.**

**Page 135, 1870, G. F. Herold, book O, page 334, 47 acres of Peter Pieper League.**

**Page 135, 1871, G. F. Herold and wife, book O, page 536, 30 acres of Jones League.**

**Page 135, 1871, G. F. Herold and wife, book O, page 538, 40 acres of Jones League.**

**Dr. George Ferdinand Herold is buried in the old Moulton Cemetery, Lavaca County, Texas. His grave is the very first grave on the left side walking in from the gate. There were some flowers on his grave when I visited his grave. It had a concrete base with a small marker. No one is buried next to him. On his tombstone is written 1832-1903.**

**A picture of Dr. G. F. Herold's grave and tombstone is on the internet at "Find a Grave". The picture was taken on 29 April 2006 by Patti Zapalac.**

**In July, 2006 I found an Annie Herold, born 8 Sep 1896, died 7 Jul 1920, listed in the Czech National Cemetery, East Bernard, Wharton Co, TX. In the remarks section, w/o George was stated. I went back into another listing for the Czech National Cemetery and found Annie Herold, same dates, but in the remarks section I found: wife to George Herold. This was a 2003 version by Tammy Gendke. The dates are not a perfect match with her age listed in the census.**

**LAUW:**

Rosina Sebesta Lauw, born 10 May 1843, died 8 Sep 1929 in Yoakum, TX. Rosina married Anton Lauw on 15 Oct 1861 by Rev. Jaeggli, Fayette County. The marriage is recorded in the St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellinger, Texas church records (1861, entry number 2) on the internet. Death certificate listed her as a widow from Anton Lauw. Rosina is buried in the new Moulton cemetery next to William and Julia Schmidt. Anton Lauw is buried in Shiner, TX. Anton Lauw enlisted 17 Apr 1862 in Frelsburg for Company H, TV1, Col. R.T.P. Allens Regiment, CSA. He served 2 months and 14 days. Sometime after 1870, Anton took a bale of cotton to the gin and disappeared. He may have left at a later date since his last child; Anna was born in Dec 1871.

**LINBRUGGER:**

Around 1886, William and Lina Linbrugger and their family moved to Osage, on the north bank of the Colorado River, on a farm belonging to Dr. G. F. Herold. Here, Lena Linbrugger 8 February 1886, and Sophie Linbrugger, 1 November 1888, who died in infancy, was born. Later, they moved to Moulton, where Emma Linbrugger was born on 31 August 1894. William and Lina Linbrugger are buried in the old Moulton cemetery.

**SCHMIDT, WILLIAM, JR.**

William Schmidt, per his obituary, accepted a position with Dr. G. F. Herold of Frelsburg, TX, who voluntarily offered to defray all of his incidental expenses and pay him a cash bonus of \$200 at the end of the year, as a farm manager. Dr. Herold was the owner of the first and only coach or calash of colonial type this writer ever saw. The coach had a closed top similar to a sedan car; the seats were so arranged that the occupants of the coach would face each other. On either side of the coach was a hinged door with glass windows supplied with gay colored curtains. The coach box was rather high and so arranged that the coachman had a full view of the front as well as the rear end of the vehicle. When drawn by four lively stepping horses, a ride in the unique coach was a pleasure accorded but few people during the reconstruction days. After a decade of faithful service, William's big hearted employer persuaded him to take a month's vacation and visit the World's Fair in New Orleans, about the year 1884, which he did.

On 17 Feb 1885, William took unto himself, Miss Julia Lauw, an adopted daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold. Later, William acquired a new home in Yoakum, TX, where he conducted a modest business until suffering a stroke on 5 Sep 1931. William (died 8 May 1933) and Julia (died 8 Sep 1929) are buried in the new Moulton cemetery.

William Schmidt, Jr. married Julia Herold (born 26 Jan 1869, Ross Prairie, TX), 17 Feb 1885, by Johann F. Leyendecker, JP, marriage book F, page 416 of the Colorado County Marriage Records.

William Schmidt, Jr. owned a saloon in Moulton, Texas. His first saloon was destroyed by fire in December 1908. All wooden structures on the block south of the saloon were also destroyed as a cold north wind fanned the flames. Following this disastrous fire the



current brick buildings that make up the northern part of the main business section of Moulton (from the bank corner to Kalina's Barber Shop) were constructed by their respective owners. His brick saloon is currently occupied by "The Washboard Washateria" in July 2006.

In the St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellinger, TX, church records on the internet, I found in 1893, entry number 70, Emil Ferdinand Schmidt was baptized on 8 September 1893 in Columbus, TX by J. Frehner. Emil was born on 2 July 1893 near Osage, Colorado County, TX. His parents were Wilhelm Schmidt and Julia Maria Lauw (spelled Lassov). The witnesses were Adolph Schmidt (possible uncle of William) and Ferdinand Herold.

#### FROM PERDITA, WUPPERTAL:

Perdita sent an e-mail on 11 August 2006 informing us that the father of Dr. Herold was named Heinrich Herold and he was a tailor. The mother of Dr. Herold was Martha Elisabeth Schreiber. The wife of Dr. Herold in Germany was named Katharina Elisabeth Rabe, and her parents names were Christian Rabe and Katharina Elisabeth Schmidt. Dr. Herold had a sister names Anna Martha Herold, born 24 Aug 1832. Also, a brother names Jakob Herold.

NOTE: This article was written only as a historical source on how Dr. Herold helped the Schmidt, Lauw and Linbrugger families in Texas. I found his name mentioned numerous times in my family history and always as assisting them.

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Old Moulton Cemetery, Moulton, Texas, picture of tombstone.

Rentsch-Herold families in America. Compiled and edited by Mary Burney Matreyek. 1986. Houston library.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellinger, TX, church records on internet.

William and Lina Linbrugger booklet, 1980, by Leona Ziemer, author now deceased.

## **STRUVE—DE LASSAULX REUNION**

**September 2, 2006 / Fayetteville, Texas**

This past Labor Day weekend, a reunion was held for the descendants of Heinrich & Stephanie von Struve and Otto & Margarethe de Lassaulx, whose respective children, Louis Struve and Clementine de Lassaulx were married in Fayette County on May 29, 1866. Fifty-six descendants were in attendance at the event which took place at the Country Place Hotel in Fayetteville, and which was hosted by Rebeca Todd Koenig of Katy and her son, Jon Todd "JT" Koenig of Cypress, who are the great-granddaughter and great-great grandson of the above married couple, respectively.

Of the descendants of Louis and Clementine Struve present were Dan von Rosenberg of La Grange; Nancy von Rosenberg Hunter and son Brent of Brenham; Kelsye Weber Garces of San Antonio; Claire Weber Hinton and family of Clear Lake; Allyne Weber Ratliff and family of Webster; Lucy Todd Litowitz and Erik Koenig of Houston; Cindy Crabb of Aledo; Goldie Struve Goodspeed, Jeanie Struve Ramick and Julia Lilly of Fort Worth; Frida Struve Milone of Dallas; Clara Struve Conn of Bandera; Laura Dean of Austin; Paula Struve Adams of Midway; Laura Struve Petty of Tyler, and Valton Struve of Frankston.

In addition to the above descendants present, were many of the descendants of Clementine's only known brother, Clemente de Lassaulx, who in around 1867 moved to Camargo, Mexico, where he served as the Consul General for the United States and where he married Carmen de la Garza. Among Clemente's descendants who attended were Carmelita Supervielle of Laredo; George and Suzanne Navarro of Lake Charles, Louisiana; JC Navarro and family of San Antonio; Katie Navarro of Austin; Shantell Wyss and Coco Wyss of San Antonio; Inaki Garcia Goiricelaya and family of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico; Esther Rocha, Marcela Rocha, and Gabriela Rocha and family of Mexico City; Clemente Garcia and Martin Zavala and family of Houston, and recently retired Mexican Supreme Court Justice, Miguelangel Garcia Dominguez and wife of San Miguel de Allende.

Also in attendance were friends of the family from as far away as Spain, as well as Bill Reeves of San Antonio and Rodney Koenig, father of JT and Erik Koenig.

The event represented the first reunion of the Struve and de Lassaulx families since the original union of Louis and Clementine in 1866 and was the first reunion of the Struve descendants since 1951.

Heinrich von Struve, Louis's father, had immigrated to Texas in 1848 with his family from Hamburg, although he had previously been living in Silesia as well as Prussian controlled Poland. Due to revolutions taking place in the German states in Europe at that time, Heinrich and his family had to flee and they chose Texas as their refuge. Otto and Margaretha de Lassaulx, Clemente and Clementine's parents, immigrated to Texas from the Prussian city of Coblenz sometime before 1849. Heinrich von Struve ultimately went back to Europe after many travels; however his son Louis and the de Lassaulxs lived out there days in Fayette County and they are buried in the Fayetteville Catholic Cemetery.

The reunion was commenced with a prayer and the noon-meal was then served featuring bar-b-que from Mikeska's of Columbus. JT Koenig, with assistance from Rod Koenig, then provided a brief discussion of the families' history, and then prizes were handed out for the oldest person attending; Kelsye Weber Garces, daughter of Liane Struve Weber and granddaughter of Louis and Clementine. The youngest person attending; Claire Weber Hinton's granddaughter, Liane also received a prize. The prize for the couple married the longest went to Mr. & Mrs. Martin Zavala, and the prize for having traveled the farthest went to the husband of Gabriela Rocha, from France. Ms. Rocha then handed out clay plaques featuring the Burg Rheinstein, a castle on the Rhein River which was designed and built by Otto de Lassaulx's father, Johann Claudius de Lassaulx, who was the architect to the Prussian crown prince at that time. Following the reunion the family gathered at the gravesite of Otto and Margarethe de Lassaulx, and Louis and Clementine Struve, who were buried next to them, and said a closing prayer, thus ending the reunion. The family agreed to hold another such event next year in San Miguel de Allende to be hosted by Gabriela Rocha and family.





STRUVE-DE LASSAUX REUNION



## **GIESE-JUENGERMANN REUNION HELD AT ROUND TOP**

**The descendants of Anna Marie Giese met for the 58th reunion on September 9, 2006 at the American Legion Hall in Round Top. Thirty-two family members and one guest were in attendance. J. D. Smith of Seguin was a guest. Jonnie Jo Juengermann of LaVernia attended for the first time.**

**Those in attendance came from Houston, La Grange, Brenham, Arlington, LaVernia, Round Top, Wallis, Coppell, Ft. Worth, Austin, Euless, Gonzales and Seguin.**

**The hosts for this reunion were: Marie Juengermann Anderson of Arlington, Rose Anderson Thomas of Austin, Kate Juengermann of Arlington. The theme for this reunion was "Celebrating Our Heritage". Table decorations were made by Marie Juengermann Anderson. A paper doll dressed in her dirndl skirt & vest and another paper doll dressed in his lederhosen were on cardboard cuckoo clocks. The drawing of the family tree for the descendants of Anna Marie Giese is displayed each year. In June, 1975, John Henry Juengermann drew and lettered "der Stammbaum - Giese". Data was collected at the Giese-Juengermann reunion in 1970. Anna Marie Giese immigrated to Round Top, Texas in 1850 with her four children: Johannes Giese, Sr., Ludwig Giese, Anna Marie Giese, and Johann Adam Giese from the port of Hamburg, Germany.**

**Officers presiding over the afternoon meeting were: Jack Juengermann of Ft. Worth, president; Diana Giese Rhodes of Nursery, secretary and Rose Anderson Thomas of Austin, treasurer. The meeting began with the presentation of the colors by Boy Scouts Quintin Juengermann of Arlington and Keenen Juengermann of Coppell. Quintin Juengermann is the son of James and Kathryn Juengermann. Keenen Juengermann is the son of Eric Juengermann and the late Mary O. Juengermann. The pledge of allegiance was given by all present. Leda Juengermann of Arlington sang the Star Spangled Banner. Leda Juengermann is the daughter of James and Kathryn Juengermann. President Jack Juengermann recognized the death of Dolores Giese Neumann, the 2006 vice-president for the Giese-Juengermann reunion.**

**Carrie Muenzler, mother of Vernell Muenzler Vanek of La Grange, was honored on her 100th birthday July 15th by her family at Care Inn Nursing Home in La Grange.**

**Births since the last reunion were: Cristin Lee Poffinbarger October 12, 2005 of Splendora. Parents are James & Rachel Bird Poffinbarger, grandparents: Marshall and Connie Rothermel Bird of Pasadena; Hunter Ryan Rodriguez born: January**

**30, 2006 of Ft. Worth.. Parents are Ryan and Elisabeth Hill Rodriquez; grandparents are: Kenneth and Jennifer Juengermann Hill.**

**Lance Cpl. Matthew Rothermel was honorably discharged in June , 2006 after his tour of duty in Iraq and Africa with the Marine Corp. . He is the son of James Rothermel of Alvin and Arlett Rothermel of Deer Park. Grandparents are James and Dorothy Ann Rothermel of Brenham.**

**Deaths since the last reunion were: Dolores Giese Neumann of San Antonio on August 11, 2006; Anita Giese Chambers on January 13, 2006 in Oklahoma City; Elizabeth Kralik, widow of Edgar Giese , on January 27, 2006 in Alice; Leslie John Rohde on July 24, 2006 in Bastrop; Judy Jones, daughter of Clarence Leifeste, on August 17, 2006 in Wallis. A moment of silence was observed for those who died since the last reunion, for those who lost their lives on 9/11 and for United States personnel serving our country.**

**Bobby Heinsohn of La Grange auctioned several of his donated wood carvings as well as an item donated by Dorothy Ann Rothermel.**

**Marie Juengermann Anderson had everyone participate in naming facts about Germany such as the name of two rivers in Germany. This was in keeping with the theme of the reunion "Celebrating our Heritage". Diana Giese Rhodes had everyone fill information about themselves, i.e.-education, hobbies, colors, etc. This will be tabulated for the 2007 reunion.**

**Officers for the 2007 reunion will be: Jack Juengermann of Ft. Worth ,president; William Noak of Round Top,vice-president; Diana Giese Rhodes of Nursery , secretary; Rose Anderson Thomas of Austin, treasurer.**

**The 2007 reunion will be held on September 8 at the American Legion Hall in Round Top. Hosts for the reunion will be descendants of the Giese families, Diana Giese Rhodes, chairperson.**

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**FAMILIES OF**  
**ANNA MARIE GIESE**

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**JOHANNES & ANNA MARIE JUENGERMANN GIESE, SR.**

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William & Johanna Giese Froehner  
Mathilda Giese

Otto & Emma M. Giese Schuddemagen

Johannes & La Vernia May Giese

Friedrich (Fritz) & Anna Cybilla Giese Ponfick

August & Otilie Kruger Giese

Otto & Frieda Ahnert Giese

Emil & Emma Clara Giese Spies

Johann (Henry) & Bertha Spies Giese

**LUDWIG & LOUISE CAROLINE NAEGELI GIESE**

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Gustav & Augusta Giese Wied

Carl & Emilie Giese Steenken

Fritz & Lena Giese Windwehen

Louis & Emma Heins Giese

Gustav & Ida Scharenburg Giese

Edwin & Lena Becker Giese

Hugo & Lenora Giese Heins

Walter & Laura Marburger Giese

William & Erna Giese Finck

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**JUENGERMANN**

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Johann Henrich & Helene Heins Juengermann

Fritz & Johanna Juengermann Wolf

Carl & Mary Wolf Juengermann

Rudolph & Augusta Juengermann Augricula

Ernest & Emilie Guettler Juengermann

Otto Juengermann

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**JOHANN ADAM GIESE**

**Burial: Haw Creek Cemetery**

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**EMIGRANTS TO TEXAS FROM WOLFENBUETTEL-AHLUM IN LOWER SAXONY  
SUBMITTED BY DR. ELKE HEDSTROM**

Dr. Hedstrom wrote "Perhaps this list is of interest.....since there are two "Auswanderer" (Emigrants) from the village of Wolfenbuettel-Ahlum, Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony), Germany, who settled in Texas." She added that the list was sent to her by Mr. Volkert Voelker of Wolfenbuettel-Ahlum, whose e-mail address is Volkert.Voelkert@t-online.de

***Hier die Liste der Auswanderer aus unserem schoenen Ahlum nach USA***

Heinrich Baese, Maurer am 8.9.1870  
 Caroline Bosse, geb. Jahns 1826 am 8.3.1870  
 Conrad Dormeyer, Brinksitzer am 14.3.1849  
 mit Johanne geb. Gerecke und Kinder  
 Andreas Ebeling geb. 1835, Arbeitsmann am 16.3.1871  
 mit Dorothee geb. Lueders und Henriette E.  
 Julius Hauer, geb. 1814, Anbauer am 14.8.1868

**→ Andreas Jahns, geb. 1833, Anbauer am 13.8.1868 nach Texas  
mit Wilhemine, geb. Beutnagel und Wilhelmine, Conradine und Auguste J.**

Dorothea Jahns, geb. Frobart geb. 1805 am 19.9.1869  
 Heinrich Wilhelm Kirchof geb. 1845, Dienstknecht am 9.8.1872 nach St.Louis  
 Henriette Lauingen geb. Roever geb. 1835 am 6.10.1871  
 mit Pflegesohn Fritz Hennecke geb. 1857  
 Friedrich Loose, Schustergeselle am 30.7.1846  
 Heinrich Matte, Schuhmachergeselle am 27.5.1847  
 Marie Niebur, geb. 1845 am 17.9.1869  
 mit Marie und Theodor N.

Christian Reuer geb. 1810 , Tagelohner am 17.9.1869  
 mit Tochter Wilhelmine geb. 1850  
 Wilhelm Schwannecke geb. 1811 (Eltern August und Marie, geb. Seidensticker) im  
 Jahre 1828

**→ Heinrich Storbeck, geb. 1840, Arbetsman am 23.8.1880 nach Texas**

Brün Stuermann geb. 1826 am 22.2.1855  
 Dorothea Tielemann, Dienstmagd am 17.9.1869  
 Hans Tielemann geb. ca. 1735 im Jahre 1780  
 Johann Friedrich Jürgen Lohse, geb. 1821, Schuhmacherlehrling am 2.8.1846 mit  
 Schiff Ann nach Baltimore.



## NIEMEIER REUNION HELD IN GATESVILLE SUBMITTED BY MABEL LOESCH

Carl Niemeier, his wife Henriette nee Nagel, and their four oldest children: Minnie, Willian, Lizzie and Sadie, left Wehdem, Westfalia on 2 Sep 1892 and came to Texas, eventually settling in the Coryell City area. On Saturday, October 28, 2006, a reunion of their descendents was held at the home of their great-grandchild Robert and Sarah Gohlke near Gatesville.

Five more children were born after they came to Texas; all are deceased. Six of their 26 grandchildren are living, but only four were able to attend the reunion: Bobby Niemeier Denson, Ona Niemeier Lange, Harold Loesch and Charles Niemeier. The rest of the 65 attendees were part of their 56 great-grandchildren, 91 great-great-grandchildren and 103 great-great-great grandchildren.

All but one of their children married "full-blooded Germans." But the grandchildren married spouses of other nationalities, sometimes despite the disapproval of their parents. One recalled his mother asking if he couldn't find a nice German girl instead of the Norwegian he wanted to marry. None of the marriages in the last twenty years involved a German spouse. Some of the German names in the Niemeier family are Gohlke; Haferkamp, Helm, Weiss, Wiechering, Gauer, Matlage, Hennig, Dreyer, Neumann and Blaschke.

The grandparents came speaking no English, and learned very little in their lifetimes, relying on their children to translate. But now even the grandchildren present could not speak German. The family has become Americanized, but as family stories were recounted, it was obvious that all were proud of their Niemeier heritage and spoke fondly of their stubbornness, their love of a good time, and their love of good food and drink.

### A TAUFS-CHEIN HOLTZER, CRENWELGE, VOSTERLING, KALMEIER, HAAG & HEINRICH FAMILIES

While visiting an antique store in Dublin, TX, I found several German items of interest. I was told that they were brought in by someone who could not read German and had no use for these things, except to try to sell them to raise money for a scholarship for a needy student. I gladly paid \$5.00 for a *Tauf-Schein* (Certificate of Baptism) dated August 11, 1909. In it, I found handwritten surnames that sounded very familiar. They were Holtzer, Crenwelge, Vosterling, Kalmeier, Haag and Heinrich. Some of these surnames are also in the GTHS membership list. There might be someone who is kin to Leola Meta Dorothea Holtzer, born 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 1909. Her mother was Sophie Crenwelge Holtzer.

If there is someone who may want to have this *Tauf-Schein* as an original document for her/his family tree, I would be glad to part with it.

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# Burials at the Walzem Cemetery

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After I read a recent report on burials at Walzem Cemetery near New Braunfels, I was quite amazed at the purported high number of people allegedly buried there. The research came out several years ago and was reported in the *Hill Country Voice*, June 23, 2004, and also in the *GTHS Journal* of the Summer of 2006. When I received the Excel sheets which supposedly contained the author's research for that report, I noticed a striking similarity to the first Burial Record of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in New Braunfels. I had made a copy of this book in 1971 and made an *exhaustive study* of the entire book, much of which was handwritten in Latin.

I do not and never have believed that there were so many burials at Walzem's Chapel, just west of New Braunfels. I understand that the list of 36 burials comes from sources from the "Victoria Diocese Chancery" but that these records were first located in Corpus Christi. This seems very very strange and uncommon for our local church records to have traveled to those places. The burial book, which I am using for this research, was in the rectory in New Braunfels until it was transferred to the San Antonio Chancery Office. New Braunfels is in the jurisdiction of San Antonio.

The Victoria Diocese was formed from the San Antonio Archdiocese years ago and never had any jurisdiction over our parish. Finally, the "source" for that research seems to have been simply another copy of the New Braunfels Parish Record. I have been in correspondence with the Victoria Chancery Office and they have sent me an e-mail stating that they do not have such an Archive.

It might be fairly safe to assume that there were no burials on Walzem's land before he built the private Chapel. We are not sure when Walzem began to build the Chapel but he completed it in 1870 as indicated by the stone above the door. The *Zeitung* of June 16, 1871, reports that "On Sunday, June 25, there will be the laying of the cornerstone of the new Catholic Church [the present Stone Church in New Braunfels] and on the day before, the blessing of the Chapel which J. J. Walzem built in the hill country will also be done." Mr. Walzem sold the Chapel and the cemetery to Bishop Neraz in 1882 (Comal County Clerk's Office Deeds Book "Q", p. 83). No records can be found that the Chapel was ever used by the church after this time.

I decided to take each of the 36 names on their alledged "Walzem Cemetery List" and search for what could be uncovered on each one. Indeed, a few persons were found to be buried in the Walzem Cemetery; most were not. Using the New Braunfels Catholic Parish Burial Record (and other primary sources), I have translated each of the Parish records into English with appropriate notes.

A further disclaimer must be made here. When I wrote the material for my book "New Braunfels: The First Founders", I invited family descendants of the founders to assist in writing the biographies. I was thankful for their assistance. However, now I discover that some claimed burials of ancestors in the Walzem Cemetery which I do not believe are true. In the early 1990s, while composing the book, I did not deem it necessary to double-check every item that families sent in on their ancestors.

