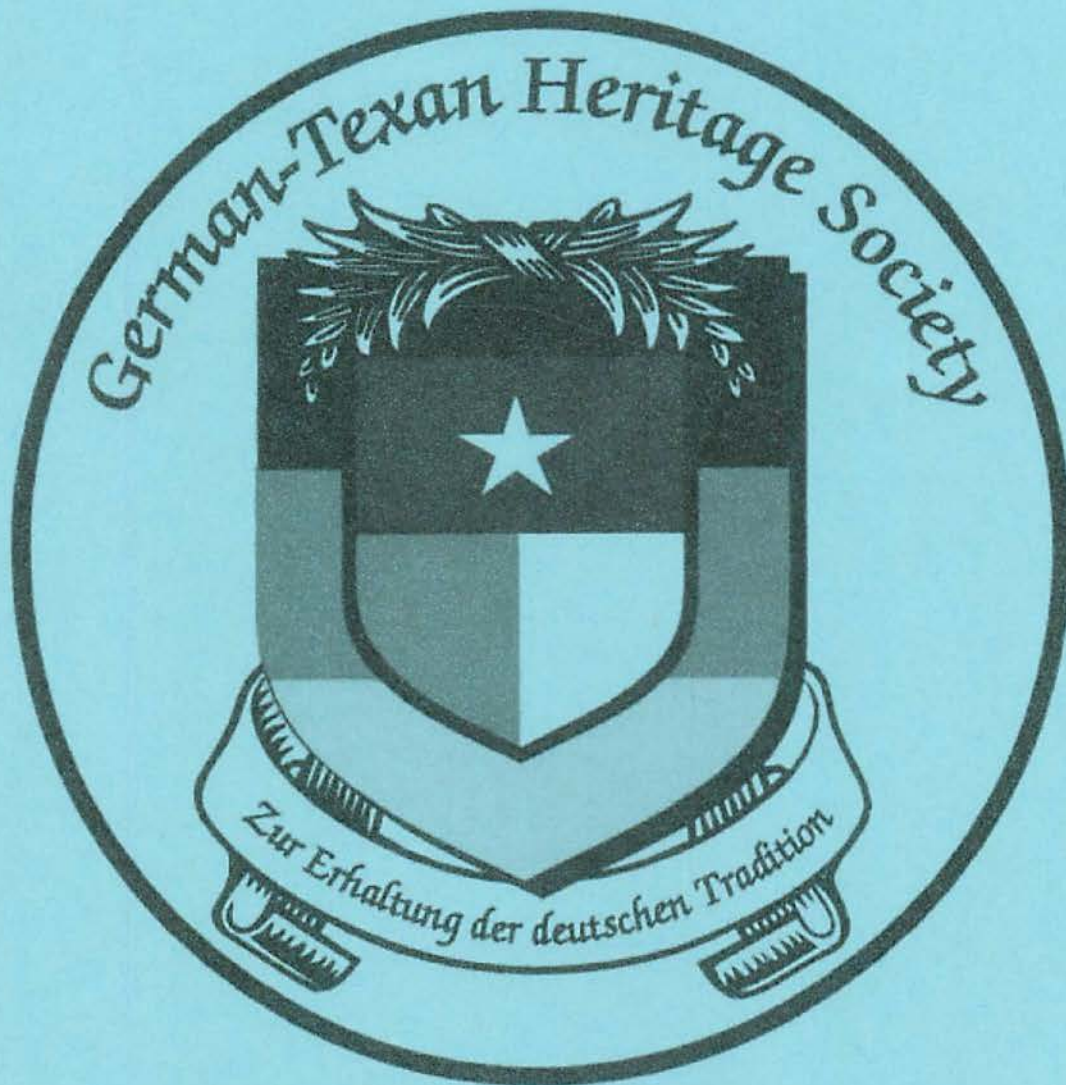


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Recognition thanks to the work of our volunteer, Jean Warneke who will become our new Executive Director in January. Our 2009 Oktoberfest was outstanding. Check out the web site for a video of the doings thanks to newly elected director, Christopher Markley. We are looking forward to a great 2010 with these two new additions to our staff/board who have enthusiasm and abilities.



Proclamation

*Be it known that
Whereas,*

*German settlers have been coming to Central Texas since
the 1800s; and,*

Whereas,

*These German immigrants have contributed to the City of
Austin and State of Texas in many ways; and,*

Whereas,

*The mission of the German Texan Heritage Society is to
promote awareness and preservation of the German-Texan
cultural heritage;*

Now, Therefore,

*I, Lee Jeffingwell, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas,
do encourage citizens to celebrate Oktoberfest
and do hereby proclaim*

October 24, 2009

as

German-Texan Heritage Day

in Austin.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal of the City
of Austin to be affixed this 20th Day
of October in the Year Two Thousand Nine*

Lee Jeffingwell
Lee Jeffingwell, Mayor, City of Austin





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Dear Member:

Our goals for 2010 are to increase our exposure statewide by participating/initiating events that speak to our mission to “promote awareness and preservation of the German cultural heritage of Texas.” We also look to expanding the use of the German Free School to bring in much needed funds. **We need your help.**

Membership dues are a necessary part of running an organization and for us for 2010 they represent 18% of our bottom line. What should that say to you? That the organization is sensitive to economic conditions and is trying very hard to keep your “costs” low. If you add the request for donations to our operating fund which less than 15% of the membership responds to, 85% of you are enjoying a bargain even at the increases for 2010 (not to mention those of you who contribute in memory of)!

How do we bring more bang for your buck to you statewide?

We will continue to seek your participation in articles for the *Journal*. Where else can families have their history published for posterity? Are you participating?

Where will you leave your family heirlooms when the kids say they aren't interested? The Trenckmann Library/German Free School is a good answer.

Where else can you get free genealogical help from our resident genealogist, Liz Hicks?

Where else can you get legal advice regarding bequests that can maximize a tax deduction or an income stream from our contributing attorney, Rodney Koenig.

You will be receiving every two months the Schulhaus Reporter which will have more timely articles of interest.

Our German language classes have expanded from Austin to Brenham, Round Rock, San Antonio. Can you help us bring those classes to your area?

Can we have a German genealogy seminar in your area?

Is there interest in having a German film night in your area?

What events that are run by other organizations should we be participating in your area? We have participated in Brenham's Maifest and Christmas Market, in the San Antonio Christmas Market, the Tomball Maifest. These are opportunities to tell our story and find more members.

The “guild” has been associated only with the Austin area and the German Free School. We want to expand that designation to anyone who volunteers in the service of GTHS and who gives beyond the basic membership level. You will be recognized in the *Journal* for this commitment. The new 2010 membership form has a space for your donations and feedback to us about your interests.

We are finishing the year with great results from our annual meeting in Round Rock, planned meetings in 2010 in Fredericksburg and 2011 in the Dallas area, and a very successful Oktoberfest. The Christmas Market is December 5.

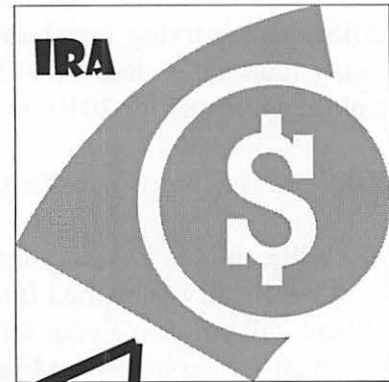
Continue to be a part of this great organization with your renewal and donation so that we can further our mission to promote awareness and preservation of the German cultural heritage of Texas. The membership renewal form follows and you will be receiving a mailout. Also check out an end of the year opportunity to donate to your favorite non-profit directly from your IRA without incurring reportable income.

Mary Whigham, Chair
Membership Committee

TAX TIP for those 70 1/2 years old!!!

In each of the years **2008** and **2009** those of you who are 70 ½ years or older and are the owner of a traditional or Roth IRA may “roll over” to qualifying charities/non profits up to \$100,000 **without the distribution being included as taxable income. The distribution must be directly from the IRA to the selected charity/non-profit.** These transfers are not taken into account in determining the deduction eligibility of other charitable contributions.

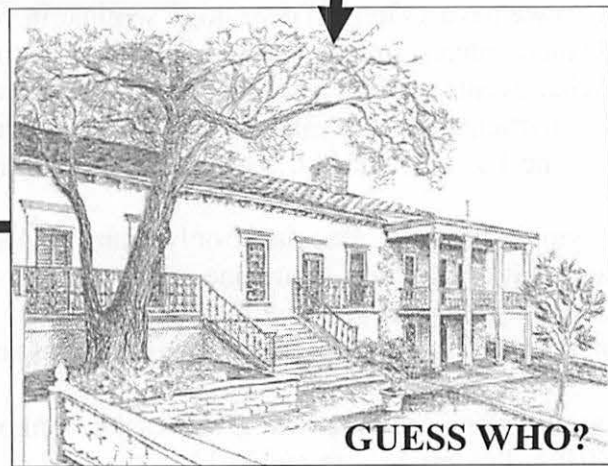
IRA charitable rollovers must be requested directly from owners’ IRA administrator. The process is not standardized so you may want to contact your IRA administrator directly for their process. Most will want a letter from you indicating your request. It is also a good idea to notify the charity/non profit of your bequest.



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*Your name (or in memory of) on a bronze plaque to be placed on the outside wall of the German Free School.



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YOUR GIFT TO HELP US CONTINUE
OUR MISSION**



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In Memoriam



MARGARET PRESSLER BARR

Margaret Pressler Barr, 95, of Austin, Texas, passed away Labor Day Monday, September 7, 2009, in Austin. She was born in Austin September 23, 1913, to parents Veannis M. and Herman P. Pressler, Sr.

The youngest of three children, Margaret was proud to be a third generation Texan and granddaughter of the well-known cartographer Charles W. Pressler, who surveyed and drew some of the earliest maps of Texas. She was married to architect Howard R. Barr for 63 happy years and they lovingly reared two sons, Dick and Alan Barr. She lived all of her life in Austin except during World War II when her husband was serving in the U.S. Navy.

Margaret began taking piano lessons at the age of five from Miss Sally Day and her love of the piano was lifelong. She grew up in a time when the purchase of the first family automobile was a memorable event and air conditioning consisted of nothing more than a late afternoon swim at Barton Springs pool before retiring to the screened sleeping porch. Being raised with two brothers in a neighborhood where boys out-numbered the girls gave her a spirit of determination and independence, which served her well in facing life's challenges.

Her academic career started by being homeschooled by her mother, later graduating from Pease Elementary School's sixth grade where she received the Citizenship Award. In Austin High School Margaret belonged to the Red Jackets pep squad and the Hypatian Social Club before graduating in June, 1931, as a member of the National Honor Society. She spent her freshman year in college at Gulf Park College in Gulfport, Mississippi before returning to Austin to attend the University of Texas, where she obtained her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1936. She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority and later served as president of the Pi Beta Phi's Austin Alumnae Club. After graduation she worked briefly as a receptionist-secretary for the architectural firm of Driscoll and Gross. In 1938 she married architect Howard R. Barr. In 1939, Howard Barr opened his own architectural office and Margaret served as his entire administrative staff.

Margaret joined the Austin Junior League in 1939 and became a volunteer at the Cerebral Palsy Center. She became a member of the University United Methodist Church in 1941, having been a Baptist in her early life. She was a charter member of the Woman's Architectural League of Austin, serving as president in 1942.

Margaret and Howard moved to Houston at the beginning of WWII, where Howard worked at the building of Brown Shipbuilding Yard and then in the construction of destroyer escorts. After Howard joined the Navy in 1942, they lived briefly in New Orleans, returning to Austin where their first son, Dick, was born on September 3, 1943. When Howard was sent to San Diego, CA., Margy and Dick joined him in California for a few months before he was shipped out to Pearl Harbor, where he was stationed until the end of the war. Howard returned November 1945 and in 1946 reopened his office before joining the architectural firm of Giesecke, Kuehne and Brooks.

The family of three moved into an apartment next door to her childhood home and son Alan was born in 1947. Four years later they moved into a new house overlooking Lake Austin, which Howard designed, where they lived the rest of their lives.

Margaret enthusiastically performed wifely duties when Howard was president of the Texas Society of Architects and Board member of the national A.I.A. She got great joy from her endeavors with her two sons in all stages of their lives. She was glad she was able to help care for her mother, Veannis M. Pressler, and her mother-in-law, Myrtle H. Barr of Austin in their later years.

Margaret and Howard were devoted members of the Couples Plus class at the University Methodist Church, where they made many dear friends and gladly served the church as Sunday school teacher and architect-in-residence, respectively.

Margaret was a member of the Settlement Club of Austin, the Knife and Fork Club, Austin Assembly, the German Texas Heritage Society and a faithful patron of the Austin Symphony. She kept in touch with long-time friends through membership in the Eleanor Tyler Sewing Club and the Rose Moore Sewing Club. They did not do very much sewing but they certainly enjoyed talking and eating. After her mother's death in 1975, she began to manage her mother's real estate property, which she continued to do for 34 years. "Mrs. B," as she was known to her husband and neighbors, found joy in everyday living, which endeared her to her friends and quickly made new friends out of strangers. She provided a wonderful model of our heavenly Father's love for his children, showing them unconditional love, guidance borne from wisdom, patience and forgiveness—always providing them encouragement and support.

This kind, generous, intelligent woman—always concerned about others more than herself—was greatly loved by her family and friends, who are grateful for the many years she was with them. Her absence will be felt and mourned for a long time.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband Howard R. Barr, father Herman P. Pressler, Sr., mother Veannis Maddox Pressler, brother Herman P. Pressler, Jr. and his wife Elsie Townes, brother Edward D. Pressler and his wife Maxine of Houston, and brother-in-law Charles Barr and his wife Mildred of East Lansing, Michigan.

She is survived by son Richard Barr, his wife Mary Shipp, and grandson Johnathan Barr of Dallas; son Alan Barr, his wife Mary Sue and granddaughter Grace Barr of Austin; nephews Judge Herman Paul Pressler III and his wife Nancy, Townes Garrett Pressler and his wife Penny, and John Eric Pressler and his wife Sherryl, all of Houston; sister-in-law Bernice Barr Ragsdale of Austin; niece Marilyn Barr Leppek and her husband Al, nephew Charles Wesley Barr II of Interlochen, Michigan; nephew Steve Ragsdale and his wife Christi of Lake Worth, Florida; niece Nancy Lee of Glen Burnie, Maryland; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial services will be conducted at 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 11, at the University United Methodist Church, 2409 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas. Parking is available at the Platinum parking lot on the southwest corner of 25th and Guadalupe. A visitation at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home at 3125 North Lamar will be held on Thursday, September 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 in the evening.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University United Methodist Church, 2409 Guadalupe, Austin 78705, or the Settlement Home, 1600 Peyton Gin Road, Austin 78758.

Obituary and guestbook online at wcfish.com

Margaret Barr was a founding member of the German Free School Guild in 1994

In Memoriam

Cancer claims world traveler Otmar Kolber

He cherished memories of his Austrian Boyhood but felt at home only in Houston

Otmar Kolber, honorary consul general of Austria and founding director of the Asia Society, died on Monday after a long battle with cancer. He was 68.

A native of Austria who moved to Houston in the mid-1960's, Kolber was a world traveler who loved people and lived life to the fullest, his family and friends say. "He was a man of many talents," said his former wife and longtime friend, Loli Fernandez-Andrade Kolber. "He was very well-educated, very elegant in dress and soul."

Kolber was born in Vienna on Aug. 7, 1941, the second of three brothers. He never forgot the splendor of the Austrian Alps, where he spent his childhood and visited every chance he got, Loli Kolber said. "He loved being in Austria, especially Bad Gastein, Salzburg, where he spent many summers and winters with his "school friends to climb the mountains," she said. "He also loved Japan where he lived for some time," Loli Kolber said, "and later on in life he discovered and loved Spain."

Houston's hospitality

After his studies at the University of Vienna, Kolber traveled to the United States in the mid 1960's. He toured the country and found himself attracted to the Southern hospitality of Houston and decided to call it home, said Loli Kolber, a multimedia artist. He taught at the University of Houston, later worked at Texas Commerce Bank and was active in real estate development, cash management and waste management. He even explored for antimony ore in Guatemala, his family said.

He was also associate director of the Houston Grand Opera in 1971.

Kolber was equally involved with the community, working with many social and cultural organizations including the Houston World Trade Association, the Japan America Society, the East European Commerce Cooperation and organizations that contributed to the international exchange and cooperation between Houston and other countries around the world, Loli Kolber said.

Many involvements

He was founding director of the Asia Society and founder of the Pan American Society of Houston. He also was involved with the Baker Institute for Public Policy at Rice University, the University of St. Thomas and the University of Houston, where he collaborated with the Blaffer Art Gallery, and was involved with the Friends of Hermann Park.

In 1978, Otmar Kolber was appointed by the Republic of Austria to represent the country's interests in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. He also headed up the Consular Corps in Houston as dean. "This was his way to repay the country where he was born, that he adored and that provided him with such a beautiful education," Loli Kolber said.

Kolber is survived by his first wife, Jerian Kolber Reeder, and their two sons, Mark Kolber and Briton Kolber; his second wife, Loli Kolber; and two brothers, Adolph Kolber and Reinhard Kolber. Services were held Friday in the Chapel of St. Basil at the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

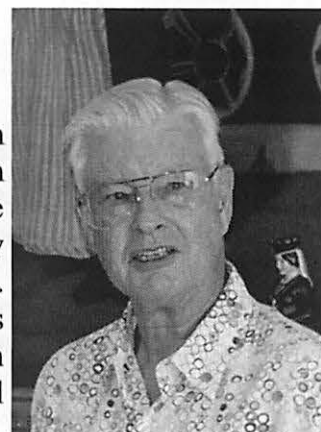
By Robert Stanton

Houston Chronicle, September 27, 2009

Submitted by Rodney Koenig, Houston

President's Notes

The Annual Meeting was in Round Rock on October 9-10. There was an excellent series of speakers. The DNA section of the Genealogical session was of particular interest to me. I found that my Y chromosome, (the English half of me) has traces going back to Germany (Bavaria). A new Director, Christopher Markley, was elected to replace Hubert Heinen. Hubert has served as a Director as long as our By-Laws permit. Thanks Hubert and welcome Christopher. Mary El-Behari and Mary Whigham were elected to another term as Directors. The next Annual meeting will be in Fredericksburg.



After the Annual Meeting, was Oktoberfest, at the German Free School, October 24th. It was a fine, family, fun event, which was very well attended. We had four bands, dancing, food and bier. The children's games, face painting, bouncy house, etc., kept the parents at Oktoberfest for the full afternoon and evening.

The Board meeting on November 8th accomplished some serious business. It was decided that we should not proceed with the Ft. Martin Scott project in Fredericksburg at this time. There are just too many physical problems, and our finances and manpower are too limited. Then, after many months without an Executive Director, the Executive Committee recommended to the Board that Jean Warneke should be hired as Executive Director beginning in January. The Board approved the motion. Jean has been very active volunteering in the office ever since Eva left. The Board elected new officers for 2010. Mary Whigham will be President, Connie Krause will be Vice President, Martha Liehse will be Secretary and Gerri West will be the Treasurer.

The Erzgebirge items are being sorted and priced. The quality of the woodworking is outstanding. The Christmas Markets will be on December 5, in Austin and San Antonio. I hope you will mark your calendars and support these very important events. Remember, Christmas is the time when so many of our German traditions are seen and heard. So these events are an important part of our Mission.

We still need underwriters for all of our events. If you know of any company, society, or individual that might be an underwriter for any of our upcoming events, please make the appropriate request.

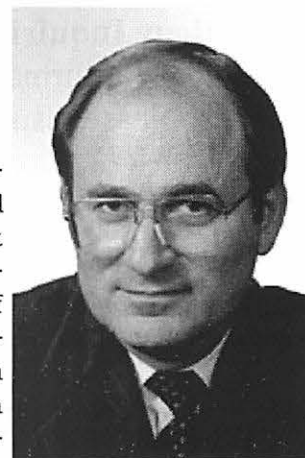
Now is the season to renew your membership in the German-Texan Heritage Society. Please do not put it off, we need you to remain interested and active members. Ask your friends who might have a German connection or interest to join us. The GTHS is a fun group.

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LEAVE YOUR GERMAN MARK

By Rodney C. Koenig (past President of GTHS)

The last several months have been filled with events important to our community. We lost an absolute Star and good friend in Professor Dr. Ted Gish (1931-2009), who left his mark on the German Texan community. He taught wonderful courses on German-Texan history at the University of Houston. He was the editor of German-Texan Heritage Society Journal for a number of years. He wrote and edited a number of books and articles on German-Texans, including a history of Houston Saengerbund. Ted left his German library to GTHS. Ted Gish left his German Mark in an indelible way. His scholarship and wit will be missed.



The Rev. Dr. Robert Moore, Pastor of Christ the King Lutheran and President of Houston-Leipzig Sister City Association, led a group of almost one hundred persons (including the Board, Houston Rotary members, and Houston City Council person Anne Clutterbuck) to Leipzig, Germany. We celebrated the 20th anniversary of the extraordinary October 9, 1989, marches in which some 70,000 candlelight peace marchers took part, about a month before the Berlin Wall came down in November 1989. While they worried about the Stasi, no blood was shed. During the week in Leipzig, a Tram there was named "Houston," a new "Peace Window" given by Houstonians was dedicated in St. Thomas Church (Johann S. Bach's church) and Houston Baptist University music Professor Ann Gebuhr had a premier of her "Peace Cantatta" performed in the St. Thomas Church, Leipzig. Mary and I heard the St. Thomas Boy Choir, the Gewandhaus orchestra directed by Kurt Masur, an interesting Opera and attended the "Peace Gala." The Leipzig week was extraordinary!

Then, immediately after the Leipzig Trip, Mary and I joined Houston Liederkranz to sing at the International Choir Festival in Solingen, Germany, from October 12-17, 2009. Choirs from Australia, Hungary, Paraguay, Brazil, USA, and eight German choirs attended. Our invitation included a stay at a youth hostel, excursion tours of Bonn (seeing Beethoven's birthplace and Drachenfels), Cologne, Solingen, Wuppertal, a Rhine River trip, and other sights. We sang in the Cologne Cathedral, Rittersaal in BurgSchloss, on the Rhine River Boat, and a final concert in the Concert Hall of Solingen. The Houston Liederkranz was the only North American choir invited and it was a real honor for Liederkranz to sing and its organizer, Ewald Burckhardt, is to be congratulated. The Liederkranz is leaving its German Mark.

While we were in Germany, GTHS had its annual convention in Round Rock, Texas, chaired by our first President, Mary El-Beheri. Looking at the program, we missed a wonderful convention. I would have loved to have met the myriad of authors present. After we returned from Germany, GTHS had its Oktoberfest in Austin October 24, 2009. That event, with three bands and numerous German dancers, yodeling, and the antics of M.C. Jim West, made the trip to Austin well worthwhile.

We have had a number of individuals leaving their German Mark. How can you leave your German mark? Donate 10% of your estate or 10% of your IRA to GTHS. Collect old German letters from your attic and have them translated for your family. Do a pictorial German Family Tree as my son, J.T. Koenig, has done. Ways in which you Leave Your German Mark is only limited by your imagination! Do something today. For help, call Rodney C. Koenig at (713) 651-5333, or email me at rkoenig@fulbright.com. Any board member will also be pleased to speak with you and help.

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Do **YOU** have a genealogy question? Send it to Liz Hicks, Genealogy Editor, e-mail: 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.



WILLIAM VON ROSENBERG OCT. 14, 1821 – Dec. 4, 1901: Ann Barnes, 3134 E. McKellips #36, Mesa, AZ 85213, abarnes13@cox.net. Seeking documentation for William Von Rosenberg's Civil War service as a topographical engineer under General John B. Magruder.

Reply: Several published works refer to William Von Rosenberg's Civil War service. It appears from article in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* Vol. 85, Oct., 1981, Jan. & April, 1982, original documents for William and other members of the Von Rosenberg family are in the manuscript collection at the Center for American History, UT-Austin. Some of the information is autobiographical according to John Henry Brown in *Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas*. Another published source, *Three Generations of Texas Topographers*, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* LXIV, Jan. 1961, pgs. 384-387, mentions William as serving as topographical engineer in the Corps of Engineers in the Confederate Army with rank of Captain. The articles in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* can be viewed online at www.tshaonline.org. The only reference I've found which mentions Magruder, with Capt. William Von Rosenberg, is *Foreigners in the Confederacy*, by Ella Lonn, 2002 edition. [John Von Rosenberg](#) and [H. R. Bieberstein](#) are also mentioned.

I recommend you send the forms I'm mailing you to the Texas State Library and Archives for William's Civil War service. This search may give you the information you seek, or TSL&A may direct you to the National Archives. I suspect there are service records in the National Archives in Washington, DC as well. You can download a form NATF 86 online from Natl. Archives website (do google search). Footnote.com (not a free site) has some digitalized NARA records. Record Group M346, Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms 1861-1865, aka Citizens File has: Appropriation for Engineer Service, Nov. 30, 1863, Houston, TX, for services as military assistant engineer in topographical bureau for the month of November, pd. \$250. Approved H. Douglas, Major Engineers. Also, Oct. 1863, cash paid for transportation of instruments and __ (can't make out) for topographical bureau from Austin to Houston. You may be able to find more original records in the Natl. Archives. I would see if you can find a breakdown or calendar for the "Rebel Archives" or Confederate Archives, War of the Rebellion, and possibly the Corps of Engineers.

LENZEN: Alice D. Camp, 107 West Clarksville St., Jefferson, TX 75657, would like to find a Copy of Father Wahlen's Rare Records of *The Pioneers*.

Reply: This was never published. Father Wahlen's rough draft can be found in the Sophienburg Archives, 401 W. Coll St., New Braunfels, TX 78130. Website: <http://www.nbttx.com/sophienburg>. Thank you Connie Krause for this information.

STERNENBERG / STERNENBURG: DeLayna Crockett, P.O. Box 970303, Orem, UT 84097, de-layna@xmission.com would like to find someone who may have information on Rudolph and Hester Sternenberg who lived 1885-1899 in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas. My g. grandfather, William Thomas Shields lived with the Sternenbergs in 1888. I would like to know more about the Sternenbergs.

