

*As we go to press, we received word that Mary El-Beheri passed away on February 21, 2012. Mary was one of the founding members of the German-Texan Heritage Society and served the organization in many ways. She remained an active member until her health prevented her participation. Mary also was instrumental in establishing the Texas State German Contest. She inspired countless students to study German at McArthur High School, where she taught for over 30 years, and those around the state who participated in state contests, many of whom continued to study German in college and university and graduate school. We thank Mary for her vision to start our organization and will miss her.*

*We will devote our next Journal to her memory and would appreciate any remembrances you personally might have. This was one lady who left her German mark! Go in peace, Mary.*

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## *In Memoriam*



Crockett Leyendecker, 81, of Columbus, Texas passed away on Oct. 20, in Columbus.

Born on March 30, 1930 to Arthur “Mannie” and Annie Brune Leyendecker at home and delivered by Dr Youens. Crockett attended Columbus Public Schools from 1936 to his graduation in 1947. He worked for Texas Constructions Materials in 1951 and worked for Schobel Truck and Tractor from 1951-53. He joined the Texas National Guard in 1950 136th Tank Battalion, 36th Div. and Texas and Oklahoma National Guard where he served for 5 1/2 years and gained rank of Sergeant 1st Class E5.

Crockett married Doris Kallus in 1952 and to this union had three children, Crockett David Jr., Bonnie Ann and Karl Lee. He farmed from 1952 to 1957, cotton, corn and milo and ranched cattle until his death. In 1957, he bought the Mobil Service Station in Columbus and sold it in 1965 and started to build chain link yard fencing along with farming and ranching. In 1968, he was elected Colorado County Commissioner – Precinct 3 and served 12 years, he then started selling Real Estate and continued ranching and harvesting pecans, in 1978, he opened LeyCo Real Estate.

In 1980, Crockett married Dorothy Schomberg. Although old enough to retire, he continued the ranching operation, including registered Texas Longhorn Cattle. In 1961, he purchased his first Longhorns, one bull and five heifers from Mr. Emil Marks. Within the past 10 years, Crockett erected an eight-foot fence around 400 acres and has enjoyed raising deer and elk. As Crockett expressed, “This pasture gives great pleasure to me and my family. Plus, almost every person from Germany that ends up in Columbus or surrounding towns has an opportunity to see and enjoy as we do the wild animals. They call it a Safari.”

Crockett was involved in many organizations. He helped organize and was the first president of the Colorado River Trail Riders Association, he was a member of Colorado County Farm Bureau and served as director and officer, Colorado County Young Farmers - past president, Colorado County Historical Commission for approximately 15 years, (Major push to restore the Zimmerscheidt School and continued to work with friends of Zimmerscheidt School). With the help of others, organized the Texas Sportsmen Association and served as the first president and remains a founding director. He served on the Go Texan Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for approximately 12 years, served as chairman of the Colorado County Chapter of this association for approximately eight years. He was the chairperson of the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial Committee for Colorado County, charter member of the Texas German Society - Colorado County Chapter, served as the first president and also served as president of the State Organization and participated in the Texas German Society Choir for many functions.

He was previously a member of the First United Methodist Church in Columbus and served on many committees and currently became a member of St Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus. Many of Crockett’s Loves were Polka Music- playing the rake/bench and always in time and tune, Longhorns, making and sharing his homemade wine, hunting and fishing - Bear hunting in New Mexico and Wisconsin, hunting hogs in all parts of Texas, hunting deer in South Texas, West Texas and Colorado County and hunting mule deer and elk in Sierra Blanco, N.M. and Colorado.

Crockett is survived by his wife, Dorothy Leyendecker of Columbus; daughter, Bonnie Roesler and husband Rocky of La Grange; son, David Leyendecker and wife Connie of Katy; sisters, Annie Louise Franta, and Emma Schneider and husband Nottie; sister-in-law, Gladys Leyendecker; and brother, Manly Leyendecker and wife Sophie all of Columbus; four grandchildren, Roxanne Brown and husband David, Rocky Roesler, Kimberly Johnson and husband Ross, and Kristen Carden and husband Luke; one great grandchild, Shelby Johnson; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Karl Lee Leyendecker; sisters, Florence Zajicek, Charline Lichey, Nona Etheridge Schmidt, Betty Sens and Aileen Leyendecker; and brother Jack F. Leyendecker.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus with Pastor Jeffrey Marsh officiating. Interment followed at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Albin Woytek, John Gibson, Kyle Thames, Matthew Hagendorf, Robert Zajicek, Ned Leyendecker, Smokey Leyendecker and Will Schneider. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Dunn, Bernie Buechner, Jim Blair, Gene Blair, Raymond Harrison, Pet Crawford, Otto Loessin, Bruno Burris, Nottie Schneider, Leon Dittmar, Milroy Venghaus, Russell Leyendecker and Buck Kollmann.

In his memory, memorials may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 267, Columbus, TX 78934 or Texas German Society Witte-Schmid Haus Museum, 4261 Routt Rd., Chappell Hill, TX 77426

# *In Memoriam*

## **Rev. Edward Robert Wachholz**

March 26, 1920 - Sept. 3, 2011

Edward Wachholz was born on a farm in Spencer, Wisconsin to Henry and Linda Andre Wachholz, one of seven children. German and English were both spoken in the home. Edward had an exciting life. After college, he taught college classes. However, he was called to serve in the Air Force in World War II, and later in Korea, and eventually stayed in after being called back twice from graduate studies at UCLA, California. After 26 years as a meteorologist in the Air Force, he finished his second masters degree in Social Work and moved to Brenham, Texas where he lived for many years. At the age of 74, his life-long dream became a reality when he became the oldest ordained minister in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church and he proudly served as he was needed. Edward was preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years, Anna Westendorf Wachholz. They had

many travels with the Air Force and lived overseas in Germany and Guam. They sponsored many people from both Europe and Vietnam to come to America and their home was open to anyone in need.

Edward is survived by his four children, Lynda Jue of Fresno, CA; Kristyne McKay of Austin, TX; Heidy Sanders of Oklahoma City, OK; Edward Petyr Wachholz of Austin, TX; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Friday, September 9, 2011 from 6pm – 8pm at Cook-Walden Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville, Texas. Another Visitation will take place on Saturday, September 10 at 1pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas, with Services to follow at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that contributions be made to the [American Diabetes Association](#) or Our Savior Lutheran School.

To share your memories of Reverend Wachholz, please visit [www.cookwaldencapitalparks.com](http://www.cookwaldencapitalparks.com)

## *In Memoriam*



### **Robert Rosswell Durkee Jr.**

Robert Rosswell Durkee, Jr. of Austin, Texas passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at the age of 82. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Bob was born in Wichita, Kansas to Robert and Dora Becker Durkee on December 4, 1929. He graduated from Lamar High School in Houston, Texas in 1948 and the [University of Texas](#) at Austin with a degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1952. He was a member of the Longhorn Football Team in 1948 and 1949. Bob is survived by his cherished wife of 58 years, Jean Kellner Durkee; his three sons, Robert R. Durkee, III and wife Jill, Mark K. Durkee and wife Debby, and Todd G. Durkee and wife Carol; and seven grandchildren, Sarah Jean Durkee, Robert R. Durkee, IV, Alexandra Nicole Durkee, Ross James

Durkee, Cole Gibson Durkee, Madison Elizabeth Durkee, and Scott Garon Durkee. Bob's petroleum engineering career spanned over 60 years in Louisiana and Texas. During this time he held engineering and executive management positions with Standard Oil of Indiana (Amoco), Ballard & Cordell Corp., Celeron Oil & Gas Corp., GLG Energy, and Capital Resource Management. Bob was a registered professional engineer and a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He recently endowed a scholarship for undergraduate Petroleum Engineering students at the University of Texas at Austin and was a member of the Friends of Alec Petroleum Engineering Foundation, the University of Texas Chancellor's Council, and the Ramshorn Society. Bob was also a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Tau Chapter (63 years), Texas Exes, the Royal Court as Duke to King Gabriel XLVI of the Mardi Gras Krewe of Gabriel, Chairman of the Southern Oilman's Tennis Tournament, and a member of the Oilers Little League Football coaching staff. He was elected to the first Resident Council at Querencia at Barton Creek and served as Treasurer from 2007 to 2009. Funeral services will be held on Thursday December 29 at 10:00 a.m. at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, 7127 Bee Caves Road, Austin, Texas. Interment will be Friday December 30 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chapel of the Angels, Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, 6900 Lawndale Street, Houston, Texas 77023. Donations in Bob's memory can be made to the Robert R. Durkee, Jr. Scholarship Engineering Foundation - The University of Texas at Austin ([www.engr.utexas.edu/giving](http://www.engr.utexas.edu/giving)), the [American Heart Association](#), or Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church. Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at [www.wcfish.com](http://www.wcfish.com)

Note from Chuck Kalteyer: The Durkees were founding members of The Guild.



## *In Memoriam*



### **Nelson Daniel Durst**

Nelson Daniel Durst passed away peacefully at his home on December 6, 2010 with family by his side. He had been in declining health for the past few years, but he lived a long and happy life, over 94 years. He was a resident of the Bryan-College Station area since coming to graduate school at Texas A&M in 1937.

Nelson was born on a small farm in Pontotoc, Texas on July 26, 1916, the first child of Richard and Anna Jordan Durst. About age four, his family moved to the Art community in Mason County, Texas, where his Durst and Jordan ancestors had lived since the 1850s. Nelson was in the third generation on both sides of his German family born in the United States, Texas in particular. He spoke only German until he started school.

Education was important to his parents, so they and Nelson worked hard to get his college education at Southwestern University, a Methodist university in Georgetown, Texas, where he met his future wife Annie Bishop, originally from Georgetown, in a math class at the beginning of their senior year. Nelson graduated with honors with a degree in Economics at the age of 19. Jobs were scarce, but Nelson was lucky and got a job in Fayetteville, teaching junior high, coaching women's baseball, and teaching German in the high school. After one year, he went back to Southwestern and earned another bachelor's degree (in Accounting.) A Southwestern University Professor M. L. Williams suggested Nelson attend graduate school at Texas A&M, where he earned a master's degree in Accounting in 1939. He was appointed to the Accounting faculty at A&M and was promoted to full professor at age 28. With a "permanent" teaching job at A&M, Nelson married Annie Bishop from Georgetown, Texas in 1941.

Nelson became a Certified Public Accountant in 1940 and served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Texas Society of CPAs and editor of its monthly publication, *The Texas Accountant*, in the mid 1940s. He left teaching in 1955 to start an accounting practice full time in Bryan, Texas. He was in partnership for many years with his friend and colleague Bob Wood. Nelson was devoted to serving his clients, who in most cases were or became his friends. In 2004, at age 88, Nelson finally retired from the CPA firm he founded and which still bears his name, Durst, Milberger, Nesbitt, and Ask, CPA.

Nelson was devoted to his family and to the A&M United Methodist Church, serving as its Treasurer or Chairman of the Finance Committee for over 20 years. When Nelson passed away, he was the longest term member of the Church. He was also the only remaining charter member of the Kiwanis Club of College Station. Nelson served other community organizations, like the Brazos River Authority and Habitat for Humanity. His favorite universities were Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, where he and Annie endowed a scholarship in memory of their parents and one in memory of Nelson's mentor professor M. L. Williams, and Texas A&M, where they endowed a scholarship in the School of Business. Some years ago, a former student arranged for a foundation to endow a Chair in Nelson's name in the Accounting Department at Texas A&M.

Nelson was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Mildred Woods and his brothers-in-law Robert Woods and Harry Holmes. He is survived by his wife of 69 years Annie, his daughters Margaret Durst Godfrey of College Station and Janet Durst Nicholls and husband Bill of Palo Alto, California, grandchildren Larry Godfrey Jr. and wife Lydia of College Station, Emilie Sweet of Palo Alto, California and Marjorie Sweet McPherson and husband Brian of Riverside, California, and twin great grandsons Zachary Daniel and Dylan Ray Godfrey. He also leaves his sister Lillian Gips and husband Paul and nieces and nephews, cousins, friends, clients, and colleagues.

The family is appreciative of the many visits by loyal former employees, friends and family, with special thanks for the capable, loving care provided by the staff of Esperanza Senior Living, Hospice Brazos Valley, and other special caregivers.

Nelson Durst was remembered in a service at the A&M United Methodist Church at 2p.m., Saturday, December 11, 2010. Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m., at Callaway-Jones Funeral Home in Bryan. Interment was in the College Station Cemetery in a private service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the A&M United Methodist Church Building Fund, 417 University Drive, College Station, TX 77840 or to Hospice Brazos Valley, 502 W. 26th Street, Bryan, Texas 77803.

Please leave condolences at [www.CallawayJones.com](http://www.CallawayJones.com)

(Sister, Lillian Durst Gips is a charter member of GTHS)

# In Memoriam

## Margret Hofmann

Margret Hofmann, a grass-roots peace advocate and City Council member whose passion for protecting the city's oldest trees led to Austin's first tree ordinance in the 1980s, died Thursday. She was 86.



"She put trees on the map of our consciousness, raising issues that are vital today," said Council Member Laura Morrison, who led the initiative to name the cluster of live oak trees facing City Hall the "Margret Hofmann Oaks" in 2010. "She was the model of a public servant, getting involved in the most grass-roots level and then serving the whole city." Hofmann, who served a single term on the City Council from 1975 to 1977, was a citizen advocate for trees before, during and after her council tenure. She invited citizens to identify the tallest and oldest trees in their neighborhoods in the 1970s. She then initiated a registry of the city's "heritage" trees and had them tagged as landmarks.

"I've always been amazed," Hofmann once said, "that we pay so much attention and spend a great deal of money on old houses — historical buildings, often no more than 100 years old — whereas we don't consider trees that are 400, 500, 600 years old of the same importance." For decades, Hofmann was known as Austin's "Tree Lady." Yet her love of trees was indicative of a larger, deeper devotion to all living things: children, the poor and victims of war. She was an ardent peace activist, maintained a personal "peace" library and decried man's inhumanity to man. "Rather than celebrating anniversaries of violence," Hofmann once wrote, "we should resolve to have, instead, learned from these tragedies and to try even harder to find peaceful constructive solutions to the problems plaguing mankind."

Hofmann's worldview was born of traumatic experience. Born Margret Schultze in Berlin in 1925, she grew up in the age of Hitler. Hofmann's mother, a Jew, died in the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Hofmann survived a half-dozen major Allied bombings — including the Allied bombing of Dresden in February 1945. Hofmann published several pamphlets and books on nonviolence. In "A Key to Survival," she wrote about her own experience in Dresden.

"No one is more qualified to talk about peace than someone who survived the firebombing of Dresden, Germany, during World War II," Johnny Trevino, who served with Hofmann on the City Council in the 1970s, remarked during the Margret Hofmann Oaks dedication ceremony in 2010. "She speaks more eloquently than we can imagine on what it is to live through that horror and cry out loudly to the world that war is not the answer," Trevino said.

Hofmann immigrated to the United States in July 1946 and lived in Detroit for a time. She worked at a Catholic children's hospital and sent money home to her surviving relatives in Germany. Earnest, sensitive and headstrong, Hofmann once hitchhiked hundreds of miles to rub shoulders with Albert Schweitzer at a peace conference in Colorado. In 1949, Hofmann aspired to bicycle alone across the United States — eventually abandoning the quest after crossing several states and traveling hundreds of miles.

Hofmann moved to the Austin area in August 1950 after marrying Texas organ-builder Otto Hofmann. She became involved in community activism as a young mother, championing sidewalks for schoolchildren in South Austin.

Under the leadership of young Mayor Jeff Friedman, Hofmann served on one of the most eclectic and diverse city councils in city history — or as one pundit jokingly observed, "an affirmative action program run amok." On the council, Hofmann opposed the South Texas Nuclear Project, and supported a leash law for dogs. She took the notion of service seriously. "I never missed a meeting," Hofmann liked to say, summing up her tenure. "Anyone who called had his phone call answered the same day. ... I felt I was not elected in order to just have a ball and not pay attention to what I was supposed to be doing."

Hofmann's greatest passion, however, was peace. She challenged ordinary citizens to think about language as it pertained to war and peace: "Destroyer ... a ship designed to destroy things." Humanistic phrases such as "religious tolerance" or "social tolerance" struck her as insufficient. "Why tolerate one another?" she once observed. "We should, instead, embrace one another."

Funeral services are pending.

Margret Hofmann was an active member of GTHS for many years. She was featured in our speaker series several times. She helped establish our "used books" sale program and was a fixture at the sales during Maifest, Oktoberfest and the Weihnachts Markt. She kept donating more and more books, many really old ones from the estate of her husband, Otto. Then, at the sales, she bought many books back for her own library.

Margret was interested in keeping certain aspects of German culture alive in Texas, including some recipes, especially the one for her plum cake, Pflaumenkuchen.

Even while she was already under Hospice care, we joked about some aspects of our German upbringing which we could not shed, although we tried. One of them was a sense of fulfilling one's duty, Pflichterfüllung. Margret told me the story of her experiencing the night of the first fire bomb attack on Dresden in February of 1945, when she escaped death by taking the wrong streetcar to go home after work. She said the next morning, after all that devastation and destruction, her first worry was: how do I get to work now?

She enjoyed our pot-luck-suppers at the German Free School. We'll miss her at many occasions and will talk about her ideas and ideals for years to come.

**Submitted by Helga von Schweinitz, Austin**

## President's Notes

We had our first board meeting of this year in Brenham, on February 5, with 100% participation at the board level. I wonder if they thought I was going to have Blue Bell ice cream for them! (I didn't, having had shoulder surgery less than a week before and just didn't have my mind on ice cream!) But good to see all and start our year with great results from the year before and great ideas for this year.

We welcome to the board four new folks, Assistant Professor Julie Kleinheider, Author James Kearney, Associate Professor Hans C. Boas and longtime member, Warren Friedrich.



Julia is the assistant professor of German at the University of Houston. She received her PhD in German from Washington University in St. Louis in May, 2005. Her dissertation was: *Illusions of Armor: The Haptic Body in Ernst Jünger's Early Works*. Her many grants and awards include Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence, granted 2009; Washington University in St. Louis Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-2010 and among her many accomplishments in the educational world, she is currently the Faculty Liaison for University of Houston German Club, since Fall 2010; served as Study abroad cultural coordinator, Spring 2008, Washington University study abroad program, Tübingen, Germany (program administration in Germany, student advising, activity coordination); Study abroad program on-site adviser, Summer 2007, Goethe Institute, Göttingen, Germany (student advising, activity coordination, mediation between university and Goethe Institute). Julia is already making plans to increase participation in GFWC by the younger set! Welcome, Julia.

James Kearney is the celebrated author of *Nassau Plantation: The Evolution of a Texas German Slave Plantation*. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1969 with a double major in German and History. He was drafted in the army and served in Vietnam as a combat medic. He received 14 awards during his tour of duty including Army Commendation Medal with "V," Bronze Star with "V," Air Medal with "V," Distinguished Flying Cross, and Purple Heart. He enrolled in Graduate School at UT in Germanic Studies in 1972 and completed all the course work and exams for the PH. D. (ABD). He recently released an annotated translation of the German novel *Friedrichsburg* (1867) by Friedrich Armand Strubberg and has in the works: an annotated translation of Detlev Dunt's *Reise nach Texas*; a history of the feud in Colorado County entitled *No Hope for Heaven; No Fear of Hell: The Colorado County Feud*; and a comprehensive history of the Society for the Protection of German Emigrants in Texas. I hope to use him for fodder for the Journal! Welcome, Jim.

Hans C. Boas is an Associate Professor in the Department of Germanic Studies at the Department of Linguistics at the University of Texas at Austin. He received his Ph.D. in Linguistics (2000) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Hans is a much published author and among his books and papers that relate to the German language in Texas are, "The Life and Death of Texas German," "Case Loss in Texas German: The Influence of Semantic and Pragmatic Factors," "The unexpected survival of German discourse markers in Texas German." Hans is probably best known to our members as having headed up the Texas German Dialect Project that celebrated its tenth year in 2011, interviewing more than 350 German speaking folks in Central Texas in an effort to record, archive, and analyze the remnants of Texas German. Again, I expect to be able to publish some his "stuff" in the Journal. Welcome, Hans.

Wow, this 5th generation German, born in Stamford, Texas, whose g-g-grandfather came over from Amoneburg, Germany to Texas in 1833 feels very fortunate to be a member of this organization. And when you add long time member Warren Friedrich from Austin as the GFS Guild Representative to the board, we will just go gangbusters this year. Warren joined the Texas Army National Guard and a year later went to work full time for the organization. As a result he basically had two jobs that he worked concurrently. Positions he held included: Army Aviation Maintenance Technician, Equal Employment Specialist, and Logistician. The military side of his employment provided him the opportunity to travel to Germany on numerous occasions and allowed him to meet a number of German cousins. He retired from the Military and Civil Service in January 1999 with the rank of Command Sergeant Major. Volunteering is a way of life for Warren since early on. From his time as a "Young Democrat" campaigning for Lyndon B. Johnson at South West Texas State College in 1964, to a youth league baseball coach and umpire, a scout

master, a member of the Austin Police Department Search and Rescue Team, Vice President of the Cedar Park Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, an Austin Bergstrom International Airport information specialist, through the present as the representative from the German Free School Guild to the German-Texan Heritage Society Board of Directors. With Warren's statement, "Like Bob Hope, I can only say, 'Thanks for the Memories' and I hope to make many more" this organization is bound for great things.

Projects we are considering include the German Texan Trails project, headed up by Van Massirer. If you have some free time and want to be part of this great project, give him a shout at (254) 486-2366 or email: [vmassirer@yahoo.com](mailto:vmassirer@yahoo.com).

Austinites, we are needing volunteers at the German Free School. New Braunfels' folks, give us a hand with our Annual Meeting planning for that area end of July under the direction of board member Michael Krause....weddings are scheduled.... Maifest (if we can get some help)...Oktoberfest (a great money maker), Christmas Market....German classes throughout the state....submissions to the Journal....everyone has a chance to make their German Mark as Rodney would say!

*Mary*

***The hardest working gal I know and our Executive Director, Jean Warneke, has passed on an article this issue...bet she is cooking up some great events at the German Free School and looking toward our Annual Meeting and all other things she is continually doing! I know she is speechless, having put together our annual thank you to donors! (see p. 16-24!) We love you, Jean....***

## LEAVE YOUR GERMAN MARK

By Rodney C. Koenig (past President of GTHS)



Recently I was able to visit Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery State Historical Sites just outside of La Grange, Texas, by taking a walking tour. I have a home on a ravine several hundred yards from Monument Hill, which is located just off US 77, south of La Grange on a high bluff overlooking the Colorado River and the City of La Grange, Texas. The park sits on the bluff and is the home of the monument which is a memorial to the Texans who died in the Black Bean Death Lottery at the hand of Santa Anna. Soldiers of the Dawson Massacre are also buried there. In 1848, the remains of the Texans killed in the Dawson Massacre and the Black Bean Death Lottery were reinterred in a common tomb at Monument Hill. It is said that over 1,000 persons, including Sam Houston, came to the ceremony in 1848. In addition to the Monument Hill memorial, the ruins of Kreische Brewery are also located at this site. Stonemason and brewer Heinrich Ludwig Kreische purchased about 170 acres of land on the bluff overlooking the Colorado River and the City of La Grange in 1849 from G. Willrich. The Tomb for the Black Bean soldiers was on the land he purchased. Mr. Kreische, being a fine stonemason, built a home on the bluff as well as a jail and the Courthouse for La Grange. Being a brewer, he also began building a fine brewery in 1860 on a ravine on his land on the bluff, below his home. By 1879 it was the third largest brewing operation in Texas. Its beer was "Kreische's Bluff Beer" and its flag was "Frisch Auf!"

Mr. Kreische's home still sits on top of the bluff. Walking the grounds of the Kreische Brewery, one can see the myriad of stone work left in the ruins. One vault is especially interesting and very cool, being underground and surrounded by earth. Heinrich Kreische (born in Goetschen, Saxony, Germany in 1821) and his wife, Josepha Appelt Kreische (born in Austria in 1833), married in 1855, had six children, Henry, Anna, Anton, Franklin, Pauline and Julia. Mr. Kreische maintained the Tomb at Monument Hill for the rest of his life. He died as a result of an accident in 1882 in La Grange and his brewery closed in 1884. Heinrich L. Kreische and his wife Josepha Appelt Kreische left their German Mark on Texas!

Another good friend, Richard E. McGinty (1941-2012), former choir director and President of the Houston Saengerbund, as well as being a former President of the English Speaking Union-Houston, died suddenly on January 11, 2012. Richard was an officer of the Nord-Amerihamscher Saengerbund and a co-founder of the Celtic Chorus of Houston. Richard and his wife, Sidney, had dinner with Mary and me the Monday evening of the week in which he suddenly died. We had also spent a wonderful several weeks on the Houston Saengerbund choir trip to southwestern Germany with Richard and Sidney last fall in September and October of 2011. Richard's tenor voice and poetic soul will be missed. Richard left his German Mark on Texas music!

How will you leave your German Mark? Heinrich Kreische left his mark in the stone and by building a jail, courthouse, home, and a brewery and by maintaining the Tomb at Monument Hill. Richard McGinty left his mark in leadership regarding German music and song, as well as in his poetry and his family. You can leave your mark by contributing to German musical groups, by adding such groups to the beneficiary list in your Will or in your life insurance or IRA beneficiary designations. Contact any of our GTHS officers or contact Rodney C. Koenig at (713) 651-5333 or at [rkoenig@fulbright.com](mailto:rkoenig@fulbright.com) for help in ways you can leave your German Mark.

## **Genealogy Inquiries: Liz Hicks, Genealogy Editor**

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

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



### **PANKONIEN – PANKONEN - PANKONIN**

Larry Gaskamp, 21 Split Rock Rd., The Woodlands, TX 77381, e-mail: [larry.gaskamp@att.net](mailto:larry.gaskamp@att.net). “I have looked at all online sources with regard to confirming the arrival of Michael Pankonien, wife, Jullianna and 4 children at Galveston on July 4, 1867.”

**Reply:** Although there is an element of truth in family stories, what has been handed down may not be totally accurate. According to the date given by your ancestor on the 1900 census, he arrived in 1868. Checking passengers lists and “Germans to America”, I only found a Martin Pankonen who arrived July 20, 1868. It is possible this is him, but may not be. If Michael came in 1867/68 he should be on the 1870 census. He is, but in Austin Co., not Washington Co. Please remember county lines change. Michael is on the 1872 Washington Co. tax list, but did not see him there prior to 1872.