### **Alleged Burials at Walzem Cemetery**

Following is the list of 36 names we found on the Excel sheet of "alleged burials". From that sheet I have copied their spelling of the deceased's names in "**bold and underlined print**". Then, I have translated the burial record as it appeared in the Church Records. To this point I have used original spelling in the quotes. And finally, *in bold and italic print, I have added my notes as well as notes from other primary sources.*

**"Acker, Anna Maria"** – "On Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1863, *Anna Maria Acker*, an infant of 5 years and 10 months, died, and on the following day, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1864, was buried by Fr. Theodore Grundner, O.S.B." *No indication of a cemetery in parish record six years before Chapel was completely finished.*

**"Acker, Maria"** – "On Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1862, *Maria Acker*, 43 years of age, died and was buried on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1862, by Fr. Theodore Grundner, O.S.B." *No indication of a cemetery in parish record eight years before Chapel was completely built.*

**"Biereal, August Wilhelm"** – *August is not his name, but part of the date here; nor was Wilhelm his name, but Melliton.* "On Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, [1876], I buried, according to the Rites of the Roman Church, *Melliton Biereal*, 12 years of age. Witnesses were Luis Herrera and Miguel Biereal. Fr. Behr." *No indication of a cemetery in parish record. The City Sexton Records verify that "Melita Bireal was buried in the City Cemetery on Aug. 21, 1876".*

**"De Leon, Hilarium"** – Record in English – "On the 23th day of March, A.D. 1871, I performe (sic) the funeral service of *Hilarium De Leon*, about 28 years of age. On presence Jesus Garza and Wihliem O. breid [unreadable]." *No indication of a cemetery in parish record, part of which is unreadable at the end.*

**"Dopinschmidt, Anna Marie"** – "On April 19<sup>th</sup>, A.D.1887, I, John Kirch, the undersigned Rector of this mission, buried *Maria Anna Deppienschmidt*, a 77 year old woman born in Germany, in Mission Valley, having died without the consolation of the last rites. Witnesses were Catharina Adam and Maria Adams [names somewhat unclear]. John Kirch." *Marie Anna Doeppenschmidt's [usual spelling today] grave [born Feb. 19, 1810 – died April 19, 1887] is found in the Adam's Family Cemetery located on the old Adams Ranch about one mile west of the Walzem Chapel off of FM 1863. It must also be noted that "Rector of this mission" definitely refers to Saints Peter and Paul Parish as the word, "mission", was used in this sense of a "parish church" a myriad of times as well as in the title of this Record Book.*

**"Fraelich, Frederick"** – "On Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, A.D.1877, I buried, according to the Rites of the Roman Church, *Frederick Fröelich*. I buried him in the Schwab Cemetery, at 5-miles. Fr. Behr." *Record clearly states Schwab Cemetery, south of New Braunfels. A search of the Schwab Cemetery could not find his grave but there were two unmarked graves in the Froelich plot.*

**"Holm, Margarita"** – "On July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1892, *Margarita Halm*, 77 years of age from New Braunfels, died and her body was buried on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1892 in the Catholic Comal Cemetery. J.M.J. Wack." *The SS Peter and Paul Cemetery became operational around 1889 and is thus referred to in the record. The grave is found in this Cemetery*

**"Jahn, Anna (born Klein)"** – "On Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893, *Anna Jahn, nee Klein*, at age of 74 years, having been born in Hatzenheim in Nassau [sic] gave her soul to God (died) and on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, I buried her in the (Civil) Comal Cemetery. J.M.M. Wack." *Note the word "Civil"; Fr. Wack used this Latin word to distinguish that she was not buried in the Catholic Cemetery. She was daughter of Stephan Klein, born in Hattenheim in the "Rheingau". The Sexton Records confirm that this burial took place at the Comal Cemetery on the date above and give her age as 74 years and 3 months. The grave is found in the Comal Cemetery.*

**"Lauminus, Franz Is."** – "On Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1874, I buried, according to the Rites of the Roman Church, *Franz Ignatz Laumin?*, 15 months of age, the son of Gerard and Julianne Laumin? H. Pefferkorn." *Fr. Pefferkorn was from St. Joseph's in San Antonio, taking care of the parish during the vacation of the Pastor. The Church Record does not indicate any Cemetery.*

**"Launz, Wilhelm Laux"** – "On Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1875 [date in Excel is wrong], I buried, according to the Rites of the Roman Church, *Wilhelm Laux*, age of three years and three months, son of Wilhelm Laux and his wife, Wilhelmina, in Walzem Cemetery. H. Pefferkorn." *Yes, this Church Record thus clearly shows that this burial was by the Walzem Chapel.*

**"Laux, Andrea"** – [should be Andreas] – "On Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1890, *Andreas Laux*, of New Braunfels, 14 years and 9 months, died and his body was buried on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1890, in the Comal Cemetery. Fr. W. Ollmed??? A.C." *This Church Record clearly mentions the Comal Cemetery, or could even possibly designate the "new" Catholic Cemetery in Comal Town which was barely a year old at this time.*

**"Lehix, Janii Anthony"** – [Janii is part of date and is "Junii" in Latin!] "On June 24<sup>th</sup>, [1857], *Anthony Lehi?*, an infant of one year, died." *The last name is not familiar to me, it could be Lehis or Lehir, as the last letter appears as an "old German script hand-written small case "R". No indication of a cemetery in parish record.*

**"Loeffler, Maria Chunigundis"** – [their text has dates in error] " On Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1861, *Maria Chunigunda Löffler*, 28 years of age, died and on the following day was buried. By Fr. Hemilian Wendl." *The deceased's middle name was probably Cunigunda, a Saint's name used at the time. No indication of a cemetery in parish record of this burial nine years before Chapel was finished.*



**“Longi, Josephuis”** – “On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Oct. [1870], I buried *Josephum Longin [English name is Joseph Longin]*. He died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm without receiving last rites. Fr. L. Genolin.” *Fr. Genolin was a visiting priest, substituting for the absent pastor. No indication of a cemetery in parish record.*

**“Lux, Gerdraut (Gertrude Gras)”** – “On April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1857, *Gerdraut Lux*, 39 years of age, died, having received the Last Rites within 8 days and her body was buried the next day with ceremony.” *No indication of a cemetery in parish record, a burial which took place 13 years before the Walzem Chapel was completed.*

**“Lux, Hubertus”** – “On the 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb., 1892, *Hubertus Lux*, 74 years of age, from Hambach of the Colonial Province of Prumo?, in communion with Holy Mother Church, sent his body to God and on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Feb., was buried in the Catholic Cemetery (Comal). (Wack)” *A flowery record by the relatively new pastor, Fr. Wack, speaking of the relatively new parish cemetery in Comal Town.*

**“Lux, Maria”** – “On the 26<sup>th</sup> of April [1857], *Maria Lux*, an infant of one year, died.” *No indication of a cemetery in parish record. Note, burial was 13 years before the Walzem Chapel was completely finished.*

**“Lux, Sabina (Maria Sabina Schneider)”** – “On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1860, *Sabina Lux*, \_\_ years of age, died, and on the next day was buried by Fr. Armilian Wendl. O.S.B.” *No indication of a cemetery in parish record, again, about 10 years before the Walzem Chapel was completely finished.*

**“Merz, Anna Maria Spreger”** – “On Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1872, I performe [sic] the funeral service of *Anna Maria Merz nee Spreger*, 49 years of age; in presence (of) Andreas Marbach and Joseph Werner. Fr. P. Behr.” *Record was written in English. No indication of a cemetery in parish record.*

**“Mueller, Elizabeth Stendback”** – “On the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, (1870), *Elisabeth Stendbach, the wife of Muller*, died after receiving the Sacrament of Extreme Unction and the Plenary Indulgence, and I buried her the next day after the celebration of Mass.” *No priest signature but in same handwriting as Fr. Genolin who had performed a burial four days previous. No indication of a cemetery in parish record.*

**“Oberkamp, Dorothea”** – “On Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1891, *Dorothea Oberkamp* nee Reinlander, 55 years of age, from ~~Comal City, New Braunfels, Prussi~~, Pferich, (in Prussia); and her body was buried on the 9<sup>th</sup> in the Cemetery of Peter (Comal Cemetery). J.M.J. Wack.” *The town locations were copied as close as possible to Fr. Wack’s handwriting.*

**“Olvarez, Severita”** – “On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 1871, I performe [sic] the funeral service of *Severita Alvarez*, about 8 months of age, in presence of Candelario Martinez and Bito Delvosque. Fr. P. Behr.” *Record was written in English. No indication of a cemetery in parish record.*

**"Otto, Rosa"** – "On June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1889, *Rosa Otto* from Germany, 54 years of age and in communion with Holy Mother the Church, died and her body was buried on June 9<sup>th</sup> in the Cemetery (Comal). Fr. J.M.J. Wack." *Her grave is found in the Comal Cemetery. The Comal Cemetery Sexton Records also confirm that Rosa Otto, nee Longkammer, 55, was buried there on June 9, 1889.*

**"Otto, Theo"** – *His surname was not copied but "Gauge" was surname listed* - "On May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1885, I buried the infant *Theodore Otto Gauge*, born on March 13, in the City Cemetery Comal. Fr. John Kirch." *As with all entries, the deceased's surname is written in the margin as "Gauge", but here was not entered in the record. The Latin, "Coemeterio civitatis" (misspelled in the Excel notes) literally means "The City Cemetery", the word "Comal" adds confusion here but, in no way, is it denoted that this infant was buried in the Walzem Cemetery. However the Comal Cemetery Sexton Records confirm that Teodor Tauge (one letter differs in surname here) died at 11 weeks old and was buried on May 28, 1885. Dates of the two records do not agree.*

**"Pfeil, Antonuus"** – "On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 1872, I performe [sic] the funeral service of *Antonius Pfeil*, about 75 years of age. In presence of Theodore Stopper and Joh. Georg Bergfels. Fr. Behr." *Record written in English. No indication of a cemetery in parish record.*

**"Reinhard, Catharina"** – "On the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 1864, *Catharina Reinhard*, 30 years of age and having received the last rites, died, and on the following day, June 27<sup>th</sup>, was buried by Fr. Theodore Grundner, O.S.B." *No indication of a cemetery in parish record.*

**"Reininger, Francisco (Francis?)"** – "On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 1892, *Francis Reininger*, age of one year and 11 months, from New Braunfels, died and his body was buried on June 4<sup>th</sup> in the Comal Catholic Cemetery. Fr. J.M.J. Wack." *Record clearly seems to indicate the new Catholic Cemetery in Comal Town.*

**"Santos, De Los, Valentine"** – "On July 30, 1887, I, the undersigned, John Kirch, Rector of this mission, buried *Valentine de los Santos*, 66 years of age, born in Mexico, who had died. Witnesses were: Jesus de los Santos and Bruno Rotsche. Fr. John Kirch". *No indication of a cemetery in parish record.*

**"Schiermann, Maria"** – "On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 1872, I performe [sic] the funeral service of *Maria Schumann*, 19 months of age. In presence of Jacob Mikesh and Valentin Schumann. Fr. P. Behr." *No indication of a cemetery in parish record.*

**"Schneider, Barbara"** – "On. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1874, born April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1809?, *Barbara Schneider* died in communion with Holy Mother Church, and her body was buried in the Cemetery of St. John. Witnesses were Martin Lux and Christian Fey. Fr. Behr." *Yes, this Chapel was, at times, referred to as "St. John's" and thus indicates a burial at Walzem Cemetery.*

**"Schneider, Martin"** – "On Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1864, *Martin Schneider*, 76 years of age, died with the Last Rites, and on the next day, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, was buried by Theodore Grundner, O.S.B." *No indication of a cemetery in parish record, six years before Walzem Chapel was completed.*

**"Schukmn, Valentinus (child of)"** – The only record in the Burial Book which matches, to some degree here, is: "On Oct. 23, 1875, I buried, according to the Rites of Holy Mother Church, *Adolph John Schumann*, born on Feb. 13, 1875. Witnesses were Jacob Mikesh and Valentin Schumann. Rev. P. Behr." *No indication of a cemetery in parish record but the City Cemetery Sexton Records verify that a Schuman child was buried on Oct 23, 1875, and that it "lays with his other children".*

**"Seidemann, Anna Maria (twin)"** – "On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, A.D. 1870, I perform [sic] the funeral service of *Anna Maria Seidemann*, born on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1870, child of Adam Seidemann and Catherina Mickes. In presence of John Mickes and Anna Seidemann. Fr. P. Behr." *This record was written in English but does not indicate the name of any Cemetery.*

**"Seidemann, Emma (twin)"** – "On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D. 1871, I performe [sic] the funeral service of *Emma Seidemann* born on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1871. In presence of H. Lux and J. Mikesh. Fr. P. Behr." *This record was written in English and did not contain name of any Cemetery.*

**"Seidemann, Peter"** – "On July 9<sup>th</sup>, [1860], *Peter Seidemann*, 47 years of age died and on the next day was buried by Fr. Theodor." *No Cemetery indicated in the Church Record, but my chief question here is the priest's name of "Theodor" – who is he? The Benedictines were now in charge of the parish but the only "Theodore" was Father Theodore Grundner and he did not arrive in New Braunfels until the middle of June of 1861. He was in Fredericksburg before this but, perhaps, could have been present in New Braunfels on the above date for the burial – he was the only priest named "Theodore" known to us at that time.*

**"Walzem, Anna Gertrude (nee Reininger)"** – "On March 15<sup>th</sup>, A.S. 1873, *Anna Gertrud, wife of Joseph John Walzem*, died at age 56 in communion with Holy Mother Church, and on the 16<sup>th</sup> her body was buried in the church of John \_\_\_\_\_ having confessed to me and received Holy Viaticum [Last Rites] on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. Witnesses were Hubertus Lux and Nicholas Merz. Fr. P. Behr." *A true record of a burial at the Walzem Chapel; the Chapel is called "ecclesia Joannes \_\_\_\_\_", not grammatically correct but could be translated as "church of St. John" or "church of John Walzem", depending on omitted word [actual blank space in record!]. Her remains were reburied in SS Peter and Paul Cemetery in 1960 and her tombstone shows her name as "Gertruda".*

In conclusion, our research can say with certainty that at least three burials, which we know of from the above records, took place at the Walzem Cemetery as they are listed on the next page:

1. **Anna Gertrude (nee Reininger) Walzem – burial in March of 1873.**
2. **Barbara Schneider – burial in January of 1874.**
3. **Wilhelm Laux – burial in January of 1875.**

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***Nota bene* (Latin for 'note well'):** Some parish records were signed "Johannes Kirch". In German, this could be loosely translated as "Johann (Walzem's) Church or perhaps "(St.) John's Church. No, no, no! Johannes Kirch was the name of the St. Peter and Paul's Pastor during those years!

There may well have been other burials at the Walzem Cemetery but the Saints Peter and Paul Church Burial Record does not show more; in fact it often indicates other cemeteries for the burials. Many times, in those early days, some priests did not indicate names of cemeteries.

In the remaining space, let me add one more clarification to an erroneous concept raised by other sources lately. The Walzem Chapel was a private family Chapel and used, at times, by local priests for Mass, etc. It was, for a few short years, mentioned as a chapel under the aegis of St. Peter and Paul Church in the National Catholic Directory along with other private chapels in the area.

**But the Walzem Chapel WAS NOT A SPANISH MISSION!** True, there was a Spanish Mission in the area in the late 1750s, but it lasted only 18 months. Today, some have referred to the Chapel as "The Walzem Mission" and used Spanish words and phrases to surround it in a Spanish Mission aura. No, it was a private chapel, built in 1870 in thanksgiving to God by a grateful Johann Walzem so that his family and neighbors could worship in the area. Amen.

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### **Bodies Discovered in old Sonntag Family Cemetery**

In 1877 Friedrich Herman Sonntag and his wife "Augusta" Diener-Sonntag sold their farm in Germany to one of Augusta's sisters and her husband, Ernst Wilhelm Schubert. The location of this farm is in the Erzgebirge Mountains and in the community of Oelsnitz/Erzg., Saxony, Germany, a community of about 11,000 citizens. Navigationally the farmhouse is located at 50° - 43.684' N. Latitude, and 12° - 42.853' E. Longitude. According to records obtained in 1998, this farm had been in the Sonntag family since 1609. The farm remains in the Schubert family even today. Having sold their farm, the F.H. Sonntag family traveled to Bremen, Germany, on the Weser River, from which they sailed to New York City, USA.

Upon arriving in New York on June 2, 1877 the family traveled via Galveston, Texas, to Dallas, Texas, with their four young sons: Herrmann Gustav "Gus", Johann Gottfreid "Pete", Heinrich "Alvin", and Carl Welhelm "Will".

In Dallas, Texas, a search for land to purchase was started, resulting in the purchase of about 1078 acres of land, a mile or so south of Main Street of Frisco, Collin County, Texas. A family home was built at a location just south of the present new Frisco High School and Administration Offices. A Sonntag Family Cemetery was established on the land, and was in 1997 identified by GPS fix as being at 33° - 07.407' N. Latitude and 96° - 49.377' W. Longitude.

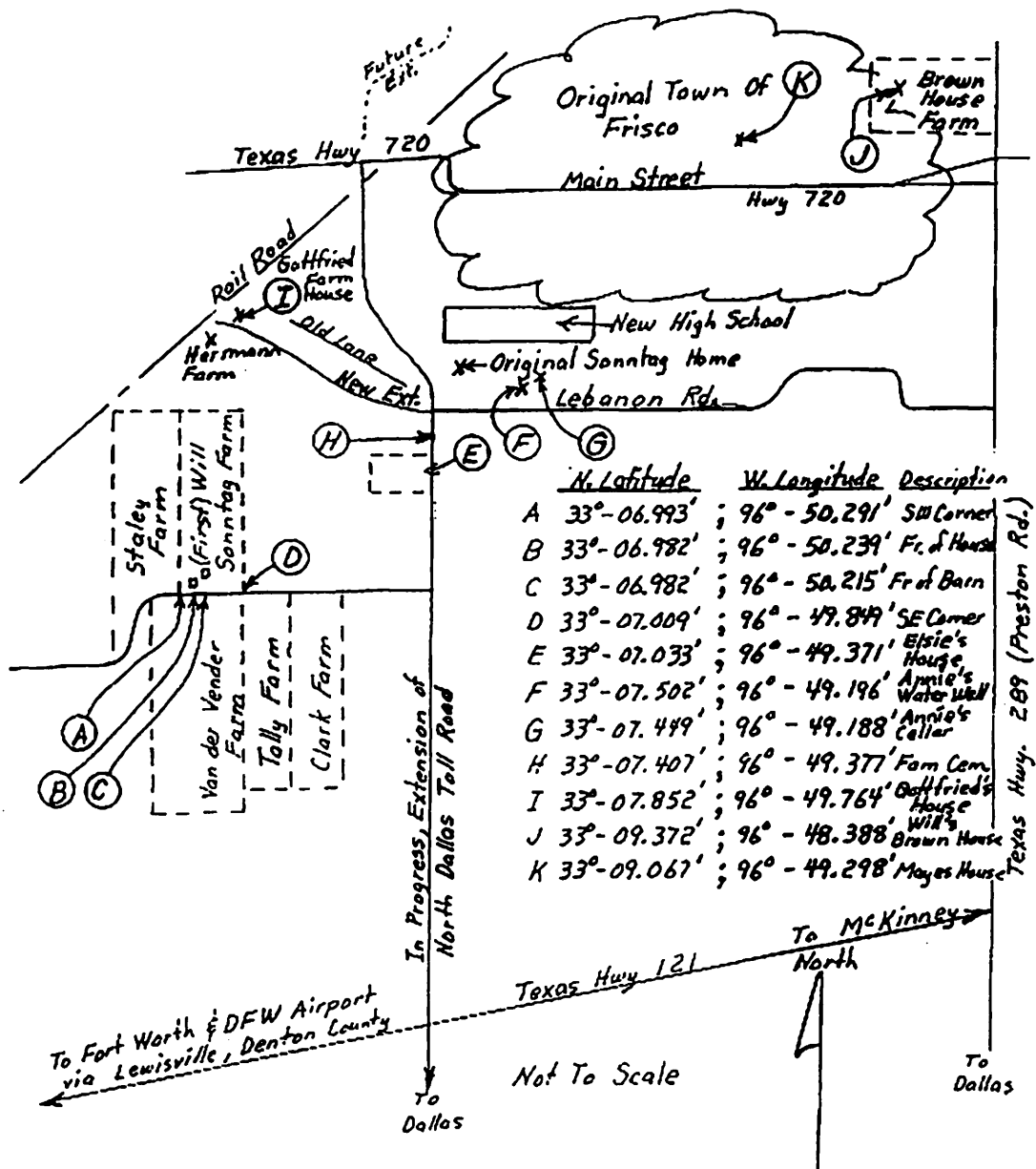
In 1905 Friedrich Herman and Augusta Sonntag, having seen all but the youngest daughter through high school, moved to San Luis Potosi, Mexico where they purchased approximately 4200 acres of farmland. It seems that they may not have given sufficient thought to their advancing years, because Friedrich Herman became ill and died on December 14, 1915. This was an especially trying time for Augusta because a revolution was taking place and it took Augusta a week to wire her children, all of which were in the USA, that their father had died and that she needed help. Augusta was hurriedly returned to the Collin County home, but was herself ill and died of pneumonia at the Collin County property on January 26, 1916.

As the years passed, Sonntag family members reported to have moved all the bodies from the family cemetery to the Bethel Cemetery north of Frisco. More currently, however, as workmen have been working on the extension of the North Dallas Tollway, they first found a body believed to be of a child and then a second body believed to be an adult buried in a casket. These findings of graves have been the subject of two recent articles in the **Dallas Morning News**.

Loving care is being used in an effort to identify and move these bodies to another location, namely among other Sonntag family members in Bethel Cemetery. Location of the old Sonntag Family Cemetery will not be identified upon completion of the Dallas North Tollway. The location has been preserved – by recording in a genealogy book titled "**Sonntag Family History**" published in 1999 by this author, a copy of which is available in the **German-Texan Heritage Association Library** in Austin, Texas.

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### Sonntag Family History



Hand Drawn Map Showing Landmarks On Sonntag Farmland  
 In Collin County Just South Of The Town Of Frisco, Texas  
 Global Positioning System Locations Taken December 30, 1997

## Old grave may lie in tollway path

**Frisco: Crews find signs of frontier baby's casket along Lebanon Road**

By **TONY HARTZEL**  
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More than a century ago, a mournful family laid a stillborn girl to rest in the fields of rural Collin County.

Over time, the traces of her resting place in the Sonntag Family Cemetery virtually disappeared. Years ago, officials moved the remains of those buried in the neglected old cemetery, but they may have overlooked the infant girl's grave.

On Thursday, one of the family's descendants said he may have found what was supposed to be her final resting place. And it sits right where bulldozers are carving away the path of the Dallas North Tollway extension — smack dab in the epicenter of growth in modern-day Frisco.

"There was a lost relative that for 105 years was forgotten," said Ben Beckelman, a certified public accountant and part-time genealogist. "I'm excited. We really don't know what all is there yet."

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## Old grave may lie in path of tollway

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The possible grave sits in the middle of the future tollway extension at Lebanon Road. Crews began carefully digging away earth about a week ago after being alerted to the possible remains. Thursday, they found a piece of marble, four rusty nails and a patch of darkened earth that would indicate a wooden casket that rotted away over the decades.

"We believe where we are today is where the grave is," said Donna Huerta, a spokeswoman for the North Texas Tollway Authority, which is building the tollway extension.

An archaeologist and other officials on hand have not found any bones. They don't expect to find any because of the time elapsed and because the body was an infant. The possible grave site sat undisturbed in part because it was directly under the Lebanon Road pavement.

Archaeological experts will work in a small area for several days. Officials don't expect these events to delay the \$264 million project or its September 2007 opening, Ms. Huerta said.

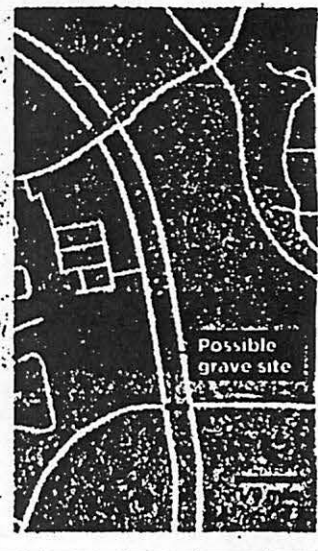
"It's not going to do anything," she said. "It's only a 20-foot area. That's the only place where we have stopped right now. We're working around that."

Crews also found a water line within 3 feet of the possible grave and another utility line nearby, Ms. Huerta said.

Cracking the case involved some old-fashioned legwork and some new technology. Mr. Beckelman, a 41-year-old Frisco resident, used U.S. Geological Survey information and a global positioning

### DIGGING CAREFULLY

A construction crew may have unearthed the century-old grave of an infant. Archaeologists are inspecting the site but aren't expected to delay the Dallas North Tollway extension project.



BETSY BOCK/Staff Artist

satellite locator to guess the general area of the grave site. When the tollway authority closed Lebanon Road a week ago for construction, everyone watched carefully as workers started digging.

"I want to find any remains that may be there," said Mr. Beckelman, whose ancestors came to Collin County around 1895 and lived in the community of Lebanon, where Preston Road now sits. "We're excited we've found something so far. But I think that's it. I don't believe there's anything else out here."

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# Once Upon A Time .....by Renee Kientz (Houston Chronicle)

Arnold and Etta's kids are sitting around the dining room table, reminiscing. These Hillendahl young'uns don't get together like this often, and spirits are high. A playful Ruth feigns a pout, accusing older sister Rosie of tricking her into standing smack in the middle of a fire ant pile. Is Ruth the baby of the family?

"Can't you tell?" asks Herb.

"Sure is", says Arnold Jr.

Ruth Hillendahl Plumb smiles. To your parents and to older siblings, you're always the baby. Even if you're 76. And home is always home, even if it has been paved over. No matter that the fields are gone, old landmarks erased. Your mind's eye can take you back to a favorite swimming hole, your mother's kitchen table, the front seat of your dad's old truck. The Hillendahl kids- Rosie 84; Arnold 81; Herbert 78; and Ruth- can close their eyes and see the Spring Branch of their childhood.