Reply: Hopefully, someone will see your query and contact you. For a time span between censuses, you might try newspapers, church records, and tax lists. Rudolph & Hester are on the 1880 Austin County, TX census with children: Carl, Hugo, Julia & Emma. In 1900 they are in Otay, San Diego County, California: Rudolph age 56, born Germany, immigrated 1849, Hester A., wife, age 49, children: Alma P., Emil and Emilie. I do not know if the Houston, Harris Co., TX Sternenbergs are related, but this family was from Rittershausen, Westphalia, Germany.

KABELL, HINZE, BISCHOFF, LUDWIG, WALTER, MELONECK, MADER FAMILIES OF AUSTIN CO.; BUSSE, FINKE, SCHROEDER, BECKER OF GRIMES CO., TEXAS: Katie Statham, 1205 Shadowlake Drive, Sealy, TX, K_statham@sbcglobal.net would like to hear from anyone researching these families, and especially William Kabell of Cat Springs, born March 15, 1883. He was adopted by Thomas and Josephine Maloney Kabell. How can she get his adoption records opened?

Reply: Since William Kabell died Aug. 13, 1918, (death certificate can be printed for free at <http://pilot.familysearch.org>) contact the District Clerk of Austin Co. to see how to open adoption record. GTHS has several members who are Judges and Attorneys. Can anyone help Katie?

SCHRADER – FREISENHAN/FRIESENHAN – JARISCH: Brent Schrader, P.O. Box 1603, Mandeville, LA 70470, Brent.Schrader@pavestone.com Has hit roadblock on Dad's side of the family tree. The father of Hugo Bruno Schrader, born June 19, 1909, Bastrop, TX was Rudolph Schrader born 1876 Bastrop. Only thing found on Rudolph was his second wife was a Freisenhan. She was not the mother of Hugo.

Reply: Rudolph Schrader, wife-Mary, and kids are on the 1910 Bastrop Co., TX census. Hugo is listed as one of the children. Mary says on the census she has been married 8 yrs. According to my math, this was about 1902+/- a year. Your Hugo is only a few months old on this census which should make this Mary his mother. Mary Schrader died Sept. 6, 1925 in Comal County. Her death certificate gives her parents as: Nickolas Friesenhahn, born Germany, and Paulina Niechie or Nitche born Guadalupe Co. Rudolph Schrader was the informant on Mary's d.c. Rudolph's death certificate states his parents were: Anton and Theresia Jarisch Schrader. They are listed on the 1880 Bastrop Co. census page 88 with a Rudolph in their household of the right age to be your guy. Death Certificates (1903-1976) are available at <http://pilot.familysearch.org>.

MUSCHKE: Moumen Soudan, msoudan86@gmail.com. Is a student at Lone Star College-North Harris, Houston, TX. He is doing historical research on the Mueschke Family, and is Looking for any information on this family

Reply: Unfortunately, Moumen did NOT say what Mueschke Family or WHERE. I am going to assume (dangerous thing to do), he means the Mueschke family that appears on the 1870 Federal Census page 650, Rose Hill Community, Harris Co., TX. Gustav Mueschke age 50 born Prussia, Wilhelmina age 44, wife, born Prussia, sons: Paul, Fritz, and Carl all born Texas. This family is buried in Sanders Cemetery, Harris Co., TX (use www.findagrave.com) for cemetery listing. According to "New Homes in A New Land" by Ethel H. Geue, Gustav Mueschke came from Berlin on the SS *SUWA* in 1853 to Galveston. Wilhelmina seems to have come later with family from Prussia on the SS *Antoinette* in 1855. Also try the Handbook of Texas online for Mueschke.

GREAT WEBSITES:

(MUST HAVE)

<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/ei.html> (Passenger & Naturalization) and <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/emigration.html> (emigration lists).

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My genealogy friends are reminded that they can go to the site <http://southerncampaign.org/pen/index.htm> and read any of 6660 Rev. War pension applications on file thereon. Adobe Reader is required to read them.

Please advise your own genealogy friends of this site. If you have a pension application of your ancestor and it is not already posted, you can post it.

Outreach

Courtesy, Charles Locklin, Austin

Images from the Trenckmann Library



GTHS member, Paul von Merz, who lives in Georgetown identified the metal that is worn by Von Richthofen on page 205 in the Fall *Journal*. Paul said that his father was awarded the same and it is called the Pour le Merite Medal.

Although it may sound incongruous Germany's highest military medal awarded during World War One was the decidedly French sounding *Pour le Merite* (also known the as 'The Blue Max'). The award dates back to 1667 when, in the German state of Brandenburg, the *Ordre de la Generosite* - the Order of Generosity - was created by Frederick William I. Given that French was the language of the royal court the naming of the merit award would have appeared a natural choice. The award's name was subsequently modified in June 1740 to *Pour le Merite* by Frederick the Great. Frederick planned to issue the new award to subjects performing with particular merit in the coming conflict with Silesia.

Excerpted from <http://www.firstworldwar.com/atoz/pourlemerite.htm>



Brenham Maifest attendee getting into the swing of things. This is why we do what we do!!!!



Photo courtesy of Pat Fischer

WANTED: Stories about This Young Lady

Name: Strickliesl

Age: unknown

Identifying Features:

Four pegs in hat

Tube running from top to bottom

Also Known As:

Spool Knitter

Knitting Nobby

Cord Knitter

Other:

Often seen in the company of yarn and children.

Best known for producing long knitted cords, which are used to make rugs, pin cushions, horse reins.



PLEASE

If you have stories about Strickliesl you would like to share

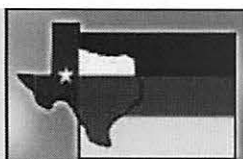
Or an old Strickliesl that I could photograph

Or projects from knitted cord made on a Strickliesl that I could photograph...

please contact me, Suzann Thompson (knitter, crocheter, author, long-time member of the GTHS). I am collecting stories and photos so I can write and speak about the Strickliesl, which is part of many German and German-Texan childhood memories.

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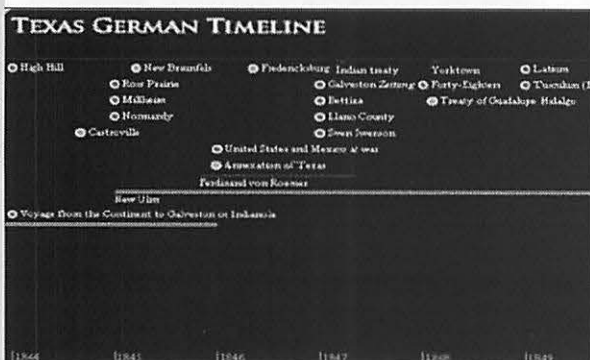
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New Texas German history website for classroom use and community outreach



Screenshot of the prototype of the Texas German History timeline web site

While the TGDP continues to interview Texas German speakers across the state, it is also in the process of creating a series of educational materials for classroom use that will complement the oral history interviews in the on-line archive (<http://www.tgdp.org>). Our first project involves the development of a Texas German history timeline that can be accessed over the Internet. As of summer 2009, our prototype timeline is on-line. The prototype is at [http://fsttexasdevdiia.utexas.edu/german_timeline/index.html](http://fsttexasdevdiia.utexas.edu/fsttexasdevdiia.utexas.edu/german_timeline/index.html).

Users can study a timeline of events relevant to Texas German history and click on a year to read more information about a particular event, such as the founding of Fredericksburg. For each historical event (or specific people or organizations) there are source materials in digital format, such as images, newspaper reports, diary entries, letters, minutes of meetings, etc. For our prototype web page we have scanned over 60 images from the archives of St. Martin's Lutheran Church

in Austin. Once these images are uploaded to the web page users can click on the founding year of the church and access these images to learn more about the church. In the fall 2009 semester, we are testing the prototype of this website in the class "The Texas-German Experience" at UT Austin. In 2010, we plan to expand its content and to develop specific exercises that will help students learn more about Texas German history, culture, and heritage. We will also develop specific exercises for K-12 education. If you have any old pictures, newspapers, letters, diaries, etc. relevant to Texas German history, please contact the TGDP at texasgermandialect@gmail.com or at (512) 279-2462. We would like to make copies of your documents, digitize them, and ask you for permission to use them for the Texas German history website. Storing

your documents with us will allow future generations to access them for free over the internet.

TGDP milestones 2009

- ◆ The book *The Life and Death of Texas German* was published in March 2009.
- ◆ In 2009, members of the TGDP presented five lectures on Texas German.
- ◆ During 2009, the Texas German Endowment received more than \$7,000 in donations. See inside for more details about the endowment.
- ◆ The TGDP added thirty new interviews with Texas German speakers to its online archive in 2009.

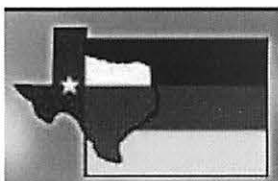
Dissertation analyzes Texas Alsatian in Medina County

Karen Roesch defended her dissertation "Texas Alsatian: Henri Castro's Legacy" at the University of Texas on September 24, 2009. A long-time member of the TGDP, Karen became interested in Texas Alsatian in the spring 2007 semester, when she took a graduate class at UT on "Language Contact and Language Death in Texas" with Hans Boas. After conducting a few interviews in Castroville, Karen decided to write her dissertation on Texas Alsatian. Two and a half years and more than forty interviews later, Karen's dis-

sertation represents the first in-depth study of Texas Alsatian as spoken in Medina County. Texas Alsatian is distinct from other Texas German dialects in its vocabulary, sound system, and grammar. Besides studying the structure of this unique dialect, which was transported to Texas from the Rhine Valley in the early 1840s, Karen's dissertation also investigates extra-linguistic factors, such as ethnic identity, language loyalty, and language maintenance. Like the other dialects of Texas German spoken across central (*Continued on p. 4*)

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TGDP serves as a model for other heritage preservation projects



Hans Boas conducts an interview with a Texas German speaker in her kitchen.

In 2001, the Texas German dialect Project (TGDP) was founded by Hans Boas at the University of Texas to document and archive interviews with some of the remaining Texas German speakers. What started out as a small collection of oral history interviews has grown substantially over the past eight years. So far, Hans and his students have interviewed more than 300 Texas German speakers across



Interview in New Braunfels

the state. During the first year, the recordings were kept in Hans' office and used for teaching purposes. However, it soon became apparent that people outside of Hans' classes wanted to listen to the recordings. To make the recordings available to a wider audience, Hans applied for funding to create the Texas German Dialect Archive.

Between 2002-2005, Hans received funding from the Liberal Arts Instructional Technology Services at UT as well as Texas Humanities to create this on-line archive. The main idea was to create a permanent

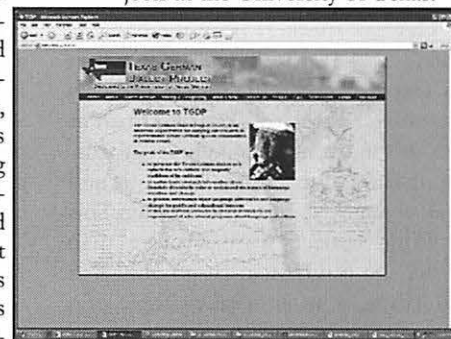
home for the Texas German interviews so that they could still be accessed hundreds of years later to tell the story of German immigration and life in Texas. Together with his students, Hans transcribed and translated the recordings and stored them on a server at UT. At the same time, three computer science students worked for more than a year to create a file management system that helped TGDP members with storing interviews and the accompanying metadata on the server.

These students also created the public website that allows users to access the recordings, together with their transcriptions semester, Hans tested the prototype website in his class "The Structure of German" at UT. Student feedback

helped the TGDP team with fine tuning the design of the website as well as the different options for accessing the recordings and related data. Two additional revisions in 2003 and 2004 helped the TGDP team finalize the on-line dialect archive. Since 2005, its layout and access options have remained the same, giving returning users to the archive the same experience. The only way in

which the website has changed since is its content: we constantly add more interviews, update information about research findings, and provide new links relevant to Texas German language, culture, and history. With the on-line archive in place, Hans and his students started researching Texas German language, culture, and history. Over the past years, TGDP members have given numerous presentations at meetings of historical preservation societies throughout Texas, as well as at academic conferences in the U.S., Australia, and Europe. The growing interest in the TGDP and its on-line archive also led to reports in local, national, and international newspapers and magazines. The success soon caught the interest of other researchers and organizations concerned with heritage preservation. In 2007, John Tomeček, who is now a graduate student in the Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies at UT, contacted Hans about archiving oral history recordings with speakers of Texas Czech. Interested in his Czech heritage, John had already recorded a fair amount of interviews with Texas Czech speakers and was looking for ways to store these recordings and to make them accessible to a wider audience. Hans helped John by giving him access to the infrastructure of the Texas German on-line archive, as well as its underlying interview procedures and file management system. Today, John is still using experi-

ence gained from the TGDP to help him manage his Texas Czech recordings. In 2008, Hans also consulted with two other language and culture projects at the University of Texas.

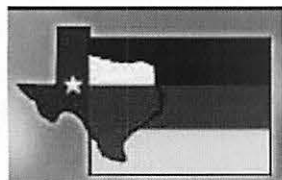


Home Page of the Texas German Archive

Rachel Showstack, a graduate student in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, is planning to create an archive of recordings with speakers of the many different Spanish dialects in Texas. Lars Hinrichs, an assistant professor in the English Department at UT, investigates different varieties of English in Texas. Lars' project aims to find out what "Texas English" is with respect to different ages and ethnic groups, and how it is changing. Together with his students, Lars is currently conducting fieldwork among Austin-born speakers of Texas English. His website <http://www.texasenglish.org> contains lots of interesting information about English dialects in Texas.

Interview with a group of Texas German speakers in Doss





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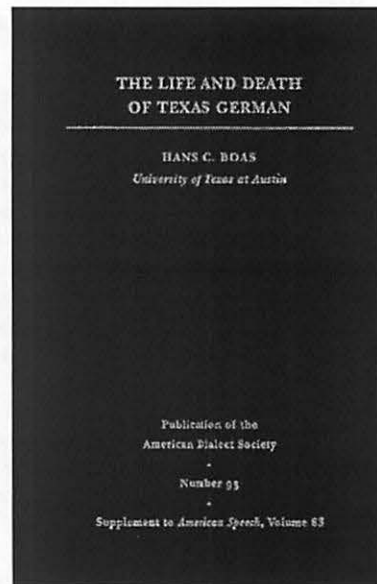
First book published on Texas German in more than 30 years

In March 2009, Hans Boas' new book *The Life and Death of Texas German* was published with Duke University Press. The 345 -page book is the first substantial study of the Texas German dialect since the early 1970s.

Hans' book is based on interviews with Texas German speakers from the New Braunfels area as well as other select Texas German communities. It presents the first major study of Texas German as spoken in the twenty-first century, focusing on its formation and the linguistic and cultural changes it has undergone. This New World dialect, formed more than 150 years ago in German communities in central Texas, is an unusual example of a formerly high status dialect that declined for sociopolitical reasons in the early 20th century. An important case study for dialect research, Texas German is now critically endangered and will probably be extinct by 2050 because it is not being passed on to younger generations. By comparing and contrasting present-day data with data from the German dialects brought to Texas since the 1840s, Hans' book offers an in-depth analysis of mutual interaction between the German-

speaking community and English-speaking Texans, long-term accommodation of Texas German speakers in this new community, and language hybridization on the Texas frontier. The volume also analyzes a number of structural changes in Texas German over the past century and examines sociolinguistic aspects of the Texas German community from its foundation to today, providing insight into the dynamics underlying new-dialect formation, diglossia, language shift, language maintenance, and language death.

The book received a favorable review in *The Journal* of the German Texas Heritage Society. Kevin Mitchell concludes his review with the following words: "Boas' book has chapters that will interest Texana buffs, but many sections are geared toward academically rigorous analysis of the linguistic and socio-historical development of Texas German. Linguists will rejoice. More casual readers should have a grammar dictionary on hand." From the table of contents: 1. Introduction 2. Sociohistorical Context 3. Dialect Contact and New-Dialect Formation 4. Developments in



Hans Boas' new book on Texas German

Texas German Phonology 5. Morpho-syntactic Developments in Language Maintenance. 7. Conclusion. The book costs \$20 and can be ordered through your local book store, directly from Duke University Press (1-800-651-0122), or online, for example at Amazon.com.

Texas German Endowment at the University of Texas raises over \$30,000



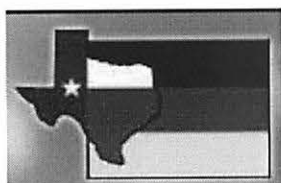
Historic Anhalt Dance Hall

Remember the Alamo! is a famous slogan in Texas and beyond. It is so powerful because it marks an important event in Texas history and because people have heard it so many times. But can you imagine anyone in two hundred years saying "Remember the Texas Germans"? Probab-

ly not. Even today, most undergraduate students at UT have never heard of German immigration to Texas or of the many contributions by German immigrants to the arts, architecture, agriculture, music, food and drink, and infrastructure of Texas. You may ask "why?" People today or in the future probably do not remember the Texas Germans because there is a dearth of information about their language, history, and culture. It is not taught in detail in Texas schools. Images, documents, and certain historic buildings such as the dance hall in Anhalt or the

Vereinskirche in Fredericksburg will certainly still exist in 200 years. But these buildings do not tell any stories. They do not provide first-hand information about German immigration to Texas, and how subsequent generations of Texas Germans helped shape the Lone Star State. The Texas German Project at UT records these stories from Texas German speakers who heard them from their parents and grandparents. These oral histories, passed down from one generation to the next, are archived and preserved for as long as UT exists. To ensure our contin-

ued operation, the Texas German Endowment at the University of Texas is looking to raise one million dollars. The interest from the endowment helps support the recording of oral history interviews as long as Texas German speakers remain. After that, funds will support student research on Texas German language, culture, and history. 2009 marked a special goal: we passed the \$30,000 mark. Please consider donating to the Texas German Endowment at the University of Texas to help us preserve this special part of Texas German heritage for future generations! (see also page 6)



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New TGDP Member 2009: Michaela Bentz



Michaela Bentz joined the TGDP in September 2009. She is pursuing an interdisciplinary doctorate in Germanic and General Linguistics at UT. Her dissertation working title is "Structural definitions of code-switching in German dialects in the Balkans". She is currently teaching German at UT and has done linguistic field work on Danube Swabian in Croatia,

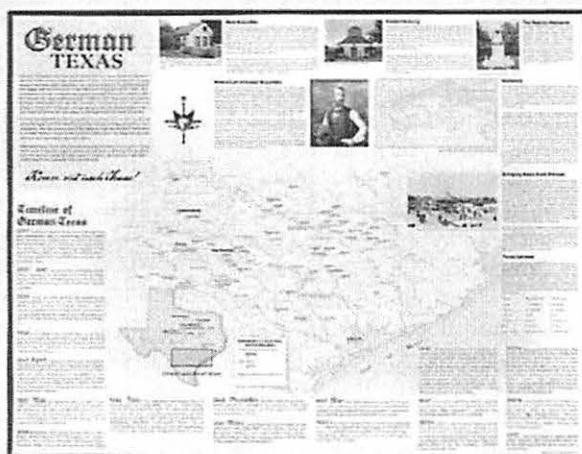
Hungary, Romania, Serbia, France, and Brazil. After graduating from the University of Heidelberg with an M.A. in German philology and Romance linguistics (where she also studied Slavic linguistics), she studied in Berlin and Munich. Beside Danube Swabian and Texas German, she is very interested in Cimbrian, and she has recently been working on this language as a research fellow at the University of Trento in Italy. She is interested in endangered languages and dialects in general, especially in Germanic varieties. Michaela loves having BBQs with her friends, listening to and singing gospel music and refereeing soccer games.

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Karen Roesch helping out with the harvest in an Alsatian vineyard during a part of her fieldwork in the Rhine Valley in the fall of 2008.

Texas, Texas Alsatian is critically endangered. Because it has not been systematically passed on to younger generations since the 1940s, Texas Alsatian will go extinct within the next 30-40 years. Karen's dissertation is unique because it is the first in-depth analysis of this endangered new-world dialect. In addition, she has contributed significantly to documenting the Alsatian heritage for future generations by depositing the recordings of her interviews with more than 30 Texas Alsatian speakers with the Texas German Archive. These interviews can be accessed over the Internet at <http://www.tgdp.org>. Before starting graduate school in Germanic Studies at UT Austin, Karen held a Masters in Curriculum and Teaching from Michigan State University. She has taught German, French, English, and Japanese in Australia, Germany, and Japan, as well as in New York and Texas. She is a native Texan and became interested in the various Texas German dialects several years ago through her high school German teacher from the German community of Doss, northwest of Fredericksburg.

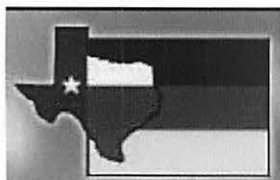


Featured: Texas German Map

Show your Texas German pride and contribute to the Texas German Endowment at the University of Texas at Austin by purchasing one of our high-quality prints of the history of German immigration into Texas!

Donated for fundraising purposes by mapmaker and German American Justin Cozart, this beautiful 34"x28" map includes a chronology of the history of Texas Germans dating back to 1831, when Johann Friedrich Ernst first fell in love with the wide-open country and wrote a book about it, *Reise nach Texas*. It also explains key concepts in German immigration, such as the role of the *Adelsverein*, an organization that was instrumental in the settling of Texas, the founding of Texas German towns, basic differences between Texas and Standard German, the popularity of German music, and more.

German Texas map, available exclusively from the TGDP for \$40.00 including shipping and handling. See included order form for details.

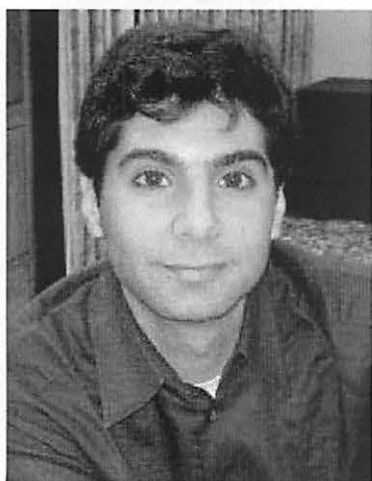


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TGDP Featured Alum 2009: Mohamed Fakhreddine



Mohamed graduated from UT in 2005

It started as just another job, but it soon became more than that. As a UT Computer Science undergrad, Mohamed Fakhreddine had been working various odd jobs around campus, from creat-

ing Power-Point presentations to ushering guests at UT's performance halls, when he found the ad for a PHP and SQL developer, posted by Hans Boas at the Germanic Studies Department. Mohamed had just recently learned about these technologies and saw it as a good opportunity to test his skill at applying them. When Hans first described his vision, Mohamed was excited because he also saw the great potential of the project: a secure web-based tool that saved Hans's students time and increased efficiency by completely digitizing their workflow, eliminating paperwork and

allowing them to work from home. Over the next few months, the project took form as the two worked closely together, and Mohamed found that Hans had an energetic sense of optimism that was fun to work with on a daily basis. He also enjoyed meeting with Hans's students whenever possible and hearing about their work – studying and preserving spoken German in Texas – and how the new web tool had improved their work lives. After graduating in 2005, Mohamed developed software fulltime for FactSet, a financial services company in Connecticut, and he now works for Pervasive Software,

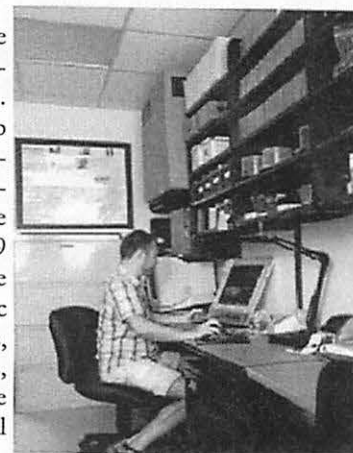
a data integration company in Austin. He took his first job in Connecticut to experience the east coast and a different lifestyle; what brought him back to Austin was the city's laid-back, comfortable atmosphere. In August 2009, Mohamed enrolled in the graduate program in Computer Science at UT. It has been four years, but Mohamed has not forgotten the opportunity Hans gave him, and will always remember it as a highlight of his young career. Hans and Mohamed have remained good friends, and if you come by Rudy's in northwest Austin at lunchtime on a weekday, you might just see them there...

Texas German lab moves to Burdine Hall

In December 2008, the TGDP, along with the Department of Germanic Studies, moved its lab from E.P. Schoch Hall to Burdine Hall, north of the Main Building on the UT campus. E.P. Schoch was home to the department for 18 years, from 1990 till the end of 2008. The extensive moving operation, which required many faculty members to do some spring-cleaning, took place during winter break in order to disrupt classes as little as possible. Louise Swanepoel and Erin Covert led the charge by organizing and packing all of the belongings of the TGDP. Many in the department consider the new location, shared with the Departments of American Studies, Religious Studies, and Sociology, to be an improvement. Certainly, for

the TGDP, the move has yielded a lab it can call its own, separate from other departmental lab space. Although the lab is a bit smaller than the old one in E.P. Schoch, it has two windows and more storage space. The new lab is located on the third floor of Burdine Hall and holds all of the recordings of interviews with Texas German speakers as well as the accompanying documentation and forms. It also holds a substantial collection of recordings of German dialects from the 1950s, together with detailed information about each of the speakers. Students and research assistants use the lab's four computer workstations for processing the interviews, transcribing and translating

them, uploading them to the on-line archive, and for conducting linguistic analysis. Since August 2009, the lab has seen more activity because of the new Texas German Timeline project (see page 1). Throughout 2009 and 2010, members of the TGDP are scanning historic documents such as images, letters, newspaper articles, diaries, etc. so they can be accessed by students in digital format for in-class assignments and homework. The digitized documents are being used for the first time by students in Hans Boas' undergraduate class "The Texas-German Experience", which he is teaching at the University of Texas during the Fall 2009 semester. Students in this class will also collect historical



Hunter Wellbacher in the new lab

documents for class assignments and will use the TGDP lab to scan and upload them to the new Texas History timeline web site (see page 1 for more information) so that others may access them over the Internet.