Look at published passenger lists of ships arriving in Galveston July 4, 1867 and July 20, 1868, and up to a week after each date. Remember, not all passenger lists survive, but Passenger list may be in newspaper of port of arrival (Galveston Daily News).

### **NITSCHKE – SCHÜTZE/SCHUETZE**

Alan Balsler, 11166 Lawnhaven Rd., Dallas, TX 75230, e-mail: [awb@palaura.com](mailto:awb@palaura.com) Agnes Nitschke born 7 August 1825 in Germany, died 28 February, 1898 Austin, Travis Co., TX. She married Edward Schuetze, born 3 May 1821 Dessau, Germany. Edward died 3 March, 1902. Both buried Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, TX.

**Reply:** I do not know if Agnes Nitschke was related to Carl Ludwig Nitschke born 30 August 1813, died 9 August, 1888 Austin, TX . It is presumed C.L. Nitschke was born in Lunzenau, Sachsen, Germany as he is found on a list of citizens there in 1841. I would suggest looking at baptismal records of Agnes’ children to see if her “where from” is listed. Since it appears Agnes married Edward Schuetze before emigrating to US in 1871, I would check parish records for Dessau, Germany for any mention of her and any Nitschkes. Use [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org), click on catalog to see what church records have been microfilmed by the LDS/Mormans. You can rent LDS film and view it at a Family History Library near you.

### **BEHRNS – BEHRENS - BEHREND**

Marcia Neuhaus, P.O. Box 93, Tow, TX 78672-0093, e-mail: [mneuhaus@hotmail.com](mailto:mneuhaus@hotmail.com) “I am looking for Lutheran birth, death, marriage records, etc. in Fellerdilln, near Dillenberg, in the state originally known as Nassau. What is the modern name of the area?”

**Reply:** The correct spelling of Dillenberg is Dillenburg, and Fellerdilln is Feilerdilln (for towns of this name in Nassau province of Germany). There is a published map guide by Kevan M. Hansen arranged by provinces. The Hessen-Nassau volume gives the LDS microfilm numbers by Catholic and Lutheran parishes. Film #1340437 for Dillenburg, and film #1340453 for Feilerdilln. Use [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) and plug in these numbers for actual description of what this film contains. See if your FHL has a copy of “The German Researcher, How to Get the Most Out of an LDS Family History Center” by Dearden. There are helpful examples of parish records, symbols found in church records, and so forth.

Please know that any surname can be misspelled or appear with many variations of spelling. Names were changed to anglicize the name, and to separate themselves from “those people” for whatever reason. Congratulations on knowing “the place”.



**RICKERMAN – RICHERMAN – RICKMAR**

Pauline Cramer, [cramer97@comcast.net](mailto:cramer97@comcast.net) is searching for information on Glenn Rickerman or Richerman, married in Texas circa 1914. He had a daughter named Constance.

**Reply:** Have you checked the (online) 1910 Texas census for Glen\* Ric\*\*rman\* ? Or using the soundex for the microfilm of the 1910 Texas census? You might try goggling his name on [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) as “Glen Rickerman”+Texas. If the death certificate for his daughter is completed correctly, it will give her father and mother’s names, and where they were born. Use [www.vital.rec.com](http://www.vital.rec.com) for vital records by state.

**BICKEL – REEH – KENSING- THEIRS**

Robert E. Morris, 6020 East Cielo Run South, Cave Creek, AZ 85331, e-mail: [Robert@jphotoart.com](mailto:Robert@jphotoart.com), “I’m interested in applications and correspondence that will Document the birthdate, town of origin, etc. that may lead to research in Germany. Sebastian Reeh family arrived 20 Nov. 1845 w/wife and children. Also, Frederick Reeh and sister, Fredericke Reeh who married Peter Bickel, settled Gillespie Co. on Liver Oak Creek. What happened to Peter Bickel after Sept., 1850. I’m interested In the Verein Collection at UT, and any information it may contain that might help.”

**Reply:** The Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas-Austin has several manuscript collections that may contain original documents and correspondence of interest to you. Do a google search for the catalog of the Briscoe Center. There is the Henry F. Fisher papers, 1830-1870; John O. Meusebach Papers 1600-1860, and the Solms-Braunfels Archives 1842-1892 (70 volumes). There will be a description of what these collections contain on the Briscoe Center for Amer. His. site.

In addition, I would recommend you use [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org) to find a copy of “The Bremers and Their Kin in German and Texas” (Volumes I & II). Your Reehs are in there. The worldcat site will tell you what library has a copy and the closest one to you if you put in your zip code.

**VOIGT – VOIGHT – VOGT- ACKERMANN-LEHMAN**

Christy Baize Cave, e-mail: [cbcave@cvctx.com](mailto:cbcave@cvctx.com), Samuel Voigt (1800-1847) died on board the *Charles N. Cooper* between Bremen and Galveston/Indianola. Along with Samuel, came his wife, Caroline Augusta Ackermann Voigt and daughter, Caroline. They settled in Austin County, Texas. I would like to know more about this family, and descendants: Ferdinand and Agnes Adelaide Lehman Voigt, and children: Selina, Edward, Heinrich, Adolph, and August Voigt.

**Reply:** The *Chas. N. Cooper* left Hamburg and arrived Galveston 23 October 1847. There may be mention of Samuel Voigt’s death on the actual passenger list, and also in the Galveston newspaper. There was a Samuel Voigt from Meiningen, Sachsen (Kingdom of Saxony) on the *Chas. N. Cooper* in 1847. Also, a Michael Voigt age 43 from same town on the *Franziska* to Victoria County, TX; and a Ignaz Voigt from Buchhofen on the *Lucie* in 1854 to Victoria Co., TX. All came through Galveston. Maybe relatives to your Samuel?

**PLAKS – ANY – RAUSCHMAYER**

Arved Plaks, e-mail: [ArvedPlaks@aol.com](mailto:ArvedPlaks@aol.com) would like information on the Wüttemberg area of Germany regarding the Rauschmayers and Anys. One town is Wertheim in Schwabisches Alb. Also, need records for Juri/Jurri Plaks who died 22 February 1846 in Puurmanni or Kursi parish in Tartumaa, Estonia.

**Reply:** use [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org) to find a copy of “Germanic Genealogy – A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns” by Edward R. Brandt, published by the Germanic Genealogy Society, PO Box 16312, St. Paul, MN 55116-0312. This book Has helpful information on Estonia; such as, genealogical services, German settlements, History, Lutheran consistory, noble families, researching in, and State Archives. You Might try [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com) and [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com) for mailing lists for these areas. You can post queries to these mailing lists.

**SCHMIDT – HAASE- KRAUSE – STALLMANN – RICHTER**

Angelina Genzer Kretzschmar, 130 Navato Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78232-2255, e-mail: [charleskretzschmar@yahoo.com](mailto:charleskretzschmar@yahoo.com) is searching for Winnifred Richter, daughter of John and Mary/Marie Schmidt Haase Richter married 15 Oct. 1901 Colorado Co., TX. A son, Edwin John Richter, born Moulton, Lavaca Co., TX mentions Winnifred in his obituary. 1910 census says mother, Mary, had 6 children 5 living as of census date. Where is Winnifred buried.

**Reply:** Since Winnifred died before 1910, there probably will not be a Texas Death Certificate, but look as some counties kept death records 1903+. I think church records are your best best for her date of death. Possibly, someone has a family bible that mentions Winnifred.

### **GERMAN JAW – RINEHART**

Roberto McAllister, 2205 Bonita Street, Austin, TX 78703 is seeking information on a Personal project to research the origin of a friend's appearance which relates to his German Ancestry, specifically surname of Rinehart. The JAW or FAT JAW has been used to characterize his friend.

**Reply:** I'm not sure how to reply, but here goes. I had two courses at UT-Austin (back when dinosaurs roamed) on physical anthropology. Although there are some Physical characteristics associated with various groups of people, I'm not aware of A large jaw, etc. being associated with any particular group. Contact the Anthropology Dept. at UT and ask your question. It would be my understanding that DNA from your Friend's parents, grand-parents, passed down to him in a combination that resulted in His appearance, brown or blue eyes, hair color, build-short or tall, etc.

If anyone has any incite on a German JAW, I invite your comments.

### **BROTHERS GROTE FROM MACKENBRUCH, GERMANY**

Jane W. Williamson, 704 Willow Creek Dr., Woodway, TX 76712, e-mail: [jwilliamson18@hotmail.com](mailto:jwilliamson18@hotmail.com) is looking for descendants of the Rev. Charles A. Grote, b. 10 Nov 1819, who immigrated to Texas in 1845, and his brother, Friedrich Wilhelm Grote, b. 21 Sep 1815, who immigrated in 1848 with 9-year-old Friedrich Adolph (Fritz), son of Charles A. Grote. Charles A. Grote and his son Friedrich A. (Fritz) Grote appear in all census years from 1850 until their deaths (C. A. in 1887 and F. A. in 1931). C. A.'s brother Friedrich appears on 1850 and 1860 census records in Victoria. Would like to know date and place of his death. Charles A. was my great great grandfather and his son Fritz was my great grandfather. Would like to communicate with cousins interested in Grote family history on both sides of the pond.

### **..... Helpful websites .....**

Texas State Library and Archives: <https://www.tsl.state.tx.us>  
(Confederate Pension Index, County records available on interlibrary loan, more)

Texas General Land Office: <http://www.glo.texas.gov>  
(Click on What we do, scroll down to surname index and Land Patent Database). Interactive maps (various dates) also on this site. Don't be too specific in your search. Just do a search for surname.

Handbook of Texas: <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online> (search for names, locations, battles, etc.)

The Portal to Texas History: <http://texashistory.unt.edu> Many Texas newspapers are viewable online and printable for free (example: Lavaca Co., Fayette County, Bell County, more)

Germany in several time frames at <http://www.mbc.edu/faculty/gbowen/MapsGermanStates.htm>  
Pre-unification after the Vienna Congress (1815-1830) Unification by wars German Empire (1871-1914)

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also Home | RootsTech.org

**\*\*CAUTION\*\* Related to WPA Index to Naturalizations Records Found in Texas State District and County Courts 1846-1939.** (Article Winter, 2011) The Index has Schwarz, Andreas, Declaration of Intent filed Volume C, page 205, Co. Ct., Nov. 24, 1873, Travis County, Texas. NOT FOUND in County Court minutes because this record falls in the little period of time(1873) when the County Clerk's office was abolished, and these duties were assigned to the district clerk. Andreas Schwarz's Declaration of Intent was found in the Commissioners Court minutes in book and page nbr. Stated on index. Be sure to **check the Commissioners Court minutes if not found in County Clerk's minutes.**

February 1, 2012

To: Ed Oelkers  
Sue Scruggs

In response to the question in the *Journal*, Volume XXXIII, No. 4, winter, 2011.

In *A New Land Beckoned*, German Immigration to Texas, 1844-1847, by Chester and Ethel Geue, page 148, they list two Ferdinand Simons' as coming to Texas. One was single from Darmstadt, on ship *Hamilton*, 1845 coming to Comal Co. 1848. The other was married and came on the ship *Strabo*, in 1845. Kendall Co., TX was not formed at that time and was part of Bexar and Comal Co., so it is possible that they were both in Comal County.

In the *Early Texas Birth Records 1838-1876*, page 70, lists Ferdinand and Marie Oelkers of Comal County recording their children September 10, 1873 as being Lidia and Thalka.

In 1860, Ferdinand Simon bought Comfort Town Lots #147 to 151 (5 blocks) a complete block and in 1862 sold to Gottlieb Bauer *The Land Grants of Texas* by Delray Fischer.

Ernst Cramer bought a third of the John Holliday land grant across the Holiday Creek from me. He then sold a third of that to Ferdinand Simon and a third to Leopold Bauer on August 10, 1861 and kept the other third. On March 4, 1862 Ernst Cramer sold his third to Gottlieb Bauer.

In the Kendall Co. records, it seems like Ferdinand Simon, Leopold Bauer and Ernst Cramer did everything together. Ferdinand Simon, Leopold Bauer and Ernst Cramer signed a petition in 1859 against creating a new county. The three went to the Kendall Co. courthouse to register their cattle brands in 1862 on Holiday creek (Cramer #18, Simon #19, and Bauer #20).

Ferdinand Simon married Caroline Bauer sister to Leopold Bauer, and they had three children: Leopold, Bertha and Minna. Ernst Cramer married Charlotte Simon a sister to Ferdinand Simon.

In the battle of the Nueces, August 10, 1862, in *A Hundred Years of Comfort in Texas* by Guido Ransleben, page 110, Captain Kramer and Lt. Simon served for the Kendall county company. Leopold Bauer was a guard, was killed (page 108). They had to leave his body at the battle site and years later a group of people from Comfort went to the battle site to retrieve the bones that were buried at the *Treue Der Union Monument*. The only connection that Simon had with the monument is that his brother-in-law is buried there.

Ferdinand Simon died about July, 1878, and Caroline died June, 1878. I have not been able to find any dates of birth, marriage or where they could be buried.

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Sue Scruggs inquired about Ferdinand Simon in Vol. XXXIII, No. 3, 2011. Emails to her came back undeliverable. Unfortunately, Sue did not send a snail mail address or phone number.

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 Annette Stachowitz, Austin, TX  
 Henry Steinhagen, Canyon Lake, TX  
 Eugene Straach, Mesquite, TX  
 Charles L. & Janice W. Thompson, Houston, TX  
*In Memory or Honor of Vera Hartung Seele*  
 Charles L. & Janice W. Thompson, Houston, TX  
*In Memory of Diedrich & Ida Hartmann Warncke*  
 Robert E. Tieman, Austin, TX  
 John & Tracy Traeger, Austin, TX  
 Roemer Frederick Traugott, San Antonio, TX  
*In Memory of Stefan Seffel*  
 Jerald Uecker, Ingleside, TX  
 Helen M. Vodicka, Dallas, TX  
 Wendel Voigt, Pflugerville, TX  
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*In Memory of Lydia Ullrich Weber*  
 Edward L. Weeren, Austin, TX  
 James C. & Sophie R. Werchan, Austin, TX  
 Jim & Gerri Gehman West, Austin, TX  
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 Larry & Mary Whigham, Washington, TX  
 Marshal R. Wilke, Dallas, TX  
 Mrs. Ron Wilkinson, Austin, TX  
*In Memory of Ronald Wilkinson*  
 Dr. Joseph B. Wilson, Winchester, TX  
 Melba Wolff, Three Rivers, TX  
*In Memory of Ernest Wolff, Jr & Steven Wolff*  
 Jeannette (Pfeil) Wright, Schertz, TX

Peggy Wunneburger, Altair, TX  
*In Memory of Eddie Ebensberger*  
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 Lance Hirsch, Boerne, TX  
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 Dr. Julia Kleinheider, Houston, TX  
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 Julia Mellenbruch, Austin, TX  
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 Larry & Mary Whigham, Washington, TX  
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*In Memory of Eddie Ebensberger*  
 Jodie A. Zoeller, Plano, TX

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 Lennis & Laura Dippel, San Antonio, TX  
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 Lance Hirsch, Boerne, TX

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Rev. Dan J. Louis, Bryan, TX

Rudolf & Liselotte Milbitz, Roanoke, TX

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Carolyn Petersen, San Antonio, TX

Donald & Velma Rice, Bellaire, TX

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Jim & Gerri Gehman West, Austin, TX

*In memory of German ancestors*

Larry & Mary Whigham, Washington, TX

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*In Memory of Eddie Ebensberger*

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Each year, we receive many in-kind donations of books, equipment, food, crafts and supplies, along with thousands of hours of helpful and friendly volunteer labor. These vital donations assist us greatly in so many ways: we save on expenses by having equipment and supplies donated rather than purchasing them; we raise funds for the Library by selling some of our donated books; we raise funds at events by selling donated food and crafts; we save on contract labor costs by having skilled volunteers do repairs on the building, fix our computers, manage our website, upgrade our database, organize our celebrations, beautify our garden and much, much more.

Volunteers publish our Journal and the Schulhaus Reporter. Our office volunteers help the staff keep up with all the administrative work. Volunteers run the Annual Meeting, Maifest, Oktoberfest and the Christmas Market. They manage our library, our speaker series, our weekly Open House & Stammtisch and our potlucks. They represent GTHS at functions across the state. Our GTHS Board, Advisory Board and German Free School Guild Board consist of volunteers who give their time and expertise to set a course for this fine organization. We are extremely grateful to each and every one of you for your participation in the Society and your dedication to our mission. Thank You!

# Community Events

## NATION & WORLD

San Antonio Express-News, September 29, 2011



**Short Time in Spotlight:** Heidi, this nation's beloved cross eyed opossum, was put to sleep Wednesday after Leipzig Zoo veterinarians tried unsuccessfully for weeks to treat the 3 1/2 year old for arthritis.

Submitted by Angelina Kretzschmar, San Antonio

## DUST OFF YOUR LEDERHOSEN

Head to **Beethoven Maennerchor Halle und Garten** to celebrate German culture (and that all important quaffable product Germans brew so well: beer) this weekend and next. Beethoven provides incomparable institutional charm at their annual **Oktoberfest** revelry. Friday includes, in 30-minute-long segments, performances by the **San Antonio Accordion**



**Club,** Kelly Singers, Beethoven Kinderchor, Der Deutsche Volkstanzverein, Beethoven Concert Band with director Al Tapia, 3rd Generation, and the Lamp-lighters, Big Band Dance Orchestra. Saturday highlights include: Belgian Dancers, Beethoven Kinderchor with J. H. Geigentanz, as well as Beethoven Maennerchor and Damenchor. Delicious traditional German food such as the popular **Bratwurst and Potato Pancakes**, not to mention a wide variety of German wine and beer, will be served throughout the evenings. Shows for all four days commence at 5 p.m. and there's usually dancing from 9 p.m. up until midnight. *Oktoberfest San Antonio*, \$5, \$3 advance, Oct 7, 8, 14, 15, *Beethoven Maennerchor*, 422 Pereida, (210) 222-1521, *beethovenmaennerchor.com*. - **Andi Garza, San Antonio Current**. Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2011

Submitted by Angelina Kretzschmar, San Antonio

## HERFF FARM, The Cibolo Nature Center

Built in the early 1880s by pioneer surgeon Dr. Ferdinand Herff, the homestead is in much the same condition as it was when the area was settled. The home was the first on the 10,000-acre Herff Ranch established in 1852, when Dr. Herff first camped on this property at the confluence of Menger and Cibolo Creeks. In 1847 Dr. Herff was one of the original founders of Betinna, an early German settlement in the Hill Country, and later, was a founder of the Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio. Col. and Mrs. Rozelle purchased the property in the 1935 from the Herffs and started an apple





orchard and production farm. The Cibolo Nature Center began acquisition of the farm in 2007.



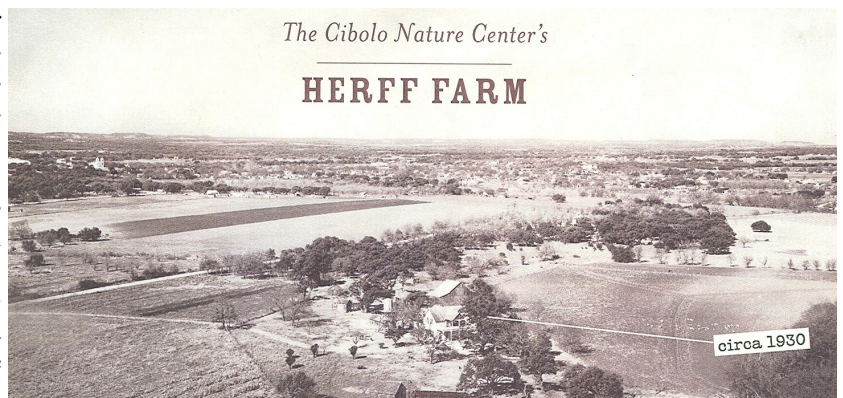
The 62-acre Farm has three large fields that were once used for farming. The historic house overlooks the Cibolo Creek and the farm fields. Menger Creek, along the southern border of the property, is a wooded wildlife corridor and will be restored as the rich bird habitat it once was. Trails will connect with existing trails of the Cibolo Nature Center and the Greenways of Boerne. As part of the Cibolo Nature Center's Cibolo Conservation Corridor Initiative, the Herff Farm helps protect the quality and quantity of the drinking water from the Edwards and Trinity aquifers now and for the future. The Herff Farm is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and determined one of Texas's Most Endangered Historic Places by Preservation Texas.

The Farm was prominent in the early settlement of Boerne, confiscated during the Civil War for a Confederate Prisoner of War camp, the site of one of the last Native American-settler conflicts, an example of Depression-era agriculture and is an extraordinary wildlife habitat.

***From the Handbook of Texas Online:***

Because of the political environment in Germany at this time, many Germans were emigrating, especially to America. In 1847 Herff helped organize a group composed mainly of university-educated professionals, *Die Vierziger* (the Forty), to found an idealistic commune in Texas. The commune was named Bettina and was located on the Llano River near what is now Castell. The enthusiastic settlers were ill prepared to cope with stern frontier realities, however, and within eighteen months the commune failed. Herff returned to Germany convinced that Texas would be his ultimate home. He married Mathilde Kungel Hoeffler in 1849. He rejoined the military, and his successes in treating battle casualties were attributed to his dexterity and his scrupulous attention to cleanliness (prior to antisepsis), which resulted in low infection rates. He returned to Texas, became a citizen, and dropped the nobility title "von" from his name. He and his wife settled briefly in New Braunfels, then moved in 1850 to San Antonio, where Herff began one of the most prolonged careers in Texas medicine. There was no lack of patients, but most were indigent, and Herff's philosophy that professional satisfaction was its own reward led to family hardships.

Herff worked tirelessly to achieve high standards of medical practice. He helped organize the Bexar County Medical Society, the West Texas Medical Association, the Texas Medical and Surgical Record, and the [Texas Medical Association](#) and served on the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. He was also instrumental in the establishment of San Antonio's first hospital. Herff shunned encomiums, but he received many honors, including recognition from the University of Gieszen and St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons. He died in San Antonio on May 18, 1912.



**Submitted by Jean Warneke, Austin and Mary Whigham, Washington**

# Around Here

... 100 Years Ago

Since the Enterprise has been published continuously for over 100 years, here are a few items from the Dec. 22 and Dec. 29, 1911 issues of the New Ulm Enterprise. Readers may find it interesting to see what was going on here a century ago!

## From WILLOW SPRINGS by Sand Rabbit

F.A. Schultz, the champion hunter of Willow Springs, went coon hunting last week, but as it was too muddy for his flopped hounds, he only got one coon and a possum. Saturday night he went trapping and got a skunk, a civet cat and a possum.

Ben Gross of Post Oak Point passed here on his fox-trotter, with his hat on his left ear on the way to Hugo Krebs' on a business mission.

Edmund Rinn came to the Lone Star dance in his every day shoes, with his patent leather slippers in a flour sack. But Edmund made a hit, and went home whistling along the road.

## From UNION HILL by Standish Miles

Max Heinsohn has abandoned his interurban scheme, and is planning a trackless railroad. The trackless system, he says, will lessen wrecks,

## CAUGHT BOB CAT

Ed Henneke brought The Enterprise a fore paw of a large, vicious bob cat which was killed by a party of which he was a member last Sunday.

The animal weighed about 50 pounds. It was shot by W.F. Dierke after an exciting race lasting several hours. The hunting party consisted of W.F. Dierke, Ed Henneke, Henry and Elam Lockwood, Louis and Henry Hoppe, Robert Heitmann and John Fielser.

## From SHELBY by Leser

Wedding bells were ringing here last week. A double wedding took place at Mrs. Hy. Rudloff's home last Tuesday, Dec. 19. Miss Alma Rudloff and Arthur Voelkel, son of Chas. Voelkel and Harry Rudloff to Miss Tillie Storch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Storch of Haw Creek. Rev. Jul. Bushart of Warrenton performed the ceremony.

Miss Ida Eixmann and Otto Pfeiffer were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eixmann Thursday, Dec. 21.

## From SCHOENAU SIFTINGS by Beatrix

Miss Olga Luetge rode to Industry last Friday on a Shimmel.

Rudie Goebel wanted to go to church Sunday night, but he went to see his girl.

## From COTTONWOOD Point by Sand Rabbit

Dan Rinn Jr. and John Heinsohn split the mud to spend Christmas with home folks and enjoy the big fat turkey that was waiting.

Ben Gross put the wrong end of a cigar he was smoking in his mouth last Sunday which make it hard for him to tell the truth.

I hope the weather will be better for our Leap Year dance at Lone Star on Jan. 1, 1912

Wm. Reeder Jr. passed through here Sunday smiling like ten cents worth of candy.

Submitted by Van Massirer, Crawford

Brenham Banner Press, 13 October, 2011

## Hoisting the Schuetzenkoenig ...



Wolfgang Kayser was crowned Schuetzenkoenig at the 139th Annual Schuetzenfest recently at Round, Top Rifle Association Hall in Round Top. Following Kayser's lengthy acceptance speech, he was hoisted in the air by his subjects, Dave Weishuhn, left, and Clayton Weishuhn, right, with the help of Michael Sacks and Jay Robinson. Kayser also reigned as koenig the prior year.

Submitted by Angelina Kretzschmar, San Antonio

## The Seydler Silver Chalice

### The Story of Friedrich Gustav and Auguste Fiebiger Seydler

The Seydler Silver Chalice, a beautifully-crafted old world treasure dating back to the mid-nineteenth century, is now on display at the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum in Serbin. In 1850 the silver chalice was given to Gustav Seydler by 45 friends from Bautzen, Germany. It had been misplaced for about 130 years, until 1983.

Inscribed on the chalice: "Dem scheidenden Freunde Gustav Seydler" (The separated friends of Gustav Seydler.)

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| A. Jonas       | A. Kistner      | A. Lehmann      | F. Mally          |
| A. Martschinck | C. Muller       | A. Muller       | E. Muller         |
| A. Paul        | W. Pfennigwerth | F. Pfennigwerth | C. Ritter         |
| A. Rudolph     | A. Semig        | E. Semig        | A. Sonderschausen |
| F. Schuberth   | A. Staabs       | A. Schrader     | E. Spitzeck       |
| G. Streck      | A. Seligeir     | J. Venettisch   | W. Weigang        |
| A. Wenzel      | P. Wollmann     | W. Wahrmann     | H. Weithaus       |
| T. Ulbricht    |                 |                 |                   |



"Bautzen am 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1850"

Kenneth Mueller along with his son, Kirby, and Kenneth's father Edgar Mueller found the chalice by accident in the closet of a small 10' X 20' dilapidated bunkhouse on family property near Yorktown. The building had never been painted, inside or outside, and the only visible items inside were four wooden spools nailed to the walls. The roof was almost gone and the floor was barely there.

