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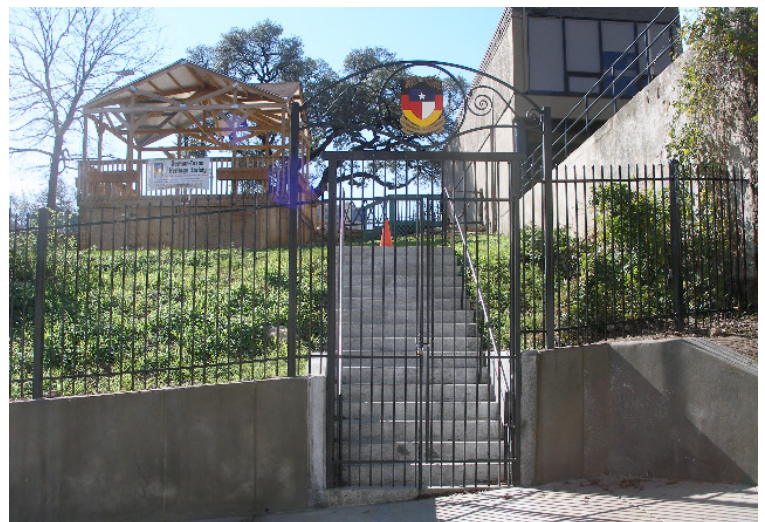
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(I think everyone took the summer off! Send in those cards and letters!)

Are we looking good or what! Come see our event area at Oktoberfest or the Christmas Market. You vill come and you vill enjoy!



AFTER!



Thanks to the hard work of our German Free School Team, Warren Frederick, Charles Locklin, Wing Evans, Jean Warneke, and all the others that brought beer! Work done over several years is paying off.

In Memoriam

Leroy Klinger (GTHS member, 1994-2004)



Leroy Willie Klinger was born on April 29, 1920 to Ernst Klinger and Frieda Koch Klinger near Albert, TX just 7 miles west of Blanco. Leroy grew up on the farm and attended the McKinney School near Albert through the 8th Grade. He worked on the family farm as well as on neighboring farms. To better himself Leroy enrolled in aircraft maintenance classes which proved to be very valuable when called to duty in 1942 to serve in the US Army during WWII. Leroy was inducted at Ft Sam Houston and underwent training at several posts in different states.

Leroy was assigned to an Armored Division as a tank mechanic as the tanks at that time had the same aircraft engine in them that he had attended classes on prior to being inducted.

His Army tour of duty took him to posts scattered from Pennsylvania to the deserts of California. Eventually he was shipped to England for the staging of the D-Day invasion. Leroy's outfit moved ashore in France at Omaha beach on D+19 days. His unit was involved in many notable battles including Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge), Rhineland and Central Europe.

Leroy was assigned to the G32 Armored Regiment, 3rd Armored Division and would tell you very quickly to not confuse his outfit with General Patton's 3rd Army. At one time Leroy had been retained at a field medical facility for treatment for Shingle and his unit moved on. Ten days later Leroy had the "opportunity" to join Patton's 3rd Army that had moved in to the area but thought better of it and lit out to catch up and rejoin the 3rd Armored Division. Leroy finished his Army requirements with a rank of Tech Sergeant and was discharged in 1945.

Shortly after returning from the war Leroy married Grace Harlow on June 4th, 1946. Leroy and Grace lived in a small house beside the bowling alley for three years. During that time Leroy began working for a building contractor and participated in the building of the Blanco High School. With the skills learned working for a contractor Leroy built his own home in Cibolo, TX in 1949 where he continued to work in the construction field.

In 1953 an opportunity to work at the Pearl Brewery in San Antonio became available and Leroy started on a new career. This career continued until his retirement in 1983 after 30 years of service with Pearl.

During his time at Pearl some life changing experiences occurred. In early 1963 his wife Grace passed away due to cancer. Later in the year Leroy remarried and instantly had a family. His new wife, Helen Louise Moellenberg Mueller, (husband deceased) had two daughters with the older one just entering her teens. The two girls, Jeannette Marie Mueller and Esther Louise Mueller certainly made life interesting for Leroy. It became even more interesting when on July 11, 1972 a baby boy, William Leroy Klinger was born to Helen and Leroy.

The family grew and eventually the girls married and then the world for Leroy changed further when his son William Leroy Klinger passed away in January, 1993. Life was very different then and Leroy spent even more time than before maintaining his yard and tending his pecan trees, some of which he had grafted to produce some excellent pecans which he shelled, cleaned and supplied to friends and neighbors. Leroy was a very meticulous person with all things in the proper place and things done in specific orders. His methods may have seemed extreme to some at times but the results were always spot on.

Leroy had a special talent of documenting these sites by "witching" to detect the site of a grave and could even determine the sex of the deceased with uncanny accuracy. He also very much enjoyed sharing his stories and the events of his life with most anyone interested in the Blanco County area history. Leroy once told a grandson "I realize that while I can no longer serve my country in uniform, I can still serve those who are looking for someone to listen to".

In 2004 another tragic event occurred when Helen passed away from a form of bone cancer. Leroy continued on his own with his yard and pecan crops until his declining mobility made it difficult to get around and perform these activities. However, Leroy was still able to live on his own and be relatively independent until just short of his 92nd birthday when a medical event required hospitalization and subsequent stay in a care facility until his death on 5/13/2012.

Leroy Willie Klinger is preceded in death by his parents Ernst Klinger and Frieda Koch Klinger, his brother Gilbert Klinger and wife Wanice Klinger, wife Grace Harlow Klinger, his son William Leroy Klinger, granddaughter Veronica Lynn Mayer and wife Helen Louise Moellenberg Mueller Klinger.

He is survived by his two girls Jeanette Marie Mueller Mayer and husband Alan (Dan) Mayer, Esther Louise Mueller Cartwright and husband Phil Cartwright, Six Grandchildren, Michael Cartwright, Greg Mayer and wife Katy Mayer, Steven Mayer and Christi, John Cartwright and wife Lauren, Timothy Cartwright, Heather Cartwright and Adam, and two Great Grandchildren, Austin (son of Michael Cartwright) and Tyler (Son of Heather Cartwright).

Serving as Pallbearers as they did for their Grandmother Helen are Michael, Greg, Steven, John, Tim and Heather with Austin and Tyler serving as Honorary Pallbearers for Leroy.

Remembrances from Connie Krause:

I spent many hours hearing Leroy talk but I now realize that I never really heard his full life story. He was a great man and I really loved spending time with him and Helen.

Leroy and Helen introduced me to "Turkey day" at Blanco Bowling Alley Cafe shortly after Leroy's back surgery. "Turkey day" an institution for many of us and even after Helen passed, we still spent time together and "Turkey day" was still one of the places to meet our friends for a number of years. I felt bad that I did not get to visit him much these last few years but as my friends have told me - the years you did were priceless and sometimes the paths of our lives change - You had many years that you spent with Helen and Leroy that were treasures that no one can take from you.

So I would like to share with you what Jeanette & Dan and Esther & Phil and their families shared with us at his service. The photo that is included is exactly how most of us would remember Leroy - blue long-sleeved shirt with suspenders and his cane.

In honor of Leroy, a group of us went to Blanco on the 3rd Wednesday this month to eat Turkey and visit his grave. We missed him at the table but we knew that he and Helen would be watching over us and knowing that they had introduced us to "Turkey day", would probably also be having Turkey at their special table.

Hope you enjoy and say a special prayer for them both as they blessed many of our lives,

-INTERVIEW- LEROY KLINGER

By Heather Cartwright

Leroy Klinger, was born 4-29-20 in Albert a small community about 7 miles east of Blanco, Texas and west of Stonewall.

Prior to entering the army he went to San Antonio to a technical mechanic school. There he learned to work on aircraft engines.

He joined the army 2-2-42 at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. He completed his basic training and tank mechanic school in Ft. Knox, Kentucky on 6-19-42. The tank engines were just like the airplane engines he had training on earlier at the technical mechanic school.

It was interesting to know that the original training of the troops at Ft. Knox did not use real weapons, they used sticks and logs, but by the time he arrived they were using real weapons.

From Ft. Knox, he went to Camp Polk, Louisiana for a month where he joined Company G32 Armored Regiment, 3rd Armored Division. He was under Col. Walter B. Richardson who retired as a General. Col. Richardson was very strict. To get a weekend pass he would measure the length of your hair. If it was longer then 5/8" long you wouldn't get a pass. Later when the regiment was in England, Grandpa said that he would talk with his troops to learn more about them. When he asked my grandfather where he was from, he said from Blanco, Texas. Col. Richardson said he knew where that was. Grandpa told him that one day back in the thirties while working on the farm he saw some tanks come thru the area. Col. Richardson said yes, and I was in one of those tanks, driving thru the country on a problem.

After leaving Camp Polk, he was sent to Desert Center, California where they trained for 3-months. This was about 30-40 miles from Death Valley. He said they were told it reached up to 140 degrees at times. After arriving in the middle of the night they were to set up tents the next day. He said they could only work 1 ½ hours in the morning and 1 ½ hours in the afternoon. They thought they were being trained to go to North Africa in the Sahara Desert, but when their training was done the conflict in Africa was about over so they were then sent to Camp Pickett, Virginia and then on to Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania in the snow and then finally to England.

Grandpa left from New York on the Cape Town Castle, which use to be a cruise ship. This was a British ship. It took 13 days and nights to cross the North Atlantic. He said that every 1 ½ minutes they would change the course due to torpedoes. The course they took, took them so far in the North Atlantic that they could see Iceland. There was 96 ships in the convoy going overseas. The accomidations were not very good. The ship was equipped for 2500 people but they had 9000. They were to change with each other ever 3 nights so you could sleep in a bunk, but the first night he was to sleep in a bunk he couldn't because of his size and the bunk quarters were so small, so he slept on the deck each night. The bunks were stacked 6-8 high. For breakfast they were served boiled potatoes and fish. They were told that the American ships even had ice cream.

None of the ships in this convoy were lost or damaged on the trip over. He remembered one night thou, the ship was using a lot of dept charges, he said that the ships would run beams from ship to ship, and the beams picked up a signal which could have been a submarine. However it turned out to be a whale that passed thru and then surfaced.

Grandpa said their troop landed in Liverpool and then shipped to Codford, England where they trained for 9-months. Here they stayed in pup tents. He said that they could be up at midnight still playing cards without any lights because they still had daylight, yet then the sun would come up again at 4:00am. We could tell one early morning that the evasion was coming because lots of planes flew over. They had all been painted the night before we found out with black and white stripes around the wings and the fusage lodge. They knew everything that was going to be involved in the invasion would have the black and white stripes.

Grandpa's regiment landed on Omaha beach 18 days after D-day. The first ones there were already about 1 ½ miles inland. He said when they crossed the English Channel they could see a lot of bodies still and of course all the destruction of the other ships and boats. He then traveled on to France on tank with a big boom which was like a wrecker or crane. They had no weapons of their own. They had to use sledge hammers to beat off the water

proofing and extra metal they had on the tanks that were equipped to drive underwater. This would lighten the tanks so they could move more quickly as they traveled on land.

When he arrived at Hedge Roll, which is a mound of dirt with brush on the top, about 7-miles out of St. Lo a town in France they saw thousands of planes coming over. Later he heard it was over 3000 planes that had come over the first wave. This first wave had bomb sights targeted and that the second wave of planes were to drop their bombs where the dust was from where the first bombs had hit. But a wind had come up and blew the dust and it had drifted to where Americans were. This misfortune cost a lot of American's lives.

From St. Lo, they moved eastward thru France toward Germany. They made good time. Then they moved northward and went about 108 miles that day in tanks, and ended up in Mons, Belgium. They cut off roads so the Germans couldn't get back to Germany. He also said while in Mons, Belgium, he witnessed over 7000 German soldiers surrender. Grandpa also said that with some of the prisoners at the prison camps they would tell the prisoners to put their hands on the back of their head and walk back (to Germany). He also said that a lot of the ones they frisk turned out to be women dressed as men.

Grandpa got the shingles while in Belgium and was hospitalized for about 10-days. When released he was sent to a replacement center to be sent to General Patton's troops. He and the others that were there from his original regiment didn't want to join General Patton they requested to join their original regiment again but they said no. Well that night Grandpa and the others went AWOL (absense without leave), passed the guards and connected up with a convoy headed toward Paris. They found and rejoined their regiment near Aachen, Germany. Here they received new clothes and equipment. At about 9:00 pm that evening the troops were told to gather all their belonging and they traveled all night not knowing where or what was about to happen. The next morning they found out the the Battle Of The Bulge had begun. Grandpa said that they used pattoon bridges to cross the Rhine River with the tanks. He said this took a long time, they would let one get about half way across before they would send another one.

The civilians that they came across lived in basements since much of the area was destroyed. Grandpa could communicate with the Germans since he spoke german. The civilians also stated to the Americans that they didn't want this war.

At the end of the war, Grandpa was around a town called Dessau, close to the Elbe River. The troops wanted to join the others and go to Berlin but they didn't. There was a pattoon bridge that several tanks went across and then later came back. This bridge was then taken down and a foot bridge was put up. They stayed at this bridge for about 10 days. They then saw American tanks coming from the other side of the foot bridge. However Russians got out of the American tanks. Our American officers met the Russians in the middle of the bridge and shook hands on who was to take what. Grandpa was about 50 miles away from the Elbe River when the war ended.

To come back home the soldiers were on a point system. Those with highest points returned first, you had to have 75 points or more. Grandpa had 73 points so he came back on the second wave. He was in Frankford for a while and then to Stuttgart, Germany and then to Camp Lucky Strike in Leharve, France where he left on the SS Samalzec Ship which was a Norwegian Ship. This ship was smaller, the food still wasn't much better, but the trip home only took 9 days & nights.

The ship arrived in New York Harbor, they saw the Statue of Liberty which was a great sight to see. The city had big banners "WELCOME BACK", however there was a harbor strike so they had to go up the Hudson River to New Jersey where a boat came out to their ship and took them to the dock.

After landing they found out that the first wave of troops that returned home by planes that had the 75 points were still in the service having to make sure the rest of the troops returned home safely.

Grandpa was in the service 3-years, 8-months, and 15 days. His over seas duty was 25-months and 1-day. He never fired one shot in the war due to keeping the tanks running. They had a supply truck with them at all times with items to repair the tanks. The battles and campaigns listed on Grandpa's Honorable Discharge papers include Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. His date of separation was October 16, 1945 at Camp Fannin, Texas. Also attached to this interview is copy of the letter of Thanks and a Diplome that Grandpa received just last year from France.

Leroy Klinger Short Stories

The Story Teller – Leroy was a great story teller. He knew a tremendous amount of history for the area and loved to tell people about his experiences and the history of the area. He was invited twice to do segments on the New Braunfels radio Reminisce program. Also while working with the different genealogy organizations he was asked to talk on different topics several times.

The Area Reporter - Leroy could have made a “Milepost” book of the area surrounding Blanco. Everywhere we traveled at almost every turn of the road Leroy could tell you some historical fact, tidbit of information or a story about the location. He knew detailed information about many of the area farms and old homes especially those that were within the families of the Klingers, Kochs, Muellers and Fischers. While making Day Trips with Leroy we visited many of the ancestral homes and farms around Blanco and New Braunfels.

Schlitterbahn – The area in New Braunfels where Schlitterbahn now stands was once the property of one of Leroy’s Great Grandfathers.

The Back-up Hill- One story involved a certain hill just outside of New Braunfels where travelers routinely had to back their vehicles up the hill. Going down was fine but unless you had a full tank of gas (which hardly anyone ever had) the cars with gravity feed fuel systems would stall out. When backing up the hill the fuel line to the engine remained covered with fuel and all was fine.

The Soda Stop - Along this same road Leroy would point out a small old building that at one time had been a store. This was located near the midpoint between Blanco and New Braunfels and was a common place to take a break and have a soda if you had saved your money for the trip.

The Northern that wasn’t - Leroy told a story of how one day he and his brother were sent to take the trash to the dump area across the field from where he lived. A northern was blowing in and they did not want to go but it was not an option. The north wind had begun and was already chilly. When they crossed the field the wind was from the South. They tended to their business and returned home to find that the north wind had stopped and was again from the south and warm.

Middletown – On Blanco County Road 101 there once was the beginning of a settlement called Middletown near the area where a dam was constructed on the Little Blanco River. Leroy had researched this settlement and was invited to give a talk on it during a Genealogy Field Trip.

The Narrows – During this same field trip the group visited “The Narrows” on the Blanco River which is now surrounded by privately owned land and accessible by invitation only. Leroy told stories of visiting the area as a child as it was a favorite in the 20’s for Sunday Afternoon outings.

Around the Home

The Water Meter – Leroy was convinced that his water bill was incorrect after the City of Cibolo had installed a new water meter at his home. He questioned his bill and was assured that the meter was correct. Leroy monitored his usage over a few months and again discussed this with the City and was again told that the meter was correct. To make his point Leroy removed the cover over the meter and sat in a chair and watched the indicator of the meter as it rotated. He discovered that even when he had no water running the meter indicator would occasionally turn. After careful study and shutting the water off to his house completely he found that the indicator was still turning. He concluded that when the water pressure fluctuated due to usage at other residences, water was exiting from his waterlines and returning to the main. The meter was recording this flow however as usage and not return. After again confronting the City and finally getting the city engineer over to the watch the meter’s operation, the City concluded that Leroy was right and the meter was wrong. The meter was replaced and a partial credit followed for the excess water that he had been charge.

The Yard – Leroy’s yard was maintained in near immaculate condition. The grass was cut to a specific height and in a certain pattern and manner. The yard could not be watered with a common sprinkler. That notion was totally unacceptable. The yard was staked out in a grid like fashion and Leroy would sit in a lawn care, listen to his talk shows on a pocket radio and water the lawn by hand for a specific amount of time for each square of the grid. Sometimes he would fall asleep but that wasn’t a problem. When the hose slipped out of his hand the water would get his pants wet, wake him up and it was time to move to the next square! Also there were only certain times of the day that watering would be done. As his son-in law I volunteered on occasion to mow the yard for him. Not going to happen. It was not until I was in my 40s and Leroy was having more difficulty getting around that I was allowed to mow the yard and then that was under his supervision and guidance. Method aside, you could not argue with the results. His lawn was always impressive.

Pecan Trees – Leroy’s home in Cibolo did not start out with Pecan trees. He planted them and tended to them and then began grafting different types of pecans to the growing trunks. One tree in his yard produces three different types of pecans! A step by step process was developed over years to best take care of the trees including pruning, spraying, and watchful eye for anything out of the ordinary that might affect the trees and the pecan crop. For the time, I doubt that even A&M could have come up with a better program for his trees.

Harvesting and Shelling Pecans – Although I wasn't allowed to mow the yard until my 40's, Leroy was more lenient when it came to thrashing pecans. I was allowed to do that almost immediately after being accepted into the family. Sorting and shelling though was still in Leroy's domain. All pecans were kept separated according to the type and which tree they came from. All the pecans were placed in a large tub of water to check for "floaters". These were the pecans that were light enough to float and were discarded without even cracking the shell to see what was inside. The rest were bagged in mesh bags and allowed to dry before shelling. Leroy tried several different (and wore out more than a few) shellers and settled on the inertia sheller that used rubber bands to propel a slide into the pecan as it was positioned against an anvil to crack the shell without damaging the meat inside. Leroy knew exactly how many rubber bands were required for the 7 or 8 different types of pecans he had as each type had a different shape and shell density. This process was almost an art form. After shelling, each half of the pecan meat was polished with a toothbrush to remove any of the web that forms inside the shell that could result in a bitter taste. His pecans were in great demand with friends, relatives and acquaintances. Anyone who got his pecans would confirm that they were some of the best available and very rarely were you ever surprised by biting into a piece of shell. Leroy maintained that the small, hard-shelled, stubborn little Native pecans were the best flavored due to their full body and natural oils but debated if it was worth the effort to get the pecan out of the shell.