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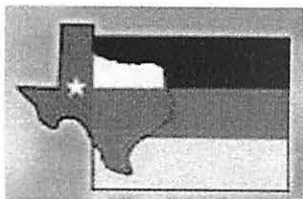


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Ways to give: How to contribute to the Texas German Endowment

Mildred Schulze of Freyburg with Hans Boas after an interview session in 2004



Plans for 2010

- The TGDP will test the first version of the Texas German history website and use it in an undergraduate class "The Texas-German Experience" at UT Austin.
- TGDP members will continue interviewing Texas German speakers throughout the state. We plan on extending our fieldwork sites to Harris County and the Corpus Christi area.
- Members of the TGDP will continue their fund raising efforts for the Texas German Endowment at UT.

Since 2001, the TGDP has conducted interviews with more than 320 speakers of Texas German throughout the Lone Star State, totaling more than 680 hours of recordings.

However, the project currently has a list of over 350 Texas Germans waiting to be interviewed. Because many of the current and potential Texas German informants are in their 80s and 90s, this means that valuable interviews could be lost in case they passed away before they were interviewed. The process of adding entries to the Dialect Archive is extremely time intensive. Per hour of interview added to the archive, an estimated 50 hours of work are necessary for setting up the interview, traveling to the interview site, recording the interview, and then digitizing, editing, analyzing, transcribing, translating, and archiving the interview material. During the past eight years the project has received funding from various sources both inside and outside the University, totaling \$200,000 so far. After years of funding by



different sources, the TGDP has been unable to receive further external grants for the past two years, drastically reducing the TGDP's ability to record and archive interviews. To maintain its operations, the TGDP requires an estimated budget of about \$50,000 annually. Since both state and federal funding agencies have cut down funding for the humanities over the past four years, the TGDP has not been able to secure funding from these sources. In the summer of 2011, the project will reach an interruption in recording and processing interviews. For these reasons the sole option to guarantee continuity of the TGDP lies in the establishment of a Texas German

Endowment to ensure its permanent maintenance. The Texas German Dialect Endowment is seeking donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations. The tax-deductible donations are deposited into an account at The University of Texas at Austin which generates interest each year. This interest will support the recordings and research activities of the TGDP for the next 30-40 years. After that, the interest generated by the endowment will be used for scholarships for students who are interested in researching Texas German culture, history, and language at the university. All donations are tax deductible. Those who wish to contribute to the endowment can make checks out to "Texas German Endowment—UT Austin" and send them to Hans Boas, and receipts will be sent out within two weeks. If you are interested in making a donation to the endowment or have questions about the endowment, please contact Dr. Boas at (512) 796-3046.

Community Events

Historic New Braunfels church around the corner

August 1, 2009 *Texas Hill Country Examiner*, Susan Rauch



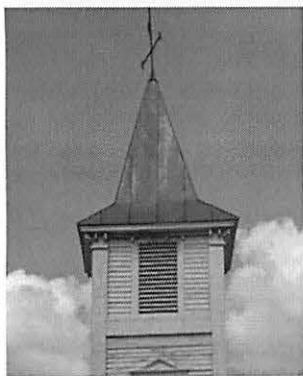
St. Martins and Hortontown cemetery

Have you ever taken a drive through an old town and stopped at a historic church or graveyard? Something about an old church and cemetery makes me want to investigate. Maybe it's the old tombstones or markers...or maybe the thought of how old the church is, and thinking about what people wore while attending or who the person was that died. Cemeteries tell much lot of history about a town, population, disease, occupations, and religion. Even on an excursion while in Ireland I could not help roaming a medieval to modern cemetery when I stumbled across the tombstone of a little girl who passed away at a very young age. I was inspired to write a poem about it, which ended up being presented at a literary conference. Go figure. So here I was coming home from the grocery store in New Braunfels, when I came across an old church, which many times I had passed but never stopped. Today I decided to drive up to the entry gate of this old church. A locked chain-link fence surrounded the church and its adjacent cemetery. All the sign said in front was "Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Martins." No historical marker. No other information except an iron trellis-like entryway that had the words Hortontown Cemetery written in the arch. The church itself looks nostalgic; its faintly faded white steeple and wooden façade still in glorious shape. I imagined the building once standing with a perfect coat of white-wash. After digging through some online research I did find out St. Martins is possibly the oldest Lutheran Church in Texas. It was built in 1851. The history behind historic New Braunfels churches stems back to 1845 when both church services and school taught in German and English were held under the shade of some elm trees at the edge of Sophienburg Hill. During this time, New Braunfels was a colony predominantly populated by German settlers under then Republic of Texas. The Republic was largely Catholic, although the First Protestant Church was established in 1845. St. Martins came along not far after.



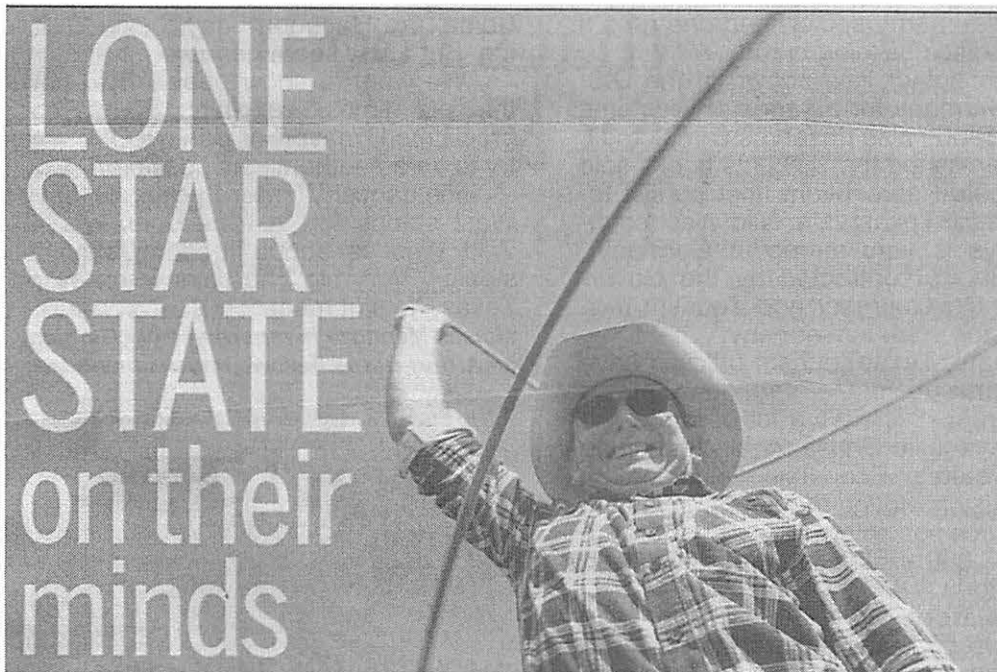
Hortontown cemetery behind St. Martins

I was able to venture around the side and back of the churchyard, and saw many old gravestones but yet some fairly modern sites. From what I have read, an American flag on a pole flies near the site of a soldier who died in France during World War I. The Comal Genealogical Society held a field trip a few years back perusing the historic churches of New Braunfels. If you visit their website there are many pictures of St. Martin's cemetery as well as additional information about the society and its events surrounding all things genealogy. I was thankful to have finally stopped to survey this little church and all of his history. If you are ever driving along Loop 337, just past the overpass and Industrial Drive coming off of I-35, take a glance at the little white church directly off the Loop, now nestled amongst large warehouses and business parks. Then imagine how serene life might have been 150 years ago. Maybe a dirt road and rolling pastures led to this little church once upon a time, quite a difference from the very busy and fast-paced environment it now sits in. Maybe the little church takes comfort in the fact two other newer church structures share the same neighborhood...what a contrast 150 years makes. **For more info** about historic landmarks or churches in New Braunfels or Comal County visit the Comal Genealogy Society. Also, Landa RV and Campground website offers a little history about the area as well.



Steeple of St. Martins c. 1851

Submitted by Liz Hicks, Houston



YEE HAW, JA?: Alfred "Freddy" Sabel shows off his roping skills at the Old Texas Town in Berlin. Sabel, though not a member of the Cowboy Club, is one of the dozens of Western enthusiasts who visit the town when it opens to the public.

Lure of Texas extends across the Atlantic and into German hearts

By Moises Mendoza, Staff Writer
Houston Chronicle, Sept. 28, 2009

FRANKFURT. GERMANY - Every Thursday night, Martina Hagedorn dons her boots and cowboy hat - and sometimes a fake pistol and lets her inner Texan take over.

She heads to a Western themed meeting place marked by a tepee and decorated with pictures of bald eagles and flags from Texas and other states. There, she and other members of the Country & Western Club Bommerheim listen to country music and bootscoot across the dance floor. Here in the land of lederhosen, it seems, the Wild West is in.

"Sometimes I think the Germans are more into cowboys than the Americans," says Hagedorn, secretary for the club based in Oberursel, near Frankfurt.

This fascination is evident across the country. Mock battles between Germans dressed as cowboys and Indians draw crowds, as do Texas themed restaurants with names like the Texas Bar. In Berlin, visitors to Old Texas Town can tour "Main Street", stop by the Bank of Texas and a gold mine, then practice their square-dancing or drop in for a drink at a saloon. In Frankfurt, duded-up patrons of the Texas American Saloon tear into a steak called the "Wild Bill" while the Texas House Band cranks out music with a Lone Star theme. Even Tex-Mex has become trendy with diners, according to Germany's hotel and restaurant association.

This cowboy cachet might strike a visitor as odd at first. "The Western theme constantly

pops up here," says John O. Magee, an American consultant and author based in Bonn. "It can be unexpected. But if you think of all the connections, it starts to make sense."

Politics put aside

Though many Germans express disdain for things they identify with Texas—the death penalty, gun rights, George W. Bush, their fascination with the state reflects long-standing cultural and economic ties.

Germans were among the largest ethnic groups to migrate to Texas in the 1800s, and their influence remains pervasive in places such as Fredericksburg. Each fall, the town of New Braunfels hosts Wurstfest, a tamer and scaled-down version of Oktoberfest.

Simone Gluck-Schiffer of the German-American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern U.S. says German businesses are involved in the



GETTING INTO IT: Western fans enjoy the down-home atmosphere at Berlin's Old Texas Town. The town opens its saloon doors to the public once a month and kicks off the evening with a ceremonial parade of flags and a gun salute.

state's renewable-energy sector, and one runs a warehouse and office building in Katy.

Karl May, an author little known in the U.S. but famous in Germany for a series of Westerns he wrote in the 1800s also deserves some credit. Though he never visited the U.S., his books sold millions and created perceptions that persist today. "The picture of Texas as a Wild West country with cowboys is very strong in Germany," says Claudia Baierl, contracted by the Governor's Economic Development and Tourism division to promote the state in Germany.

In recent years, Texas tourism officials have "increased advertising in German news media and on the Internet. "There's a lot of interest in us right now, says Julie Chase, chief marketing officer for the state's Economic Development and Tourism division; noting that Germany is the fifth-largest source of international visitors to Texas. Some 77,000 visited the state last year, the most since 2003.

Interest in history

Germans' love of Texas culture may best be found among the country's many Western-themed clubs like the Bommersheim group. It was founded in 1997 on a lark after some one's birthday and now has more than 300 members

Some, like Hagedorn, say they're in it for the dancing. But a few seem genuinely interested in history.

"We want to show people how cowboys lived in the old times," explains Ralf Keber, the self-proclaimed "mayor" of Berlin's Old Texas Town. "We try to be as authentic as possible."

Line dancer Werner Stickel, 58, says the Wild West stands for "a wide open world." To him the Wild West is about freedom, plain talk and good steak. "Very big," he says when asked to describe Texas, "lots of meat."

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MAIN STREET OF THE OLD TEXAS TOWN: A historical Western town was founded in 1950 in Berlin and is maintained by a group of 40 members and helpers. New construction projects include a replica of the Alamo.

Aleman to hold annual service



St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aleman, TX, a small community just south of Hamilton, holds an annual German Worship Service that is out of this world...or should I say country.

From the music, a duet of two young ladies, in authentic German dress, and traditional Christmas Hymns, to the sermon, every word is spoken in German. It really is quite like poetry. They provide a booklet that has the service printed in English, as well as German, to help those of us who don't speak German to follow along.

To add to the beauty of it all, they have a tradition of a musical light show prior to and after the service. It is unlike anything you have seen. The 18-foot Christmas tree in the sanctuary is meticulously decorated with lights in specific patterns. The lights are then set to music to put on a spectacular show.

The Dublin Citizen, Dec. 18, 2008

The congregation has a reception following the service. They serve homemade desserts for those attending the service. Who in this community can pass up homemade goodies and a great opportunity to socialize? The service takes place on Dec. 21 and the pre-service light show begins at 5:30 p.m.

St. Paul's has another opportunity to see the light show. Their Children's Christmas service is held on Christmas Eve.

The pre-service light show begins at 5:30 p.m., and the service is the Christmas Story reenacted by the children of the church. All children attending the service receive a gift bag at the Christmas Eve service.

The last chance to see the light show is during the New Years Eve service at 6 p.m. The traditional Christmas Day service begins at 10 a.m., everyone is welcome to attend.

Please contact Martin Schrank at 254-386-5902 if you have any questions.



Submitted by Anna Thompson, Dublin

"I saved enclosed article about the German Worship Service at Christmas in Aleman, Hamilton County, Texas, in the hope you could print it in the Journal closest to Christmas, 2009. This way people who want to attend can call to get the hours of the various activities."

Annual Wendish Fest Slated September 27 in Serbin

*Fayette County Record
September 22, 2009*

The Texas Wendish Heritage Society will host the 21st Annual Wendish Fest on Sunday, September 27 on the grounds of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society Museum and St. Paul Lutheran Church picnic grounds in Serbin.

The day long event will begin at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 8:30 a.m. with English worship service featuring Rev. Paul Hartfield, Pastor Emeritus of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serbin. Rev. John Schmidt, pastor of St. Paul, will serve as liturgist.

The German worship service, again featuring Rev. Hartfield, will begin at 10:30.

Meal tickets will be available for purchase beginning at 9:45 a.m. and the meal will be served until 1:30 p.m. Snack booths will open at 2:30 p.m.

Deadline for entries in the annual Coffeecake Bake Off is at 10:30 a.m. and winners will be announced at 12:30 p.m. A junior division (for participants 14 years and younger) has been added to encourage the next generation of great cooks. Other contests for adults include washer pitching at 2:00 p.m. with signup at 1:30 p.m., and a cross-cut saw contest for men, women and mixed teams beginning at 4:45 p.m.

Children's contests include Kletternpfosten (pole climbing), coloring contest and stick horse races. Other entertainment for the younger generation includes a moon walk, train rides and face painting.

Demonstrations and activities throughout the day include tours of St. Paul Lutheran Church at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m., noodle making, sausage stuffing, sauerkraut making and blacksmithing. Kornelia Thor from Leipzig, Germany, will demonstrate her

expertise at decorating Wendish Easter eggs, and many of her decorated eggs will be available for purchase. Also demonstrating their skills at Wendish Easter egg decorating will be Michael and Susan Unger of Houston and Sandra Matthijetz of Winchester.

There will be a silent auction from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and a Plant Sale featuring many Heritage and "pass along" plants. There will also be displays of antique and classic cars, antique tractors and farm equipment, corn meal grinding and many more.

Kovanda's Czech Band will provide live music from 11:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The featured entertainment for this Fest beginning at 3:00 p.m. will be provided by Rolf and Beate Sieker, blue-grass music artists from Berlin, Germany, now living near Austin, along with Jessica Valls, a classically trained upright bass player, and Randy Underwood, a fine mandolin player.

On behalf of the Lee County Historical Commission, Carolyn Marble will present the "Carolyn Calvin Marble Friend of Lee County History Award" to the Texas Heritage Wendish Society and Museum during the afternoon program. This award is designated to be presented to an individual, an organization, or group of people who had made a significant contribution toward the preservation of Lee County history.

The public is invited to join us in Serbin for the 21st Annual Wendish Fest, where you will enjoy all of the usual attractions, demonstrations, food and fun that have become the hallmark of this "celebration of our Wendish heritage."

Submitted by Carl Luckenbach, Spring

The Sieker Band, Featured Performers at the 21st Annual Wendish Fest on September 27, 2009



Fort Martin Scott

FORT MARTIN SCOTT. On December 5, 1848, Capt. Seth Eastman, commander of Companies D and H, First United States Infantry, established Camp Houston as one of the first United States Army posts on the western frontier of Texas. The post was two miles southeast of Fredericksburg on Barons Creek, a tributary of the Pedernales River. This fort, part of the army's effort to protect Texan settlers and travelers from Indian depredations, served the Fredericksburg-San Antonio road and the local region. Eastman remained in Fredericksburg until February 1849, when he was ordered to move to establish a camp on the Leona River (Fort Inge). Camp Houston, or "the Camp near Fredericksburg," began with two companies, originally both infantry, then alternated between a company of infantry and one of dragoons. The German settlers in Fredericksburg had established a lasting treaty with the local Comanches in 1847; the influx of more settlers into the rich valleys of the Pedernales and its tributaries led to skirmishes but not open warfare.

The Eighth Military Department renamed the camp in December 1849 for Maj. Martin Scott (Fifth United States Infantry), who was killed at the battle of Molina del Rey in 1847. Fort Martin Scott served as a first line of defense, keeping the peace and minimizing possible friction caused by an active trade between the Comanches and German settlers. The soldiers also represented the one constant source of hard cash for businessmen in this rural community. The influx of new settlers, soldiers, and other whites traversing the range led to the brink of open warfare in 1850, when several tribes of Indians met near the San Saba River. Indian agent John Rollins, under escort by Capt. Hamilton W. Merrill and troopers of the Second Dragoons from Fort Martin Scott, met with the Indians. This meeting culminated in the Fort Martin Scott Treaty, which improved the situation enough to prevent open hostilities.

As the settlers pushed farther west, Fort Martin Scott lost any strategic significance it might have had and became economically unjustified and militarily unnecessary because of its distance from the front line of forts. From late 1852 through 1853 the fort assumed the role of forage depot. In his report, filed in the fall of 1853, Col. W. G. Freeman recommended that the fort be closed. Consequently, the Eighth Military Department ordered that Fort Martin Scott close in December 1853.

During the Civil War the fort had no strategic position. Except as a possible site of a Confederate mustering station to serve notice against the populace of Gillespie County who had voted against secession, the Confederate Army did not occupy Fort Martin Scott. In September 1866 Gen. Philip H. Sheridan ordered elements of the Fourth United States Cavalry to Fort Martin Scott to secure the frontier once again from possible Indian depredations. By the end of 1866 the fort was finally abandoned by military units.

Though it held an important position as frontier guardian for only a short time, Fort Martin Scott served the country and state well. Many of its commanders fought in the Civil War, including William R. Montgomery, Eugene B. Beaumont, William Steele, Edward D. Blake, James Longstreet, and Theodore Fink. The Fredericksburg Heritage Association now leases the land on which Fort Martin Scott was located from the city of Fredericksburg. The association has developed the property as a park and historic site and continues with archaeological projects and historic renovations.

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German Day in Texas 2009 and The 47th Annual Pioneer Ball

On October 10 in Irving, German Day in Texas was commemorated by almost 400 attendees at the 47th Annual Pioneer Ball, an event sponsored by the Dallas-based Texas German Day Council.

The nonprofit Texas German Day Council was founded in 1963 to renew a Texas custom known to exist in Houston as far back as 1889, that of celebrating German Day as an annual festival, to pay tribute to the heroic pioneers of German descent. An 1893 Dallas newspaper account tells of Dallas residents that year also celebrating German Day to celebrate the anniversary of the October 6, 1683 landing of the first group of German colonists in the New World, in Philadelphia. It was around 1910 that German Day festivities ceased to take place in Texas.

In 1963 German Day became officially recognized as an annual event in Texas, with the Governor now signing a proclamation each year commemorating the day. The date is always in October, close to the historic date of October 6. The Pioneer Ball has been held annually since 1963 in the Dallas area, always on a Saturday close to the officially designated German Day. German Day was also celebrated at each State Fair of Texas until 1996, when the State Fair discontinued all ethnic days.

Besides acknowledging the contributions of Germans and persons of German ancestry throughout Texas history, as well as commemorating the settlement of Germans in Germantown, Pennsylvania in 1683, the Texas German Day Council also has as its mission to encourage American-German cultural exchange and to build bridges of understanding and friendship between Germany and the U.S. Each year the Council salutes a German state or city at the Pioneer Ball. This year the 58-year Sister Cities partnership between Bad Königshofen (Bavaria) and Arlington (Texas) was honored, and eight Bad Königshofen residents, including the town's Bürgermeister Helbling, were present for the event. At this year's Pioneer Ball, the 60th Anniversary of the Federal Republic of Germany and the 20th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall were also marked.



Pictured here are (l. to r.)

Bad Königshofen Bürgermeister Helbling,
Texas German Day Council Chairman
Gary Nelson and Arlington's Mayor Cluck.

(Photo by Bruce Maxwell)

Written and submitted by Martha
Liehse, Whitney

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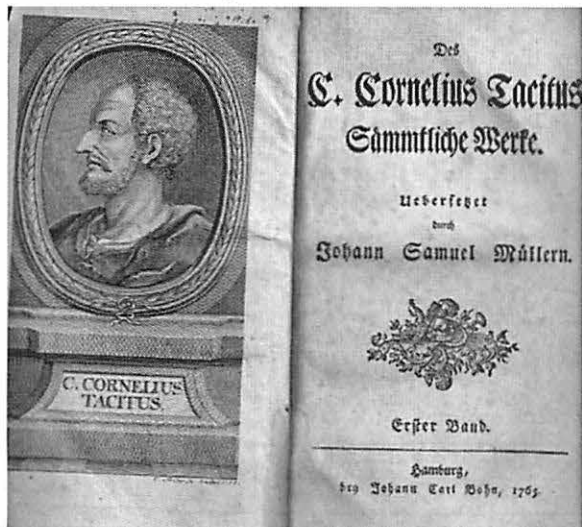
Submitted by Kay Locker, San Antonio



People

2000 years after the Varusschlacht

Submitted by Randy Rupley, Fredericksburg



In the Age of Reformation, the annals of Tacitus were rediscovered, revealing the origins of the Germanic nation and the fight for independence from Rome. Tacitus wrote about Aminius, the great Germanic leader, and how he defeated three Roman legions led by the biblical tax collector, Publius Quinctilius Varus. Martin Luther later rechristened Amenius as “Hermann the Cherusker” and called him the “liberator of Germania.”

Tacitus wrote, “Without a doubt, he earned the title of ‘Liberator of the Germans,’ and he did not ally himself with Rome as did other kings and field marshals, but instead, attacked them at the height of their power.”

The Roman historian Suetonius also wrote about the battle for Germany and how Octavius Augustus “suffered but two severe

and ignominious defeats, those of Lollius and Varus, both of which were in Germany. Of these, the former was more humiliating than serious, but the latter was almost fatal, since three legions were cut to pieces with their general, his lieutenants, and all the auxiliaries. When the news of this came, he ordered that the watch be kept by night throughout the city to prevent any outbreak and he prolonged the terms of the Governors of the provinces, that the allies might be held to their allegiance by experienced men with whom they were acquainted. He also made a vow to celebrate great games in honor of Jupiter Optimus Maximus, a thing which had been done in the Cimbric and Marsic wars, if the condition of the commonwealth were restored to greater prosperity. In fact, they say that he was so greatly affected that for several months in succession he cut neither his beard nor his hair, and sometimes he would dash his head against a door, crying: ‘Quinctilius Varus, give me back my Legions!’ He observed the day of the disaster as one of sorrow and mourning.”

If Varus had not been defeated in 9 A.D., the German language may have never evolved. This was the battle which would decide the fate of Europe. Rome had failed to conquer the Germanic peoples north of the Rhine, and had greatly underestimated their strength. Archaeologists have found the actual battle site where the three Roman Legions lost their lives, and now after 2000 years, new perspectives and a reexamination of ancient and contemporary histories is taking place. The skeletal remains and artifacts found verify the history told by Tacitus, and how Germanicus had returned six years after the battle to bury the remains of the soldiers. The fortifications described by Tacitus are just like the ones found and reconstructed at the site.

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On May 15th, a new museum and exhibition opened in Germany; IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTHOS. 2000 Jahre Varusschlacht at the Museum and Park Kalkriese. For those of us who are not able to visit the museum this year, there is a great website which provides a detailed history of the battle and the numerous events are taking place to commemorate the second millennium of this important event: <http://www.kalkriese-varusschlacht.de/en/varusschlacht-information-2-2/>

The exact location of the battle site has been disputed for hundreds of years and the story has been embellished by so many that a broad mythos developed which would depict the Germanic tribes as barbarians, or children of the forest much like the noble savage in the American Indian mythos. Especially the Victorian historians would not have us believe that the greatest world empire could be defeated by a savage tribe from the forest, or that the Germans were an export nation and industrial power.

Martin Luther may have thought of himself as a "Liberator of the Germans" in his fight against Rome and may have thought that Arminius had already shown that victory was eminent. Later, in the age of enlightenment and despotism, Johann Elias Schlegel wrote *Hermann*, and Klopstock wrote his *Hermann and the Noblemen*, which Hermann Seele mentions in his Journal as being widely read in the settlement of New Braunfels, Texas, as early as 1850. These plays inspired every German kingdom and duchy to dream of unification and turned toward true nationalism with Heinrich von Kleist's play *Die Hermannsschlacht*, which helped defeat Napoleon. The German colonies in Texas had been established and were growing fast with refugees and immigrants when a young Burschenschaftler (student) by the name of Joseph Victor von Scheffel wrote *Die Teutoburger Schlacht*. Helga von Schweinitz told me how she remembers stomping around the house as a little girl and shouting, more than singing, these lyrics. I can imagine the children of New Braunfels doing the same back in the 1850s. The song was also printed in Greek, and many of the members of our first singing society were capable of singing that too. A very nice rendition may be heard and seen on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fi7ILUKfYTY&feature=related>

413. Teutoburger Schlacht.

Alla Marcia.

Solo. *Tutti.*

1. | Als die Römer frech ge-wor-den, sim se rim sim sim sim sim,
 | so - gen sie nach Deutschlands Norden, sim se rim sim sim sim sim,

Solo. *Tutti.*

vor - ne mit Trompe-ten-schall te = rä = tä = tä = tä = te = rä
 ritt der Gen-ral-Feldmarschall te = rä = tä = tä = tä = te = tä

Solo. *Tutti.*

Herr Quintilius Ba - rus, wau wau wau wau wau, Herr Quintilius

Ba = rus, schnäde-räng = täng, schnäderäng täng, schnäde-räng

täng=deräng=täng=täng.