In one corner of the bunkhouse, someone had nailed a 4' X 8' piece of plywood, cut a small door about two feet from the floor, and placed some wire hangers inside. The closet was full of rotting rags, rat and mouse nests, snake skins, and 60 to 70 years of accumulated trash. After searching with a stick and leather glove-covered hands,

Mueller found a round, firm object similar in shape to an oat-meal box.

When Mueller removed the lid, he saw a carved wooden object and noticed a clasp. When he opened the clasp, he found a beautifully engraved treasure, the Seydler Silver Chalice. Quite a discovery! Inside the chalice was a 1923 50-mark bill. Mysteries surround the history of the chalice from 1850 until 1983.

Mueller kept the chalice until 2000 when he brought the Seydler Silver Chalice to a family reunion to share the story of its discovery with other family members. In November 2011, the chalice found a new home in the Texas Wendish Museum where it will be preserved and displayed for the public to enjoy. The silver chalice was given to Gustav Seydler by forty-five of his friends in a year after he left Germany. The book "In





Search of a Home, Nineteenth-Century Wendish Immigration” by George R. Nielsen identified Gustav Seydler and his family as the first Wendish people to arrive in Texas in 1849. It is believed that the silver chalice was sent with two sons who immigrated in 1850 because the inscription at the bottom of the chalice states “Bautzen am 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1850.”

Friedrich Gustav Seydler was the third child of Carl Gottlieb and Erdmute Christiana Friederika Holhfeld Seydler. Friedrich Gustav was born in Bautzen, Germany, on February 21, 1806. He married Auguste Fiebiger in Bautzen. Friedrich Gustav’s father, Carl Gottlieb, was born in Bautzen on February 6, 1772, and his mother, Erdmute Christiana Friederika Holhfeld was born in Bautzen on July 16, 1778. Carl Gottlieb Seydler was a master mason in Bautzen. He and his wife had twelve children. Carl Gottlieb died January 3, 1834, and his wife died on October 15, 1852, both in Bautzen.

The Friedrich Gustav Seydler family was the first Seydlers to immigrate to Texas on December 15, 1849, in Galveston. Among its passengers were Friedrich Gustav and Auguste Fiebiger Seydler and four of their children. Friedrich Gustav’s two younger brothers also arrived with the family. The second group of Seydlers arrived December 1850 in Galveston. The last Seydler arrived September 1853 in Galveston.

Why in 1850 did friends of Gustav Seydler send this beautiful silver chalice halfway around the world to a friend who had left Germany in 1849? Many of the details are lost to history, but some conjecture can be made.

Friedrich Gustav Seydler was not an ordinary German immigrant; he was a Wend. The Wends, or Sorbs as they are called in Europe, were descended from a group of Slavic tribes that developed a common language and, in the 10<sup>th</sup> Century, occupied much of central Europe. However, by the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, the Wends had been decimated by conquest and assimilation with other cultures. True Wends lived in a small area along the River Spree in what is now Saxony, Germany, near the Czech and Polish borders.

The Wendish migration to Texas was driven partly by the Prussian insistence that the Wends speak and use the German language, even to the extent of Germanizing their names. By the 1840s, the German government attempted to unify the Calvinist-reform churches with the Lutheran Church into a nationwide, state-sponsored church. The oppression of the Wendish minority extended to working conditions and economic activity. The Revolution of 1848 in Germany and across Europe propelled thoughts of emigration for oppressed ethnic groups like the Wends.

The Seydler family in Bautzen was highly respected and well-educated. Friedrich Gustav was a master mason. Prior to his emigration, it is believed that Friedrich Gustav was politically active which may have further encouraged him to leave Germany. After his arrival in America, Friedrich Gustav wrote to the newspaper *Serbske Nowiny* in Bautzen. Later Wendish immigrants sought out the Seydlers and benefited from their advice and assistance.

Although there are many mysteries, it is known that a year after he immigrated, 45 of his Wendish friends in Bautzen cared enough about Gustav Seydler to send him a special gift, the Seydler Silver Chalice.

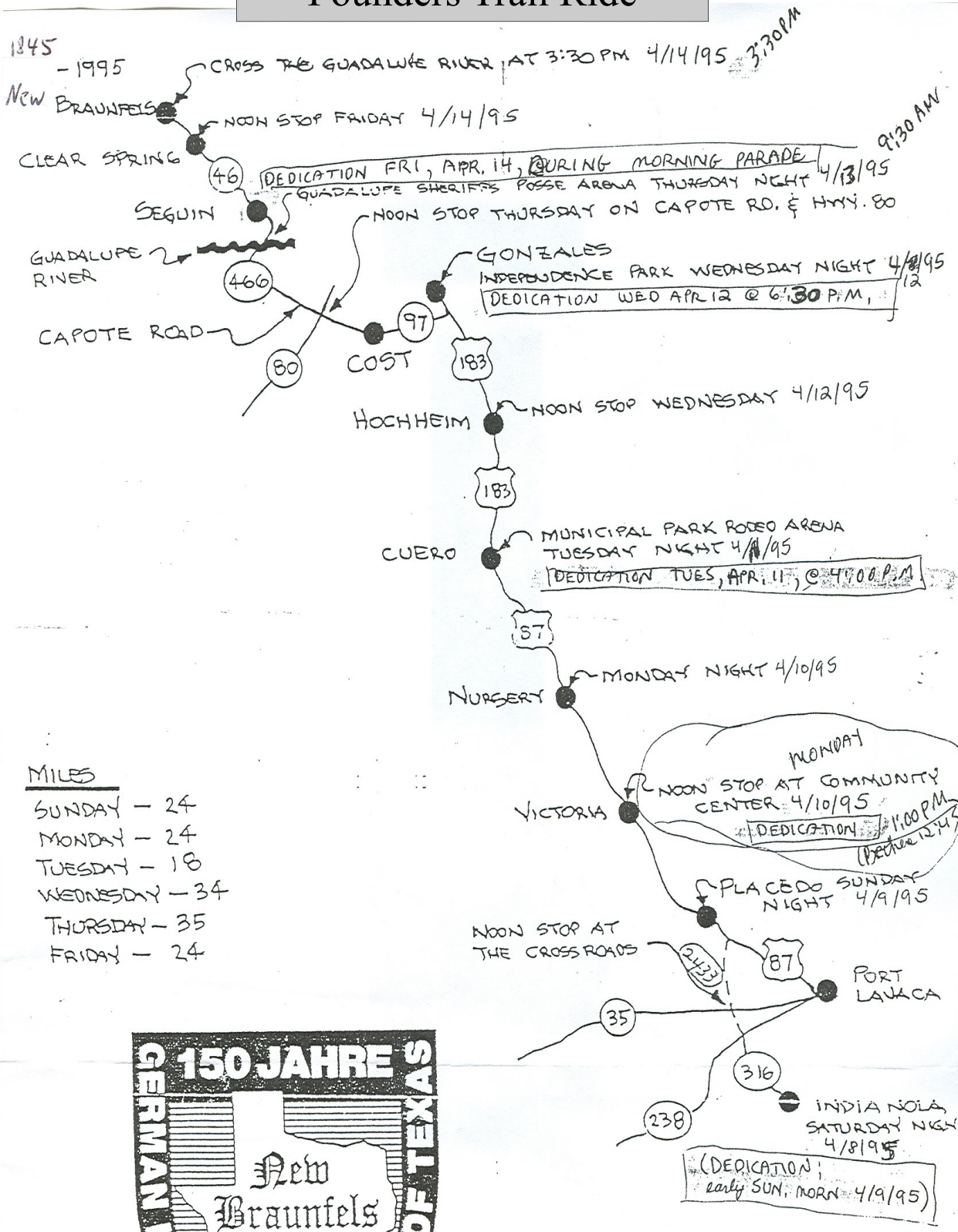
After living in the new Ulm area of Austin County for four years, the Seydler family eventually settled in High Hill, Texas and was prominent leaders in the area. Friedrich Gustav died November 30, 1869, at his home in High Hill. His wife, Auguste, lived in the home of their son, Friedrich Hermann Seydler, until her death November 20, 1890.

The tombstone of Friedrich Gustav Seydler which has a mason’s trade symbol states “Auch er war ein Kampfer fur Wahrheit and Recht. Friede seiner Asche.” Translation: “He too was a Fighter for Truth and Justice. Peace to his ashes.” The Friedrich Gustav Seydler family burial plot is at the historic Old High Hill Cemetery.

Many Seydler descendants continue to live in the Schulenburg and Fayette County area.

(Kenneth Mueller is the Great Great Great Grandson of Friedrich Gustav Seydler. This article is written and **submitted by Darlene Graf Quiring** who is the Great Great Granddaughter of Friedrich Gustav Seydler.)

# Founders Trail Ride



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I read with interest in the Fall 2011 Journal the letter from Mayme Rachuig Hause from Nixon, Texas. She visited Seguin and saw the monument, which is dedicated to the German pioneers. There are actually 6 granite monuments. In 1995 Texas celebrated the Sesquicentennial. We had several committees for many different functions and Carol Hermes and I were in charge of having 6 monuments built and placed from the coast to New Braunfels. The first one is in Indianola, Texas, the second one in Victoria, the third in Cuero, the fourth in Gonzales, the fifth in Seguin and the last one in New Braunfels. We joined the Founders Trail Ride and placed the monuments in the named cities. Here is a copy of the trail ride and the monument inscription in English and in German. Submitted by Helgard Suhr-Hollis

Editor's note: Don't usually like to flip the page but thought you needed a larger picture to really see the inscription!

## The Comfort Heritage Foundation Hosts Civil War Sesquicentennial Memorial Program

You are cordially invited to the Civil War Sesquicentennial Memorial Program in Comfort, Texas, August 10th and 11th, 2012. The Comfort Heritage Foundation is hosting this much anticipated occasion and everyone interested in Texas German history is welcome to attend. The Nueces Battle and Massacre took place on the west prong of the Nueces River in Kinney County, August 10th, 1862. German Unionist sympathizers, several Anglos and one Mexican, Pablo Diaz, left the Texas Hill Country for a safe haven in Mexico. The conflict between Confederate troops and Union civilians took place early Sunday morning and the Confederates were victorious by 10:00 a.m. The dead were piled up and the prisoners placed beneath an oak tree and executed later that afternoon. None of those killed or executed were buried and the Confederates went on their way. Remains of the sympathizers were gathered after the war and buried in Comfort, Texas. The Treue der Union Monument was built in 1865 and dedicated in 1866.

The two day event begins Friday, August 10th, at 8:00 p.m. with *The Blues and The Grays*, a folk opera telling the story of the Nueces River, written by Richard Jacome, musician and author. This event will be staged at the Monument site, on High and 3rd Streets. On Saturday, August 11th, the day begins at 10:00 a.m. with a Memorial Program at the Monument, honoring those men who sacrificed their lives for the principles of freedom and choice. Paul Burrier, Leakey historian and author, will speak. The names of the men buried at the Monument will be read.

German lunch in the park follows the Memorial Program at 11:00. In the park pavilion there will be a section for descendants of those men buried at the Monument and a section for descendants of men who survived the battle and massacre. Authors will have their books for sale and signings and discussion.

The symposium from 1:00 - 4:00, *What A Tough Spot To Be In!* will be held in the Lutheran Fellowship Hall on High and 3rd Streets. Seating is limited to 150 total and will be available on a first come basis. Jo Ann Pankratz Stiles and Carolyn Lindemann will serve as moderators. The symposium panel participants at this time are James Kearney author of *Nassau Plantation*, Paul Burrier historian and co-author of "What Really Happened on the Nueces River?", and Anne Stewart, co-author of *The Comfort Monument Story and Hanging in a White Oak Tree, the Story of the Nueces Battle and Massacre*. Audience members are invited to participate during the Q&A sessions. Authors, historians and descendants with their books, hand outs and pamphlets will have spaces in the Fellowship Hall available for further discussion and book signing. Mark your calendars and Save this Date: August 10th and 11th, 2012, Comfort, Texas.

Submitted by Anne Stewart, Comfort

## Dairy career just couldn't keep her down on the farm

San Antonio Express-News, August 20, 2011

By Kirsten Grieshaber  
*Associated Press*

BERLIN - A cow named Yvonne is on the loose in southern Germany and the hunt has captivated the country.

The freedom-loving cow ran away from a little farm in Bavaria in May and has managed to hide in the forest ever since - despite her sturdy 1,500 pound figure.

Locals have reported a few sightings of the brown dairy cow with a white head, but every time search teams tried to capture her, Yvonne had already hoofed it out of the area. Even a helicopter equipped

with a thermal camera returned empty-handed.

Searchers have tried to lure Yvonne into the open with food, with the bellows of her son Friesi and her sister Waltraud, even with a prospective mate named Ernst. Scores of volunteers are combing the woods for her.

The 6-year-old cow would have never made national headlines if it hadn't been for a near-collision with a police car days after she broke away. The rural district office in Muehldorf reacted by labeling the big eyed bovine a public danger and ordering her shot on sight.

That prompted animal rights activists to rally to her defense. A Facebook page calling for Yvonne's rescue had more than 23,000 "likes" by Friday and Germany's biggest selling newspaper, *Bild*, has offered a \$14,000 reward to anyone who helps find Yvonne.

Thanks to all the attention, the order to shoot Yvonne has been suspended. And an animal sanctuary is taking the lead in trying to rescue Yvonne after buying her from her former owners - sight unseen, of course.

Submitted by Angelina Kretzschmar,  
San Antonio

# People

Thanks to member John Langhoff, we have the information we sought!

**Niemeyer entertainers performing at the Menger Hotel ballroom, San Antonio, Texas**



I wish to correct the misinformation that was printed on page 96, Volume 33 number 2, Summer 2011 about the Niemeyer entertainers. The Niemeyer entertainers are descendants of John Niemeyer and Johanna Gerdes Niemeyer, who lived and farmed at Skidmore, Texas most of their married life. The Niemeyers and Gerdes families came from the Weser River marsh, North of Oldenberg, Germany before they emigrated to Texas in 1883 to Shiner, Texas.

All pictured are descendants of John and Johanna Gerdes Niemeyer who lived at Skidmore, Texas.  
 Left to right: E. H. (IKE) Niemeyer, born 1889 clarinet; Otto Niemeyer, born 1901, Flute; Dick Niemeyer, born 1885, drums; Edwin (Ed) Niemeyer, born 1899, violin; Sophie Niemeyer Rothlisberger, born 1907, piano; and Louis Range, nephew, born 1910, banjo.

Note: Ike Niemeyer was a special representative of Grand Lodge, Hermann Sons in San Antonio and Ed Niemeyer was mayor of China Grove, Texas, Suburb of San Antonio. Ike Niemeyer retired to the Hermann Sons Home in Comfort.

This information supplied by Mr. Ellis Winkler of Burnet, Texas a nephew of these Niemeyers; and submitted by subscriber and second cousin, John C. Langhoff, of Yoakum, Texas.

# An Update on Ludwig von Stachelhausen (Fall Journal, 2011)

From Ed Boehringer, Library Associate, Dallas Public Library

Dear Ms. Whigham:  
I found the article on Ludwig von Stachelhausen interesting. On page 182 of your Fall Issue, it states that he was "elevated to the nobility" on 8 Nov. 1818.

Indeed he was! You will find on page 68 of Johann Siebmacher's Wappenbuch, v. 25 of the Nobility of the Kingdom of Bavaria, the entry:

Bachtenkirch (Tafel 74) genannt Strachelhausen, Adelsbrief von König Max I. von Bayern, 8. November, 1818.

*(Bachtenkirch {Tafel 74} called Stachelhausen. Nobility letter of King Max. I of Bavaria. 8.11.1818)*

Coat of Arms: Of Black and Red divided. Above 3 gold stars next to one another. On the helmet a Red Wing with a black band, wherein are 3 gold stars (6 pointed) stars.

Note: the gold crown on top of the Helmet.



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# The Kirschvinks of Texas: Ancestral Beginnings

By Michael Schneider



Leonard J. Kirschvink (1830-1897), my great-great-grandfather, emigrated with his family from the town of Raeren, Prussia to Texas in 1855. His unusual surname, Kirschvink comes from Kirschfink, a now-little-used layman's name for a type of finch with the scientific name *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* (Figure 1). Kirschvink is pronounced KIRSCH-fink, and Raeren rhymes with CAR-in.

Although a few Kirschvinks still live in Raeren, there aren't many people in the USA with this unusual name. It appears that all Kirschvink's in the USA are descended from one couple: Leonard and his wife Anna Maria Hansen Kirschvink. There are many high achievers among the offspring—just Google the name.

The town is a few miles south of Aachen, Germany (Figure 2). Today it is in the small German-speaking area of Belgium, and is famous for its pottery. However, with today's easy border crossings, people in Raeren commonly go shopping in Aachen, and even uti-



Figure 1. Kirschfink (Hawfinch, *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*)



Figure 2. Map of the North Rhine-Westphalia region. Raeren (bottom center) is located south of the city of Aachen.

lize the efficient German postal system when mailing materials to be delivered outside Belgium.

The earliest record of the Kirschvink family name in Raeren can be traced to around 1550<sup>[1]</sup>. Leonard's direct ancestry there can be traced to 1615 when his 6<sup>th</sup>-great-grandfather Johannes Kirschvink was born<sup>[2]</sup>. Prior to 1563, the year of the Council of Trent, the family name is hard to find, since until then the documentation of ancestry was kept only for nobility.

Subsequent generations alternated naming their sons Leonhard and Johannes. Consequently, when my great-great-grandfather Leonhard (Leonard) J. Kirschvink was born in 1830, his father was named Johannes, and his paternal grandfather was Leonhard, as it had been for seven generations. Leonard's birthplace in Raeren still exists. It's now a house connected to another home and a store by a common wall, the store having been designed by a modern Kirschvink architect, yet another Leonard Kirschvink. Houses in Raeren are built of stone and last for centuries (Figure 3).

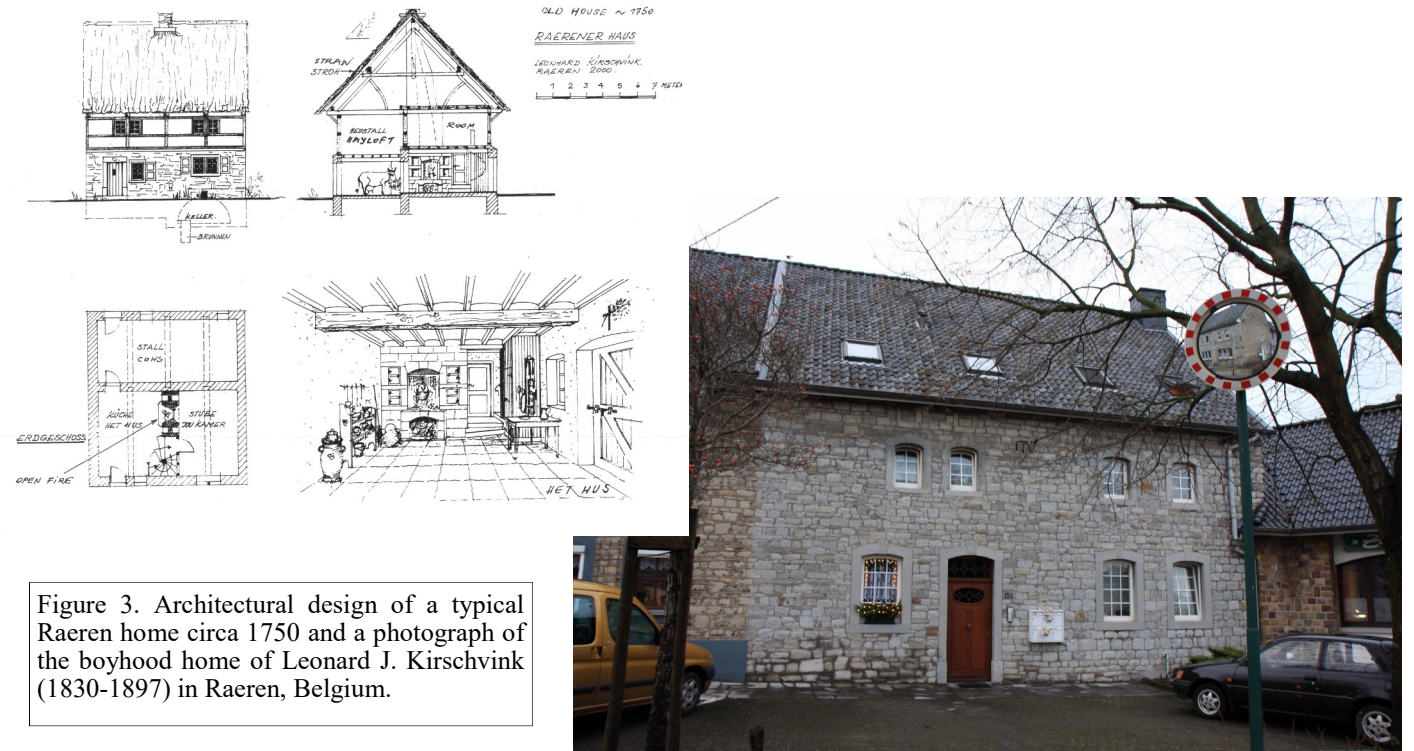


Figure 3. Architectural design of a typical Raeren home circa 1750 and a photograph of the boyhood home of Leonard J. Kirschvink (1830-1897) in Raeren, Belgium.

The 24 year old Leonard married Anna Maria Hansen (1830-1915) in Raeren on 01 May 1855. She was from nearby Petergensfeld, and also age 24. They soon had a daughter, Mary Katherine, born in 1856. Archival documents for this area are plentiful, and their birth records exist, as does a record of their marriage and their daughter's birth.

The Kirschvink family business was shoemaking (Figures 4 & 5), dating from the 1600's<sup>[2]</sup>. Like his ancestors, Leonard and most of his sons were shoe and boot makers.



Figure 4. 1870 ad



Figure 5. John Leonard Kirschvink & sons shoe shop, Lampasas, TX, circa 1920.



Numerous family stories insist that Anna's family was dissatisfied with her choice of husband. If true, that could explain the young couple's decision to immigrate to Texas with their infant child, without bothering to ask for the required permission to leave Prussia. The young family landed in Indianola, Texas in 1857. Soon they moved to Fredericksburg where they set down roots and had six more children.

Because of the hurricanes in 1875 and 1886, Indianola, Texas no longer exists. Thus all records of the Kirschvink's arrival in Texas are lost. But family recollections state the Kirschvink family traveled in a sailing ship with their infant daughter "on a pillow" among the shoemaking equipment and tooling brought to Texas by Leonard.

Leonard and Anna Kirschvink were Roman Catholic, and became early members of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, which still exists in Fredericksburg (Figure 6). According to the Church 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parish history (translated from the original German) Leonard Kirschvink donated the stone fence around the new church and Anna Maria Kirschfink donated the pews. The beautiful 1863 stone church still stands, but unfortunately only one post of the old stone fence remains, and the pews were removed and sent to another church when another church was built next to the old building in 1909.

Around 1868 the Kirschvink's moved from Fredericksburg to Austin, for unknown reasons. Leonard again set up and boot and shoemaking shop at the corner of Hickory and Congress Ave. The family continued to grow with two final children born in 1870 and 1874. The 1872-3 Austin City Directory {ACD72} shows:

L. Kirschvink, boot and shoe maker, Congress av. b. Bois d' Arc and Pecan sts.; res. n. e. cor. Walnut and Guadalupe sts. John Kirschvink, apprentice with L. Kirschvink, shoe maker.

Leonard J. Kirschvink died in 1897, and his wife Anna in 1915. They had nine children:

1. **Mary Katherine Kirschvink** (1856-1936). She is one of my paternal great-grandmothers, born in Raeren, Prussia. She immigrated "on a pillow" as a baby in a sailing ship in 1856/1857. According to the 1880 Travis Co., Texas census she is in her father's household with an occupation of Dress Making. She married Jacob Peter Schneider on 24 Nov 1880 and they had 5 children. Her husband J.P. Schneider owned a general store. The 1930 census shows her living with her brother Leonard.

2. **John Leonard Kirschvink** (1857-1936) He married Pauline Zeleski on 29 Nov 1889 in Lampasas Co. His mother's 1915 obituary has him living in Lampasas, TX. He was a shoe and boot maker in Lampasas. They are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Lampasas Co., TX. They had 6 children.

3. **Moritz Kirschvink** (1859-1860), Born in Fredericksburg, TX, he died at age one, and is buried in the St. Mary's Catholic Church Pioneer Cemetery in Fredericksburg. Note: He was probably named after Moritz Hartmann, a stone mason who contributed much of the work on the old (1863) church, including the baptismal font where several Kirschvink babies were presumably baptized.



Figure 6. Photo of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fredericksburg, Texas, built in 1863.

4. **Leonard J. Kirschvink** (1861-1931), Born in Fredericksburg, TX, he is buried as Leonardo Kinschvink in Austin. He lived in Clifton, TX according to his mother's obituary. There is some confusion about his marital status, but his death certificate says he was single, not widowed, and his obituary indicates no surviving children.

5. **Magdalena Kirschvink** ("Lena", 1863-1926). She was born and baptized in Fredericksburg, TX. She married Joseph Theodore Kuhn, a Kentuckian and they lived in Austin, then moved to San Benito, TX according to her mother's 1915 obituary. Mr. Kuhn had 40 acres at the foot of Waller St. in Austin where he had a "truck garden". He was in the vegetable wholesale business, raised corn, watermelon, cantaloupes, beans, peas, beets, radishes, turnips, etc. and would sell them to merchants. He was an Austin city alderman. Lena died at her son John and daughter-in-law Irene's home between Harlingen and San Benito, TX (Cameron Co.). Magdalena/Joe had 10 children.

6. **Anna Whilhemina Kirschvink** (1865-1951), She was born and baptized in Fredericksburg, TX. She married Peter C. Goebel. They lived in Taylor, TX, north of Austin. They had 8 children.

7. **Katerina Ann Kirschvink** ("Kit" 1867-1932). Born and baptized in Fredericksburg, she married Francis Xavier Fischer in 1889. He was a successful contractor who frequently worked in Mexico. The couple lived in Austin. She had palsy in later years, as did a number of her children. Both are buried in Austin. They had 10 children.

8. **Elizabeth Kirschvink** ("Bess", 1870-1956) She was born in Fredericksburg, TX. She was a Catholic nun in the Ursuline order who took the religious name "Mother St. Michael". She lived in Galveston from 1896-1900, Bryan, TX from 1900-1929, and Dallas from 1929-1956. She was a music teacher. According to a letter from her niece, Anna Margaret Schneider, also an Ursuline nun, she was living at the Ursuline convent in Dallas in June, 1939. According to her great niece, Mary Ann Schneider, "she was happy, musical, loved to dance, and survived three days of sheer hell in the Galveston storm of 1900".