The Garden – For many years Leroy had a fantastic garden that as with all of his projects was meticulously maintained and organized. Along with the normal vegetables Leroy would experiment with growing new items that he had learned about such as the Chinese beans that grew to up to 3' long and growth could be measured with a ruler by the day (which he did). He also planted spaghetti squash years before it became popular. His tomatoes were exceptional and as near perfect as you could ever see.

Everything in it's place – All of Leroy's tools, garden supplies, stored items etc all had specific places and were organized and he could tell you at any given time exactly where to find whatever you were looking for. This holds true up to the last. Even near the end of his life if you ask him where something was he could tell you exactly where to look for it.

The Dress – Once when Leroy was 6 or 7 years old his family was visiting friends or relatives along the Little Blanco River. It was cool and while walking along the river he fell in and was soaking wet. That was bad enough that he fell in but to make everything worse, he had to wear one of the girls of the family they were visiting's dresses and sit by the wood stove while his clothes were drying.

The carpenter – Leroy worked as a carpenter for several years with a builder in Blanco and in Cibolo. He worked on residential as well as commercial properties. Two of the more notable projects included working on the Blanco High School and building Barracks at Randolph AFB. The Blanco School is still in use and the Randolph Barrack stood until just recently when they were torn down for while revisions to the base were being made. When Jeanette and I built our home near Alvin, TX Leroy and Helen came down to help. Leroy brought his hand tools and was willing to do what ever was required, however he was not comfortable with all the power tools we were using. At the time we were framing up the house. Leroy set up his saw horses and got out his tools and began framing out a window to be installed. While we were farming out walls and ceiling joists, Leroy was working on the window. While we were making a lot of racket with nail guns and bang away Leroy was working meticulously on the window. All said and done, our house has exactly ONE perfectly framed window in it.

The Dances – Leroy and Helen loved to dance. Specifically at polka and waltz dances. Their favorite band was the Bay City Dutchmen which was the first heard playing at HemisFair. They followed this band to all the little dance halls around the south Texas area.

The trip to Germany – Leroy and Helen took a trip to Germany which was sponsored by the Bay City Dutchmen. They toured several of the countries around and including Germany. Leroy learned that although he grew up speaking German, he could not converse with the local people very easily. It seems that the Texas version of German was a little different than the German German.

There are way too many wonderful stories to include in this short collection. This was a great man with many talents and a world of information to share. A tremendous amount of history and experiences are now lost except for these stories that we will all try to remember to pass along. Connie

President's Notes

As we move into our fall season, leaving the hot summer behind, we still revel in the great annual meeting at the end of July chaired by Connie and Michael Krause in New Braunfels. Wonderfully choreographed from the start with much information and much to see, these two will be sought to do another one! Our annual meeting is one important way we practice our mission of promoting awareness and preservation of our German Heritage.

Efforts continue each year with our support of the German language in sponsoring awards for the Sprachfest in San Antonio that our founder, Mary El-Beheri, began years ago. We have also added a scholarship program for those wanting to study abroad. What better way to keep our heritage alive than to keep the language alive! What more can we do to help keep German in the public schools? The article sent in by Margaret Hitzfield demonstrates how easily the language can be lost in schools and what has to happen to keep it on the agenda in Round Rock. It takes effort, and yes, involvement by volunteers outside the system to keep it going. Do you have an opportunity to make that happen in your community? As your board goes through a long range planning thought process, education is #1 on our list of things we want to continue as it was a priority for all our ancestors including those who built the German Free School in Austin for that very purpose.

More and more research is being done on Germans in Texas and the values they brought with them and the impact they had on our great state. We are so fortunate to have on our board, Dr. James Kearney and Professor Hans Boas, both researchers of our German history. Dr. Kearney shared his knowledge of the Adelsverein, Prince Solms-Braunfels, Friedrich von Wrede, Sr. and Louis Cachand Ervendberg at the annual meeting and participated in an event marking the Nueces Massacre in the last two months. He is a wealth of information that we have the opportunity to tap!! And Professor Boas is in touch with the need to preserve the German language of Texas, researching how it evolved in Texas with the Texas German Dialect Project, and teaching bright young minds linguistics at the University of Texas.

We welcome to our 2013 board, Gisela de Marco from Dallas. Gisela is a member of the Dallas Goethe Center and one of the founding members of the German Saturday School which has been accredited by the German government as one of over 800 'Auslandschulen' in the world. This entitles it to be a school where exams for the prestigious German Language diploma may be offered, with a school representative from Germany coming to oversee and give the examinations. Probably due to these developments, the Bundespräsident honored Gisela by awarding her die 'Verdienstmedaille des Verdienstordens der Bundesrepublik', (.the Medal of Honor for Service on behalf of the Bundesrepublik). As she states, she became a board member, appearing at 4 meetings a year until a grandmother member suggested a school for her grandchildren to learn German...the rest is history....Volunteerism Rocks!

We honored three members for their volunteerism by awarding them the Ehrenstern Award at the annual meeting. Congratulations Charles Locklin, Liz Hicks and Jean Heide, all hard workers for GTHS.

We look forward to Dr. Kearney's search for a great site for our annual meeting next year and Professor Boas is already hard at work researching/advising our executive director, Jean, on a new management system (also an expertise he has had to master given his own needs for a good system).

Watch for those events to mark historical happenings in your area. Take a friend with you. At the annual meeting we visited Louis Ervendberg's home outside of New Braunfels where he cared for some 19 children given to his care after they were orphaned. We visited Ferdinand Lindheimer's home on the Comal where he did his botanical work. We visited the First Protestant Church (established and arranged by Prinz Carl), we visited the New Braunfels Cemetery and the mass graves of 1845-1846 (see pages 157, 158 for a pictorial tour.) These experiences bring to life the focus, attitudes of our German ancestors.

Please respond to our annual request for funding beyond your membership. We have a strong board, a dedicated group at the German Free School and volunteers who make our annual meeting happen. I have appointed a committee to study ways to better utilize the German Free School as a source of additional revenues. We have begun work on a "German Trails Project" to identify the paths the Germans took to get from the coast. How about an APP for a smart phone that a person can "buy" to take them along those trails? Talk about an outreach!!

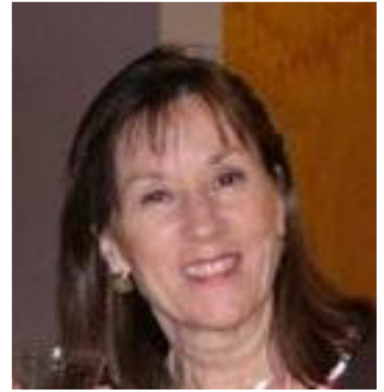
And lastly, I will say it again, I have the best job in the world in that I get to read every word that goes in the Journal. Keep those cards and letters acomin'.

Mary

P.S. By executive order I am reinstating the 150th club opportunity to honor a family member or loved one by placing their name on a bronze plaque to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the German Free School...see my editorial comment at the end of Rodney's "Leave Your German Mark", p. 150-151 and p. 152 for rough draft of the plaque.



Executive Director's Report Message from the Executive Director



Briefly ...

We so look forward to fall with the change of season and a respite from the hot summer. Fall also brings us the festival season and here at the German Free School, we are in the big middle of planning Oktoberfest (Oct 6) and our Christmas Market (Dec 1).

When I am asked if the German influence is still present in Texas, I reference the list of Oktoberfests that we have compiled. On our list are 18 festivals and there are probably more. Please take the time to attend a few of them and celebrate our heritage.

We can't thank Connie and Michael Krause enough for the work put into the annual meeting in New Braunfels in July. I have heard only good reports, so please accept my thanks also.

To all who donated to our annual fund drive, a big thank you!

We look forward to seeing you soon at one of our events!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jean Warneke". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jean Warneke

Executive Director

LEAVE YOUR GERMAN MARK

By Rodney C. Koenig (past President of GTHS)

Will You Celebrate Your 100th Birthday?

I am writing this column on September 14, 2012. Exactly 100 years ago on September 14, 1912, my mother, Elva Marguerite Oeding was born outside of Glidden in Colorado County, Texas. Her parents were Paul Edwin Oeding and Margaret Munke Oeding. Elva was one of four children, being the second child and oldest daughter. Her brother Felix Lawrence Oeding was the oldest child. Her sister Mae Oeding Carby and her brother Archie Paul Oeding followed her. The family lived in the Freyburg farming community outside of Schulenburg and La Grange, Texas. The Oeding family immigrated to Texas from Schulau-Wedel, just down river from Hamburg, in what was the Kingdom of Denmark in the 1850s, but is now in Schleswig Holstein, Germany. The Oeding family settled in O'Quinn near Freyburg, with most of the family graves being at Black Jack Springs Cemetery. Elva and her siblings grew up on their farm in Freyburg, near her grandfather Julius Oeding's farm at O'Quinn. Elva's Grandfather Julius and his wife Louise Mueller Oeding had 13 children, so a large extended family existed. Elva, her sister and her two brothers lived on the farm, raised chickens, cattle, pigs, cotton, corn and made hay. They always had farm vegetables and a fine garden. The girls learned to sew, learned to play the piano, but also worked out in the fields. Of course the boys worked out in the fields and tended to animals.



As Elva grew up, she went to the country school nearby, Abbott's Grove Country School, which continued through the 8th grade. The teacher, Miss Rosie, lived and boarded with the Oeding family, about two miles south of the school. Elva and her siblings went as far as possible in this country school, but no buses were available to take them to town after the 8th grade, so their formal education ended at the 8th grade. An interesting side light of grading required parents of Elva to grade her on home chores, including sewing, baking, cooking, cleaning, and caring for farm animals. My wife Mary shared copies of some of my mother's grade cards with her students in Bellaire High School, who were surprised to see the grades given my mother for home chores. She did quite well in both academic scores and on home chore grades.

My mother later began seeing my father, John H. Koenig, who lived on a farm several miles away at Black Jack Springs. They dated, went to many of the country dances, including ones at Freyburg Hall, Swiss Alp Hall and O'Quinn Hall near Grandfather Julius's farm. As my father said, he began seeing more and more of Elva, and then on January 24, 1933, they married at Philadelphia Lutheran Church, and he then saw all of her. Wedding gifts included a dozen Rhode Island Red chickens and a dozen white chickens to help the young couple start farming. Being farmers, they delayed their honeymoon until later in the year, when they went to Galveston, taking John's younger sister, Hattie Koenig, with them in the Rumble seat of the 1929 Ford Model A Roadster. Hattie Koenig Krischke was also born in 1912 and would have been 100 this past summer.

The young couple first had son Weldon in 1935, and then had son Rodney in 1940, both born out on their farm at O'Quinn. The home had no electricity or indoor toilets until the late 1940's when the REA came to that part of Fayette County. For those "in the know", a Sears Roebuck catalogue might last all year! Elva and John belonged to



Trinity Lutheran Church at Black Jack Springs, where Elva began playing Organ and continued to do so for 30-40 years, playing also at Salem Lutheran, Philadelphia, and United Ev. Lutheran. She belonged to and chaired the Frauen's Verein, taught in the Sunday school and was very active with her church. She was the heart of the music at her home, where she played piano, her husband played accordion and saxophone, son Weldon played saxophone, and son Rodney played trumpet. All family members sang as well.

She was a full partner in her home and on the farm, where she not only baked bread daily, cooked and served every meal for years, but worked out in the fields picking cotton, harvesting corn, milking cows, feeding chickens and pigs, tending to her garden, mending clothes and sewing feedsack shirts for her husband and sons. She and Johnny continued to go to dances, played 42 and card games, sang, traveled, visited with brothers and sisters, traveled with their sons and siblings. A memorable trip was one to Germany in 1972 with sons and their families, as well as other trips throughout the USA and Europe. She and her husband were election judges for over 50 years, a job she continued after the death of her husband, John on May 27, 1984. She also served as President of Black Jack Springs Cemetery Association when the Chapel was built there in 1999.

She was particularly proud of her sons. Rear Admiral Weldon Koenig, whose primary career was in Nuclear submarines, was Captain of the USS Simon Bolivar, a nuclear IBM submarine and Commodore of several submarine squadrons, as well as being Commanding Officer of US Naval Training Command in Orlando, Florida, where he commanded approximately 20,000 US Navy and Marine Corps personnel. Weldon also Chaired St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange after his Naval career was completed, chaired the Midshipman's Foundation, and chaired various other groups including the University of Texas College of Natural Sciences Advisory Board. He is now back on the family farm. Son Rodney Koenig was a Partner of the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, where he still works, was state President of GTHS, President of Houston Saengerbund, and President of various other groups such as the Navy League, Houston Early Music, and serves on various Foundation Boards such as Lutheran Foundation, Jackson Foundation, Gray Foundation, Williams Foundation and others. Both sons retained



their parents love for music and both still sing in choirs to this day. She also left 5 grandchildren, Chris, Erik, Jennifer, Jon Todd and Andrew, as well as step grandchildren Jill and Joshua. Great grandchildren are Drew and Kelsey, as well as step great grandchildren Sierra, Noah and Nathan.

Elva Koenig lived into her 90's and passed away on August 29, 2003. She is buried at Black Jack Springs Cemetery, very near her home and her farm for her entire married life. Elva, who would have been 100, truly left her German Mark on her community, her church and her family.

Another very important day is coming soon for Eugene Vanderworth, father of our President, Mary Whigham. He will be 100 on December 9, 2012. His family came from Amoneburg, Germany in 1833. He lived in West Texas in the Abilene area and now lives in Brenham. Both Eugene Vanderworth and Elva Koenig were born in 1912, with 2012 being their centennial year! We wish Eugene a Happy 100th Birthday this December!

How will you leave your German Mark? How will you be remembered? Will you leave a memorial to your parents, grandparents or your favorite teacher? If you desire help in leaving your German Mark, contact any of our GTHS officers, our Board Members or contact Rodney C. Koenig at (713) 651-5333 or at rkoenig@fulbright.com. Give yourself a birthday present by taking positive action in updating your Will!

Editor's note: Many of us joined the 150th club back in 2007 to honor a loved one and provide additional funding for GTHS. We have yet to order the bronze plaque that a donation totaling \$15,000, \$4500, or \$1500 would allow for your dedication to an individual. We will be ordering the plaque first of next year so if your assets are flush, not too late to come on board! For more information, email Mary or Jean at the German Free School - Sample plaque next page!

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Our Dear Liz celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with a trip (provided by her children) to the great state of Hawaii! We gave her the month off!!!

Community Events

SPRECHEN SIE DEUTSCH?

From "The Round Rock leader" - June 2, 2012

RRHS German 1 Classes will return to campus next year (By Lauri Zachry)

Rotary Club awards scholarship to RRHS student

At the end of the 2010-11 school year, the Round Rock High School German program was at risk of being cut and first year German classes were not to be offered for the 2011-12 school year. School administrators cited lack of interest in the program. Administrators had even talked about slowly phasing it out - meaning RRHS would have been the only Round Rock ISO high school with no German program.

However after students succeeded in the Sprachfest regional competition Feb. 4 in San Antonio and several parent volunteers got involved with German program recruiting efforts in the middle school level, they learned that the program will continue at the high school for the next school year. Round Rock High students will now be able to take first through fourth year German classes.

RRHS German parent volunteer Tina Risinger said teacher William Harp was instrumental in helping grow the program again. He also teaches German at Cedar Ridge High School. When Harp began teaching at the school for the 2011-12 school year, the previous year's students did not attend the Sprachfest contest or have a strong German club she said. This year, students placed third in the



The Round Rock High School German program this school year went from possibly being on the chopping block to winning third place in its' regional competition. Pictured (front row) Emily Risinger, Kharan Badrinarayan, Josh Fluegel, Joyce McCormick and Annemarie Simmons (back row) Leah Murff, Stefan Bordovsky, Tamin Benyouseff, Michael Fournie, Ian Llewellyn, Joey Prather, and William B. Harp, IV, RRHS German, teacher.

Sprachfest regional contest out of 29 schools in Central and south Texas with what she considers half of a program since the school only offered German II and III classes this year.

With the help of Harp, programs such as the German Club went from being student-driven to teacher driven, Risinger said.

"If you have a teacher who sees beyond the four walls of a classroom then the students will respond," she said. "This year the students have been exposed to so many things like going to contests and having dinners in Walburg, a definite German town. Even after all these efforts like recruiting and the students winning at contest, they still wanted to end the program at the school. This is a German area and you've got cities like New Braunfels and Pflugerville here. But we are glad German I is back."

Of the school's German students, Stefan Bordovsky, Rebekah Bell, Jessica Starich, Emily Risinger, Annemarie Simmons, Chris McKeever, Kharan Badrinarayanan, William Freeman, Joyce McCorrilick and Karon Waclawczk qualified to represent RRHS at the Texas State German Contest Feb. 5 at the University of Texas in Austin, where they competed against 1,049 students from 61 schools.

Starich, Brianna Zawadzki, Bordovsky and Annemarie Simmons scored 90 or above on the American Association of Teachers of German National Exam and earned a chance to apply for a summer exchange program in Berlin. German student Mary Ishee was one of only three students from the Central Texas area to win a study abroad scholarship from Rotary Club International for the 2012-2013 school year.

Harp is proud of the German students and their accomplishments this year. "I have to say honestly that our half-time program is just as good, if not better, than all the other programs in Central Texas," he said.

RRHS German parent volunteer Cindy Simmons said the students have really brought honor to the German program this year. She acknowledges Round Rock community member Dale Ricklefs, former Round Rock public library director and San Antonio community member Richard Sierra for helping club members this year.

Ricklefs created authentic maroon and white Austrian Dirndl costume dresses for the female folk dance team members and matching embroidered suspenders for the male dance team members.

Sierra gave the students hours of folk dance lessons.

"The current German students have worked hard and increased RRHS' standing in the community of German language learners and teachers," she said. "We are absolutely thrilled that our students will be able to take German classes at Round Rock High School next fall and in the future. The students are excited about competing next year and all the scholarship and study abroad possibilities that lie ahead. We have a chance to create a great German program here at RRHS."



Round Rock High School German students and members of the German Club's folk dancing group Jessica Starich and Rebekah Hall rehearse a routine they performed in their regional competition in 2012.

Submitted by Margaret Hitzfield, Round Rock



San Antonio Express-News, Sunday March 25, 2012

Germany: Michael Grohmann, chief of the high rope forest climbing park, climbs to a GDR Trabant car and checks steel cables in the adventure park in Moritzburg on Saturday. The Trabant was the first German small car with a plastic body

Submitted by Angelina Kretschmar, San Antonio

Our Annual Meeting in New Braunfels was a great success!

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**Special thanks to Michael & Connie Krause for
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See Next Pages for Picture Tour!

34th Annual Meeting German-Texan Heritage Society New Braunfels, Texas July 27-28, 2012



Photos by John Coers



- 1. NB First Protestant Church
- 2. Church Sanctuary
- 3. All Seeing Eye from original structure
- 4. Rev. Ervenberg's home and the Orphanage
- 5. Pantry in Orphanage
- 6. Lindheimer's Home
- 7. New Braunfels Cemetery



Comfort to Mark 150th year since Nueces massacre

Article to follow from *Houston Chronicle* and *Baytown Sun*

150th Anniversary of the Civil War Battle and Massacre at the Nueces River near Bracketville, August 10 1862



Board member, historian/author, Dr. James Kearney at the anniversary doings



Pictures courtesy of board member, Carl Luckenbach, a descendant



SAN ANTONIO - A battle and mass execution 150 years ago is being recalled Friday as a key event in local Civil War history, and a reminder of a sad, conflicted time in South Texas.

Hundreds of history enthusiasts and descendants of Germans who died in or survived the Aug. 10, 1862, Battle of Nueces will gather in nearby Comfort this weekend to ponder the era when Texas was a Confederate state, despite support for the Union.