2. In dem Teutoburger Walde, |: sim serim, :| huh! wie pffiff
 der Wind so kälte, |: sim serim, :| Raben flogen durch die Luft, terätätä,
 und es war ein Moderduft terätätä, wie von Blut und Leichen,
 |: wau, wau, wau. :| wie von Blut und Leichen. Schnäderängtäng.

414. Teutoburger Schlacht.

1. Ὡς Ῥωμαῖοι καθύβριζον — Καὶ πρὸς Ἄρκτον ἐβάδιζον, — Ἄραβουντος τυμπάνου — Ἄρχοντος Κουιντιλίου — Εὐπετεῖς ᾤδευον.
2. Ὑλητις ἦν Τευτοβοῦργος, — Ἄεμος ἐκεῖ κηκοῦργος, — Κόρκαες διαπέτονται — Ὅσμη σαπριώδης πνεῖ — Αἷμα ὡς Φανόντων.
3. Αἴφνης ἐξ ὕλης σκοτίας — Ὡς ῥαπὴ τις τῆς μανίας — Σὺν Θεῶ, πρὸ Καίσαρος — Καὶ πάτρας Ἀρμίνιος — Τύπτει λεγεῶνας.
4. Οἴ! δεινὸν φόνον ποίησαν, — Τὰς κόρτας συνέθλησαν, — Ἴππεῖς σώθησαν μισοὶ — Ἐφυγον τ' ἐλεύθεροι — Ἴπποις γὰρ ἐχρῶντο.
5. Ὡ στρατηγῶ δυστυχοῖαν! — Ἦιδεις κόσμου τὴν κακίαν! — Εἰς λίμνην εἰσέπεσεν — Ὑπόδημ' ἀπάλεσεν, — Αἰσχρῶς καὶ πεπύγει.
6. Διὸ δεινῶς ἐστρένα ξεν — Καὶ κεντουρίων ἔταξεν. — „Φίλε, ξίφος ἔξελε — Ἐκ νότου περαινέμε — Πάντα γὰρ ὄλωλεν.“
7. Ἐν τῇ στρατιᾷ πένητι — Ἐδούλευσε, ὡς ἔκητι, — Δίκης τις σχολαστικός — Τοῦτον εἶλ' Ἀρμίνιος — Ὡσπερ πάντας ἄλλους.

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8. Τοῦτον βαρβάρως ἔδειραν. — Πρὶν τὸν δυστυχοῖ ἤειραν — Γλώσσα, κῆς τρυπάεται, — Ἐκ νότου δὲ πήγνυται — Ἦλοις εἰς Πανδέκτας.
9. Ὡς τοὺς πολεμίους ἔθλιψεν — Χεῖρας ἰλαρῶς ἐτριψεν, — Καὶ εἰς μείζον ἠδονὴν — Χηρούσκους ἐκάλεσεν — Μέγα πρὸς ἄριστον.
10. Ἐνθα τῶν περῶν μακρότης — Τῆς κερουσίας ἰσχυρότης. — Πρῶτος ἦν καὶ ἐν πόσει — Καὶ Θουσνέλδα συμποτεῖ — Ὡσπερ τις ἀγιάζων.
11. Ἐν Ῥάμη πολλ' ἀθυμία — Τῆς ἐδῆτης σκυθραπία! — Ὡς Ἀυγοῦστος πόσιος — Πλήσθη καὶ ἐδῆτος — Ἦλθ' ἡ δυσφωνία.
12. Πρῶτον ψωμίον τάωνος — Ἦθη λάρυγγι μάλθωνος, — Εἶθ' ἐβόα μανίας — „Οὐᾶρε, βάλλ' ἐς κόρακας — Ἐκδος λεγεῶνας.“
13. ΤΕΚΓΩΝ δὲ, Γέρμας δοῦλος — „Βάζεις ὡσπερ τις δύσβουλος — Τούτους ἦν ἀναστρέφειν — Οἴη' Ἄδου ἐξελεῖν — Οὐδὲν ἂν δύναιο.
14. Εἰς τιμὴν τῆς ἱστορίας — Μέλλει ἴσταθαι ἀνδριάς — Ἦδη λάμποσιν πόδες — Τίς δὲ πόρρω προσφέρει — Θεὸς οἶδ' ἐν Κοίλῳ.
15. Τίς στίχους τούτους ἔγραψεν; — Γράψεν, ὃς ποτοῖς ἔβαψεν Αὐτὸν ἐν Οὐεστφάλια — Στουδαῖός τις ἡ πάτρα — Αὐτὸν ἐξέπ ευσεν: Hilgers.

The Battle in the Teutoburg Forrest (Die Teutoburger Schlacht) (Als die Römer frech geworden)

Written in 1847 by Josef Vicktor von Scheffel

Translation by Randy Rupley

(I could not find an English translation, so
I wrote my own to commemorate the defeat of Varus)

When some naughty roman legions,
Sim serim sim sim sim sim,
Tried to conquer German regions,
Sim serim sim sim sim sim,
Leading with the trumpets call,
Tey ratey tey tey terey,
Rode the General Field Marshall,
Tey ratey tey tey terey,
Mr. Quintilius Varus

Refrain:

Vow, vow, vow, vow, vow,
Mr. Quintilius Varus,
Shnade uh rang tang,
Shnade uh rang tang, da rang tang
tang

2. Out in the Teutoburger trees,
Huh! Whistling in the cold breeze,
Raven flying in the air,
The stench of death was every-
where,
As if from blood and bodies.

3. Charging from the forests luster,
Storming down came the Cherusker,
For God and King and Fatherland,
Attacking fighting hand to hand,
Into the Legions.

4. Although, the battle was so short,
They slaughtered every cohort:
The Roman Calvary had fled,
Saving only themselves instead,
Because they were on horseback.

5. Oh! Quintili, poor field master!
Could you not grasp such disaster?
Stuck in mud and slippery rocks,
Lost two boots and one of his socks,
And was miserably stuck.

6. Then he said, half delirious,
To Centurion Titerius:
"Comrade, I need a sword from
you,
Stab from behind and run me
through,
Because this is screwed!"

7. The poor Roman military,
Some were serving voluntary,
Scävola, an old contender,
Scornfully gave his surrender,
Just like all the others.

8. They were caught and before
they hung,
Were stabbed in the heart and the
tongue,
Then the worst for those so in-
clined,
Were nailed to the trees from be-
hind,
On his corpus juris.

9. When the murder finally ceased,
Prince Hermann prepared for the
feast,
Hands clasped in anticipation,
Every Cherusker had an invitation,
To the big breakfast.

10. There was venison and bacon,
Beer, so much as you could take on,
A hero in drinking as well,
Together with his wife Thusneld,
Who drank like the Valkyrie.

11. They weren't so happy back in
Rome,
Buying mourning clothes; staying
home,
And it was lunch time after all,
Augustus sat in Caesars Hall,
When the bad news came.

12. Roasted pheasant and then so
shocked,
A piece was stuck; his windpipe
blocked,
And all too much so out it flew,
"Varus, Varus, shame on you,
Give me back my legions!"

13. When his German slave,
Schmidt, heard that,
Thought: You'll be bitten by a rat,
If they should ever come back
here,
Because once they've been killed
out there,
They won't come back alive.

14. Now nineteen hundred years
have fled,
Where Roman armies fought and
bled,
For conquest and for their tyrant,
Standing guard: Hermann's
monument,
German strength and power.

(And to honor this old story,
A monument to the glory,
Germany's strength and unity,
Announcing now far and wide:
"Let them come!")

15. To increase the monuments
beauty,
Honor those who did their duty!
The names of those and the bank,
Companies, we would like to
thank,
And in building honor.

Submitted by Randy Rupley,
Fredericksburg

It's been 2000 years since Hermann's victory

There are battles that are a turning point in a nation or people's history; the Battle of Hastings turned England from Saxon to Norman, Gettysburg turned the American Civil War the way of the Union army and Waterloo did much to shape modern Europe. The Battle of Teutoburg Forest is the Germanic version.

Two thousand years ago the Roman Empire was in control of most of Western Europe. Gaul was subdued and the attention of the Emperor Augustus shifted to Germania. At the time, circa 16 B.C., the River Rhine was the dividing line between the Teutonic barbarians and the Roman territories.

The area was controlled by local tribes, which in addition to fighting amongst themselves were not averse to crossing the Rhine to raid Roman possessions. Augustus sought to control the troublesome tribes, as such he sent Drusus, his adopted son, to take charge. In charge of five Roman legions, Drusus spent seven years successfully fighting his way toward the Elbe. Tribe after tribe came under Roman control. By 6 AD, Tiberius, Drusus' brother, had ensured that the majority of Germania was under control and paying allegiance to Rome.

In 7 AD, the Roman Governor Publius Quinctilius Varus was appointed as administrator for Germania. Varus was a favored distant relative by marriage of the Emperor Augustus, and had undertaken similar roles in Syria and Gaul.

One of Varus' most trusted advisors was Hermann from the Cherusci tribe. Hermann (most commonly known by his Latin name, Arminius, and the namesake of our Order), had been taken to Rome at the age of 19, and lived there from 1 AD. to 6 AD., where he had received an education in Roman warfare, and achieved Citizenship with the rank of Equestrian. On arrival Hermann saw the oppression of the Germanic tribes and secretly sought to bring together an alliance of the Cherusci, Marsi, Chatti and Bructeri people. Traditional enemies were united in outrage at the financial burdens put upon them by the Empire.

In 9 AD, reports fabricated by Hermann arrived with Varus telling of rebellion beyond the Rhine. Varus marched with three legions, six cohorts of non-Roman auxiliary troops and three squadrons of cavalry. As the march continued into Cherusci territory, Hermann requested Varus send troops to protect the Cherusci villages from attack from the rebels, a request that was granted by Varus. This displays the false sense of security that Varus was under. It was at this point that Hermann and his father, Segemerus, left the march on the pretext of raising a Germanic force to assist.

The weather took a turn for the worse, a violent storm lashed down, causing the line of soldiers to stretch even further. It is estimated that the Roman forces stretch from between 15 and 20 kilometers, along the mountain paths of the Teutoburg Forest. It



was at this point that Hermann commenced the Germanic attack and a battle that would last three days. Hermann with his superior numbers of local tribesmen and lighter armored troops attacked the line. Using his knowledge of Roman techniques, Hermann defended the Roman counterattacks and continued to pick off the spread out Roman forces. Despite heavy losses the Romans managed to set up a secure fortified night camp.

The next morning though failed to give the Romans any respite and in breaking out of their camp in a rush for open ground saw them once again decimated by the locals. Losses continued throughout the day as the Romans retreated; a night march saw the remaining Roman forces at the foot of Kalkriese Hill and exactly where Hermann wanted them to be. The Romans were trapped between a swamp and a hill, and the road ahead was trapped by a ditch and wall, from behind which the Germanic forces continued to pick off the Roman forces. A desperate attempt to storm the wall failed, and the Germanic forces stormed down upon the devastated Roman forces. The Roman cavalry fled the battlefield but were pursued by the Germanic cavalry and annihilated. Fearing capture or slaughter, Varus committed suicide by falling on his own sword.

Estimates for the number of Romans killed in the three-day battle peak at 25,000. The news of the defeat, when it reached Rome, appears to have sent the Emperor Augustus insane, with symptoms of a nervous breakdown.

In 19 A.D. following tribal rivalries, Hermann was assassinated by members of his own family. Despite initial success in unifying some Germanic tribes Hermann failed to gain independence for Germania as a whole.

The defeat was one of the worst in Roman history. It brought an end to the glory period of Roman expansion, and effectively ended any possible hope of conquering the whole of Germania. Since the 18th century, the Battle of Teutoburg Forest has become a symbol of German nationalism and unification, with Hermann used as a symbol of freedom.

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Submitted by Rodney Koenig, Houston

Laurie Lynn Lindemeier of McKinney: Embracing my inner German

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"I'm half Irish, one quarter French, and one quarter Swedish. What are you?"

"I'm German."

"What else?"

"Just German. That's all."

This common conversation as a child with a classmate always made me feel like my heritage was well, albeit, boring—to be one thing and one thing alone. Listing a mixture of ethnicities was much more impressive to me as a child.

Digging deeper I'd inform the classmate that my mother's side of the family came from an area formerly called "Prussia," so perhaps I could claim some variety in that respect.

Lately however, I've come to realize that in the wonderful melting pot of the U.S. being 100 percent something is becoming rarer. Thus, the switch around in my attitude has occurred to where I no longer think my singular heritage is boring, but instead unique.

This past weekend I braided my hair, put on my "got gemütlichkeit" T-shirt and attended the McKinney Oktoberfest to celebrate my heritage. The polka dancing demonstration was outstanding with charming steps and ornate costumes. The announcer explained the men slapping themselves in a dance was to impress the women. Looked painful to me. In the dance entitled "How the women *take care* of their men," my favorite, the woman became the authority, scolding the man into submission on his knees. As the men danced beads of sweat rolled under their tasseled green felt hats, and the ladies likely welcomed the air flow as they twirled their lovely red skirts adorned with green aprons. Watching a tall man dance with a small girl and carefully accommodate for the height difference was a lovely generation connection to witness.

The intense Texas heat tested the performers' stamina as they stomped while in their wool dresses and lederhosen.

My experience of this performance was dampened by the behavior of the pedestrians who strolled through the dance area. Had it been roped off or orange-coned, or an actual portable dance floor provided, the situation may have been averted. Yet, on the whole, most attendees around the square were respectful of the performance.

A similar interruption of polka dancing happened at the Addison Oktoberfest with folks often stumbling onto the wooden dance floor with beer steins in hand despite the repeated requests of the announcer and the polite guidance of the policemen. Could the influence of too many barley pops (my grandfather's name for beer) possibly have altered some would-be Germans' ability to follow simple guidelines?

My dismay is due to the heavy promotion of profitable beer and wine sales at these festivals which overshadow the other lovely German customs. The small booths of traditional clothing, crafts and food vendors, were far surpassed by the numerous beer and wine counters. Ah, the American way to profit--drinking up the dollars.

At the Addison festival the heavy sour smell of beer all around was over-powering. However, the German bands with traditional accordion playing were delightful, and the policemen made valiant efforts to control the boisterous crowds.

All that German blood running in my veins and the time I spent in Germany as a nanny, makes me overly protective of the lovely polka folk dance. I had hoped to polka at the Addison celebration without beer being spilled on me or observe the *Tanz* (dance) in McKinney without 30 people ambling through, giving new meaning to the folk song "I love to go a-wandering."

Having grown up in Minnesota where every wedding included a polka dance to the wee hours of the morning, I yearn for a celebration where folks spin round and round the floor, stomping and hooting. This gives testimony to my true "hick" background, which traces back farther than the Midwestern dairy farm to the polka dance in Germany. Some German friends tell me the polka is often dubbed an unsophisticated rough country dance.

Classy or hick, I just like it. One older couple on the dance floor in Addison charmed me with their delicate interpretations and matching pale yellow shirts and black slacks. As the band played, "In heaven there is no beer," they simultaneously held their hands in a prayer gesture while looking up to the heavens. Delightful!

You may say, "Don't cry over spilled beer," and yes, I may whine a bit about disorderly crowds, but, nonetheless, I will continue to attend Oktoberfests, search out the wurst, sauerkraut, pretzels, and apple strudel, and hear a "she's too fat for me" polka with great love for Deutschland, my German fatherland. I hope every American searches for ways to embracing their cultural heritage, to add to the richness of what it means to be American.

Ja, ja, I am one hundred percent German heritage and *all* American, and as my father would have said in his low German dialect, "Alles gut."

Ed Boehringer, Dallas, suggested this submission

Merkel gets second term as Germany's chancellor

■ She'll team up with pro-business party as voters shift to the right

By **GEIR MOULSON**
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN - German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Sunday won the center-right majority that eluded her four years ago - nudging Europe's biggest economic power to the right as it claws its way out of a deep recession.

Voters sent the nation's main left-wing party, the Social Democrats of Foreign Minister, Frank-Walter Steinmeier into opposition after eleven years as part of the government. It was the party's worst parliamentary election result since World War II.

"There is no talking around it: This is a bitter defeat," a subdued Steinmeier said. The conservative Merkel managed to end her four-year "grand coalition" with the Social Democrats, thanks to a strong showing by her new coalition partner, the pro business Free Democrats. Her own Christian Democrats had an underwhelming showing.

"Tonight we can really celebrate," said a beaming Merkel, greeted by chants of "Angie!" from supporters, "(but) there are many problems in our country to be solved."

Projections by the nation's public broadcasters, based on partial vote counts, put support for Merkel's Christian Democrats at 33.8 percent of the vote and for the Social Democrats at 23 percent. The Free Democrats captured nearly 15 percent, the Left Party had 12 percent and the Greens above 10 percent.

Both ARD and ZDF television channels said that would produce a stable center-right majority in parliament. It was a major shift from the 2005 election, in which Merkel's conservatives just squeaked by the Social Democrats.

Houston Chronicle, September 28, 2009



LOW TURNOUT: German Chancellor Angela Merkel celebrates in Berlin on Sunday. Although high by American standards at more than 70%, voter turnout was the lowest in Germany in more than 60 years, according to polling agency Gallup Europe.

An increased burden

Merkel's second four-year term will be markedly different from her first, in which she presided over a middle-of-the-road government that was fractious but enjoyed a huge parliamentary majority. Heather Conley, director of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies Europe Program, said the new government "is going to place much more burden on...Merkel to forge an agenda and implement it."

Guido Westerwelle, the leader of the Free Democrats, is expected to be the next foreign minister. His party is returning to government after an 11-year absence. A key challenge for the new government will be to work toward a strategy for the eventual withdrawal of the more than 4,200 German troops in Afghanistan, a mission that has become increasingly unpopular.

Submitted by Rodney Koenig, Houston

Ferdinand Lindheimer in Fredericksburg

In these (pictures), you will find what I believe to be the cereus roemerii in bloom at Enchanted Rock SNA in March, which was named for Ferdinand Roemer of Hildesheim. Roemer was friends of H. Seele and the infamous Goldbeck brothers, and all were involved in the struggle for freedom and the democratic revolution. The following is a translation of mine from Lindheimer's book Ausätze und Abhandlungen, from 1879. Randy Rupley, Fredericksburg

I often spoke with one of the most admired chieftains of the wild Comanche, Santa Anne. The medium facilitating our conversation was the Spanish language, since the Comanche seldom understood English. Santa Anne was a large, muscular man of sound mind. In regard to his relationship with the German colony of Fredericksburg, where he came many times with a number of families from his tribe, received gifts and signed a treaty with the Germans, he said to me: "You can't wage war against the entire world. You must always stand on peaceful ground with one portion of the human race. We want to wage war against the Mexicans and the Blue Jackets (United States Soldiers) but with you, we want to live in peace and we want to sell you horses, mules, and young Mexican girls."

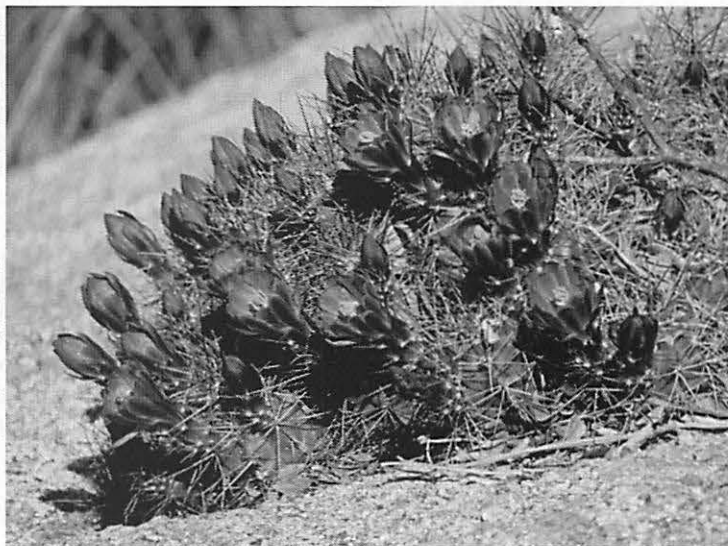
Once, when Santa Anna was in Fredericksburg and the entire town was full of Indians with their wives and children, I asked Santa Anna if we should be afraid that they might steal something from us. He said: "The warriors won't steal anything, but the women might. One must not judge the Indians by your values, because they have no idea that one could obtain property by any other means than to take it from someone."

My two year old son was a happy child who loved to run around outside completely naked. Santa Anna developed a special fondness for the child and offered me two healthy mules and a young Mexican girl for the boy. Naturally I did not accept the offer. The Darmstadt colony (Bettina), traded a tomahawk and a few arrows for a girl from Mexico who was still quite young. She was placed under my wife's supervision and tried to run away so many times that I christened her "titschi teiwo," or "ill mannered girl." Later on, Mr. Hermann Spiess had the girl educated in New Braunfels, and for almost thirty years she has been his loving wife. According to his testimony, she has surrendered to him in innocent devotion and love. Their children looked like real Indians, and when they were born their heads were already covered with hair as black as coal.

Back then, in Fredericksburg, I became acquainted with a Comanche who was about 18 years old. This young man thought that the white man had in his possession a tool with which one could open any locked door with ease. He wished to own such a tool himself, because on his first plundering raid into Mexico, which he had undertaken as a boy, it caused him immense effort to break down a locked door with a heavy stone. When he succeeded, a Mexican, who was in the house, came at him. He had a serape draped over one arm and a rifle in the other, which he fired on the attack, but missed the Indian who then murdered him, punished his wife with his carnal pleasure cut open her abdomen and murdered her child; and this young man told me all of this with such a friendly naiveté as if he were a dandy telling me about his summer vacation.

Once in a cold north wind, I confronted an Indian, out in the hills. He was almost completely naked and was hardly protected from the cold with a wool blanket. I asked him if he wasn't freezing. He asked me if my face was freezing. I said no. Then he answered me; "I am completely face."

In the post oak forest by Fredericksburg we were surprised by the sight of an old German friend, the *Achillea millefolium*. The area around Fredericksburg has an abundant variety of *Artemisia*. As for cactus, numerous new varieties of Mamillarien, several pretty Malvaceen, especially the *Callirhoe digitata* with fringed flower pedals more than a foot long. The roots of these plants are edible and have a pleasant taste, much like the root of *Psoralea esculenta*, which the

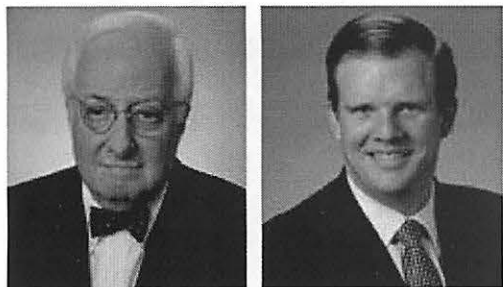


Indians gather for food. An extraordinarily beautiful *Gentiana*, *Centaureidium Drummondii*, grows on the rocky ground around Fredericksburg. It is very similar to the German *Erythraea Centaurium*, the Tausendguldenkraut, but develops densely entangled branches as a dwarf bush with a large area of delicate red flowers.

Some very interesting plants are found on the Llano. I will only mention a few of them, like the *Talinum aurantiacum*, a new variety of beautiful *Portulak*, *Hoffmannseggia Jamesii*, a strikingly beautiful *Schotengewaechs* with yellow flower pedals and red pistils, which had previously only been found in the limestone hills, at the source of the Arkansas River. *Baccaris Texana*, a shrub-like *Syngenesist*, often covers large areas of dry granite and cliffs. The magnificent *Cereus Roemerii*, well suited to the granite region and even thriving on naked granite, develops as a large bush which is covered in dazzling red flowers.



Lawyers Help Establish German School



Kinder, juristen und eine schule: That's "kids, lawyers and a school" for those who don't speak German (of which I almost count myself, since my college *Deutsch* is fading fast.) Two lawyers in the Dallas office of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell have helped create the German International School of Dallas, which will immerse children between the ages of 1 to 5 in German curriculum. The school will open its doors on Sept. 1. Partner Stuart Bumpas (pictured, left) helped with the paperwork that set up the school, and associate Hans Heppel (pictured, right), who's from Bonn, Germany, incorporated the school and helped write its curriculum. Heppel says Dallas has a large community of Germans, some who are immigrants and others who work in the city and will eventually return to Germany. The school will be an easy way for Germans in mixed marriages with Americans to immerse their children in the language early, Heppel says. Eventually he hopes the school will grow and expand beyond just teaching young children. Heppel says he has a vested interest in the school as a father of a 6-week-old and a 2-year-old. "In this regard I am interested in the success of the kindergarten myself," he says.

-- John Council

Submitted by Jean Warneke, Austin

1st Annual Mittag-Meinhardt Reunion August 2, 2009

Descendants of Henriette Kutschke Mittag Meinhardt gathered at St Andrew Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall north of Paige, in Bastrop County, on August 2, 2009 for their first reunion. This is the area the 3 oldest children chose to settle in after they married, with descendants still living here. Henriette had 3 children with Ernst Mittag in Germany and after his death she came to Texas in 1882. She married Jake Meinhardt and had one daughter. 59 descendants of these four children attended the reunion: Auguste Eschberger 27, Max Mittag 4, Pauline Voight 7, and Anna Rueffer 21. A mailing list is being compiled so announcements can be mailed out in future years.

Mikki Eschberger Meyer, who does genealogy on Paint Creek area families, was largely responsible for contacting each branch and they in turn contacted their cousins. She also prepared charts on each family and is collecting old pictures to display on charts and in a book she is working on. She also read a brief history of Henriette in Germany and after coming to Texas. A trunk was displayed with items early pioneers might have brought, to show how few items they had to start their new life in Texas. Two pictures of the church they attended in Germany were displayed, in addition to books and pictures brought by various family members. Antique cars were also on display outside, including a 1930 Ford coupe owned by James and Leona Mittag Campbell of Waller, a 1958 Chevrolet Cameo pickup that belongs to Tillie Eschberger Schindler, and a 1970 Chevrolet Nova owned by Lee Eschberger.