It's when they open them that the picture seems somehow wrong.

Everybody's in a hurry. Going somewhere. Whizzing past the accident prone intersection of Long Point and Pech, no one focuses on the details for the blur. Even those caught by the light don't notice what's right in front of them..... The Cemetery.

About the size of your average Memorial patio, the pebble-stoned graveyard is surrounded by a 4-foot hurricane fence. Cement posts protect the fence from cars entering the parking lot it anchors. The city won't allow posts on street side of the cemetery. The cemetery is vulnerable on its western flank. In fact, the cemetery is vulnerable on several fronts. The creeping urbanization that once threatened the family farm and then swallowed it still looms over the Hillendahl family members buried there. Spring Branch, after all, doesn't place any more value on history than the rest of Houston.

A few long time residents still look backward as the Hillendahls do. People like Danny Turner, who remembers the howls of wolves down Wirt Road and pasture land before the parking lots. And the area's self appointed historian Karen Herridge remembers gravel roads and riding horses under the trees. Most folks are too new to the area or too busy to notice. The manager of the Firestone Tire store just behind the Hillendahl cemetery has worked there for years and he's never walked the 30 steps to look over the spot.

The woman at the Texaco station across the street looks blank when asked if she knows anything about the cemetery. "What cemetery?"



Nothing looks amiss to the drivers of the thousands of cars pointed down Long Point Road every day. This is the cityscape of Houston. There are strip centers, pawn shops, flea markets, apartments, auto repair shops, Kolache stands, barbecue joints, and taquerias. Places to rent furniture or shoot pool. Places to eat Vietnamese pho noodle soup, Thai spring rolls, Korean kimchi. At some spots, construction pocks the roadway, narrowing traffic's progress to a crawl.

For more than a century, the cemetery had been the northwest corner of the family farm that supported 3 generations of Hillendahls. Holdouts against the forward march of progress, Arnold Sr. and his wife Etta continued to farm there long after Spring Branch ceased to be a rural outpost. The Hillendahl's stood against urbanization until their surrender in 1962. Arnold had already sold off most of the farmland, including acreage that became Monarch Oaks subdivision, a modern development of 150 homes. Taxes of \$200 an acre had made the family farm untenable. He gave each of his 4 kids- Arnold Jr, Rosie, Herb, and Ruth- 5 acre parcels and all but 12 acres went into Monarch Oaks. He and Etta farmed those 12 acres until, surrounded, the couple raised the white flag and moved a few miles west to Kerrwood Street (Houston caught up with them there also)

When they moved, they took the farmhouse, a couple of magnolia trees, and Rock, their 21 year old mule.. Two century old barns were razed, along with the workshop, smokehouse, hog pens, and chicken coops. A storm cellar and an old well, dug by hand, were covered over.

Developers turned what was left of the farm into shopping center, anchored by a K-Mart (long closed and now a flea market). A sea of concrete was poured over what were once fields of beets, onions, cabbage, collards, tomatoes, beans, and peas.

A trust fund provides for maintenance of the little cemetery plot, the final resting place for almost 20 members of the Hillendahl clan, including its patriarch Heinrich Hillendahl. Heinrich had purchased the farm's original 80 acres in 1851 for \$2 an acre. His son added the remaining acreage in 1904. Heinrich buried his wife Elizabeth in 1854 on the northwest corner of the farm. When he died in 1870, he was buried there.

The Hillendahl clan was one of the pioneer families of Spring Branch, settled in the 1830's by German immigrants. The Hillendahl's talk about wagon rides, and chores, well water and switch whippings. When they gather to reminisce they sometimes sound like time travelers stunned to find themselves in the 21st century.

Pouring over family albums and keepsakes, like the 1860 citizenship papers for Heinrich Hillendahl, they laugh and tease and, in quiet, lament the loss of their parents and a fading way of life.

Their father, Arnold Sr. was born on the farm Jan. 26, 1893. Their mother Etta was born June 29, 1894, not so very far away, just about where Awty International School is now, near where Loop 610 meets I-10. Though the Hillendahl farm ranged from Long Point to south of Westview and from Pech east to near Antoine, the Hillendahls owned property all over Spring Branch. Once upon a time a sizable portion of Spring Branch was known as Hillendahl.

How different was it?

"We used to drive cattle down to Wirt and Long Point each morning," says Ruth, "and go get them in the evening."

"We had chores to do," Arnold says, "and we did them without question. And did them before we ate, too. Both of our parents were quite strict but just as fair as the day is long."

The family used a buggy to get into town for provisions and would butcher hogs for meat. "Homemade sausage and homemade bacon and homemade ham," says Arnold. "Oh, boy."

For fun, Herb and Arnold played ball, flew kites, whittled hatches out of slate and used them to chop at hornets' nests. They rode their bikes all the way into Houston. "We would just ride around," recalls Herb. "We'd come back out Washington and pick up a container of ice cream. We'd pedal around and eat ice cream."

Produce grown on the farm fed more than the Hillendahl brood. It fed a growing Houston. "We had a truck farm and grew vegetables," says Rosie. "We gathered them every day and sorted them and washed them and then took them to the farmers' market." The market, then downtown, was near old City Hall, in the area now known as Market Square.

Thousands of people live and work and go to school on acreage that once was the Hillendahl family farm and home. Homes built in the '50s and '60s line quiet streets shaded by oak trees and tall pines. There's Valley Oaks Elementary, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and the former Sam Houston Hospital. There is the old post office and bowling alley also.

The great-grandchildren of Heinrich Hillendahl, Rosie, Ruth, Herb, and Arnold Jr., are likely the last Hillendahls to actually have lived on the old homestead. Today Ruth lives in Katy. Arnold has a small ranch in Weimar. Rosie lives in Spring Branch. Herb lives on Huge Oaks, the only one still living on part of the original farm.

From Houston Chronicle, August 9, 1999  
submitted by Rodney Koenig

## BOHLS HOUSE HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION OCTOBER 22, 2006, PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS

In the past two weeks we have been strongly reminded of the importance of family ties and our heritage.

William Bohls came to Texas from Germany in 1844, and in 1852, he married Catherine Pfluger, daughter of Henry and Catherine Liese Pfluger, who arrived in Texas in 1850. Their oldest son was Henry and his oldest son was G.W.

G.W. was named for his personal family history, receiving his first name from his mother Julia's father, Gottlieb Schroeder. That is a heavy first name but it means "*God loves*"; not at all a bad name to carry. His middle name is that of his grandfather, William. G. W. was a walking testament to his family history. Family and heritage mattered.

G.W. married Bertha Timmerman in 1906 and they lived west of Pflugerville where Windermere subdivision is today. At that time the address was considered Round Rock. There first two children were born there, Alvin and Lucile. In 1911 they bought 95 acres where the house now sits. They lived in temporary housing on the property and that later became the barn. I was trying to do the math to see how many years ago the house was built and then realized it was the same age as my father, Leon who was born in January 1913, while the house was begin built. Looking north from here, they could almost see the farm my grandfather grew up on, just beyond the trees; farther north was the home place of Bertha. To the east they could see Bertha's brother, Theo's home. To the south rose the steeple of Immanuel Lutheran Church on the land G.W.'s grandfather had given in 1874, the holy place of ancestors and upon their death, G.W. and Bertha were laid to rest in that church cemetery with his parents and grandparents.

When the four children were young, the family would rise early and return to the farm west of Pflugerville to work in the fields. Often they would stop at Albert's Meat Market, brother to G.W. Meat was purchased and then prepared by Bertha over an open fire in a cast iron skillet for the family. On the way home in the evening another stop might prepare them for the evening meal, complete with a treat from Uncle Albert for the children.

Alvin, Lucile, Leon and Fred would go to school on the back of the family pony, Mandy crossing the narrow bridge to where the school is now, west of downtown.

After a rain, G.W. would lead his mules north to where Hutto Road now joins highway 685 and pull out the stuck wagons, and later cars; folks at times would end up spending the night.

Sometime in the early 1920's, my grandfather came down with scarlet fever. The doctor said that he may not live; the family should call the pastor. Lucile recalls the Lutheran pastor arriving and staying all night, kneeling and praying over G.W.'s bed. He prayed that God willing, G.W. would survive to care for his wife and four children. There was joy in the morning and he survived, but it notes the strong connection to the faith walk of this family.

When G.W. and Bertha moved the family to Taylor, the home was sold to his youngest brother Otto. The home later passed to his son, Clarence and it remained in the Bohls family until it was transferred to the city of Pflugerville in 1992. Many thanks are owed to Clarence and his wife Leah for their dedication to enable this marker to be placed here today, and to insure that the Bohls House would be preserved. Heritage House Partners provides a great service to this community and to all of us by preserving and maintaining this home.

This Bohls House is a slice of Pflugerville area history, a monument to the families who have stayed the course. It is good for this growing community to remember the families who gave root to this place, and may we all be inspired to not forget our heritage of faith, family and community.

**DEDICATION REMARKS BY KENT L. BOHLS  
GRANDSON OF G.W. & BERTHA TIMMERMANN BOHLS**

Texas Historical Commission staff (BB), 6/29/2006  
 27" x 42" Official Texas Historical Marker with post  
 Travis County (Job #00106) Subject BH,QA, GN (Atlas 13542) UTM: 14 633794E 3368597N  
Location: Pflugerville, 901 Old Hutto Road

### BOHLS HOUSE

GOTTLIEB WILLIAM BOHLS (1878-1961), THE OLDEST OF HEINRICH AND JULIE SCHROEDER BOHLS' TEN CHILDREN, WAS BORN ON HIS FAMILY'S FARM NEAR THIS SITE. IN 1906, G. W. MARRIED BERTHA TIMMERMAN (1883-1967), AND FIVE YEARS LATER THEY PURCHASED A 95-ACRE FARM ON THE AUSTIN-HUTTO ROAD, FORMERLY THE SITE OF THE CARRINGTON RANCH SCHOOL. THEY LIVED IN A SMALL HOME UNTIL THIS TWO-STORY, EIGHT-ROOM HOUSE COULD BE COMPLETED IN 1913. AFTER TWELVE YEARS, G.W. SOLD THE PROPERTY TO HIS YOUNGEST BROTHER, OTTO WALTER BOHLS, SR. (1898-1973), AND HIS WIFE, LAURA EMMA ANNA (FUCHS) (1898-1992). OTTO PROMOTED SOIL CONSERVATION PRACTICES ON THE FARM AND IN THE AREA, SERVING AS CHAIR OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR 13 YEARS. CONTOUR FARMING, PLANTING COVER CROPS, BUILDING STOCK TANKS, ROTATING CROPS AND PLANTING NEW SEED VARIETIES REDUCED WIND AND WATER EROSION AND KEPT THE SOIL INTACT DURING PERIODS OF DROUGHT. THE BOHLS FAMILY DEEDED THE PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE IN 1993 TO PROMOTE AND INTERPRET THE CITY'S HERITAGE AND CULTURE.

THE QUEEN ANNE FREE CLASSIC STYLE HOUSE FEATURES A HIPPED CROSS-GABLED ROOF WITH DORMER WINDOWS AND FISHSCALE SHINGLES. PROMINENT ELEMENTS INCLUDE A WRAPAROUND PORCH, MAIN DOOR SIDELIGHTS, A LONGLEAF PINE INTERIOR, AND CUTAWAY BAYS WITH WOODEN BRACKETS ON THE FRONT-FACING PARLOR AND SIDE-FACING DINING ROOM. ORIGINAL OUTBUILDINGS INCLUDED A BARN, TWO HOMES FOR FARM HANDS, A SMOKEHOUSE, AN outhouse AND A CARRIAGE GARAGE. THE ORIGINAL RAIN HARVESTING SYSTEM, INCLUDING A 4,000-GALLON BRICK AND CONCRETE UNDERGROUND CISTERN AND A 2,000-GALLON GALVANIZED TIN CISTERN ABOVE GROUND, WAS THE HOME'S ONLY SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER UNTIL 1975.

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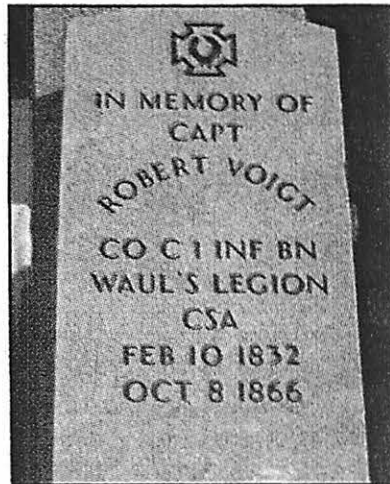
# A Soldier's Story

## W.M. Von-Maszewski translates a Confederate captain's diary

By Denise Adams

Huddled in muddy ditches or sitting around campfires at night, many Civil War soldiers kept their minds off the brutality of the war by writing long letters home to their loved ones or keeping a journal of their experiences. Their missives described the grueling marches, the shortages of food and their desires to know their families were safe.

Many diaries were lost in the chaos of the war, but a few were kept tucked away by family members. For Captain Robert Voigt's family, his old, leather-bound diary had been passed down through five



A marker has been made for Voigt who died after the Civil War.

generations, but no one could read it. The diary was written entirely in German, and none of Voigt's descendants spoke or read German.

Almost 100 years after the end of the war, Voigt's family finally discovered what their ancestor hoped and dreamed, thanks to the translating skills of Wolfram Von-Maszewski, head of genealogy at the George Memorial Library in Richmond, who speaks and writes fluent German and English.

Last year, Von-Maszewski was contacted by Voigt's family, and they told him they had been searching for someone to translate the diary for them. What Von discovered in those old pages painted a descriptive description of a man who left his family near New Ulm and went to fight a war.

Voigt's diary was being stored at the University of Texas in Austin. Von contacted the university, and they allowed him to carefully make copies of all the fragile and almost transparent letters. Voigt's penmanship and drawings were beautiful, and the staff at the university helped Von-Maszewski decipher words on the faded pages, using modern techniques of enhancing faded pages with modern copiers.

"The ink they used at the time

had iron in it, and over the years, the iron ate right through the pages," said Von.

Before starting on translating the diary, one of the first things Von did was ask the family if they had a photo or daguerreotype of Voigt. A photo of the captain shows a slender man with dark hair.

Von-Maszewski knew from Voigt's diary and letters that he was an architect. Voigt's intricate and beautiful pen drawings of cannons, complete with exact measurements, bore out the captain's attention to detail.

"A typical German will write a sentence that takes up half a page," said Von-Maszewski. From the copies, Von-Maszewski painstakingly translated the German writings into English.

### The War

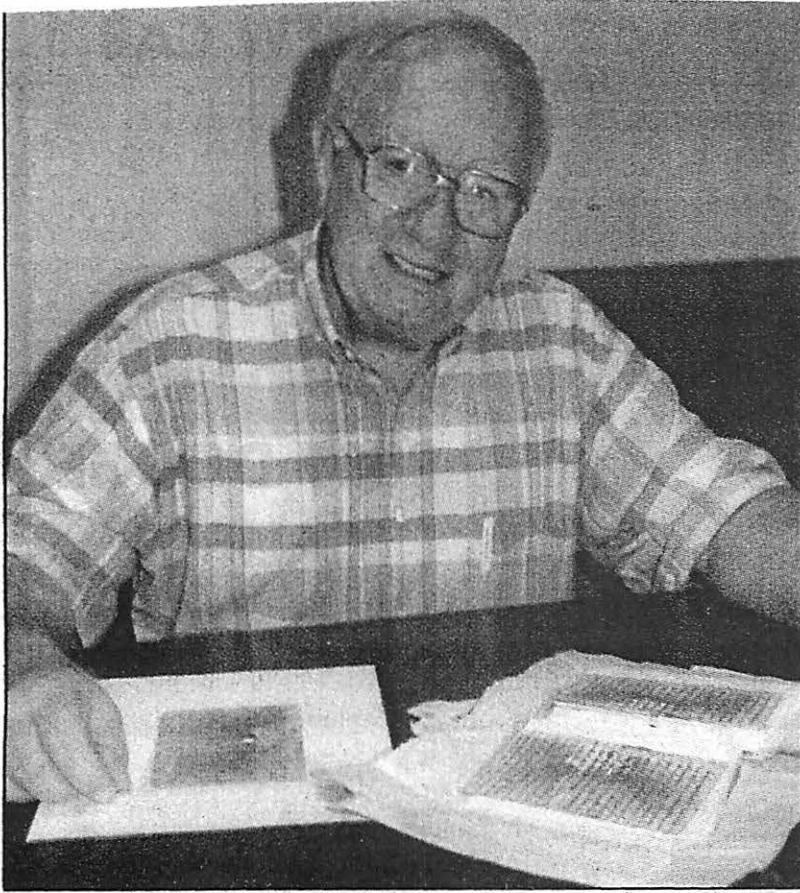
Voigt came to Texas from Germany as a teen. He married and settled in Industry. When the Civil War started, the Germans in the town found out they would either be drafted or they could form their own company and fight together.

Together, men from the town formed a company comprised entirely of Germans and joined Waul's Texas Legion. The company was sent to Washington County to train in the summer of 1862.

Over the course of 12 months, beginning in August 1862, Voigt wrote 50 letters to his wife in Industry.

From Voigt's letters, Von was able to track the company's journey from the farmlands of Industry to the fighting fields in Mississippi. They were paid 10 cents for every mile they marched, from Texas to Shreveport. At Holly Springs, they finally encountered Yankee troops.





**W.M. Von-Maszewski holds a diary, written in German, during the Civil War. The historian translated the diary for a family that had been in their family, unread, for generations.**

"They saw some action in Holly Springs, and they withdrew to Grenada," said Von-Maszewski. In May, 1863, Voigt's company was detached from the rest of the legion that was ordered to Vicksburg.

When Vicksburg fell, and the unit was at Yazoo City, they were captured. At the time, there was a new standing order in place that any soldiers captured up to July 4, 1863, would be held for a certain amount of time and then returned to their home if they promised not to fight again.

When President Abraham Lincoln realized the released Confederate soldiers were returning to battle immediately, he issued a new decree that all captured Confederate soldiers would be sent to prison.

Under the new decree, Voigt and his fellow officers were sent to Sandusky, Ohio. While he was incarcerated, Voigt continued to write in his diary and continued to correspond with his family.

After the war ended, Voigt and his family settled in Galveston. He died soon after the war in 1866, and his wife died a year later. Their three small children were turned over to Voigt's brother-in-law, and the captain's oral history diminished with each passing year.

### **The Captain**

What Von-Maszewski discovered in the pages of Voigt's diary was a man with a genuine talent for detailed, descriptive writing, both about the events and his beliefs.

"I don't think he was a rabid believer, but I think he wanted to come back and hold his head up high and say 'I did my duty,'" explained Von-Maszewski.

Not only is the diary a treasured gift for Voigt's family, undiscovered and new first-person accounts of the Civil War are difficult to find. Von-Maszewski was determined to research the captain's entire life, not just his involvement in the war.

Personally visiting areas where Voigt had been became Von-Maszewski's mission. Von-

Maszewski traveled the entire journey Waul's Texas Legion marched. Seeing the same fields that Voigt visited helped Von come to know this soldier better.

One of the last places he visited was Galveston where Voigt was buried, but he did not know where the marker was located because the storm of 1900 wiped out the markers in Galveston.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy are diligent historians, and they have information about soldiers who served the South. Von-Maszewski applied for a marker for Voigt, and the inscribed marker, embedded with a bronze medallion, will be dedicated Oct. 28 at the cemetery in Washington County.

"This is a nice way to bring him home," said Von-Maszewski. He felt particularly close to the captain when he took the exact same route up to Holly Springs, Miss. that the captain and his comrades traveled over 100 years ago.

There are still details Von would love to know about Voigt, such as the intensity of some of the battles and what happened to Voigt in those short years after the war.

Voigt's writings about that time period are corroborated by letters and diaries from soldiers serving in the same company. Those letters are in the library at Baylor

University, said Von, and their writings reflect these fairly educated men who were determined to stay in touch with their families.

Von-Maszewski is currently working on a book about Voigt so others can have additional information about the men who served the south during the Civil War.

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## GERMAN CHRISTMAS CAROL

### Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen (Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming)

This popular German Christmas carol first appeared under the title "Das altcatholische Triersche Christkindlein" ("The Old Catholic 'Triersche' Christ Child"). The first two verses were translated into English by Theodore Baker in 1894 as "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming." The first known record of the original German verses was in a German hymnal entitled *Speierisches Gesangbuch* at Köln (Cologne) in 1599. Ten additional verses were later added to the original two in order to create a ballad about how Maria (Mary) learned she was to be the mother of Jesus. No one knows who the authors may have been, but Michael Prätorius is sometimes credited.

#### DEUTSCH

#### ENGLISH

Musik: Köln, 1599  
Text: Unbekannt/Anonymous

Music: Cologne, 1599  
English (1894): Theodore Baker

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen  
Aus einer Wurzel zart.  
Wie uns die Alten sungen,  
Aus Jesse kam die Art  
Und hat ein Blümlein bracht,  
Mitten im kalten Winter,  
Wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.

Das Röslein das ich meine,  
Davon Jesaias sagt:  
Maria ist's, die Reine,  
Die uns das Blümlein bracht:  
Aus Gottes ewigem Rat  
Hat sie ein Kindlein g'boren  
Bleibend ein reine Magd.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it.  
The Virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
She bore to them a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.

### No. 7. Es ist ein Reis entsprungen.

Prätorius.

2. Es ist ein' Reis entsprungen aus einer Wurzel zart, )  
Wie uns die Al - ten sungen, von Jesse war die Art. ) Und hat ein Blümlein bracht mitten im kalten

Winter, wohl zu der halben Nacht.

2. Das Reistein, das ich meine,  
Davon Jesaias sagt,  
Hat uns gebracht alleine  
Marie, die reine Magd:  
Aus Gottes ew'gem Rath  
Hat sie ein Kind geboren  
Wohl zu der halben Nacht.



# Sonntags-Schal-Harfe.

## Sammlung

### drei- und vierstimmiger Lieder, Choräle und Responsorien.

Der Jugend der deutschen evang.-lutherischen Kirche in America  
zugeeignet

von

C. Wonnberger,

Oberlehrer und Organist an der St. Johannis-Kirche in Reading.

Neueste Auflage.

Reading, Pa.

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The hymn "Es ist ein Reis' entsprungen" (on the previous page) is from the 1878 hymnal above. It is a version of "Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen." Note that the text in the hymnal differs slightly from the 1599 original. The music in the hymnal is credited to Prätorius.

It may be by the German music historian and composer of church music, Michael Praetorius (1571-1621). He was born at Kreuzberg, in the Thuringia region of Germany and produced great quantities of church music including two books of hymns.

The biblical line "I am the Rose" (Song of Solomon 2:1) has been interpreted by some as Jesus speaking of Himself. (*In the English translation of the hymn see "Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!"*)

That Jesus' lineage goes back to Jesse is based on the biblical book of Isaiah, Chapter 11. (*In the English translation of the hymn see "Of Jesse's lineage coming"*)

The midnight birth of Jesus reminds us of Jesus' coming to save mankind "in its darkest hour." (*In the English translation of the hymn see "When half-spent was the night."*) But his return in the morning will be to rule in splendor and glory forevermore.

SUBMITTED BY FRANCES HARTMAN AND CAROLYN PETERSEN



**BOOK REVIEW**  
**by Mary El-Beheri**

Review of: Eugen Staffel: *Letters to San Antonio 1873-1875*

Eugen Staffel and his parents came to Texas in 1852, when Eugen was less than a year old. He grew up in San Antonio, attended the German-English School, and belonged to the Turnverein and Turner Fire Company. At the age of 21, he traveled to Germany, initially for the purpose of meeting his numerous relatives. Later, the opportunity to work and learn business practices on the job caused him to prolong his stay for over two years.

During this time abroad, Eugen wrote letters to his parents and his younger brother, in which he described in full and colorful detail the people he met, the sights he saw, and the experiences he had. He also referred frequently to events in San Antonio and inquired about his friends. His outgoing personality and enthusiasm are clearly communicated in these letters, and he shows himself to be a good storyteller when recounting his adventures.

Luckily, family members saved Eugen's letters. Now, a collection of them has been published in a comprehensive new edition. The complete text is given in the original German on the left-hand pages; facing it on the right-hand pages is a new English translation by Robert Spencer, who also provides the commentary. An introduction to the Staffel family's many branches establishes the context, and over 200 meticulously documented annotations shed light on the people, places and events described in the letters. The bibliography is not limited to the usual sources but serves as a guide into more specialized literature in German and English. An index of persons facilitates quick location of references to relatives, friends and acquaintances.

This book should appeal to anyone interested in the details of life during the 1870s in Texas or Germany, and should be of particular interest to those studying the history or genealogy of old German-American families from San Antonio and the Hill Country. It is highly recommended.