9. **Joseph R. Kirschvink** (1874-1919) He remained single, living in Austin. His death certificate shows his occupation as "Farmer". The Austin City directory of 1903 shows: Joseph R. Kirschvink, stone cutter, h. 306 W. 14<sup>th</sup>.

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[1] On the traces of the Kirschvink's of Raeren, by Leonhard Kirschvink, Bollendorf-Raeren, Jan. 2004.

[2] Genealogical Table of Leonard Kirschvink, x 8.11.1830, by Leonhard Kirschvink, Bollendorf/Raeren, 2003

Submitted by Michael Schneider, Pleasanton, CA

## From: "On This Day," Handbook of Texas online Articles, January 30 Carl Venth, violinist and composer dies

On this day in 1938, violinist Carl Venth died in San Antonio after a distinguished career as a musician and composer. Born in Germany in 1860, he studied the violin at Cologne Conservatory. He came to America in 1880 and soon toured from Boston to St. Louis. In the late 1880s he organized the Venth Violin School in Brooklyn. Venth arrived in Texas in the early 1900s to direct the violin department of Kidd-Key College at Sherman. Thus he began three decades of musical service in the Lone Star State, including stints as the dean of fine arts at Texas Woman's College (now Texas Wesleyan University) at Fort Worth and as head of the music department at the University of San Antonio. At the time of his death, Venth's published work included 100 piano and violin pieces and songs.

Submitted by Jean Heide, San Antonio

**PAULINA WILHELMINA ONHEUSER (OHNHEISER) , 1911-1911**  
**NO TOMBSTONE**  
**AMMANNSVILLE, TEXAS**

Paulina Wilhelmina Onheuser (Ohnheiser) was born in 1911, lived for three months and died in 1911 due to consumption (TB). Her parents were Emil and Wilhelmina David Onheuser, Ammannsville, Texas. Paulina was baptized on 1 April 1911 by Father Machan. Her godparents were August and Anna Pauler. Paulina is buried in the Ammannsville cemetery. Her grave does not have a tombstone and I do not know where she is buried in the cemetery. Her death and burial is based on microfilmed church records.

In the 1900 census, Emil Ohnheiser lived in the Ammannsville precinct with his parents, Ferdinand and Thekla Ohnheiser. He was 12 years old, born on 24 November 1887 in Texas. His mother was 58 years old and his father was 41 years old.

In the 1910 census, Emil Ohnheiser was 22 years old, born in Texas, lived with his parents and single. They lived in Justice Precinct 7, Fayette County, Texas.

In 1918, World War I registration, Emil Ohnheiser stated he was 29 years old, born on 24 November 1887 near Ammannsville, was a farmer near Hackberry, Texas and registered in Lavaca County, Texas in 1918. He stated he had a wife, three children and parents.

In the 1930 census, Emil and Wilhelmina Ohnheiser lived in Justice Precinct 2, Lavaca County, Texas. He owned his home and stated his parents were born in Austria. Wilhelmina was 31 years old. **Living with them were three children:**

(Paulina Wilhelmina Onheiser was born and died in 1911. She is buried in the cemetery.)

Fred Onheiser was born in 1914-and died in 2000 in Hallettsville, Texas.

Alphonse J. Onheiser was born in 1916 and died in 1984 in Middletown, Indiana.

Emma Onheiser Meyer was born in 1917 and died in 1975 in Schulenburg, Texas.

**Per family trees in Ancestry.com, the following children were born to Emil and Wilhelmina Ohnheiser:**

Martha M. Ohnheiser was born in 1920 and died in 1994 in Victoria, Texas. Martha married Edward Fred Appelt (1916-2005) on 24 September 1940. Martha died on 28 March 1994 and is buried in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Hallettsville, Texas. Hugo Edwin Ohnheiser was born in 1922 and died in 1988 in Temple, Texas. Raymond Ohnheiser was born in 1923 and died in 1984 in Hallettsville, Texas.

Emil died and was buried in Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Cemetery, Schulenburg, Texas. Wilhelmina "Minnie" David Ohnheiser was born on 25 October 1888 in Schulenburg, Texas to Ferdinand David (1851-1929, Fayette County, Texas) and Mari (Marrie) Pavlik David (1856-1924, Fayette County, Texas). Minnie died on 25 October 1973 in Weimar, Texas and is buried in Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Cemetery, Schulenburg, Texas.

Paulina's godparents were August F. Pauler born in 1873 in Texas. In the 1920 census, August and his wife, Anna Heinrich Pauler lived in Justice Precinct 8, Fayette County, Texas with their children. Anna Heinrich Pauler was born in 1873 in Germany and arrived in America in 1880. One of their daughters was named Thekla the same name as Emil Ohnheiser's mother. I was unable to establish a relationship between Paulina's parents and her godparents. In the 1930 census, August Pauler and his family moved to Fort Bend County, Texas.

*SOURCES:* Microfilmed church records at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, San Antonio, Texas; census; family trees in Ancestry.com; Texas Death Index; World War I Registration Record; and Norman C. Krischke's cemetery book.

Wedding picture of Emil and Minnie David Ohnheiser is provided by Mary Wehmeyer, Flatonia, Texas and Ancestry.com.

This article is taken from the Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church book, Ammannsville, Texas, First 50 years 1899-1939, by Angelina Genzer Kretzschmar, San Antonio, Texas. If anyone has more information on this family, please contact me at 1210-490-1099 or 130 Navato Blvd., San Antonio, Texas.

## **Murder, Betrayal, and Canoodling**

The Continuing Saga of the JUNGE (Yunge, Young ) sisters, and the MAROWSKI ( Morousky, Marasuky, Mero-ski ) and ROEMMELE (Rommel, Rimmel, Romel) Families.

Part 2 by Donna RAU

*In the winter issue of GTHS journal, my German cousin, Gisela LAUDI, started the story of the move west by the German families MAROWSKI , JUNGE and ROEMMELE. I had met Gisela through an inquiry she had posted looking for descendants of Aurora MAROWSKI, which I happen to be. With the help of Gisela and an editor of GTHS, Liz HICKS, we have found what amounts to the entire story of my German family heritage. So, in this issue, I am going to write about the lives of those families after the move to Texas.*

After the failed revolution of 1848 many Germans, disappointed with the lack of democracy, and the newly installed police state, left Germany to emigrate to the U.S. The first family to do so from the town of Oderberg in Prussia was the family of Wilhelm (William) MAROWSKI. In 1850, William left for Baltimore with his wife Wihelmina (Junge) MAROWSKI (Minnie), and his 3 week old daughter Aurora. They sailed from Bremerhaven on the ship "Ocean". Minnie had been ill on the way over, but the young Aurora arrived in the new world strong and healthy.

<p><i>Passenger list for Wilhelm MAROWSKI, Wilhelmine (Minnie) JUNGE-MAROWSKI and baby Aurora</i></p>
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They arrived in Baltimore Md, 1 June 1850 and in the fall of that year. William wrote a letter to his family back in Oderberg saying that though they had not intended to stay in Baltimore, he was so delighted with the city that they had decided not to leave it. You can hear his enthusiasm for this new country in his letter, he is so excited by what he sees in Baltimore. He bought a house, and then opened a starch manufacturing plant and a general store that sold fancy vinegars. Minnie was employed by a woman on an estate out in the country, where she worked as a needle-worker/seamstress. She said the woman on the estate was like a mother to her and it is assumed she took the young Aurora out to the estate with her when she worked. However, in 1855, Minnie wrote to her family that she was ill again and it had cost her her job. She was homesick and longed for her mother and younger sister. Minnie may or may not have wanted to move to America, perhaps her husband decided they should move. Leaving Prussia tore Minnie away from her mom, two sisters, and her brother, Wilhelm. She had no friends in this new country, did not speak the language, was faced with a different culture and customs, and had no one to help her care for her newborn daughter. I think we can safely assume she was distracted from this by the birth of her second daughter Elizabeth (Lizzie) in early 1856.

At about this same time, unbeknown to Minnie, her mother had died and her younger sister, Amalie JUNGE (the one for whom Minnie had been homesick), was sailing toward New Orleans, on the ship "Mississippi". She travelled with a companion, Florentine Lange, and stated in her emigration application that her final destination would be Nacogdoches Texas, where two of her brothers lived. She arrived in New Orleans on 3 Nov. 1856. We have searched tax rolls, deeds, and censuses, but so far, we've found no trace of Amalie in Nacogdoches, so we don't for sure whether she spent time there.

However, we did find a marriage certificate for Amalie in Collin Co, TX. On 15 Dec 1857, Amalie married a German man named Karl Franz (Frank) ROEMMELE in McKinney, Collin County Tx. According to Amalie's obituary, she came to Collin County from Germany with her husband, so we don't know whether Amalie met him on the ship, knew him prior to leaving Germany, or met him in Nacogdoches, as we have no way of knowing whether the obituary was accurate. There is a ten year paper trail of ROEMMELE 's in Nacogdoches prior to Amalie's arrival, and it is possible that she met Frank here. It's quite a mystery why Amalie left Germany for Nacogdoches, but wound up in McKinney. Amalie and Frank ROEMMELE had a son, William Franklin Charles, in 1859.

Meanwhile, Minnie and William MAROWSKI had moved to Nacogdoches, probably near the end of 1856. We have no written record as to why they left Baltimore, but it was probably because Minnie wanted to be near her brothers, Ferdinand and Fritz JUNGE, and Fritz's family, who were living in Nacogdoches, as well as Amalie, if indeed she spent some time in Nacogdoches before moving to McKinney. In 1859, another daughter, Pauline, was born. After Pauline's birth, they decided to join Frank and Amalie ROEMMELE in McKinney, Tx. William bought land near Frank ROEMMELE on the Wm Davis survey from a man named Phillip ROEMMELE who is probably related to Frank R. ROEMMELE. We have found army records that show both Frank and Philip R. ROEMMELE serving in the same company in McKinney Tx. William bought an additional piece of land in downtown McKinney, where he opened a store. Frank Roemmele also had a retail store and 'eatery" in downtown McKinney. In researching old newspapers, we came across an article that reminisced about Frank ROEMMELE 's little eatery shack where he sold very tasty ginger cakes, and very flat, warm beer. Frank's eatery was on the east side of the McKinney town square and so was William's store, showing us the MAROWSKIs and ROEMMELEs lived and worked near each other. In 1862, the MAROWSKI's last daughter, Henrietta, was born.

Life was indeed looking good for the MAROWSKI family. They had four healthy daughters, a thriving business in a growing town. Minnie and her beloved little sister lived in close proximity, the tax rolls and land deeds showed them to own quite a bit of land and be worth a fair amount of money. By all accounts things were going well. However, in Feb 1865, tragedy struck our happy immigrant family. William MAROWSKI was killed. The family story is that he was killed by "Night raiders", but we were not able to find any news articles or documents of his murder. We only found out his date of death through court records regarding his estate. He was an enthusiastic immigrant, excited by his life in this new world, and he had worked hard to make a good life for his young family, so it is quite tragic that he died so suddenly, leaving his widow in a very difficult situation. She did not speak English well, and had 4 minor children to raise, needing to keep her husband's businesses running as best she could. She was a woman alone trying to raise four girls as well as run a store in a society that was run by men.

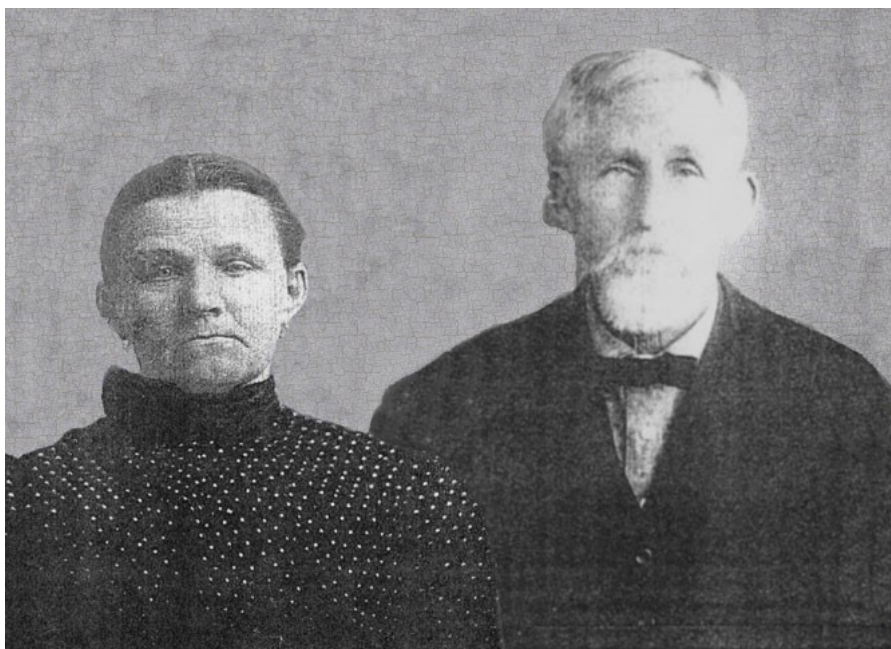
In 1866, a brother of Minnie JUNGE- MAROWSKI, as well as William's dad, died back in Germany leaving some monies to William and Minnie's children. Since the girls were minors, a guardian was needed to oversee the dispersal of these funds, and Frank ROEMMELE, their Uncle, was duly appointed. I think we can presume that Frank had stepped in after William's death and helped Minnie as much as he could, and the official guardianship was

merely a legal formality. But once again, tragedy struck our German immigrants. Frank ROEMMELE died in 1869, and the two sisters, Minnie MAROWSKI and Amalie ROEMMELE, were on their own, in a foreign land, with 5 children between them.

Both women tried to run their late husbands' respective businesses, with varying degrees of success. The JUNGE sisters were hampered by the fact that they did not speak English well, as well as the fact that neither of them was likely raised with the knowledge of how to run a business, and they were raised to be quite trusting of others. Not long after Frank ROEMMELE 's death, a German man named Charles MAHAR swindled Amalie ROEMMELE out of a large portion of her land. He told Amalie that a judge had issued a lien against her lands to satisfy a debt she owed on behalf of her store, and that as her friend, if she would sign the land over to him, he would hold it for her so that it could not be confiscated. However, after she did so, he claimed that he had paid her for the land and he owned it free and clear. We read testimony in a court case where a witness told the court that Charles MAHAR had waved the signed deeds in front of him and told him he had just gotten a thousand dollars' worth of land for nothing at all. The same court case states that no judge had signed a lien against her land, Charles MAHAR had completely lied to her. Amalie fought him several years and had to go all the way to the Texas Supreme Court to regain title to her land. While testifying in court, Amalie often had to use a translator. She claimed she could not explain her business dealings in English, but seemed to understand the questions she was asked in English.

On the 1870 census, Amalie ROEMMELE and her son Charlie were living in a house with Minnie MAROWSKI, since Charles MAHAR had evicted them from their own home. Not long after that, Minnie lost some of her land to foreclosure, due to unpaid bills from the store. Both women, who only 5 years before had been very "upwardly mobile" were suffering a huge financial slide. Before Frank had died, the ROEMMELE s bought and sold and bought again, several hundred acres of land where they had several hundred head of cattle and some horses. The MAROWSKIs too had bought and sold land around McKinney and at one time had a couple of hundred acres, some horses, cattle, pigs, and some mules. But both women had only a fraction of their original lands within 10 years of their husbands' deaths.

In 1869, Minnie MAROWSKI 's oldest daughter, Aurora, married a local man named Amos Chancellor BATES. The new BATES household was near the Roemmele's and MAROWSKIs. Aurora probably stayed near to help her mother as best she could. The BATES hired a young farm hand named Henry LEE, and in 1870, Aurora's sister, the 14 year old Elizabeth (Lizzie) married Henry.



*Aurora MAROWSKI-BATES and Amos BATES*

By the time Minnie MAROWSKI died in 1879, Lizzie (Marowski) LEE was a widow with no children. In Nov. of 1879, Minnie's daughter Pauline MAROWSKI married J.T. KING, and in Dec 1879, Minnie's daughter Henrietta (Rettie) MAROWSKI married J.T.'s brother, W.S. KING. Minnie MAROWSKI's will left her house and the five acres surrounding it to the widowed Lizzie (MAROWSKI) LEE, with the rest of the land being split between all four sisters. Lizzie stayed in her mother's house and did not remarry. Pauline and J.T. KING ended up in Nelda, Ok, where he worked a farm and also worked with a doctor. We cannot find them on censuses after 1890. Rettie and W.S. KING ended up in Ardmore, Ok., where W.S. opened a jewelry store. Rettie (Marowski) KING died in 1895 of a very painful stomach ailment at the young age of 36, leaving behind a grieving husband and 14 year old daughter (on an earlier census, Rettie and W.S. had two sons, but we find no further record of them). Shortly after Rettie's death, W.S. KING's jewelry store was burned to the ground when the downtown area of Ardmore caught fire.

Frank and Amalie ROEMMELE's son Charlie ROEMMELE married Flora Cameron in 1885, and built a house on land near his mother's house. Charlie and Flora had a son, William Frank, who died as an infant, followed two years later by a sister, Ida, who also died in her infancy. Theirs was not a happy household, even without the tragic deaths of their children. In 1889, Flora (Cameron) ROEMMELE left "bed and board" and sued Charlie ROEMMELE for divorce, claiming that Charlie mistreated and humiliated her. She claimed he grabbed her by the ankle "in a vulgar manner", and dragged her around the yard, as well as calling her vulgar and perjorative names. She asked for financial support as well as some of Amalie ROEMMELE's land. In an interesting side note, while Mr. Mahar had held fraudulent title to Amalie's land, he had sold part of that land to Flora's father (Amalie tried to recover this land also, but the case was decided in favor of Mr. Cameron). Amalie asked the court to excuse her (and her lands) from the divorce suit as it was not really her business, and her request was granted. Charlie's cousin-in-law, Amos BATES, testified during the hearing that he had been there when Charlie ROEMMELE dragged Flora around by the ankle.

Charlie ROEMMELE filed a countersuit in 1890. He claimed that Flora had been sneaking out of the house at night to go streetwalking. She had been seen being "fondled by men both married and unmarried". He testified that she was pregnant by a "negro man" (sic) and that he would not support the child. She had attacked him with a knife with the "intent to kill him". Amos BATES testified for Charlie that he had seen Flora walking the streets after dark, in the company of men. Charlie stated in court that Flora had so thoroughly ruined his reputation that no one would visit his home.

Flora ROEMMELE miscarried the child she was carrying and was very ill as a result. She sent word begging Charlie ROEMMELE to send for a doctor, but he would not. So Flora asked his mother, Amalie, but Charlie told his mother she could not send for one, and Amalie was forced to send word to a neighbor asking him to send for a doctor. We do not know what happened to Flora after this. So far, no death certificate for Flora has been found, nor have we found any evidence that she remarried. The divorce was granted the end of 1890, and that is last we have been able to find of her.

Trying to start a new life, Charlie ROEMMELE married Francis GRASHAM in 1891 in Collin County. Together they had six healthy children, so I think we can assume this was a happier household than Charlie's previous one. Sadly though for Charlie and Francis, the youngest son, Ross, was kicked in the head by a mule on the family farm, and died 2 days later at the age of 8. Charlie's mother, Amalie Junge-ROEMMELE died in 1898, and Charlie Roemmele died on his farm in 1920. He held quite a bit of land and some cattle at the time of his death, and his obituary states that he was much loved by his neighbors and a hard worker, and had become quite a successful farmer/business man.

Aurora (Marowski) BATES and Amos stayed in the same area all their married lives. She sold needlework and was a seamstress, he worked as a farmer for the most part. Their first son, William Henry was born in 1870, when Aurora was 20, and we find nothing more about him other than his birth, and a picture of him as an adult.

The BATES' daughter, Minnie, was born in 1873 and when she was 14, she married J.R. KING, a cousin of those KING boys who had married her Marowski aunts. J.R. KING and Minnie moved up to Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, Ok, and Minnie proceeded to have 12 kids up there in the wilds. If one goes only by the marriage records and censuses, it looks like J.R. married her while she was still practically a child, moved her away from her family, made her live in primitive Indian territory, and kept her pregnant for over 22 years. However, that was not the case at all. She was not alone up there, her Aunts Rettie (Marowski) KING and Pauline (Marowski) KING lived near them in Ardmore and Nelda, Oklahoma. We have a letter that J.T. wrote to Minnie BATES' younger brother, telling them that he was working with J.R. KING (Pauline's husband), they were farming and doing well, though it had been a hot summer. Minnie (Bates) KING lived to be an old woman and died at the home of her son Amos in Wichita Falls sometime after 1955.



Minnie BATES-KING and her children

Aurora next had a son, John BATES (called Sid by his children) in 1877. He also stayed in the McKinney area, buying property from the Rice land survey, which kept him near his parents. John BATES married a woman named Lela BROWN, who was the daughter of Aurora's close friend, Amanda Kindle BROWN. They had eight children, one of whom died at the age of 11 of scarlet fever. There were two girls and five boys who grew to adult hood. One of the boys was my mother's father.

Jim BATES was born to Aurora in 1879 and he too stayed in the McKinney area, marrying a local girl, Harriet Myrtle WATKINS.

About 18 months after Aurora had Minnie, she had another daughter. We do not know the name of this daughter but our family story says she was born handicapped and died during her childhood. In 1875, Aurora and Amos had another daughter, Ardena. Ardena married a man named John William Cabe, and they remained in McKinney and raised their children there. As an old woman, Ardena still talked about her handicapped sister who died so young.



Ardena BATES and children



John BATES and Lela BROWN-BATES



Family Circle



Lula Florence was born to Aurora in 1881 and she married Franklin Columbus CAFE, the brother of John William who was married to Ardena. Lula (Bates) CAFE was a redhead, and her youngest brother, Melven BATES, would talk about how much he loved to watch his mother brush Lula's long red hair at night by the fire-side. Her hair was so long that when she let it down at night, it would touch the floor when she sat down. Frank and Lula (Bates) CAFE ended up out in Los Angeles with their daughter and two boys, and her family in Texas missed her horribly. Melven was still telling stories about her when he was an old man.



Lula and Frank CAFE

Aurora's son, Joe, was born in 1885. He married Lillie McKinney SHORT, who was a cousin of Collin McKinney, the man for whom both Collin County and the town of McKinney were named. Joe too, bought a home near his mother's land.

Earl and a twin brother were born in 1888. Earl's twin died within days, and Aurora could not nurse Earl, so Earl was given to Aurora's dear friend Amanda Kindle BROWN to nurse. Earl BATES lived to adulthood and married Lillie Short's sister, Minnie. They had one child, Earl Jr.



Dugan, Juanita and Bert CAFE



Earl and Earl Jr.

Jesse was born in 1891. He married a woman named Willie, and they raised their children in New Hope, Texas.



Amos, Aunt Sis, Lillie Short, and Jesse

Melven was born in 1894 and was the last of Aurora's children. Melven went by the nickname "Frutti" because he loved Tutti Frutti gum when he was young. By the time I came along, he loved Brach's candies, but the name Frutti had stuck. He was a nice man, and growing up I was always very fond of him and his sense of humor. My mom likes to tell the story of how Frutti could stop people's bleeding. She says neighbors often came to Frutti to get a bloody wound to stop bleeding.



Seven BATES brothers

Aurora (Marowski) BATES was a little whirlwind according to her children. She was small (less than 5 ft), with a sweet nature and a good sense of humor. She was modest, and wore, according to Frutti, 13 petticoats, one of them being flannel, even in the hottest part of summer. Thirteen may have been an exaggeration, but if so, probably not by much. In the photos of Aurora, you can tell she is wearing a lot under her gingham dresses. Aurora was a seamstress and skilled needleworker like her mother, and much in demand in McKinney and surrounding areas. Her boys were fun loving, making up silly songs and playing pranks, full of mischief, but all 7 of them would obey Aurora without argument when she told them to do something. She was a devout Christian (Protestant like her German parents) and loved to help her neighbors. Her grandson told me she laughed a lot and was fun to be around, but that you sure did not want her mad at you.

After 48 years of marriage, when all the children were grown and married off, Aurora kicked Amos BATES out of the house. She would not see him nor speak to him for the rest of his life. Piecing together the family stories handed down by her children's families, it seems she just got tired of his vulgarity and had had all she could take, and never backed down once she told him to leave. Aurora's son Jim had bought his parent's house and land, and when Aurora kicked out Amos, she moved in with Jim. When Amos would come to visit his son Jim, Aurora would leave and go live with another son for a few days. Amos BATES had moved in with their son Joe, and when Aurora wanted to visit Joe, Amos would have to leave.

Aurora loved to visit with her family and neighbors and would ride around in her horse and buggy and go where ever she liked. She was very strongly connected to her community, and really enjoyed her neighbors and children. She remained a seamstress until she lost her eyesight at the age of 80. Her grandchildren say that being blind did not slow her down. She developed her senses well enough that she could tell which grandchild approached her by the way they walked.

She liked to play a game with her grandchildren called "Hully Gully" that was played with pecans. She continued to go out in her buggy (she said the horse knew where to turn when she told it to turn), until she got too frail. She died in 1938 at the age of 88. She was buried at Woodlawn at the foot of her Aunt Amalie (Junge) ROEMMELE.

Amos BATES had died in 1926 and was buried at Wilson Chapel. Aurora insisted she would not be buried in the same cemetery where Amos was laid to rest.

We have not been able to find the graves of Minnie (Junge) MAROWSKI and William MAROWSKI, but Aurora's sons said they were buried at Stiff Chapel. Aurora was survived by 7 boys and 1 girl (Minnie BATES was the only girl to outlive Aurora). Aurora came to this country as a 3 month old, lost her father at a young age, saw her mother's fortunes go downhill, married a man who turned out to be a bit of a scoundrel, but by all accounts was a happy woman, a much loved mother, a valued neighbor, and proud of her children, staying connected to her community until the end of her life. Aurora started life as a German citizen but ended life as a proud, industrious, happy American woman.



Aurora

## Dr. Sofie Herzog Pioneer physician won folks over by doing things her way

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You may write something about me if you will,” said the lady physician to a reporter at the 1915 Texas State Medical Association convention. “I don’t believe in this humbuggery of saying that doctors don’t want their names in the paper.”

While news about Dr. Sofie Herzog made the area papers from time to time, she was probably more likely to be discussed by Brazoria’s wagging tongues.