Even though [Robert E. Lee](#) was pro-Union while stationed in San Antonio before becoming the Confederate commanding general, historical memory has largely ignored ties between Texas and America's bloodiest war. The death of 19 Unionists near the Nueces River in Kinney County and execution of nine prisoners is, to many, symbolic of the war's impact at home.

'Battle and massacre'

Two Confederate troops were killed and 18 wounded in the predawn battle. But some descendants of the Unionists call the event a massacre.

"I call it a battle and a massacre," said [Brenda Seidensticker](#), a Comfort resident whose great-grandfather, [August Hoffman](#), survived the clash and lived to be 92. Seidensticker said she counts the 19 killed when confronted by Confederates as war casualties. But the execution of nine wounded Unionists, and orders forbidding anyone from retrieving their remains, crossed a line of civility, even in war, she said. Most were Germans who had lived in Kendall, Kerr and Gillespie counties. "The wounded were asked if they'd like to go into the shade," Seidensticker said. "They said yes. Then they were shot in the head."

Remains of the dead were recovered in 1865 and interred in Comfort. The Treue der Union (True to the Union) Monument, now the oldest Civil War monument in Texas, was dedicated at the burial site in 1866.

About 75 descendants of the fallen and survivors will have a private ceremony Friday morning at the battle site, between Rocksprings and Brackettville. Public events will be at or near the monument in Comfort, 50 miles northwest of San Antonio. A folk opera Friday night and memorial program, German meal, book-signing and sold-out symposium on Saturday are planned.

Deep wounds inflicted

All five major Civil War battles in Texas were fought along the coast - two at Galveston, two at Sabine Pass and one near Brownsville. But little is remembered about the discord the war caused. While people in and around Boerne and Fredericksburg opposed secession, those in the New Braunfels area, where Germans had lived in Texas longer and were sympathetic to states' rights, supported it.

[Amy Abercrombie King](#), a French teacher at [MacArthur High School](#), said she realized, when recently trans-

lating early 1860s letters written by a French-speaking Belgian named [Jean-Charles Houzeau](#), that the war inflicted deep wounds in San Antonio. The town, under martial law, was besieged by murders and hangings. Although historians have said 1 in 4 Texas families owned slaves, abolitionists were "threatened, bullied and badgered" by powerful, wealthy figures who wanted to expand slavery, King said.

Extensive research

Houzeau, an astronomer and ardent abolitionist, was a "keen observer of what was going on in San Antonio amid the push into the Confederacy," said King, who spent two years translating graphic details of the letters for a [Belgium university](#). She said she has done other research on European Texans, mostly Germans, who were "not vocal about much."

"They were glad to be away from the revolutionary influences of Europe," she said.

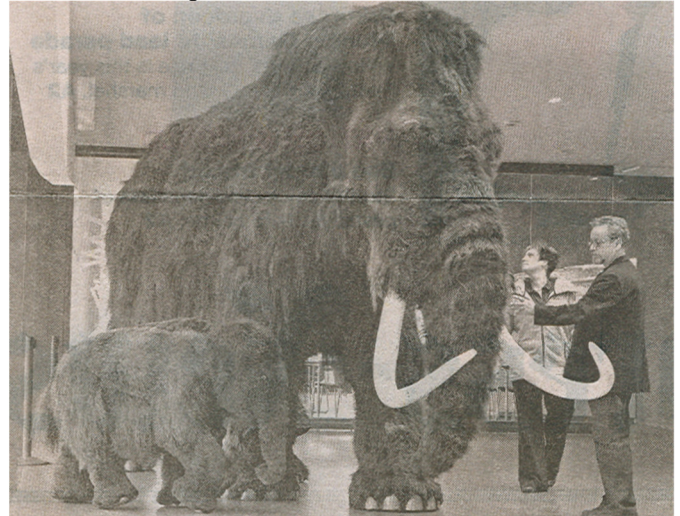
King learned that Houzeau helped Union sympathizer [Charles Anderson](#) escape captivity at Camp Salado, at what now is Fort Sam Houston. Anderson, known locally for building the [Argyle Club](#) in Alamo Heights, later became the governor of Ohio.

San Antonio's Civil War history should be told truthfully, King said. "I'm excited about what I've found," she said. "It's not like 'Gone with the Wind.' Texans aren't perfect, and we shouldn't put ourselves out as being perfect."

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Submitted by Carl Luckenbach, Fredericksburg and Janice Thompson, Houston

San Antonio Express-News, March 30, 2012



Germany: People check out mammoth reproductions in the "Giants of the Ice Age" exhibit in the foyer of the Ark Nebra in Nebra. The exhibit opened Thursday and runs through Nov. 4

Submitted by Angelina Kretzschmar, San Antonio

Texas Cavaliers River Parade

San Antonio Express-News, Tuesday, April 24, 2012



Fiesta revelers do the confetti polka

The River Walk was lined end to end with Fiesta fans Monday night as floats, including the Beethoven Maennerchor's "Beer Barrel Polka," made their way down the river.

Beer-drinking advice for tourists

Two young German tourists - Niklas Schubert and Andre Buch - sat along the side of one of the bridges, looking down at the San Antonio River where the spectacle of the parade would unfold later in the evening.

Schubert said they had no idea what they were stumbling into when they arrived this week. It was supposed to be just one of the many stops during their four month road trip from Los Angeles to Miami.

Schubert said they have enjoyed their time in the city and added that the people here had been nicer than those in L.A.

As if to prove his point, when he asked the woman sitting next to him how to drink his Shiner without getting into trouble with the cops, she readily offered some advice.

Submitted by Angelina Kretzchmar,
San Antonio

Germany, France leaders urge unity among nations

REIMS, France - The desecration of dozens of graves of Germans killed in World War I and buried in a French cemetery clouded a historic meeting Sunday by the leaders of the two nations, who urged Europeans to set aside economic worries and deepen their union.

In the medieval cathedral in Reims, France, a city battered by the two world wars, French President Francois Hollande and German Chancellor Angela Merkel marked the 50th anniversary of a meeting between France's Charles de Gaulle and Germany's Konrad Adenauer that paved the way for decades of cross-border partnership.

The Reims cathedral where the two leaders attended a special mass was where kings of France were long crowned and was bombed by German planes in World War I. It was in Reims that Germans signed their surrender to the Allies on May 7, 1945, heralding the end of World War II in Europe.

On July 8, 1962, de Gaulle and Adenauer shook hands in a symbolic gesture meant to bury generations of enmity between France and Germany. On Sunday, Merkel and

Hollande exchanged kisses on the cheek. Today's leaders, whose countries are the biggest economies in the eurozone, acknowledged the challenges facing the shared currency as debts in smaller countries have affected the whole region and worry markets worldwide. The conservative Merkel and Socialist Hollande disagree on some key issues raised in seeking solutions to the crisis, including sharing debts across the eurozone. "The economic union ... appears not to be strong enough," Merkel said, urging Europeans to "complete the economic and monetary union on a political level."

Hollande insisted that the French could keep some of their cherished national sovereignty but said the current crisis should push Europeans to speed up integration and force a "new start" for European unity.

He denounced vandals who desecrated at least 40 graves of Germans killed in World War I in a military cemetery in Saint-Etienne-a-Arnes in northern France on the eve of Sunday's meeting.

"No dark forces, much less



foolish acts, can alter the deep movement of Franco-German friendship," he said.

The reason for the attack, not far from Reims in a region that saw battles in both world wars, was unclear. French authorities were investigating.

France sees occasional cemetery vandalism, usually targeting Jewish or Muslim graves.

Hollande hailed de Gaulle and Adenauer for "the audacity to imagine a common future after so much pain" and their "greatness" for laying the groundwork for Franco-German friendship that became a basis for the European Union.

Hollande, known for his sense of humor, joked about the unusually blustery July weather.

"It's weather like this that seals friendships," he said with a smile.

German Bunkers found...

For those of you who are WWII buffs, I think you will find this quite fascinating. Three Nazi bunkers on a beach have been uncovered by violent storms off the Danish coast, providing a store of material for history buffs and military archaeologists. The bunkers were found in practically the same condition as they were on the day the last Nazi soldiers left them, down to the tobacco in one trooper's pipe and a half-finished bottle of Schnapps. This bunker was entombed under the sand dunes until a violent storm swept away the sands three months ago.



The bunkers had not been touched since the war. The bunkers were three of 7,000 built by the Germans as part of Hitler's 'Atlantic Wall' from Norway to the south of France. But while the vast majority were almost immediately looted or destroyed, these three were entombed under the sand dunes of a remote beach near the town of Houvig since 1945. They were uncovered only because recent storms sent giant waves cascading over them, sweeping away the sand and exposing glimpses of the cement and iron structures. Kim Clausen, curator of the Ringkoebing-Skjern museum views a heater retrieved from the bunker.

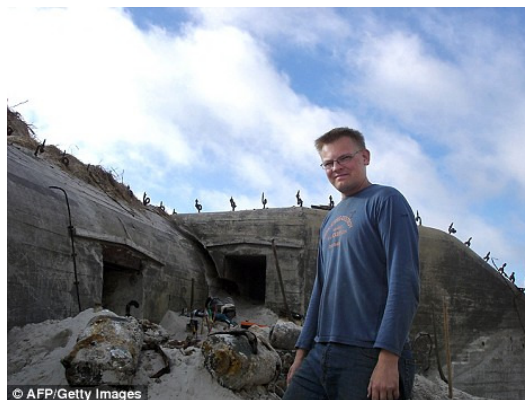
Stamps of the German Eagle of Adolf Hitler and the Swastika were also retrieved.

They were located by two 9-year-old boys on holiday with their parents, who then informed the authorities. Archaeologists were able to carefully force



a way in, and were astounded at what they found. 'What's so fantastic is that we found them completely furnished with beds, chairs, tables, communication systems and the personal effects of the soldiers who lived inside,' says Jens Andersen, the curator of the Hanstholm museum.

And a third expert, Tommy Cassoe, enthused: 'It was like entering the heart of a pyramid with mummies all around. What I saw blew me away: it was as if the German soldiers had left only yesterday.' Within a few days the team working with Cassoe emptied the structures of boots, undergarments, socks, military stripes, mustard and aquavit bottles, books, inkpots, stamps featuring Hitler, medicines, soda bottles, keys, hammers and other objects. All of the objects from the shelters have been taken to the conservation centre at Oelgod museum, some 20 miles from the beach to be examined.



The centre's German curator, Gert Nebrich, judged the find 'very interesting because it is so rare. We don't expect contemporary objects like these to be so well preserved. Maybe it's because they were kept for 60 years in the cold and dark like in a big vacuum,' he says, carefully showing four stamps featuring Hitler's image and the German eagle, found in one bunker. The Germans left the bunkers in May, 1945 after the Nazi surrender. Historical records show that Gerhard Saalfed was a 17-year-old soldier with the German army when he arrived at the bunker in January 1945. Germany surrendered on May 8, 1945, but it wasn't until two days later that he and his fellow soldiers left their remote station. They shut the steel doors of the bunker behind them on their remote beach and went to the nearest town 10 miles away to surrender. "The remote location of the bunkers and the drifting sands that covered them saved them from being ransacked," said Cassoe.



Submitted by Liz Hicks, Houston



Germany: Children play in water-walk balls on the lake at Munich's Olympic stadium Sunday - *San Antonio Express News*, April 9, 2012

Submitted by Angelina Kretschmar, San Antonio

People

Landes Family Reunion:

Pictured standing on the Landes homestead site, and behind a large stone that was part of Iler Landes' cabin is, back row, left to right, Garvin Hendon, Janella Hendon, Larry Landes, Jerry Landes, Steve Landes, Oma Lee Brawley, Coy Landes, Eugenia Landes, Billy Landes, and Truman Landes; front row, left to right, is Cooper Burleson, Tommy Tatum, Dorothy Landes, Lynnette Landes Burleson, Patricia Landes Outlaw, Bonnie Brawley, Rubie Nell Landes Burton, Charles Barrow, Alesa Landes Hunt, and Tawnya Landes Menzdorf.



Friday, June 15, 2012, a group of 26 Landes descendents and friends went on a tour directed by Coy Landes to the homestead sites of Iler Harmon Landes and one of his sons, Newton Clark (Doc) Landes near Purves.

Mr. Tommy Tatum, whose family purchased the Iler Landes land in 1903, was so kind to let this group drive across his pastures to see the place our ancestor homesteaded in the 1870's.

The group also visited the Barbee Cemetery where many Landes family members are buried. Iler and three of his sons, Jake, John Henry, and Doc, and Doc's wife, Mary Jane Landes, are among the many Landes buried in the cemetery near Edna Hill.

Saturday, June 16, 2012, the descendents of Iler and his sons, Doc and James Buchanan Landes met at the Roberson Building in Lingleville, Texas for their Family Reunion.

There was a presentation of the history of the family, from when the first Landes, Christian/Christopher came to America, September 1, 1736, on the ship Harle from Alsace, Germany. Christian married and his family began the long trail from the Port of Pennsylvania by way of West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and to Arkansas where Iler Harmon Landes raised his family until 1873. At that time, most of his family came to Texas and settled in Erath County on the banks of Restless Creek near Purves.

There were several artifacts and old photos displayed including an oxen yoke used by the family, a 22 rifle that belonged to Doc Landes, and the Iler Harmon Landes family Bible dating back to 1871.

A noon day meal was catered with desserts provided by several ladies of the group. After the meal, everyone shared in having photos taken.

The oldest attending was Willie Lee Sharp Williams, 89 years young of Purves, wife of the late Earl Williams, son of Monroe and Orlena Landes, and daughter of Doc and Mary Jane Barbee Landes.

Forty-one descendents of Newton Clark Landes attended including Jerry & Norma Westmoreland; Norman Sharp; Lynn Clark; Sue Huskey; Oma Lee, Ronnie, and Bonnie Brawley; Carolyn, Michelle, Samuel, Nehemiah, Alexander, and Peyton Blackwell; Janet Helmig; Willie Williams; Brady Mears; Steven Landes; Jerry Landes; Linda McAnally; Ila Faye Weston; Ruth Ann Mote; Norman & Sheila Wilson; Sue (Landes) & John Cowan; Coy & Annette Landes; Ken, Lynnette (Landes), and Cooper Burleson; Nicole Landes; Dorothy Landes; Ronnie & Mary Landes; Patricia (Landes) & Lawrence Outlaw; Sharon & David Hillam; and Larry & Kathy Landes.

Forty-five descendents of James Buchanan Landes attended including Rubie Nell (Landes) Burton; Charles Barrow; Eugenia Landes; Truman & Linda Landes; Jerry, Tawnya (Landes), and Kolby Menzdorf; Kenneth & Alesa (Landes) Hunt, Kurt, Angela, and Kade Hunt; Kevin, Deanna, Judah, Emma, and Ella Hunt; Keagan Lowey; Billy Landes; Vickie (Landes) Dentler; Ronnie & Phyllis Landes; Shan, Julie (Landes), Dylan, and Jake Allsbrooks; Terri (Landes), Paige, and Preslea Lopez; Gary & Elaine Landes; Kelly, Kaci, Kameron, and Kolton Landes; and Jeromy, Jennifer, Jaylin, Julie, and Cooper Landes; Carl, Crystal, Austin, and Carissa Landes. Also attending were friends Garvin & Janella Hendon. It was a wonderful day.

[Profile: Rancher and historian James Kearney](#)

By [Michael Barnes](#) | Sunday, July 29, 2012, 11:31 AM *Austin American Statesman*

On a ranch between Weimar and Columbus, **James Kearney** grew up especially alert to the social and cultural shifts around him. For instance, when he visited family in West Texas, he noted the absence of Catholics, African Americans and diversity in general.

"It was like going to a foreign country," Kearney recalls. "There was a completely different mindset up there. That area was dominated by a puritan ethic. The Central Europeans (back in Central Texas) were completely free from that puritanism. They liked to drink; they liked to dance."

Near home, Kearney picked up German and Czech words and phrases from an early age. Out west, he missed the cultural richness of Central Texas. "How did this come to be?" Kearney asked from an early age. "Most people just take such things at face value. I wanted to know. To understand it."

Kearney, 66, has ranched, on and off, his whole life. Yet he also has nourished that youthful curiosity by earning a Ph.D., serving as a field medic in Vietnam, teaching high school German and writing two lauded books about Germans in 19th-century Texas. Now a recognized expert on the subject, Kearney was drafted to address folks saluting the 150th anniversary of the Battle of the Nueces, a commemoration taking place Aug. 10-11 in Comfort. (Read an edited version of Kearney's speech, published July 28 in the Insight & Books section, at statesman.com/insight.)

That 1862 battle pitted some Union sympathizers among German Texans headed to Mexico against Confederates given permission to use all means necessary to stop them, including summary executions. It was but one violent chapter in an amazing history of immigrant resilience that Kearney has helped chronicle through rigorous research in Austin archives.

"The idealistic and delusionary attempt by the Society for the Protection of German Emigrants in Texas to settle thousands of German emigrants on the Texas frontier in the 1840s is a story of epic proportions," Kearney wrote in his first book, "Nassau Plantation. Which one scholar characterized as the greatest tragedy of German emigration to the New World, but ultimately its greatest triumph."

Tall and rangy, Kearney sports a bushy cowboy's moustache. At times, he sounds like the son of a tale-telling railroad supervisor who played pro baseball in South Texas. For that, he can thank his father. At other times, his studied diction resembles that of a longtime schoolteacher descended from a family of educators. That's his mother's gift. His parents watched "Jim" play football and baseball at Columbus High School. He turned suddenly studious in his junior year, excelling in science and math while making the honor society. He attended Texas A&M University until he had a second epiphany: He actually liked the liberal arts. So he transferred to the University of Texas to learn history and German. Kearney was drafted into the U.S. Army during the first year of graduate school. He filed as a conscientious objector, then trained as a combat medic. He operated from a "dust-off" helicopter in Vietnam.

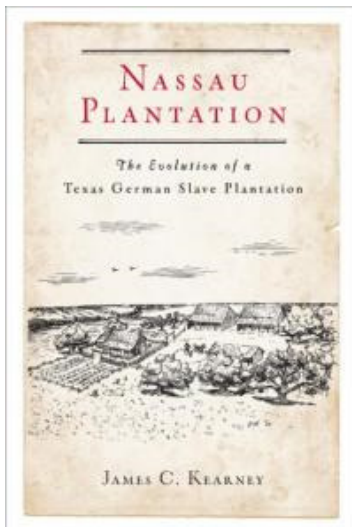
After recovering from a gunshot wound, the Purple Heart awardee returned to graduate school. That was in the early 1970s, when the UT history department was embroiled in campus cultural wars, so Kearney focused instead on German Studies. (He can claim some German heritage on his mother's side.)

Along the way, he met **Paulina van Bavel** from Ames, Iowa, whose folks were Dutch immigrants. They started a family of three children which later included two grandchildren.

After earning his doctorate, Kearney found no quick jobs. So he entered a business program for liberal arts majors. One of his first career nibbles came unexpectedly from billionaire **H. Ross Perot**, who, it turned out, was secretly outfitting a rescue mission to free some of his employees held hostage in Iran. He obviously could have used a veteran combat medic.

Kearney didn't take the job. He and his wife, an accomplished ceramics artist, returned to the family ranch. (Years later, his son, Will, rejoined them in Colorado County to ranch and farm organically.)

Kearney supplemented his income by teaching German down Interstate 10 at Katy High School. "I found I could get along real well with high school kids," he says. "I tripled the size of the German program."



Ranching, teaching and raising a family did not provide enough intellectual activity for such an analytical mind. “I get tired of talking about the weather,” Kearney says of ranching life. “So I fell in with some first-class historians.” He visited Austin often, digging through what is now called the **Dolph Briscoe** Center for American History as well as the Texas State Library and Archives. At UT, he sifted through the previously neglected Solms-Braunfels Archives, which include the business records of the Adelsverein, the idealist group that ushered Germans into Texas.