Retail price \$65.00. This book is published in a limited, numbered edition of 200 copies. It measures approximately 19 cm by 27 cm, contains 344 pages, and comes in a hardback buckram library binding. Illustrations include two photographs, one drawing, and four representative examples of the original handwriting in facsimile. ISBN 0-9779942-0-1. It is available through the publisher (Robert Spencer, 100 Wynnedale Road, Narberth, PA, 19072) for \$65.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling.

This is a wonderful book. I think every family should treasure their heritage as much as Eugen's family has.

Submitted by Mary El-Beheri

**THE SITUATION IN GERMANY AND IN TEXAS 1840-1860**  
**Julius Theodor Splittgerber (1819-1897)**  
**A Prussian Militarist Becomes a First Founder of Fredericksburg, Texas**  
**BY KENN KNOPP**

Julius Theodor Splittgerber was born in 1819 in Wohlau near Breslau, Silesia, controlled by German Prussians, now Poland. Other records place him as a 26 year-old single immigrant to Texas from Ruckers or Ruders, Silesia, not far from the Oder River. He was an experienced member of the Prussian military. (3 MS 1. 1-a) Splittgerber was asked to provide his military expertise in Texas by the Prussian-controlled Adelsverein, the Society of Noblemen, whose goal was the ultimate take-over of Western Texas and breaking away from the Republic of Texas. He set out from Germany to report to Prince Solms, another loyal Prussian military officer, whose headquarters was in New Braunfels, Texas, and who was in charge of developing the German colony in Texas.

When Splittgerber reported to Prince Solms in New Braunfels he found that the Prussian "goal of goals"—the setting up their German Republic of West Texas had been foiled. No longer was it to be possible that the German Republic of West Texas would begin west and south of the Colorado River. In other words, the Republic of Texas was to be allowed to remain north and east of the Colorado River. In today's terms, Austin crossing over the Colorado River bridge onto South Congress Avenue would be *crossing into the German Republic of West Texas*.

One of the reasons Prince Solms chose to develop his own port of entry into Texas down the coast along Port Lavaca Bay called Indian Point and then Indianola rather than using Galveston was his fear that Texans would be alarmed with the proposed 50,000 or more German immigrants coming through Galveston. The Adelsverein was only able to succeed in sending around 10,000 immigrants via Indianola before United States agents figured out the German Republic of West Texas scheme. U.S. president John Tyler commanded in the fall of 1845 that the United States would immediately annex Texas. Shortly thereafter Prince Solms notified the Adelsverein officers in Germany that his military mission in Texas could not be accomplished and that he would be returning to Germany. The Adelsverein nevertheless felt that trade, especially in cotton and other import-exports, could still be profitable.

The Prussians had thought they could take over the undeveloped West Texas territory and declare an independent German Republic by breaking away from the Republic of Texas. After all, the Mexicans had no trouble defeating the Texans at the Alamo; and, that the Texans were rather lucky in defeating the Mexicans at San Jacinto near Houston. But, taking on the United States of America, was an entirely different matter. In fact, the Germans who had already come to Texas prior to the fall of 1845 were relieved with President Polk's territorial imperative announcement and had already been aligning themselves with General Sam Houston who always wanted Texas to become a U.S. state.

Another factor was involved with the Prussian elite and their intentions in Texas. Prince Solms and other royals of Germany were inter-married with the ruling monarchs of England, Spain, and other countries. The English royals expected the Prussians to follow along their longstanding trade deals with the southern cotton cartels of America which also included supplying arms and ammunition. The majority of the new German immigrants also agreed with Sam Houston that for Texas to the side of the Confederacy *and to secede from the U.S. to protect chattel slavery and the cotton plantation owners would be a grave mistake*. As the Prussian-leased ships, or barqs, unloaded their "commodities" in New Orleans and Galveston, and their passengers in Indianola, the empty ships were immediately filled with cotton and other warm weather products. While the Adelsverein had to give up their dream of a Prussian republic in West Texas, they still hoped their export-import plan of expatriates and cotton would still bring riches to the their members (investors.) At the same time they wanted to help preserve the monarchies, and their titles and privileges, by getting rid of those who were daring to demand representative government.

**SPLITTGERBER REPORTS TO BARON MEUSEBACH INSTEAD OF PRINCE SOLMS**

On August 18, 1845, Julius Splittgerber boarded the brig *Arminius*, also called the *Semiramus*, leaving Bremerhaven and arriving in Galveston on October 15, 1845. (3 MS 1. 1-b) He then sailed along the Texas coast to Indianola and proceeded to up to New Braunfels, founded earlier that year in April 1845. Prince Solms had already returned to Germany and was replaced by Baron Hans Ottfried von Meusebach. Meusebach welcomed the experienced soldier and appointed Splittgerber as a member of his armed guard

and the militia which would accompany the first settlers to the second settlement and rest and recuperation stop, Friedrichsburg, enroute to the main land grant area, the Fisher-Miller Land Grant. Splittgerber and his militia and just over 100 settlers left New Braunfels around June 10-12, 1846, after an initial group of surveyors and avant-garde determined the spot between two vibrant spring-fed creeks safely away from the flood markings of the Pedernales River. The two creeks were named Bene Quelle, after one of the leaders of the group, now called Stadt Krick or Town Creek; the other named Baron's Bach, or Baron's Creek, still called that today, in honor of Baron von Meusebach, the commissioner of the Adelsverein in Texas.

Splittgerber was in possession of the claim papers giving him rights to city lot Nr. 227 on San Saba Street, now the Hauptstrasse or Main Street, as well as a 10-acre outlot on the edge of Friedrichsburg for planting edibles and grazing cattle and horses. In 1851, the year he was eligible to apply for citizenship in the U.S. he traded this property for the corner lot which is located today at the corner of Orange and Schubert Streets. There he built a simple but imposing two-story limestone house which is standing today and is substantially as he built it. (3 MS 1. 1-c)

Family lore relates that he met his future bride who was on the Nebig family's wagon in the line of wagons of first settlers coming from New Braunfels to Friedrichsburg. Splittgerber made a deal with the Nebig family to carry his possessions on their wagon. The Nebig stop-daughter, Sophie Mieke, later became his wife. She was 13 years younger than he. Great excitement happened on the trek to Friedrichsburg when the wagon driver spotted Splittgerber's fancy pistol and wanted to take a closer look at it. He accidentally caused the pistol to fire and wounding Sophie Mieke slightly in the foot. She healed quickly.

Once in Friedrichsburg and continuing his duties of helping to guard the settlers he also became a wagoner and accompanied many groups to Friedrichsburg as well as bringing regular supplies back and forth. He reported directly to the city director, Dr. Friedrich Schubert (Strubberg) at the Adelsverein office storehouse of commodities and medicines on the corner of what is now the corner of Hauptstrasse (Main street) and Washington street, now the location of the Subway Sandwich Shop. Local historian Elise Kowert lists Julius Splittgerber's work for the 10 year census report as 1850, wagoner; 1860, farmer; and 1870, lime kiln burner on the Stadt Krick (Town Creek) near his house on present-day Schubert street. (3 MS 1.1-d) Splittgerber wrote in his memoirs the worked closely with his in-laws the Nebigs and that he and the Nebigs harvested the first wheat in the Friedrichsburg area from grain he collected along the way from the port of Indianola and planted in his and the Nebig's outlots around Friedrichsburg. They processed the wheat at the Mormon Mill on the Pedernales River east of Friedrichsburg and used the milled wheat to bake their homemade bread. This bread was also a favorite of the Indians who came to Friedrichsburg and in turn bartered for it with their beads, moccasins, bear fat, honey and other items.

Splittgerber was a trusted associate of the new commissioner of the Adelsverein in Texas, Baron Hans von Meusebach and often visited him at his home and headquarters in Comanche Springs between San Antonio and Sisterdale in the area that is now within the U. S. Army's Camp Bullis Reserve. Splittgerber respected Meusebach's decision to stay in Texas, putting aside the Prussian ambitions for a German Republic of West Texas, dropping his title as baron, and announcing that henceforth his name would simply be John O. Meusebach.

To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Friedrichsburg, a compendium of the city's history was put together with personal recollections of the various first founders. Julius Splittgerber contributed to the book generously. He provided fascinating details on the second wagon train to Friedrichsburg and details about the growth of the community. (3 MS 1. 1-e)

#### THE GRUELLING EFFECTS OF THE CIVIL WAR, ESPECIALLY ON THE SPLITTGERBERS

Julius Splittgerber was a founding member of the first German men's chorus along with his pastor, the Rev. Burchard Dangers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Other founders were a Mr. Hopf, the druggist Krieger, and others. However, also among his circle of friends in Friedrichsburg were those taking the side of the secessionists and the South. The majority of Friedrichsburgers, however, found the idea of seceding from the United States abhorrent, the continuation of chattel slavery immoral and actively taking the side of the North by supporting the Union Loyal League. Splittgerber's wife sharply differed with her husband and openly criticized her husband for his stand. It is felt that their marriage took a cool turn from 1854 when the Union Loyal League and its militias first development in the Hill Country and until the Civil War ended in 1865. They separated but decided against divorce.

Their marriage, however, at least in producing children was quite fruitful: 1. Carl Heinrich, 1850-1851; 2. Theodor Bogislam, 1851-1927; 3. Ida Franziske Friederike, 1853-1939; 4. Emma Agnes Adelheim,



1856-1943; 5. Elfriede, stillborn 1858; 6. Flora, 1858-1860; 7. Clara Sophie Flora, 1858-1862; 8. Nina Martha Bogumila, 1860-1928; 9. Holda Elfrieda, 1864-1865; 10. Elfriede Auguste Katrine, 1867-1948; and 11. Julius Alex Heinrich Gustav, 1869-1946. Two males were also born in Friedrichsburg but died shortly after their birth and are buried in the Stadt Friedhof. All the children of Julius and Sophie were born in Friedrichsburg but went with their parents to live in Menard County near the end of the Civil War in 1864 probably for fear of reprisal for Julius' supporting the Confederacy. (3 MS 1. 1-f) The 1860 U.S. Census also listed 24 year-old Oscar Splittgerber, single, as residing in the Splittgerber home in Friedrichsburg. He was the half-brother of Julius who came to Texas as few years after Julius did.

Julius Splittgerber died in November of 1897 at the ranch of daughter and son-in-law, Nina and William Lewis near Menard. They had insisted that Julius come live with them where the Unionist sentiment was not nearly as strong as in Friedrichsburg. They feared that so many in and around Friedrichsburg had been killed by the Confederates he should not take the chance, at least for a good while, of possible revenge if he continued to live in Friedrichsburg. Julius accepted their offer and lived out his life in the Menard area. At his death the newspapers of Friedrichsburg and Menard lauded him as a brilliant scholar, writer, exemplary family man and generous contributor of his time and talent to community projects. Some of his writings were able to be preserved in the Splittgerber Collection of the Eugene C. Barker Center of American History at the University of Texas in Austin. (3 MS 1. 1-g) Most of his memoirs never made it the library in Austin, however. During the hostilities of the Civil War, the Hill Country Hoo-doo War (involving Mason, Gillespie, Llano and Menard counties), and then additional blame cast hither and yon in World War I and II, between Anglos and Germans and between family members, the Splittgerber family members thought it best to begin destroying documents and writings. They felt these things might be used against family members no matter who the winners of the wars and elections would be. Other family members felt otherwise and did their best to rescue the Splittgerber writings. Until the turn of the century almost everyone in the Hill Country were affected by trepidations, such as cattle rusting, killings to get property, robbing of stage coaches and banks, and evening up or settling scores and jealousies of all types.

These revelations also give us a good clue as to why very few families preserved documents not only from the old country but of their own history and family details. Conflict is usually at the root of most upheavals. One settled again it is better to get on with the new life rather than to dwell on hurts or displeasures of the past. Those who fled Friedrichsburg when the Republicans took over and began the Reconstruction Period in 1865 wrote to remaining relatives not to reveal how they would vote or actually voted in order to avoid possible repercussions.

It has not been revealed exactly on what basis Julius Splittgerber decided to take the side of the Confederacy when the vast majority of his neighbors and friends in Friedrichsburg did not wish to break away from the United States. However, being new to "voting" and awed by the democratic process he might have felt, as did a good number of new citizens, that the vote of the majority should be respected and accepted. The secession vote in Texas was 40,000 to secede and 17,000 to remain in the Union. Splittgerber as a community leader found a number of prominent citizens agreeing with him such as Frank van der Stucken I, Charles Nimitz and others. Both Van der Stucken and Nimitz were officers in the Confederacy. Also, it was not a secret that some in Germany and the royals of England were shipping Confederates arms in trade for cotton.

Julius's half-brother Oscar eventually decided to give up working at the Splittgerber Lime Kiln on Schubert street and found work that took him out of Friedrichsburg most of the time. He was also a stage coach rider (guard) that took him to El Paso as well as being a wagoner for the Confederacy. He was also implicated, but never proved, in the marauding of German Union supporters in Friedrichsburg. He was married to Martha Schellenbarger. When it began to be clear that the Confederates would be defeated Oscar and his wife first moved to Burnet and then went to the Menard area to live with Julius. In Menard he ran the stage line between Menard and Fort McKavett along the El Paso route. (3 MS 1.1-h)

#### THE PRESENT DAY DESCENDANTS

Douglas and Joye Lundgren, descendants in the Menard, Texas, area list the following lineage: Oscar & Martha Splittgerber, founded the Splittgerber ranch in Menard County in 1858. Fannie Ann (1863) and Ben Ellis (1883); Winnie Ellis; Helen Neel and Roy Lundgren; Douglas and Joye Lundgren, 719 West Highway 190, Menard, Texas 76859. Telephone 325-396-4599. They provide wild game hunts on their Oak Knoll Ranch, website: <http://www.oakknollranch.com>; email: [jdlundgren419@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdlundgren419@sbcglobal.net). The hunters, including those coming from Germany enjoy including day trips to Fredericksburg and other places in the Hill Country where they are told the story of the Splittgerbers, first founders of Fredericksburg and the



historic Splittgerber's limestone home built in the 1850's before Julius Splittgerber moved to Menard after the Civil War.

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**FRIEDRICHSBURG: SEINE ZUKUNFT UND SCHICKSAL  
FREDERICKSBURG: ITS FUTURE AND DESTINY  
BY KEN KNOPP**

**Part 3: Higher Education Began Early in Friedrichsburg**

*A. The Origins...* Among the first founders of Friedrichsburg, Texas, were eminent scholars, scientists, inventors, teachers and preachers from various parts of Germany. They sought opportunity and personal fulfillment in a new land that needed settling and development. Free land was promised by the Republic of Texas and provided! They hoped their talents would be needed and they were not disappointed. Inspiring the educational leaders in pioneer times in Friedrichsburg was no other than the leader of the German immigration association in Texas, John O. Meusebach, himself highly educated with many degrees and skilled in such fields as law, finance, botany, geology, and other fields.

In 1846, Meusebach authorized Friedrichsburg's first city director, Friedrich A. Schubert (sic), to begin the construction of the 8-sided multi-purpose building (Mehrzweckhalle) which would serve as a fort with outlook windows in its attic, a church until the various denominations could build their own, a school, city hall, and meeting place. Its importance as a site for the first school lasted many years. Through the years this building became known as the Vereinskirche, since the Verein (Adelsverein) was the organization sponsoring the immigration movement and provided some of the funding, and the Kirche or its use as church which lasted even longer than being used as a school.

Meusebach was elected as a state representative and was appointed to the Committee on State Affairs and the State Committee on Education. In addition state officials authorized Meusebach to grant land, in town, or out in the country or the county. In 1852 he helped to sponsor a special bill in the Texas Legislature that would establish common or public schools in the state of Texas. In Friedrichsburg on March 27, 1854, the Gillespie County court set up five school districts across the county. (3 MS VII 3)

Since that time these county or country schools prospered and gave careful and individual attention to their students until the 1940's. Little by little the county schools were consolidated in these centers: Fredericksburg, Doss, Stonewall, and Harper. Public high schools were created in Fredericksburg and Harper. St. Mary's Catholic High School ceased in the 1960's. Today, in addition to elementary courses, there are high school programs at Heritage Christian School, Fredericksburg Christian School, and Ambleside School. St. Mary's Parochial School covers Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Also deserving mention are the many Home Schools in Fredericksburg and Gillespie County in which parents teach their children and, from all reports, are scoring very well on college entrance examinations.

**A. REV. ALTO SEBASTIAN HOERMANN, O. S. B. (1829-1867)  
The Founding of the Catholic College of Texas in Friedrichsburg**

(It was around 1884 that the U. S. Post Office Department in Washington made the post office in Friedrichsburg or Fredericksburg decide which spelling it was to be; but it could not be both. There was no plebiscite and it is felt that the postmaster simply decided that the spelling should be Anglicized to Fredericksburg. This story involves the time when the German usage was predominant, and therefore is used here.)

Benedictine priest, or pater, the Rev. Alto Sebastian Hoermann was born on January 14, 1829, in the Bavarian village of Altdorf near Landshut, Germany. He began his studies in higher education leading to the priesthood in the Catholic seminary in Metten, Germany. However, at the age of 23 in 1852, after the death of his father, he accompanied his mother to America during the period of Germany's Great Ausbuegerung (out-migration.) Shortly after arriving at the port of Baltimore young Hoermann went on to Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he was accepted as a novice in St. Vincent Benedictine Abbey. He completed his studies and was ordained a priest on January 6, 1855. (3 MS VII 3-A. 1)

In June of 1858 the Rt. Rev. J. M. Odin, Bishop of Galveston, Texas, traveled to St. Vincent's in Pennsylvania where he was able to persuade the abbot, Rt. Rev. Boniface Wimmer, to send four German speaking priests to San Antonio to serve the growing number of new German-Texans there and the surrounding German communities of Friedrichsburg, New Braunfels, Castroville, and D'Hanis. Bishop Odin also gave the Benedictines the title to the beautiful Mission San Jose and its complex in hopes a

monastery and seminary might also then be developed. The abbot, too, hoped the new Benedictine Priory at Mission San Jose would attract new novices for the order. In addition, the abbot charged the Texas-bound priests to "also extend your missionary activities throughout the Southwest." (3 MS VII. 3-A. 2)

Named as prior of the San Antonio Benedictines was Rev. P. Alto S. Hoermann. Accompanying him were Rev. Aemilian Wendel, Rev. Peter Baunach, Rev. Theodor von Grunder, and the Rev. Gallus Erhard. Two Benedictine Brothers, Michael Boehm and Norbert Rossberger also accompanied them. (3 MS VII. 3-A. 3) When the Benedictines reached the port of New Orleans they were met there by Bishop Odin who then took them by steamer to Galveston, Texas. The cathedral and the chancery office of Bishop Odin was on Galveston Island and was the only diocese in Texas at that time. It is here where the four priests and two brothers reported and received from Bishop Odin their official invitation to minister in San Antonio and the Texas Hill Country. (3 MS VII. 3-A. 4)

After arriving at Mission San Jose the Benedictines then began their active ministries in and around San Antonio. At one time or the other, three of the Benedictines served as pastors in the Catholic Church of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Friedrichsburg: Rev. P. Alto S. Hoermann, 1859-1860; Rev. Theodor von Grunder, 1861, and during the entire Civil War, Rev. Peter Baunach, 1861-1866. (3 MS VII. 3-A. 5)

#### THE FOUNDING OF THE CATHOLIC PARISH IN FRIEDRICHSBURG

Among the first Catholic families who came to Friedrichsburg after it was founded on May 6, 1846, were such family names as Meurer, Schandua, Heinemann, Klein, Metzger, Weber, Blank, Leyendecker, Weinheimer, Schmitz, Roeder, Petsch, Pehl, Besier, Brinkrolf, Fritz, Vogel, Berg, Stehling and others. In Germany at that time an organization of royals, the Adelsverein, in the service of the various German monarchies, was founded at Schloss Biebrich in 1842, and hosted by Archduke Adolph von Nassau. Only titled royals could join the stock company whose goal was a clever "Ausbuegerung" Scheme, that is, ridding Germany of troublemakers, such as idealists who were clamoring for a united Germany and an elected, representative government. Also considered troublemakers were the many jobless and the paupers a persistent drought as well as industrialization was causing. This was also the same time as the Irish Potato Famine. In addition there were laws keeping those not "first-sons" from inheriting. The Republic of Texas welcomed the Germans, regardless of their backgrounds, and provided land in unsettled regions for them. Texas needed inhabitants if it intended to keep control of its land. Both Mexico and the Indians were constant threats.

More than fifty ships were contracted by the Adelsverein to begin bringing immigrants to Texas. More than 12,000 Germans and other Europeans took the Adelsverein up on their offer for the virtually free voyage from the ports of Bremen and Antwerp to the ports of Galveston and Indianola from 1844 to 1847.

However, in the beginning of 1847 and in 1848, the German monarchy and rulers realized that they had succeeded in squashing the Democratic Revolution since so many of the revolutionists took advantage of going with their families to the Republic of Texas, the United States, South America, Australia, and other countries and areas. The Adelsverein, rather than continue the coming and going of ships from Germany to Texas and back again, decided to forego the profitable return voyages of the ships filled with bales of cotton, hides, corn (maize), and other warm-climate products. Their regimes were now safe. They abolished the Adelsverein and liquidated all assets. The immigrants to Texas would just have to survive on their own. Now, their monarchism and feudalism could continue, and did so for another thirty years before representative government finally came to Germany.

In December of 1845 Texas was admitted as a state just as the German settlers were about to set sail from Bremen and had received their warrants of lots they would receive in the new town of Friedrichsburg that was to be founded. John O. Meusebach was their leader. The Adelsverein had not yet announced it was ceasing to exist. Friedrichsburg was founded on May 8, 1846. Through the leadership of Meusebach all the first founders of Friedrichsburg were able to take possession of their town lots as well as their ten acre out-lots for their gardens and livestock located around the new town. Even when the Adelsverein was defunct immigrants then paid their own way from Germany to Texas. Letters to Germany extolled the benefits and advantages of Texas, especially its mild winters. Constant streams of new German and other European settlers continued to arrive at the Texas ports.

Certainly at one time or another John O. Meusebach, whose home was in Comanche Springs, which is now in Leon Springs and Camp Stanley about ten miles northwest of San Antonio, must have met Father Hoermann in San Antonio or somewhere in the German Hills and particularly Friedrichsburg. Raised a

Lutheran, Meusebach during his university days no doubt lapsed into secular humanism. He was not like many of the Freidenker immigrants who came to the Hill Country who spoke Latin and who were practicing atheists and agnostics very much against organized religion. Meusebach was the kindest type of person; but he never took his children to learn catechism, be baptized, take first holy communion, or to be confirmed. He did attend church on special occasions out of respect to friends and relatives, such as weddings or funerals. (3 MS VII 3-A. 6)

As Prior of the San Antonio, Texas, area Benedictines, Father Hoermann was the spiritual pastor of an ever-growing German-Texan Catholics in the same places where Meusebach was the temporal leader. The one Catholic bishop for all of Texas was still located at that time a long ride of 260 miles away from Friedrichsburg on Galveston Island. The new Benedictines provided a welcome relief to Bishop Odin and provided a unified core of dedicated pastors to bring the Word of God and the Sacraments of Consecration to the Hill Country Catholic pioneers. Even the Indians enjoyed the Benedictines!

#### THE TRAVAIL OF THE CIVIL WAR PERIOD

By the summer of 1854 the problem of the Anglo and German cotton dealers brought serious division *and derision throughout South and Central Texas. From the Gulf Coast up to New Braunfels at the edge of the Hill Country*, many Germans realized that cotton field and the sale of baled cotton at the Texas ports were critically important to economic well-being. But the Germans, most highly educated, were not quite prepared to seeing Negroes bound in ropes at the chattel slavery auction blocks of New Orleans, Galveston, and Indianola ports.

It took the Germans of the Hill Country northwest of New Braunfels many months to clear off sufficient rocky and brush lands before proper cultivation and the planting of crops. Ranching and the raising of cattle, especially the tough and self-sufficient longhorns, proved to be much less complicated than farming, even though a slower process. The longhorns which came to the area from Spain and the Conquistadors were good at fending off the many predatory animals such as the coyotes. The first fields around Friedrichsburg and Mission San Jose were needed for growing survival edibles such as yellow corn, wheat, and cane. Cornmeal and cornbread were staples from the very beginning and still are today. Cotton also began to be planted early on because of the ready markets at the ports, especially with the German ships and their traders.