The Herman Eschberger family, one of the four branches had been holding a reunion in March but it was decided to combine that reunion with this one and meet the 4th Sunday in July. All agreed and the Rueffer branch will host the reunion next year at the fellowship hall. The menu will be potluck.

Everyone enjoyed visiting with new cousins they had never met. Some family members also visited the Germania Cemetery near Lexington where Henriette and Jake are buried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mikki Meyer



James and Leona Mittag Campbell from Waller

Submitted by Mikkie Meyer, Paige

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U.S. AIR FORCE**GENERAL BERNARD ADOLPH SCHRIEVER**

Retired Aug. 31, 1966. Died June 20, 2005.

Bernard Adolph Schriever, commander of Air Force Systems Command, was born in Bremen, Germany, in 1910. The architect of the Air Force's ballistic missile and military space program, he came to America in 1917 when his parents emigrated from Germany. He became a naturalized citizen in 1923, attended grade and high school at San Antonio, Texas, and graduated from Texas A&M in 1931 with a bachelor of science degree. He was commissioned in the Field Artillery but in July 1932 began flight training at Randolph Field and earned his wings and commission in the Air Corps in June 1933 at Kelly Field. He was assigned as a bomber pilot at March and Hamilton fields, Calif., with promotion in June 1933 to first lieutenant.

He went to Panama for duty at Albrook Field and in September 1937 left the Air Corps to fly as a pilot with Northwest Airlines. He returned to duty in October 1938 with the 7th Bomb Group at Hamilton and a year later became a test pilot at Wright Field, where he also attended the Air Corps Engineering School, graduating in July 1941. He then took an advanced course in aeronautical engineering at Stanford University, was promoted to captain in April 1942, and got his master's degree in June as a newly promoted major.

In July Schriever went to the Pacific for combat with the 19th Bomb Group, taking part in the Bismarck Archipelago, Leyte, Luzon, Papua, North Solomon, South Philippine and Ryukyu campaigns. In January 1943 he moved to the 5th Air Force Service Command in maintenance and engineering assignments, and as chief of staff, finally becoming commanding officer of advanced headquarters for the Far East Air Service Command which supported theater operations from bases in Hollandia, New Guinea, Leyte, Manila and Okinawa. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in August 1943 and to colonel that December. After the war Schriever went to Headquarters Army Air Forces as chief of scientific liaison in materiel for three and a half years. He graduated from the National War College in June 1950 and returned to Headquarters Army Air Forces as assistant for evaluation, in development. In January 1951 he continued the same type of work with the title of assistant for development planning and was promoted to brigadier general in June 1953.

Schriever began his long association with ARDC - now AFSC - in June 1954 as assistant to the commander. The next month he headed a small group of officers who went to Los Angeles to organize and form what has since become the Air Force's ballistic and systems divisions under AFSC with the end product such ballistic missiles as Thor, Atlas, Titan and Minuteman, and all the aerospace systems which have been launched into orbit, including support for NASA in its Mercury man-in-space and other programs.

Schriever was promoted to two-star rank in December 1955. He left Los Angeles for Andrews Air Force Base, Md. in April 1959 as commander of ARDC, which became AFSC April 1, 1961, under a reorganization initiated by him. He was promoted to lieutenant general on that date, April 25, 1959, and to full general on July 1, 1961. For additional information, read his profile in the Heritage section of Air Force Link: Gen. Bernard Schriever.



In June 1998, Falcon Air Force Base, Colo., was renamed Schriever Air Force Base in honor of General Schriever. At that time, it was the first base named after a living individual.

The German contribution to the United States and to Texas is significant. This (the following book review) appeared recently in the NY Times on General Schriever. Submitted by E. Boehringer, Dallas

Missile Defense

A FIERY PEACE IN A COLD WAR
Bernard Schriever and the Ultimate Weapon
By Neil Sheehan

The New York Times

By MICHAEL BESCHLOSS

Book Review, 10/6/09

When we think about how America won the cold war, our attention tends to fasten on grand, public moments of presidential leadership, like Truman's decision to resist Stalin's designs on Europe, Kennedy's settlement of the Cuban missile crisis or Reagan's realization that he could "do business" with Mikhail Gorbachev. This is not wrong, but it elides other pivot points, invisible to Americans even as they were happening, that, in retrospect, loom almost as important. The C.I.A.'s hidden success in assessing the Soviet war machine is one example. Another consists of the crucial Pentagon decisions, unheralded at the time, that ensured our ability to match Soviet power and enforce an armed stalemate between the two superpowers until, as George Kennan had forecast in the late 1940's, the Soviet empire collapsed from within.

"A Fiery Peace in a Cold War," Neil Sheehan's deeply researched, compulsively readable and important book, is about one of those decisions. It reminds us that, as the founders warned, the survival of the United States depends on our ability not only to choose wise presidents, but also to maintain a federal government that attracts extraordinary talent at all levels. As Sheehan shows us almost cinematically, this was particularly true in the 1950's, when American leaders had to decide whether to keep resisting Soviet power mostly with strategic bombers, or to build an awe-inspiring force of nuclear-tipped missiles.

Those years constituted a historical epoch that is mainly important for the nuclear war that did not happen. The problem is how to dramatize a nonevent. Telling a tale that unfolded in conflicts behind Washington's closed doors is more difficult than recounting the boom and bang of battlefields. But Sheehan succeeds by using the same technique he employed in his splendid book "A Bright Shining Lie" (1988), which focused on one man, Lt. Col. John Paul Vann, to tell the larger history of America's tragic experience in Southeast Asia.

In the early 1950's, the champion of strategic bombers in the United States was the famous, truculent, imperious Gen. Curtis LeMay, the chief of the Strategic Air Command, who, during the last months of World War II, had tried to break Japan's will and avert the necessity of an American invasion by dropping 150,000 tons of fire-bombs on Japanese cities. After the war, LeMay built a bomber force that for years ensured American military pre-eminence. It had the potential to drop nuclear weapons on targets across the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and China, killing, if necessary (in a 1954 classified estimate), as many as 60 million people.

As Sheehan describes it, the problem with LeMay was that by the mid-1950's, he "was no longer willing to hear anything that did not fit his preconceptions." And he was convinced that the key to prevailing in the cold war would remain his bombers, which he touted as "the best delivery vehicle" in the "battle against Soviet air power." LeMay even argued that the United States should "cease stockpiling of conventional weapons," which he considered "obsolete," and go all-nuclear, because America should "always use the best weapons available in either general or limited war" - a view that made many Americans ridicule and fear him when he publicly expressed it as George Wallace's independent-party running mate in 1968.

In the Pentagon of the 1950's, LeMay was "king of the mountain," as one colleague put it, known for pulverizing those few men who tried to stand in his way. Fortunately for us all, he met his match in the hero of Sheehan's book, Gen. Bernard Schriever. Sheehan calls him "the handsomest general in the United States Air Force." Born in 1910 in northern Germany, Schriever was brought by his mother to the United States in 1916 in order to reunite with his father, an engineering officer for German passenger liners, who had been stranded at the start of World War I. The family settled in the German-speaking part of the Texas hill country. After studying at Texas A & M, Schriever began his career in the Army Air Corps.

Lacking LeMay's blinders, Bennie Schriever realized that the Soviets planned to rest their future defense not on bombers but on intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of striking the United States with only 15 minutes of advance warning. The Kremlin was also fast improving batteries of surface-to-air missiles that could knock LeMay's beloved bombers out of the sky. Schriever feared that unless the Pentagon immediately shifted its ambitions from bombers to missiles, the Kremlin would within just a few years be able to threaten the world. Despite LeMay's brutish efforts to marginalize him, Schriever became, as Sheehan writes, "the indispensable man in the creation of the intercontinental ballistic missile during the cold war and the enormous consequences that were to flow from it."

Schriever's new way of thinking began in 1953, when he was still a colonel. During a briefing on intermediate-range bombers at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, he had a fateful conversation with the legendary refugee scientists Edward Teller and John von Neumann. They predicted that by 1960, the United States would be creating hydrogen bombs so lightweight that missiles could carry them. The following year, Schriever, by then a general, was asked to supervise, on highest priority, the creation of some kind of ICBM force. "I'll take the job," Schriever replied, "provided I can run it - completely run it without any interference from those nitpicking sons of bitches in the Pentagon."

On a matter like ICBMs, there was only so much that could be decided down the chain of command from the White House - especially when the sitting president of the United States had been the World War II Allied commander in Europe and was an expert allocator of existing resources to shape (or reshape) American military forces. In July 1955, along with von Neumann and others, Schriever had an audience with President Eisenhower in the West Wing. He explained not only the paramount importance of ICBMs and the "radical" new organization he had established near Los Angeles to develop them, but also why he had not handed the project over to commercial aircraft contractors, which was so often the custom of the time. This was all "in the interest of compressing time," he said, "our most critical commodity."

"Most impressive!" Ike declared. "There is no question this weapon will have a profound impact on all aspects of human life. . . in every corner of the globe - military, sociological, political." One of Schriever's colleagues observed that they had "introduced the president. . . to the nuclear missile age." Eisenhower secretly ordered the Pentagon to build ICBMs with "maximum urgency." That same summer, Schriever learned from intelligence sources how little time they had: the Soviets were already testing intermediate range ballistic missiles.

Sheehan describes Schriever's bucca nee ring techniques, his many bureaucratic struggles and shrewd collaboration with von Neumann and other scientists like Wernher von Braun, his public emergence (a 1957 Time magazine cover story called him "Missileman Schriever") and his coolheaded reaction to the troubling "left punch" of the early misfires at Cape Canaveral. This was at the time of Sputnik, when Nelson Rockefeller, John Kennedy and other politicians were making wrongheaded claims that the United States was suffering from a "missile gap." Schriever's ultimate success can be counted in weaponry: by December 1962, the United States could boast 132 Atlas ICBMs to defend it against the Soviet Union. By then, too, four stars gleamed from Schriever's shoulder. By that time, as Sheehan writes, "no Soviet statesman with a vestige of sanity could risk a surprise attack." "We beat them to the draw," Schriever later said.

Although he is mainly interested in his protagonist, Sheehan brings the other characters to life as well, and fully sets Schriever's career in the historical context of the early years of American-Soviet confrontation. One complaint: Sheehan lists the most important sources he used to write each chapter in backnotes, but there is no excuse for a book of this quality to forgo footnotes or some other kind of annotation that tells us the precise source for each of his facts and quotations. This would be more of a problem if Sheehan did not have such a reputation for care and accuracy.

As for Schriever, who married a onetime pop music star and died in 2005, he proved to be a prophet with little honor. Before the publication of this excellent book, few Americans would have recognized his name. Indeed, he was pushed down the path to oblivion as early as 1961, when Robert McNamara and his self confident "whiz kids" took over the Pentagon. Looking on Schriever as a relic of what they considered the somnolent, misguided Eisenhower years, they made it very clear that they did not want or need his services.

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Curtis Leitko Named RT Schuetzenkoenig

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The 137th annual Schuetzenfest was held at the Round Top Rifle Association's "Schuetzenpark" Sunday, Sept. 20. Twenty five sharpshooters had gathered to show their skills and win the coveted title of "Schuetzenkoenig" or "Shooting King." Curtis Leitko, the Association's immediate past president, was declared the 2009 Schuetzenkoenig.

The Schuetzen reconvened at the hall, along with about 150 well wishers, to celebrate. After opening remarks by President Lundy Wantland, Dave Weishuhn, the 2008 Koenig, crowned Leitko with a wreath of cedar bows, and Wantland pinned the gold medal on his shirt.

Amid strains of "Hoch soll Er leben," a German fanfare, Leitko was hoisted high into the air three times. Upon returning to solid footing, he gave his acceptance speech and the party began. Donnie Wavra's Band from Columbus provided the festive music.

Submitted by Rodney Koenig, Houston

Ein, Zwei, Dance and Fly

By Jeff Wick

La Grange German Club Students to Perform in N.C.



Dr. Doug Hall, director of the Deutsche Volkstanzverein in San Antonio, instructs members of the La Grange German Club at a dance workshop earlier this month. Photos by Jeff Wick

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The La Grange High School German Club Folk Dancers have dominated state competition for a long time here in Texas. Now these local kids are taking their skills to a national stage. By invitation from the Austrian Cultural Society of the Carolinas, the La Grange folk dancers will

be some of the featured performers at a pair of events celebrating that area's connections to Germany.

"This is going to be the highest profile thing we've ever done," said sponsor and La Grange German teacher Lee Ann Hartmann. Up to now, the biggest crowd her stu-

dents have ever performed for was several hundred at the annual Hostyn church picnic. Next week, they're flying to Charlotte, N.C. to dance for Oktoberfest. "There's going to be local television coverage and the venue we're performing at on Oct. 2 is really large. It holds thousands of people." They will miss a few classes due to travel, but the local school board proudly approved letting the students go.

"We're more excited than nervous," said Kayla Hartmann, who graduated from La Grange High School in the spring, but is one of three alumni (along with Emily Toensing and Mark Reeder) that have returned to the folk dancing group to perform with the current high schoolers. "This is something totally new for us, but it's going to be a great experience," Toensing said. The students will perform seven different dances in Charlotte. The Friday, Oct. 2 performance will be at Queen's University. On Saturday, Oct. 3, they will perform for a gathering of Charlotte youth.

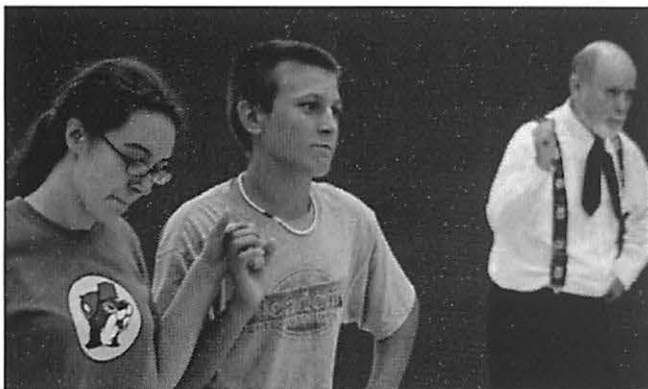
It's no surprise that La Grange was invited to this event, considering that the group's reputation has continued to grow over the years as they've racked up state titles. It was actually members of the German Consulate who saw the La Grange dancers at a state convention and got the ball rolling. Dr. Doug Hall of the German Folk Dancers of San Antonio has been coming to La Grange every year for the past decade to teach a folk dance workshop to the students.

In his 45 years around the world of folk dance, the La

Grange students are some of the best young dancers he's ever seen, Hall said. "La Grange is usually first or second in state unless there's something wrong with the judges," Hall said. That excellence is easy to understand considering the time these students spend

working on their dances—currently they're putting in an average of two and a half hours a week to prep for North Carolina. La Grange High School has both an award winning German folk dancing group as well as an award winning German polka band. Both groups consistently place within the top five places each year at regional and state competitions.

The two groups regularly meet on Monday afternoons after school in the high school cafeteria and perform during the spring semester at various local community picnics and festivals. Their passion for what they're doing is also a big part of their success. "We enjoy this and when you enjoy something, it's easier to keep at it," Reeder said. La Grange High School German Club dates all the way back to 1923. It currently has well over 100 active members. A student must be enrolled in German class or have taken German in order to become a member. "We have such great kids," Hartmann said. "It's so nice to see so many want to participate in a cultural activity like this." The students will be staying with host families in Charlotte, which will help keep the cost of the trip down. Actually the whole trip wouldn't have been possible, Hartmann said, if not for donations from local and state German Societies and the special help of Ursula Keierleber of Rice University. "If not for her we couldn't have been able to do this. She's blessed us," Hartmann said. "We're doing the work to get ready and she's raising the funds." Hartmann said her students are going to put on quite the show. "Our skill level is the best it's been in years," she said.



Students Kallie Kothmann, left, and Blane Heinrich perform a dance as Dr. Doug Hall demonstrates proper form in the background.

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The La Grange students will perform difference dances in front of thousands of people while in Charlotte.

Submitted by Carl Luckenbach, Spring



Sack family reunion never small affair

By Chris Cobb, *The Herald-Zeitung*, Published October 18, 2009

The entire Sack family couldn't make it to the reunion Saturday. That's probably a good thing, because the club room at Camp Wernecke Estates can't hold 20,000 people.

The horde known as the Sack family boasts one of the world's oldest and best-recorded family trees, with some records tracing their German lineage back to the age of Charlemagne. About 40 limbs of that tree made it to New Braunfels this weekend from five states and two continents.

"It's really fascinating to think that we all share this common bond," said Steve Engelking. "Even though many of us have never met, we're all family." Engelking, his wife, Sandra, and their son, Joel, flew from their home near Stuttgart, Germany to attend the first-ever American gathering of the Sack Family Foundation of Germany. The foundation alone has been in existence for 215 years. Engelking said its 20,000 people worldwide were just the ones accounted for, and was probably a low estimate.

Everyone in attendance Saturday could in some way trace their lineage back to Simon Heinrich Sack, a wealthy privy counselor to Prussian king Frederick the Great, generally credited as the founder of what has become the massive Sack clan. The family has spawned people from all walks of life, including some of the original founders of New Braunfels and other cities in central Texas, to former Congressman Bob Eckhardt and actor Rip Torn.

And although their ancestry began in Germany, Engelking has made contact with family members from Dubai to Nicaragua. "There's probably not a continent without a Sack in it," he said. The group ended up in New Braunfels by chance.

Engelking had stayed in the same inn in Bellville, Texas as New Braunfels residents Charlotte and Charles Hill. The Hills had recognized the family name in the guestbook and contacted Engelking. After later meeting the Engelkings at the Dove Inn — the dove is a symbol on the Sack family crest — the Hills decided to host a family gathering.

"We just feel like it was meant to be," said Charlotte Hill.

The rest is literally history, or has at least reawakened one of the world's longest recorded family histories. Charles Hill noticed four of five of his German ancestors were recognized on a monument in Landa Park near Founders Oak. Some of what Engelking estimates to be nearly 4,000 family members in the United States have contacted him.

"And this is the first time in this country we've had this sort of meeting," said Flora Von Roeder, who made the trip from Houston.

Most of those in attendance had never met one another, but nonetheless were all part of the same, very old, very large genealogy.

"You just feel like you've known them your whole life." Hill said.

Submitted by Flora von Roeder, Houston

The Franz Massirer Family: A Brief History

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Foreword

I am a great-grandson of Franz and Margaretha Loess Massirer through the lineage of their son, Phillip. Born on the original family farm in 1936, I have lived here continuously except for a ten-year span of college and military days. Early in life, I developed an appreciation for my Austrian/German heritage, an interest in my family history, and a special attachment to the land that three generations of my forebears had tilled. I have spent countless hours asking questions and listening to older family members tell stories about the past. This booklet is both a recollection of some of those stories and a result of research in numerous other sources.

In the late 1980s, I became acquainted with Paul Massier, a distant cousin, who had a considerable amount of information on his lineage back to the mid-1500s in both Germany and Austria. However, I was unable to connect my family with his until more recently when a German researcher-friend, Erich Slawski, provided the details to make the necessary connections. I am indeed grateful to both Paul and Erich for their very unselfish contributions to my family history.

In 2004, my daughter, Laura, and I were very fortunate to be able to visit the little village of Polowce, where our ancestors lived after they emigrated from Germany to Austria in 1785. On that same trip, we also visited the village of Hattgenstein in the present day Rhineland-Pfalz area in southwestern Germany, where our ancestors lived before they immigrated to Austria. It was a rewarding and emotional experience to walk in the footsteps of our ancestors, and we recommend it for anyone seriously interested in family heritage.

The Massirer Family in Texas

During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, German-speaking people began leaving their homelands to seek better economic opportunities in other lands. The Hapsburg rulers in the Austro-Hungarian Empire were aware of this exodus and encouraged people from southwestern Germany to settle in the sparsely populated provinces of Galicia and Bukovina in the far eastern part of the empire. Immigrants were offered a relocation allowance, housing, farm land, farming tools, draft animals, seeds, and an initial stipend to cover expenses until the first crop was harvested. In addition, they were promised freedom from taxation and military conscription for a certain number of years.

These freedoms and benefits represented a major improvement for Germans, who were still living in virtual serfdom, where the nobility owned the land and the serfs worked for the nobility in exchange for small garden plots for growing food. To emigrate, serfs had to request permission from the nobility, and when permission was granted, it came saddled with a 20% tax on everything the serfs owned.

Still another enticement for immigration was the promise for freedom of religion. However, the Hapsburgs were Catholics, and the state religion in Austria was Catholicism, while the immigrants were nearly all Protestants. In reality, the promise of religious freedom did not amount to complete freedom, and there were restrictions on how and where Protestant churches could be built. As an example, Protestant churches could not have a steeple, nor could their entrances face the street. Among the Protestant groups, Lutherans fared better than Baptists and Mennonites, who had to conduct their services in secrecy.

The province of Galicia, in what is now Ukraine and Romania, was intended mainly as a temporary stop-over for the immigrants, with the neighboring province of Bukovina, just to the south, as the ultimate destination. Although the Austrian government had promised to have housing ready when the immigrants arrived, bureaucratic bungling on the part of lower-level government workers delayed some of the building projects. The temporary stop-over eventually became permanent for some of the immigrants, as it was with a part of the Massirer family,

who had departed Germany in 1785. Although the known history of the Massirer family dates to the middle 1500s in Germany, this booklet begins with the birth of Franz in Austria.

Franz Massirer was born January 18, 1842, in Polowce (village), Chortkov (district), Galicia (province), Austria. His father was Johann Adam Michael Jacob Massirer, born September 16, 1822, and his mother was Katherina Margaretha Lander, born in 1823. Church records indicate they lived in house number 173 at the time of Franz's birth and later in number 178. It should be pointed out here that Austria lost much of its empire at the conclusion of World War I, and the village of Polowce is now in Ukraine and is known as Polovtsy.

Franz married Katharina Margaretha Loess in about 1868. The surname "Loess" is actually "Loss" in German with an umlaut (two dots) over the "o" but is anglicized by adding the "e" and dropping the umlaut.

Although Franz's obituary indicates that he and Margaretha had ten children, we can account for only the seven who survived to adulthood. Since infant mortality rates were quite high during the 1800s, we can only assume that the remaining three did not survive past childhood. One undocumented story has it that a teenage daughter died from an illness contracted when she got wet and cold while helping the family harvest potatoes. Still another family story tells of an incident involving an older daughter hitting a younger one in the head with a hoe and killing her. Whether these are true stories is not known and most likely never will be.

Other than general information that applied to all of the German families, little is known about the early years of Franz and Margaretha's lives in Austria. Although few Austrian church records have been located to document Franz's birth or religious affiliation, all of his direct ancestors were Lutherans. However, it is known and documented that he became associated with the Baptist faith when he was baptized by the Rev. Ferdinand Massier on June 22, 1884. Ferdinand was a roving Baptist missionary in Galicia and Bukovina, and although he and Franz spelled their surnames slightly differently, they were cousins. Variations in the spelling of names were not at all uncommon, with at least seven variations noted in the Massirer name between the mid-1500s and the present time.

In 1892, approximately 107 years after the first Massirer immigrated to Austria, Franz and his family immigrated to Texas. While the Austrian government had provided approximately 40 acres of free land to each of the original immigrant families when they came from Germany in 1785, that land had been divided and passed on to the oldest son in each succeeding generation, according to the principle of primogeniture. After four or five generations had each taken its share, there was not enough land left to support a family. It was probably this reason, coupled with stories circulating about better opportunities existing in America, that prompted Franz and his family to make the long, arduous, and expensive move to Texas.

After obtaining permission to leave and selling their belongings to finance the trip, Franz, Margaretha, and six of their seven children set out, most likely by train, for Bremen, Germany. The oldest daughter, Elizabeth, was already married and did not accompany her parents, but she and her husband, John Landfried, did immigrate two years later. In Bremen, Franz made arrangements for the sea voyage across the north Atlantic and purchased eight tickets on the steamship *Darmstadt*. While we do not have an exact cost for the tickets, copies of advertisements promoting immigration in the 1890s suggest that the total fare for one adult from Bremen to New York and then on to Waco, Texas, was approximately \$45.

Since the Bremen ship records were destroyed during World War II, we do not have an exact date for the *Darmstadt's* departure, but the records at Ellis Island in New York indicate that the ship arrived there on June 6, 1892. Also travelling on the *Darmstadt* with the Massirers was Franz's sister, Magdalena Lander, her husband Nicolaus, and their five children. How the two families travelled from New York to Texas is not known, but the most economical method at the time would have been by ship to the coast of Texas and then inland by rail to either Crawford or Gatesville.

Franz had at least one other sister, Susanna, who born on February 20, 1847. She married Cristoph Hehn and was his second wife. The surname "Hehn" was sometimes spelled "Hohn" with an umlaut over the "o" and was anglicized to "Hoehn" after Cristoph died and Susanna and the children immigrated to America in 1896. Cristoph already had one son, Peter, by his first wife, and then he and Susanna had four more sons---Fred, Phillip, Jakob, Casper---and one daughter, Julia. Two other children died in infancy while the family was still in Austria. Susanna later married Martin Selzer in Texas. When she died in 1921, she was interred in the Valley View Cemetery at Valley View, Texas. Recently uncovered information suggests that Franz may have had as many as fifteen siblings, but since that information has not been thoroughly checked, this booklet will list only the two known sisters.

The final destination for Franz and his family, as well as for his sisters and their families, was in the far western part of McLennan County and the far eastern part of Coryell County in central Texas. Rather than being a luck-of-the-draw destination, it was a chosen one, for here lived other Austrian families and relatives, such as

the Gauer family, who had immigrated earlier and no doubt sent good reports back to the homeland. For Franz, there was yet another compelling reason to settle in this particular area, and that was the presence of a newly organized German Baptist congregation. The records of the Canaan Baptist Church indicate that he soon became involved with church activities and served as a member of various committees.

When the Massirers arrived in their new homeland, they found fertile land to be farmed and adequate rainfall to grow their crops. Indeed the land was similar to what they left behind in Austria and also to that left behind by the earlier families when they departed Germany and immigrated to Austria in 1785. The terrain was rolling, with scattered trees, and in some places, completely wooded areas. The streams and springs ran clear and held numerous fish, and the water was pure enough to drink. Wild game was plentiful in the woods. Wild flowers presented a rainbow of colors from spring to fall, and winters were relatively mild. Probably one of the most striking differences that the family encountered was the ever-changing weather patterns. They may have found it somewhat shocking at first to rise on a mild autumn morning and then find the temperature below freezing before sunset.