“It’s a historian’s dream,” he says, then switches to ranch diction: “I’m like a bull in a butter bean patch. You don’t know whether to bellow or bawl.”

Back in the early 1840s, Texas President **Sam Houston** revived the empresario system in order to populate Texas’ western lands. The Adelsverein signed up for a big slice of land northwest of Austin, but was required to populate it before a deadline, despite its location in the hostile Comancheria and far from any roads or farms. So newly arrived Germans were directed to a stepping-stone on the way to the promised land grant: Fredericksburg, which went from population zero to the seventh biggest town in Texas in one year. But how to feed these isolated fever-ridden settlers until they got established?

That logistical crisis figured into “Nassau Plantation.” In that 2010 book, Kearney closely examines a German-owned slave plantation in northern Fayette County that provisioned the stranded Fredericksburg settlers. He covers in great detail the internal disputes among the German Texans, including the ill will caused by divided loyalties during the Civil War.

“Most people know in rough outline that a lot a Germans were Unionists,” Kearney says. “So they think they were all against slavery. But history is nuanced. The nuances are what make it interesting. Some early Germans became Southerners. One became the largest Texas-German slave owner in the state.” “Nassau Plantation” records a pitched battle among German leaders, including the literary romantic **Friedrich Armand Strubberg**, who, as an unlicensed medical doctor, operated under the name Dr. Schubert.

“He’s really the founder of adventure literature in Germany,” Kearney says. “He wrote 21 novels. He wrote the first anti-slavery book in Germany, ironic because of his involvement with Nassau Plantation.”

Furthermore, as Dr. Schubert, he was appointed leader of the Fredericksburg colony. “He was a con man,” Kearney says. “And he probably was not a doctor of any kind. But Fredericksburg was organized as a commune with Schubert as dictator.”

Kearney’s second book is mainly a translation of Stubberg’s novel about his frontier experience, “Friedrichsburg,” recently published by UT Press. Yet Kearney’s historical introduction is as compelling as the romanticized story. “Its existence hung by a thread,” Kearney says. “It came very close to collapsing. If it had, the Hill Country would look different today.”

Among the factors in the colony’s survival were a peace treaty with the Comanches — who were capable of wiping them off the face of the earth — the shipment over open land of supplies from Nassau Plantation and the diplomacy provided by the Delaware tribe.

“They were the only ones who could speak Comanche,” says Kearney, who now plans to write about this group’s largely ignored role in Texas. Also crucial was a symbiotic relationship between the Germans and the Mormon community of Zodiac. They taught the Germans how to grow crops on dry land and quickly built a mill to grind corn and saw lumber.

For all his flaws, Strubberg went on to become an important figure in German literature when he returned home. “A lot about his life we are never going to know,” Kearney says. “His papers burned up in the Battle of Berlin.”

He is haunted by the wealth of manuscripts and other materials about the German settlers in Texas that lie in dusty archives from Austin to Mainz, Germany to Mexico City. “How many others are waiting to be discovered?” he asks. “We have one of the greatest silences in Texas history and I’m just trying to give a voice to them.”

Corrections: In an earlier version of this post, the stated country of origin for Paula von Bavel’s parents was recorded inaccurately. Also, the word “Texas-German” was missing from a sentence about the largest slave owner.

Anna Thompson, Dublin

VETERANS OF GERMAN ANCESTRY

A project is underway to document all Texans of German heritage that have served, or are currently serving, in the United States military. This information will be gathered and preserved in the archives at the Texas Czech Heritage Cultural Center in La Grange, Texas. The ultimate goal is to publish a book with all of the information honoring our veterans.

Anyone of German heritage that served in the armed forces of the United States qualifies. They need not be 100% German, or have German surname. If the surname is other than German, the German ancestral name should be listed. We encourage you to answer as many questions as possible. We realize that some questions may not apply, or some information may be lost or not known. You may add any information that is not asked for including any anecdotal or coincidental information; i.e., stories they told about their service. (All military service. including War of 1812 forward. may be included.)

You may use the following form or you may make up your own and add pages. Photographs are gladly accepted, preferably in uniform if possible. Copies of any newspaper or magazine articles are also encouraged. They may be scanned and emailed, or copied and mailed to either:

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VETERAN DATA FORM

VETERAN'S FULL NAME (this is anyone whoever served in a United States military organization, past and present, regular service, reserves or National Guard)

FATHER'S FULL NAME _____

MOTHER'S FULL NAME, INCLUDING FAMILY/ MAIDEN NAME

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

HOMETOWN _____

SCHOOLS ATTENDED _____

COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OTHER _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

DRAFTED () DATE _____ **ENLISTED () DATE** _____

INDUCTION DATE _____ **RELEASE DATE** _____

MILITARY SCHOOLS _____

DATE(S) _____

PLACE(S) _____

**DUTY STATIONS (NAVAL BASES, ARMY POSTS, AIR FORCE BASES,
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS** _____

WARS, CONFLICTS, AND ACTIONS, IF ANY _____

MEDALS, CITATIONS _____

HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED _____

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION _____

SPOUSE & CHILDREN'S NAMES _____

CURRENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE (PHYSICAL ADDRESS) _____

(DATE OF DEATH; CEMETERY NAME AND LOCATION)

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AND THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THIS COUNTRY, ITS
FLAG AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.***

Moral Battles

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During Civil War, German settlers in Central Texas had hard choice, one paralleled in days of Vietnam

*By James Kearney
Special to the American-Statesman*

How to reconcile dissent with the will of the majority is a recurring dilemma for any democracy, especially in periods of civil strife and war. The Founding Fathers seriously wrestled with the issue (sometimes contentiously), as both the Federalist and Anti-Federalist papers clearly show. Jefferson himself admonished, "that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal law must protect, and to violate would be oppression." These deliberations resulted in our unique American solution: the Bill of Rights, a great document of world history, which guarantees such things as habeas corpus, due process and freedom of speech and peaceable assembly.

For Texas history, the Battle of the Nueces gains in importance when seen in this light. Aug. 10 will mark the 150th anniversary of the bloody encounter between German Unionists of the Texas Hill Country, who attempted to flee to Mexico to avoid conscription during the civil War, and a larger and better equipped Confederate force. The little town of Comfort, just off Interstate 10 between San Antonio and Kerrville, will host a commemoration of the event. This is a fitting venue because many of the German Unionists hailed from the surrounding area and also because in 1866 survivors erected a monument in the town to those who either were killed outright during the battle or were subsequently executed by the Confederate forces.

The monument, an imposing obelisk, reads "Treue der Union" (True to the Union) and is inscribed with the names of those who fell. It is said to be the only monument of its kind in the South. Recent scholarship has challenged this assertion, but whether true or not, the controversy is an aside and should not obscure the central significance of the event behind it.

Contemplating this significance, I am struck by the parallels between the dilemma of the German Unionists in the Texas Hill Country during the Civil War and the hard choices of those who opposed the Vietnam War. In this respect, the German story intersects with my own



A conscientious objector, James Kearney served as a medic in Vietnam, where he found many of his noncombatant peers had similar convictions.

life story in a direct way, and I have the uncanny sense that I, and those who shared my convictions, also have some small ownership in this large improbable stone marker in Comfort. But before, expanding this point, a short background for those unfamiliar with the story of the "Reckoning on the Nueces" on a hot summer day in the summer of 1862.

Texas was the seventh state, to join the Confederacy, and it did so only after a referendum. About three-fourths of the white male population voted to secede, which left a substantial minority, including the then governor of the state, Sam Houston, opposed to secession. For his part, Houston resigned from his office rather than take the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy.

The plebiscite was contentious, arousing strong passions on both sides and leaving a residue of animosity. Although diffused throughout the state and prevalent among all nationalities, opposition was concentrated in the Hill Country where German immigrants had settled in in the 1840s and 50 and developed communities that were all but slave-free. For Texas, the real Civil War played out within the state between the majority who supported and the minority who opposed secession. The Battle of the Nueces was the most spectacular manifestation of this internal clash.

Many of the Germans had immigrated originally for political reasons. Fed up with the all pervasive authority and lack of political and religious freedom of the petty kingdoms and dukedoms that made up Germany at the time, they had made the difficult decision to seek a new life on the Texas frontier. Not a few had actually found inspiration in the example of the Texas Revolution in which a few thousand intrepid Texians had successfully seceded from a nation of 20 million and had done so while maintaining their institutions of democratic government. But there was one big fly in the ointment, and

that was the institution of Negro slavery.

In the spring of 1862, Gen. P.O. Hebert, Confederate commander of the Department of Texas, received an alarming report to the effect that the German settlers in Fredericksburg and the Hill Country were "Unionist to a man" and that there was a brewing rebellion on the vulnerable back door of the Confederacy - a disturbing situation that, if true, called for an immediate and forceful response. No credible evidence has surfaced to substantiate that there was in fact an organized insurrection, but it is certainly clear, as revealed by the overwhelming vote against secession, that the vast majority of the German settlers were Unionist and reluctant either to swear allegiance to the Confederacy or to Serve in the military.

Fearing for national security, to use a modern term, Hebert reacted quickly. He dispatched a command of Texan Partisans to Fredericksburg under the command of Capt. James Duff with orders to root out the conspiracy "by all means necessary," including imposition of martial law, suspension of habeas corpus and summary execution. Duff and his men scoured the countryside for signs of disloyalty. Anyone suspected was summarily lynched. The reign of terror he perpetrated has left a legacy of bitterness that lingers to this day.

Duff's heavy hand forced hard choices on the Germans: swear an oath of allegiance to a government that was fighting to secede from the Union in order to preserve slavery, a position they abhorred, or resist. Most reluctantly acquiesced, but a large party of German men (and a handful of Unionist Anglos) fled to the west where they assembled and prepared to make their way to Mexico. They were intercepted and surprised by Duff's men while camped on the Nueces River about 50 miles west of San Antonio. A fierce battle ensued with numerous casualties on both sides. Although outnumbered and outgunned, the Texas Germans put up a fierce resistance. After repelling several assaults, they felt compelled to retire with their walking wounded. The severely injured were left on the field along with the dead in the full expectation that the wounded would be treated and the dead would be given proper burial. Instead, the wounded were shot and all the bodies left to rot where they fell. The executions and desecration of the dead, above all, left a bitter aftertaste.

Many considered this to be a war crime. None other than Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, lent credence to this interpretation. After being informed of Hebert's actions in suspending habeas corpus and imposing martial law, he immediately countermanded the orders and admonished the general that his actions had been high handed, illegal and contrary to the principals of a democracy.

Similarly, upon receiving the dreaded letter from the Selective Service that began with the words, "Greetings,

you are hereby ordered ..." those of us who could not support our government's policies in Vietnam suddenly found ourselves standing at the crossroads. What to do?

Dissent was barely tolerated, and conviction did not count for a deferment. Kent State was our Battle of the Nueces. One could flee the country, wrangle a coveted slot in the National Guard, shoot oneself in the foot or become a conscientious objector. I chose the latter, for I had decided I could serve as a noncombatant. There was one slight problem: I was not a Mennonite or a Quaker, and CO classification had traditionally been reserved for members of these groups. Nonetheless, I applied. My local draft board winked, and the request slipped through. After all, they reasoned, I was not trying to avoid military service. Still, had my application not been granted, I was fully prepared to leave for Canada, where I had a graduate fellowship waiting for me at the University of British Columbia. I often wonder what course my life would have taken had my application been turned down. The thought is especially poignant when I consider my wife of 40 years, Paulina van Bavel, and our three wonderful children.

As with all COs, I was trained as a combat medic at Fort Sam Houston, and I served as such in Vietnam. I was surprised to find that many of my fellow trainees were similar to me - that they had sought and been granted CO status for other than religious reasons. Looking back, I am proud to have been part of an admirable though largely forgotten tradition, for noncombatant , medics supported their comrades on the front lines in all the wars of the 20th century; and hundreds, perhaps thousands perished not only in obedience to duty but also in accord with conscience.

As I reflect now on the meaning of the Battle of the Nueces, several thoughts strike home. First, that accommodating dissent is a perennial challenge for our democracy, which each generation must address anew. Second, that the monument erected to the Germans who fell on that hot day in August 1862 possesses significance larger than the single event it memorializes. Finally, that the Texas Germans on the Nueces were, after all, on the right side of history.

Perhaps there is a lesson in this

Submitted by Anna Thompson, San Antonio

Dr. Kearney is a distinguished member of our Board of Directors! Go, Jim.....editor

The Family of August and Wilhelmine (Bode) Rosentreter By Daniel R. Bode

Wilhelmine Albertine Louise Bode was born 30 Dec. 1861, in Galveston, Texas; she was the oldest child of **Heinrich Konrad Wilhelm Bode** (born 20 Dec. 1830, in Rosenthal, Hannover, Germany; died 6 Dec. 1891, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas) and his first wife, **Catherine Albertine Marie Dorothea Jahnke** (born 14 Dec. 1839, in Solenthin, Prussia, Germany; died 2 Aug. 1866, in Berlin, Washington Co., Texas). Wilhelmine's father, Wilhelm Bode, left Germany in Oct. of 1860 to join his younger sister, Friedericke, who had left Germany in 1857 and had married Fritz Leverkus in Galveston in 1858. While on board ship, Wilhelm met Albertine Jahnke, who was coming to Texas with her parents and most of her siblings. The ship, **FORTUNA**, docked at Galveston, Texas, at 7:30 in the evening of 28 Oct. 1860. Wilhelm Bode and Albertine Jahnke were married in the First German Evangelical Lutheran Church in Galveston on 30 Oct. 1860. The Bode Family moved to the Berlin Community in Washington County, Texas, in 1862, where the Jahnke Family had settled. Wilhelmine's father served the Confederate Army as a private in Walker's Division in the War Between the States. Wilhelmine was not quite five years of age when her mother, Albertine, died at the age of 26 years in a yellow fever epidemic that swept Washington County after the War. Wilhelm Bode's second marriage was to **Henriette Spreen** on 20 Oct. 1866, in Salem, Washington Co., Texas. Henriette Spreen Bode was born 18 Nov. 1845, in Wehden, Westphalia, Germany, and she died 14 Oct. 1874, at the age of 28 years, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Henriette died 10 days after giving birth to a son, Fritz. Wilhelm Bode's third marriage was to **Emma Kalbow** on 6 Dec. 1874, at Eben Ezer Lutheran Church of Berlin, Texas. Emma Kalbow Bode was born 28 April 1841, in Plattenhof, Prussia, Germany, and she died 6 Jan. 1907, at the age of 65 years in Caldwell, Burleson Co., Texas.

Wilhelmine's siblings were:

1. **Rudolph Wilhelm Heinrich "Bill" Bode** born 20 Sept. 1864, in Berlin, Washington Co., Texas, and he died 19 Sept. 1892, in Long Point, Washington Co., Texas. Bill Bode married **Emma Karolina Friedericka Engelage** on 23 Oct. 1887, in Berlin, Washington Co., Texas. Emma was born 17 Nov. 1868, in Berlin, Washington Co., Texas, and she died 20 June 1932, in Brenham, Texas.

2. **Sophie Henriette Louise Bode** born 6 Jan. 1870, in Berlin, Washington Co., Texas, and she died 3 March 1907, near Malone, Hill Co., Texas. Sophie married **Ludwig Ferdinand Carl Schmidt** on 22 Dec. 1889, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Carl Schmidt was born 13 April 1865, in Gadenstedt, Germany, and he died 10 Nov. 1954, near Malone, Texas.



Wilhelmine Bode and her brother, Wilhelm "Bill" Bode

3. **Friedericke Wilhelmine Sophie Bode** born 26 June 1872, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas, and she died 16 April 1874, in Zionsville.

4. **Friedrich Carl Daniel "Fritz" Bode** born 4 Oct. 1874, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas, and he died 31 May 1950, in Waco, McLennan Co., Texas. Fritz Bode married **Anna Margaretha Louise Haferkamp** on 19 April 1896, in Berlin, Washington Co., Texas. Anna was born 13 May 1876, in Welcome, Austin Co., Texas, and she died 18 June 1964, in the Gerald Community near Elm Mott, McLennan Co., Texas.

5. **Hermann Johannes Rudolph "John" Bode** born 26 Aug. 1875, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas, and he died 18 Dec. 1956, in Moulton, Lavaca Co., Texas. According to his death certificate, John Bode never married.

Wilhelmine Bode's paternal grandparents were **Johann Christoph Heinrich Bode** (born 14 May 1793, in Rosenthal, Hannover, Germany; died 6 July 1859, in Rosenthal, Hannover) and **Dorothee Margarethe Herweg** (born 2 Sept.



Wilhelm Bode and his first wife, Albertine Jahnke Bode, the parents of Wilhelmine Bode Rosentreter. Wilhelm Bode was a Civil War veteran and he became a naturalized U.S. citizen on June 25, 1865 in Brenham, Texas

1792, in Adenstedt, Hannover, Germany; died 3 Jan. 1856, in Rosenthal, Hannover). The Bodes were married 20 Sept. 1822, in Adenstedt, Hannover.

Wilhelmine's maternal grandparents were **Joachim Friedrich Jahnke** (born 6 March 1805, in Gulow, Perleberg, Prussia, Germany; died 21 June 1883, in Berlin, Washington Co., Texas) and **Catherine Dorothea Schawe** (born 14 May 1814, in Laslich, Prussia, Germany; died in 1886, in Berlin, Washington Co., Texas). They were married 25 March 1832, in Laslich, Prussia, Germany. Wilhelmine Bode was baptized 2 March 1862, by Pastor Boneberger in the First German Evangelical Lutheran Church in Galveston, Texas. While still an infant, Wilhelmine's parents moved to Washington County, Texas, where Wilhelmine lived her early childhood in the Berlin Community, and she grew to adulthood on her father's farm in the Zionsville Community after Wilhelm Bode purchased a 181-acre farm in 1870. Wilhelmine and her brother, Bill, were very young children when their mother died in 1866. Wilhelmine was then raised by her stepmother, Henriette Spreen Bode, until Henriette's death at the age of 28 years in Oct. of 1874. Wilhelmine then had a new stepmother, Emma Kalbow Bode, whom her father married when Wilhelmine was nearly 13 years old. Wilhelmine attended confirmation classes at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville beginning in Oct. of 1875, and she was confirmed 9 April 1876 by Pastor G. Thoene at Zion Lutheran Church.

Wilhelmine Bode married **August Benjamin Rosentreter** on 15 Oct. 1880, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville; Rev. Gottfried Jordan conducting the rites of marriage, with August Homeyer and C. W. Linack serving as witnesses. August Rosentreter was born in Langebenicke, Posen, Germany, on 11 Sept. 1848; he was the son of **Johann Rosentreter** (born ca. 1807 and died in Posen, Germany) and his second wife, **Karoline Thefs** (born 18 July 1822 in Posen, Germany; died 8 Feb. 1890, at Lyons, Burleson Co., Texas). Johann Rosentreter and Karoline Thefs were married in 1843 in Pudewitz, Posen, Germany.

August Rosentreter's known siblings were:

1. **Julius Rosentreter** born 25 Dec. 1844, in Posen, Germany, and he died 20 Jan. 1899 at Lyons, Burleson County, Texas. Julius married **Wilhelmine (?)**. She was born 30 April 1844, in Posen, Germany, and she died 8 Dec. 1913, in Lyons, Burleson Co., Texas. Julius and Wilhelmine Rosentreter left Germany in 1879 and their ship docked at the port of New Orleans on 1 April 1879.
2. **Friedrich "Fritz" Rosentreter** born 14 May 1846, in Posen, Germany, and he died 27 Dec. 1892, in Lyons, Burleson Co., Texas. Fritz married **Charlotte Eickenhorst** on 8 Feb. 1873, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Charlotte was born 10 Oct. 1858, in Overum, Hannover, Germany, and she died 6 Oct. 1937, in Lyons, Burleson Co., Texas.
3. **Pauline Rosentreter** born in 1851, in Posen, Germany, and she died of tuberculosis in 1881 in Lyons, Burleson Co., Texas. Pauline married **Johann Werney** on 19 Nov. 1872, in Houston, Texas. John Werney was born in 1849 in Germany and he died of tuberculosis in 1881 in Lyons, Burleson Co., Texas.
4. **Emma Rosentreter** born in 1855, in Posen, Germany.
5. **Julianna Rosentreter** born 23 March 1860, in Borowke, Posen, Germany, and she died 26 January 1913, in Lyons, Burleson Co., Texas. Julianna married **Johann Benjamin Luedke** on 31 Oct. 1880, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. John Luedke was born 22 Feb. 1859, in Rehburg, Washington Co., Texas, and he died 30 Jan. 1924, at Deanville, Burleson Co., Texas.
6. **Otto Rosentreter** born in 1867 in Posen, Germany.