To the puzzlement of many Germans, from the moment they set foot on Texas soil, they began to hear the word "secession." Once its meaning was explained to them they also had to cope with other disturbing words: "slavery", "the South", and idea of a new "Confederacy." Coming into Texas by the droves were also other settlers from Southern states where they heard anti-Union or Yankee sentiments. Then they also heard of the secret society, the Knights of the Golden Circle, the forerunner of the Klu Klux Klan, and their determination to uphold chattel slavery and the subjugation of the Negro. The new German settlers were surprised and saddened that the United States was not nearly as "united" as they had envisioned.

At the San Antonio Saengerfest of 1854, the pro-Union and anti-secession, anti-slavery Germans of the *Texas Hill Country met to plan how they could live up to their principles and to support the Union.* They decided to counter the Knights of the Golden Circle by forming their own society, the Union Loyal League in which they would come together regularly to reaffirm their principles and to be prepared to fight if necessary. Towns with ULL groups and in the pro-Union camp were Friedrichsburg, Comfort, Sisterdale, Tusculum (Boerne), Mason, and a number of San Antonio German precincts. Most New Braunfelsers decided to stay neutral hoping to avoid conflict. From New Braunfels to the south and east were large cotton plantations especially along the lush bottoms of the Guadalupe, Colorado, Brazos and other rivers and their tributaries. New Braunfels would be the largest German precinct voting for secession in 1861. When the Civil War came the strife and the killings were horrendous with brother against brother. The Civil War caused much difficulty for the Benedictines in Texas.

#### THE BENEDICTINE YEARS IN FRIEDRICHSBURG

Itinerant priests from San Antonio and Mexico began to visit Friedrichsburg in the fall of 1847 to say Mass, provide the Sacraments, and preach and teach. A dedicated layman catechist and school teacher, John Leyendecker, led prayer and scriptural services in the absence of priests. He and other helpers saw to baptisms and proper funerals. Catholics and Lutherans held separate services in the Vereinskirche on the Marktplatz before the Catholics built their first loghouse church on an uptown hill in late 1848.



In 1849 Father Menzel, an itinerant missionary from Friedland, now in the Czech Republic, served the parish for many months. Before deciding to return to Friedland he and parishioners constructed a huge wooden cross on top of the Kruezeberg, Cross Mountain, which overlooks the town. The cross was to continue the tradition started on the hill by Spaniards and their missionaries who placed one there a century earlier as a directional marker from their headquarter Mission San Jose in San Antonio and their outpost mission and presidio near Nacogdoches at the East Texas border with Louisiana. When electricity came to Friedrichsburg the Catholic parish added lights to the cross on top of Cross Mountain. It is an inspiration to this day. (3 MS VII. 3-A. 7)

That same year, 1849, a great plague of cholera and thrush invaded the town and many people died and had to be buried quickly in mass graves. Valentin Heinemann and a crew of helpers saw to these burials. These plagues were occurring at the same time in other cities including Galveston. Priests were victims, too, who had been traveling the "German route" from Galveston to Frelsburg, New Braunfels to Friedrichsburg, and from Ft. Concho and Ft. McKavitt to El Paso.

In July of 1856 a Flemish settler in Friedrichsburg, Jean-Francois van der Stucken, brought much happiness to the parish and the town by locating and personally financing a bell for the Catholic Church. Parishioners saw to it that van der Stucken was paid back by their personal contributions from April 1856 to January 1861 in the amount of \$115. (3 MS VII. 3-A. 8) When this debt was paid it led to the planning of a new and larger church because of the constant new immigrants coming from Germany and elsewhere. Also, when Bishop Odin came to administer the sacrament of confirmation, he was convinced that it was time for the parish to have its own permanent and resident pastor. The other German parishes, too, needed pastors. It was then that the bishop decided to make the long trip to the Benedictine Abbey in Pennsylvania in hope of finding German speaking pastors for his Hill Country parishes. His efforts were well rewarded.

In August of 1859 Rev. Alto S. Hoermann, O.S.B. became the first resident pastor of St. Mary's in Friedrichsburg. Every two weeks he would go to the Benedictine Priory at Mission San Jose in San Antonio to confer with his Benedictine associates. His pastorate in Friedrichsburg lasted from the summer of 1859 to October of 1860 when he returned to Mission San Jose. Undoubtedly, Father Hoermann knew with utmost certainty that the feared war between the states and its severe consequences would be soon be taking place. Pro-Union Friedrichsburg and the Hill Country would be terribly impacted. The Castles, the individual units of the Knights of the Golden Circle, could not wait to exact their vengeance and make the Germans pay for their opposition to the Confederacy and for voting for that Black-Lover, Abraham Lincoln.

Jean-Francois van der Stucken married a Lutheran, Sophie Schoenewolf, and agreed to have their children receive the sacraments of that church. His sister, Louise, married Eduard Maier and became Catholic. Jean-Francois and Eduard Maier, however, became staunch Confederate supporters. Van der Stucken became an officer in the Confederate army. From 1862 to 1865 were three years of hell and killing in and around Friedrichsburg. When it finally became clear that the Union was going to defeat the South, and fearing reprisal, Jean-Francois, his wife, and seven year old son, Frank, decided to return to Antwerp, Belgium. There, young Frank studied music under the tutelage of masters became a renowned composer and conductor. In time he returned to America to become the first director of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. His visits to his birthplace, Friedrichsburg, were exciting occasions. The reprisals and retribution his father feared never did take place in Friedrichsburg. The miseries of the war were so terrible for both sides that everyone vowed to "let it go" --if not to forgive or forget. No doubt the Benedictine pastors, the German Lutheran, the Methodist ministers, and others, worked overtime to get their adherents to get on with their lives, to rebuild their families and the economy, and to again live and let live. They must have succeeded; for there are not stories of retribution that have come down through the years.

It was during Father Hoermann's pastorate in Friedrichsburg when it was common to see Indians of many tribes coming to and from with things to barter, sell, and to socialize. For only in Friedrichsburg were Indians permitted to enjoy "fire water." Thus meeting and greeting Indians in their traditional garb and visiting them in their tipis along the town creek, Baron's Creek, no doubt provided a source of inspiration for his historical novels that he began to write while stationed in Friedrichsburg.

St. Mary's early parishioner, Christian Kraus, Sr., in his memoirs tells of the history of Mission San Jose near San Antonio and quotes from one of Father Hoermann's writings but could not say which one:

*Where the blue waters of the San Antonio rush  
There came the Lipans to the San Jose*

*From the benevolent whites his word to hear  
And trade a plow for his spear.*

Pater Alto Hoermann

At the same time, all kinds of travelers including those in stage coaches stopped in Friedrichsburg for awhile before continuing the long, arduous ride to El Paso and on to the Gold Rush sites of the Far West and California. But it was the Seven Hills of Friedrichsburg which included the impressive Kreuzberg, Cross Mountain, the majestic Balanced Rock on Bear Mountain, mystic and magnificent Enchanted Rock, the second largest granite mountain in the world, and the beautiful scenery of the entire area which did much to ignite Father Hoermann's literary genius. During this time he began writing *The Daughter of Tehuan: Texas in the Previous Centuries*.

#### THE CATHOLIC COLLEGE OF TEXAS AND THE BENEDICTINE MONASTERY AND SEMINARY OF FRIEDRICHSBURG

Father Hoermann was elated that such Friedrichsburg stalwarts as Christian Kraus, Jean-Francois van der Stucken, county clerk Friedrich von Wrede, Jr., and other leaders were overjoyed when he consulted them about his plan to build a Catholic college, monastery, and seminary on a hill on the eastern edge of the city next to Fort Martin Scott. Encouraged by everyone's enthusiasm, six thousand acres of land was bought from the San Antonio businessman, John Twohig, in 1859. "It will be the Monte Casino of Texas!" Fr. Hoermann would tell one and all about what was going to take place in Friedrichsburg. Fr. Hoermann also received the backing of the abbot and other associates at St. Vincent's in Pennsylvania.

But then suddenly in the midst of all the enthusiasm Texas officials called for a statewide vote on Texas seceding from the United States of America. The vote would in effect be a declaration of war against the U.S. Animosities erupted in true earnest between all factions. The Union Loyal League was alerted and activated by Germans opposing secession in the communities of the Hill Country. Backed by the rabid Knights of the Golden Circle, Confederate sympathizers rallied and began forming their fighting troops. After the state vote sided with the Confederacy, the Federal garrisons at Fort Mason, Camp Verde, and Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio fell one by one over to the Confederates. Fort Martin Scott had ceased operation in Friedrichsburg when the troops were assigned to the new Fort Mason further west.

Despondent, with parishioners and citizens in Friedrichsburg hunkering down in their homes and preoccupied by the war, the Benedictine superiors in Pennsylvania urged Fr. Hoermann to return to Mission San Jose and relative safety of the barrios of San Antonio. Then he was ordered to return to Pennsylvania just as soon as he could responsibly do so. He was replaced in Friedrichsburg by his brother Benedictine, Fr. Theodor von Grunder, O.S.B. in early 1861 when the Civil War broke out.

Father Grunder was a young priest who concentrated on everyday parish work and family consecration to Jesus. Rather than taking up Fr. Hoermann's plans for a Catholic college, monastery, and seminary in Friedrichsburg, the new pastor shifted goals to the building of a larger parish church for the ever growing congregation. It was built near the original old church. Before Father Hoermann said his final farewell to the parishioners of St. Mary's and left for Pennsylvania, he presented the parish with an organ, a melodium. The gift was a great surprise and inspiration to all, especially to Franz Stein, the devoted parish teacher and organist. (3 MS VII. 3-A. 9)

When heated arguments began to pop up about the construction details of the new church, good Father Grunder was caught in the middle. He called on his good friend and brother Benedictine, Fr. Peter Baunach, who was up to friendly but firm sparring with the parish "experts," to please come take his place in Friedrichsburg. Fr. Baunach accepted and was the pastor in Friedrichsburg from 1861 to 1866, seeing the building of the Marienkirche through, and at the same time weathering the horrible dilemma of the Civil War that tore apart his parishioners and other citizens of Friedrichsburg.

The Marienkirche, the second church, was consecrated on November 17, 1863. Bishop Odin had earlier become the Archbishop of New Orleans. The new bishop of Texas, Rt. Rev. C. Dubuis, came to Friedrichsburg from Galveston to dedicate the new church and provide the sacrament of confirmation. An Indian rang the bell that was transferred from the log church to the new limestone church, the Marienkirche. The bishop's extended visit in Friedrichsburg, surrounded by Confederate troops, gave great consolation and encouragement to the people. Not many months before the pro-Union Germans of the Hill Country, including many from Friedrichsburg, were massacred when about 65 Germans tried to flee to Mexico to keep from being to forced into the Confederate army.

The bishop learned that the Benedictines of St. Vincent's in Latrobe were filled with great anxiety about

the welfare of their priests and brothers in the Civil War turmoil in Texas. Sadly, the prior of San Jose Mission, Fr. Hoermann, informed Bishop Dubuis that he and the Benedictines of San Antonio and the Hill Country were under instruction to go back to Pennsylvania in an appropriate and orderly time. Fr. Hoermann was to return to the bishop of Texas all titles to the San Jose properties. The land in Friedrichsburg that was being purchased for the proposed college, monastery, and seminary was to be returned to the original owner, John Twohig of San Antonio. Always, the hope was held out that sometime or another when peace again would come back to the Texas Hill Country and that the Benedictines might be able to return. But that never happened.

Father Hoermann was the first to go back to Pennsylvania. It is thought that ill health might also have been an overriding factor in Father Hoermann being the first to return to St. Vincent's. The other Benedictine priests also left Texas eventually and returned to the abbey as replacements were able to be found at the parishes. In 1864 Father Hoermann was sent to Augusta, Kentucky, to serve as pastor there. In a state of ill health because of lung problems he returned to St. Vincent where he died on June 29, 1867.

History has a strange way of asserting itself! In the year 2000 it was announced that Texas Tech University would be establishing a branch of that university in Fredericksburg. The City of Fredericksburg donated beautiful acreage to Texas Tech for the building of its campus in Fredericksburg. This land included the very same property that Father Hoermann had bought for his Catholic college in 1859!

#### SOME OF THE KNOWN WRITINGS OF FATHER HOERMANN

1859: "Natternberg bei Metten" a poem in the book by Georg Aichenger, *Kloster Metten und seine Umgebung*, Landshut, Germany. In the German language.

1864: *Aner's Ruckkehr (Aner's Return)*, an allegory translated into English by Rev. Anton Bergrath, O.S.B., a former student of Fr. Hoermann.

1866: *Die Tochter Tehuan's, The Daughter of Tehuan: Texas of the Past Century*, Benziger Brothers, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1866. Translated into English by Alois Braun of Boerne, Texas, published by the Standard Printing Co., San Antonio, Texas, 1932.

### B. FREDERICKSBURG COLLEGE OPENED BY THE METHODISTS IN 1876

After much personal sacrifice and with the help of the Methodist Episcopal Church Mission Conference of Texas and Louisiana, members of the local Methodist churches and friends opened Fredericksburg College in 1876 eleven years after the close of the Civil War. At one time it had as many of 250 students. (3 MS VII 3-B) However, because of the ever-mounting needs of Methodist colleges and missions elsewhere, the main source of funding, from the church, began to become a problem. The local Methodists could not shoulder the bulk of the need for increased funding as the enrollment grew, more supplies were needed, and the growing faculty required paying. Another Methodist college, Southwestern College in Georgetown, had been founded in 1840, six years before the founding of Fredericksburg in 1846.

It was decided to transfer the conference support to Southwestern College. In 1884 Fredericksburg College closed its doors. Not too long later, in 1911, Southwestern College in Georgetown was confronted with the same financial dilemma when the conference voted to open Southern Methodist University in Dallas. But Southwestern was able to survive and is healthy to this day.

Today, the main building of the old Fredericksburg College still stands, albeit remodeled many times, in the center of what is now the Fredericksburg Middle School and is operated by the Fredericksburg Independent School District.

### C. ST. ANTHONY'S COLLEGE OPENED IN 1909

In 1909 to provide business education beyond high school, the pastor of St. Mary's Parish, the Rev. F. Niessens, who was the pastor at St. Mary's from 1904 to 1913, convinced the parish to open St. Anthony's College of Fredericksburg. Two instructors were hired, Professor Thiemeyer and Professor Ehrhart, who taught in the second floor of the elementary school as well as in St. Joseph's Halle. After World War I the government underwrote courses involving civil service including stenography and typing. This set the pace



for a full program of advanced commercial and business education which was under the direction of Professor J. M. Dubray. By 1921 more than fifty students had graduated from the three year course of instruction. (3 MS VII 3-C)

In 1923 Professor Dubray accepted a teaching position in Austin, Texas, at St. Edward's College, a sister college to Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. Taking his place in Fredericksburg was Professor Huslage. Not long thereafter the parish built a new school building which included classrooms for the parochial elementary school and St. Anthony College courses. For fifteen years St. Anthony's provided businesses and the professions with efficiently trained business graduates. The author's father, Jacob Peter Knopp, was one of these graduates. He was noted for his beautiful penmanship and detailed bookkeeping and stayed in that field, and in Fredericksburg, all of his life.

St. Anthony's was open to students of all different faiths. However, its secular teachers needed to earn living wages and the college needed the new business machines, textbooks, and supplies. In the 1920's money was becoming hard to come by and it would not be too long when the depression would make the financial situation in Fredericksburg and elsewhere most critical. The nuns from the Congregation of Divine Providence in San Antonio were then invited to Fredericksburg. Even though they sacrificed much of their salaries, only the elementary and later the high school grades were able to be saved. In 1924 St. Anthony's College was forced to close its doors.

#### **D. COMMUNITY COLLEGES BEGAN OFFERING COURSES IN 1971**

With the establishment of the Hill Country Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg, an LVN school for nurses was opened in 1971 and operated with much success until 1991. Howard College of Big Spring, Texas, accredited the school and took over its operation. Then in the Fall of 1992, Austin Community College of Austin, Texas, set up an active branch in Fredericksburg offering a junior college curriculum that attracted 350 students its first semester. Under the Early College Start Program of Texas, students at Fredericksburg and surrounding high schools could begin taking college classes after their sophomore year. Through this program students could take complete their high school courses and at the same time earn college credit at no cost. It was not long when ACC-Fredericksburg was fully accredited and not having to leave Fredericksburg. ACC today attracts over 500 students per semester in more than 25 course sections. (3 MS VII 3. D-1)

ACC-Fredericksburg then began offering CVT or compressed video technology courses which let the students attend classes in Fredericksburg but their teachers would teach from the main campus in Austin. Large TV screens and speakers enabled the students to take part in classroom discussions while being connected electronically to their Austin instructors. This program provided for complete LVN and ADN Nursing degrees in Fredericksburg. The clinicals were done at local hospitals under the supervision of chief hospital administrator Jerry Durr and his staff. Thus the nursing school became even more successful in Fredericksburg.

ACC-Fredericksburg provides the Core Curriculum for qualify transfers to four-year colleges, including the new Texas Tech University at Fredericksburg. ACC-Fredericksburg offers 64-hour associate degrees in Criminal Justice, Child Development, Nursing, and General Studies. In outlining its goals and mission statement ACC-Fredericksburg Susan Nichols director explains "Higher education in the Hill Country has been greatly enhanced by the amazing cooperation between Austin Community College, Fredericksburg Independent School District, Hill Country Memorial Hospital, the City of Fredericksburg, and the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. ACC and the Fredericksburg community continues to help bridge the gap between the treasured *Hill Country Way of Life* and the pursuit of higher education while providing area communities with an enriched workforce population. Our goal: education now to provide for the future and preserving our past." (3 MS VII 3. D- 2

#### **THE HILL COUNTRY HIGHER EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE**

In 1998, enthusiastic businesses and representatives of the city, county, hospital, and schools formed the Hill Country Higher Education Steering Committee to explore the possibilities of establishing a university undergraduate, graduate, and specialized studies in Fredericksburg. It found that the Hill Country is the largest geographic and most populated area in the state of Texas not currently served by a public institution of higher education. A student survey and assessment likewise revealed that 77% wanted to attend college but that the major obstacles in their way were classes were too far away, should be nearer to their home,



and that the cost of living away from home were prohibitive.

#### E. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY-FREDERICKSBURG ESTABLISHED IN 2002

The Higher Education Steering Committee of Fredericksburg began contacting universities and were pleased when the Texas Tech University System, based in Lubbock, responded positively to their inquiry and offered to begin upper-level and graduate school academic programs and educational services in Fredericksburg the Summer of 2002. Bob Hickerson was appointed dean of the Texas Tech University in Fredericksburg, as well as Texas Tech's other branches in Junction and Marble Falls. After much negotiation with state officials everyone concerned reached an agreement that Austin Community College would retain their junior college undergraduate courses while Texas Tech University at its three Hill Country centers would provide upper level, specialized, and graduate courses. It would also provide educational efforts not covered by Austin Community College in Fredericksburg.

Robert Weinheimer from the outset was the chairman of the Higher Education Steering Committee assisted by Larry Nevels, Tim Crenwelge, Jay Weinheimer, Sherman Durst, Lucille Rochs, Maria Ramos, Doris Spraggins, Calvin Ransleben, Gary Klenzing, Linda Langerhans, Joe Kammlah, Wayne Harrell, Jeff Bourgeois, Mark Prehn, Marc Williamson, Jan Fritz, Gordon Sauer, Pari Whitten, and James Knopp.

#### CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG OFFERS LAND FOR THE TEXAS TECH CAMPUS

It was a happy day when Mayor Tim Crenwelge and City Commissioners offered a 50-acre site adjacent to Historic Fort Martin Scott on the eastern outskirts of the city as the location of the Texas Tech University at Fredericksburg campus. This was part of the same land that Pater Hoermann originally purchased in 1859 for the Benedictine university he hoped to establish before the Civil War caused him and his associates to be recalled back to their Pennsylvania headquarters.

The state legislature then allocated an initial one million dollars to provide the seed money to get the university in Fredericksburg going. The recession and the state budget crunch in Texas had a role in keeping the funding limited and very much short of what was needed. But the enthusiasm of the staff, headed by Dr. Valerie Paton, director of the Fredericksburg branch of TTU, and the initial faculty and students was most optimistic. A wide variety of initial courses in various fields was created and provided much encouragement.

To celebrate the coming of Texas Tech University to Fredericksburg, the annual Van der Stucken Music Festival was enjoyed by a full house in the new state-of-the-art auditorium of Fredericksburg High School on March 22, 2002. The concert featured accomplished singers and musicians, faculty as well as students, from the Lubbock campus of Texas Tech. Distinguished guests from across the state and nation, including Dr. & Mrs. Christoph Eichhorn of the German embassy in Washington, and the president and first lady of the Texas Tech University system, Mr. & Mrs. David J. Schmidly attended the special occasion.

Dr. Paton was transferred to the provost office at the main campus in Lubbock and was replaced by Dr. James Morris as director of Texas Tech University at Fredericksburg. An impressive array of courses were being offered by 2004. Courses and other information can be accessed on the internet: [www.hillcountry.ttu.edu](http://www.hillcountry.ttu.edu); or by calling the TTU-F office at 1-830-990-2717 in Fredericksburg, Texas. Well attended are the Life Long Learning, Extended Studies, and Community Outreach Programs of special courses, lectures, field trips, special interest movies, and book reviews coordinated by Wanda S. Merchant. A major event was the sponsoring of a guest lecture by the Duke of Saxony, Prince Johannes, who came to Fredericksburg to speak on little known aspects of German immigration to Texas he had uncovered in his family archives. The corridor of the main office building in Fredericksburg shows a series of beautiful drawings of the proposed campus which is hoped to be built in the near future. (3 MS VII. 3-E)

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## GERMAN TV CHANNELS ?? (a note from Eva Barnett & Helgard Suhr-Hollis)

If a GTHS member has Time Warner Cable TV and would like to have access to German TV channels, he/she should phone or write to

Time Warner Customer Relations  
PO Box 460849  
San Antonio, TX 78246  
Phone 210-352-4600

and tell Time Warner you are interested in German language programs. Time Warner says if enough people are interested they will add German channels.

## 100 Year-Old Stained Glass Windows Get New Home

In the midst of the brand new finishes that will be installed in the magnificent sanctuary, eight special stained glass windows will incorporate times past.

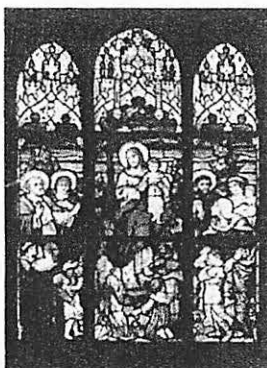
These stained glass windows were made in 1905 in Munich, Germany and were originally installed in the chapel of an orphanage in Philadelphia. Designed to enrich the lives of the orphans, the windows depict the family life of Christ such as Jesus with children and the mar-

riage of Mary and Joseph.

The orphanage eventually closed and the building became a Catholic vocational high school. The chapel was renovated into a gymnasium and the windows were covered and forgotten for many

years. During further renovations, the windows were discovered and the Diocese offered them to any religious facility within the Diocese. St. William Catholic Church is the fortunate recipient.

The windows are currently being restored at Beyer Studio outside of Philadelphia and will be one of the last items installed. The windows will once again have new life and will be appreciated for generations to come at their new home.



**The Dedication of the new St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock, Texas will be Nov. 18, 2006**

**Submitted by Arlene and Joe Burges**



## POSSIBLE GERMAN-AMERICAN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

by Eugene Voelke

During a recent trip to the Kreis Siegen-Wittgenstein, in Germany, interest was expressed in the possibility of starting a summer exchange program for high school age students from Texas and Germany. Such an exchange program is being pursued jointly by the German-American Association of Siegen-Wittgenstein and The Texas-Wittgenstein Heritage Group. Siegen-Wittgenstein is located between Frankfurt & Koln, approximately 50 miles East of the Rhein River. It is an area from which many German families emigrated to Central Texas during the 1840s and 1850s. Consequently, there has been a significant amount of interest between citizens of that Kreis (County) and descendants of early immigrants to Texas, (particularly Austin, DeWitt, Fayette, Gillespie, & Washington Counties).

While plans are preliminary at this time, it is envisioned that the exchange would take place from late June until early August, with approximately three weeks being spent in each Country. Ages of participants would be sixteen thru eighteen years. The concept is that visiting students would be housed & fed by host families, each family hosting one or two students. Food & housing would be provided by each host family, so that the primary cost to students would be air fare & incidental expenses. Ideally, parents of participating students would act as hosts for German students. Due to the Summer break in German schools being somewhat shorter than in our schools, it is envisioned that the German students visiting Texas would be here during the last week of June & first two weeks of July & Texas students would go to Germany from mid July thru the first week of August.

Persons interested in participating either as students or host families, or both, should contact Eugene Voelkel, e-mail: [ejvoelke@alpha1.net](mailto:ejvoelke@alpha1.net) or telephone 979-774-4405. Postal address is: 4 Ravens Perch, Bryan, Tx 77808.