It was shocking enough for a woman to expound freely on such explicit anatomical detail as is required of the medical profession. And though she soon won Brazoria’s residents over as a skilled and caring physician, “Dr. Sofie” perplexed locals further by riding a horse astride and wearing a divided skirt instead of using the customary sidesaddle. And her big, broad-brimmed hat struck many as a man’s hat. Then there was the personal museum in her office, filled with medical specimens and stuffed birds and reptiles. Rattlesnake skins were hung on red satin ribbons after they were skinned by Dr. Sofie herself.

Born Sofie Dalia in Vienna, Austria, in 1846, she married Dr. Moritz Herzog at about age 14; most historical accounts state his first name as August, but Dortha Pekar, a Brazoria County historian who portrays Dr. Sofie in monologue, found the name Moritz (and Moriz) Herzog on five of his children’s marriage licenses. The couple had 15 children, including three sets of twins; eight of their children died in infancy. In 1886, the Herzogs immigrated to New York City, where Moritz had accepted a position with the United States Naval Hospital. In time, Sofie, who according to some historical sources received medical training before coming to America, also felt the call to heal. She practiced medicine in Hoboken, New Jersey, for several years and then graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of the City of New York in 1894.

After her husband’s death around 1895, Dr. Sofie moved to Brazoria, southwest of Galveston, where her youngest daughter, Elfriede, lived with her husband, Randolph Prell. For a time, Dr. Sofie stayed with her daughter and son-in-law and practiced medicine in their home. But after Randolph objected to the presence of a smallpox patient, whom Dr. Sofie was treating with an experimental ointment she had concocted herself, she built her own residence and medical office on Brazoria’s Market Street. The structure included an operating room for her surgical practice and a drugstore where she mixed her own medicines—and, of course, her museum of medical specimens, animal skins and wild critters stuffed and posed just as they had looked in life.

When she expressed curiosity about alligators, an acquaintance delivered a 7-footer to her office. The still-alive beast kept Dr. Sofie awake all night until she had it added to her collection of skins (it’s not clear who finally killed it). And her fashionable alligator handbag made from a smaller reptile featured two of its legs, with feet and claws attached.

Though located in southeast Texas, Brazoria County remained infested with Wild West characters, and Dr. Sofie perfected the art of removing bullets from folks who found themselves on the wrong end of a six-shooter. She grew fond of boasting that she had never lost a patient after removing a bullet and even had a lucky-charm necklace made from 24 retrieved slugs of lead.

The doctor invested in Brazoria County real estate, building a hotel—the Southern, which became the social center of Brazoria—and an Episcopalian church that served the town until a hurricane destroyed it in 1932. Around the turn of the century, when Uriah Lott’s St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railway was laying tracks through Dr. Sofie’s stretch of the coastal plains, she often was called to construction sites to treat injured or ill railroad workers. She rode any transportation available, including train engines and boxcars. Soon, railway officials offered her the post of chief surgeon—but when Eastern railroad officials learned that she was a woman, they asked her to resign.

“I’ll keep this job as long as I give satisfaction,” she replied. “If I fail, then you can free me.” She remained on the job until just a few months before she died, telling reporters that she was “the only woman surgeon for a railroad in the world.”

After Dr. Sofie’s death in 1925 at the age of 79, part of her museum collection went to John Sealy Hospital in Galveston; her alligator bag can be seen upon request in the Brazoria County Historical Museum in Angleton. But don’t look for the 24-bullet necklace. Dr. Sofie wore that good-luck piece to the world beyond.

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It's a bit coincidental- or call it fate - that this week's family of Kerr County settlers makes its living by living

**Leinweber family stays true to its name** from the *West Kerr Current*, Family Chronicles Edition, Vol. 1



Lanny Leinweber's grandparents, Emil H. and Armer Bushong, married in 1892, when she was 16 years old. His father, John, was killed by runaway horses, after which the widow, Lutwina, married Fred Klein.

up to its name.

The surname "Leinweber" means, literally, linen weaver or, "one who wove linen cloth." Even the family crest incorporates a silver weaver's shuttle into its design.

Lanny Leinweber, his wife Marilyn, and family continue making a substantial portion of their living raising Rambouillet sheep and Angora mohair goats whose shearing provides fiber for some of the best cloth in the world. They also raise Angus cattle.

Lanny himself is a fifth-generation rancher.

"My family came from Germany in 1846. Our Kerr County ranch has been in the family for over 100 years," he said.

According to a compilation called "The Leinweber Family, the history of August Leinweber and his descendants," the earliest ancestor known to the family - Bernhardt Leinweber - lived in Holzhausen, Germany. He married Anna Gertrant Seitzen, and was the town mayor and a farmer.

Their oldest son, Jacob, was born in 1795, and became "a promising farmer." In 1819, at a Holzhausen parish church, Jacob married Catherine Schneider, 22, the daughter of Johann Ludwig Schneider and Elizabetha Hartman.

Very little else is known about them except that they had six children between 1821 and 1842: August, John (1825-1870), John George, Hanna, Elizabeth and Katherine.

The account explains that due to much unrest in Germany during the mid-1800s, like many other people, Jacob left for Texas, most likely landing in Galveston, and then bound for Indianola.

Many Germans from the Alsace-Lorraine region, called Alsatians, settled in Castroville. The town was named after Henry Castro, a French Jew who took in more than 1,000 people, mostly Germans.

Colonists from the western and northern parts of Germany spoke mainly "High German," and they settled in Quihi, New Fountain and Vandenberg.

The third group, the "Platte Deutsche," came from Bavaria, and settled around D'Hanis.

Over time, as the families came into America, the Leinweber name morphed into different versions, taking on various spellings including "Landweaver," "Leineweber," and "Lennweaver."

Jacob Leinweber never made it to Kerr County. According to several different family stories, he might have contracted cholera from "bad water" while camping, and was buried in either a cemetery or an unmarked, grave along the wayside between San Antonio and Castroville; apparently they do not know the location of his grave.

The family finally reached Castroville, then headed for Vandenberg.

Vandenberg, the account said, "was established four miles above Quihi where 'Wall's Road' crossed what then was known as Lucky Creek. It obtained this name from Sam Lucky, one of Jack Hays' Texas Rangers who was shot at this location by Mexicans during General Adrian Wall's retreat from Texas in September of 1842. The name of this once bold running stream was later changed to Verde, by which it is known today."

In 1850, the town of Quihi claimed 17 families (62 people), including August and John Leinweber, Fidele Andeley, John Nietenhoefer, Andreas Martin, Matta Decker, Gottfried and Jacob Stieler, Edward Barnes, Jules L. Bourgeois, Henry Poehler and George Wilson.

August married Rosina Stiegler, moving to their own farm, while John headed the household of Katherine Hauser Leinweber. The three daughters married and left home.

Bob Bennett's book, "Kerr, County, Texas" (1956) described the family's passage to the area:

"The Kerr County Leinweber family began in the early 1880s when John Leinweber, recently arrived from Germany by way of Medina County, came to Camp Verde and married Lutwina Lange, daughter of Ludwig Lange, another German immigrant who had arrived a few years earlier. John Leinweber served with the Union army in the Civil War, and in 1867-1869 he served as Kerr County Treasurer.

Tragically, he was killed in a runaway accident near Camp Verde on February 25, 1870."

The accident, Lanny said, happened while John was working in a field and a team of horses ran over him.

Bennett offered other details of the family. By then, he and Lutwina had five children: Emil H. (Lanny's grandfather), Louis, Robert, Charlie and Emma (who married George Haby of Leakey).

After his death, his widow Lutwina remarried. She had met Fred Klein, another pioneer who had settled in the Camp Verde area.

Lanny said they apparently hit it off very well.

"Mr. Klein, a stranger and passerby, spent the night with Lutwina," Lanny said. "The next morning, as he was saddling his horse to leave, she came out and said, 'You might as well stay.' And so he did."

They moved to the south fork of the Guadalupe River in West Kerr County, and then relocated to Verde Creek. The couple had six children: Fred, Jr., Ida (who married Neal Wellborn), Josephine (who married J. B. Rees), Otto (who moved to Eugene, Ore.), Louise (who married Preston McFarland), and Dora. Fred Sr. died in 1911 and Lutwina lived three more years.

L.A. Leinweber (who died in 1931) had a son, John, who was Ingram postmaster for about 30 years until he died in the 1940s. Lanny said John's wife Bessie Smith took over for him after his death for another 23 years.

Charles died in 1936, Emil in 1934. Robert was buried in Weimar.

Lanny's grandfather, Emil, met and married 16-year-old Armer Bushong in 1892. They had five children: Lanny's father Ernest (1901-1975), Roy, Ralph, Mildred, Inez and Ruby.

Lanny showed an interesting document which was written on Oct. 19, 1906, wherein the General Land Office of the State of Texas recognized Emil's ownership of certain property in West Kerr County.

It stated that because of affidavits presented by J.S. Lowrance, Otto Dietert and J.T. Moore, "whose credibility is certified to by J.M. Hamilton as County Clerk, Kerr County," that Emil had purchased acreage in 1903. The paper was signed by John J. Terrell, commissioner of Texas, GLO.

This property, documented by Texas' Family Land Heritage Program for a 100-year family ownership landmark, consisted of 640 acres. Later, 1,460 were added. While busy ranching and clearing cedar, Emil also built a school house there in 1905, which children from the Divide attended until 1909 - a building which still stands today.

A quaint term, "one-horse outfit," played into a description of the Leinweber family on page 50 of Evetts Haley's book, "The Story of a Country Store."

"... it would seem that the 'one-horse outfits' have been the mainstay of the Schreiner trade, for without affection but with genuine pride, the veterans at Charles Schreiner Company today still tell tales of the one-horse outfits like E. H. Leinweber, who lived near Bone-Yard Water Hole, at the head of the river, who raised and educated five children on a single section of rock and brush, and gave all of them a start in life."

Boneyard Water Hole on F.M. 1340 got its name, Lanny said, because it provided the first source of water coming down from the high Divide. "The water holes sometimes dried out, so cattle would go there and drink. Many of them, because they drank too much water, died there, and left behind their bones in the area."

Lanny is the only son of Emil's son Ernest and his wife Mildred Raiford. The couple married in 1935, and Lanny was born the next year. They were best friends with another longtime couple, Ross and Clarabelle Snodgrass, who lived many years on the Divide. In fact, they were at each others' weddings. When Lanny was making his entrance into the world, Clarabelle said she sat up all night with dad Ernest. "We kept trying to think of a name for him, one that began with an 'L,' and we finally came up with Lanny. I've known him since he was just a little kid."

Things were not always easy for Ernest, especially when the country hit the financial skids in 1929.

"My dad lost everything in the Depression," Lanny said. They called in his note in around 1930 or '31. They took all his livestock to Fort Worth, and then handed him a bill for \$1,900."

Lanny said the saving grace was "Little Albert."

"Dad had a horse, a quarterhorse he called Little Albert, who was well trained and could rope and race. He was pretty valuable. Dad traded Little Albert for seven heifers and 100 Angora nannies. There's a saying among ranchers - 'Angoras pay for all that land out there.'"

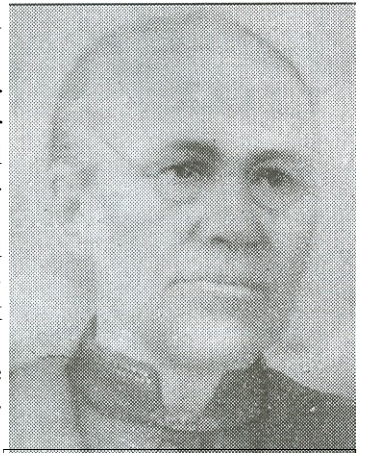
In 1954, Emil and Armer's son Ralph bought the 2,100 acres. Lanie Vickers lives there with her husband Cully and their son, Cade.

Meanwhile, Lanny married Marilyn Caldwell, and they own a 5,000-acre spread in Real County. They live on the ranch where the school house was built. The home next to it is gone, all but the fireplace. A patio has been added. Lanny said he remembers spending his Christmases there. He was born, however, after his grandfather had died. Lanie and Cully ranch, lease lands and are into wildlife and hunting.

Daughter Lindsay married Garry Merritt and also lives on the family ranch in Real County. They have two children, Luke and Sarah. Garry is an attorney and owns a title company. They ranch cattle and are in the hunting industry.

There are other members of Lanny's generation of cousins who still live in the area, including Lanny's cousins: Ruby's daughter, Shirley Ohlsen, and Roy's daughter, Cornelia Shanklin, whose mother was Gracie Merritt. Cornelia's brother, R.G., lives in San Antonio.

Lanny said there are many other Leinwebers living in the Hondo area.



Lutwina Leinweber

This building on the original historic Leinweber Ranch in Mountain Home was used as a school for Divide children more than 100 years ago. The house next to the barn was torn down. Shown in photo are Leinweber descendants, including Lanny Leinweber's two daughters. Pictured from left to right are Cully Vickers, Lanie holding Cade, Lanny, Luke Merritt, Lindsay Merritt, and baby Sarah. Not pictured, Garry Merritt.



Submitted by Mary Whigham, Washington

## Former German POW At Home In Texas, By Connie Strong

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When the clattering wheels of the Pullman cars finally came to a stop one fall day in 1943, 19-year-old German soldier Heino Erichsen took his first step onto unfamiliar Texas soil. After a long train trip from Ellis Island, New York, he joined approximately 3,200 German prisoners of war already housed at Camp Hearne, one of the first POW camps created in the U.S. during World War II.

Erichsen was no stranger to military life. He was 9 when Adolf Hitler came into power; by the age of 10, he reluctantly became a member of Hitler's Jungvolk (Young Folk). German law dictated that all boys between the ages of 14 and 18 become Jugends (Hitler Youths), and Erichsen was no exception. "Every weekend, on Saturdays and Sundays, you had to go to 'class,' which intentionally prevented you from going to church," recalls Erichsen, who has lived in Texas since 1981. "It was a camp, sometimes with pre-military training."

At 18, Erichsen was shipped to Tunisia as a private in Germany's Afrika Korps. Undermanned and underequipped, the Axis forces under German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel surrendered to the Allied powers in 1943. Erichsen, suffering from dysentery, was held captive only six months after his arrival in Africa. He turned 19, war weary and homesick, at an American field hospital in Oran, Algeria. His journey to Ellis Island began by freighter from Oran, a nerve-wracking, three-week voyage across the Atlantic Ocean.

"We had no idea where we were going," says Erichsen, who chronicled his experiences in the book *The Reluctant Warrior: Former German POW Finds Peace in Texas* (2001, Eakin Press). "But when I saw the Statue of Liberty, I knew I was in the United States." Camp Hearne, by Erichsen's description, was a "standard" POW camp: "We could take hot showers, eat good food, and we had sports facilities for soccer." Also, Camp Hearne adhered strictly to the Geneva Conventions, which stated that POWs must be fed and housed in the same manner as soldiers of the country holding the prisoners.

POWs at "The Fritz Ritz," as the locals referred to the camp, also had to work. Working for farmers in nearby fields, enlisted men earned 10 cents per hour in canteen coupons from the government. The coupons could be used to purchase personal items from a canteen, or general store.

Leisure time was spent on such activities as building elaborate fountains and a theater in which the POWs would produce plays for the community. Math, agriculture, stenography and foreign language were among the college courses offered to the prisoners by Baylor University.

Yet the prisoners of war at Camp Hearne were exactly that.

POWs were held in a complex of 250 buildings surrounded by two, 10-foot-tall barbed-wire fences. Erichsen writes that the POWs were "observed from watchtowers with power searchlights." He adds, "We were prisoners of the enemy-in the enemy's country-a situation never covered in our army training manual."

Yet the greatest threat to the POWs was the internal threat from covert Nazis, several of whom killed German Cpl. Hugo Krauss, a translator, for making disloyal statements about Germany and Hitler. Erichsen was sleeping in a bunk nearby when his barracks mate was murdered. "You learned, 'Don't tell anybody how you feel unless you are absolutely certain they feel the same way,'" he says.

Erichsen, also an interpreter, asked for a transfer from Camp Hearne, fearing he could be the next fatality. He was sent to a POW camp in Mexia, where he spent one day, and then went to Fort Knox, Kentucky. There, in spring 1946, at the age of 21, he was declared a free man.

Erichsen became an American citizen after returning to his hometown of Kiel, Germany, and finding it mostly destroyed. Ultimately, he chose Texas and lives only an hour-and-a-half drive from Hearne. In October 2010, he eagerly drove the distance to attend the opening of the Camp Hearne exhibit and visitors center.

"I learned the meaning of freedom in a prison camp. I never knew what America was like before I was a prisoner," says Erichsen, co-founder of Los Ninos International Adoption Agency with his wife, Jean.

Heino Erichsen has seen both the ugly and the beautiful side of life, and today-at 86 years of age-enjoys every moment to the fullest. What has Erichsen learned on his journey? With a quick smile, he responds in his native High German: "*Was dich nicht umwirft, macht dich starker.*"

Or, "What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger."

Submitted by Rodney Koenig, Houston

# BARBECUE

IN TEXAS, WE LOVE SMOKED BRISKET. ANYBODY HAVE A BEEF WITH THAT? DIDN'T THINK SO.

BY JEFF SIEGEL • PHOTOS BY WYATT McSPADDEN



Talk to Wayne Mueller, the third-generation owner of Louie Mueller Barbecue in Taylor, and he says, yes, the subject comes up with some frequency. Someone will walk into Mueller's, one of the iconic names in Texas barbecue, and tell Mueller that no, the restaurant that his grandfather opened in 1949 isn't making barbecue the way it should be made. They even-shudder-say North Carolina's barbecue is made the right way.

"We've tried to regionalize barbecue, but barbecue is really local," Mueller says. "It's as individual as the people cooking it. Everyone grew up with their favorite, and that's the barbecue that they'll defend forever, whatever happens."

The point, of course, is that if a customer questions Mueller's barbecue integrity, which has more than 60 years to its credit, then the idea of Texas barbecue remains as complicated as ever. The controversy, hard feelings and arguments that have endured for decades still endure-how long should the brisket cook, what's the best wood to use, what are the proper side dishes.

In this, Mueller and the other big names are just some of many. What counts, what really counts, are the hundreds and hundreds of ordinary, regular, everyday places where the only fame and glory come from keeping the doors open in a world where it's getting harder and harder to make it as a small, family-owned restaurant.

"It's all about the smoke by the side of the road," says Elizabeth Engelhardt, the lead author for *Republic of Barbecue* (2009, University of Texas Press), a book of

essays that offers perhaps the best look at the modern Texas barbecue scene.

"When we started this, we went into it without any preconceived definitions," says Engelhardt, an associate professor in the department of American studies at The University of Texas. "We didn't have a sense: 'This is pure barbecue.' We wanted to find what barbecue is."

## LONG AGO, TEXAS HAD BARBECUE

Talk to Texans of a certain age, and many of them share the same story. In the long ago before McDonald's and Starbucks, and when going out to eat was a special occasion, Texas had barbecue.

Edna Lynn Porter, who teaches at the Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Austin and has run several restaurants during her cooking career, remembers car trips from her home in Corpus Christi to the Hill Country. Those trips always meant barbecue and stopping in Lockhart at Kreuz Market. She can still describe the way her father crumbled saltines to sop up the sausage fat.

"It was the brown paper and the butcher knives chained to the table," Porter says. "The sausage, that if you pierced the casing and drained it, there must have been a quarter of a cup of fat, easy."

The Hill Country, then and now, is the center of Texas barbecue. There is barbecue in East Texas (pork, even), and Fort Worth and Houston have their barbecue aficionados. But the Hill Country, says longtime Fort Worth food writer Amy Culbertson, who grew

up in Lampasas, is the Texas Barbecue Ring. Draw a circle, with Austin in the center, and it's all there along and near U.S. Highways 183 and 290 at generations-old places like Louie Mueller, Southside Market & Barbecue (Elgin), Kreuz, Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que (Llano and New Braunfels), Inman's Kitchen Bar-B-Q and Catering (Llano) and The Salt Lick (in Driftwood and Round Rock and at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport).

In this, a consensus has emerged about what defines Texas barbecue-though, of course, because this is Texas, it's a consensus more by default than agreement, and there is still plenty of room for loud and lively discussion.

Texas barbecue means beef, and usually brisket. It means smoked brisket, and usually for a long time over low heat. Sauce is something for fancy French cooking; and it's not unusual, still, to see barbecue sold by the pound, a practice that dates to its meat-market origins in the 19th century. The pit master, whose knowledge is handed down from generation to generation, is all knowing and all seeing.

"Are there other places and other ways to do barbecue?" Porter asks. "Yes, I'm sure there are. But that's all I'm going to say about that."

## 150 YEARS OF BARBECUE

Mueller's is part of that tradition. Barbecue can be traced to Texas' German immigrants, who brought their smoking and butchering culture with them when they arrived in the middle of the 19th century. And what did they butcher? Cattle, of which Texas already had millions. And how did they cook it? Over coals from native wood like oak, which was also plentiful. This is why Texas barbecue is so different from the pork-and-sauce style common elsewhere in the U.S. Pigs were not a major product here-so Memphis style pork ribs aren't common-and sugar or molasses, necessary for the sweet sauce common in places like the Carolinas, weren't readily available. The early pit



masters made do with what they had.

"The nice thing about Texas barbecue, as opposed to so many other Texas foods, is that its origins are more easily traceable," Culbertson says. "The history is much clearer, and there is less competition among the various stories."

The first barbecue joints were meat markets, says Engelhardt, where the beef was smoked in the back and sold over the counter. And if anyone has ever wondered why grocery store-style white bread is a traditional part of Texas barbecue, the reason lies in those meat market origins. The first customers bought their barbecue at the market and then went next door to the general store to buy their sides. The general store sold saltines, and later white bread, so that's what customers bought to eat with their brisket.

Engelhardt says this may also explain why peach cobbler, made with canned peaches, is the traditional barbecue dessert. General stores in the 19th century sold canned peaches, so people made canned peach cobbler.

Over time, barbecue styles evolved, and the arguments about the best way to do barbecue started. Go to places like Cooper's in Llano, and what Culbertson calls a cowboy style developed. The cooking temperature is hotter, the wood is mesquite instead of oak, and the brisket cooks for less than the usual 15 to 18 hours. Brisket, though still the mainstay, has been joined by other cuts—the shoulder clod (part of the chuck) at Kreuz as well as ribs and chicken. And technology, says Engelhardt, brought changes, too. The brick barbecue pit, seen today as a traditional requirement for quality barbecue, was cutting edge 100 years ago when people were barbecuing over an open fire—and was frowned on then as much as gas and electric pits are today.

One thing that hasn't changed is barbecue's immense popularity. Yes, culinary styles have changed, and we're trying to eat less meat and reduce fat consumption. And the restaurant business is far different

today than it was just a decade ago, with fewer family-owned restaurants, which are the backbone of the barbecue business. Meanwhile, higher real estate prices in Texas' biggest cities have mostly forced the family owned barbecue joint out of urban areas. Judging by The Dallas Morning News' top 100 restaurants, it's easier to find sushi (six restaurants) in Dallas than barbecue (only three).

Barbecue still sells—even in a world where watching fat and cholesterol has become as much a part of our lives as watching television. Mueller's made a couple of concessions to changing dietary habits in the 1990s, adding leaner cuts of beef and chicken. But brisket remains its biggest seller, with some 2,000 pounds a week. Meanwhile, the Pappas Bar-B-Q chain has 17 barbecue restaurants in the state and sells some 4,000 pounds a week from each location, says Pappas corporate chef Mark Mason. Some of the restaurants sell as much as 1,000 pounds a day.

"It's like Texas is its own little country when it comes to barbecue," says Mason, who helps oversee a surprisingly traditional pit operation—wood smoked brisket cooked for 15 to 18 hours. "Beef is still king, and you don't see anything like you do in Memphis with pork. It's the pride Texans take in their barbecue."

Which anyone can see whenever they walk into a place like Louie Mueller—or any of the other hundreds of places in Texas that make up the Republic of Barbecue.

Editor's Note: The article had some great fingerlicking good pictures of barbecue, folks and places but Texas Coop does not allow reproduction of photos...SORRY!

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## SMOKING A BRISKET: THE BASICS

*Talk to a pit master, and you'll hear that smoking a brisket isn't necessarily difficult. It's time-consuming, of course, and a pit is more cumbersome than a barbecue grill. But the basics are straightforward:*

..THE GOODS. One whole brisket, 10 to 12 pounds. If you're going to go to the trouble of smoking the meat for 12 hours or longer, make a lot. Trim the brisket of excess fat.

..THE SEASONING. This can be as simple as salt, black pepper and red pepper, or as complicated—and controversial—as a dry rub. There are an almost infinite number of commercially available dry rubs, or you can make your own. Typical ingredients are garlic powder, brown sugar and onion powder, but the permutations are endless and involve almost every herb in the spice rack. Regardless of seasoning, let the brisket sit with the spices for as long as possible; overnight is best.

..THE TECHNIQUE. Cook it over indirect heat, about 200 degrees, with the heat source to one side and the brisket to the other. This is one of the few things that most experts agree on.

..THE HEAT SOURCE. Traditionally, this is wood, but technology has made it possible to use gas, electricity or charcoal briquettes (usually combined with soaked wood chips). Know that if you use any of the latter, many old-school pit masters will not consider it authentic barbecue.

..THE COOKING MEDIUM. A traditional pit is probably too much effort for most backyard barbecue chefs, but there are a variety of the familiar black, commercial smokers (which can use wood or charcoal). You can also use a gas grill or gas- and electric-fired smoker. For more recipes and information about Texas-style barbecue, go to: [www.texasbbqforum.com](http://www.texasbbqforum.com). an online barbecue forum <http://txbbqking.com!index.html>, recipes, products and commentary [www.bbq-recipes-for-foodies.com!texas-bbq-recipes.html](http://www.bbq-recipes-for-foodies.com!texas-bbq-recipes.html), regional recipes

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## The Family of Christoph and Caroline (Wehmeyer) Lehrmann

by Daniel R. Bode

**Johann Christoph Lehrmann** was born 17 June 1836, in Oppenwehe, Westphalia, Germany. Christoph was the son of **Christian Wilhelm Lehrmann** (born 20 May 1803, in Oppenwehe, Westphalia; died 26 Feb. 1872, in Oppenwehe) and **Charlotte Henriette Kasten** (born 10 Nov. 1797, in Oppendorf, Westphalia; died 14 March 1874, in Oppenwehe). Christoph's parents were married 20 Oct. 1824, in the Evangelical Lutheran Parish in Wehdem, Westphalia, Germany.