There is little doubt that Franz's finances were almost depleted by the time he and his family arrived in central Texas. With no money to buy land, they lived at first on a farm in Coryell County about one mile west of the little village of Osage and about nine miles west of Crawford. Here they were tenant farmers. Through hard work and their well-known German frugality, they were able to save enough money to make a down payment in 1896 on a 481-acre farm in McLennan County. The purchase price was \$8 per acre with a down payment of \$200 and the remainder financed for six years. Although the move to the new place in terms of distance was a relatively short one of about two miles, it must have seemed as if it were much more. When one compares the meager holdings the family left behind in Austria with what they had accomplished financially in four years in America, only then does the significance of this short move become evident. With more than a twelve-fold increase over what the family had ever owned in Austria, but also with ten percent interest on the outstanding notes, it must surely have been a time of great pride tempered by anxiety about making the payments.

There was no house on the new farm, so one of Franz's first tasks was to provide shelter for his family, which had by now grown to include Adam's wife, Caroline, and their two small children. Franz chose to build his house in a grove of live oak trees near the center of the farm. This particular place had been used as a campsite by the previous tenant, who had been leasing the land and grazing cattle on it. The house consisted of two large rooms that served as both bedrooms and sitting rooms and a large kitchen that stretched across the width of the house on the back. An upstairs area was finished only with a floor, and the roof as a ceiling, and served as a sleeping area for the children. (See a drawing of the house at the end of this booklet.) The house was used until 1923, when son, Phillip, tore it down and replaced it with a larger two-story house.

Since the soil on the new farm had not been tilled previously, Franz and his sons had to clear the land of trees and rocks. The trees, mainly live oak, elm, and ash, with some cedar, pecan, walnut, bois d'arc, sumac, and shinnery, were cut with axes and used for firewood that provided warmth in the winter and fuel for cooking year-round. Trunks from cedar and bois d'arc were saved for fence posts. Bois d'arc posts were extremely hard and practically indestructible and could be expected to last fifty years or more. Tree stumps were removed by using pick axes and grubbing hoes in a labor-intensive process known as stump-grubbing. Not wasting anything, the family cut the stumps into pieces small enough to fit in the stove. In later years after the tillable land had been cleared, only dead trees were used for firewood.

After an area was cleared of trees and rocks, it was plowed and crops were planted. In the fall, usually in November, oats, wheat, and barley were planted. These crops were then harvested early in the following summer. Corn was planted in late March, along with some forage crops for the livestock. Cotton, the main crop, was planted in late April or early May and was harvested in September and October. Two cotton gins were nearby; one was at Osage, slightly over a mile away, and the other was near where the present-day Canaan Church Road crosses Rainey's Creek, about two miles away.

Because so much of the field work was done by hand, the family stayed busy year round, often working from sunrise to sunset. In addition to the field crops, the family also took care of a large garden and orchard. Almost everything they ate was grown on the farm; they bought only staples such as flour (in barrel lots) and seasonings. The garden provided potatoes, radishes, carrots, turnips, tomatoes, melons, sweet potatoes, squash, cucumbers, beans, peas, and cabbage. Both potatoes and cabbage had been staples in their native Austrian diets and continued to be produced in large quantities in Texas. After the potatoes were harvested, they were stored in a cool, dry place, such as under the house. They were covered with wheat or oat straw to prevent freezing in winter. Cabbage was eaten fresh from the garden or preserved as sauerkraut.

The orchard provided peaches, plums, pears, and grapes. Peaches and pears were preserved whole or in jam and stored in glass jars, while plums were used mainly as fresh fruit or preserved as jelly. Grapes were both eaten

fresh and used to make wine. Although the church did not approve of alcoholic beverages, Franz, along with nearly all of the other Austrian and German families in the community, did not give up his wine. Instead, he chose to imbibe discreetly, and when the local pastor came for a visit, it was put out of sight.

Pecans were abundant from the native trees that grew in the deeper soils. A few walnut trees grew in the creek bottom, but the shells of the nuts were so hard and the kernels so small that they were practically useless. In addition to fruits, vegetables, and nuts, the family also raised hogs for meat and chickens for both eggs and meat. They butchered several hogs each winter, always choosing a particularly cold day to do the butchering. Because of limited storage and the difficulty of preserving meat, usually only one hog was slaughtered at a time.

A by-product of the pork came from the fat that was trimmed off the meat and made into lard for cooking and into soap for bathing and for laundering clothes. Sausage was made by grinding some of the meat, seasoning it, and stuffing it into casings made from the hog's intestines. It was then hung in a "smokehouse" for smoking and drying. Hams and bacon were hand-rubbed with a salt-based mixture and allowed to cure or stored in large crocks and covered with lard. Fish, which were occasionally taken from the creek that flowed through the farm, provided a bit of variety in the diet.

While beef was a luxury that the family seldom enjoyed, they kept cows for milk. Butter and cheese were made from the milk. Other food items that had to be kept cool were stored in a cooler with a metal frame and shelves that were covered with cloth side curtains. The bottoms of the curtains were draped into a pan of water on the lower shelf and became wicks for the water. The water-soaked curtains then acted as a coolant to keep food several degrees cooler than the outside temperature.

The family also kept draft animals. Franz preferred mules to pull his farm implements, which included at least a one-sweep middle buster, a one-sweep turning plow, a one-row planter, a small grain drill, a one-row cultivator, a reaper, and a wagon. Mules were also used for riding and for drawing the family buggy. Hoes were plentiful on the farm; they were relatively cheap, and with five sons still at home, there were plenty of hands available to use them.

In order to confine the horses and mules on the farm, Franz and his sons built several miles of perimeter fence, plus shorter lengths around the tilled plots. Barbed wire was purchased, and cedar and bois d'arc trees were cut for posts. It was no doubt a long and tedious job, with most of the work done during the winter months when there was less field work to be done.

However, life was not all work and no play. While church activities were foremost on Sundays, with no work permitted, there were plenty of opportunities to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries or just to get together to talk and visit with kinfolks and other families in the community. Since all of the families were rather large, someone was celebrating something nearly all of the time. Gatherings always included plentiful amounts of food and perhaps even a little schnapps for the men to drink. Because the church did not approve of dancing, there were games for the kids, while the adults enjoyed mostly talking and visiting. While the wine could be hidden, the dancing could not. However, some of Franz's sons went to house dances at their Lutheran neighbors' parties; that practice was apparently more acceptable. One of the sons was well-known for carrying a bottle of liquor in his saddlebag when he went to a party.

All conversation at family gatherings was, of course, in German, and since it was a closed, tight-knit group, there were never any "Amerikaners" in attendance. Generally, anyone who did not speak German was an "Amerikaner," not always a particularly complimentary term.

Although Franz had lived in the community and had been active in church work since 1892, he did not officially become a member of the Canaan Baptist Church until April 21, 1894. Canaan church records indicate that the reason for this delay had to do with difficulty in obtaining Franz's "letter" from his former congregation in Austria. Margaretha's membership began on March 10, 1895.

The Canaan membership roll also indicates that Franz was removed from membership on December 26, 1898, and there is no indication that he was ever reinstated. While the records contain no direct justification for this action, there are other indications interspersed through the minutes of the business meetings that indicate Franz may have been at odds with church doctrine or with particular individuals in the church. The early churches barely tolerated those who did not closely follow church doctrine, and it was not at all uncommon to deny communion or even to strike from the roll those who did not follow the straight and narrow path as defined by the congregation.

During the early years, everything went reasonably well for Franz and his family on the farm. However, Franz did not get to enjoy life in his new homeland very long, for he died on October 23, 1900. Following a long illness, Margaretha died on January 10, 1902. Both were buried in the Canaan Baptist Cemetery, where their graves are the oldest marked burials in the cemetery. It was then time for the sons to take charge of the farm.

It was customary at the time for sons to inherit the family land, while daughters were likely to get household items or cash settlements. Franz's family was no exception to this, as each of the five sons inherited an equal share of 96 acres from the original 481 acres. The two daughters relinquished any claim to the real property by each accepting a \$5.00 cash payment and probably some personal items.

Franz and Margaretha's oldest child, Elizabeth (1869-1934), and her husband, John Landfried (1862-1934), immigrated to Texas in 1894 and lived on an adjoining farm immediately south of Adam's farm. They raised a family of ten children—two boys and eight girls. John and Elizabeth are buried in the Canaan Baptist Cemetery.

The second child, Anna (1872-1921), married Fred Hoehn (1872-1953) in 1897. They had four boys and three girls, including a set of twins, and also lived nearby for a period of time. They later moved to Oklahoma, where Fred remarried after Anna's death. Fred and Anna were first cousins. Anna is buried beside her parents in the Canaan Cemetery, and Fred was interred with his second wife in Waurika, Oklahoma.

Adam (1875-1952), the third child, married Caroline Althof (1876-1949) in 1897, ten days before Fred and Anna's marriage. The Althof and Massirer families lived on adjoining farms in Coryell County from 1892 until 1896, making it easy for Adam to court Caroline. After their marriage, they lived with his parents until at least 1900, followed by a few years on Adam's 96-acre inheritance. They eventually sold their 96 acres to Adam's brothers and bought their own farm, a property that adjoined Franz's original tract on the east side. Adam and Caroline had twelve children. Two died in infancy and one, a son named Willie, died at the age of eight when he was shot by his cousin, Willie Landfried. Although the shooting was purely accidental, the incident put a severe strain on the relationship of the two families for many years. Willie Massirer and his parents are buried in the Canaan Cemetery.

The fourth child of Franz and Margaretha was George (1877-1961). He married Ida Sampert (1891-1976) in 1912. They had ten children—nine girls and one boy. When George died, he was the last of the sons still residing on his original 96-acre inheritance. George and Ida are buried in the Canaan Cemetery.

Phillip (1880-1943), the fifth of Franz and Margaretha's children, married Katherine Althof (1882-1965) in 1907. Katherine, or Katie as she was known, was a sister of Adam's wife, Caroline. Phillip and Katie had one son and two daughters. It is the son's lineage that has worked and maintained that part of the original farm that included Franz and Margaretha's home site. Phillip and Katie were Baptists and are buried in the Canaan Cemetery.

John (1883-1952) was the sixth child. He married Amalia Freyer (1886-1941) in 1906. Amalia was a cousin of Jacob's wife, Francesca. John and Amalia had four sons and one daughter. One of the sons, Louie, still lives on a portion of the original acreage. Although John and his family were Lutherans, he and Amalia are buried in the Canaan Cemetery.

The last of Franz and Margaretha's children was Jacob (1886-1952). Known as Jake to the family, he was a mere lad of 13 when his father died in 1900. He then lived with Adam's family and married Francesca Freyer (1892-1968) on January 23, 1910. Everyone knew Francesca as Fannie. For a few years after their marriage, Jake and Fannie lived in their own house on Adam's farm, but conflicts arose and they moved to a farm in the Speegleville Community, a few miles northwest of Waco. Following retirement, they moved into Waco. Jake and Fannie were Lutherans. They are buried in Waco Memorial Park, located on I-35 south of Waco.

For some twenty years following the deaths of Franz and Margaretha, their family lived and worked on the original and adjoining farms. However, the family eventually began to disperse for several reasons. Everyone was living in very close proximity, and several children became associated with other religious faiths. Coupled with petty jealousies and unbending and unforgiving ways, these factors led some family members to move away. The dispersion was also fueled by the desire to get off the farm and seek what was perceived as a better way of life elsewhere.

Some family members were seldom heard from until 1975 when 126 people came to the first family reunion at the Canaan Baptist Church. That first reunion was planned and brought to fruition by Edwin Massirer, a grandson of Franz and Margaretha.

What began as a family of two when Franz and Margaretha married in Austria in the late 1860s has grown to a family of several hundred in Texas and other states. Two Massirer families still live on and own parts of the original farm, where a pear tree, planted by Franz more than 100 years ago and still bearing fruit, stands as a silent sentinel and reminder of the heritage of the past.

Written and submitted by Van Massirer, Crawford

\$400 Texas 1896

On or before our year after date I promise to pay to the order of
Julie H. Robertson at *Waco* Texas,
Four hundred DOLLARS,
 with interest thereon from date until paid, at the rate of *9* per cent. per annum, the interest payable annually,
 as it accrues. In case the interest is not paid when due, it shall become principal and bear interest from the
 date it is due, at the same rate the original bears.

This Note is the *first* of a series of *six* notes described in the margin hereof,
 and is given in part payment for a certain lot or parcel of land to be paid in U.S. Gold Coin of present
Standard Weight and Fineness. Said land is 4.81 acres out of the John Birdwell
Survey Abstract Number 91 in Gillespie County Texas
 this day conveyed to me by *said Julie H. Robertson*
 and to secure payment hereof, a Vendor's Lien is hereby acknowledged, and is retained in said conveyance.
 It is understood and agreed that failure to pay this note, or any installment of interest thereon when due,
 shall, at the election of the holder of them, or any of them, mature all notes this day given by *me*
Frank Massirer to said *Robertson* in payment for said property.
 And it is hereby specially agreed, that if this Note is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or
 if collected by suit, I agree to pay 10 per cent. additional on the principal and interest then due, as attorney's
 fee.

Cash Payment	\$	200.00
Note No. 1. Due <i>one year</i>	\$	400.00
Note No. 2. Due <i>two years</i>	\$	400.00
Note No. 3. Due <i>three years</i>	\$	400.00
Note No. 4. Due <i>4 years</i>	\$	816.00
Note No. 5. Due <i>5 years</i>	\$	816.00
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Frank Massirer

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THE FIRST OF SIX NOTES SIGNED BY FRANZ MASSIRER WHEN HE
 PURCHASED HIS FARM IN 1896



Franz and Margaretha Loess Massirer

A DRAWING OF FRANZ AND MARGARETHA'S HOUSE BY LILY MASSIRER
 GEER AS SHE REMEMBERS IT. SHE WAS BORN IN THIS HOUSE IN
 1915 AND LIVED THERE UNTIL 1923. THE DOWNSTAIRS AREA
 CONSISTED OF TWO LARGE ROOMS THAT SERVED AS BOTH BEDROOMS
 AND SITTING ROOMS AND A LARGE KITCHEN THAT STRETCHED ALL THE
 WAY ACROSS THE BACK OF THE HOUSE. THE UPSTAIRS AREA WAS ONE
 LARGE ROOM.

Schulenberg Family Kept Eye on the Sky

Fayette County Record, September 18, 2009

H.R Schaefer Memorial Observatory

By FLORENCE FAREK *Fayette County Historical Commission*

H. P. Schaefer's youngest son, Edison (also known as Rip) knew his father was fascinated by the moon and stars because he spent many nights pointing out the different constellations to his six sons. He was a well read man and had a great interest in science and the stars. Edison made his father an offer. "If you furnish the building, I'll build a telescope for you."

H.P. lost no time in contracting with the Bohlmann Brothers to construct a galvanized metal dome about 12 feet in diameter. It was built to revolve 360 degrees on a manually operated pipe track. There was a 30-inch sliding door that opened for viewing. The dome rested on an 8'X8' wooden beam framework about 13 feet off the ground. The total height of the observatory was about 27 feet. Entry was from beneath through a trapdoor via a stairway. It took about three years to complete the observatory.

Meanwhile the Schaefer boys got busy in the tin shop in back of the hardware store constructing the telescope. Twelve gauge aluminum was used to form the 72 inch tube, 12 inches in diameter at the open end and 11 inches at speculum end.

Edison ordered the lens from the Pyrex Company. He placed the 10-inch mirror on a lube barrel and ground it by hand, going around and around on the barrel and scraping. Due to his miscalculation, the first lens had only half the power he planned, so he ground another. However, the first one turned out to be excellent for taking pictures, so not all was lost.

Edison stated that with the second lens he could count the shingle nails on the roof of the Catholic Church about a half mile away. School children came from miles around to observe the stars. Eventually the many visitors became a problem and Edison started charging fifty cents per person for a look at the moon.

The observatory remained in the Schaefer back lot until 1991 when it was moved to Schulenburg ISD campus. Some restoration work was done, and the original telescope was brought in.

In May, 2008 it was moved to the Schulenburg Blinn College Campus. It was bolted to a concrete slab and completely restored to its original splendor. The observatory was dedicated on August 1, 2009 and will be open for star gazing and astronomy classes.

The Schaefer descendents have successfully preserved a reminder of their family's ingenuity and the Schaefer's contribution to the town. The observatory can now become an avenue of knowledge for our children and adults of this area.

H.P. Schaefer's parents immigrated from the Province of Hessen, Germany. They landed in Galveston in 1856 with their four children, Augusta, Leonard,

Bertha and S.T. Their friends who had preceded them had established themselves under a tree in Round Top, Texas, and the Schaefer family traveled by ox drawn wagon from Galveston to join them.

After numerous moves over several years, and the birth of four more children, H.P., Lena, Fritz and a daughter, who was still-born, the family settled in Lyonsville in 1873. This settlement was located about three miles south of the present day town of Schulenburg.

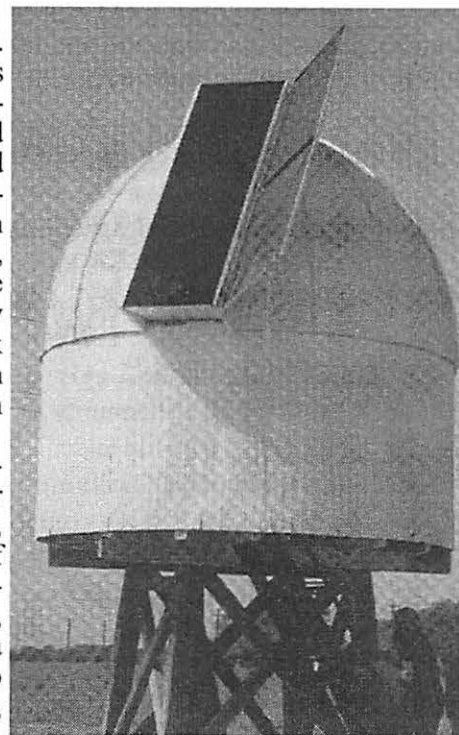
They purchased a 100 acre farm from Will McKennon, which included a cotton gin. The gin was powered by eight mules, four on each side. Grandpa Schaefer was industrious and believed in replacing old equipment with more modern machinery, so he invented a steam engine to run the gin and turned it over to Leonard and S.T., including H.P as a laborer. Leonard sold his part of the gin to Anton Foerster. S.T. and Anton added a lumber yard to their business, and when H.P. sold his farm to Anton, he joined the business and added a funeral parlor.

H.P. Schaefer purchased the Ruhmann Hardware Store in 1893 and operated with the motto: "Quality remains long after the price is forgotten."

Many of the buggies, implements, wood cook stoves, and windmills sold by the store were assembled by the Schaefer boys after school. H.P.'s son Elmo took over management when H.P. retired and kept the business open until 1976.

Resources:

The Schulenburg Sticker
The Houston Post - Leon Hale
The Schaefer family history Blinn College



Submitted by Rodney Koenig, Houston

THE FAMILY OF HEINRICH & SOPHIE GASKAMP WINKELMANN by Daniel Bode

Margarethe Louise Sophie Gaskamp was born 25 July 1845, in Haldem, Westphalia, Germany. Sophie was baptized 10 August 1845, and she was confirmed 22 April 1860, in the Lutheran Church Parish of Dielingen, Westphalia, Germany. Sophie was the youngest child of **Gerd Friedrich Gaskamp** (born 14 Sept. 1792, in Haldem; died 23 Jan. 1872, in Haldem) and his wife, **Marie Margarethe Engel Meyer** (born 27 Dec. 1800 in Germany; died 9 Sept. 1859, in Haldem). Sophie's parents were married 14 May 1819, in Haldem.

Sophie had four sisters and three brothers. They were:

1. **Marie Margarethe Engel Gaskamp** born 5 June 1821, in Haldem, and she died in Germany, sometime after 1882. She married a widower, **Johann Christian Heinrich Duvelmeyer**, on 28 March 1856, in Haldem. Mr. Duvelmeyer was born 17 Oct. 1814, in Haldem, and he died 18 Nov. 1882, in Haldem.
2. **Friedrich Heinrich Gaskamp** born 25 Jan. 1824, in Haldem, and he died in Arrenkamp, Westphalia, on 18 Sept. 1881. He married **Marie Margarethe Elisabeth Vordemfeld** on 28 Oct. 1848, in Arrenkamp. She was born 1 Oct. 1820, in Arrenkamp, and she died 28 Nov. 1880, in Arrenkamp.
3. **Marie Margarethe Louise Gaskamp** born 23 Jan. 1827, in Haldem, and she died 14 Nov. 1897, in the Wuthrich Hill Community of Williamson Co., Texas. She married **Gerd Friedrich Heinrich Wiethorn** on 23 Feb. 1860, in Haldem. He was born 27 Jan. 1826, in Haldem, and died 29 July 1872, in Haldem.
4. **Johann Heinrich Gaskamp** born 23 May 1830, in Haldem, and he died in the Zionsville Community of Washington Co., Texas, on 1 Sept. 1882. Heinrich first married **Anna Marie Louise Meier** on 16 Oct 1852, in Haldem. She was born 6 April 1825, in Haldem, and died 13 Feb. 1856, in Haldem. After her death, Heinrich married **Marie Sophie Engel Wiethorn** on 20 May 1857, in Haldem. She was born 18 May 1833, in Haldem, and died 16 June 1866, in Haldem.
5. **Johann Friedrich Christoph "Christian" Gaskamp** born 17 Oct. 1833, in Haldem, and he died 24 June 1906, in the Zionsville Community of Washington Co., Texas. He married **Marie Margarethe Elisabeth Schmedthorst** on 27 April 1860, in Haldem. She was born 19 Jan. 1837, in Haldem, and she died in the Zionsville Community of Washington Co., Texas, on 17 June 1914.
6. **Engel Louise Gaskamp** born 12 Feb. 1837, in Haldem, and she died 1 Dec. 1871 in Haldem. She married **Carl Dieterich Heinrich Tiemann** on 21 July 1859, in Haldem. He was born 28 Dec. 1829, in Haldem, and died 8 Sept. 1868, in Haldem.
7. **Margarethe Engel Agnes Gaskamp** born 11 Nov. 1840, in Haldem, and she died at Riesel, Texas, on 7 April 1912. Agnes married **Wilhelm Heinrich David "Henry" Haferkamp** on 13 March 1866, in Haldem. Henry was born 7 Dec. 1838, in Haldem, and he died 28 March 1928, at Riesel, Texas.

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 In 1867, Sophie Gaskamp left Germany from the port of Bremen on the ship, *BARK ISIS*. The ship docked in Galveston, Texas, on 6 Nov. 1867. Sophie made her way to Washington County, Texas, where on 8 January 1869, she married **Heinrich Winkelmann**. Heinrich Winkelmann was born 26 May 1845, in Oppendorf, Westphalia, Germany; he was the son of **Berend Friedrich Winkelmann** (born 27 April 1802; died 20 March 1852) and his wife, **Margarethe Wilhelmine Henriette Blumenhorst** (born 3 Jan 1807 in Oppendorf; died 30 Nov. 1880, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas). Heinrich's parents were married 22 Nov. 1843, in Oppendorf, Westphalia.

Heinrich's paternal grandparents were **Hermann Heinrich Winkelmann** and **Margarethe Elisabeth Wellmann**. Heinrich's maternal grandparents were **Gerhard Heinrich Blumenhorst** and **Agnes Charlotte Louise Kettler**. According to his obituary in *The Brenham Banner-Press*, Heinrich Winkelmann left Germany for Texas in 1866. It is most likely he came with his mother and other family members.

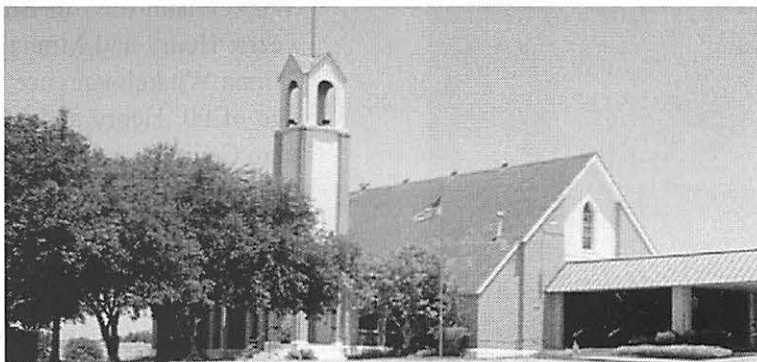
Heinrich and Sophie Gaskamp Winkelmann lived their entire married life in Washington County, in the community of Zionsville, where they farmed. Heinrich and Sophie were also charter members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, which was organized on 10 May 1870. The foundation stone for the first Zion Lutheran Church building was laid on 8 July 1870, and the consecration of the Zion Lutheran Church building took place on 29 Jan. 1871. Heinrich and Sophie Winkelmann were to remain active members of Zion Lutheran Church for the remainder of the lives. Today, some of their descendants are still members of the congregation of Zion Lutheran.

Heinrich and Sophie were married for 54 years when Heinrich died of a heart attack in Zionsville on 11 March 1922, at the age of 76 years. According to his obituary, Heinrich dropped dead while feeding his cattle about 6:00 in the evening. His funeral and burial took place on 13 March 1922. Sophie lived her remaining years in the home of her oldest daughter, Henriette Winkelmann Wehmeyer. Sophie Winkelmann nee Gaskamp died at the Wehmeyer home in Brenham, Tx. on 15 Jan. 1936, at the age of 90 years. Her obituary stated that she attended church services at Zion Lutheran until just a few weeks prior to her death. Sophie's obituary also stated that "she was always satisfied with the things that surrounded her, always patient with anything that confronted her in the ways and walks of life." Sophie's funeral and burial took place on 16 Jan. 1936. Rev. Karl Mueller of Zion Lutheran Church conducted both the funerals of Heinrich and Sophie. Heinrich and Sophie Winkelmann are buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville, near the church they helped organize, and then faithfully served in for over half a century.