August Rosentreter was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Posen, Germany. August left Germany on the ship, **SS HANNOVER**. The ship departed from the port of Bremen, and made a stop at the port of Le Havre, France. The ship docked at the port of New Orleans, Louisiana, on 22 January 1877, and from there, the ship went on to Galveston where August disembarked. August made his way to Washington County, Texas, where he joined his brother, Fritz, who had immigrated to Texas in 1871, along with their sister Pauline. Their ship, **SS METEOR**, had left from Bremen, Germany, and docked in Galveston on 30 Jan. 1871. Other Rosentreter Family members, including August's widowed mother, also came to Texas. The 1880 census shows Karoline Thefs Rosentreter and her 13 year old son, Otto, living in Houston with her married daughter, Pauline, and husband, John Werney and their three children, Johnie, Mary and Angela.

August Rosentreter filed his certificate of intent to become a U.S. citizen on 10 Feb. 1879, in Brenham, Texas, and he was sworn in and took his oath to become a naturalized citizen on 13 March 1879, in Brenham.

The 1880 census shows August working as a laborer in Washington County on the farm of the widow, Louisa Mueller, and her three children.

August Rosentreter also had some older half-siblings from his father's first marriage. Two half-sisters and a half-brother had earlier immigrated from Germany and had settled in the Zionsville Community of Washington County, Texas. These half-siblings were:

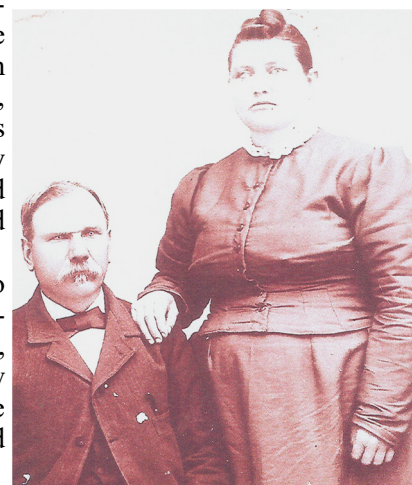
1. **Wilhelmine “Mina” Rosentreter** born 26 Dec. 1833, in Posen, Germany, and she died 10 Nov. 1922, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Mina left Germany in 1862. Mina married **Johann Steck** on 9 Oct. 1864, in Washington Co., Texas. Johann Steck was born 16 June 1814, in Driesen, Braunschweig, Germany, and he died 2 May 1898, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas.
2. **Beatte Rosentreter** born 25 July 1836, in Posen, Germany, and she died 18 Aug. 1917, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Beatte married **Christoph Bethke** in 1859 in Pudewitz, Posen, Germany. Christoph Bethke was born 19 Dec. 1824, in Germany, and he died 30 July 1904, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Christoph and Beatte Rosentreter Bethke immigrated to Texas in 1871.
3. **Johann Gottlieb Rosentreter** born 1 August 1838, in Posen, Germany, and he died 1 January 1924, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Gottlieb Rosentreter first married **Johanna Louise nee ?**. Louise was born 26 July 1837, in Posen, Germany. Gottlieb and Louise immigrated to Texas in 1873. Louise died of cancer in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas, on 1 May 1882. After her death, Gottlieb married **Louise Schwarze** on 22 January 1883, in Prairie Hill, Washington Co., Texas. Louise was born 24 May 1859, in Dielphalia, Germany, and she died 15 Nov. 1914, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas.

Shortly after his marriage to Wilhelmine Bode in Oct. of 1880, August’s mother, Karoline Thefs Rosentreter married a widower, Johann Schoppe, on 16 January 1881, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, with Pastor Gottfried Jordan conducting the rites of marriage, and Julius Rosentreter and Gottlieb Rosentreter serving as witnesses. Karoline moved to Mr. Schoppe’s farm near Lyons, in Burleson County, Texas, where she lived until her death in 1890 at the age of 67. Karoline was buried in the Schoppe Family Cemetery. Mr. Schoppe, a native of Silesia, was born 9 Sept. 1815 and he died 1 April 1893, at his home near Lyons.

After August and Wilhelmine Rosentreter married, they set up housekeeping in the Zionsville Community of Washington County, not far from the farms of Wilhelmine’s father and stepmother, Wilhelm and Emma Bode, and her maternal grandparents, Friedrich and Dorothea Schawe Jahnke. The Rosentreters’ first five children were born in Zionsville. Wilhelmine received an inheritance of \$72.91 from the Jahnke Family in 1885, and a second payment of \$37.75 from the Jahnke Estate after the death of her grandmother Dorothea Jahnke in 1886. Wilhelmine’s brother, Bill Bode, bought the 125-acre farm of their late grandparents from their Uncle Theodor Jahnke on 9 Nov. 1887. From Zionsville, August and Wilhelmine lived for a brief period in northeastern Washington County near the community of Independence. From there, the Rosentreters moved to Lyons, in Burleson County, where several of August’s family members had settled. Wilhelmine Bode Rosentreter suffered the loss of her father in Dec. of 1891 when Wilhelm Bode died at the age of 60 years at his home at Zionsville in Washington County, and the year 1892 saw more tragedy for Wilhelmine as her brother, Bill Bode, was accidentally shot and killed at a dance in September in the Long Point Community of Washington County. Bill died the day before his 28th birthday, leaving behind his young wife, Emma, and two young sons, Willi, who was four years old, and Oscar, who was eight months old.

From Burleson County, August and Wilhelmine Rosentreter moved their family to a farm near Womack, in Bosque County, Texas, where they lived for approximately six years before moving to the Shive Community, in Hamilton County, Texas, where they settled. August and Wilhelmine purchased a 121 acre farm on Cow House Creek in Shive on 21 Aug. 1901 from E. L. McKinley, and they became members of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church of Shive after the church was established in 1904.

August and Wilhelmine were the parents of 13 children. They had five sons: **August, Louis, Julius, Charlie, and Henry**; and eight daughters: **Wilhelmine, Anna, Alwine, Sophie, Albertine, Matilda, Lillie, and Adeline**. A Rosentreter family story was told that there would have been 14 children, but as the family was unloading a water barrel from the wagon, the barrel slipped and hit Wilhelmine causing her to have a miscarriage. This incident happened while the family was living at Womack, and the child lost probably would have been born between sons Julius and Charlie. Wilhelmine Bode Rosenteter loved music and singing. When guests would come to their home, Wilhelmine would have the children form a group and sing to the guests. Many of her children became musically inclined. Wilhelmine was very talented in making handicrafts and this evidence was displayed in her crochet work. Every winter, Wilhelmine would knit socks for her family until she made sure they had enough to see them through. Wilhelmine’s son,



August and Wilhelmine Bode Rosentreter



August and Wilhelmine Bode Rosentreter in the later years of their marriage.

Henry, remembered how his mother would line up the children and give them a dose of castor oil to prevent them from becoming ill. Wilhelmine lost contact with several family members and friends after she moved from Washington County, but she did maintain ties with her younger half-sister, Sophie Bode Schmidt, who had settled with her family near Malone, in nearby Hill County. Wilhelmine also received a payment of \$250.00 in 1897 from her younger half-brother, Fritz Bode, as her inheritance from their father's estate.

The year of 1907 brought tremendous sorrows for the Rosentreter Family. On Jan. 6, Wilhelmine's stepmother, Emma Kalbow Bode Homeyer, died in Caldwell, Texas, at the age of 65. On March 3, Wilhelmine's half-sister, Sophie Bode Schmidt, died at the age of 37 from complications after giving birth to a stillborn daughter at the Schmidt home near Malone, Texas. A few months later, Wilhelmine contracted measles. Some of the Rosentreter children had come down with the measles, and as Wilhelmine was caring for her children, she became ill with the disease. Instead of taking to her bed to rest and recuperate,

Wilhelmine kept working, tending to the numerous household chores as well as taking care of the children. Wilhelmine was finally forced to her bed when the measles grew worse and went internal. Wilhelmine's daughter,

Lillie, remembered that her mother suffered so much that she could not bear to stay in the house but stayed in the barn when she could because of her mother's cries due to the intense pain. Wilhelmine Bode Rosentreter died on 12 June 1907, at the age of 45 years in the Shive Community of Hamilton County, Texas. It is remembered that one of the bedroom doors was taken off its hinges and Wilhelmine's body was placed on the door as some of the neighbor women came to the house to wash and prepare the body to be placed in the coffin. Wilhelmine was buried 13 June 1907, in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery of Shive, Texas. Wilhelmine left behind her husband, August; her 13 children; two half-brothers, Fritz and John Bode; and there were seven grandchildren at the time of her death.

August Rosentreter was left a widower at age 58 with several children still at home. The ages of the 13 Rosentreter siblings spanned several years—at the time of their mother's death in 1907, the oldest Rosentreter child was 26 years old and the youngest child was less than two years of age. August Rosentreter never remarried, but family lore says that he did become involved in a courtship; however, this lady did not want the responsibility of raising all the children who were still at home with the exception of the youngest child, Adeline. As a result, this marriage did not take place. Adeline, who was a little older by that time, said that if her father would have married this woman, then she would have left home and run away to her sister Annie Zettler's home and would have lived with the Zettler Family. Lillie Rosentreter, who was nine years old at the time of her mother's death, did the cooking for the family. Lillie's mother had taught her how to cook, and August placed an apple box by the stove for Lillie to stand on and cook until she was tall enough to reach the stove top without assistance. Lillie also took care of her two younger siblings, Henry and Adeline. August Rosentreter was known to hit the whiskey bottle quite heavily at times, and Lillie would hide Henry and Adeline under the house when their father was on one of his drinking binges. Lillie remembered that when her father was coming off a drinking binge that he would call for her to make him a strong black cup of coffee with a raw egg to help with the hangover. Despite his drinking, August would warn his sons to stay away from the dance halls because "you could get killed"—August was referring to the tragic death of his late wife's brother, Bill Bode, in September of 1892. When August was not on a drinking binge, he was one of the best and most kind-hearted men that a person could be around. For several years, the Rosentreter Family had big family fish fries at the Rosentreter home place. The Rosentreter sons and sons-in-law would set nets in Cow House Creek to catch fish and after cleaning their catches; the fish would be fried in big cooking kettles. These fish fries also served as family reunions as all the Rosentreter Family came together at these events. Some of the Schmidt Cousins from Hill County also attended the Rosentreter Fish Fries. Matilda Schmidt Muesse remembered: *"In the year before I married, it was just Papa (Carl Schmidt) and me living at home on our farm at Malone. My two sisters and two brothers had already married, and my mama, Sophie, and my baby sister had both died in March of 1907, just before my 4th birthday which was also in March. One morning after breakfast, I was still in the kitchen when Papa came in with a bushel of peaches from the orchard. He set the basket on the floor and went back outside. Without him saying anything, I knew Papa intended for me to wash and can those peaches. About that time, my oldest sister, Mina, and her husband Otto Trompler stopped by. They said they were on their way to Hamilton County to visit the Rosentreters and they asked me if I wanted to go along with them. Without hesitating, I said 'Yes.'*

especially remember dancing with Henry Rosentreter. I had the best time, but when I got back home, Papa was sure mad at me for leaving those peaches! My papa did not get along with Uncle August Rosentreter anyway, even though some of the Rosentreter cousins would come and visit us, especially August and Julius since their wives had relatives that lived at Malone.” August Rosentreter also had one more meeting with his brother-in-law, Fritz Bode as Fritz’s daughter, Lydia Bode Grudziecki, remembered: “We were at the Cotton Palace in Waco one time when I was a small girl. I was standing with Mama, and Papa came with this man and introduced him to Mama as August Rosentreter. I knew he was the husband of Papa’s half-sister. I remember he stood and talked to Papa and Mama for some time, and then he said he had to go. I remember he seemed to me to be quite thrifty. That was the only time I ever saw my Uncle August Rosentreter.”

As all of August Rosentreter’s children grew to adulthood and married, the second Rosentreter son, Louis, moved his wife and family to the Rosentreter Family home to live with August. As his daughter Adeline said, “My father never had to live alone.”

In the late 1920’s, August’s health began to fail. August was hospitalized for some time in the Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas. Shortly after his 80th birthday, August was admitted into the Hamilton Sanitarium in Hamilton, Texas, where he lived the last five months of his life. August Rosentreter died at 11:30 in the evening of 9 March 1929, in Hamilton, Texas. His funeral was held at 3:00 in the afternoon of 11 March 1929 at the family home place in the Shive Community, and his body was buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery of Shive. August’s obituary states that he was survived by his 13 children; 37 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



The Rosentreter Family celebrating the marriage of Lillie Rosentreter to Ted Riewe, Dec. 3, 1922. Photo taken at the Rosentreter Homeplace in Shive, Texas.

Sitting from left: Julius Rosentreter, Louis Rosentreter, August Rosentreter, Ted Riewe, Charlie Senkel, Adeline Rosentreter, Charlie Feldmann, Henry Feldmann, John Zettler, Ferdinand Zettler, and Wilhelm Kopp.

Standing from left: Charlie Rosentreter, Ada Schrank Rosentreter, Ida Kelm Rosentreter, Agnes Schrank Rosentreter, Lillie Rosentreter Riewe, Mathilda Rosentreter Senkel, vater August Rosentreter, Albertine Rosentreter Feldmann, Sophie Rosentreter Feldmann, Alwine Rosentreter Zettler, Anna Rosentreter Zettler, Wilhelmine Rosentreter Kopp and Henry Rosentreter.

August Rosentreter in the late 1920’s holding one of his grandchildren



The family of August and Wilhelmine (Bode) Rosentreter:

- I. **Wilhelmine Emma “Minnie” Rosentreter** born 28 May 1881, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Minnie was baptized 11 Dec. 1881, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 11 April 1897, at Zion Evangelical Church at Womack, Bosque Co., Texas. Minnie married **Wilhelm Killian Kopp** on 8 Aug. 1899, in Hamilton Co., Texas. Wilhelm Kopp was born 12 Sept. 1865, in Gnostadt, Bavaria, Germany; he was the son of **Georg Friedrich Kopp** (born 1831; died 1906) and **Ursula Barbara Benschel** (born 1834; died 1898). Wilhelm served in the German military at Augsburg before immigrating to the United States. Wilhelm Kopp left from the port of Hamburg, Germany, on the ship, **RUGIA**. The ship docked in New York City on 8 Jan. 1889. From there, Wilhelm took a second ship to Galveston. Wilhelm had an older brother who had settled in Hamilton

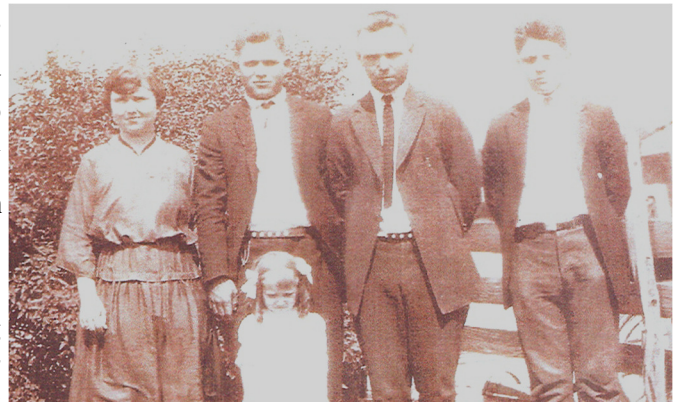
County so he made his way there. After their marriage, Wilhelm and Minnie Kopp lived their married life in Pottsville, in Hamilton County, where they farmed. The Kopps were members of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Pottsville. Wilhelm Kopp died at the home of his son, Otto, in the Indian Gap Community of Hamilton County on 27 June 1943, age 77 years. Wilhelm and Minnie were married 43 years at the time of his death. Wilhelmine "Minnie" Rosentreter Kopp died of congestive heart failure in the Hamilton Hospital in Hamilton, Texas, on 1 Aug. 1946, at the age of 65 years. Wilhelm and Wilhelmine Kopp are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas. Wilhelm and Wilhelmine Rosentreter Kopp were the parents of seven children:



Wilhelm "Bill" Kopp in his military uniform in Augsburg, Germany

- 1. Infant Son**—this baby was born and died in 1900, in Pottsville, Texas, and this infant is buried in the Pottsville Community Cemetery in Pottsville.
- 2. Wilhelmine Anna Louise "Minnie" Kopp** born 23 Dec. 1901, in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas. Minnie was baptized 26 Jan. 1902, and confirmed 23 April 1916, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pottsville. After a long courtship, Minnie Kopp married **Henry J. Jahns** on 7 Dec. 1939. Henry Jahns was born 13 Jan. 1899; the son of **Albert Daniel Jahns** and **Pauline Augusta Albrecht**. Minnie and Henry had no children. Minnie Kopp Jahns died in Clifton, Bosque Co., Texas, on 25 April 1978, at the age of 76. After June 1992, at the age of 93. Henry and Minnie Kopp Jahns are buried in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas.

3. John Walter Kopp born 10 July 1903, in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas. John was baptized 24 Feb. 1904, and confirmed 31 March 1918, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pottsville, Texas. John Kopp married **Clara Martha Meissner** on 28 April 1925. Clara was born 30 June 1904, in Lanham, Hamilton Co., Texas; the daughter of **William Friedrick Meissner** and **Clara Petrick**. John Kopp died in the Hamilton Sanitarium in Hamilton, Texas, on 29 Sept. 1936, at the age of 33 years. The story goes that John was chopping wood using an ax with a broken handle. A splinter from the handle became stuck in his hand. John took a knife to dig out the splinter and eventually, the hand became infected and blood poisoning set in which claimed his life. John's wife, Clara, was left a widow at the age of 32 years. Clara never remarried, and she raised their three children alone. Clara Meissner Kopp died 16 March 1993, in Lubbock, Texas, at the age of 88 years. John and Clara Kopp are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Pottsville, Texas.



The Kopp Children in the early 1920's. Standing from left: Minnie, Johnny, Herman, Otto and Pauline standing in front.

- 4. Herman Killian Kopp** born 19 Feb. 1905, in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas. Herman was baptized 18 June 1905, and confirmed 31 March 1918, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pottsville. Herman Kopp married **Louise Malinda Seilheimer** on 20 April 1928. Louise was born 14 June 1903, in Shive, Texas; the daughter of **Paul Seilheimer** and **Mathilda Pape**. Herman and Louise were the parents of two children. Louise Seilheimer Kopp died 1 Aug. 1955, in Comanche, Texas. After her death, Herman married a widow, **Alice Limmer Rost** on 30 Dec. 1956. Alice was born 15 Feb. 1907, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas; daughter of **Rudolph Gustav Limmer** and **Bertha Emilie Kelm**. Herman Kopp died in Hamilton, Texas, on 7 Aug. 1998, at the age of 93 years. Herman is buried beside his first wife, Louise, in the St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Priddy, Mills Co., Texas. Alice Limmer Kopp died in Hamilton, Texas, on 17 Dec. 2002, at the age of 95. Alice is buried beside her first husband in the New I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas.
- 5. Otto August Emil Kopp** born 31 Dec. 1908, in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas. Otto was baptized 7 June 1909, and confirmed 24 Sept. 1922, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pottsville, Texas. Otto Kopp married **Anita Helen Lange** on 4 Feb. 1932. Anita was born 25 March 1910, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas; the daughter of **Ernest Lange** and **Alma Sommerfeld**. Otto and Anita were the parents of two sons. Otto Kopp died in Hamilton, Texas, on 11 Dec. 1993, at the age of 85. Anita Lange Kopp died 23 July 1994, at the age of 84. Otto and Anita Kopp are buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Pottsville, Texas.