Christoph's siblings were:

1. **Berend Heinrich Lehrmann** born 12 Nov. 1824, in Oppenwehe, Westphalia, and he died 20 Feb. 1829, in Oppenwehe, at the age of four years.
2. **Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Lehrmann** born 8 Jan. 1827, in Oppenwehe.
3. **Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Lehrmann** born 10 Oct. 1829, in Oppenwehe.
4. **Charlotte Wilhelmine Lehrmann** born 24 June 1833, in Oppenwehe.
5. **Franz Heinrich Wilhelm Lehrmann** born 4 June 1841, in Oppenwehe.

Christoph Lehrmann's paternal grandparents were **Joachim Christoph Lehrmann** (born in Brandenburg; died 31 March 1840, in Oppenwehe, Westphalia) and **Marie Dorothea Redeker**. They were married in 1798. Joachim Lehrmann was a soldier with the *von Knobelsdorf Regiment*. Christoph Lehrmann's maternal grandparents were **Johann Friedrich Kasten** and **Marie Elisabeth Niemeier**.

Christoph Lehrmann was baptized 26 June 1836, by Pastor Cramer in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wehdem, Westphalia, Germany.

According to the 1900 Census, Christoph Lehrmann immigrated to Texas in the year 1859, where he settled in Washington County. Christoph Lehrmann married **Caroline Wehmeyer** on 27 December 1861, at Salem Lutheran Church in the Salem Community of Washington County, Texas; Pastor Christoph Geiger conducting the ceremony.

**Henriette Wilhelmine Caroline Wehmeyer** was born 23 June 1842, in Wehdem, Westphalia, Germany; she was the daughter of **Heinrich Wilhelm Wehmeyer** (born 8 May 1805, in Wehdem, Westphalia; death date unknown) and **Anne Marie Cassen** (born 2 Feb. 1807, in Oppendorf, Westphalia; died 6 April 1862, in Wehdem). Caroline's parents were married 27 June 1832, in the Evangelical Lutheran Parish in Wehdem, Westphalia, Germany. Caroline had six brothers and three sisters, and from her father's first marriage to **Charlotte Henriette Striebeck** on 2 Nov. 1827, she had a half-brother, **Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Wehmeyer**, born 23 March 1828, in Wehdem, Westphalia. Charlotte Henriette Wehmeyer nee Striebeck died 15 March 1832, age 25.

Caroline's brothers and sisters were:

1. **Johann Friedrich Wehmeyer** born 19 April 1833, in Wehdem, Westphalia, and he died 9 Feb. 1898, in Salem, Washington County, Texas. Johann Friedrich Wehmeyer married **Maria Caroline Henriette Homburg** in Wehdem, Westphalia. She was born 15 Oct. 1833, in Wehdem, Westphalia, and died 17 Dec. 1912, in Salem, Washington County, Texas. They are buried in Salem Lutheran Cemetery in Washington County, Texas.
2. **Heinrich Friedrich Wilhelm Wehmeyer** born 1 Feb. 1835, in Wehdem.
3. **Carl Heinrich Wilhelm Wehmeyer** born 19 March 1837, in Wehdem.
4. **Heinrich Christian Wilhelm Wehmeyer** born 26 Sept. 1839, in Wehdem; died 12 May 1840, in Wehdem.
5. **Henriette Caroline Charlotte Wehmeyer** born 24 March 1841, in Wehdem; died 4 August 1841, in Wehdem.
6. **Johann Friedrich Wehmeyer** born 24 March 1841, in Wehdem; died 3 April 1841, in Wehdem.
7. **Hermann Franz Wilhelm Wehmeyer** born 4 January 1845, in Wehdem, Westphalia, and he died 13 April 1913, in Zionsville, Washington County, Texas. Hermann married **Auguste Louise Reddehasse**. She was born 26 April 1844, in Dielingen, Westphalia, and she died 19 Feb. 1929, in Zionsville, Washington County, Texas. They are buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Zionsville.
8. **Henriette Louise Caroline Wehmeyer** born 10 Dec. 1847, in Wehdem, Westphalia.
9. **Charlotte Wilhelmine Caroline Wehmeyer** born 23 Oct. 1850, in Wehdem, Westphalia.

Caroline's paternal grandparents were **Johann Friedrich Wehmeyer** and **Charlotte Louise Kramer** (she died 27 Sept. 1831, in Wehdem, Westphalia, age 59). Caroline's maternal grandparents were **Johann Wilhelm Cassen** and **Marie Charlotte Loesch**.

Caroline Wehmeyer was baptized 3 July 1842, by Pastor Cramer in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wehdem, Westphalia, Germany.

According to her obituary in *The Brenham-Banner Press*, Caroline Wehmeyer was 18 years old when she left Germany and immigrated to Texas where she settled in Washington County and met Christoph Lehrmann. After their marriage in 1861, Christoph and Caroline Lehrmann appeared to have lived their early married life in the area of the Salem-Berlin communities of Washington County. Their first two children were baptized at Eben Ezer Lutheran Church of Berlin, but unfortunately, the record book from that time period of the church's history was destroyed in a fire. Also, in the early years of their marriage, the War Between the States was being fought and Christoph Lehrmann served in the Confederate Army.

By 1870, the Lehrmanns had moved to the Zionsville Community in Washington County. They became members of Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville after Christoph Lehrmann signed the church's constitution on 29 Feb. 1874. The Lehrmann Family lived on a rented farm until Christoph and Caroline purchased 318.77 acres in Zionsville from Wilhelm Homeyer on 2 Aug. 1890, and Christoph and Caroline purchased 32.7 acres from Fritz Lehde on 2 Dec. 1890. Christoph and Caroline Lehrmann were the parents of 12 children; one child died as an unnamed infant. The Lehrmann's had three daughters: **Malinda, Louise, and Emma**; and they had seven sons that lived to adulthood: **Wilhelm, Fritz, Hermann, Henry, Gust, Louis, and Adolf**. Another son, **Karl**, died at one year of age.

Christoph Lehrmann died at his home in Zionsville on 21 December 1905, at the age of 69 years. Christoph's death occurred the same day as the funeral and burial of his oldest daughter, Malinda Holle. According to the records of Zion Lutheran Church, Christoph's cause of death was lung inflammation. Christoph Lehrmann was buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery on 22 Dec. 1905. Christoph died one week before he and Caroline would have observed

their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Caroline was a widow for 30 years, and she continued to reside in the Zionsville Community. Caroline Wehmeyer Lehrmann died at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Emma and Fred Holle, in the Zionsville Community at 5 a.m. on Sunday, 26 April 1936. Caroline had reached the age of 93 years. Caroline's obituary states that her survivors included her eight living children, 60 grandchildren, 90 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. She had a total of 162 descendants, and it was noted that Caroline probably had more descendants at the time of her death than anyone else in Washington County. Caroline's funeral was held 27 April 1936 at Zion Lutheran Church of Zi-



Caroline Lehrmann seated on far right with neighbors of the Zionsville Community. Henriette (Gaskamp) Nolte seated far left and Sophie Gaskamp Winkelmann seated in center. Henriette Nolte was a niece of Sophie Winkelmann. Picture probably taken in 1935 for Sophie Winkelmann's 90th birthday. Both Sophie Winkelmann and Caroline Lehrmann died in 1936.



Caroline Wehmeyer Lehrmann (center) with her daughter, Louise, and youngest son, Adolf Lehrmann. Picture probably taken in 1906 after the death of Christoph Lehrmann.

onsville, and she was buried beside her husband in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

#### ***The family of Christoph and Caroline (Wehmeyer) Lehrmann:***

**I. Malinda Lehrmann** born 13 April 1867, in Washington County, Texas. Malinda was baptized at Eben Ezer Lutheran Church of Berlin, Washington County, but no record exists today of her baptism. Malinda was confirmed 10 April 1881, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Malinda Lehrmann married **Adolf Friedrich Holle** on 26 Oct. 1887, at Salem Lutheran Church of Salem, Washington County, Texas. Adolf Holle was born 8 Feb. 1867, in Salem, Washington County, Texas; he was the son of **Heinrich Holle** (born 1820; died 1890) and **Henriette Caroline Winkelmann** (born 1833; died 1917). Adolf Holle was baptized 30 June 1867 at Salem Lutheran Church of Salem. Adolf and Malinda Holle lived their married life in Washington County, Texas. They were the parents of nine



The tombstone of Christoph and Caroline Lehrmann in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Zionsville, Texas.

children; eight of which lived to maturity. Malinda Lehrmann Holle died of a heart attack in Zionsville, Washington County, Texas, on 20 Dec. 1905, at the age of 38 years. Malinda was buried 21 Dec. 1905, in Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville. After her death, Adolf married Malinda's younger sister, Louise, on 25 April 1907 in Gay Hill, Washington County, Texas, and they were the parents of one son. Shortly after his second marriage, Adolf Holle moved his family from Washington County to the Riesel-Perry area along the McLennan-Falls County line. In 1915, Adolf moved his wife and the children, who were still living at home, to Sagerton in Haskell County. Adolf Holle died of a stroke in Marlin, Falls Co., Texas, on 9 August 1926, at the age of 59 years. Adolf's body was taken to Washington County where he was buried 11 August 1926 in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville.



The tombstone of Malinda (Lehrmann) Holle Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Zionsville, Texas



The tombstone of Adolph Holle Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Zionsville, Texas Adolph married Malinda Lehrmann, and after her death, he married Louise Lehrmann.

The children of Adolf and Malinda Lehrmann Holle:

1. **Louis Heinrich Christoph Friedrich Holle** born 29 May 1889, in Salem, Washington Co., Texas. Louis was baptized 27 Oct. 1889, at Salem Lutheran Church of Salem, and he was confirmed 5 April 1903, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Louis Holle married **Rosina Lueck** on 24 Nov. 1909, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill, Washington Co., Texas. Rosina was born 11 April 1888. Louis and Rosina moved to the Riesel-Perry area where they farmed. Rosina Lueck Holle died near Riesel, Texas, on 12 August 1929. After her death, Louis married **Esther Albrecht** on 15 Nov. 1930, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Esther was born 14 Dec. 1895, and she died 24 July 1963. Esther is buried in the St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery in the St. Paul's Community in Falls County, Texas. Louis Holle

died in Lorena, McLennan County, Texas, on 10 March 1969, at the age of 79. Louis is buried beside his first wife, Rosina, in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.

2. **Adolf Wilhelm Holle** born 8 Oct. 1890, in Salem, Washington Co., Texas. Adolf was baptized 13 Oct. 1890, by the pastor of St. James

3. **Bertha Henriette Holle** born 22 Sept. 1891, in Salem, Washington Co., Texas. Bertha was baptized 1 Jan. 1892, at Salem Lutheran Church of Salem, and she was confirmed 16 April 1905, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Bertha married a young widower, **Rudolph Herman Jahnke** on 29 March 1930, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Rudolph Jahnke was born in New Wehdem, Austin Co., Texas, on 3 Sept. 1896; he was the son of **Herman Jahnke** and **Bertha Fabianke**. Rudolph Jahnke died 11 Dec. 1961, in Waco, Texas. Bertha is buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel.

co, McLennan Co., Texas. Rudolph Jahnke is buried beside his first wife, Laura, in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel. Bertha Holle Jahnke died 16 January 1968, in Waco, Texas. Bertha is buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel.

first wife, Laura, in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel. Bertha is buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel.

4. **Frieda Henriette Louise Holle** born 1 March 1893, in Salem, Washington Co., Texas. Frieda was baptized 2 April 1893, at Salem Lutheran Church of Salem, and she was confirmed 24 March 1907, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Frieda married **Henry Wilhelm "Chick" Haferkamp** on 5 January 1915, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Henry Haferkamp was born in Zionsville, Washington County, Texas, on 8 Sept. 1891; he was the son of **Fritz Haferkamp** and **Mina Lehde**. Henry "Chick" Haferkamp died 24 Nov. 1968, in McGregor, McLennan Co., Texas. Frieda Holle Haferkamp died 7 Aug. 1980, in Gatesville, Coryell Co., Texas. Henry and Frieda Haferkamp are buried in the Friedens Cemetery in Riesel, Texas.



The family of Henry and Frieda (Holle) Haferkamp on Henry and Frieda's 50th wedding anniversary in 1965. *Front row from left:* Henry Haferkamp, Frieda Holle Haferkamp, Vernon Haferkamp *Middle row from left:* Malinda Fenske, Alberta Wolske, Esther Wolske and Wilmer Haferkamp *Back row from left:* Elwood Haferkamp and Elmo Haferkamp

5. **Clara Sophia Charlotte Holle** born 20 Dec. 1894, in Salem, Washington Co., Texas. Clara was baptized  
3 Feb. 1895, at Salem Lutheran Church of Salem, and she was confirmed 12 April 1908, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill, Washington Co., Texas. Clara married **William Herman Koester** on 11 Dec. 1913, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. William Koester was born 20 Oct. 1889, in Austin Co., Texas, and he died 25 March 1963. Clara Holle Koester died 26 Nov. 1971, in Waco, Texas. Clara and William Koester are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.

6. **Adolf Wilhelm Hermann Holle** born 13 Feb. 1897, in Salem, Washington Co., Texas. Adolf was baptized  
21 March 1897, at Salem Lutheran Church of Salem. Adolf married **Eddie Alice Bettes** on 11 Nov. 1923, in Mart, Texas. Eddie was born 11 January 1901, and she died 30 June 1992. Adolf Holle died 30 Oct. 1974, in Waco, Texas. Adolf and Eddie Holle are buried in the Riesel Cemetery in Riesel, Texas.

7. **Malinda Louise Clara "Linda" Holle** born 30 March 1899, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Linda was baptized 23 July 1899, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 16 March 1913, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Linda married **Nathan Pate** on 8 January 1922, in Waco, Texas. Nathan Pate was born 6 Nov. 1897, and he died in Waco, Texas, on 27 June 1973. Linda Holle Pate died in Waco, Texas, on 11 Feb. 1986. Linda and Nathan Pate are buried in the Waco Memorial Park in Waco, Texas.

8. **Hedwig Emma Karolina "Hattie" Holle** born 20 Dec. 1902, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Hattie was baptized 22 Feb. 1903, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 5 Feb. 1917, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Sagerton, Texas. Hattie married **Henry Carl Wegner** on 12 Dec. 1925, in Waco, Texas. Henry Wegner was born 4 Sept. 1898, and he died in Waco, Texas, on 23 Nov. 1983. Hattie Holle Wegner died in Waco, Texas, on 18 Oct. 1993. Henry and Hattie Wegner are buried in the Waco Memorial Park in Waco, Texas.

9. **Berthold Heinrich Gustav Friedrich Holle** born 20 July 1904, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Berthold was baptized 2 Oct. 1904, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and he was confirmed 4 May 1919, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Sagerton, Texas. Berthold married **Emilga Alvina "Media" Steinke** on 6 Dec. 1928. Media was born 10 July 1902, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Berthold and Media Holle lived most of their married life in Oklahoma before moving to Gatesville, Texas, in the late 1950's. Berthold Holle died 22 Sept. 1974, in Temple, Bell Co., Texas. After Berthold's death, Media moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma, where she died on 6 March 1990. Berthold and Media Holle are buried in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

II. **Wilhelm Hermann Heinrich Lehrmann** born 8 September 1868, in Washington County, Texas. Wilhelm was baptized at Eben Ezer Lutheran Church of Berlin, Washington County, but no record exists of his baptism. Wilhelm was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville on 1 April 1883. Wilhelm Lehrmann married **Maria Theresia Kuretsch** on 30 Oct. 1890, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Maria Kuretsch was born in Germany on 24 July 1871; she was the daughter of **Johann Kuretsch** (born 1840; died 1933) and **Rosina Biele** (born 1841; died 1911). Maria was baptized in the Lutheran Faith in Germany on 30 July 1871. The Kuretsch Family immigrated to Texas in 1872. Maria was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church

of Zionsville on 29 March 1885. Wilhelm and Maria Lehrmann lived their married life in the

Washington County community of Zionsville. They were members of Zion Lutheran Church. Wilhelm and Maria were the parents of 11 children. Maria Kuretsch Lehrmann died in Zionsville on 11 Dec. 1921, at the age of 50 years. Maria was buried 13 Dec. 1921, in Zion Lutheran Cemetery. After

Maria's death, Wilhelm Lehrmann married a widow, **Adelheid Neutzler Bresler** on 1 Feb. 1925, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Wilhelm Lehrmann died at the age of



The tombstone of Wilhelm Lehrmann, Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Zionsville, Texas. To the right is the tombstone of Otto Lehrmann, who died the month before his father.



The tombstone of Maria (Knretsch) Lehrmann, Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Zionsville, Texas

64 years in his home in Zionsville on 26 Dec. 1932. Wilhelm was buried 28 Dec. 1932, in Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville. Wilhelm's second wife, Adelaid Neutzler was born in Germany on 16 Oct. 1877; she was the daughter of **Anton Neutzler** (born 1845; died 1901) and **Bertha Rheinbock** (born 1849; died 1927). Adelaid died 25 Aug. 1945, near Burton, Washington Co., Texas, at the age of 67 years. Adelaid committed suicide by hanging herself. Adelaid was buried 29 Aug. 1945 beside her first husband, Henry Bresler, in the White Union Cemetery near Carmine, Texas.

The children of Wilhelm and Maria Kuretsch Lehrmann:

1. **Emma Rosina Karoline Lehrmann** born 4 April 1891, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Emma was baptized 12 April 1891, and confirmed 27 March 1904, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Emma married **Adolf Gajeske** on 23 Nov. 1910, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Adolph Gajeske was born 29 March 1883, in Washington Co., Texas; he was the son of **Samuel Gajeske** and **Mathilde Wagner**. Emma Lehrmann Gajeske died in Brenham, Texas, on 21 March 1931. Adolf Gajeske died in LaGrange, Fayette Co., Texas, on 22 Oct. 1961. Adolf and Emma Gajeske are buried in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham, Texas.

2. **Karoline Louise Henriette "Lina" Lehrmann** born 5 June 1893, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Lina was baptized 25 June 1893, and confirmed 24 March 1907, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Lina married **Johann Gustav Gottlieb Rosentreter** on 20 Nov. 1913, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Gustav Rosentreter was born 9 Sept. 1887, in Zionsville; he was the son of **Johann Gottlieb Rosentreter** and **Louise Schwarze**. Lina Lehrmann Rosentreter died at home in Zionsville, Texas, on 5 June 1934. Lina died by poisoning herself. Lina is buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Zionsville. After her death, Gustav Rosentreter married Annie Wessinger on 18 Nov. 1936. Gustav Rosentreter died in Brenham, Texas, on 5 Aug. 1976. Gustav and Annie Rosentreter are buried in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham, Texas.

3. **Edmund Christoph Friedrich Lehrmann** born 10 May 1895, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Edmund was baptized 9 June 1895, and confirmed 4 April 1909, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Edmund Lehrmann married **Bertha Bathe** on 22 Nov. 1917, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill, Washington Co., Texas. Bertha was born 1 Jan. 1901, at La Bahia, Washington Co., Texas, and she died 15 Aug. 1986, in Brenham, Texas. Edmund Lehrmann died in Waller, Harris Co., Texas, on 2 April 1957. Edmund died from an electrical shock from a saw while doing carpentry work. Edmund and Bertha Lehrmann are buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Zionsville, Washington County, Texas.

4. **Wilhelm Ernst Lehrmann** born 8 Jan. 1897, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. William was baptized 9 Feb. 1897, and confirmed 9 April 1911, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. William married **Marie Enax** on 8 Jan. 1920, in Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Marie, or Mary, was born 8 Sept. 1900, in Washington County, and she died 27 Feb. 1982, in Brenham, Texas. Willi Lehrmann died 11 Nov. 1969, in Brenham, Texas. Willi and Mary Lehrmann are



The wedding picture of Edmund and Bertha (Bathe) Lehrmann. They married Nov. 22, 1917, in Gay Hill, Washington Co., Texas. Ed and Bertha were married over 39 years when Ed died in April 1957.



The family of Edmund and Bertha Lehrmann. From left: Edmund Lehrmann, Jr. (b. 1918 d. 2000; married Lynette Prestwood, and after her death in 1974, he married Sylvia Westerfeld in 1975), Reuben Lehrmann (b. 1925 d. 1973; married Gertrude Schroeder in 19xx, Bertha Bathe Lehrmann (b. 1901 d. 1986), Geneva Lehrmann Tonn (b. 1930 d. 2006; married Elton Tonn, Jr. in 1948, Kirbv Lehrmann (b.1927; married Dorothy Lee Weinert in 1948)

buried in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham, Texas.



From left: Mary Enax Lehrmann, Henry Lehrmann, and Ed Bluhm (who married Marie Lehrmann. Marie died in an automobile accident in 1954).



Immanuel Lehrmann (right)-youngest son of Wilhelm and Marie (Kuretsch) Lehrmann. Picture taken in January 1954

5. **Heinrich Gustav Lehrmann** born 14 May 1899, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Henry was baptized 4 June 1899, and confirmed 23 Feb. 1913, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Henry Lehrmann married **Ella Moench** on 7 Sept. 1924, at St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill, Washington Co., Texas. Ella was born 9 Dec. 1904, in Washington Co., Texas, and she died in Brenham, Texas, on 7 Sept. 1993. Henry Lehrmann died 17 Feb. 1989, in Brenham, Texas. Henry and Ella Lehrmann are buried in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham, Texas.

6. **Marie Louise Lehrmann** born 9 Feb. 1902, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Marie was baptized 9 March 1902, and confirmed 16 April 1916, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Marie married **Edward Heinrich Karl Bluhm** on 8 Nov. 1923, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Ed Bluhm was born 15 Jan. 1901, in Zionsville; he was the son of **George Heinrich Wilhelm Bluhm** and **Carolina Hegemeier**. Ed and Marie Bluhm lived their married life in Washington County where they farmed. Marie Lehrmann Blum died in an automobile accident, along with her oldest son and his family, on 3 April 1954. They were killed in Harris County, northwest of Houston. Marie's son was bringing her home after she spent some time with his family in Houston. Ed Bluhm died in Brenham, Texas, on 8 March 1975. Ed and Marie Blum are buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville, along with their son Harvey Lee and family.

7. **Otto Gustav Lehrmann** born 4 Oct. 1904, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Otto was baptized 23 Oct. 1904, and confirmed 13 April 1919, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Otto Lehrmann married **Lydia Quade** on 27 Jan. 1927, in Burton, Washington Co., Texas. Lydia was born 23 Nov. 1902, in the Hohenwalde Community of Washington County. Otto owned and operated a mercantile store in the Washington County community of Artesian Park. Otto Lehrmann died of pneumonia at his home in Artesian Park on 28 Nov. 1932, at the age of 28. After Otto's death, Lydia took over ownership and management of the store, working 15 hour days to make the business successful and to support her two young children. Lydia's sister moved in with her to help Lydia with the children. Lydia Quade Lehrmann never remarried, and she died 13 January 1977 in Brenham, Texas, having been widowed 44 years. Otto and Lydia Lehrmann are buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas.

8. **Rosine Auguste Bertha Lehrmann** born 25 Dec. 1906, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Rosine was baptized 3 Feb. 1907, and confirmed 20 March 1921, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Rosine married **Fred Hueske** on 14 Dec. 1924, in Temple, Bell Co., Texas. Fred was born 25 Dec. 1906, and he died 11 Dec. 1972, in Bellville, Austin Co., Texas. Rosine Lehrmann Hueske died 11 March 1986, in Brenham, Texas. Fred and Rosine Hueske are buried in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham, Texas.

9. **Johannes Ernst "John" Lehrmann** born 17 Jan. 1909, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. John was baptized 17 Feb. 1909, and confirmed 13 April 1924, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. John Lehrmann married **Melba Warnasch** on 16 March 1935, in Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Melba was born 21 April 1913, in Washington County, Texas, and she died 9 Oct. 2002, in Houston, Texas. John Lehrmann died 6 July 1987, in Houston, Texas. John and Melba Lehrmann are buried in the Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston.



Rosina Lehrmann Rueske and husband, Ed Rueske (couple on right). On the far left is Rosina and Ed's daughter, Lenora Rueske Klump Kenter. The lady standing in the middle is unidentified.



John Lehrmann (left) and Willi Lehrmann---sons of Wilhelm and Maria (Kuretsch) Lehrmann



From left: Lenora Rueske Kenter (daughter of Rosina Lehrmann Rueske); Bertha Bathe Lehrmann (wife of Edmund Lehrmann); Mary Enax Lehrmann (wife of Willi Lehrmann); Rosina Lehrmann Rueske; Ella Moench Lehrmann (wife of Renry Lehrmann); Melba Warnasch Lehrmann (wife of John Lehrmann)

10. **Hedwig Emma Rosina Caroline Lehrmann** born 27 April 1911, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Hedwig was baptized 28 May 1911, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Hedwig died 4 May 1913, in Zionsville, and she was buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery on 5 May 1913.

11. **Immanuel Wilhelm Friedrich Lehrmann** born 11 April 1914, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Immanuel was baptized 26 April 1914, and confirmed 24 March 1929, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Immanuel Lehrmann married **Lorena Knipstein** on 22 June 1933, at Salem Lutheran Church of Salem, Washington Co., Texas. Lorena was born 14 April 1915, at Burton, Washington Co., Texas, and she died 4 Dec. 1974, in Brenham, Texas. Immanuel Lehrmann died in Brenham, Texas, on 16 Sept. 1973. Immanuel and Lorena Lehrmann are buried in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham, Texas.

III. **Heinrich Friedrich Wilhelm "Fritz" Lehrmann**, born 10 April 1870, in Zionsville, Washington County, Texas.

Fritz was baptized 6 June 1870, and confirmed 6 April 1884, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Fritz Lehrmann married **Emma Kuretsch** on 29 November 1894, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Emma was born in Washington County on 8 August 1876; she was the daughter of **Johann Kuretsch** (born 1840; died 1933) and **Rosina Biele** (born 1841; died 1911). Emma was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville on 30 March 1890. Fritz and Emma Lehrmann lived the first years of their marriage in Washington County before settling in the Otto Community in Falls County, Texas, in 1904. The Lehrmanns became members of the Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Fritz and Emma Lehrmann were the parents of nine children. Emma Kuretsch Lehrmann died in Otto, Falls County, Texas, on 9 December 1933, at the age of 57 years. Fritz retired from active farming after Emma's death. Fritz was a widower for over 27 years. Fritz Lehrmann died 14 July 1961 in the Hillcrest Hospital in Waco, Texas, at the age of 91 years. Fritz and Emma Lehrmann are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.