## CITY WILL RECOGNIZE GERMAN INFLUENCE Submitted by Judith C. Renker

Thursday night, Mayor William "Bill" Jones III is expected to sign a proclamation recognizing Friday, Oct. 6, as German-American Day in Temple.

Doris Reigle said she hopes it will help raise awareness among the community's German descendants about their heritage.

"I hope in future years, we'll be able to have a big cultural celebration," she said.

Mrs. Reigle is vice president of the Temple chapter of the Texas German Society.

The group meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of

every month at the Temple College Student Union.

But its numbers are dwindling.

"We need new people to get involved," she said.

"This is an important part of history and we don't want to see it lost."

German Day was cele-

brated in the 19th Century and revived in 1987 as German-American Day.

It is celebrated Oct. 6 because on that date in 1683, 13 German families from Krefeld near the Rhine landed in Philadelphia and subse-

quently founded the first German settlement in the colonies - Germantown, Penn.

According to the German-American Heritage Society of Greater Washington D.C., "The day also honors the many German immigrants who came here before and after that year and who contributed to greatly to this country.

For information about German history in Texas, see [www.texasgermansociety.com](http://www.texasgermansociety.com).

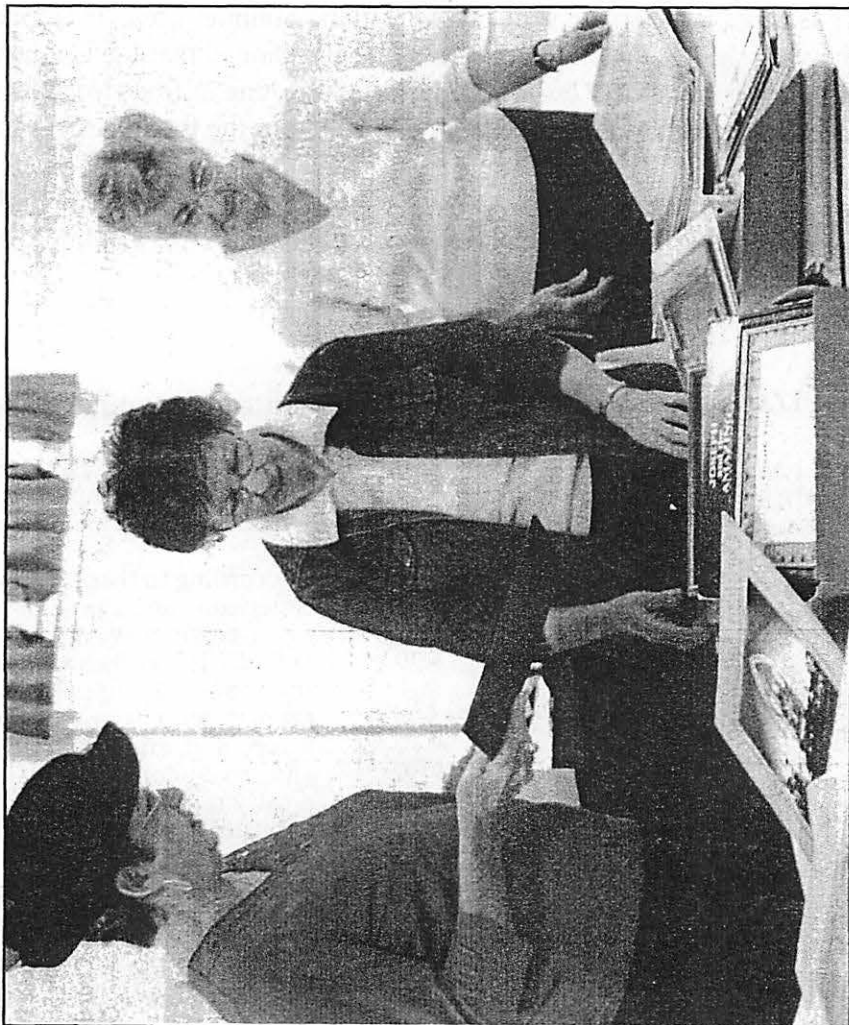
For more on the local club, visit a meeting or contact Mrs. Reigle at (254) 859-3583 or by E-mail at [cereigle@earthlink.net](mailto:cereigle@earthlink.net)

From Temple Daily Telegram, Oct. 3, 2006



SUBMITTED BY JUDITH C. RENKER

## Area Spotlight



Charlotte Wilmer-Goeke, Caroline Fagan and LaVern Vanicek have worked to archive and organize the 120-year history of First Lutheran Church in Temple. The archives will be on display at the 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, celebration. (Photo by Shaina Sullivan)

# First Lutheran Church celebrates 120 years

By TOMIE LUNSFORD

Small in number but strong in faith, 13 people planted a church in 1886 that would grow for more than a century.

Those charter members of Temple's First Lutheran Church rooted the seeds for today's sturdy congregation of 425.

The founding mission hasn't changed. Members still strive to "to love and serve Christ in the community in the unity of the Holy Spirit."

"People might look different, dress differently and drive different cars," said the Rev. Pat Dietrich, pastor at First Lutheran Church. "What hasn't changed in 120 years is the church's faithfulness to God — and its service to the community."

First Lutheran Church will have a special service at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at 1515 W. Adams in Temple.

Bishop Kevin Kanouse of the North Texas, North Louisiana Synod, will be the special guest. The Rev. Pat Dietrich, the church's first female pastor, will speak as well.

Following the two sermons, the church's youth will perform a skit in honor of the 120th anniversary. The skit will be about Martin Luther (1483-1546), the early church reformer whose teachings precipitated the Lutheran and Protestant movements.

In effort to mirror life from early 20th century Temple, several members of First Lutheran Church plan to attend the anniversary celebration dressed in period

### A celebration

To commemorate the 120th anniversary of its founding,

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# 120 years

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attire. Event organizers invite area residents to dress in costume as well.

Ladies should don their full-length gowns, dress hats and white gloves. And gentlemen should wear their "Sunday best," which could consist of a top hat and black-and-white suit.

Over the last 125 years, First Lutheran Church has collected all sorts of memorabilia.

Four rooms of church artifacts and archived information will be open to guests and visitors for the anniversary celebration Sunday morning. Items on display will include wedding dresses, baptismal gowns, pictures and directories. One wedding dress dates as early as 1946, and another item is a ceremonial napkin dated Nov. 6, 1948.

## Church history

In 1886, Pastor C. Kreuzenstein, a traveling missionary, organized the Bethlehem Evangelical Church with 13 charter members who practiced Lutheran theology. The name was changed to First Lutheran Church in 1946, but the Rev. Dietrich said church records don't indicate why.

Traveling missionaries, or circuit riders, were pastors who rode horseback from town to town, visiting churches of similar

denomination.

Early services were held in members' homes and in the First Presbyterian Church of Temple, the city's only church building at the time. The City of Temple was 5 years old.

Built in late 1886, the first church building, made of wood, was located on the corner of South Fourth Street and Avenue F. The Ladies Aid Society organized in 1886 and was active for 70 years.

The second church building, made of brick, was built in 1914 on the corner of Avenue G and South First Street. It was rebuilt in 1929.

The Rev. I.J. Haag, who was pastor 1925-1948, preached sermons in both German and English. But after Hitler was defeated in World War II, German services quickly stopped.

Haag was the pastor who introduced the Church Bulletin and initiated the Brotherhood, the organization now called Men in Mission. He also started the first church council.

Made of brick, the present-day church building at 1515 W. Adams Ave. was built in 1957 and dedicated in 1958.

## Faces inside

Bernice Matous, 84, has been a member of First Lutheran

Church since birth. Her maiden name was Daude.

She is the granddaughter of the Rev. H Daude, an early pastor of First Lutheran Church who served 1902-1908. Daude also preached at churches in Killeen and Buckholts as a traveling missionary.

Mrs. Daude said she has many memories of her lifetime worshipping at First Lutheran.

"I can remember when men sat at one side of the church while the women had to sit at the other side," Mrs. Matous said. "I can also remember the days when women and men would come to church in their Sunday best, elegantly dressed."

One of her best memories was a Christmas in her childhood.

"I can't say exactly when it was," Mrs. Matous said. "It was a special time because us kids got to sit up at the front and wait for our Christmas bags."

The gift bags were filled with fruit, not candy, but Mrs. Matous said she and her fellow knee-high associates were excited nonetheless.

Two other lifelong members of First Lutheran Church are Gertrude Eberhardt and Albert Eberhardt. Gertrude was baptized in 1920 and confirmed in 1932 while Albert was baptized in 1932 and confirmed in 1934.

In all, 18 full-time pastors and

two interim pastors have served First Lutheran. Their pictures hang on the Wall of Honor.

Some church members have been ordained as ministers elsewhere. They include Roy Timaeus, Laird Engle, Hohn Rassing and Annette Minderman.

Pastor Ardene Wuthrich, pastor from 1994 to 2003, initiated the annual Polka Worship Service in 2000. He adapts Bible hymns to the tunes of polka to praise Jesus and His good works.

The current pastor, the Rev. Dietrich, was ordained in 1986. Born in South Dakota, she said she was called to serve the people of Texas. The Rev. Dietrich relocated from Clifton to Temple in 1994 to serve First Lutheran Church as interim pastor. She became the full-time pastor in January 2004.

First Lutheran Church regularly participates in mission programs and community outreach projects. The church provides housing on a rotational basis for clients with Family Promise, a non-profit agency that helps homeless people regain their footing in life. First Lutheran also regularly visits its former members who are now homebound, unable to walk.

"But our biggest accomplishment is serving God through this church," the Rev. Dietrich said



**BY JOHN H. SCHUESSLER** A History of the Llano River Valley German Hymnfest

In 1951 the Rev. W. R. Birkner and Mr. Hugo Schulze were coming home late one night from a church meeting and Mr. Schulze started singing some old German hymns. Rev. Birkner was impressed with the songs and said we need to preserve the singing of these hymns. In that moment, they started the Llano River Valley German Hymnfest. The Llano River Valley name came from when the early settlers started worship services in 1852 with the Methodist Circuit Riders. The first religious service was held on my great-grandfather's land on the North side of the Llano river, the August Leifeste Sr. place. This was the first religious service ever held in Mason County.

The first hymnfest was held at the Art United Methodist Church on September 30, 1951. This was a fifth Sunday. The Song Leaders were, Rev. Ervin Jordan, Mr. Lee Loeffler, Mr. Hugo Schulze and Mr. August Willmann. The Speakers were Rev. F. W. Radetzky and Rev. W. R. Birkner. This was the start of the Llano River Valley Hymnfest. Other churches in the hymnfest are Castell, Hilda, and Mason. They rotate each year. This year Castell, next year Hilda, then Mason and back again to Art. Rev. Ervin Jordan was leader for many years. Then Rev. Milton Bohmfalk was leader until I took over several years ago. The Rev. B. C. Schmidt, Rev. Wesley Schulze and Mr. Franklin Brandenberger have been the song leaders for a number of years now. Mrs. Ruby DeVos was chairman of the hymnfest committee for a long time until several years ago I took over the chairmanship. There is a member from each of the churches on the committee and they have been very faithful over the years. These old German hymns are great and lets keep on singing them! I hope I gave you a little history of the German hymnfest and thank you for your past support, and we look forward to future hymnfests.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL  
LLANO RIVER VALLEY GERMAN HYMNFEEST  
*First United Methodist Church*  
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# PROGRAM

PRELUDE		Medley of German Hymns
WELCOME & PRAYERS		Rev. Tim Fahrenthold
GROUP I .....		Rev. Bruno C. Schmidt
HYMN	"Gott Ist Die Liebe" <i>(Jesus Loves Me)</i>	# 5 [v 1,2,3,6]
HYMN	"Niemals Fürchtet Euch" <i>(No One Should Fear)</i>	#13 [v 1,2]
HYMN	"Heimathland, Heimathland" <i>(Heavenly Home)</i>	#33 [v 1,3]
HYMN	"Ich Weiss Einen Strom" <i>(I Know a Stream)</i>	# 8 [v 1,2,5]
Mason County Men's Choir: Die Kleine Kapelle Im Thal & Zions-Glocken		
GROUP II .....		Rev. Wesley N. Schulze
HYMN	"Mein Jesus, Dich Lieb Ich" <i>(My Jesus I Love Thee)</i>	#22 [v 1,3,4]
HYMN	"Welch Ein Treuer Freund" <i>(What A Friend I Have in Jesus)</i>	#28 [v 1,2,3]
HYMN	"Immer Fröhlich" <i>(Always Happy)</i>	# 4 [v 1,2,4]
HYMN	"Ed Quillt ein Born Gefüllt mit Blut" <i>(There is a Fountain Filled with Blood)</i>	#27 [v 1,2,5]
Mason County Men's Choir: Durch Das Finstre Thal & Wandering Child O Come Home		
RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Tim Fahrenthold
OFFERING		
GROUP III .....		John H. Schuessler
HYMN	"Er Führet Mich" <i>(He Leadeth Me)</i>	#20 [v 1,2,3]
HYMN	"Süsse Stunde des Gebets" <i>(Sweet Hour of Prayer)</i>	#26 [v 1,2,5]
HYMN	"In Dem Himmel Ist's Wunderschön" <i>(In Heaven It's Beautiful)</i>	#34 [v 1,2,5]
HYMN	"Jesu Nam Sie Dein Geleite" <i>(Take the Name of Jesus with You)</i>	#25 [v 1,4]

## CHURCHES AND PASTORS

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 Art - Rev. Mark Krause  
 Castell & Hilda - Rev. Jim McWilliams

## MUSICIANS

Marilyn Kahan  
 Barbara Pluenneke

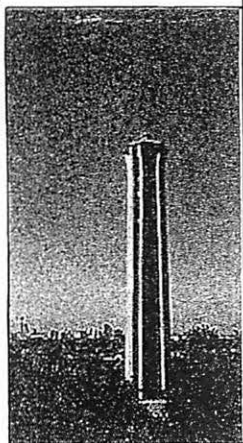
## SONG LEADERS

Rev. Bruno C. Schmidt  
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**BOOK REVIEW**  
**by Ron Hunka, GTHS Book Review Editor**

*Hunkered Down*

Sterling Rogers

JoNa Books

2001

Price \$14.95

ISBN 0-9657929-4-3

Sterling Rogers is a tall, friendly gentleman that I know from the meetings of The Writers League of Texas. From discussions there, I learned that he had been a prisoner of war in Germany and had written a book about it. As I have reviewed a couple of books about German prisoners of war in Texas, it seemed a logical next step to write one about an American who had been a POW in Germany.

The title of the book comes from an orientation that one of the more experienced prisoners gave some of the new arrivals in Roger's first POW camp. The man told them a story from back home about how when a norther comes and snow is flying a horse is smart enough to find a chaparral bush to break the wind and "hunker down" to wait it out. "And that's what you will have to do", he told them.

In his introduction, Mr. Rogers disavows any attempt to write a dramatic story. Rather, his is a book of recollections of his interactions with fellow Americans and Germans while he was a prisoner. Referring to both groups, he writes, "We were men caught in circumstances not or our own making". Most of the prisoners were men in their teens or early twenties. Most of the guards were too old to qualify for combat duty, some with disabilities. Throughout this book, Rogers has refreshingly avoided self-flattery or melodramatic portrayals of people and events. This is an unpretentious book about his wartime experiences.

Sterling Rogers was a bombardier on a B-17 that was shot down near Berlin in 1944. All his crew bailed out and ended up prisoners. In the prison camps, the Germans passed out rations in bulk. For example, a pitcher of soup was intended for six men and a loaf of bread for four. As a result, the prisoners organized themselves into small groups who ate together and supported one another. Interestingly, a lot of the food that the prisoners got came from Red Cross parcels. Of that, the Germans punched two holes in every can to thwart hoarding for escapes.

In prison, the Americans had little in the way of supplies, so they resorted to practices such as digging up stumps from the camp grounds for firewood. They fashioned tin cans into cooking pots and tiny stoves. In a way, they lived like street people, who suffered in the cold, never had enough to eat, had worn-out, pitiful clothes, and rarely got a shower.



One American, who liked to cook, became something of a Martha Stewart of prison fare, thinking up new and ingenious ways of preparing the available food. Two of the least favorite food items the Germans provided were a kind of dehydrated cabbage soup, which the prisoners dubbed "green death" and blood sausage, made up of congealed blood with fat, a thing to strike fear into the heart of a vegetarian.

One of the pre-occupations of the prisoners was escape. But an escape committee had to approve all such plans. One individual submitted numerous, poorly conceived plans, all of which were rejected. In one of the prison camps before Rogers arrived, the Germans had shot fifty men caught in a tunnel trying to escape.

As Germany was losing the war during the time of Roger's imprisonment, he and his cohorts were relocated several times during captivity. During these moves, interestingly, once the prisoner's Luftwaffe jailors had to protect them from an SS unit in a town along the way. Another time, Rogers attempted to escape by hiding in a snowbank. He had to come out when a guard fired his rifle into the snow beside him.

Toward the end of the war as the prisoners became a disorganized band passing through a small town, Rogers, wet and miserable, knocked at the door of a German farm house, hoping for some kind of relief. A worldly-wise, old woman let him come in and to warm himself while she dried his clothes as best she could. In a reciprocal gesture, Rogers pull out a packet of real coffee, not the ersatz coffee the Germans had, from a Red Cross package and shared it with her and her son, a disabled German soldier, who produced schnapps for the coffee.

As the pending German loss of the war became more evident to prisoners and guards, the prisoners became less cooperative with their captors. Once, they enjoyed a swim in a pond though the guards beseeched them to come out. Things took a more serious turn as General Patton's forces approached the last prison camp in which Rogers was held in a town called Moosburg. The Luftwaffe has agreed to surrender the town and camp without a fight. But an SS unit intervened. When the Luftwaffe guards who intended to surrender gathered in a camp building, SS men threw in grenades. Within a brick latrine, some of the prisoners endured an all out battle for the town. When it was over though, so was the war for them.

Looking back, Rogers writes that he was a kid when the war began and thought little about the morality of war. The men generally avoided discussing the impersonal killing and destruction from the skies which was their primary purpose. Rogers recalls how shocked they, along with a great many other people, were when an American crew named its plane "Murder Incorporated".

With the perspective of many years reflection, Rogers has written candidly and objectively about his WWII sojourn in Germany. Most readers will find insight in this even-handed treatment of an experience with which so many men came to terms in their own way.

Ron Hunka

**BOOK REVIEW**  
**by Ron Hunka, GTHS Book Review Editor**

*The Children of Willesden Lane:*

*Beyond the Kindertransport: A Memoir of Music, Love, and Survival*

Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen

Warner Books, Inc.

2002

Price \$23.95

ISBN 0-446-52781-5

This book is an account of the tribulations of Lisa Golabek, a 14 year old musical prodigy who left Vienna under the *Kindertransport* program through which thousands of Jewish children were allowed to take refuge in England. They left behind their families, their homes, and everything dear to them. Golabek's book invites comparison to *The Tiger in the Attic* by Edith Milton, but it has greater emotional impact. While both are interesting stories, Milton left no family behind in the Third Reich about whom to be concerned. As a result, she was detached and somewhat shielded from the impact of the events in her homeland.

Unfortunately, unlike Milton's book, *The Children of Willesden Lane* is not a first-person account. Though titled a *memoir*, it was written by Lisa Golabek's daughter, Mona, with the help of another writer. It also contains some composite characters. This is regrettable as it weakens the story. The reader will always wonder whether a particular passage actually happened or is merely "based on the truth". Apart from this shortcoming, this is an enthralling account of life among Jewish refugee children and adolescents in a home that the British government provided for them in London. All of them had mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters in German territory with whom they lost contact after their mail came back marked "undeliverable".

What set Lisa Golabek apart from her new commune of friends was her love of music acquired from her mother and teachers in Vienna. As a gifted pianist, her mother had encouraged her to never forget her music, which she told her would sustain her through the difficult times ahead. Finding the opportunity to practice on a piano in the children's home, after she worked each day at a factory that made soldiers uniforms, she pursued her musical aspirations, with distractions such as air raids. Everyone who heard her play marveled at her extraordinary ability.

Prior to the start of the war, the children in the home spent a great deal of their time working toward getting other children in their families out of harm's way. To get someone out, one needed a place on a train and a sponsor. The children resorted to tactics such as calling unknown persons in the London phone book with the same family name and asking them if they could sponsor a distant family member. Sometimes this worked. Golabek got her younger sister out of Austria when she found a Quaker family in a rural area to sponsor her.

Against all odds, despite working long hours and practicing piano under less than ideal circumstances, Golabek earned a spot in a competition at the Royal Academy of Music. Wearing a beautiful blue dress sewn for her by one of her factory co-workers, incredibly she won a

scholarship. Working with her own personal teacher there, she made great progress. After a while, she exchanged the uniform factory job for one playing piano at a cocktail lounge in a luxury hotel frequented by British and American soldiers, a good number of whom became her admirers.

Finally, Golabek enjoyed a successful concert debut attended by many of her friends and some of her family members who had gotten out of Austria. She went on to become a renown concert pianist. After the war, she emigrated to the United States, where two of her daughters also became concert pianists. Golabek and her two siblings survived the war, but she learned sorrowfully that her parents died in a concentration camp, leaving behind only a letter to a relative imploring him to do what he could for their dear children.

All in all, most readers will find *The Children of Willesden Lane* a deeply moving work that intertwines the themes of parental love, wartime tragedy, human goodness, remarkable courage, and the transcending power of music, in an unforgettable way.

Ron Hunka



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## MARGARET HOFFMANN RECEIVES AWARD

by Hubert Heinen and Helga von Schweinitz



### Margret Hofmann Human Rights Award Recipient

Margret Hofmann, GTHS member and an active volunteer in the German Free School Guild, was recently awarded the first Human Rights Award from Church Women United of Austin.

When Margret arrived in the U.S.A. as a German refugee shortly after World War II, the 21-year-old felt an obligation to turn her experiences as a survivor of war and dictatorship and her personal losses into activism and participation in local, state and federal politics. Thus she earned visibility and respect.

She was elected to the Austin City Council in 1975. One of her early concerns was the need for sidewalks, so that children could walk to school more safely; her efforts to protect Austin's trees earned her the nickname "Tree Lady." As a council member she was also a co-signer of the certificate declaring the German Free School building a historic landmark. One year, under her guidance, the children of Austin raised \$10,000 in the Trick or Treat for UNICEF Campaign.

Much of Margret's time and energy has been spent on refugees and their well-being: at the Texas Conference of Churches she was charged with persuading congregations throughout the state to sponsor refugees of various nationalities. She has been a Quaker for 53 years, and she is the convener for the monthly gatherings of the Fellowship of Reconciliation of Central Texas, where her insight and perspective are highly valued.

Margret will donate the money that accompanies the award to charities of her choice.

Hubert Heinen, Helga von Schweinitz

**EXCERPTS FROM RECENT ISSUES OF THIS WEEK IN GERMANY  
SUBMITTED BY THERESA GOLD**

**From: The Week in Germany, Sept. 22, 2006**

**More U.S. Tourists Traveled to Germany in 2006**

Some 2.2 million visitors from the United States visited Germany in the first six months of 2006, a five percent increase over the same period last year, the New York-based German National Tourist Office announced in a recent newsletter.

The upswing can of course partly be attributed to the World Cup, held in Germany last June and July, which saw a surge of visitors from around the world travel to Germany in support of their national teams.

Americans had, however, previously logged 4.4 million overnight stays in Germany in 2005, making it the second strongest year ever for U.S. travel to Germany, according to official tourism figures.

Meanwhile June 2006 "brought an increase of 27 percent with almost 700,000 overnight stays", said Michaela Klare, regional manager of the Americas for the German National Tourist Office, who also cited the benefits of the World Cup in promoting Germany as a tourist destination.

"This great global sporting event has helped to position Germany more than ever as an exciting and hospitable destination," she added.

"To take advantage of this strong enthusiasm, we are launching a new 2007 campaign for art and culture in Germany. With the opening of many new museums and important exhibits next year, including Kassel's documenta and the Münster sculpture show, we are looking forward to welcoming many visitors from the U.S.," said Klare.

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**From: The Week in Germany, Sept. 29, 2006**

**Focus on Saxony**



The Week in Germany: Saxony Special



*With the reopening of the baroque treasure trove the Grünes Gewölbe and Dresden's 800 year celebrations, Saxony's past has received a great deal of attention this summer. In our third Saxony special, we focus on Saxony's more recent past: the 1989/90 Monday demonstrations that started at the St. Nicholas Church in Leipzig and led to the fall of the Berlin Wall and the early 20th-century Brücke (Bridge) as an influential German Expressionist art movement.*



The demonstrations began after prayers for peace in the Nikolaikirche with Pastor Christian Führer and filled the nearby Karl Marx Platz square. Bolstered by support from the Lutheran Church, many dissatisfied East German citizens gathered in the church's courtyard, and non-violent demonstrations began in which they demanded rights such as the freedom to travel to foreign countries and to elect a democratic government.