Heinrich and Sophie Gaskamp Winkelmann were the parents of eight children:

I. Heinrich Friedrich Wilhelm Winkelmann born 28 Sept. 1869, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Wilhelm was baptized 16 Jan. 1870, at Eben Ezer Lutheran Church of Berlin, Washington Co., Texas, and he was confirmed 6 April 1884, in Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Wilhelm married **Henriette Wilhelmine Sophie Wehmeyer** on 1 Dec. 1892, in Zionsville, Tx. Sophie nee Wehmeyer was born 6 Feb. 1873, in Zionsville; she was the daughter of **Hermann Wehmeyer** and **Augusta Louise Reddehase**. Sophie was baptized 9 March 1873, and she was confirmed 27 March 1887, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville.

The Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville Community, Washington Co., Texas. Heinrich and Sophie Gaskamp Winkelmann were charter members of this church. The first Zion Lutheran Church building was dedicated in 1871 and was destroyed by the Hurricane of 1900, which had nearly wiped out Galveston. The second Lutheran Church building was dedicated in 1901, and served the Zion congregation until 1969 when the present structure was built. This photo of Zion Lutheran Church was taken in June 2009.



Heinrich & Sophia Gaskamp Winkelmann

The tombstone of Heinrich Winkelmann, Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas



The tombstone of Sophie Gaskamp Winkelmann, Zion Lutheran Cemetery



The tombstone of Wilhelm Winkelmann, Zion Lutheran Cemetery



The tombstones of Wilhelm Winkelmann (back) and his wife, Sophie Winkelmann nee Wehmeyer (foreground), Zion Lutheran Cemetery

Wilhelm and Sophie Winkelmann lived their married life in Zionsville where they farmed and they were members of Zion Lutheran Church. Wilhelm Winkelmann died in a hospital in Brenham, Tx. on 25 Jan. 1933, at the age of 63 years. Sophie was a widow for 30 years, and she lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Henriette and Willi Luedke, in Zionsville. Sophie Winkelmann nee Wehmeyer died in a hospital in Brenham, Tx. on 14 April 1963, at the age of 90 years. Wilhelm and Sophie Winkelmann are buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville. Wilhelm and Sophie (Wehmeyer) Winkelmann were the parents of three children:

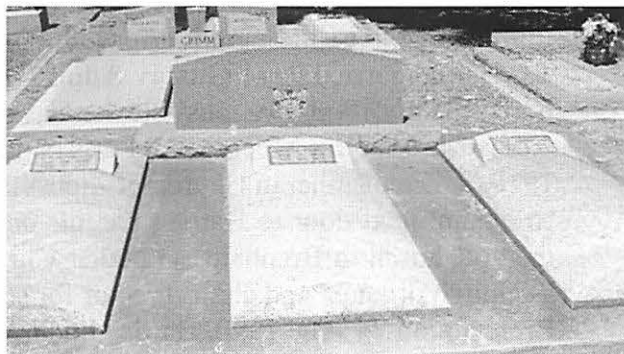
1. **Heinrich Hermann Christian Winkelmann** born 18 Aug. 1893, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Henry was baptized 1 Oct. 1893, and confirmed 12 April 1908, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Henry married **Wilhelmine "Minna" Henriette Anna Kettler** on 7 Dec. 1916, in Zionsville. Minna nee Kettler was born 14 July 1896 at Long Point, Washington Co., Tx; she was the daughter of **Henry Kettler** and **Karoline Koester**. Minna was baptized 9 Aug. 1896, and confirmed 20 March 1910, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Henry and Minna Winkelmann lived in the Zionsville Community where they were involved in farming and the dairy business. Henry Winkelmann died in Brenham, Tx. on 22 Dec. 1983, at the age of 90 years. Henry and Minna were married 67 years at the time of his death. Minna Winkelmann nee Kettler died in Brenham on 24 July 1986, at the age of 90. Henry and Minna Winkelmann are buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville. Henry and Minna were the parents of two sons: **Raymond** (born 1918; died 2007) and **Leroy** (born 1925; died 1995).
2. **Bertha Sophie Louise Winkelmann** born 25 Sept. 1895, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Bertha was baptized 10 Nov. 1895, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Bertha died 4 Jan. 1903, at the age of 7 years, 3 months, and 10 days. She was buried 5 Jan. 1903, in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.
3. **Henriette Wilhelmine Winkelmann** born 5 Aug. 1897, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Henriette was baptized 17 Oct. 1897, and confirmed 9 April 1911, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. She married **Willi B. Luedke** on 6 Nov. 1919, at Zionsville. Willie Luedke was born at Kenney, Austin Co., Tx. on 5 June 1895. The Luedkes lived in Zionsville before moving to the Austin area in their later years. Willi Luedke died in Temple, Tx. on 28 Aug. 1973. Henriette Luedke nee Winkelmann died at Round Rock, Tx. on 15 Dec. 1995, at the age of 98 years. Henriette and Willi Luedke are buried in the Capital Parks Cemetery at Pflugerville, Tx. Henriette and Willi were the parents of one son, **Vincent** (born 1922; died 1998).

II. Margarethe Henriette Sophie Winkelmann born 11 Dec. 1872, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Henriette was baptized 16 Feb. 1873, and confirmed 18 April 1886, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Henriette married **Christoph Wilhelm Wehmeyer** on 10 Dec. 1891, in Zionsville. Wilhelm Wehmeyer was born 29 Jan. 1869, in Zionsville; the son of **Hermann Wehmeyer** and **Augusta Louise Reddehase**. Wilhelm was baptized in the Salem Lutheran Church of Salem Community in Washington Co., Tx., and he was confirmed 3 May 1883, in Salem Lutheran Church.

Henriette and Wilhelm Wehmeyer lived in the Zionsville Community where they farmed until 1929

when they moved to 110 Dixie Street in Brenham. Wilhelm Wehmeyer was involved in various business enterprises, including being an owner of a gas station near their home. The Wehmeyer's were active members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Wilhelm Wehmeyer served for several years on the church council, and he taught Sunday School when German was the language of the church. The Wehmeyer's were the parents of two sons and four daughters. The two sons both died tragic deaths. Wilhelm and Henriette Wehmeyer were married 69 years when Wilhelm died at their home on 2 Feb. 1961, at the age of 92 years. Henriette Wehmeyer nee Winkelmann died in a nursing home in Brenham on 20 Nov. 1970, at the age of 97 years. Henriette and Wilhelm Wehmeyer are buried in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham.

The Wehmeyer tombstone in Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham. *From left:* The graves of Wilhelm Wehmeyer, Henriette Wehmeyer nee Winkelmann, and Ella Wehmeyer.



The children of Wilhelm and Henriette (Winkelmann) Wehmeyer:

1. **Heinrich Hermann Christian Wehmeyer** born 28 Sept. 1892, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Henry was baptized 1 Dec. 1892, and confirmed 24 March 1907, at Zion Lutheran Church. Henry married **Anna Jutianne Caroline Richter** on 29 April 1915, at Rehburg, Washington Co., Tx. Annie nee Richter was born 22 Oct. 1893, at Long Point, Washington Co., Tx. Henry Wehmeyer was ordained a Lutheran minister. Rev. Henry Wehmeyer served congregations in Hamilton, DeWitt, Runnels, and Nueces counties before moving to San Antonio. Rev. Henry Wehmeyer was tragically shot and killed in San Antonio, at the age of 41 years, by his landlord in an argument on 17 Sept. 1934. His body was brought back to Washington County, and his funeral and burial took place on 20 Sept. 1934. He was buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville. His wife, Annie, died in Houston, Tx. on 7 May 1976, at the age of 82. Annie was buried next to Henry in Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Rev. Henry and Annie Wehmeyer were the parents of eight children: **Emmanuel** (born 1916; died 1977); **Sigmund** (born 1917; died 1988); **Gertrude Coppinger** (born 1920; died 2009); **Gladys Mackin** (born 1922; died 1972); **Henry George** (born 1923); **Olivia Hicks** (born 1926); **Weldon** (born 1928; died 1932); and **Clarence** (born 1930; died 2005).
2. **Lillie Sophie Louise Wilhelmine Wehmeyer** born 25 Feb. 1895, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Lillie was baptized 14 April 1895, and confirmed 4 April 1909, in Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Lillie married **Hugo Christian Renz** on 5 Nov. 1914, in Zionsville. Hugo Renz was born 23 July 1890, in Berlin Community, Washington Co., Tx. Hugo Renz was ordained a minister, and he served congregations in the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and California. Rev. Hugo Renz died in Riverside, California, on 5 Aug. 1970. Lillie Renz nee Wehmeyer died at Cole Camp, Missouri, on 10 May 1991. Lillie and Rev. Hugo Renz are buried in Cole Camp, Mo. Lillie and Rev. Hugo were the parents of four children: **Vera Graumann** (born 1915; died 1989); **Harold** (born 1917; died 1998); **Felix** (born 1919; died 1963); and **Ethel Boyes** (born 1923).
3. **Henriette "Hennie" Wilhelmine Mamarethe Sophie Wehmever** born 9 July 1897, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Hennie was baptized 1 Aug. 1897, and confirmed 9 April 1911, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Hennie married **Edmund Friedrich Riewe** on 28 Dec. 1924, in Zionsville. Edmund Riewe was born at Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Tx. on 12 Jan. 1893. The Riewe's lived their married life at Pottsville, Tx., where they were members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Henriette Riewe nee Wehmeyer died of pneumonia in the hospital in Hamilton, Tx. on 25 April 1938, at the age of 40. Edmund Riewe remarried and he died in Temple, Tx. on 26 April 1983, at the age of 90. Edmund and Henriette Riewe are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Pottsville, Tx. The Riewe's were the parents of five children: **Marvin** (born 1926); **Elaine Noack** (born 1927); **Victor** (born & died in 1929); **Adeline Bufe** (born 1930); and **Evelyn Limmer** (born 1932; died 1998).

4. **Eleonore "Ella" Wilhelmine Sophia Wehmeyer** born 4 Sept. 1899, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Ella was baptized 5 Nov. 1899, and she was confirmed 5 April 1914, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Ella never married. She kept house and took care of her father and mother. Ella was hospitalized in Austin, Tx. where she died on 3 Feb. 1968, at the age of 68 years. Ella is buried in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham, Tx.
5. **Hedwig "Hattie" Henriette Malinda Wehmeyer** born 18 Aug. 1905, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Hattie was baptized 8 Sept. 1905, and she was confirmed 13 April 1919, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Hattie was a graduate of Blinn College in Brenham and Texas Lutheran College in Seguin. Prior to her marriage, she taught school at Holman, in Fayette Co., Tx. Hattie married **Paul Gustav Adolf Gindorf** on 7 June 1928 in Zionsville. Paul Gindorf was born 30 Aug. 1903, in Zionsville; he was the son of **Gustav Adolf Gindorf** and **Johanna Christine Martha Moegle**. Paul was baptized 8 Nov. 1903, and he was confirmed 24 March 1918, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Hattie and Paul Gindorf lived their married life in Brenham, next door to Hattie's parents on Dixie Street. They joined St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brenham, and later, Christ Lutheran Church in Brenham where Hattie served as church organist and choir director for several years. Paul Gindorf died at the age of 86 in Brenham on 23 June 1990. Hattie Gindorf nee Wehmeyer died at the age of 88 in Brenham on 8 April 1994. Hattie and Paul Gindorf are buried in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham. Hattie and Paul were the parents of two daughters: **Pauline Hannemann** (born 1929) and **Estelle Delange Zimmerman** (born 1932).
6. **Infant Wehmeyer** born & died 7 March 1907, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. This baby is buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville.
7. **Victor Wilhelm Michael Wehmeyer** born 11 March 1912, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Victor was baptized 21 April 1912, and he was confirmed 10 April 1927, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Victor married **Sarah Ann Powell** on 7 Nov. 1942, in Houston. Sarah was born 4 Sept. 1915, in San Angelo, Tx. Victor Wehmeyer became a mortician and was part owner of the Wehmeyer-Powell Funeral Home in Texas City. Victor was killed at the age of 35 in the infamous Texas City ship explosion on 16 April 1947. *The Brenham Banner Press* reported that Victor went to the scene after the first ship explosion and he was working nearby when the second ship explosion occurred. His ambulance and equipment were found blown to pieces. No trace of Victor's body was ever found. (Incidentally, Victor had a relative, Henry Baumgartner, who was the Fire Chief of Texas City, and Henry was also killed in the explosion. Henry's mother, Henriette Baumgartner nee Haferkamp was a first cousin to Victor's mother). Victor's wife, Sarah Wehmeyer nee Powell died on 12 March 2000, in Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel Co., Maryland. Victor and Sarah (Powell) Wehmeyer were the parents of one daughter, **Janice Harris** (born 1944).

The Wehmeyer Family in the late 1920's: *Sitting from left:* Henriette Winkelmann Wehmeyer, Victor Wehmeyer, and Wilhelm Wehmeyer
Standing from left: Ella Wehmeyer, Hennie Riewe, Rev. Henry Wehmeyer, Hattie Gindorf, and Lillie Renz.



Four generations, Brenham, Tx.: Sophie Gaskamp Winkelmann (sitting) with her daughter, Henriette Wehmeyer (right). Henriette's daughter, Hattie Gindorf and her daughter, Pauline. (left). Pauline and her husband, Rev. August Hannemann are today members of GTHS.

III. Sophie Agnes Wilhelmine Winkelmann born 9 March 1875, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. This baby was baptized at her parents' home on 17 March 1875, and she also died on 17 March 1875. She was buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery on 18 March 1875.

IV. Friedrich Heinrich Wilhelm "Henry" Winkelmann born 18 Nov. 1876, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Henry was baptized 17 Dec. 1876, and confirmed on 22 March 1891, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Henry married **Malinda Mathilda Louise Sophie Reue** on 12 Nov. 1903, at St. John's Lutheran Church in the Prairie Hill Community of Washington Co., Tx. Malinda nee Reue was born 30 Nov. 1880 at Prairie Hill; she was the daughter of **Heinrich Friedrich Wilhelm Reue** and **Wilhelmine Sophie Henriette Schulze**. Malinda was baptized 16 May 1882, and she was confirmed on 7 April 1895, at St. John's Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill. Henry and Malinda Winkelmann lived their married life in the Zionsville Community where they farmed and were members of Zion Lutheran Church. In 1942, they retired from farming and moved into Brenham at 629 Peabody Street. Henry Winkelmann died at his home in Brenham on 6 Nov. 1945, at the age of 68 years. His obituary stated that he owned much valuable city and farm property. Malinda Winkelmann nee Reue died in the Milroy Hospital in Brenham on 10 Feb. 1958, at the age of 77 years. Henry and Malinda Winkelmann are buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Henry and Malinda had no children.



The tombstone of Henry Winkelmann and his wife, Malinda (Reue) Winkelmann, Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville

V. Christian Hermann Heinrich Winkelmann born 22 April 1879, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. This baby was baptized at his parents' home on 23 April 1879, and he died 27 April 1879. He was buried in Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery.

VI. Heinrich Friedrich Carl "Fritz" Winkelmann born 4 Oct. 1881, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Fritz was baptized 6 Nov. 1881, and confirmed 29 March 1896, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Fritz married **Engel Augusta Anna Nolte** on 3 Dec. 1903, in Zionsville. Anna nee Nolte was born 25 Dec. 1882, in Zionsville; she was the daughter of **Wilhelm Nolte** and **Henriette Elisabeth Gaskamp**. Anna was baptized 28 Jan. 1883, and confirmed 29 March 1896, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Fritz and Anna Winkelmann lived the first years of their marriage in the Zionsville Community. In 1909, they moved near Mart, Tx. to the Otto Community in Falls Co. They became members of the St. John Evangelical & Reformed Church of Otto (today, the church is known as St. John United Church of Christ of Otto). They made their living in farming, and they kept in contact with their relatives in Washington Co. Fritz Winkelmann died at his home on RFD 3, Mart, Tx., in the Otto Community at the age of 62 years on 3 Aug. 1944. His wife, Anna, was a widow for 30 years. She lived in Otto until 1960 when she moved to Riesel, Tx. Anna Winkelmann nee Nolte died in the hospital in Marlin, Tx. on 13 Dec. 1974, at the age of 91 years. Fritz and Anna Winkelmann are buried in the St. John United Church of Christ Cemetery at Otto, Tx.



The wedding picture of Fritz Winkelmann and Anna Nolte, Dec. 3, 1903. They were married 40 years.

The cabin in the Zionsville Community of Washington County, Tx. where Fritz and Anna Winkelmann began their married life. This photo was taken years after they had moved out.



The family of Fritz and Anna (Nolte) Winkelmann in the late 1930's.

The older of Fritz and Anna Winkelmann's 12 children.
From left: Rudolf (born 1911; died 1921) Fred (born 1907; died 1986) Annie (born 1913; died 2009) Sophie (born 1904; died 1991) Hattie (born 1909; died 1980)



Sitting from left: Lorene Jander, Hattie Schmedthorst, Fritz Winkelmann, Anita Harwell, Anna Nolte Winkelmann, Sophie Schlemmer
Standing from left: Wilburn Winkelmann, Annie Springer, Fred Winkelmann, Bill Winkelmann, Alvine Schraeder, Henry Winkelmann



The family of Fritz and Anna (Nolte) Winkelmann in early 1943, on the Winkelmann Farm in Otto, Falls Co., Texas.



Sitting: Anna and Fritz Winkelmann *Their daughters from left:* Anita, Lorene, Annie, Alvine, Sophie, Hattie *Their sons from left:* Wilburn, Bill, Fred, Henry



The wedding of Hattie Winkelmann and Fritz Schmedthorst, Oct 4, 1931, in Falls Co., Texas. They were married 48 years.



Fritz and Anna (Nolte) Winkelmann with their grandchildren in early 1943. *Front from left:* Virginia Winkelmann, Joyce Springer, Annie holding Harvey Schraeder, Fritz holding Gene "Buddy" Schraeder, Doris Schraeder, Allene Winkelmann, Harold, Raymond and Harding Schmedthorst. *Back from left:* Vera Schmedthorst, Laverna Schlemmer, Marvin Schlemmer, Fred & Norman Winkelmann.

Fritz and Anna (Nolte) Winkelmann were the parents of 12 children:

1. **Sophie Henriette Anna Winkelmann** born 19 Sept. 1904, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Sophie was baptized 23 Oct. 1904, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 13 April 1919, at St. John E. & R. Church of Otto, Tx. Sophie married **Walter Schlemmer** on 5 Nov. 1925, at Otto. Walter Schlemmer was born in Falls Co., Tx. on 9 Feb. 1904, and he died 19 Jan. 1971 in Waco, Tx. Sophie Schlemmer nee Winkelmann died 14 July 1991, in the nursing home in Mart, Tx. Sophie and Walter Schlemmer are buried in the Friedens Cemetery in Riesel, Tx. Sophie and Walter were the parents of two children: **Marvin** (born 1927; died 2006) and **LaVerna Lebkowsky** (born 1932).
2. **Theodor Heinrich Wilhelm Winkelmann** born 23 Feb. 1906, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. He was baptized 29 April 1906, at Zion Lutheran Church of . Zionsville. This baby died 28 Oct. 1906, and he was buried 29 Oct. 1906, in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery.
3. **Friedrich Wilhelm Karl "Fred" Winkelmann** born 29 June 1907, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Fred was baptized 18 Aug. 1907, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and he was confirmed 8 May 1921, at St. John E. & R. Church of Otto. Fred married **Mary Therese Tomaske** on 31 July 1929, in Falls Co. Mary was born 19 Jan. 1910. Fred and Mary Winkelmann lived most of their married life in Fort Worth, Tx. Mary died in Fort Worth on 3 Aug. 1984. Fred died in Fort Worth on 4 June 1986. Fred and Mary are buried in the Godley Cemetery in Fort Worth. Fred and Mary Winkelmann were the parents of four children: **Fred** (born 1930); **Norman** (born 1932); **Virginia Crawford** (born 1935) and **Allene Christine Montgomery** (born 1939).
4. **Hedwig "Hattie" Henriette Louise Winkelmann** born 29 March 1909, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Hattie was baptized 25 April 1909 in Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 10 Sept. 1922, at St. John E. & R. Church of Otto. Hattie married Friedrich Heinrich Wilhelm "Fritz" Schmedthorst on 4 Oct. 1931. Fritz Schmedthorst was born 2 Feb. 1899, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx; he was the son of **August Christian Friedrich Schmedthorst** and **Henriette Louise Borchardt**. Fritz was baptized 12 March 1899, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and he was confirmed 16 March 1913, in Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Tx. Hattie and Fritz Schmedthorst lived in the Riesel area and they were members of Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Hattie Schmedthorst nee Winkelmann died in the hospital in Marlin, Tx. on 31 March 1980. Fritz Schmedthorst died 11 Oct. 1981. Hattie and Fritz are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Tx. Hattie and Fritz Schmedthorst were the parents of one daughter and six sons: **Vera Sielaff** (born 1932); **Harding** (born 1935); **Harold** (born 1936); **Raymond** (born 1937); **Curtis** (born & died in 1939); **Wesley** (born 1945) and **Kenneth** (born 1947; died 1995).
5. **Rudolf Heinrich Albert August Winkelmann** born 26 May 1911, at Otto, Falls Co., Tx. Rudolf was baptized 23 July 1911, at St. John E. & R. Church of Otto. Rudolf died at the age of 10 years on 31 May 1921. He is buried in the St. John Church Cemetery in Otto, Tx on 1 June 1921.
6. **Anna Wilhelmine Emma Winkelmann** born 7 Oct. 1913, at Otto, Falls Co., Tx. Anna was baptized 9

- Nov. 1913, and confirmed 1 April 1928, at St. John E. & R. Church in Otto. Anna married **Otto Wilhelm Springer** on 16 Aug. 1934. Otto Springer was born 14 June 1914, at Otto, Texas. Anna and Otto Springer lived their married life in Mart, Tx. Otto Springer died 10 Jan. 1989 in Mart. Anna Springer nee Winkelmann died in Waco, Tx. on 2 Aug. 2009, at the age of 95. Anna and Otto are buried in the Mart Cemetery in Mart, Tx. Anna and Otto Springer were the parents of one daughter: **Joyce Glaser** (born 1937).
7. **Alvine Sophie Louise Anna Winkelmann** born 28 Nov. 1917, at Otto, Falls Co., Tx. Alvine was baptized 23 Dec. 1917, and confirmed 29 March 1931, at St. John E. & R. Church of Otto. Alvine married **Edmund Schraeder** on 29 Nov. 1935. Edmund was born 1 July 1914; he was the son of **Henry Schraeder** and **Louise Peters**. Alvine and Edmund lived their married life in Riesel where they farmed, and they were members of Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Edmund Schraeder died of cancer in the hospital in Marlin, Tx. on 29 Sept. 1959. After his death, Alvine worked as a seamstress and as a clerk in various department stores in Waco. In her later life, Alvine married **Emory W. Knudson** on 12 Nov. 1994. Alvine Schraeder Knudson nee Winkelmann died in Clifton, Bosque Co., Tx. on 24 Oct. 2003. Alvine and her first husband, Edmund Schraeder, are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Tx. Alvine and Edmund Schraeder were the parents of five children: **Doris Weaver** (born 1938); **Edward "Buddy"** (born 1940); **Harvey** (born 1942); **James** (born 1944; died 1980) and **Ethel Mae Goldsmith** (born 1949).
 8. **William (Bill) Karl Emil Winkelmann** born 27 Jan. 1920, at Otto, Falls Co., Tx. Bill was baptized 4 April 1920, and confirmed 14 April 1935, at St. John E. & R. Church of Otto. Bill served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Bill married **Ruth Emma Zipperlen** on 2 June 1946. Ruth was born 31 May 1924. They were members of the Meier Settlement Methodist Church near Riesel. Bill Winkelmann died in a hospital in Waco, Tx. on 8 May 1991. He is buried in the Meier Settlement Methodist Church Cemetery near Riesel, Tx. Ruth resides today in Mart, Tex. Bill and Ruth Winkelmann had two children: **Robert "Bob"** (born 1959) and **Ruth Anne Schroeder** (born 1961).
 9. **Lorene Meta Henriette Emilie Winkelmann** born 11 Feb. 1922, at Otto, Falls Co., Tx. Lorene's baptism information has not been located, but she was confirmed 14 April 1935 at St. John's E & R Church at Otto. Lorene married **Louis Charles Jander** on 4 Dec. 1941. Louis Jander was born at Otto, Tx. on 14 March 1921; he was the son of **Rudolph Henry Jander** and **Ida Wilhelmine Marie Kuretsch**. Lorene and Louis Jander lived most of their married life in Houston before moving to Sealy, Tx. Today, Lorene and Louis reside in Brenham. They are the parents of two sons: **Louis, Jr.** (born 1944) and **Larry** (born 1953).
 10. **Henry Theodor Friedrich Winkelmann** born 6 June 1924, at Otto, Falls Co., Tx. Henry was baptized 6 July 1924, and confirmed 28 May 1939, at St. John E. & R. Church of Otto. Henry married **Willie Mae Finn** on 19 Sept. 1947. Mae was born 15 Jan. 1929, at Riesel, Tx. Henry & Mae Winkelmann lived their married life in Riesel. Mae Winkelmann nee Finn died 26 Sept. 1991. She is buried in the Friedens Cemetery in Riesel. Henry Winkelmann continues to reside today in Riesel. Henry and Mae had three children: **Linda Sue Warneke** (born 1950); **Larry Wayne** (born 1952) and **Stacy Lynn Larpenter** (born 1964).
 11. **Wilburn Reinhard Willi Winkelmann** born 7 Oct. 1926, at Otto, Falls Co., Tx. Wilburn was baptized 18 Nov. 1926, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx., and he was confirmed 28 May 1939, at St. John E. & R. Church of Otto, Tx. Wilburn married **Dovie Lee Stone** on 30 July 1949. Wilburn and Dovie Winkelmann reside today in China Spring, Tx. They had three children: **Nancy Gorham** (born 1950); **Karen Skiles** (born 1951); and **Wilburn, Jr. "Buster"** (born 1954; died 1978).
 12. **Anita Henriette Lydia Elsa Minnie Winkelmann** born 9 Sept. 1928, at Otto, Falls Co., Tx. Anita was baptized 21 Oct. 1928, and confirmed in 1942, at St. John E. & R. Church of Otto. Anita married **Columbus H. Jackson** on 22 Jan. 1949. Anita later married **John H. Harwell, Jr.** on 1 March 1952. Johnny Harwell was born 6 July 1929. Anita and Johnny Harwell lived at Elm Mott, Tx., and Johnny continues to reside there today.. Anita Harwell nee Winkelmann died in Waco, Tx. on 14 June 2008, at the age of 79. She is buried in the Riesel Cemetery in Riesel, Tx. Anita and Johnny Harwell had four children: **John Earl** (born 1953; died 2006); **Michael Wayne** (born 1956); **Cathy Summers** (born 1959) and **Barbara Prisco** (born 1962).