The children of Fritz and Emma Kuretsch Lehrmann:

1. **Caroline Rosina Lehrmann** born 21 Aug. 1895, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Rosina was baptized 15 Sept. 1895, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 20 March 1910, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Rosina Lehrmann married **Henry Gajeske** on 16 April 1914, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Henry Gajeske was born 13 Nov. 1893, and he died 5 Oct. 1977. Rosina Lehrmann Gajeske died 25 Aug. 1971, at her home in Mart, Texas. Henry and Rosina Gajeske are buried in the Riesel Cemetery in Riesel, Texas.

2. **Lydia Anna Marie Lehrmann** born 8 June 1897, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Lydia was baptized 27 June 1897, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 9 April 1911, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Lydia married **Edwin W. Krumnow** on 2 May 1918, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Edwin Krumnow was born 6 Dec. 1897, in Falls Co., Texas, and he died 1 April 1961, in Marlin, Texas. Lydia Lehrmann Krumnow died in Marlin, Texas, on 16 Oct. 1958. Edwin and Lydia Krumnow are buried in the Calvary Cemetery in Marlin, Texas.

3. **Emma Caroline Louise Lehrmann** born 14 Feb. 1899, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Emma was baptized 9 April 1899, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 16 March 1913, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Emma married **Fred W. Krumnow** on 21 Dec. 1916, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Fred Krumnow was born in Falls Co., Texas, on 21 Sept. 1895, and he died at his home in Otto, Falls Co., Texas, on 2 Sept. 1961. Emma Lehrmann Krumnow died in Marlin, Falls Co., Texas, on 12 Jan. 1983. Fred and Emma Krumnow are buried in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Marlin, Texas.

4. **Frieda Louise Bertha Lehrmann** born 27 May 1901, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Frieda was baptized 30 June 1901, at Zion Lutheran Church in Zionsville, and she was confirmed 28 March 1915, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Frieda married **Mitchell Welch**. Mitchell Welch was born 5 April 1906, and he died in Houston, Texas, on 6 Jan. 1981. Frieda Lehrmann Welch died 21 March 1982 at Leisure Lodge Rest Home in Rosenberg, Texas. Mitchell and Frieda Lehrmann are buried in the Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston, Texas.



5. **Immanuel Ernst Heinrich Lehrmann** born 9 March 1904, near Riesel, Texas. Immanuel was baptized 3 April 1904, and confirmed 24 March 1918, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Immanuel Lehrmann married **Ruby Mullens** on 19 Jan. 1926, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Ruby was born near Riesel on 13 June 1907, and she died 5 Jan. 1981, in Rosenberg, Fort Bend Co., Texas. Immanuel Lehrmann died in Marlin, Texas, on 18 June 1983. Immanuel and Ruby Lehrmann are buried in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Marlin, Texas.

6. **Malinda Louise Sophie Lehrmann** born 26 Feb. 1907, near Riesel, Texas. Malinda was baptized 31 March 1907, and confirmed 20 March 1921, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Malinda married **Albert Behringer** on 9 Dec. 1926, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Albert Behringer was born near Riesel on 29

March 1902, and he died in Waco, Texas, on 1 Dec. 1981. Malinda Lehrmann Behringer died in Waco, Texas, on 24 June 1988. Albert and Malinda Behringer are buried in the Waco Memorial Park in Waco, Texas.

7. **Friedrich Louis Bernhard "Fred" Lehrmann** born 7 Dec. 1908, near Riesel, Texas. Fred was baptized 10 Jan. 1909, and confirmed 25 March 1923, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Fred married **Elsie Otto** on 14 Feb. 1934, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Elsie was born near Riesel, Texas, on 1 Sept. 1912, and she died at Kruse Village in Brenham, Texas, on 12 March 2000. Fred Lehrmann died in Waco, Texas, on 18 Jan. 1988. Fred and Elsie Lehrmann are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.

8. **Johannes Karl Adolph Lehrmann** born 8 Feb. 1913, near Riesel, Texas. This child was baptized at his par-ents' home on 21 March 1913. This baby died 23 March 1913, and he was buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel.

9. **Stella Ida Frieda Lehrmann** born 16 April 1915, near Riesel, Texas. Stella was baptized 16 May 1915, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Stella died on 1 July 1919, and she was buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel.

IV. **Hermann Friedrich Lehrmann** born 30 October 1871, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Hermann was baptized 10 Dec. 1871, and confirmed 18 April 1886, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Hermann married **Clara Katherine Henriette Kruska** on 15 November 1894, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill, Washington Co., Texas. Clara was born 12 April 1875, near Danzig, in Posen, Germany; she was the daughter of **Oskar Kruska** (born 1832; died 1905) and **Emma Branstetter**. The Kruska Family left Germany and came to America when Clara was eight years old. Hermann and Clara Lehrmann lived the first years of their marriage in Washington County until moving to McGregor, in western McLennan County, Texas. From McGregor, the Lehrmanns moved to Coryell City, in Coryell County, and later to the Riesel-Perry area, along the McLennan-Falls County line. They became members of the Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Clara Kruska Lehrmann died at the age of 64 years on 23 June 1939, in her home near Riesel, Texas. Hermann Lehrmann died in the Providence Hospital in Waco, Texas, on 12 June 1947, at the age of 75. Hermann was hospitalized from injuries he received when the horse he was riding near Highway 6, north of Perry, was struck by a truck. Hermann and Clara Lehrmann are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas. Hermann and Clara Kruska Lehrmann were the parents of 11 children:

1. **Elsie Emma Caroline Lehrmann** born 18 August 1895, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Elsie was baptized 22 Sept. 1895, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville and she was confirmed 20 March 1910 at St. John Lutheran Church near Coryell City, Texas. Elsie married **Konrad Wiedman** on 13 Nov. 1913, at St. John Lutheran Church near Coryell City, Texas. Konrad Wiedman was born 23 July 1889, in Germany; he was the son of **Josef Wiedman** and **Therese Tunnis**. Konrad died of a brain tumor on 18 April 1942. Elsie Lehrmann Wiedman died 20 Feb. 1962, in Riesel, Texas. Konrad and Elsie Wiedman are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.

2. **Anna Louise Clara Lehrmann** born 14 Feb. 1897, in Salem, Washington Co., Texas. Anna was baptized 21 March 1897, at Salem Lutheran Church in Washington Co., Texas, and was confirmed 9 April 1911 at St. John Lutheran Church near Coryell City, Texas. Anna married **Henry Mattiza** on 22 Oct. 1916, at St. John Lutheran Church near Coryell City, Texas. Henry Mattiza was born 23 May 1890, in The Grove, Coryell Co., Texas, and he died in Crawford, McLennan Co., Texas, on 28 Jan. 1962. Anna Lehrmann Mattiza died in McGregor, Texas, on 25 Aug. 1970. Henry and Anna Mattiza are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery (a.k.a. Crawford Memorial Park) in Crawford, Texas.

3. **Paul Christoph Oscar Lehrmann** born 16 Feb. 1899, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Paul was baptized 26 March 1899, in Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville and he was confirmed 28 March 1915 at St. John Lutheran Church near Coryell City, Texas. Paul married **Lydia Auguste Fenske** on 16 Nov. 1927, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Lydia was born 27 Nov. 1908, at Perry, Falls Co., Texas, and she died 4 Feb. 1990. Paul Lehrmann died 2 April 1976 in Mart, McLennan Co., Texas. Paul and Lydia Lehrmann are

buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.

4. **Mathilde “Mattie” Emma Malinda Lehrmann** born 4 March 1901, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Mattie was baptized 26 May 1901, in Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville and she was confirmed on 28 March 1915 at St. John Lutheran Church near Coryell City, Texas. Mattie married **Alfred Harry Ullrich** on 9 Dec. 1926, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Alfred was born 25 March 1906; he was the son of **Christian Ullrich** and **Louise Krueger**. Alfred died in Bryan, Brazos Co., Texas, on 19 Oct. 1973. Mattie Lehrmann Ullrich died in Bryan, Texas, on 20 August 1976. Alfred and Mattie Ullrich are buried in the College Station Cemetery in College Station, Texas.

5. **Bernhard Henry Gustav “Ben” Lehrmann** born 5 April 1903, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Ben was baptized 24 May 1903, at Zion Lutheran Church in Zionsville and he was confirmed 6 July 1919, at St. John Lutheran Church near Coryell City, Texas. Ben Lehrmann married **Inez (?)**. Inez was born in 1922 and she died in 1971. Ben Lehrmann died in Granite, Greer Co., Oklahoma, in 1954. Ben and Inez Lehrmann are buried in the Granite City Cemetery in Granite, Oklahoma.

6. **Oscar Louis Adolf Lehrmann** born 2 June 1905, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Oscar was baptized 6 Aug. 1905, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville and he was confirmed 6 July 1919 at St. John Lutheran Church near Coryell City, Texas. Oscar married **Della Ottilie Wilhelmine Finn** on 29 Sept. 1927, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Della was born 14 Sept. 1908, in Perry, Falls Co., Texas, and she died 6 May 1974. Oscar Lehrmann died 12 Jan. 1957, in Marlin, Texas. Oscar and Della Lehrmann are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.

7. **Ernst Louis Wilhelm Lehrmann** born 30 June 1907, in McGregor, McLennan Co., Texas. Ernst was baptized 22 Sept. 1907, at Zion Lutheran Church in McGregor, Texas. Ernst apparently died as a young child as no other information has been found on him.

8. **Lillie Louise Minna Lehrmann** born 26 Feb. 1909, in McGregor, McLennan Co., Texas. Lillie was baptized 11 April 1909, at Zion Lutheran Church in McGregor, and she was confirmed 5 April 1925, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Lillie married **Ernest Arthur Edward Ballmann** on 19 Dec. 1928, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Ernest Ballmann was born near Riesel, Texas, on 22 Dec. 1904, and he died 23 Feb. 1964, in Marlin, Texas. Ernest is buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas. Lillie Lehrmann Ballmann was institutionalized at Iowa Park, in Wichita County, Texas, where she died 19 Feb. 1997, and she is buried in Iowa Park.

9. **Antonia “Tonie” Wanda Lehrmann** born 29 May 1911, near Coryell City, Coryell Co., Texas. Tonie was baptized 30 May 1911, at her parents’ home by the pastor of St. John Lutheran Church near Coryell City, Texas, and she was confirmed 5 April 1925, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Tonie Lehrmann married **Henry Graumann**. Henry Graumann was born 30 Jan. 1905, and he died in Granite, Oklahoma, on 8 Aug. 1974. Tonie Lehrmann Graumann died 20 June 1988, in Granite, Oklahoma. Henry and Tonie Graumann are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery in Granite, Greer Co., Oklahoma.

10. **Johannes Heinrich Joseph “Johnny” Lehrmann** born 25 June 1913, near Coryell City, Coryell Co., Texas. Johnny was baptized 7 Sept. 1913, at St. John Lutheran Church near Coryell City, and he was confirmed 1 April 1928, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Johnny Lehrmann married **Estelle Speake**. Estelle was born 13 Nov. 1910, and she died 31 Oct. 1985. Johnny Lehrmann died in Granite, Oklahoma, on 13 Oct. 1955. Johnny and Estelle Lehrmann are buried in the Granite City Cemetery in Granite, Greer Co., Oklahoma.

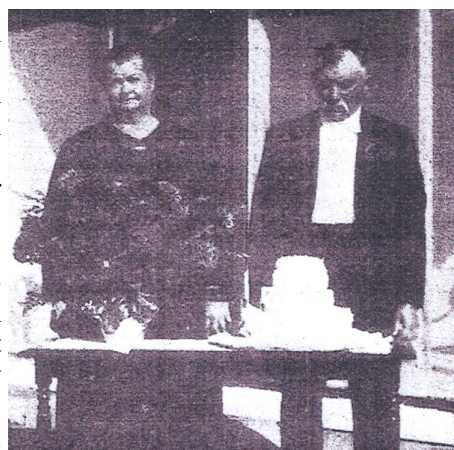
11. **Esther Wilhelmine Thekla Lehrmann** born 23 Nov. 1915, near Coryell City, Coryell Co., Texas. Esther was baptized 15 April 1917, at St. John Lutheran Church near Coryell City. Esther Lehrmann married **Arnold Dreyer** on 25 Jan. 1936, in Waco, Texas. Arnold Dreyer was born 4 Oct. 1912, and he died in Waco, Texas, on 2 June 2002. Esther Lehrmann Dreyer died 23 March 1997, in Waco, Texas. Arnold and Esther Dreyer are buried in the Gerald Cemetery in the Gerald Community, near Elm Mott, in McLennan Co., Texas.

V. **Heinrich Wilhelm Christoph “Henry” Lehrmann** born 28 July 1873, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Henry was baptized 19 Oct. 1873, and confirmed 25 March 1888, at Zion Lutheran Church in Zionsville. Henry married **Emma Emilie Henriette Helm** on 11 Nov. 1897, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Emma Helm was born in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas, on 1 Dec. 1879; she was the daughter of **Ludwig Helm** (born 1842; died 1923) and **Wilhelmina Wolf** (born 1845; died 1932). Emma was baptized 11 Jan. 1880, and confirmed 10 April 1892, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. After their marriage, Henry and Emma Lehrmann lived in Washington County until 1906 when they moved to a farm in the Flattop Community, five miles south of Sagerton, in Haskell County, Texas. They became members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Sagerton (today known as Faith Lutheran Church). Henry and Emma Lehrmann lived on the farm in Flattop until 1945 when they moved into Sagerton where they lived

until their deaths. Henry Lehrmann suffered a stroke and was hospitalized in the Stamford Hospital in Stamford, Jones Co., Texas, where he died on 1 Nov. 1951, at the age of 78 years. Henry died 10 days before he and Emma would have observed their 54th wedding anniversary. Emma Helm Lehrmann died in the Stamford Hospital in Stamford, Texas, on 17 Feb. 1958, at the age of 78 years. Henry and Emma Lehrmann are buried in the Fairview Cemetery near Sagerton, Texas.

Henry and Emma Helm Lehrmann were the parents of seven children:

1. **Louis Christoph Bernhard Lehrmann** born 16 Oct. 1898, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Louis was baptized 24 Nov. 1898, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Louis Lehrmann died 1 July 1907, at Sagerton, Haskell Co., Texas. Louis is buried in the Fairview Cemetery near Sagerton.
2. **Otto Adolf Johann Lehrmann** born 16 April 1900, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Otto was baptized 3 June 1900, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and he was confirmed 9 June 1914 at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Sagerton, Texas. Otto married **Lillie L. Steinke** on 26 Oct. 1924 at St. John Lutheran Church of Winters, Texas. Lillie was born 6 May 1906, at Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas, and she died 10 Oct. 1996. Otto Lehrmann died in Stamford, Texas, on 8 March 1971. Otto and Lillie Lehrmann are buried in the Fairview Cemetery near Sagerton, Texas.
3. **Rudolf Hermann Lehrmann** born 30 Aug. 1902, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Rudolf was baptized 2 Nov. 1902, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Rudolf Lehrmann died 15 Oct. 1911, at Sagerton, Haskell Co., Texas. Rudolf is buried in the Fairview Cemetery near Sagerton.
4. **Olga Mina Karolina Lehrmann** born 10 July 1904, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Olga was baptized 4 Sept. 1904, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 4 May 1919 at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Sagerton, Texas. Olga married **Adelbert Suter** on 12 Nov. 1924, at St. John Lutheran Church of Winters, Texas. Adelbert Suter was born 5 May 1898, and he died 21 April 1981, in Stamford, Texas. Olga Lehrmann Suter died in Stamford, Texas, on 9 Jan. 1972. Adelbert and Olga Suter are buried in the Highland Cemetery in Stamford, Texas.
5. **Ella Lehrmann** born 12 Dec. 1908, near Sagerton, Haskell Co., Texas. Ella Lehrmann died at the age of 15 days on 27 Dec. 1908. Ella is buried in the Fairview Cemetery near Sagerton.
6. **Lydia Lehrmann** born 21 June 1910, near Sagerton, Haskell Co., Texas. Lydia was baptized 7 Aug. 1910, and confirmed 20 July 1924, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Sagerton. Lydia married **August H. Ender** on 6 Nov. 1928, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Sagerton. August Ender was born 4 Nov. 1904, and he died 10 Sept. 1979, in Stamford, Texas. Lydia Lehrmann Ender died in Stamford, Texas, on 6 April 1985. August and Lydia Ender are buried in the Highland Cemetery in Stamford, Texas.
7. **Herbert H. Lehrmann** born 12 May 1915, near Sagerton, Haskell Co., Texas. Herbert was baptized 11 July 1915, and confirmed 24 May 1929, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Sagerton. Herbert married **Alma Nierdieck** on 22 Dec. 1935 at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Sagerton. Alma was born at Sagerton, Texas, on 6 March 1912. In a double tragedy, Herbert Lehrmann murdered his wife, and then committed suicide in their farm home one mile from Sagerton early in the morning of 13 Feb. 1951. It was reported that Herbert had been suffering from a deep depression prior to his actions. They left three children. Herbert and Alma Lehrmann were buried the next day, 14 Feb. 1951, in the Fairview Cemetery near Sagerton, Texas. No doubt this tragic incident attributed to the stroke that Herbert's father, Henry Lehrmann, suffered that led to his death later in the same year.



Henry and Emma (Helm) Lehrmann at their home in Haskell Co., Tx.

**VI. Friedrich Heinrich Karl Lehrmann** born 5 May 1875, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. He was baptized 27 June 1875, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. This child died 20 May 1876, and he is buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville.

**VII. Gustav Heinrich Wilhelm Lehrmann** born 26 May 1877, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Gust was baptized 9 Sept. 1877, and confirmed 10 April 1892, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Gust Lehrmann married **Louise Sophie Henriette Meyer** on 1 Oct. 1897, in Caldwell, Burleson Co., Texas. Louise was born in Haldem, Westphalia, Germany, on 5 July 1874; she was the daughter of **Christian Hermann Heinrich Meyer** (born 1838; died 1916) and **Marie Wilhelmine Engel Haferkamp** (born 1840; died 1924). Louise was baptized 19 July 1874, in the Lutheran Parish of Dielingen, Westphalia, Germany. Louise came to Texas with her family in 1881. Louise was

confirmed 25 March 1888, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. After their marriage, Gust and Louise Lehrmann lived in Washington County until they moved to the Riesel-Perry area along the McLennan-Falls County line in 1905. They settled there and farmed until



Mrs. Louisa (Peters) Schroeder with Gust. And Louise Lehrmann

they moved to Mart, Texas, in 1958. After their move to Central Texas, Gust and Louise became members of Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, and



Gustav and Louise (Meyer) Lehrmann in Mart, Texas

they belonged to the congregation of this church until their

deaths. Louise Meyer Lehrmann died at home in Mart, Texas, on 11 June 1966, at the age of 91 years. Gust and Louise were married 68 years at the time of her death. Six months later, Gust Lehrmann died in the Hillcrest Hospital in Waco, Texas, on 5 Jan. 1967, at the age of 89 years. Gust and Louise Lehrmann are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas. Gust and Louise Meyer Lehrmann were the parents of nine children; several preceded their parents in death:



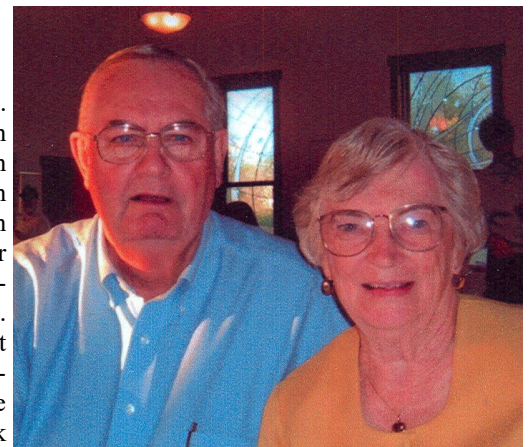
Gustav and Louise cleaning a hog at butchering time

1. **Lydia Wilhelmine Maria Lehrmann** born 3 Jan. 1898, in Wiedeville, Washington Co., Texas. Lydia was baptized 6 Feb. 1898, at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wiedeville, and she was confirmed 9 April 1911, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Lydia married **Henry Wilhelm Schroeder** on 30 Nov. 1918, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Henry Schroeder was born 2 April 1898, and he died 7 March 1978, in Waco, Texas. Lydia Lehrmann Schroeder died 7 May 1995, in Waco, Texas. Henry and Lydia Schroeder are buried in the Riesel Cemetery in Riesel, Texas.



Henry and Lydia (Lehrmann) Schroeder at the Cotton Palace in

Gilbert and Gertrude Schroeder in 2006. Gilbert is the youngest of 10 children born to Henry and Lydia Lehrmann Schroeder. Gilbert first married Evelyn Yvonne Willis in 1957. After her death in 1996, Gilbert married Gertrude Schroeder Lehrmann in 2002. Gertrude's first husband, Reuben Lehrmann, died in 1973. Both Reuben Lehrmann and Gilbert Schroeder are great-grandsons of Christoph and Caroline Lehrmann. Gertrude served as the Washington County Clerk from Jan. 1, 1975 until her retirement on Dec. 31, 1994. Gertrude also served as the interim tax assessor-collector of Washington County from Aug. through Dec. 1996. The Schroeders reside in Brenham and they are members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill.



2. **Adolph Wilhelm Heinrich Lehrmann** born 16 June 1900, in Wiedeville Washington Co., Texas. Adolph was baptized 5 Aug. 1900, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill, Washington Co., Texas, and he was confirmed 5 April 1914, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Adolph Lehrmann married **Erna Kunkel** on 20 Nov. 1919, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Erna was born 13 March 1900, at Otto, Falls Co., Texas, and she died 19 Nov. 1983, in Marlin, Texas. Adolph Lehrmann died 14 May 1962 at his home in Otto, Texas.

Adolph and Erna Lehrmann are buried in the St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery in the St. Paul Community in Falls Co., north of Marlin, Texas.

3. **Reinhard Christoph Heinrich Lehrmann** born 5 August 1902, in Wiedeville, Washington Co., Texas. Reinhard was baptized 28 Sept. 1902, at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wiedeville, and he was confirmed 16 April 1916, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Reinhard Lehrmann married **Frieda Sophie Mathilde Buck** on 12 Feb. 1925, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Frieda was born 4 May 1901, in Wiedeville, Washington Co., Texas; she was the daughter of **Wilhelm Buck** and **Minna Heckmann**. Reinhard and Frieda Lehrmann moved to McGregor, Texas, in 1934. Reinhard Lehrmann died at Camp Val Verde near McGregor on 7 March 1956. Frieda Buck Lehrmann died in McGregor, Texas, on 4 Jan. 1968. Reinhard and Frieda Lehrmann are buried in the McGregor City Cemetery in McGregor, Texas.

4. **Hulda Caroline Wilhelmine Lehrmann** born 16 May 1905, near Riesel, Texas. Hulda was baptized 16 July 1905, and confirmed 13 April 1919, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Hulda Lehrmann married **Hugo Edwin Plagens** on 5 Dec. 1923, in Temple, Texas. Hugo Plagens was born 24 July 1897; he was the son of **Herman Plagens** and **Sophia Reichle**. Hulda and Hugo Plagens lived their married life in Falls County where they

farmed. Hulda Lehrmann Plagens died of leukemia in the Hillcrest Hospital in Waco, Texas, on 29 Nov. 1958. Hugo Plagens died in Marlin, Texas, on 20 Aug. 1965. Hugo and Hulda Plagens are buried in the Riesel Cemetery in Riesel, Texas.

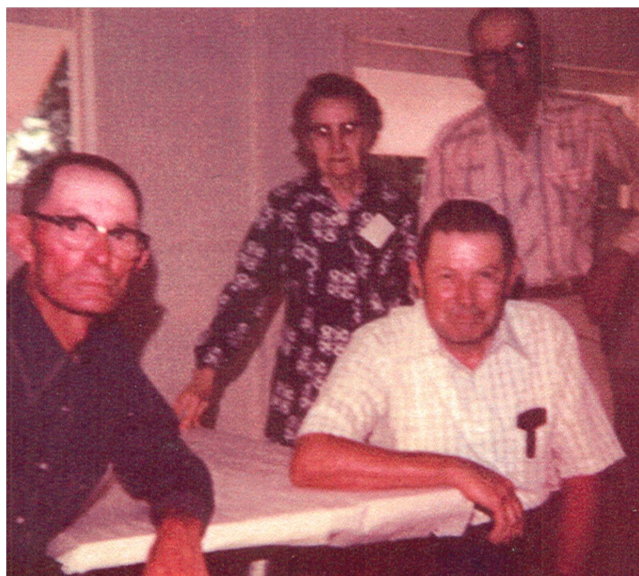
5. **Gustav Louis Adolph Lehrmann** born 6 Oct. 1907, near Riesel, Texas. Gustav was baptized 29 Dec. 1907, and confirmed 20 March 1921, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Gustav married **Selma Emma Minna Haferkamp** on 15 Jan. 1931, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Selma was born near Riesel on 3 Jan. 1914; she was the daughter of **Charlie Haferkamp** and **Annie Buck**. Gustav Lehrmann worked as a poultry caretaker at Texas A&M University before he and Selma moved to Mart, Texas after his retirement. Selma Haferkamp Lehrmann died in Waco, Texas, on 24 Dec. 1982. Gustav Lehrmann died in Rockdale, Milam Co., Texas, on 8 Jan. 1990. Gustav and Selma Lehrmann are buried in the Riesel Cemetery in Riesel, Texas.



Herbert Lehrmann and his wife, Agnes Haferkamp Lehrmann with Agnes's first cousin, Lydia Bode Grudziecki, March 1984, Mark, Tx.

6. **Herbert Wilhelm Herman Lehrmann** born 3 March 1910, near Riesel, Texas. Herbert was baptized 10 April 1910, and confirmed 5 April 1925, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Herbert married **Agnes Minna Anna Haferkamp** on 23 Oct. 1930, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Agnes was born in McGregor, Texas, on 5 Oct. 1912; she was the daughter of **Charlie Haferkamp** and **Annie Buck**. Agnes and her sister, Selma, were nieces of Frieda Buck Lehrmann, the wife of their brother-in-law, Reinhard Lehrmann. Herbert and Agnes Lehrmann lived their married life in the Riesel-Mart area where they farmed. Herbert Lehrmann died in the Hillcrest Hospital in Waco, Texas, on 19 April 1994. Agnes Haferkamp Lehrmann died in Mart, Texas, on 20 June 2003. Herbert and Agnes Lehrmann are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.

7. **Nora Louise Lehrmann** born 16 March 1913, near Riesel, Texas. Nora was baptized 20 April 1913, and confirmed 10 April 1927, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Nora Lehrmann died 7 Nov. 1930, in the Providence Hospital in Waco, Texas, at the age of 17 years. Nora is buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.