The Kopp family in the early 1940's at the Kopp Homeplace in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas. Wilhelm and Wilhelmine Rosentreter Kopp are seated and their children standing in order from left are: Minnie, Jahns, Herman, Otto, and Pauline Oltrogge. Their son, Johnny, had died in 1936.

6. **Alvin Adolph Kopp** born 12 Aug. 1916, in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas. This baby was baptized 15 Aug. 1916, by the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Pottsville. Alvin died 18 Aug. 1916, and he is buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Pottsville.

7. **Pauline Elizabeth Kopp** born 17 Dec. 1920, in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas. Pauline was baptized 13 Feb. 1921, and confirmed 22 Oct. 1933, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pottsville. Pauline Kopp married **Frank Phillip Oltrogge** on 5 Oct. 1941. Frank Oltrogge was born 8 April 1915, in San Saba, Texas.

Frank and Pauline Oltrogge were the parents of four children; one son died in infancy. Frank Oltrogge died in Goldthwaite, Texas, on 17 Nov. 1998, at the age of 83 years. Frank is buried in the Goldthwaite Memorial Park in Goldthwaite, Mills Co., Texas. Pauline Kopp Oltrogge died in Temple, Bell

Co., Texas, on 19 Aug. 2005, at the age of 84 years. As was her request, Pauline's remains were cremated.



Wilhelm and Wilhelmine Rosentreter Kopp with their youngest child, Pauline

Co., Texas, on 19 Aug. 2005, at the age of 84 years. As was her request, Pauline's remains were cremated.

II. **Anna Wilhelmine Ida Rosentreter** born 20 July 1882, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Anna was baptized 25 Feb. 1883, in Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 11 April 1897, at Zion Evangelical Church of Womack, in Bosque Co., Texas. Anna Rosentreter married **Ferdinand Zettler** on 17 Dec. 1903, in Hamilton Co., Texas. Ferdinand Zettler was born in Posen, Germany, on 1 June 1877; he was the son of **Heinrich Zettler** (born 1825; died 1906) and **Karoline Spitzer** (born 1839; died 1914). Ferdinand's parents were married in 1874 in Posen. The Zettler Family immigrated to Texas in 1879. Ferdinand Zettler was confirmed 10 April 1892, in the Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. After their marriage, Anna and Ferdinand Zettler set up housekeeping in the Shive Community of Hamilton County where they farmed and raised their family. Anna and Ferdinand were members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Ferdinand Zettler died at his home in the Shive Community on 26 April 1957, at the age of 79 years. Ferdinand and Anna were married 53 years at the time of his death. Anna Rosentreter Zettler died of a heart attack at the family home in the Shive Community on 11 Feb. 1963, at the age of 80 years. Ferdinand and Anna Zettler are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery of Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Ferdinand and Anna Rosentreter Zettler were the parents of six children:



The wedding of Anna Rosentreter and Ferdinand Zettler, Dec. 17, 1903 at Aleman, Hamilton County, Texas.

1. **Lillie Sophie Zettler** born 31 Dec. 1904, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Lillie was baptized 30 April 1905 in St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Lillie Zettler married **John William Wagner** on 17 Dec. 1925. John Wagner was born 1 March 1903, in Hamilton Co., Texas; son of **John Wagner** and **Ernestine Hoherz**. John and Lillie Wagner were the parents of five children. John Wagner died 22 Jan. 1956, at the age of 52 years. Lillie Zettler Wagner died in Hamilton, Texas, on 23 Aug. 1989, at the age of 84 years. Lillie and John Wagner are buried in the New I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas.



Anna Rosentreter (left) with her sister, Alwine

2. **Minnie Olga Zettler** born 8 March 1907, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas, and confirmed 15 April 1923, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Minnie Zettler married **Herbert Emil Jeschke** on 22 Oct. 1930. Herbert Jeschke was born 24 Oct. 1907, in Miles, Texas; the son of **Johann**

Minnie was baptized 5 May 1907, Zettler married **Herbert Emil** Jeschke on 22 Oct. 1930. Herbert Jeschke was born 24 Oct. 1907, in Miles, Texas; the son of **Johann**



Family group at the Zettler Homeplace in Shive, Texas. From left: Carl Zettler, Lillie Rosentreter, Minnie Zettler, Ferdinand Zettler, Anna Rosentreter Zettler, Henry Rosentreter and Adeline Rosentreter

two children. Henry Bubert died in Hamilton, Texas, 2002, in Hamilton, Texas, at the age of 92. Henry and tery in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas.

4. **Walter Albert Zettler** born 22 Aug. 1911, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Walter was baptized 8 Oct. 1911 and confirmed 28 March 1926, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Walter Zettler married **Leona Karoline Nichter** on 17 Oct. 1935. Leona was born 22 Feb. 1917, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Walter and Leona were the parents of two children. Leona Nichter Zettler died in Clifton, Texas, on 14 Feb. 2003, age of 85 years. Walter Zettler died in Clifton, Texas, on 17 May 2003, at the age of 91 years. Walter and Leona Zettler are buried in the Clifton Cemetery in Clifton, Bosque Co., Texas.

5. **Carl Christian Zettler** born 2 Jan. 1917, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Carl was baptized 18 March 1917, and confirmed 27 March 1932, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Carl Zettler married **Lydia Marie Kruger** on 27 Feb. 1939. Lydia was born 9 Feb. 1915. Carl and Lydia Zettler had no children. Carl Zettler died of a heart attack in the Shive Community of Hamilton Co., Texas, on 3 May 1967, at the age of 50 years. Carl died while doing carpentry work at the home of his first cousin, Dolly Zettler Bosse and husband Edwin. Lydia Kruger Zettler died in Fort Worth, Texas, on 7 May 1997, at the age of 82. Carl and Lydia Zettler are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery of Shive.

6. **Pauline Alwine Zettler** born 19 April 1925, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Pauline was baptized 17 May 1925, and confirmed 17 March 1940, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Pauline Zettler married **Alfred Herman Peters** on 5 Oct. 1941. Alfred Peters was born in Hamilton Co., Texas, on 27 March 1919. Alfred and Pauline Peters were the parents of one daughter. Alfred Peters died in Hamilton, Texas, on 13 Dec. 1994, at the age of 75 years. Alfred is buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Shive, Texas. Pauline Zettler Peters died in Hamilton, Texas, on 20 May 2009, at the age of 84 years. Pauline is buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas.

III. **Alwine Julianna Friederike Rosentreter** born 20 Dec. 1883, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Alwine was baptized 9 Nov. 1884, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 27 Aug. 1904, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Alwine Rosen treter married **John Zettler** on 29 Dec. 1904, in Hamilton Co., Texas. John Zettler was born in Posen, Germany, on 11 July 1874; he was the son of **Heinrich Zettler** (born 1825; died 1906) and **Karoline Spitzer** (born 1839; died 1914). John came to Texas with his parents in 1879. After their marriage, John and Alwine Zettler lived on his parents' farm near Burton, in Washington County, Texas, where they took care of John's elderly parents. The Zettlers' first five children were born at Burton. Alwine made a visit to Hamilton County to see her parents prior to her mother's death. The story was told that Alwine was working in the field when the telegram arrived announcing her mother's death, but by then, the funeral and burial had already taken place. In 1917, John and Alwine moved their family to Hamilton County. John and Alwine's daughters remembered the family traveled to the train depot in Giddings where all the family possessions were



Ferdinand and Anna Rosentreter Zettler in their later years

Albert Hermann Jeschke and **Ida Unnasch**. Minnie and Herbert Jeschke were the parents of one daughter. Herbert Jeschke died in Hamilton, Texas, on 6 Oct. 1962, at the age of 54 years. Minnie Zettler Jeschke died of cancer in Houston, Texas, on 28 Nov. 1975, at the age of 68 years. Minnie and Herbert Jeschke are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery of Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas

3. **Emma Mathilda Zettler** born 25 Nov. 1909, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Emma was baptized 16 Jan. 1910, and confirmed 28 March 1926, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Shive. Emma Zettler married **Henry Alvin Bubert** on 17 Nov. 1929. Henry Bubert was born 7 April 1908, at McGregor, McLennan Co., Texas; the son of **Frank Henry Bubert** and **Rosina Wilhelmine Sammann**. Henry and Emma Bubert were the parents of one daughter. Emma Zettler Bubert died 26 May 1985. Emma Zettler Bubert died 26 May 1985. Emma Bubert are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery

loaded and then the family boarded the train. When the train arrived in Hamilton, the family was met by members of the Rosentreter Family. John and Alwine purchased a 225-acre farm in the Shive Community next to John's brother and Alwine's sister, Ferdinand and Anna Zettler. John and Alwine's last two children were born in Shive, and the Zettler Family became members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. John Zettler died in the Hamilton Hospital in Hamilton, Texas, on 31 May 1959, at the age of 84 years. John and Alwine were married 54 years at the time of his death. After John's death, Alwine continued to live alone on their family farm until she was 94 years old. Alwine then moved into the home of her youngest daughter, Dolly Zettler Bosse, where she lived until she was 97 years old. Alwine was then admitted into the Hillcrest Nursing Home in Hamilton. Alwine Rosentreter Zettler died in the Hamilton General Hospital in Hamilton, Texas, on 2 Jan. 1983, at the age of 99 years. John and Alwine Zettler are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Shive, Texas.



The wedding of Alwine Rosentreter and John Zettler, Dec. 29, 1904, at Aleman, Hamilton County, Texas.

The seven children of John and Alwine Rosentreter Zettler:

1. **Emma Augusta Zettler** born 22 Dec. 1905, at Burton, Washington Co., Texas. Emma was baptized 22 April 1906, at St. John's Evangelical Church in Burton, and she was confirmed 15 May 1921, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Emma Zettler married **William Carl Bubert** on 9 Nov. 1928. William "Bill" Bubert was born 19 Sept. 1903, at McGregor, McLennan Co., Texas; the son of **Frank Henry Bubert** and **Rosina Wilhelmine Sammann**. William and Emma Bubert were the parents of two children. William "Bill" Bubert died in Clifton, Texas, on 5 Oct. 1975, at the age of 72. Emma Zettler Bubert died in Hamilton, Texas, on 5 Jan. 1988, at the age of 82. William and Emma Bubert are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas.

2. **Alwine Albertine "Vena" Zettler** born 16 Aug. 1907, at Burton, Washington Co., Texas. Vena was baptized 20 Nov. 1907, at St. John Evangelical Church of Burton, and she was confirmed 15 April 1923, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, Texas. Vena Zettler married **Ernst Theodore Waedekin** on 3 Nov. 1926.

Ernst Waedekin was born at Maxwell, Texas, on 6 Aug. 1903; the son of **Rev. Ernst Waedekin** and **Thekla Tischbein**. Ernst and Vena Waedekin were the parents of one son. Ernst Waedekin died at the family home in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas, on 29 July 1989, just before his 86th birthday. Vena Zettler Waedekin died in Hamilton, Texas, on 31 Oct. 2007, at the age of 100 years. Ernst and Vena Waedekin are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery of Shive, Texas.

3. **Lena Marie Zettler** born 12 Aug. 1909, at Burton, Washington Co., Texas. Lena was baptized 24 Oct. 1909, at St. John Evangelical Church of Burton, and she was confirmed 28 March 1926, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, Texas. Lena Zettler married **Lionel P. "Johnny" Gromatzky** on 6 Sept. 1931. Johnny Gromatzky was born 25 Oct. 1906, at Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas; the son of **August C. Gromatzky** and **Ida Emilie Henriette Schrank**. Johnny and Lena Gromatzky were the parents of two sons. Lena Zettler Gromatzky died at her home in Hamilton, Texas, on 28 April 1993, at the age of 83. Johnny Gromatzky died in Hamilton, Texas, on 20 Aug. 1994. Johnny and Lena Gromatzky are buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas.

4. **Ella Anna Zettler** born 3 Nov. 1910, at Burton, Washington Co., Texas. Ella was baptized 30 April 1911, at St. John Evangelical Church of Burton, and she was confirmed 28 March 1926, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, Texas. Ella Zettler married **Robert Jahns** on 31 Oct. 1948. Robert Jahns was born 12 Oct. 1903; the son of **Albert Daniel Jahns** and **Pauline Augusta Albrecht**. Robert and Ella had no children. Robert Jahns died in Hamilton, Texas, on 4 May 1983, at the age of 79. After his death, Ella married **Rev. Harold Wunderlich** on 9 April 1988, in Hamilton. Rev. Wunderlich was born 6 Nov. 1910, and he died 14 Feb. 1998. Rev. Wunderlich was buried beside his first wife in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Ella Zettler Jahns Wunderlich died in



John and Alwine Rosentreter Zettler's 50th wedding anniversary celebration, Dec. 1954, at their home in Shive, Texas.

Hamilton, Texas, on 20 Feb. 2010, at the age of 99 years. Ella was buried beside her first husband, Robert, in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Pottsville, Texas.

5. **Anna Zettler** born 12 Oct. 1913, at Burton, Washington Co., Texas. Annie was baptized 3 May 1914, at St. John Evangelical Church of Burton, and she was confirmed 15 April 1928, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, Texas. Annie Zettler married **Lawrence Carl Nichter** on 20 Dec. 1933. Lawrence Nichter was born 24 Jan. 1910, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas; the son of **Henry Nichter** and **Augusta Ising**. Lawrence and Annie Nichter were the parents of two sons. Lawrence Nichter died in Arlington, Texas, on 14 Sept. 1998, at the age of 88. Annie Zettler Nichter died in Arlington, Texas, on 12 Jan. 2011, at the age of 97 years. Lawrence and Annie Nichter are buried in the Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington, Tarrant Co., Texas.



The Zettler Family. John and Alwine Rosentreter Zettler are seated with their son Henry. The daughters are from left: Vena, Emma, Ella, Malinda, Annie, and Lena



Alwine Rosentreter Zettler with her two youngest children, Malinda and Henry Zettler

6. **Malinda Lorene "Dolly" Zettler**

born 2 Aug. 1922, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Dolly was baptized 15 Oct. 1922, and confirmed 20 Oct. 1935, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Dolly Zettler married **Edwin Bernhardt Bosse** on 14 Jan. 1939. Edwin Bosse was born in Shive, Texas, on 14 Jan. 1918; the son of **Edwin Wilhelm Bosse** and **Elsie Clara Wagner**. Edwin and Dolly Bosse were the parents of one daughter. Edwin B. Bosse died in a truck accident in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas, on 27 May 1993, at the age of 75. Malinda "Dolly" Zettler Bosse died in Hamilton, Texas, on 23 Dec. 1999, at the age of 77 years. Edwin and Malinda Bosse are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas.

7. **Henry August Zettler** born 10 Aug. 1924, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Henry was baptized 13 Oct. 1924, and confirmed 17 March 1940, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Henry Zettler married **Ruby Leila Wagner** on 25 Jan. 1946. Ruby was born 19 Nov. 1926, in Shive, Texas; the daughter of **Rudolf Fritz Wagner** and **Sophie Johanna Kopp**. Henry and Ruby had no children. Henry Zettler died in Sterling City, Sterling Co., Texas, on 21 April 1976, at the age of 51. Henry is buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Shive, Texas. Ruby remarried after Henry's death and she resides in Sterling City, Texas.

IV. **Sophie Louise Rosentreter** born 22 Oct. 1885, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Sophie was baptized 14 Feb. 1886, at Zion Lutheran Church of Zionsville, and she was confirmed 27 Aug. 1904, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Sophie Rosentreter married **Henry August Feldmann** on 11 Jan. 1906, in Hamilton Co., Texas. Henry Feldmann was born 31 Aug. 1884, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas; he was the son of **Henry Feldmann** (born 1844; died 1925) and **Wilhelmine Hohertz** (born 1845; died 1924). Henry's parents were married 15 Nov. 1870, at Berlin, Washington Co., Texas. Henry Feldmann was confirmed 23 April 1899, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. After their marriage, Henry and Sophie Feldmann lived in the Aleman Community where they farmed. They were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman. Henry and Sophie were the parents of six children. Later, the Feldmanns moved just east of Hamilton. Henry Feldmann died in the Hamilton County Hospital in Hamilton, Texas, on 1 Dec. 1966, at the age of 82 years. Henry and Sophie were married 60 years at the time of his death. Sophie Rosentreter Feldmann died at the home of her daughter Hilda Askins in Hamilton, Texas, on 8 Nov. 1978, at the age of 93 years. Henry and Sophie Feldmann are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas

The family of Henry and Sophie Rosentreter Feldmann:



The wedding of Sophie Rosentreter and Henry Feldmann, Jan. 11, 1906, Aleman, Hamilton County, Texas.



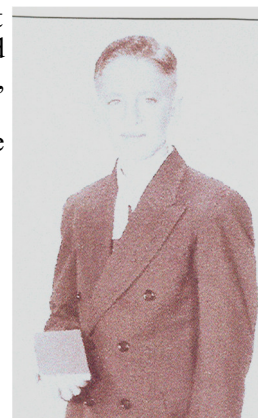
Lena and John Feldman, the two oldest children of Henry and Sophie Rosentreter Feldmann. Lena died just before her 6th birthday

1. **John Ferdinand Carl Feldmann** born 2 Oct. 1906, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. John was baptized 4 Nov. 1906, and confirmed 16 March 1920, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. John Feldmann married **Emma Lisette Bosse** on 15 Dec. 1927. Emma was born in Yarboro, Grimes Co., Texas, on 21 Sept. 1909; daughter of **Bernard Heinrich Reinhardt Bosse** and **Marie Katharine Schroeder**. John and Emma were the parents of one son, Henry Lee, who died at birth. John Feldmann died in Clifton, Texas, on 26 June 1975, at the age of 68. Emma Bosse Feldmann died in Hamilton, Texas, on 23 Feb. 1996, at the age of 86. John and Emma Feldmann are buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas.

2. **Lena Emma Albertine Feldmann** born 29 March 1908, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Lena was baptized 3 May 1908, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. Lena Feldmann died 12 Feb. 1914, in Aleman, Texas, of diphtheria. Lena was buried 13 Feb. 1914, in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery at Aleman, Texas.

3. **Elna Bertha Alma Feldmann** born 11 Nov. 1909, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Elna was baptized 26 Dec. 1909, and confirmed 13 April 1924, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. Elna married **Theodore Frank Otto Schmidt** on 24 Nov. 1935. Ted Schmidt

was born 19 April 1912; the son of **R. W. Schmidt** and **Anna Hodde**. Ted and Elna Schmidt were the parents of six children. Ted Schmidt died in Austin, Texas, on 13 May 1972, at the age of 60. Elna Feldmann Schmidt died in Austin, Texas, on 30 Oct. 1974, at the age of 64. Ted and Elna Schmidt are buried in the Capital Memorial Gardens in Austin, Texas.



Roy Dell Schmidt, the oldest son of Ted and Elna Feldmann Schmidt and a grandson of Henry and Sophie Rosentreter Feldmann. Roy Dell died instantly when he was shot by the sniper on the University of Texas Tower in Austin on Aug. 1, 1966. Roy Dell was 29 years old at his untimely death and he left behind his wife who was expecting their first child.

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Nora

Ida Frieda Feldmann born 30 Jan. 1914, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Nora was baptized 13 Feb. 1914, and confirmed 8 April 1928, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. Nora suffered an injury as a child while playing a game called "Pop the Whip" that left her disabled so she never married or left home. Nora Feldmann died in Hamilton, Texas, on 26 March 1964, at the age of 50. Nora is buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Aleman, Texas.