VII. Sophie Wilhelmine Margarethe "Minnie" Winkelmann born 21 April 1884, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Minnie was baptized 10 Aug. 1884, and confirmed 11 April 1897, in Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Minnie married **Carl "Charlie" Loesch** on 15 Nov. 1906, in Zionsville. Charlie Loesch was born 1 January 1877, at Cedar Hill, Washington Co., Tx.; he was the son of **Carl Loesch, Sr.**, and **Wilhelmine Bosse**. Minnie and Carl Loesch lived the first five years of their marriage in Zionsville. In 1911, they moved to the New Wehdem community in Austin Co., Tx., where they settled and continued farming. They became members of the St. James Lutheran Church of New Wehdem. Charlie Loesch died at his home in New Wehdem on 20 January 1942, at the age of 65 years. Minnie Loesch nee Winkelmann died in the hospital in Bellville, Tx. on 29 April 1955, at the age of 71 years. Charlie and Minnie Loesch are buried in the St. James Lutheran Cemetery in New Wehdem, Tx.

Charlie and Minnie (Winkelmann) Loesch were the parents of three children:

- 1. Paul Heinrich Karl Fritz Loesch** born 29 April 1909, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Paul was baptized 30 May 1909, in Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and he was confirmed 13 April 1923, in St. James Lutheran Church of New Wehdem. Paul married **Adeline Sternberg** on 24 Oct. 1934, in Zionsville, Tx. Adeline was born 1 April 1910; she was the daughter of **Adolph August Sternberg** and **Minna Sophie Rosa Knuppel**. Paul and Adeline Loesch lived their married life in the New Wehdem community where Paul served on the church council and in the brotherhood of St. James Lutheran Church. He also served on the Kenney School Board for over 20 years. Paul Loesch died in St. Jude Hospital in Brenham, Tx. on 24 Dec. 1982. Adeline Sternberg Loesch died in Bryan, Tx. on 20 Jan. 2009, at the age of 98. Paul and Adeline Loesch are buried in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham. Paul and Adeline Loesch were the parents of five children: **Natalie Luedke** (born 1936); **Eugene** (born 1938); **Elroy** (born 1942); **Donald** (born 1944) and **Joyce** (born 1951).



The tombstone of Charlie and Minnie (Winkelmann) Loesch. St. James Lutheran Cemetery, New Wehdem, Austin Co., Tx.

- 2. Hedwig "Hattie" Sophie Henriette Louise Loesch** born 11 Dec. 1912, in New Wehdem, Austin Co., Tx. Hattie was baptized 19 Jan. 1913, and confirmed 16 Jan. 1927, at St. James Lutheran Church of New Wehdem. Hattie married **Alvin Wietstruck** on 7 Jan. 1950, in New Wehdem. Alvin Wietstruck was born 26 Feb. 1910. Alvin and Hattie had no children. They were members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Bellville. Hattie worked as a licensed vocational nurse in the Bellville hospital. Alvin Wietstruck died 3 April 1988, in Bellville. Hattie Loesch Wietstruck died in Bellville on 23 Dec. 1998. Hattie and Alvin are buried in the Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery in Bellville, Tx.
- 3. Elsa Henriette Wilhelmine Loesch** born 28 Sept. 1915, in New Wehdem, Austin Co., Tx. Elsie was baptized 14 Nov. 1915, and confirmed 12 April 1930, at St. James Lutheran Church of New Wehdem. Elsie married **Edward Frederick Tegeler** on 28 Oct. 1945, in New Wehdem, Tx. Ed Tegeler was born 2 Dec. 1902. Ed and Elsie lived their married life in New Wehdem, and were members of St. James Lutheran Church of New Wehdem. Ed Tegeler died 25 Dec. 1990, in Brenham, Tx. Elsie Loesch Tegeler died in St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, Tx. on 7 Oct. 2002. She died of complications from injuries she sustained in an automobile accident. Elsie and Ed Tegeler are buried in the St. James Lutheran Cemetery of New Wehdem, Tx. Elsie and Ed were the parents of one son: **Larry** (born 1946).

VII. Carl Heinrich Friedrich "Charlie" Winkelmann born 9 April 1886, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Charlie was baptized 20 June 1886, and confirmed 12 March 1900, in Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Charlie Winkelmann married **Charlotte Margarethe Louise Nolte** on 16 January 1908, in Zionsville. Louise was born 8 June 1885, in Zionsville; she was the daughter of **Wilhelm Nolte** and **Henriette Elisabeth Gaskamp**. Louise was baptized 19 July 1885, and confirmed 26 March 1899, in Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Charlie and Louise were the parents of one daughter and three sons. Louise Winkelmann nee Nolte died of pneumonia in the Zionsville Community on 19 Oct. 1918, at the age of 33 years. She was buried 20 Oct. 1918, in Zion Lutheran Cemetery. After her death, Charlie Winkelmann married **Meta Louise Sophie Haar** on 4 March 1920, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill, Washington Co., Tx. Meta was born 24 Sept. 1899, at Germania, Austin Co., Tx.; she was the daughter of **Fritz Haar** and **Louise Pieper**. Meta was baptized 26 Nov. 1899, at St. James Lutheran Church of New Wehdem, Austin Co., Tx., and she was confirmed on 5 April 1914, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill, Washington Co., Tx. Charlie and Meta Winkelmann were the parents of two daughters, and Meta raised Charlie's four children from his first marriage. Charlie Winkelmann farmed in the Zionsville Community, and he and his family were members of Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Charlie Winkelmann died at his home in Zionsville on 25 April 1942, at the age of 56 years. Charlie was buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery on 27 April 1942. Meta was a widow for 45 years. She made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, **Edna and Burney Schramme**. Meta Winkelmann nee Haar died in the Sweetbriar Nursing Home in Brenham, Tx. on 15 Aug. 1987, at the age of 87 years. Meta was buried beside Charlie in Zion Lutheran Cemetery on 17 Aug. 1987.



Charlie Winkelmann, the youngest son of Heinrich and Sophie Gaskamp Winkelmann. Charlie first married Louise Nolte in 1908, and they had four children. After the death of Louise in 1918, Charlie married Meta Haar in 1920, and they had two daughters.

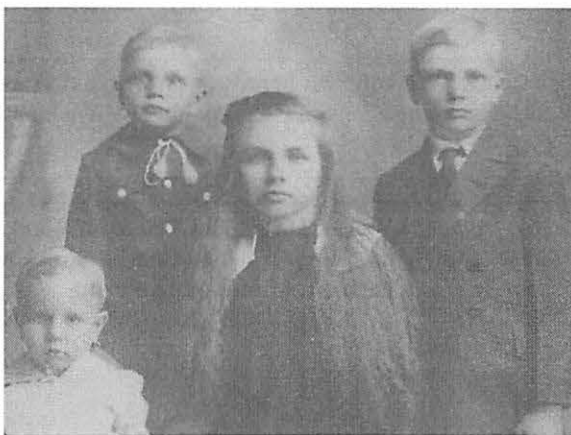


The wedding of Charlie Winkelmann and his second wife, Meta Haar, on March 4, 1920, Gay Hill, Washington Co., Texas. They were married 22 years.

The children of Charlie and Louise (Nolte) Winkelmann:

1. **Lydia Sophie Henriette Winkelmann** born 24 Oct. 1908, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Lydia was baptized 13 Dec. 1908, and confirmed 25 March 1923, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. As a young lady, Lydia went to Houston to find work, and she took a job as a cleaning lady in a boarding house. It was there that Lydia met her future husband. Lydia married **Gordon Bill Jones** on 26 Nov. 1936, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Houston. Gordon Jones was born 20 April 1902, at West, in McLennan Co., Tx. Lydia and Gordon Jones lived their married life in Houston. Gordon Jones died of a heart attack in Channelview, Tx. on 11 January 1970. Lydia Jones nee Winkelmann died in Houston on 17 Nov. 1997, at the age of 89. Lydia and Gordon Jones are buried in the San Jacinto Memorial Park Cemetery in Houston. Lydia and Gordon were the parents of four children: **Charlotte Mixon** (born 1937); **Kenneth** (born 1938); **Glen Roy** (born 1946; died 1997) and **Gordon Bruce** (born 1949).
2. **Reinhardt Heinrich Wilhelm Winkelmann** born 28 Oct. 1910, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Reinhardt was baptized 12 March 1911, and confirmed on 5 April 1925, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Reinhardt married **Lorena Lydia Caroline Kelm** on 20 Dec. 1934, at Prairie Hill, Washington Co., Tx. Lorena was born 16 March 1915, at Zionsville; she was the daughter of **Heinrich Wilhelm Michael Kelm** and **Ida Brauner**. Lorena was baptized 30 May 1915, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 13 April 1930, at St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill. Reinhardt and

Lorena Winkelmann lived their married life in Washington Co., and they were members of Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Reinhardt Winkelmann died in a nursing home in Brenham, Tx. on 28 July 1987, at the age of 76. Lorena Winkelmann nee Kelm died in Brenham on 4 April 2008, at the age of 93. Reinhardt and Lorena are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Zionsville. Reinhardt and Lorena Winkelmann were the parents of two daughters: **Margie Ann Fischer** (born 1942) and **Betty Jean Wiesepape** (born 1948).



The children of Charlie Winkelmann and his first wife, Louise Nolte. *From left:* Walter Winkelmann, Harry Winkelmann, Lydia Winkelmann Jones Reinhardt Winkelmann

3. **Harry Wilhelm Carl Winkelmann** born 18 March 1914, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Harry was baptized 2 Aug. 1914, and confirmed 24 March 1929, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Harry married **Violet Annabelle Stanfield**. Violet was born 10 Jan. 1914, in Nacogdoches Co., Tx. Harry and Violet lived most of

their married life in Houston, and in later years, they moved to Porter, in Montgomery Co., Tx. Harry Winkelmann died at the age of 79 years on 22 Oct. 1993. Violet Stanfield Winkelmann died 4 Nov. 1997. Harry and Violet are buried in the Rosewood Cemetery in Humble, Tx. Harry and Violet Winkelmann were the parents of two sons: **Larry Wayne** (born 1947) and **Ronald Charles** (born 1948).

4. **Walter Henry Emil Winkelmann** born 17 Aug. 1916, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Walter was baptized 22 Oct. 1916, and confirmed on 20 March 1932, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Walter married **Elsie Louise Henriette Karoline Spreen** on 25 Oct. 1939, at Prairie Hill, Washington Co., Tx. Elsie was born 25 Oct. 1916, at Prairie Hill; she was the daughter of **John Friedrich Heinrich Spreen** and **Ella Wernecke**. Elsie was baptized 12 Nov. 1916, and she was confirmed in 1931, at St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill. Walter and Elsie Spreen lived their married life in Washington County, and they belonged/belong to St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill. Walter Winkelmann died in Brenham, Tx. on 19 July 2004, at the age of 87. Walter is buried in the St. John Lutheran Cemetery at Prairie Hill. Elsie Winkelmann nee Spreen continues to reside in Brenham. Walter and Elsie are the parents of two children: **Dorothy Haevischer** (born 1942) and **Walter, Jr.** (born 1944).

The daughters of Charlie and Meta (Haar) Winkelmann:

1. **Edna Louise Henriette Malinda Winkelmann** born 10 Dec. 1922, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Edna was baptized 4 March 1923, and confirmed 5 June 1938, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Edna married **Burney Schramme** on 18 Aug. 1944, in Zionsville. Burney was born 14 May 1922, at Prairie Hill, Washington Co., Tx; the son of **Theodor Schramme** and **Clara Schultz**. Burney was baptized 11 June 1922, and he was confirmed in 1937, at St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill. Burney and Edna Schramme farmed in the Zionsville Community until 1970 when they moved into Brenham where they continue to reside today. They are members of Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. This year, 2009, marks their 65th wedding anniversary! *Congratulations!!* Burney and Edna are the parents of one son: **Charles Wayne** (born 1947).
2. **Selma Laura Minna Winkelmann** born 13 Jan. 1924, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx. Selma was baptized 23 March 1924, and confirmed 5 June 1938, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Selma married **Wilfred Henry Quebe** on 13 Oct. 1944, in Zionsville. Wilfred was born 16 June 1925, at Prairie Hill, Washington Co., Tx; the son of **Wilhelm Quebe, Jr.** and **Alma Schulz**. Wilfred was baptized 19 July 1925, and confirmed 5 May 1940, at St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill. Wilfred Quebe died in Katy, Tx. on 16 Dec. 2006, at the age of 81. Selma Winkelmann Quebe resides in Katy today. Selma and Wilfred are the parents of two children: **Carolyn Sue Biggs** (born 1947) and **William Charles** (born 1953).

The Charlie Winkelmann Family at the original Winkelmann homestead in the Zionsville Community of Washington Co., TX in the late 1920's.

*Back from left: Walter, Harry, and Reinhardt Winkelmann
Middle from left: Lydia, Meta, and Charlie Winkelmann
Front from left: Selma and Edna Winkelmann*

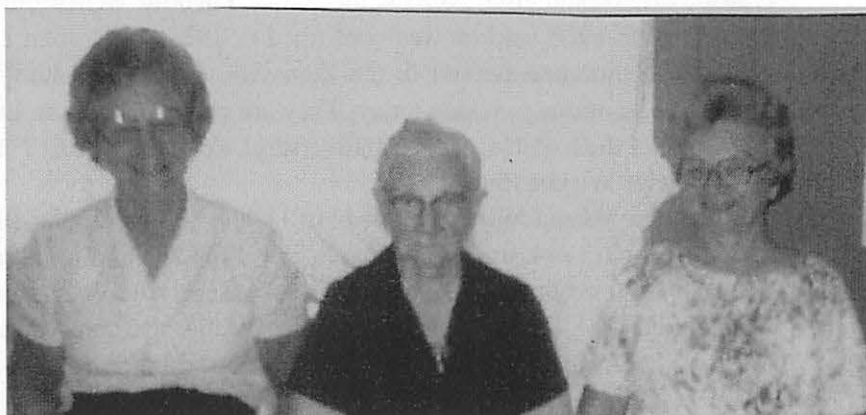
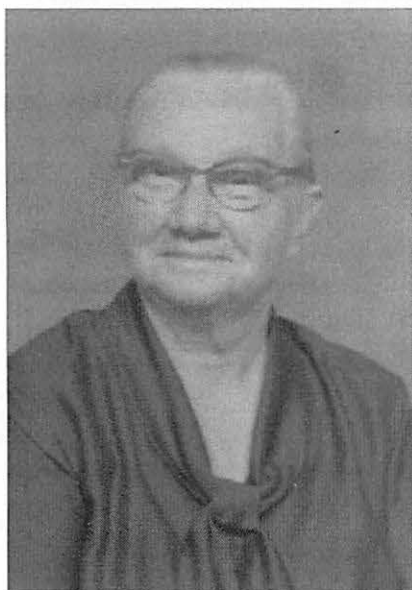


The wedding of Walter Winkelmann and Elsie Spreen, Oct. 25, 1939, Prairie Hill, Washington Co., Tx. *From left: John and Ella Spreen, Elsie and Walter Winkelmann, Meta and Charlie Winkelmann*



Charlie Winkelmann and his son, Harry Winkelmann. Winkelmann farm, Zionsville, Washington Co., TX

Meta Haar Winkelmann. This photo was taken in Houston, TL while Meta was visiting with her stepdaughter, Lydia Winkelmann Jones.



Meta Winkelmann's 85th birthday party, 1984, at the home of Edna and Burney Schram me in Brenham, Tx. Meta is pictured with her two daughters, Selma Quebe (left) and Edna Schramme (right).



Meta Haar Winkelmann



The tombstone of Charlie and Meta Winkelmann, Zion Lutheran Cemetery.



The tombstone of Charlie Winkelmann's first wife, Louise (Nolte) Winkelmann, Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

SOURCES: Burney and Edna Winkelmann Schramme of Brenham, Tx., Pauline Gindorf Hannemann of Elgin, Tx., Vera Schmedthorst Sielaff of Riesel, Tx., and my late great-aunt, Lydia Bode Grudziecki (1908 -1996), who first told me about *her* great-aunt, Sophie Gaskamp Winkelmann.

Church records of Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, Washington Co., Tx; St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill, Washington Co., Tx., St. James Lutheran Church of New Wehdem, Austin Co., Tx., and St. John's United Church of Christ of Otto, Falls Co., Tx.

Tombstone inscriptions :from cemeteries in Washington, Austin, Harris, Falls, and McLennan Counties. Courthouse records from Washington Co. Courthouse in Brenham, Tx., Austin Co., Courthouse in Bellville, Tx., Falls Co. Courthouse in Marlin Tx., and McLennan Co. Courthouse in Waco, Tx.

Articles from *The Brenham Banner-Press*, archived in the Blinn College Library in Brenham; *The Waco Tribune Herald*, archived in the Waco Public Library; and *The Mart Herald*, archived in the Mart Public Library.

Microfilm records from the Lutheran Church Parish in Dielingen, Westphalia, Germany, obtained through the Church of Latter Day Saints.

Submitted by Daniel Bode, a Gaskamp descendant through my great-great-grandmother, Agnes Gaskamp Haferkamp, a sister of Sophie Gaskamp Winkelmann.

OPERATIONS

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 MEETING GERMAN-TEXAN HERITAGE SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The September 13, 2009 meeting of the German-Texan Heritage Society Board of Directors was called to order at 10:05 a.m. in the German Free School at Austin with GTHS President Wing Evans presiding. Board members present were Ewing Evans, Mary El-Beheri, Hubert Heinen, Connie Krause, Gerri West, Mary Whigham, Martha Liehse, Carl Luckenbach, John Siemssen, Charles Locklin and Randy Rupley. Board members absent were Daniel Bode, Christina Gilliland and Charles Frederick. The meeting was adjourned until 10:45 to allow for committee meetings to take place. The meeting was reconvened at 10:45.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2009 MEETING

H. Heinen moved acceptance of the minutes of the board meeting July 12, 2009 as scribed by the Secretary, Mary Whigham. The motion was seconded and **MOTION APPROVED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer G. West noted that Morgan Stanley Account values were trending up and expenses were down with no outlay for an Executive Director. Treasurer West went over the new P&L report format and noted it would allow reports to be generated more easily. On line payment for many accounts was established and use of the newly acquired debit card allowed for bill payment over the phone, all changes leading to a streamlining of financial reporting and record keeping. President Wing Evans called for acceptance of her report, it was seconded and the **MOTION WAS APPROVED.**

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Carl Luckenbach reported on continued efforts to establish a presence in more areas, participating in local events. The database is ongoing. A date for the 2010 annual meeting of September 17 & 18 was discussed with a motion by Mary Whigham to pursue the proposed date. After a second, the **MOTION WAS APPROVED.** Carl and his committee will begin work on the meeting to be held in Fredericksburg.

2009 Annual Meeting Committee Chair Mary El-Beheri reports plans are being finalized.

Publications Committee continues to look at a cookbook as a logical fund raising opportunity.

Ft. Martin Scott – Randy Rupley has a meeting scheduled with Fredericksburg city fathers tomorrow (Monday, September 14). Charles Locklin made the motion that Randy be authorized to report to the city that the GTHS board is favorable to the idea of an involvement in Ft. Martin Scott but will need a written report from the city to negotiate out the specifics of some kind of agreement that will be brought back to the board for approval. The motion was seconded and **MOTION CARRIED.** A committee of Randy, John Siemssen, Mary El-Beheri and Charles Locklin was established.

Involvement in the AmerikaHaus and Austin's South by Southwest festival will be discussed after our own Oktoberfest. Charles Locklin reported that the GFS committee has established a subcommittee to work on these issues.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

G. West presented the committee report. It was recommended that the Dreman Funds held be sold and reinvested in an American Fund that is in line with our investment policy. Management at the Dreman Funds had changed. West will request a specific recommendation from our investment advisor. The recommendation to give a small raise to Melanie Schmidt Dumont was seconded and **CARRIED.** The proposed 2010 budget was presented to be voted on at the November board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary Whigham reported that Gerri West had prepared a new membership brochure which was reviewed. A new category for membership (International) was discussed. Mary Whigham moved that the category be accepted, the motion was seconded and **MOTION CARRIED.**

GERMAN FREE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

GFS Chair Charles Locklin reported that work was still being done on getting donated tickets for a drawing at the Maifest in 2010. Oktoberfest plans are well underway with a proclamation from the mayor designating the day German-Texan Heritage Day. The GFS determined the need for a tool shed (8'x12'x8') and volunteers are signed up to help build. Cost will be minimal. Charles Locklin led the discussion regarding how to expand the concept of being a "guild" member to include those statewide that volunteer and donate. Mary Whigham and Charles Locklin will work on the concept. Locklin reports that a subcommittee has been established to look into what would need to be done to make the building more available for events that could be additional fundraisers.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR BOARD POSITIONS

Chair Connie Krause reported that positions held by Mary Whigham, Hubert Heinen and Mary El-Beheri were up for reelection. Hubert Heinen has maxed out and will not be available for reelection. Both Mary Whigham and Mary El-Beheri will continue in their positions. Connie will pursue nominations for the remaining position. Christopher Markley was nominated by Wing Evans to be a candidate for Hubert's position. A replacement for the San Antonio position of Hans Micklitz who resigned will need to be found. Connie Krause and Daniel Bode were reappointed to the Nominations Committee for Officers. Recommendations will be made at the November meeting to be voted on. Connie also called for nominations for the Ehrenstern award.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary Whigham requested board approval to again allow 150th donors to defer all or a partial of their 2009 payment to 2010 as had been done the year before due to the poor economy. There was general agreement that this be reflected in letters to be mailed out.

Gerri West reported on status of the volunteer staff in the office. In her opinion it was business as usual. West presented a report that detailed what each volunteer was responsible for and accomplishing. John Siemssen moved a vote of appreciation for the volunteers, Jean Warneke, Gerri West, Pam Taborsky and Mary Whigham. The motion was seconded, **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

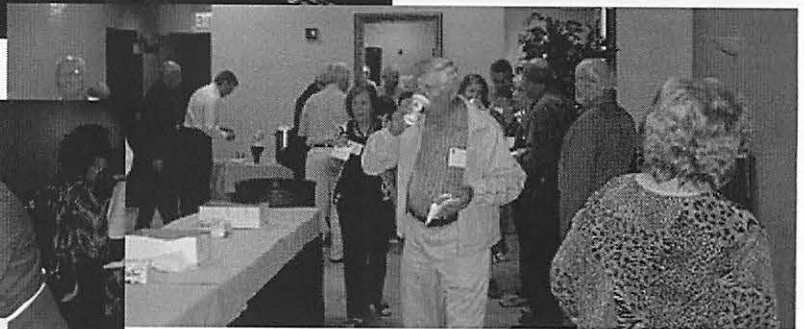
The date for the next board meeting was set for November 8, 2009 at the German Free School

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

Submitted by Mary Whigham, Secretary



2009 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS







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GTHS and German Free School BULLETIN BOARD - 2009—2010

December

- 5th - Christmas Market (GFS)
- 8th - Guild Board Meeting (GFS)
- 15th - Schulhaus Reporter Deadline

Seeking German Texan Family Histories

Have you researched your German-Texan family history? Do you have it in an organized format – either a personally typed collection of pages or even a bound published copy? If so, please send a copy to the GTHS office. We are working on developing and expanding our collection of German-Texan surnames and family histories in the GTHS Library as a major resource for Genealogical research. We are looking forward to receiving your Texas family histories.

February 1 is the deadline for submitting articles and event notices for the Spring 2010 issue of the Journal. Send Journal submissions to editor Mary Whigham at mjwhig@texasbb.com. Or 16100 McCraven School Road, Washington, Texas 77880.

What's happening in your community that we should participating in?
Contact Activities Committee Chair
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ONGOING GERMAN FREE SCHOOL EVENTS (AUSTIN)

Open House – The German Free School is open for guided tours every Thursday from noon to 4:00 pm. (except holidays)

Stammtisch – Come practice your German language skills every Thursday from noon to 1:00 pm.

Potluck – Make new friends in the German-Texan community at 4:00 pm on the second Sunday of every other month. Bring a dish to share and the beverage of your choice.

Speaker Series – Enjoy a speaker or musical performance at 3:00 pm on the third Sunday of the month. The series ranges from book signings, to wine tastings, to craft demonstrations, to classical music performances. (Do you have a suggestion for someone you would like to hear from? Contact the office at info@germantexans.org)

German Film Night – Come watch a German film (with English subtitles) on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:00 pm. Enjoy popcorn and pretzels and pre-film gemütlichkeit. Free admission.



GERMAN FREE SCHOOL

Become a Docent - learn about the history of the German Free School and become a building docent.
Contact Helga von Schweinitz at helgavs@aol.com for more information.

Organize a German Film Night in your community.
Contact office at info@germantexans.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Washington County Chapter of the Texas German Society is hosting the annual state convention in Brenham on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at The Fireman's Training Center on Hwy. 290. For further information please contact chapter president Al Fischer at (979) 251-8429.

German-Texan Heritage Society

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 Establish my membership in the
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Library/Society	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 40
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 35
Student (w/ valid ID)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 30
Corporate	<input type="checkbox"/> contact us
TOTAL DUES PAID	\$ _____

Donate Now

Member dues account for less than 20% of re-
 quired income. Donations and other fundrais-
 ing efforts account for our remaining needs.

Annual Operating Fund	\$ _____
Student Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
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German Free School Preservation	\$ _____
Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
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Please make my donation *in honor of or in memory of*
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German Language Ability
 None Beginning Intermediate Advanced Fluent

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Thank you for joining GTHS



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