*The Nikolaikirche*



*When the people took to the streets: a Monday demonstration in Leipzig.*

Informed by word-of-mouth and by television about the events, people in other East German cities began repeating the Leipzig demonstration, meeting at city squares on Monday evenings. Things came to a head on October 7, 1989, the 40th anniversary of the GDR, when East German police battered and locked up peaceful protestors.

Tensions ran high again on October 9, 1989, when some 1,000 East German communist party officials had been ordered to fill up the 2,000-seat church during a Monday service. After the peace prayers ended, thousands of people carrying candles were waiting outside to greet people coming from the church - "an unforgettable moment" Reverend Führer states

on the Nikolaikirche website.

"The miracle occurred. Jesus' spirit of non-violence seized the masses and became a material, peaceful power," adds Führer, who is still the church's pastor today.

"Troops, (military) brigade groups and the police were drawn in, became engaged in conversations, then withdrew. It was an evening in the spirit of our Lord Jesus for there were no winners and no defeated, nobody triumphed over the other, nobody lost his face. There was just a tremendous feeling of relief," he writes.

"This non-violent movement lasted only a few weeks. But it caused the party and ideological dictatorship to collapse."

The most famous chant of the demonstrations was "Wir sind das Volk!" - We are the people. Although some demonstrators were arrested, the threat of large-scale intervention by security forces never materialized. The demonstrations ended in March 1990, around the time of multi-party elections that led to German reunification.



*The church, with a memorial to the prayers and demonstrations in the foreground.*



From *The Week in Germany*, Sept. 29, 2006

## Half a Century On, U.S. Government Hands Amerika Haus Over to Berlin

After nearly 50 years the United States has bequeathed its "Amerika Haus" in Berlin to the German capital. U.S. Ambassador William Robert Timken, Jr. handed over the building to Berlin Governing Mayor Klaus Wowereit on Monday.

Ambassador Timken hailed the Amerika Haus, which served since its construction in 1957 as a multi-purpose U.S. information and events centre, for showing "what America was like, how we lived, what we stood for and what we imagined the future of this city could hold for all its citizens". During the Cold War it was "a symbol of the American promise never to give up this city, come what may", he added as reported by dpa.



*Modernism, 1950s style: The Amerika Haus in Berlin.*

Beyond hosting myriad memorable cultural events, the Amerika Haus aided students in finding out about exchange opportunities in the United States, Timken underscored. Its library moreover provided students and scholars with "materials straight off the press from America that were hard or impossible to find in Germany," he added.

"America seemed to live here and thousands upon thousands of Berliners came here to visit America," Timken said in summing up the role of the Amerika Haus, located in the leafy western Berlin Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf district.

At the same time, Wowereit praised the Amerika Haus as "a symbol in the fight for democracy and against dictatorship". Timken meanwhile handed Wowereit a check for the creation of a digital library in cooperation with the Berlin City and Regional Library.

## New U.S. Embassy on Pariser Platz to Open Soon

The handover of the Amerika Haus coincides with the opening of a new U.S. embassy at its historic former location on Pariser Platz at the city's heart. A topping off ceremony for the Embassy will be held in October and it will be fully operational by the end of the year.

Timken emphasized on Monday that the United States is continuing all of its outreach activities in Germany and increasingly doing so through the Internet and by visiting schools, towns and cities across the country. "We are not waiting for people to come to us. We go to them - both virtually and physically," he said. "Sue and I have also gone out and visited schools - and we love doing it," added the Ohio businessman.



### Future of Amerika Haus Still Up in the Air

According to dpa the City of Berlin has yet to determine what it will do with the Amerika Haus, to which free public access had been restricted in recent years as it had to be heavily guarded like all U.S. representational buildings abroad.

One suggestion under discussion has been to turn it into a "West Berlin Museum" highlighting the role of the former West Berlin as a lone democratic bulwark surrounded by the then communist German Democratic Republic (GDR), including mass migration and the student riots of 1968 that swept the nation. This museum would also prominently feature America's crucial influence on postwar Berlin, including the famously heroic Berlin Airlift, visits by American Presidents and the role of the United States in German reunification after the historic Fall of the Wall.

Several other postwar "Amerika Häuser" were established in major western German cities, including Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich and Cologne, as part of the American government's efforts to familiarize the German population - by means of "re-education" - with western ideals of democracy and human rights after twelve years of Nazi rule. A further aim of the Amerika Haus was to provide Germans with information about culture, society and politics in the United States.

By all accounts, these cultural centres were very well received and contributed greatly to a positive image of America of near mythical proportions among most Germans.

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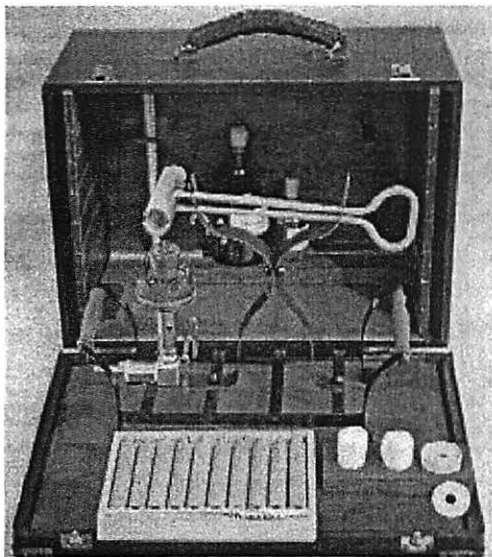


From: **The Week in Germany, Oct. 13, 2006**

## The Permanent Wave: A German Invention Turns 100

On October 8, 1906, the German hairdresser Karl Nessler unveiled a technology that changed the shape of hair, literally, for a century to come. After years of experimentation, including two attempts that completely incinerated his wife Katharina's hair, Nessler had finally perfected a chemical treatment to add permanent curls to straight hair.

Born in 1872 in the small town of Todtnau in the Black Forest, Nessler began his life long study of human hair with an apprenticeship at a barber shop after finishing school. While working and studying at swanky salons in Geneva and Paris, he began experimenting with using strong alkalis and heat to curl hair. The process was dangerous and unreliable at first, but Nessler and his courageous test subjects persevered until the process was commercially viable.



*Nessler's original gas-fired home perm kit*

The patent Nessler finally received in 1909 described a process by which hair was wrapped tightly around a metal rod, treated with sodium hydroxide, and then heated for ten minutes with specially machined cylindrical tongs that had been held over a gas flame.

Although the client still risked burns and hair loss for her curls, Nessler had found a process reliable enough that vanity could trump danger. By 1911, enough women were willing to pay for the expensive process that the inventor, who had changed his name to the French-sounding Charles Nestle, could build a "House of the Permanent Wave" in London, where he and his wife had settled. Nestle's invention became so popular that he even made house calls to rich women in Paris who wanted to receive a perm by the inventor's own hand.

When World War I broke out, British authorities confiscated his business and interned him as an enemy alien. Nestle managed to escape from the internment camp and in 1915 he arrived in New York under the guise of a Mister Miller. In New York, thousands of imitators were already selling permanent waves using his process, but Nestle was able to capitalize on the poor quality offered by these perm pirates and soon had a successful salon on E. 49th Street.

By 1927, he employed nearly 500 people and sold tens of thousands of home perm machines annually. In 1928, he sold his businesses and patents for 1.5 million dollars. Before he eventually lost much of his fortune in the 1929 stock market crash, he sent thousands of dollars and 34 tons of donated clothes to Todtnau to alleviate the poverty caused by the rampant inflation and unemployment that hit Germany in the early 1920's.

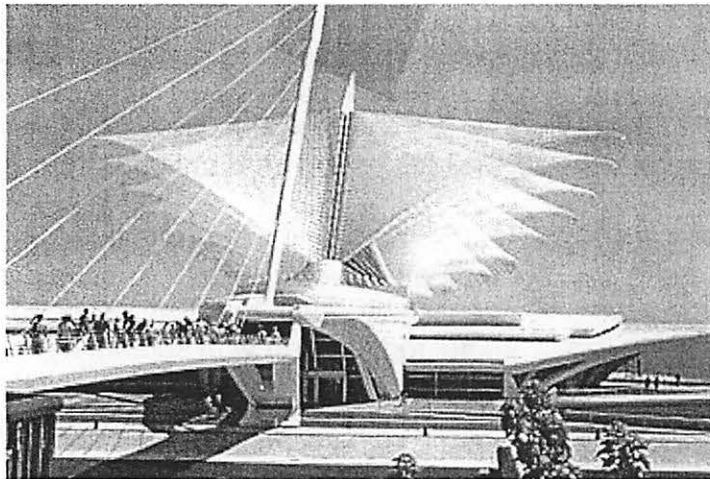
Although the Nestle process was replaced with other techniques that use less caustic chemicals and lower temperatures, his core vision - that no one needs to settle for straight hair as long as they are willing to put in the time and money - has endured decades of changing trends and no small amount of scorn. Today, men and women can choose between the tightly curled manes that German soccer stars sported in the 1970's, loose natural waves, and perms that relax over time.



From: "The Week in Germany," Oct. 20, 2006

## Culture & Zeitgeist

Elegant Essentials for Everyman: Treasure Trove of Biedermeier-Era Objects on Show in Milwaukee



*The Milwaukee Art Museum, the first Santiago Calatrava-designed building in the United States, features a 90-foot high glass-walled reception hall enclosed by the Burke Brise Soleil, a sunscreen that can be raised or lowered creating a unique moving sculpture. (Photo: MAM website)*

An eclectic collection of "Biedermeier" objects now on display at the Milwaukee Art Museum provides a rare retrospective of mid-nineteenth-century Central European design trends.

"Biedermeier: The Invention of Simplicity", which opened in September and closes on January 1, 2007, presents more than 350 works of furniture, painting, works on paper, silver, porcelain, glass, wallpaper, jewelry and fashion from this period in Austria, Germany and northern Europe. Milwaukee is the opening and only North American venue for this exhibition scheduled to travel to Vienna, Berlin and Paris.

"This is the first exhibition on the subject in North America and will offer a fresh exploration for European audiences," the Milwaukee Museum of Art (MAM) states on its website. "The Biedermeier period is long overdue for study and the exhibition will attract considerable international attention," it adds.

With its simplicity, elegance and foundation in utilitarian principles, the so-called "Biedermeier" style replaced romanticism and was a precursor to modernism. The tendency was to pare forms to their essentials, merging the useful with the beautiful.

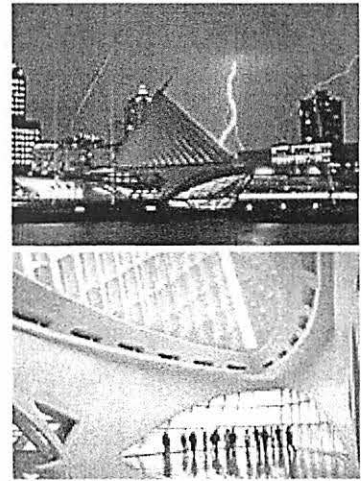
The term "Biedermeier" is often assumed to be the surname of a cabinetmaker of the period, but is actually an imaginary character - a pseudonym that played on the German adjective "bieder", meaning plain and unpretentious, and "Meier", a common German

surname. A fictitious character called Weiland Gottlieb Biedermaier was brought to life in the 1840s in a Munich-based weekly satirical magazine called *Fliegende Blätter* (Flying Sheets). His daily "common man" activities and naïve poems were showcased for the entertainment of bourgeois readers, the MAM website states.

"Ironically, what began as an intellectual critique of the typical German citizen - who cared more about creature comforts than political activism - turned into a new model for living," it adds.



*The good ol' days: A classic Biedermeier interior (Photo:dpa)*



*More views of the MAM .*

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## **HOW DOES A DOG LEAVE HIS MARK? LEAVE YOUR GERMAN MARK**

**by Rodney Koenig**

My dog, Schnee Baer, leaves his mark every day. He does it in the usual dog way every morning and every evening when we go on our walk. In the morning, he often takes one of our cats, Bonkers, with him. Folks are amazed when they see our white dog (part white lab), Schnee Baer, and our white cat, Bonkers, both walking together down our street. The cat waits expectantly each morning at our front door for the dog and me to start our walk. The dog is on a leash, but the cat is a free spirit who nevertheless walks close to the dog. Both Schnee Baer and Bonkers are warm, loving creatures who give us and others who pet them much love and affection. We have two other cats, Katze and Wurtz, who have not yet learned the joy of joining their dog on his morning walks. Other pets of mine were Sparky, Foxie, Pepi, Yogi, Duffy, and Peachful, all of whom are buried on our farm next to Pin Oak Cemetery in Fayette County, Texas. Other pets owned by my family when I was a child include Rex, Queenie, Fly, Fuzzy, Cho-Cho, Orbit, and others. They all left their mark in their own special way on the hearts and memories of our family.

Thinking of pets, I am reminded of the five dachshunds owned by Dr. Kelly Stevens who gave the German Free School in Austin to GTHS. Kelly wanted someone to love his home, but he also wanted someone to love and care for his dachshunds if they survived him. Kind members of GTHS in Austin, including Helga von Schweinitz, cared for Kelly's two dachshunds after his death. The dachshunds were old in dog years when Kelly died and the dachshunds died a few years later. They are buried in the yard at GTHS headquarters. Our agreement to care for those dachshunds helped GTHS acquire our current headquarters.

Recently Mary and I went to Vermont to see the fall leaves, along with Charles and Janice Thompson and Art and Bobbe Guerra. Bobbe Billmeier Guerra owns Taco, a Mexican Yellow Head Parrot, and she and Art Guerra have had Taco for 32 years. Since Taco could live to be over 60, Bobbe had her daughter Kelly promise to take care of Taco if anything happened to her and Art while Taco is still alive. Taco travels to Colorado with Bobbe in the summer. Occasionally he gives his primordial cry at inappropriate times, such as during a rosary or in the car when the driver least expects it. When company overstays, Taco has been known to vehemently say BYE after he has gently said bye, bye, BYE. Taco is one of the longest living pets I have heard of. Undoubtedly, you have pets who are important to you and your family. When you leave a will, be certain to provide for your creatures by seeing that someone in your family is to receive and care for your pets.

Texas law now allows you to create a "Pet Trust" if you follow the recent rules set out by the Texas legislature. For people with no family to care for pets, Texas A & M University has the Stevenson Companion Center which, if a significant gift to A&M is made, will care for your animals. After you have provided for your pets and your family, then you should remember to provide for your favorite charity, such as the German-Texan Heritage Society. You could endow the library, provide for underwriting the GTHS Journal for one issue each year, provide an annual prize for the most unique or original article on German Texans, or promote membership in a particular part of the state or in your hometown. Easy ways to leave your German mark involve changing the beneficiary on your IRA or life insurance policy to include GTHS. If you desire any help in leaving your German Mark, please call me at (713) 651-5333, email me at [rkoenig@fulbright.com](mailto:rkoenig@fulbright.com) or speak with any of our officers or board members.

## OKTOBERFEST

By BEN WEST

Submitted by EVA BARNETT, GTHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Eva wrote: Part of this article was published in the November/December "Schulhaus Reporter." Ben was a library volunteer at the German Free School this past summer.

- The typical impression of Oktoberfest in the USA (which I confess having subscribed to as little as a month ago) does not require much imagination: men in Lederhosen bashing indestructibly large frothy mugs together and singing oom-pah songs about three-cornered hats while blonde girls with pig-tails and flattering Dirndls prance about, effortlessly procuring said men large amounts of München's finest. I am convinced that Americans have developed this impression through a formula that I have carefully calculated over the last few days; 15% of this impression comes from stories told by those among us who have been to Oktoberfest, 30% from what we have seen on the Travel Channel and 55% from imported German beer labels which are most likely subsidized by the Bavarian Bureau for Tourism. Americans take their understanding of Oktoberfest for granted and, as a result, dangerously oversimplify the event. For those who worship beer and honor it through consumption, Oktoberfest is a kind of glorified pilgrimage that caps off a whirlwind summer trip through Europe. Having been to Theresienwiese (or: the Wies'n, the areas where Oktoberfest takes place) twice now and because I live no more than 500 meters from the very title of this article and because I endeavor to report only the truth as seen through my own eyes, it is my intent to introduce you to highly touted yet poorly understood Oktoberfest in München, Germany.
- First, as an honest reporter, I feel it is necessary to reveal the circumstances under which I came to know Oktoberfest. A group of Albanians (one of whom leased me his room for the month), not Germans, accompanied me for the first time. Actually, as I stepped under the Oktoberfest sign for the first time, I was with only two of them; Amir and Andi. As it usually is with meeting others, they spent the first ten minutes on their cell-phones trying to locate their friends. Meanwhile, I stood nearby and eyed the new world into which I had stepped. It wasn't completely new - I had the feeling that I was at an extremely large version of the county fair I used to go to back when I lived in East Texas except that the signs were not in English and the people were doing their best impressions of a stereotypical German. While the others located their friends I located a sausage stand and started my evening with a mustard-covered Weisswurst in a roll. By the time I had finished it the friends were located and we could continue on into the bowels of the fair. As we pushed forward, carnival rides appeared on our right and left, roasted almond stands divided the thoroughfare and at the far-end I could see a huge Ferris wheel which was, on a clear day, in the foreground of a beautiful alpine scene. Further on I became increasingly more convinced that I was at no typical Texas county fair: one after the other, lined up all the way to the Ferris wheel were brewery "tents". First came Spaten, then Hofbräuhaus followed by Paulaner, Lowenbräu etc. We hurried into the Hofbräuhaus "tent" and I was immediately perplexed.
- I put 'tent' in quotation marks because these structures are hardly tents. Maybe 100 years ago this title would have fit more accurately but technology and financial resources have obviously caught up with Oktoberfest. The beer halls in which each München-based brewery resides for the last three weeks of September are very huge, very stable and very elaborate structures. Hofbräuhaus, for example, has fifty or so columns holding up the roof that are covered in ivy and

flowers (certainly fake) and a huge, Macy's Thanksgiving parade balloon-type figure hanging from the roof rotating above the masses holding a mug the size of a Mercedes-Benz with "HB" stamped on it. Wreaths laced over and under the rafters reinforcing the flowers' and ivies' argument that yes, you are outside in a Biergarten enjoying a nice natural experience with a fresh mug of Hofbräuhaus beer. Underneath the giant Hofbräuhaus man and forest of wreaths and flowers and ivy was table after table after table upon which all sorts of people were (as your imaginations might suggest) bashing huge, indestructible mugs of beer together. Not all of them were in Lederhosen or Dirndls, but I'd say a good 60% of those present were in traditional outfits. Whether they were actually German I cannot say. One guy I took a picture with because he looked so undeniably German later told me with an Australian accent that he had bought his Lederhosen that day for €250. He fooled me.

• Back to my perplexion.

When I first entered the Hofbräuhaus... building, my eyes confirmed the expected and it certainly smelled like beer and pretzels, but my ears seemed to deceive me. Instead of bellowing on about three-cornered hats the patrons were singing the lyrics to Hit the Road Jack while the brass band actually played the tune! Blasphemous! Hit the Road Jack conjures memories of when the opposing team changed pitchers in the middle of an inning at Texas Ranger baseball games! It's a song that celebrates superior batting skills not German beer! And then, after overcoming the first shock, my attention turned to large groups of men with inferior gross motor-skills shouting in Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and probably even Uzbek. Granted, this didn't surprise me as much because I myself was a foreigner and the rest of my party were foreigners, but dammit, I don't think I heard a single word of German for the first five minutes! Passing through the outer ring and into the nucleus of the party I started feeling like I was in Germany again, but by then the band had begun to play YMCA and my senses were completely scattered before touching a single beer. Once you've made it to Oktoberfest, the impression goes, ordering a beer should be relatively well facilitated. It's one of those seemingly banal acts that we don't even think about yet forms the cornerstone of any holistic Oktoberfest experience. A more spiteful and arrogant reporter than myself might say something like, 'The devil is in the details'; but I am a much more sympathetic messenger. As far as my experience suggests in order to get hold of a beer, you've first got to claim a seat at one of these tables I was talking about. "Sure", you think, "how hard could that be when there are thousands of them to choose from". Again, the dangerously oversimplified American imagination further deceives us. To get a table you either have to reserve one through God-knows-whom or you have to show up fairly early in the afternoon (depending on what day it is) and get started before the crowds descend. Another way around it is to get someone you know who has a table to order beers for you and then stand around the table and act like you belong there - that's what we did. After another ten minutes or so on the cell-phone, my Albanian friends located yet another compatriot who had a table and we wandered over towards him to order a drink. The whole experience was kind of like finding a party as a freshman at Boston University: there you are, finally in college with copious amounts of alcohol ready to be served if only you knew where. So you call your friends to find out where it is and then sidle up to them at the party so that you can get a drink. It is a humbling but necessary maneuver.

• There we were, four Albanians and an American. The friend at the table had already finished off 5 liters and was pretty ripe; he tried to greet me in English but could only rattle off broken strings of profanities and insults. Since he was our connection and his eyes were pointing in two different directions I let it slide, smiled and patted him on the back. After clearing the first hurdle of having an official advocate, the next step was paying for the beer. As you can imagine, enjoying a tourist event as large as Oktoberfest can be



pricey. There is no entrance fee and, if one chooses not to buy a single thing, one can see quite a lot without paying a penny. If, however, you'd like a beer, some food or to get on a ride, naturally it costs money. Beer by the liter costs €7.50 on the Wies'n (Oktoberfest). For the sake of economic orientation the restaurant below my building sells the same exact beer at the same quantity for €5 and is, like I said, about 500 meters from the Wies'n. I can go to the supermarket nearby, Aldi, and buy two half-liter bottles of virtually the same stuff for a grand total of about €1.20. But of course, while the elation of bargain shopping is certainly enjoyable, the atmosphere at Aldi falls quite short of that on the Wies'n. As the night progressed and the beer mugs piled up, mysteries were explained to me: the Hofbräuhaus is popular among tourists and that is why they play mostly American music (although every once in a while they did throw in a "Ziggy-Zaggy"); although your server is old and has dark hair, you respect her because she brings the beer - besides, the pretty blonde girls are conceited and won't let you take a picture with them; and you toast everyone who wanders over in your direction because it's fun and those behemoth mugs really are indestructible. Shortly before they stopped serving beer at 10 pm we ordered our second round and were finishing up about 15 minutes later. Since the grounds close at 11 pm we had about 45 minutes to complete the next stage of Oktoberfest: the rides.

- Some people whine about safety standards on carnival rides and choose to impose their prejudices on the Carney folk. Forget what they say about safety and accountability in the US, this is Germany: birthplace of the safety net. I am willing to say with a high level of certainty that there are about 14 back-up safety mechanisms on each ride as per Bavarian, German and European constitutional law/international treaty. Amir slid €6 under the glass at the booth and I snuggled myself into the seat. In my excitement I failed to notice WHAT the ride was. From my point of view there were four others in seats bound to mine, all facing the same direction and hanging a few feet above the ground. In front of me was the same arrangement and ahead of them again the same. It appeared that the groupings of five continued on in a circle and so, as logic would suggest, I deduced that this ride would consist of traveling in a circle while my feet dangled gleefully below me in the night. Eager to get started, I began rocking our seats back in forth. Gentlemen do not say how many beers they have had, but I was at the point where one lives very much in the moment and has little conception of foresight. If only I had had patience. Once the ride got started our seats no longer needed my assistance in rocking. Not only did we travel in a circle, as I had guessed, we did so very quickly and not in a direct line. My body was spinning on about four different axes once we reached full speed and, for the first 15 seconds, it was pure delight. There was the Ferris wheel at the end of the Wies'n, then it was gone and in its place was the corrugated steel floor I had been rocking against a few seconds earlier, then I was staring into the black vacuum of space, then there was the huge Paulaner mug, itself rotating atop the Paulaner tent/structure - oh! and there was the Ferris wheel again... and so on and so forth. Relief came as the ride slowed down and I could fix my eyes on one object for more than a second again. I mumbled something about not drinking so much beer next time to my neighbor when the thing started speeding up again - and this time I was going backwards. I quit wasting my energy concentrating on the incomprehensible streaks of color in my line of sight and my eyes glazed over as I devoted all non-vital bodily functions towards my survival. When my feet hit the ground I planted them firmly for a few moments and then walked cautiously away from the ride and out onto the thoroughfare. Amir was in a disgustingly buoyant mood. Without the slightest trace of orientation left, I blindly followed him further into the Wies'n.
- Here I'd like to point out yet another simplification that Americans impose upon Oktoberfest. They seem to think that beer is the agent that causes intoxication at Oktoberfest when it is actually beer +

carnival rides that is the real danger. The effects that follow after drinking beer are fairly calculable: it all depends on how much food you've had, how big you are, experience, speed of drinking etc. Beer is the slow, cumbersome punch in the gut that you can expect, react to accordingly and quickly rise above. Carnival rides, to continue the boxing analogy, are the blind-slide sucker-punch in the back of the head that comes after the bell has rung from some angry spectator. "What the hell was that?!", you might ask afterwards. Fairly high level math is needed to calculate the specific effects of carnival rides on the average 20something male. If I were a mathematician, I'd say it's something like  $((\text{number of Beers}) + (\text{number of times Upside down})) / (\text{number of hours since last Meal}) (\text{Price of ride}) : (B+U)/MP -$  and DON'T forget your order of operations. I call it the "BUMP" quotient. My BUMP that night was 2.33. This number represents the ride in terms of consumed beers. The advantage in riding after drinking, then, is purely economic. 2.33 liters in the Hofbräuhaus tent/structure would cost €17.50 and take the average reveler at least 30 minutes to finish. One whirl around on the ol' Skater USA on the other hand costs €3 and can't last more than 60 seconds. The disadvantage, of course, is that it wrecks your consciousness.