Seated: Herbert Lehrmann (left) and Jack Lehrmann (rt.)  
Standing: Lydia Lehrmann Schroeder and Gus Lehrmann.  
Four of the children of Gust. and Louise (Meyer) Lehrmann

8. **Albert Reinhard Heinrich Lehrmann** born 20 Jan. 1915, near Riesel, Texas. Albert was baptized 21 March 1915, and confirmed 24 March 1929, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Albert married **Delva Beryl Behringer** on 3 Dec. 1936, at Riesel. Delva Behringer Lehrmann was born 11 March 1920, and she died 31 May 2011, in Waco, Texas. Delva is buried in the Riesel Cemetery in Riesel, Texas. Albert Lehrmann lives today in Riesel, Texas.

9. **Otto Albert (Jack) Lehrmann** born 2 Feb. 1917, near Riesel, Texas. Jack was baptized 8 April 1917, and confirmed 13 April 1930, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Jack married **Esther Henriette Engel Koe-hne** on 10 Nov. 1937. Esther was born in Falls Co., Texas, on 16 March 1917, and she died 21 Sept. 1998, in Mart, Texas. Jack Lehrmann died 28 Feb. 1995, in Waco, Texas. Jack and Esther Lehrmann are buried in the Mart Cemetery in Mart, Texas.

#### VIII. **Friedrich Heinrich Ludwig "Louis" Lehrmann**

born 7 December 1879, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Louis was baptized 8 Feb. 1880, and he was confirmed 18 March 1894, at Zion Lutheran Church in Zionsville. Louis married **Henriette Wilhelmine Louise Haferkamp** on 22 Nov. 1900, at Zion Lutheran Church in Zionsville. Louise Haferkamp was born 7 January 1880, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas; she was the daughter of **Wilhelm Heinrich David "Henry" Haferkamp** (born 1838; died 1928) and **Margarethe Engel Agnes Gaskamp** (born 1840; died 1912). Louise was baptized 15 Feb. 1880, and she was confirmed 18 March 1894, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Louis and Louise Lehrmann lived the first years of their married life in Washington County before moving



Louis and Louise (Haferkamp) Lehrmann



The first five children of Louis and Louise Lehrmann: Walter (left) and Chris Lehrmann. The girls are Lena, Adeline, and Agnes (far right). Agnes died at the age of 13 years

to Moody, in western McLennan County, Texas. From there, they moved to the Riesel-Perry area along the McLennan-Falls County line. They became members of the Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Louis Lehrmann suffered a stroke and was hospitalized in the Buie Hospital in Marlin, Texas, where he died on 20 April 1962, at the age of 82 years. Louis and Louise were married 61 years at the time of his death. Louise Haferkamp Lehrmann suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized in the Buie Hospital in Marlin, Texas, where she died on 26 Nov. 1974, at the age of 94 years. Louis and Louise Lehrmann are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas. Louis and Louise Haferkamp Lehrmann were the parents of nine children:

1. **Walter Christoph Heinrich Lehrmann** born 21 July 1901, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Walter was baptized 1 Sept. 1901, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and he was confirmed 28 March 1915, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Walter married **Ella Anna Maria Jahnke** on 22 Nov. 1923, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Ella was born 11 Aug. 1901, at New Wehdem, Austin Co., Texas; she was the daughter of **Herman Jahnke** and **Bertha Fabianke**. Walter Lehrmann died in Waco, Texas, on 31 August 1961.

Ella Jahnke Lehrmann died 24 June 1972, in Waco, Texas. Walter

and Ella Lehrmann are buried in the Riesel Cemetery in Riesel, Texas

2. **Christoph Heinrich Wilhelm Lehrmann** born 12 April 1903, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Chris was baptized 31 May 1903, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and he was confirmed 1 April 1917, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Chris Lehrmann married **Della Edna Emilie Kuehl** on 18 Dec. 1924, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Della was born in Falls Co., Texas, on 21 Dec. 1902; she was the daughter of **Wilhelm August Kuehl** and **Carolina Mitscher**. Chris Lehrmann died 20 Jan. 1972, in Waco, Texas. Della Kuehl Lehrmann died two months later on 24 March 1972, in Waco. Chris and Della Lehrmann are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.

3. **Lena Agnes Wilhelmine Lehrmann** born 3 Nov. 1905, in Moody, McLennan Co., Texas. Lena was baptized 3 Dec. 1905, at Zion Lutheran Church in McGregor, Texas, and she was confirmed 28 March 1920, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel, Texas. Lena married **Herman Becker** on 17 Nov. 1927, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Herman Becker was born 30 May 1905, near Riesel; he was the son of **Friedrich Becker** and **Margarete Behringer**. Herman Becker died in Temple, Texas, on 16 March 1971. Lena Lehrmann Becker died in Mart, Texas, on 15 Nov. 2005, after celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Herman and Lena Becker are buried in the Mart Cemetery in Mart, Texas.



Lena Lehrmann in her confirmation dress, 1920.

4. **Agnes Louise Minna Lehrmann** born 8 April 1908, near Riesel, Texas. Agnes was baptized 25 May 1908, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Agnes died at the age of 13 years on 12 Oct. 1921. Agnes Lehrmann is buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.

5. **Adeline Emma Anna Lehrmann** born 21 March 1911, near Riesel, Texas. Adeline was baptized 30 April 1911, and she was confirmed 5 April 1925, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Adeline married **Alfred Theodor Boeche** on 15 Nov. 1928, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Alfred Boeche was born near Riesel on 19 Aug. 1907; he was the son of **August Boeche** and **Martha Ballmann**. Alfred Boeche died in Mart, Texas, on 4 March 1990. Adeline Lehrmann Boeche died 29 May 2000, in Mart, Texas. Alfred and Adeline Boeche are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.



Alfred and Adeline (Lehrmann) Boeche on their 50th wedding anniversary celebration in 1978



Adeline Lehrmann in her confirmation dress, 1925.

6. **Eldin Heinrich Wilhelm "Alex" Lehrmann** born 29 Jan. 1914, near Riesel, Texas. Alex was baptized 1 March 1914, and he was

confirmed 1 April 1928, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Alex married **Katherine Mullins** on 15 Oct. 1936, in Riesel, Texas. Katherine was born 8 Aug. 1914, and she died in Mart, Texas, on 12 Nov. 2000. Alex Lehrmann died 12 March 1996, in Waco, Texas. Alex and Katherine Lehrmann are buried in the Mart Cemetery in Mart, Texas.



The Louis and Louise Lehrmann Family in 1957; Lehrmann Homeplace near Riesel, Texas  
From left: Adeline Lehrmann Boeche, Laverna Lehrmann McGee, Mabel Lehrmann Fenske, Lena Lehrmann Becker, Louise Haferkamp Lehrmann, Louis Lehrmann, Walter Lehrmann, Chris Lehrmann, Alex Lehrmann, Louis "Shorty" Lehrmann



From left: Alex Lehrmann, Laverna Lehrmann McGee, Mabel Lehrmann Fenske, Adeline Lehrmann McGee, Lena Lehrmann Becker 1978

7. **Mabel Bertha Ida Lehrmann** born 4 Jan. 1917, near Riesel, Texas. Mabel was baptized 4 Feb. 1917, and she was confirmed 29 March 1931, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Mabel married **Edwin Berthold Fenske** on 1 Nov. 1938, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Edwin Fenske was born 27 Feb. 1917, near Riesel, Texas; he was the son of **Berthold Theodor Fenske** and **Emma Dieterich**. Mabel Lehrmann Fenske died 27 Feb. 2002, in Waco, Texas. Edwin Fenske died in Mart, Texas, on 22 March 2010. Edwin and Mabel Fenske are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Riesel, Texas.

8. **Louis Adolf Karl Lehrmann** born 14 Aug. 1919, near Riesel, Texas. Louis was baptized 21 Sept. 1919, and he was confirmed 9 April 1933, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Louis first married **Evelyn Miller** on 14 Oct. 1938, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Louis later married **Frances Brookshire** on 12 Aug. 1948, in McLennan Co., Texas, and then he married **Barbara Shumate** on 27 Aug. 1956, in Oklahoma. Louis "Shorty" Lehrmann died 30 Aug. 1982, in Midlothian, Ellis Co., Texas. Louis is buried in the Riesel Cemetery in Riesel, Texas.

9. **Laverna Anna Lydia Lehrmann** born 18 Aug. 1923, near Riesel, Texas. Laverna was baptized 30 Sept 1923, and she was confirmed 21 March 1937, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Riesel. Laverna married **Edward McGee** on 17 March 1946. Edward McGee was born 15 Feb. 1914, in Dallas, Texas; he was the son of **Albert McGee** and **Lucy Manard**. Edward McGee died in Temple, Texas, on 10 May 1969. Edward is buried in the Rosemound Cemetery in Waco, Texas. Laverna Lehrmann McGee resides in Waco, Texas.



The tombstone of Louise (Lehrmann) Holle Lauter in the *Altenheim* Sons of Hermann Cemetery near Comfort, Texas. Louise's tombstone states she was born in 1882, but the correct year is 1881.

IX. **Louise Henriette Caroline Lehrmann** born 13 Nov. 1881, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Louise was baptized 1 Jan. 1882, and she was confirmed 7 April 1895, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Louise married her widowed brother-in-law, **Adolf Friedrich Holle** on 25 April 1907, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill, Washington Co., Texas. Adolf was married to Louise's older sister, Malinda, who had died in 1905. Adolf and Louise Holle lived the first years of their marriage in Washington County before moving to the Riesel-Perry area along the McLennan-Falls County line. In 1915, Adolf and Louise moved to Sagerton, in Haskell Co., Texas, where Louise's brother, Henry, had settled his family. Adolf and Louise had one son **Alvin**, and Louise raised her younger step-children (who were also her nieces and nephews). Adolf Holle died in Marlin, Texas, on 9 Aug. 1926, at the age of 59. After his death, Louise married **Louis Hinze** in Sagerton, Texas. By the mid-1930's, Louise had returned to Washington County where she married a widower, **Albert Lauter, Sr.** They were married in the Friedens Evangelical Church in Washington, Texas, on 9 Oct. 1934. Louise and Albert lived near the town of Washington, in eastern Washington Co., Texas. Albert Lauter was born 12 Aug. 1870, in Province, Germany; he was the son of **Gustav Lauter** and **Minna Kunkel**. Albert Lauter died 8 May 1957, in the Brazos Valley Hospital in Navasota, Grimes Co., Texas, at the age of 86 years. Albert was buried beside his first wife,

Mary, in the Friedens Evangelical Cemetery in Washington. After Albert's death, Louise moved to the Herman Sons Home for the Aged near Comfort, Texas, where she died 26 July 1962, at the age of 80 years. Louise Lehrmann Lauter was buried in the *Altenheim* (Herman Sons Cemetery) near Comfort on 27 July 1962.

The son of Adolf and Louise Lehrmann Holle:

**Alvin Adolph Louis Holle** born 16 Feb. 1908, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Alvin was baptized 10 April 1908, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill, Washington Co., Texas, and he was confirmed 3 July 1922, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Sagerton, Texas. Alvin married **Alvena Steinke** on 11 Sept. 1928, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Sagerton. Alvena was born 9 Aug. 1908, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas, and she died in Haskell, Texas, on 25 July 1993. Alvin Holle died 29 Aug. 1970, in Haskell, Texas. Alvin and Alvena Holle are buried in the Highland Cemetery in Stamford, Texas.

X. **Emma Wilhelmine Louise Lehrmann** born 1 May 1885, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Emma was baptized 23 Aug. 1885, and she was confirmed 26 March 1899, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Emma married **Friedrich Heinrich Holle** on 16 Nov. 1904, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Fred Holle was born 15 June 1882, in Washington Co., Texas; he was the son of **Hermann Friedrich Wilhelm Holle** (born 1848; died 1932) and **Eleonora Dorothea Brandt** (born 1846; died 1923). Fred Holle was confirmed 29



The wedding of Alvin and Alvena (Steinke) Holle They married Sept. 11, 1928, in Sagerton, Texas. They were married nearly 42 years. Alvin was the son of Adolph and Louise (Lehrmann) Holle.



March 1896 at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Fred and Emma Holle lived all their married life in Washington County in the Zionsville Community, and they were members of Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Fred Holle died in Brenham, Texas, on 2 March 1957, at the age of 74 years. Fred and Emma were married 52 years at the time of Fred's death. Emma Lehrmann Holle died in Brenham, Texas, on 1 Dec. 1974, at the age of 89 years. Emma was the last surviving child of Christoph and Caroline Wehmeyer Lehrmann. Fred and Emma Holle are buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Fred and Emma were the parents of two daughters and one son; Emma outlived all three of her children:



The tombstone of Fred and Emma (Lehrmann) Holle  
Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Zionsville, Texas

1. **Gertrud Dorothea Louise Holle** born 25 July 1905, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Gertrud was baptized 26 July 1905 by the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Gertrud died on 27 July 1905, as a result of a premature birth. Gertrud is buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville.

2. **Eleonore Wilhelmine Emma Holle** born 6 Nov. 1906, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Eleonore was baptized 1 Dec. 1906, and she was confirmed 20 March 1921, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Eleonore Holle died 9 Jan. 1949, in Brenham, Texas. Eleonore is buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville.

3. **Friedrich Raymond Wilhelm Holle** born 2 Feb. 1916, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Raymond was baptized 7 May 1916, and he was confirmed 29 March 1931, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Raymond married **Alice Marie Schleider** on 16 Oct. 1942. Alice was born 25 July 1923 in Houston, Texas, the daughter of Herman Schleider and Catherine Johnson. Raymond Holle died in Brenham, Texas, on 13 Feb. 1969, at the age of 53. Alice Schleider Holle died in Brenham, Texas, on 19 Jan. 2012. Raymond and Alice Holle are buried in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham, Texas..

**XI. Adolf Heinrich Lehrmann** born 30 August 1888, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Adolf's date of baptism has not been found, but Adolf was confirmed 23 March 1902, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Adolf married **Anna Henriette Louise Kettler** on 31 Oct. 1912, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Anna was born 29 Nov. 1893, in Long Point, Washington Co., Texas; she was the daughter of



The tombstone of Adolf Lehrmann  
Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Zionsville, TX



The tombstone of Annie (Kettler) Lehrmann  
Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Zionsville, Texas

**Henry Kettler** and **Karoline Koester** (born 1865; died 1925). Anna was baptized 2 Feb. 1894, and she was confirmed 24 March 1907, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Adolf and Anna Lehrmann lived their entire married life in Washington County, first in the Zionsville Community where they farmed, and in their later years, Adolf and Anna moved into Brenham. Adolf and Anna Lehrmann were lifetime members of Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Adolf Lehrmann died 24 July 1965, in Brenham, Texas, at the age of 76 years. Adolf and



Adolf and Annie (Kettler) Lehrmann on their  
50th wedding anniversary in 1962.

Anna were married 52 years at the time of Adolf's death. Anna Kettler Lehrmann died in Brenham on 2 Nov. 1982, at the age of 88 years. Adolf and Anna Lehrmann are buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville. Adolf and Anna Lehrmann were the parents of six children:

1. **Dora Caroline Lehrmann** born 26 Sept. 1913, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Dora was baptized 2 Nov. 1913, and she was confirmed 1 April 1928, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Dora married **Arnold**

**Buck** on 22 Oct. 1936, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Arnold Buck was born 27 Sept. 1909, and he died 13 April 1953. After his death, Dora married **Louis Walter Bresler** on 5 March 1960, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Louis W. Bresler was born 29 Sept. 1916, in Sandtown Community in Washington Co., Texas; he was the son of **Henry Bresler** and **Adelheid Neutzler**. Dora Lehrmann Buck Bresler died 26 June 1995, in Brenham, Texas. Dora is buried beside her first husband, Arnold Buck, in Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville. Louis Bresler died in Brenham, Texas, on 22 Dec. 2010, and he is buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville.

2. **Esther Marie Emma Lehrmann** born 11 April 1920, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Esther was baptized 5 May 1920, and she was confirmed 14 April 1935, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Esther married **Clyde Thomas Roy** on 17 April 1949 in Houston, Texas. Clyde Roy was born 6 Aug. 1923. Clyde and Esther Roy lived their married life in Houston. Esther Lehrmann Roy died in Houston, Texas, on 9 July 1991. Clyde Roy died in Houston on 9 Sept. 1995. Clyde and Esther Roy are buried in the Forest Lawn North Cemetery in Houston.

3. **Anita Malinda Emma Lehrmann** born 25 Feb. 1924, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Anita was baptized 4 May 1924, and she was confirmed 5 June 1938, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Anita first married **Elmer Arthur Terry** on 6 April 1947, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Anita and Elmer Terry divorced. Elmer died in Houston on 2 Oct. 1990. Anita's second marriage was to **Edwin Hanz, Jr.** on 17 Nov. 1979, in New Braunfels, Comal Co., Texas. Edwin Hanz, Jr. was born 11 Sept. 1927, and he died 8 July 2006, in San Marcos, Texas. Anita Lehrmann Hanz died 8 July 2010, in San Marcos, Hayes Co., Texas. Anita's remains were cremated.

4. **Harold Adolph Lehrmann** born 1 April 1926, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Harold was baptized 24 May 1926, and he was confirmed 15 Sept. 1940, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Harold married **Evelyn Glaesmann** on 26 January 1946, at Gay Hill, Washington Co., Texas. Evelyn was born 23 Sept. 1928, in Gay Hill; she was the daughter of **Robert Daniel Glaesmann** and **Lydia Hugo**. Evelyn Glaesmann Lehrmann died 9 Oct. 1992, in Brenham, Texas. Harold Lehrmann died 9 May 1996, in Brenham, Texas. Harold and Evelyn Lehrmann are buried in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham, Texas.

5. **Marton Lee Henry Lehrmann** born 7 Feb. 1931, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Marton Lee was baptized 15 March 1931, and he was confirmed 25 March 1945, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Marton Lee married **Sally Mae Bruce** on 25 Aug. 1956. Sally was born 3 April 1938. Marton Lee Lehrmann died 24 March 2000, in Amarillo, Potter Co., Texas. Marton Lee Lehrmann is buried in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo.

6. **Infant Lehrmann** born and died 5 Sept. 1934, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. This baby was buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery of Zionsville.

Sources: Gilbert and Gertrude Schroeder of Brenham, Texas; Gilbert Londenberg of Riesel, Texas; Carolyn Buck Dabbs of Pearland, Texas; Helen Lehrmann of Sagerton, Texas; the late Herbert and Agnes Haferkamp Lehrmann and the late Lydia Bode Grudziecki.

Church records of Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, Washington County, Texas; St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill, Washington County, Texas; Salem Lutheran Church of Salem, Washington County, Texas; Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wiedeville, Washington County, Texas; Zion Lutheran Church of McGregor, McLennan County, Texas; St. John Lutheran Church near Coryell City, Coryell County, Texas; Trinity Lutheran Church in Falls County, near Riesel, Texas; and Faith Lutheran Church of Sagerton, Haskell County, Texas.

Marriage records of Washington County Courthouse, Brenham, Texas; McLennan County Courthouse, Waco, Texas, Falls County Courthouse, Marlin, Texas, and Haskell County Courthouse in Haskell, Texas.

Mr. Wilhelm Niermann of Stemwede-Wehden, Germany, who searched the records of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Parish of Wehden, Westphalia, Germany.

Submitted by Daniel Bode of Dayton, Texas—a great-grandson of Anna Haferkamp Bode. My great-grandmother had several family members who married into the Lehrmann Family.

# OPERATIONS

## MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2011 MEETING GERMAN-TEXAN HERITAGE SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The December 4, 2011 meeting of the German-Texan Heritage Society Board of Directors was called to order at 10:05 a.m. at the German Free School in Austin, with GTHS President Mary Whigham presiding. Board members present were Michael Krause, Liz Hicks, Martha Liehse, Carl Luckenbach, Bob Flocke, Mary Whigham, Charles Locklin, Wing Evans and Gerri West. Board members absent were Christina Gilliland, Dan Bode and Christopher Markley. Also present: Executive Director Jean Warneke as well as recently elected board members for 2012-2015 James Kearney and Julia Kleinheider.

### Minutes of the October 7, 2011 Board Meeting

C. Luckenbach moved acceptance of the minutes of the board meeting of October 7, 2011 as recorded by Secretary M. Liehse. **MOTION APPROVED**

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer G. West presented a financial overview of the 2011 annual meeting, the Oktoberfest, Christmas market, annual fund drive, membership dues received, and grants received and applied for. She recommended against having future annual meetings at hotels, due to the high costs, and encouraged holding the meetings in a more central location in the state so more members are able to attend.

### Executive Director's Report

Executive Director J. Warneke reviewed her narrative report of recent events (Oktoberfest and Christmas market) and future planning (including the 2012 Oktoberfest). She reported that GTHS has signed up as an unofficial music venue for six days during the 2012 SXSW event, with foreign bands performing on our property. A new editor is needed for the *Schulhaus Reporter*. GTHS publishing efforts were discussed, including the idea of partnering with a commercial publisher for better distribution.

### Executive Committee Report

President M. Whigham reported that the Executive Committee had approved paying someone to advise the Society about its bookkeeping needs.

### Activities Committee (M. Krause, C. Luckenbach, C. Gilliland): Report

Chair M. Krause updated the board concerning a possible location for the 2012 Annual Meeting, with the Port Lavaca area being under consideration and also Schulenburg, with possible area excursions included as part of the meeting, which could be at the end of September or the beginning of October. J. Kearney suggested the Dubina Hall between Weimar and Schulenburg or the Columbus area. Taken into consideration will be the venue rental price as well as available hotel accommodations in the area for attendees. The board encouraged the committee as a general rule to always have location plans for the Annual Meeting worked out for not just the next year, but for the next two years.

L. Hicks reported that Mary Whigham, Carl Luckenbach and Charles Thompson volunteered their help with the GTHS table at the very well attended November meeting of the Texas State Genealogical Society in Houston. The Genealogical Society's meeting will be in Fort Worth next year in November.

### Budget & Finance Committee (G. West, C. Locklin): Report

Chair G. West gave an overview of the **investment report** and reported that the GTHS Investment Policy is being followed. W. Evans made a motion that our financial advisor be directed to proceed with investing funds from the primary sale of German Free School Art and Furnishings (\$40,206.80 deposited in August 2011) as follows: Using the dollar cost averaging method, not to exceed six months, and according to our current Investment Policy, 75% of

the original amount of \$40,206.80 should be invested, and the remaining 25% should remain in the Money Market Fund (Active Assets) for future cash flow needs. After being seconded, the **MOTION** was **APPROVED**.

A general review of the **proposed 2012 budget** followed. The Budget Committee has recommended end-of-year bonuses instead of salary increases for staff, with the possibility of presenting a painting instead of a cash bonus to Executive Director J. Warneke. C. Locklin made a motion to set the value of the painting "Spanish Woman & Man" by Kelly Stevens at \$1,000. After being seconded, the **MOTION** was **APPROVED**. Staffing at GTHS was discussed. The Budget Committee has recommended that a bookkeeper and an office manager staff the office in place of the present office assistant. B. Flocke moved acceptance of the proposed 2012 budget as presented to the board. After being seconded, the **MOTION** was **APPROVED**.

#### **German Free School Committee (C. Locklin, C. Markley): Report**

Chair C. Locklin reported that out of the 21 items still for sale from the Kelly Stevens collection, eight were sold on the day of the Christmas market. An extra non-Kelly Stevens item, the piano, was also sold, to make a total of nine items sold that day. Proceeds from this year's Oktoberfest were \$2500 more than the previous year, covering the cost of the new fencing. The arch top of the new gate will be installed soon and will have the GTHS logo on it. Security of the GTHS property has improved with the new fencing, but still in discussion is a plan to install fencing of some sort at the dead end of the alleyway. He also commented that the purpose of the German Free School Committee and Guild has evolved over the years into that of fundraising for the whole organization rather than, as stated in the by-laws, for the care, upkeep and operation of the German Free School. He encouraged future discussion about possibly changing the bylaws to increase Austin representation on the board, as better local management (with new ideas, management skills and the right local connections) could improve promotion of the organization statewide.

#### **Publications Committee (B. Flocke, M. Whigham, M. Liehsel): Report**

Chair B. Flocke reported that he has the inventory of the book collection at the retirement center in Comfort, and also that he will deliver the copies of *Church Records of the Pioneer Families of Berlin, Texas* as a GTHS donation to the church in that town.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Board positions #1, #8, #10 and #15 are still open and can be appointed by the board. The Guild position #13 on the board is also still open for next year.

In 2012 the board will consider whether to continue monetary awards to the research paper winners at the high school level Texas State German Contest's "Sprachfest."

The 12/4/11 revision of the proposed **GTHS Personnel Policies and Procedures**, prepared by C. Locklin for the board's consideration, was discussed and amended. The following changes were made:

In the sub-section "**Compensation and Leave Time / Pay Schedule**," the third sentence was replaced with "GTHS pays the required governmental taxes relative to each employee." The next sentence (the fourth) was replaced with these two sentences – "The Executive Committee or a designated officer of the Board of Directors must approve in advance any work hours that exceed those budgeted for the Executive Director. Likewise, the Executive Director must approve in advance any work hours that exceed those budgeted for any employee under her/his supervision."

In the next sub-section, "**Vacation, sick leave, and PTO**," the second sentence was replaced with "After satisfactory completion of their first six months of work employees are allowed five leave days annually that are hourly equivalent to the length of their budgeted workweek schedule that then may be used for vacation, sick time, holidays or personal time off."

B. Flocke moved acceptance of the amended document and, after being seconded, the **MOTION** was **APPROVED**.

#### **New Business**

The election was conducted for GTHS officers for 2012. Those elected are:

President – Mary Whigham

Vice-President – Michael Krause

Secretary – Carl Luckenbach

Treasurer – Charles Locklin

Committee appointments for 2012 were begun as follows:

Activities: M. Krause (Chair), C. Luckenbach, J. Kearney (ad hoc)

Budget & Finance: C. Locklin (Chair), plus the Executive Committee

Membership: L. Hicks, J. Kleinheider

Publications: B. Flocke, J. Kearney

C. Locklin suggested that the Executive Committee formulate a strategic plan to present to the board. He offered to supply the materials to start the strategic planning process.

C. Locklin made a motion for the board to formally express their gratitude and appreciation to outgoing board members Wing Evans, Gerri West and Martha Liehse. After being seconded, the **MOTION** was **APPROVED**.

The **next board meeting** was set for **February 5** in the Brenham area. (M. Whigham will let everyone know what location she has chosen.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by Martha Liehse, Secretary

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