5. **Hildegard Anna Martha "Hilda" Feldmann** born 13 Aug. 1917, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Hilda was baptized 9 Sept. 1917, and confirmed 10 April 1932, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas.

Hilda Feldmann first married **Milton Walter Gromatzky** on 6 June 1937. Milton Gromatzky was born 9 June 1917, at Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas; son of **Arnold Gromatzky** and **Anna Krueger**. Milton and Hilda were the parents of two sons. Milton and Hilda later divorced. Milton Gromatzky died in Fort Worth, Texas, on 23 Nov. 1969. Hilda's second marriage was to **Thomas Askins** on 12 Oct. 1957. Thomas Askins was born 6 June 1926, and he was tragically killed in Hamilton, Texas, on 6 Oct. 1977, at the age of 51. Hilda Feldmann Askins died in Hamilton, Texas, on 6 Oct. 2005, at the age of 88. Hilda and Thomas Askins are buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas.

6. **Lee Herbert Heinrich Feldmann** born 25 June 1919, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Lee was baptized 27 July 1919, and confirmed 30 March 1934, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. Lee Feldmann married **Mary Margaret Moran** on 1 Oct. 1943. Margaret was born 27 March 1925. Lee and Margaret were the parents of one son. Lee Feldmann died in Hamilton, Texas, on 15 Nov. 1987, at the age of 68 years. Margaret Moran Feldmann died 21 Nov. 1990, at the age of 65. Lee and Margaret Feldmann are buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas.

V. **Albertine Caroline Charlotte Rosentreter** born 5 Aug. 1887, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Albertine was baptized 19 July 1888, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the William Penn Community in Washington Co., Texas, and she was confirmed 27 Aug. 1904, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Albertine Rosentreter married **Karl Hermann Paul "Charlie" Feldmann** on 9 Dec. 1909, in Hamilton Co., Texas. Charlie Feldmann was born 26 July 1890, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas; he was the son of **Henry Feldmann** (born 1844; died 1925) and **Wilhelmine Hohertz** (born 1845; died 1924). Charlie Feldmann was

baptized 24 Aug. 1890, and he was confirmed 8 May 1904, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. After their marriage, Charlie and Albertine Feldmann set up housekeeping in the Aleman Community where they farmed and raised their two daughters. They were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman. Charlie Feldmann died in the Hamilton County General Hospital in Hamilton, Texas, on 1 May 1971,

at the age of 80 years. Charlie and Albertine were married 61 years at the time of his death. Albertine Rosentreter Feldmann died in the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home in Hamilton, Texas, on 22 April 1979, at the age of 91 years. Charlie and Albertine Feldmann are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas.

The family of Charlie and Albertine Rosentreter Feldmann:

1. Josephine Minnie Sophie Feldmann

born 27 Sept. 1910, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Josie was baptized 10 Oct. 1910, and confirmed 13 April

1924, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman. Josie Feldmann married **Alfred Arthur**

Seider on 10 Oct. 1932. Alfred Seider was born in Hamilton Co., Texas,

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Oct. 1911. Alfred and Josie Seider were the parents of three children. Seider died in Hamilton, Texas, on 14 Jan. 1998, at the age of 86. Josie

Feldmann Seider died in Hamilton, Texas, on 16 June 2007, at the age of 96. Alfred and Josie Seider are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Aleman,

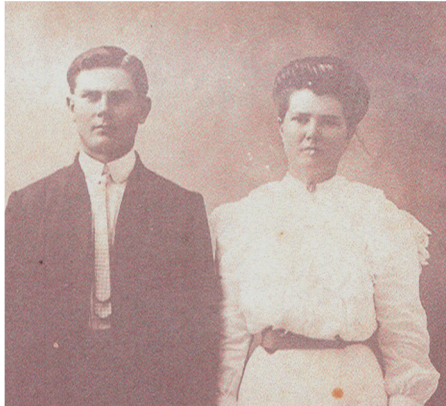
Hamilton Co., Texas.

2. Dora Emma Feldmann born 16 March 1912, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Dora was baptized 7 April 1912, and confirmed 26 April 1926, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman. Dora Feldmann married **Herman Kunkel** on 5 Nov. 1933.

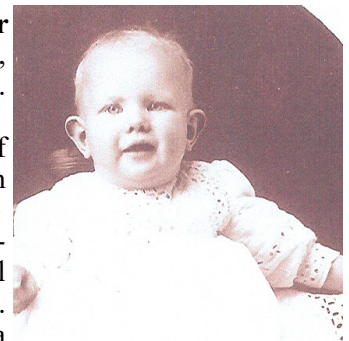
Herman Kunkel was born 19 Dec. 1912. Herman and Dora were the parents of two children. Herman Kunkel died at their home in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas, on 4 July 1985. After his death, Dora married **Otto Pflueger** on 15 Sept. 1989. Otto Pflueger was born 12 Aug. 1911; the son of **Bernhardt Pflueger** and **Elsie Schrank**. Dora Feldmann Kunkel Pflueger died in Hamilton, Texas, on 21 Dec. 1999, at the age of 87 years. Dora is buried beside her first husband in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Aleman, Texas. Otto Pflueger died in Hamilton, Texas, on 27 Aug. 2000. Otto is buried beside his first wife in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Aleman, Texas.



The wedding of Albertine Rosentreter and Charlie Feldmann, Dec. 9, 1909, Aleman, Hamilton County., Texas



Albertine Rosentreter and her brother, August



Josie Feldmann



Dora

V. August Herman Rosentreter

Charlie and Albertine Rosentreter Feldmann at their home in Aleman, Hamilton County, Texas.

born 11 April 1889, in Lyons, Bursleson Co., Texas. August was baptized 28 April

1889 at his parents' home by the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lyons, and he was confirmed 7 Oct. 1906, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, Texas. August Rosentreter married **Agnes Hulda Schrank** on 7 Nov. 1915, in Hamilton Co., Texas. Agnes was born 7 Sept, 1896, in Aleman,

Hamilton Co., Texas; she was the daughter of **Wilhelm Carl Schrank** (born 1860; died 1924) and **Emilie Bohlmann** (born 1864; died 1947). Agnes's parents were married 17 Dec. 1882, in Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas. Agnes was baptized 11 Oct. 1896, and she was confirmed 9 April 1911, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman,

Texas. After their marriage, August and Agnes Rosentreter set up housekeeping in the Aleman



Community of Hamilton County where they farmed and their first two daughters were born. August and Agnes were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman.

Later they moved to a farm two miles east of Hamilton where they their last two daughters were born. August and Agnes moved into Hamilton after their retirement from farming where they attended St. John's Lutheran Church of Hamilton. August Rosentreter died at his home in Hamilton, Texas, on 2 July 1974, at the age of 85 years. August and Agnes were married 58 years at the time of his death. Agnes Schrank Rosentreter died in the Goodall-Witcher Hospital in Clifton, Texas, on 17 Nov. 1975, at the age of 79 years. August and Agnes Rosentreter are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas.



The wedding of August Rosentreter and Agnes Schrank, Nov. 7, 1915, Aleman, Hamilton County, Texas



August Rosentreter (left) with his brother, Louis.

The family of August and Agnes

Schrank Rosentreter:

1. Paula Emilie Rosentreter born 25 Feb. 1917, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Paula was baptized 18 March 1917, and confirmed 29 March 1931, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. Paula Rosentreter married **Arthur Albert Kuklies** on 27 Oct. 1935. Arthur Kuklies was born 8 Dec. 1912, in Hamilton Co., Texas; the son of **Henry Kuklies** and **Emma Gromatzky**. Arthur and Paula were the parents of five daughters. Arthur Kuklies died in Fort Worth, Texas, on 8 March 1965, at the age of 52. After his death, Paula married **Joseph H. Griffie** on 14 Dec. 1974. J. H. Griffie was born 1 Dec. 1919. Mr. Griffie worked for the Highway Department, and he was killed in an accident at the age of 59. J. H. Griffie is buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas. Paula Griffie died in Hamilton, Texas, on 23 May 2004, at the age of 87. Paula is buried beside her first husband, Arthur Kuklies, in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas.

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August and Agnes Schrank Rosentreter on their 50th wedding anniversary with their four daughters, Nov. 1965. Standing from left: Odella Markwardt, Estelle Wenzel, Ruby Bullard, and Paula Kuklies.

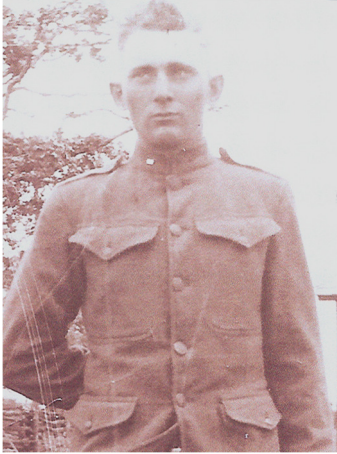
2. Ruby Esther Rosentreter born 19 Sept. 1919, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Ruby was baptized 19 Oct. 1919, and confirmed 9 April 1933, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman. Ruby Rosentreter married **Floyd Alton Bullard** on 13 Dec. 1942. Alton Bullard was born 20 Sept. 1924. Alton and Ruby were the parents of three daughters. Alton Bullard died in Hamilton, Texas, on 18 Jan. 2008, at the age of 83. Ruby Rosentreter Bullard died in Hamilton, Texas, on 24 Feb. 2008, at the age of 88. Alton and Ruby Bullard are buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas.

3. Estelle Frances Rosentreter born 15 March 1928, near Hamilton, Texas. Estelle was baptized 22 April 1928, and confirmed 29 March 1942, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman. Estelle Rosentreter married **Monroe Amandus Wenzel** on 17 Jan. 1948. Monroe Wenzel was born 23 Jan. 1917, in Aleman, Texas; son of **Otto Wenzel** and **Sophie Feldmann**. Monroe and Estelle had one son and two daughters. Monroe Wenzel, Sr. died in Waco, Texas, on 19 Sept. 1982, at the age of 65. Monroe Wenzel is buried in the Memorial Park in Waco, Texas. After his death, Estelle married **Charlie Gus Manthei** on 30 April 1988. Charlie Manthei was born 12 March 1918, in Hallsburg, McLennan Co., Texas; son of **Karl Manthei** and **Ida Buro**. Charlie died 8 Nov. 2003, in Waco, Texas. Charlie is buried beside his first wife in the Chapel Hill Memorial Park in Waco. Estelle resides in Waco.

4. Odella Gertrude Rosentreter born 15 July 1931, near Hamilton, Texas. Odella was baptized 9 Aug. 1931, and confirmed 2 April 1944, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aleman. Odella Rosentreter married **Edwin "Jimmy" Markwardt** on 9 Oct. 1948. Jimmy Markwardt was born 17 Jan. 1927, at Malone, Hill Co., Texas. Jimmy and Odella had one daughter and two sons. Jimmy Markwardt died in Dallas, Texas, on 18

July 2001, at the age of 74. Jimmy is buried in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas. Odella resides in Grapevine, Texas.

VII. Louis Joseph Rosentreter born 27 April 1891, in Lyons, Burtleson Co., Texas. Louis was baptized 8 Sept. 1895, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Clifton, Bosque County, Texas, and he was confirmed 14 April 1907, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Louis Rosentreter married **Ida Emma Kelm**



Louis Rosentreter in his uniform during World War I.

on 23 Dec. 1920, in Hamilton Co., Texas. Ida Kelm was born 25 May 1898, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas; she was the daughter of **Karl Kelm** (born 1849; died 1940) and **Julianna Glaesmann** (born 1856; died 1926). Ida's parents were married 20 Dec. 1880, in Salem, Washington Co., Texas. Ida was baptized 12 June 1898, and she was confirmed 31 March 1912, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman. After their marriage, Louis and Ida Rosentreter lived in the Aleman Community of Hamilton County before moving to the Shive Community to his parents' farm where they lived until the property was sold. From Hamilton County, Louis and Ida moved to Clifton in Bosque County where they continued farming until their retirement in 1959. From their farm, Louis and Ida moved into a house on West 11th Street in Clifton.



The wedding of Louis Rosentreter and Ida Kelm, Dec. 12, 1920, Aleman, Hamilton County, Texas.

Louis and Ida were members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Clifton. Ida Kelm Rosentreter died in Clifton, Texas, on 9 Jan. 1974, at the age of 75. Louis and Ida were married 53 years at the time of her death. Louis Rosentreter died in Clifton, Texas, on 26 Oct. 1979, at the age of 88 years. Louis and Ida Rosentreter are buried in the Clifton

Cemetery in Clifton, Texas.

Louis and Ida Kelm Rosentreter were the parents of three sons:

1. Marvin Louis Rosentreter born 1 Nov. 1922, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Marvin was baptized 10 Dec. 1922, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, and he was confirmed 24 Oct. 1937, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, Texas. Marvin Rosentreter married **Eugenia Jane Musick** on 4 Oct. 1947. Eugenia was born 3 April 1927. Marvin and Eugenia were the parents of two sons. Marvin Rosentreter died in Temple, Texas, on 6 Nov. 1977, at the age of 55. Eugenia Musick Rosentreter died in Waco, Texas, on 17 Sept. 1987 at the age of 60. Marvin and Eugenia Rosentreter are buried in the Waco Memorial Park in Waco, Texas.

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2. Raymond Karl Rosentreter born 16 Jan. 1926, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Raymond was baptized 14 Feb. 1926, in St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, and he was confirmed 17 March 1940, in St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, Texas. Raymond Rosentreter

married **Sophie Hester Meinkowsky** on 17 March 1949. Raymond and Hester are the parents of one son and one daughter and they reside in Waco, Texas.

3. Alvis Paul Rosentreter born 4 Sept. 1927, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Alvis was baptized 16 Oct. 1927, and confirmed 17 March 1940, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, Texas. Alvis Rosentreter married **Selma Sager** on 1 May 1951. Selma was born 29 June 1923, at Malone, Hill Co., Texas. Alvis and Selma had one son, and they also had a daughter who died at birth. Selma Sager Rosentreter died in Waco, Texas, on 20 June 1999, at the age of 76. Alvis Rosentreter died in M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, on 4 Sept. 2005, which was also his 78th birthday. Alvis and Selma Rosentreter are buried in the Waco Memorial Park in Waco, Texas.

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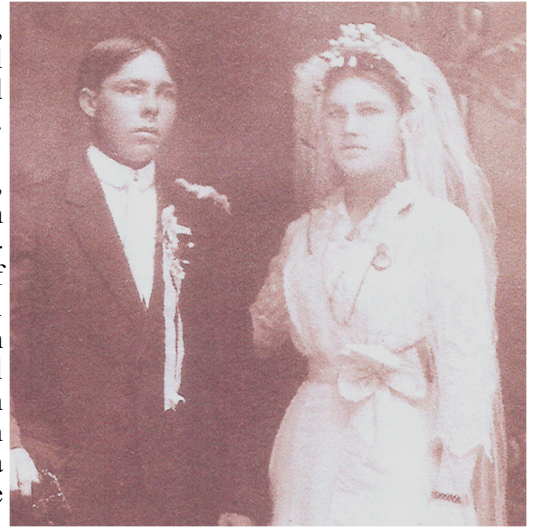


Louis and Ida Kelm Rosentreter with their three sons. Standing in back from left: Marvin, Raymond, and Alvis.



Louis and Ida Kelm Rosentreter at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration

VII. Mathilda Pauline Rosentreter born 6 April 1893, in Womack, Bosque Co., Texas. Matilda was baptized 8 Sept. 1895, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Clifton, Texas, and she was confirmed 12 April 1908, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Matilda Rosentreter married **Carl Wilhelm "Charlie" Senkel** on 11



The wedding of Mathilda Rosentreter and Charlie Senkel, April 11, 1912, Shive, Hamilton County, Texas.

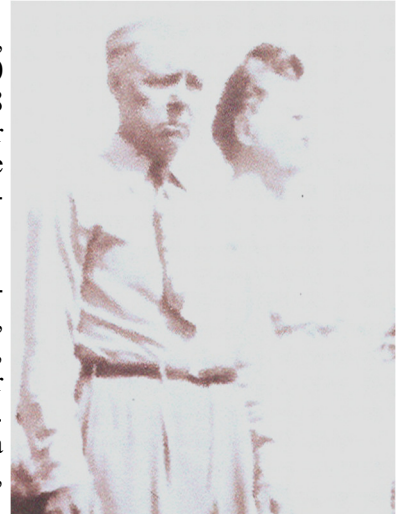


Mathilda Rosentreter (left) with a confirmation classmate.

April 1912, in Hamilton County, Texas. Charlie Senkel was born 15 Oct. 1889, in Thrall, Williamson Co., Texas; he was the son of **John Senkel** (born 1859; died 1940) and **Bertha Kuhl** (born 1862; died 1945). Charlie Senkel was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith in Williamson County. Charlie and Matilda Senkel lived all their married life in Thrall, Texas, where they farmed. They were members of St. John Lutheran Church of Thrall. Charlie and Matilda had no children. Charlie Senkel died

in the Johns Community Hospital in Taylor, Texas, on 23 June 1980, at the age of 90 years. Charlie and Matilda were married 68

years at the time of his death. Matilda Rosentreter Senkel died in the Sweetbriar Nursing Home in Taylor, Texas, on 4 May 1991, at the age of 98 years. Charlie and Matilda Senkel are buried in the Senkel Family plot in the Taylor City Cemetery in Taylor, Williamson Co., Texas.



Charlie and Mathilda Rosentreter Senkel at their home in Thrall, Williamson County, Tx.

IX. Julius Ernest Rosentreter born 28 Nov. 1894, in Womack, Bosque Co., Texas. Julius was baptized 8 Sept. 1895, in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Clifton, Texas, and he was confirmed 31 March 1912, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Julius Rosentreter

married **Ada Helen Schrank** on 24 Oct. 1917, in Hamilton Co., Texas. Ada Schrank was born 7 Feb. 1898, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas; she was the daughter of **Wilhelm Carl Schrank** (born 1860; died 1924) and **Emilie Bohlmann** (born 1864; died 1947). Ada was baptized 13 Feb. 1898, and confirmed 31 March 1912,

at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. After their marriage, Julius and Ada Rosentreter lived in the Aleman Community of Hamilton County where they farmed and were members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman. Julius and Ada had no children. In the late 1920's Julius and Ada moved into Hamilton where they established the Hillcrest Dairy. It was described as a dairy of "modern arrangement and management". Julius Rosentreter died at 7:30 in the morning of 26 July 1935



The wedding of Julius Rosentreter and Ada Schrank, Oct. 24, 1917, Aleman, Hamilton County, Texas.

in Hamilton, Texas, after undergoing an operation for a ruptured appendix. Julius was 40 years of age, and his death was the first among the 13 Rosentreter siblings. Julius's funeral was held at his home on 27 July 1935, and his remains are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran



Julius Rosentreter (right) with his brother, Charlie

Cemetery of Aleman, Texas. Julius' widow, Ada, continued to manage the dairy business after his death. Ada never remarried. Ada Schrank Rosentreter died in the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home in Hamilton, Texas, on 3 March 1979, at the age of 81 years. Ada had been widowed 43 years at the time of her death. Ada is buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas.

X. **Karl Johannes "Charlie" Rosentreter** born 3 Feb. 1897, in Womack, Bosque Co., Texas. Charlie was baptized 21 March 1897, at Zion Evangelical Church of Womack, and he was confirmed 31 March 1912, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, Texas. Charlie Rosentreter married **Amanda Rosa Limmer** on 21 Jan. 1923, in Hamilton Co., Texas. Amanda was born 8 Dec. 1904, in Aleman, Hamilton Co.,



Charlie Rosentreter

Texas; she was the daughter of **Rudolph Gustav Limmer** (born 1879; died 1951) and **Bertha Emilie Kelm** (born 1881; died 1966). Amanda's parents were married 23 Sept. 1900, in Aleman, Texas. Amanda was baptized 8 Jan. 1905, and confirmed 20 April 1919, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. Charlie and Amanda Rosentreter lived the first several years of their marriage in Lynn and Lubbock Counties where their four children were born. From Lubbock County, they returned to Hamilton County to the Aleman Community where they farmed. After their retirement, Charlie and Amanda moved into Hamilton and they became members of St. John Lutheran Church of Hamilton. Charlie Rosentreter died in the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home in Hamilton, Texas, on 23 Feb. 1983, at the age of 86 years. Charlie and Amanda were married 60 years at the time of his death. Amanda Limmer



The wedding of Charlie Rosentreter and Amanda Limmer, Jan. 21, 1923, Aleman, Hamilton County, Tx.