- I won't go as far as to compare Oktoberfest with Las Vegas, but knowing the Germans, I was certain that the seemingly uncontrolled madness around me had a method to it behind some curtain somewhere. It's all fun and no inhibitions on the floor of the beer halls or flying through the air spinning on multiple axes simultaneously, but there are forces monitoring the level of madness. Helicopters are circling overhead, police are at every corner and security personnel guard the innards of every operation. The drunks passed out under the trees just outside Oktoberfest don't realize all this, but one sober stroll through the Wies'n revels quite a bit. Finally, I live virtually right around the corner from the Wies'n and so I like to think that I experience Oktoberfest every night. From 10:00 pm, after the final beer-bell, until late in the night hundreds of drunks pass under my window shouting and singing all sorts of unintelligible garbage. Actually, you can tell which tent the groups were in depending on what songs they sing because the bands in each tent play the same songs every night. Of course, every band plays the popular "Ein Prosit" and so it's impossible to trace when it's heard on the street. I'm in the process of training my ear to recognize the origins of each group but that requires a visit to each tent, what I have yet to accomplish.
- One night, as I was exiting the front door to my building, a drunk, Lederhosen clad German fell into my arms. Apparently he had taken a break and was leaning against what he perhaps thought was a solid wall. I'll never forget how he stared at me and shook his head, astounded by the nerve I had to open my door and disturb his resting place. Some might consider it an annoyance to live so close to the Wies'n but I think of it as an experience. Perhaps my fondest Oktoberfest memories will be of watching the hordes walking past my window returning from their night on the Wies'n - which in their own minds will undoubtedly be shrouded in a very hoppy fog.

**ADDRESSES FOR GERMAN SINGING SOCIETIES**

THE JOURNAL IS COLLECTING NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GERMAN SINGING SOCIETIES AROUND TEXAS. THANKS TO FLORA VON ROEDER AND EVA BARNETT FOR THE ADDRESSES BELOW.

IF YOU KNOW OF OTHER GROUPS, PLEASE SEND THE INFORMATION TO THE JOURNAL.

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**UPDATE ON OKTOBERFEST AT THE GERMAN FREE SCHOOL IN AUSTIN**  
by Eva Barnett, GTHS Executive Director

Hi Everyone,

I wanted to let you all know how our Oktoberfest turned out. We had a lovely afternoon in the garden, with about 100 people there enjoying the music, games, food, drink and gemuetlichkeit. Many of the faces were new ones, so it was a successful event for bringing in folks who hadn't heard of us before.

The band was great fun, and GTHS member Charles Patrick played his accordian in-between sets. Several children from the Samstagsschule sang a couple of songs early on in the day. They were very sweet!

We ended up making a profit of \$350, which is designated to go toward the building renovation fund. It's not a large amount of money, but I'm pretty happy with it as this was our first year for this event. I hope to see it grow next year. We could easily combine it with our 150th anniversary celebration in 2007.

We have several people and groups to thank for this event: My husband's business, Austin Unique, organized most of the event. Ararat Restaurant provided the food, Vino 100 provided the beer and NiaSpace provided the tables. All the musicians played in exchange for their lunch. And we couldn't have pulled it off without the help of several GTHS volunteers!

Now we have our sights set on the Christmas Market. I sure hope y'all can make it to at least one of the markets we're involved with: San Antonio, New Braunfels and two in Austin. Check your Journal for details. You'll also hear more about them in your November E-Kurier!

Best,  
Eva



# New Braunfels' annual Wurstfest isn't just about sausages and beer and carnival rides; it's also a way to celebrate the German heritage and the area's history.

FROM SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS, NOV. 7, 2006

BY ELIZABETH ALLEN  
EXPRESS-NEWS STAFF WRITER

NEW BRAUNFELS — The twins had completed their work for the day — dancing for the crowds under “The Big Tent,” (Das Grosse Zelt) — and now they were lunging for the carnival rides.

Nicholas and Christopher Vallance, 5, sparkled with excitement after performing with the Kindertänzer — German folk dancers — at Wurstfest on Sunday, wearing lederhosen provided by their German grandparents.

Wurstfest, which runs through Nov. 12, offers plenty of traditional Bavarian-style dance and oompah music, not to mention sausages and beer, on the festival grounds at Landa Park.

Then there are the crafts marketplace and carnival rides, along with plenty of festival-goers wearing odd hats: horned Valkyrie helmets, chicken hats and headpieces adorned with festive shiny objects that might best be called dealybobbbers.

But the festival, begun in 1961, also coordinates with local organizations to offer historical tours and highlight area museums along with walks, runs, bicycle rides and a sailing regatta.

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Nicholas and Christopher may have been digging the rides at the 10-day salute to sausage, but Andrea Vallance was pleased to be able to show her children the close ties between Texas and her native country.

Though the San Antonio resident enjoys the German heritage celebrated by New Braunfels through Wurstfest, she sees the direct connection fading out with passing generations.

And that's something she's trying to hold on to for her kids.

“It's hard to pass on a language when you're the only one speaking it,” Vallance said.

She takes the boys to a German teacher once a week, and she enrolled them in the dance troupe, in which they learn traditional German folk music.

It does her good as well.

“When I listen to the music and songs that I hear, I am reminded of the music and festivals that I attended with my grandparents in Germany,” Vallance said.

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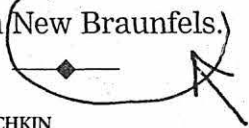
## Festival <sup>11-7</sup> a chance to pass on a culture

# Old-style music and dance to keep the culture going



# The sound of German music

The big tent is full of tunes as another Wurstfest gets under way in New Braunfels.



**SHEILA HOTCHKIN**  
PRESS-NEWS STAFF WRITER

NEW BRAUNFELS — Food on a stick is popular at Texas festivals, and Ferris wheels and Tilt-A-Whirls are not uncommon attractions.

But a German children's choir, polka bands and yodelers? Those are the things that give Wurstfest its flavor, as much as the sausages that were the original reason for New Braunfels' annual celebration.

The 46th annual Wurstfest was in full swing Saturday at Landa Park, and German music — both traditional and not — reigned the air.

Suzanne Herbelin, executive director of the Wurstfest Association, said the contracts of the 40 musical acts scheduled to perform at this year's 10-day festival call for mostly Bavarian- and Alpine-style music.

"This is a German festival, and that's what our music is," she said.

In Das Grosse Zelt, "The Big Tent," a six-piece band decked out in lederhosen drew

the crowd in with an English-language song set to an oompah beat: "I don't want to go home, I don't want to go home. The party's just begun. I don't want to go home, I don't want to go home. I'm having too much fun."

Earlier, members of their audience leaned forward in their seats as they listened to the brand-new New Braunfels Kinderchor, or children's choir, which was performing at its first Wurstfest.

The choir, which consists of 30 children ages 6 to 12, did a half-hour set and plans to come back today for another performance.

New Braunfels had a German children's choir for many years before participation dwindled and it folded. It was revived in September 2005, and the number of young singers had doubled since then.

"I'm hoping it's an up-and-coming thing," said choir director Mary Irwin, whose day job is teaching music to kindergarteners through fourth-graders. "A town like this needs to have a German singing group for children."

Irwin's grandparents were from Germany; Irwin herself learned to speak German before English. She said the Kinderchor is one way to maintain Comal County's German heritage.

One of her singers, 9-year-old Devon Doster, said she was learning a lot of German

through the choir: "It's actually easy when you get to know it."

On the banks of the Comal River, people stretched out in the grass to listen to Rennie Guenther and Bob Blang.

Guenther alternated between guitar and tuba; Blang played the accordion. A blond toddler, who strummed on an inflatable blue guitar stamped with the words "Rock On," joined them in the middle of their set.

"I wish I had a pretty blue guitar like that," Guenther said.

Guenther said he had been playing the tuba since high school: "My band director said, 'Play the tuba. It'll get you somewhere.' I wound up backing up Myron Floren right here."

Accordion legend Floren, a Wurstfest mainstay who also played for generations of TV viewers on "The Lawrence Welk Show," was the one thing missing from the music scene at this year's festival. He died a little over a year ago.

"He was critical to the development and excitement here every year," said Rusty Brockman, president-elect of the Wurstfest Association.

Wurstfest continues through Nov. 12 and is expected to draw 100,000 people during its 10-day run.

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## Cook, 88, named German festival Wurstfest



The former New Braunfels journalist has died.

BY CARMINA DANINI  
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Marjorie Spaulding Cook, a journalist who suggested the name "Wurstfest" for the celebration New Braunfels holds every November in honor of its German heritage and the sausage, has died.

Cook, 88, died Wednesday at the

Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital.

She had pneumonia and in June learned she had pancreatic cancer, her only daughter, Marina Cara Lewis, said.

Cook was writing features at the New Braunfels Herald — which would merge with the New Braunfels Zeitung-Chronicle in 1966 and be renamed the Herald-Zeitung 13 years later — when the first festival was held in 1961.

Now in its 46th year, Wurstfest is held at Landa Park on the banks of

the Comal River. It opened Friday and ends Nov. 12.

Along with sausage, organizers promise festival-goers "Gemuetlichkeit — fun and fellowship in the German tradition" along with a variety of foods such as strudel, pretzels and potato pancakes, and polkas, beer, arts and crafts.

Initially, it was a one-day event called "Sausage Festival." It expanded to "Wurst Week" before it became "Wurstfest."

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his year's  
Wurstfest is in  
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# German heritage spices up annual event

Three-day event, which ended Sunday, expects to break attendance records.

BY GUILLERMO CONTRERAS  
EXPRESS-NEWS STAFF WRITER

**FREDERICKSBURG** — If you ventured into downtown here this past weekend, you likely found most locals — and many more out-of-towners — at *Marktplatz*.

That's Market Square to those who don't speak German, and it's where Fredericksburg showed off its latest offering of a family-oriented event that has taken place each year for more than a quarter-century.

It's Oktoberfest — where attendance records were expected to be broken, laughs and good times abounded and German food (some with Texas flair) pleased the palate.

Many enjoyed the games, entertainment, music, art, culture and the drink of choice.

"The beer," said David Bockelman of



Mitchell Bockelman, 3, of Austin, plays with a German flag during Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg.

Austin, addressing his favorite part of Oktoberfest.

Bockelman attended with his wife, Erika, and their two children, Mitchell, 3, and Alec, 6.

Bockelman said he had found a favorite, Spaten Oktoberfest, among the many choices.

"That could change," he said, four hours before Oktoberfest closed its doors. "There's still a lot of time left."

Others liked the charm of the event, a celebration of Fredericksburg's heritage.

"It's nice for a small festival," said Petra Ashleman, a native German now living in Waco who was at the three-day event Sunday — its closing day — with her husband, Eddie.

Ashleman was dressed from head to toe in Germany's colors, including a red, black and yellow top, yellow pants and tri-color soccer-style shoes with insinuations of this year's host of the World Cup: *Deutschland*.

She said she bought her splash of color during a recent trip home for the soccer event.

"Everything I've got was all bought in

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Germany," she said, showing her wristwatch with the German flag's colors on it and a matching purse.

Ashleman stood out as one of the few who chose to express themselves for the occasion.

In one of two pavilions at the other end of the plaza, Gray Westmoreland, a retired German language teacher from Yoakum, sipped a Shiner as he listened to one of some 30 bands or music groups who played during the festival.

His decor included khaki shorts, a red-and-white checkered shirt and a traditional hat worn in Germany's southern state of Bavaria. The hat was complete with pins from various parts of Germany, flowers native to its Alps region and a *gamsbart*, a decoration made of a tuft of hair from the goat-like chamois.



JERRY LARA/STAFF

Kim Snyder, 29, of Austin, came to Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg with her son Henry, 6 months, and her husband, Corey, also 29.

"This is one of the best festivals I've been to," said Westmoreland, who attends a variety of German heritage events.

Organizers applauded three days of sunny weather, dropping gas prices and the timing — the event was held before Columbus Day — because it was expected to lead to some promising returns.

"We've broken some records this year," said Deborah Lynn Farquhar, one of the organizers, though final figures had not been tallied.

Lodging in the area was swiped up a month before the event, which takes more than 700 volunteers to put on. On average, the festival has 10,000 attendees; in a strong year, it's 12,000 to 20,000, said Farquhar, who is with the Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance, which sponsors Oktoberfest.

Since 1981, Oktoberfest has helped support a variety of art programs in the area.

The alliance also awards scholarships to students from Gillespie County wishing to

study music or art. The group expected to take in \$40,000 from Oktoberfest.

While many took in a variety of foods that included the "German taco" — sausage and sauerkraut in a flour tortilla — others reflected on the fabric that holds many traditions together: family.

Corey and Kim Snyder, who trace their lineage to German roots and took in the music near art that included a pairing with the words: "German heritage, Texas hospitality." Kim held their 6-month-old son Henry, who became more bouncy after the music brief stopped.

"A culture is really what holds families together," said Corey Snyder, 29. "It's things like this that allow a family to look at traditions and say 'That's us.'"

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board meeting*

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2006 MEETING  
GERMAN-TEXAN HERITAGE SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The November 11, 2006 meeting of the German-Texan Heritage Society Board of Directors was called to order at 10:25 a.m. in Fredericksburg, Texas, at the home of Glen and Peggy Treibs. Present were Teddy Vanderwerth Boehm, Mary El-Beheri, Ewing Evans, James Feuge, Jean Heide, Connie Krause, Van Massirer, Terry L. Smart, Annette Stachowitz, Janice Warncke Thompson, Glen Treibs, Gerri Gehman West, Mary Whigham, Henry Wolff Jr., and GTHS Executive Director Eva Barnett. Absent was Hubert Heinen.

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 2006 MEETING**

There was one correction to the minutes for August 2006: the date for the Board's meeting in November was November 11 not 12. Motion by T. Boehm to approve the minutes with correction. **MOTION APPROVED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

G. West, Treasurer, distributed a printed report and announced (1) that 2006 was the second consecutive year that GTHS met expenses without using funds from investments, (2) that revenues as of September were \$72,000+, (3) that expenses as of September were \$46,000+ and (4) that the GTHS bank balance as of September was \$12,000+

Motion by H. Wolff to approve/accept the Treasurer's report. **MOTION APPROVED**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

E. Barnett, Executive Director, distributed a written report and announced (1) that paid GTHS memberships as of September totaled 850, which is fewer than in 2005, (2) that since August 2006 GTHS has added one new life member (3) that Christmas markets will be held at New Braunfels November 16 and at Austin December 2, (4) that she has written new grant proposals and (5) that volunteers are needed in order to keep open the German Free School

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

T. Boehm, Chair, reported (1) that the Executive Committee established a policy for the GTHS Executive Director, E. Barnett, to report directly to the GTHS President, and (2) that the Executive Committee discussed compensation for the Executive Director for 2007

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

C. Krause, Chair, reported (1) that a total of fifty-nine recipes had been received for a planned German-Texan cookbook, (2) that no action had been taken on translation of a traditional 19<sup>th</sup> century German cookbook, (3) that she will present a report to the February board meeting on work underway on a GTHS calendar, (4) that she will present a report to the February board meeting on work underway on a Director's Manual, (5) that preparation of an index to articles in the Journal was still underway, and (6) that planning for the 2007 GTHS Annual Meeting was not completed

Motion by T. Smart that the Activities Committee be authorized to design a GTHS cookbook and then report its recommendations to the Board of Directors in February. **MOTION APPROVED**

Motion by T. Smart that the 2007 GTHS Annual Meeting should be held in Castroville, Texas. **MOTION APPROVED**

Motion by J. Feuge that the 2007 GTHS Annual Meeting should be planned for a Friday evening and all Saturday. **MOTION APPROVED**

President Boehm charged the Activities Committee to complete plans for the 2007 GTHS Annual Meeting and to present a financial report to the February board meeting.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

G. West, Chair, reported (1) that as of September 2006 GTHS investments totaled \$310,000+ (2) that as of September the 2006 income from GTHS investments totaled \$8,400+ (3) that the committee had developed a policy for reducing or eliminating future transfer fees, (4) that the committee was seeking bids for a financial audit to be sometime after April 15, 2007 and (5) that G. West and E. Evans were acting as a subcommittee to review GTHS insurance coverage

President Boehm appointed M. Whigham to the Budget and Finance Committee.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

H. Wolff, Chair, reported (1) that one estimate for producing GTHS decals was \$680 per thousand or \$1,000 for 2,500 (2) that certificates for GTHS Life Members had been designed and presented at the 2006 GTHS Annual Meeting, and (3) that Executive Director E. Barnett has sent membership renewal letters to all individuals who did not renew for 2006

President Boehm referred back to the Membership Committee item (1) above, the proposal for GTHS decals.

**OLD GERMAN FREE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

A Stachowitz, Chair, reported (1) a new sprinkler system has been installed in the garden of the German Free School, and (2) that herb gardens have been added to the garden of the German Free School

**AD HOC NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

C. Krause, Chair, reported that the committee recommended that the officers for 2006 be reelected to serve an additional one-year term in 2007.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF GERMAN FREE SCHOOL**

E. Evans, Chair, reported that the committee has not met to begin planning for a commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German Free School

**AD HOC PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

There was no committee report.

**UPDATES ON GOALS**

President Boehm reviewed goals established by the board at its August meeting and asked individuals and committees to present brief updates on work to date toward accomplishing those goals.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President T. Boehm announced that ballots received from the Membership had been counted by the Executive Committee and that Connie Krause (51 votes) and Donna Watson (46 votes) had been elected, each to serve a four-year term on the Board of Directors beginning January 1, 2007.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2007**

C. Krause, Chair, Ad Hoc Nominating Committee, reported the committee's recommendation that the four officers for 2006 be reelected to serve a one-year term beginning on January 1, 2007. There being no nominations from the floor, voting was held for each position, and the following were reelected: President Teddy Vanderwerth Boehm, Vice President Ewing (Wing) Evans, Treasurer Gerri Gehman West, and Secretary Terry L. Smart.

**DATES FOR BOARD MEETINGS IN 2007**

Motion by T. Smart that the Board hold its regular quarterly meeting in 2007 on the following dates: (1) Sunday, February 11 (2) Saturday, May 5 (3) Saturday, August 11, and (4) Sunday, November 11. **MOTION APPROVED**

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

President Boehm appointed M. Whigham to the Budget and Finance Committee.

President T. Boehm appointed Anna Thompson to the Ad Hoc Committee on 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the German Free School.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR 2007**

Motion by E. Evans to approve compensation in 2007 for the GTHS Executive Director: \$20 @ hour x 30 hours per week for 52 weeks (2) 6 holidays with pay (3) 5 days vacation with pay (4) FICA payments by employer. **MOTION APPROVED**

G. West presented the 2007 budget created and recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee with compensation for the GTHS Executive Director as approved by the board. Motion by M. El-Beheri to approve the budget. **MOTION APPROVED**

**PRESIDENT'S CHARGES TO COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUALS**

President Boehm directed all committee chairs and individuals to submit their reports to her two weeks prior to the February board meeting. .

President Boehm referred to the Ad Hoc Publications Committee a proposal received by the GTHS Executive Director for the making of "Life Story" video films and directed it to make its recommendation at the February board meeting.



President Boehm requested outgoing board member J. Thompson to obtain bids for repairs and renovation of the German Free School prior to the February board meeting.

President Boehm requested each member of the Board of Directors to submit at least one German-Texan recipe to the Activities Committee prior to the February board meeting.

President Boehm requested T. Smart to write a fund-raising notice for repairs and renovation of the German Free School suitable for inclusion in the GTHS journal.

President Boehm requested Executive Director E. Barnett to send a copy of the Kelly Stevens Will to each member of the board prior to the February board meeting

President Boehm referred back to the Membership Committee a proposal for GTHS decals and directed it to report its recommendation at the February board meeting. .

President Boehm directed the Activities Committee to complete plans for the 2007 GTHS Annual Meeting and to present a financial report to the February board meeting.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS RELATED TO GERMAN HERITAGE

E. Barnett, Executive Director, announced upcoming events related to German Heritage at which the board could have a GTHS booth, table, representative, etc.: University of Texas Volunteer Fair at Austin in January 2007; German Heritage Festival at Tomball in March 2007; and Texas German Society Annual Meeting at Tomball in March 2007.

T. Boehm, J. Thompson, and M. Whigham volunteered to represent GTHS at the Tomball German Heritage Festival in March 2007.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Motion by T. Smart that the Board of Directors express its thanks and appreciation to James Feuge and to Janice Warncke Thompson for their many years of service on the board and contributions to GTHS. **MOTION APPROVED**

Motion by T. Smart that the Board of Directors express its thanks and appreciation to Glen and Peggy Treibs for hosting the November meeting of the board in their home at Fredericksburg. **MOTION APPROVED**

Motion by V. Massirer that the Board of Directors express its thanks and appreciation to Johnny Barnett of Austin for his contributions to the GTHS *Oktoberfest* held at the German Free School. **MOTION APPROVED**

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS FROM AROUND THE STATE

### GERMAN CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT DALLAS

The Dallas Frohsinn Singing Society will be participating in a German Candlelight Christmas service (ecumenical) on Sunday, December 10 at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Dallas at 6464 Lover's Lane. For information about the society phone Jozsef or Anna Fodor at (972) 529-5664

### STEPHENVILLE GERMAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Faith Lutheran Church in Stephenville held an annual celebration of German Heritage on November 4 at the church, featuring German food and music.

### DEUTSCHE SAMSTAGSSCHULE AT HOUSTON

The German Saturday School of Houston is a non-profit educational corporation offering German classes for children ages 2-18. Classes are held in the rooms of Christ the King Lutheran Church, located at 2353 Rice Blvd. in Houston. The school also offers extensive language courses for serious students who want to learn not only the language but the geography, history and customs of the German-speaking countries. For information phone (713) 666-8125 or contact [tscheschule@aol.com](mailto:tscheschule@aol.com) or [www.deutschesamstagsschule.org](http://www.deutschesamstagsschule.org)

### WURSTFEST AT NEW BRAUNFELS

The annual Wurstfest was held at New Braunfels in November on the Wurstfest Grounds in Landa Park. *Good Morning America* and *Good Morning San Antonio* broadcast live from the grounds.

### 102<sup>nd</sup> GERMAN CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CELEBRATION IN SAN ANTONIO

*Die deutsche Weihnachtsfeier* (Christmas Candlelight Celebration) will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 in San Antonio at the Margarite B. Parker Chapel on the campus of Trinity University. The Christmas Story is told entirely in the German language. The combined choirs of the Beethoven Maennerchor and the San Antonio Liederkrantz will provide music. For information phone (210) 826-0255 or contact [jbculver@grandecom.net](mailto:jbculver@grandecom.net)

### OKTOBERFEST IN GALVESTON

The First Lutheran Church of Galveston held its annual *Oktoberfest* on October 28 on the church grounds, featuring German food and drink and music by the Alpenfest Band.

### OKTOBERFEST AT CRAWFORD

Oktoberfest was celebrated at Crawford in the Community Center in the municipal park on October 7<sup>th</sup> featuring an old-time country German meal, dancing, and music by the Fritz Hodde Band.

### OKTOBERFEST AT FREDERICKSBURG

A three-day *Oktoberfest* festival at Fredericksburg in October celebrated the city's German heritage with German food, oompah music, a German *Biergarten*, and an *Oktoberfest* Vineyard area.

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