Kelm died in the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home in Hamilton, Texas, on 28 Feb. 1990, at the age of 85 years. Charlie and Amanda Rosentreter are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas.

The family of Charlie and Amanda Limmer Rosentreter:

1. **Laverne Charline Rosentreter** born 1 Aug. 1925, in Wilson, Lynn Co., Texas. Laverne was baptized 30 Aug. 1925 in Wilson, and she was confirmed 2 April 1939, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aleman, Texas. Laverne married **Vernon Glen Pflueger** on 15 Nov. 1947. Vernon Pflueger was born 10 Nov. 1926 in Hamilton Co., Texas; the son of **Bernhardt Pflueger** and **Elsie Schrank**. Vernon and Laverne were the parents of two children. Vernon Pflueger died in Arlington, Texas, on 21 March 1999, at the age of 72 years. Laverne Rosentreter Pflueger died in Arlington, Texas, on 24 Nov. 2003, at the age of 78 years. Vernon and Laverne Pflueger are buried in the Emerald Hills Memorial Park in Kennedale, Tarrant Co., Texas.

2. **Wilburn Lee Rosentreter** born 26 Sept. 1927, in Wilson, Lynn Co., Texas. Wilburn was confirmed 6 April 1941, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. Wilburn married **Alice Viola Wagner** on 20 Aug. 1949. Viola was born 16 Jan. 1930, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas, the daughter of **Rudolf Fritz Wagner** and **Sophie Johanna Kopp**. Wilburn and Viola are the parents of two children. Wilburn and Viola Rosentreter reside in Midland, Texas.

3. **Eugene Charles Rosentreter** born 18 June 1931, in Slaton, Lubbock Co., Texas. Eugene was confirmed 5 May 1945, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. Eugene married **Victoria Eisen** on 10 Sept. 1955. Victoria was born 2 Oct. 1936, in Hamilton, Texas; daughter of **Henry Eisen** and **Erna Spitzberger**. Eugene and Victoria are the parents of one daughter. Eugene and Victoria Rosentreter reside in Arlington, Texas.

Victoria Eisen on 10 Sept. 1955. Victoria was born 2 Oct. 1936, in Hamilton, Texas; daughter of **Henry Eisen** and **Erna Spitzberger**. Eugene and Victoria are the parents of one daughter. Eugene and Victoria Rosentreter reside in Arlington, Texas.



The Charlie Rosentreter Family: Charlie and Amanda Limmer Rosentreter are seated and their four children are from left: Wilburn, Laverne, Betty and Eugene.

4. **Betty Ross Rosentreter** born 9 June 1935, in Slaton, Lubbock Co., Texas. Betty was baptized 16 June 1935 in Slaton, and confirmed 5 June 1949, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aleman, Texas. Betty married **James Tischler** on 23 Jan. 1954. James Tischler was born 29 June 1934; son of **Erich Tischler** and **Anna Witzsche**. James and Betty Tischler had four children. James and Betty Tischler reside in Hamilton, Texas.

XI. **Lillie Wilhelmine Rosentreter** born 11 Feb. 1898, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Lillie was baptized 27 Aug. 1904, at her parents' home in Shive by the pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas, and she was confirmed 31 March 1912, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Lillie married **Theodore Wilhelm Riewe** on 3 Dec. 1922. Ted Riewe was born in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas, on 20 Jan. 1899; he was the son of **Gustav Adolf Riewe** (born 1860; died 1942) and **Otilie Schrank** (born 1871; died 1955). Ted's parents were married 2 April 1890, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Ted Riewe was baptized 22 Jan. 1899, by Pastor E. Deffner in Pottsville, Texas, and he was confirmed 6 April 1913, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aleman, Texas. Ted and Lillie Riewe lived their married life in Pottsville, Texas, where they farmed. They were members of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Pottsville. Ted Riewe died at the home of his son, Phil Riewe, in the community of Newburg, in Comanche Co., Texas, on 22 April 1970, at the age of 71 years. Ted and Lillie were married 47 years at the time of his death. After Ted's death, Lillie lived in Newburg until moving to Comanche to live with her daughter, Rose Cates. Lillie remained a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pottsville until the church closed. Lillie then became a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Priddy, Texas. Lillie Rosentreter Riewe died in the Goodall-Witcher Hospital in Clifton, Bosque Co., Texas, on 7 Jan. 1991, at the age of 92 years. Ted and Lillie Riewe are buried in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas.



Lillie Rosentreter Riewe (left) and her sister, Adeline Rosentreter Riewe. There were three sets of Rosentreter daughters and one set of Rosentreter sons that married siblings.

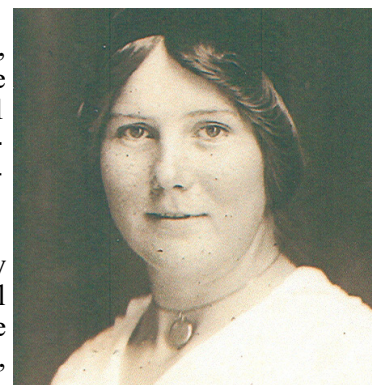
are buried in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas.

Ted and Lillie Rosentreter Riewe were the parents of three children:

1. **Rose Lee Adeline Riewe** born 14 Feb. 1927, in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas. Rose was baptized 6 March 1927, and confirmed in May 1942, at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Pottsville. Rose Riewe married **Foy Leon Cates** on 12 Nov. 1946. Foy Cates was born 4 Nov. 1923, at Bend, in San Saba Co., Texas. Foy and Rose had no children. Foy and Rose Cates reside today in Comanche, Texas.

2. **Eric Theofile Riewe** born 18 Aug. 1933, in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas. Eric was baptized in the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Pottsville, and confirmed in the same church on 29 May 1949. Eric Riewe married **Lillian Imogene Landua** on 10 June 1959. Eric and Lillian later divorced. They had no children. Eric Riewe's second marriage was to **Connie Massingale Madson** on 5 April 1980. Connie had one daughter from a previous marriage. Eric Riewe died in Odessa, Ector Co., Texas, on 20 Oct. 1993, at the age of 60 years. Eric is buried in the South Park Cemetery in Roswell, New Mexico. Widow, Connie, now resides in Houston, Texas.

3. **Philemon Benjamin Riewe** born 28 Feb. 1935, in Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas. Phil was baptized 24 March 1935, and confirmed 29 May 1949, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pottsville, Texas. Phil Riewe married **Evelyn Hilda Stegemoller** on 25 Aug. 1956. Evelyn was born at Priddy, Mills Co., Texas, on 12 July 1932. Phil and Evelyn had two sons and four daughters. Phil Riewe died in Fort Worth, Texas, on 17 May 2009, at the age of 74 years. Phil is buried in the St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Priddy, Texas. Evelyn Stegemoller Riewe resides in Newburg, Texas.



Lillie Rosentreter



Family of Ted and Lillie Rosentreter Riewe on the occasion of Ted and Lillie's 45th wedding anniversary celebration, Dec. 1967 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pottsville, Texas. From left: Eric Riewe, Ted Riewe, Lillie Rosentreter Riewe, Rose Riewe Cates, and Philemon Riewe.

XII. Henry Ferdinand Rosentreter born 11 Oct. 1901, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Henry was baptized 27 Aug. 1904, at his parents' home by the pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas, and he was confirmed 16 April 1916, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Henry Rosentreter married **Hedwig "Hattie" Jeschke** on 28 July 1926, in Hamilton Co., Texas. Hattie Jeschke was born 14 May 1899, near Taylor, Williamson Co., Texas; she was the daughter of **Johann Albert Hermann Jeschke** (born 1868; died 1943) and **Ida Unnasch** (born 1868; died 1947). Hattie's parents were married 1 Nov. 1889, in Williamson Co., Texas. Hattie was baptized 16 July 1899, in the Lutheran Church in Taylor, Texas, and she was confirmed 16 May 1913, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. After their marriage, Henry and Hattie Rosentreter set up housekeeping in the Shive Community of Hamilton County where they farmed and raised their three children. They were lifelong members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. For many years, even after they moved into Hamilton following their retirement from farming, Henry would arrive at St. Paul's early on Sunday mornings to ring the church bell. Hattie Jeschke Rosentreter died in the Hamilton County General Hospital in Hamilton, Texas on 3 Feb. 1975, at the age of 75 years. Henry and Hattie were married 48 years at the time of her death. Henry Rosentreter died at his home in Hamilton, Texas, on 25 March 1992, at the age of 90 years. Henry and Hattie Rosentreter are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas.



The wedding of Henry Rosentreter and Hedwig (Hattie) Jeschke, July 28, 1926, Shive, Hamilton County, Texas

The family of Henry and Hattie Jeschke Rosentreter:



Nolan and Wanda Wagner Rosentreter at the Bode Family Reunion in Brenham, Texas, 1985. Mrs. Oscar (Edna nee Dietz) Bode in background.

1. **Nolan Gardine Rosentreter** born 18 Sept. 1928, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Nolan was baptized 4 Nov. 1928, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive, and he was confirmed 22 Nov. 1942, at Trinity Lutheran Church of Pottsville, Hamilton Co., Texas. Nolan Rosentreter married **Wanda Joyce Wagner** on 5 July 1953. Wanda was born in Shive, Texas, on 5 Jan. 1934; daughter of **Rudolf Fritz Wagner** and **Sophie Johanna Kopp**. Nolan and Wanda were the parents of two daughters. Nolan Rosentreter died 30 July 1986, in Fort Worth, Texas, at the age of 57. Nolan is buried in the Greenwood Memorial Park in Fort Worth. Wanda remarried and resides in Hamilton County today.

2. **Henry Rosentreter, Jr.** born 17 Oct. 1935, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Henry, Jr. was baptized 17 Nov. 1935, and confirmed 10 April 1949, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Henry Rosentreter married **Betty Frances Kerby** on 18 June 1955. Betty was born 5 May 1937, in Mills City, Texas. Junior and Betty were the parents of two daughters. Henry Rosentreter, Jr. died 16 Nov. 2002, at the age of 67 in his home in Venus, Johnson Co., Texas. Henry, Jr. is buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas.

Betty remarried and resides in Venus.

3. **Norma Lee Rosentreter** born 10 April 1938, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Norma Lee was baptized 16 May 1938, and confirmed 15 July 1951, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Norma Lee married

Lloyd Kunkel on 23 June 1956. Lloyd Kunkel was born 31 July 1932, in Hamilton Co., Texas. Norma Lee and Lloyd had three children. Lloyd Kunkel died 4 May 2004, in Fort Worth, Texas, at the age of 71. Lloyd is buried in the Laurel Land Cemetery in Fort Worth. Norma Lee Rosentreter Kunkel resides in Fort Worth.



Henry Rosentreter and his son, Henry Rosentreter, Jr. at the Rosentreter Reunion in Shive, Texas, 1987.



Henry Rosentreter dancing with his daughter, Norma Lee Rosentreter Kunkel, at his 85th birthday party at the Shive Grange Hall in Shive, Texas, 1986

XIII. Adeline Hulda Emma Rosentreter born 9 Aug. 1905, in Shive, Hamilton Co., Texas. Adeline was baptized 4 Dec. 1905, and she was confirmed 15 May 1921, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shive. Adeline was not quite two years old when her mother died. Adeline said every one she knew could talk personally of their mother, and she always felt some hurt because she had no memory of her mother. Adeline Rosentreter married **Rudolf Adolf Riewe** on 18 March 1924, in Hamilton Co., Texas. Rudolf Riewe was born 7 Feb. 1901, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas; he was the son of **Gustav Adolf Riewe** (born 1860; died 1942) and **Otilie Schrank** (born 1871; died 1955). Rudolf's parents were married 2 April 1890, in Aleman,



The wedding of Adeline Rosentreter and Rudolf Riewe, March 18, 1924, Shive, Hamilton County, Texas



Adeline Rosentreter

Hamilton Co., Texas. Rudolf was baptized 17 March 1901, and he was confirmed 28 March 1915, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. Rudolf and Adeline lived the first several years of their marriage in the Aleman Community of Hamilton County where they farmed. In the 1940's, they moved to Austin, Texas, where Rudolf did carpentry work. The Riewes became members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin. They lived in Austin for several years before moving to Pflugerville, Texas, where they became members of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Rudolf and Adeline were the parents of four sons and two daughters. Rudolf Riewe died in Austin, Texas, on 17 March 1979, at the age of 78 years. Rudolf died one day before he and Adeline would have observed their 55th wedding anniversary. Adeline Rosentreter Riewe died 9 Nov. 2002, in Kingsland, Llano Co., Texas, at the age of 97 years. Adeline was the last surviving child of August and Wilhelmine Bode Rosentreter. Adeline was also the last surviving grandchild of her

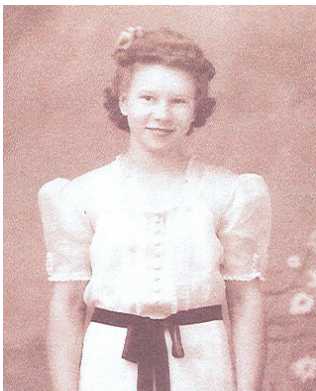
grandfather, and my great-great-grandfather, Wilhelm Bode. Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Pflugerville, Travis Co., Texas.

The family of Rudolf and Adeline Rosentreter Riewe:

- 1. Louis Rudolf Riewe** born 23 Aug. 1925, in Aleman, Texas, and confirmed 2 April 1939, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. Louis Riewe married **Florence Marie Kouslin** on 9 Jan. 1951.

Florence was born in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas, on 30 Jan. 1928. Louis and Florence had one son. Louis and Florence Riewe reside today in Sunrise Beach, Texas.

- 2. Olof Karl Riewe** born 2 Sept. 1927, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Olof was baptized 9 Oct. 1927, and confirmed 6 April 1941 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. Olof Riewe married **Anne Louise Rumsey** on 6 Nov. 1954. Anne was born 4 May 1921, in Austin, Texas. Olof and Anne had no children. Olof and Anne Riewe reside today in Austin, Texas.



Leanda Riewe in 1943

- 3. Leanda Adeline Riewe** born 27 Nov. 1929, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas.

Leanda was baptized 15 Dec. 1929, and confirmed 18 April 1943, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas. Leanda Riewe married **Edwin Andrew Barnett**

on 27 Sept. 1952. Edwin Barnett was born 4 May 1926. Edwin and Leanda had three daughters. Edwin and Leanda Barnett reside today in Georgetown, Texas.

- 4. Harold Milton Riewe** born 13 Sept. 1935, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Harold was baptized 29 Sept. 1935, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas, and he was confirmed 10 April 1949, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. Harold Riewe married **Alpha Lois Pierson** on 11 Jan. 1957. Lois was born 23 Oct. 1938.



Rudolf and Adeline Rosentreter Riewe at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration, Pflugerville, Texas, 1974. To the far right is Adeline's 90 year old sister, Alwin Zettler, and sitting in back is Alice Kopp, Anne Riewe and Florence Riewe

man, Hamilton Co., Texas. Louis was baptized 13

Harold Riewe married **Alpha Lois Pierson** on 11 Jan. 1957. Lois was born 23 Oct. 1938. Harold and Lois were the parents of two sons. Lois Pierson Riewe died 28 May 2008, at the age of 69. Harold Riewe died in Pflugerville, Texas, on 18 Nov. 2011, at the age of 76. Harold and Lois Riewe are buried in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Pflugerville.

5. **Martin Adolf Riewe** born 29 Aug. 1940, in Aleman, Hamilton Co., Texas. Martin was baptized 8 Sept. 1940, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Aleman, Texas, and he was confirmed 11 April 1954, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. Martin Riewe first married **Judy Darlene Bell** in 1960. They were the parents of one son. Martin's second marriage was to **Barbara Jane Rhoades** on 28 Nov. 1966. Martin's third marriage was to **Doris Nell Goslin** on 21 April 1968. Martin and Doris had four children. Martin Riewe died in automobile accident in Pflugerville, Texas, on 17 Nov. 2002, just one week after his mother's death. Martin was 62 years of age. Martin Riewe is buried in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Pflugerville, Texas.

6. **Marilyn Ruth Riewe** born 29 Jan. 1948, in Austin, Travis Co., Texas. Marilyn was baptized 22 Feb. 1948, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas, and she was confirmed 6 May 1962, in the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. Marilyn married **Charles Ray Kleen** on 14 Feb. 1971. Charles Kleen was born 17 Aug. 1945, in Williamson County, Texas; the son of **Arthur Lee Kleen** and **Vera Marie Kelley**. Charles and Marilyn are the parents of two sons. Charles and Marilyn Kleen reside today in Pflugerville, Texas.



Olof Riewe (far left) with first cousins Rose Riewe Cates, Estelle Rosentreter Manthei, Betty Rosentreter Tischler and Eugene Rosentreter.



Marilyn Riewe, the youngest child of Rudolf and Adeline Rosentreter Riewe, and the youngest grandchild of August and Wilhelmine Bode Rosentreter.



Rosentreter Family Reunion, 1966, Shive, Hamilton County, Texas. This is the 10 surviving children of August and Wilhelmine Bode Rosentreter. From left: Adeline Riewe, Henry Rosentreter, Lillie Riewe, Charlie Rosentreter, Mathilda Senkel, Louis Rosentreter, August Rosentreter, Albertine Feldmann, Sophie Feldmann, and Alwine Zettler. The three deceased siblings were Wilhelmine Kopp, Anna Zettler, and Julius Rosentreter.

This article is dedicated to the memories of Tante Wilhelmine Bode

This is eight of the 10 surviving Rosentreter Siblings in 1973. From left: August Rosentreter, Alwine Zettler, Charlie Rosentreter, Sophie Feldmann, Lillie Riewe, Albertine Feldmann, Henry Rosentreter and Adeline Riewe



Rosentreter; Alwine Rosentreter Zettler, Johnny and Lena Zettler Gromatzky, Edwin and Dolly Zettler Bosse, Henry Rosentreter, Lillie Rosentreter Riewe, Adeline Rosentreter Riewe, and my great-aunt, Lydia Bode Grudziecki, who was the first to tell me of the Rosentreter Family.

SOURCES: Lydia Bode Grudziecki, Lena Zettler Gromatzky, Malinda (Dolly) Zettler Gromatzky, Frances Bubert Donahoo, Pauline Kopp Oltrogge, Paula Rosentreter Griffée, Estelle Rosentreter Manthei, Henry Rosentreter, Lillie Rosentreter Riewe, Adeline Rosentreter Riewe, Rose Riewe Cates, Victoria Eisen Rosentreter, Leanda Riewe Barnett, and Matilda Schmidt Muesse. Records from Zion Lutheran Church, Zionsville, Washington County, Texas; Bethlehem Lutheran Church, William Penn, Washington County, Texas; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lyons, Burleson County, Texas; Zion United Church of Christ, Womack, Bosque County, Texas; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Shive, Hamilton County, Texas; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aleman, Hamilton County, Texas; Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville, Hamilton County, Texas; First Lutheran Church of Galveston, Texas.

Submitted by Daniel Bode of Dayton, Texas—a great-grandson of Fritz Bode. My great-grandfather was a half-brother of Tante Wilhelmine Bode Rosentreter.

OPERATIONS

MINUTES OF THE 34TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GERMAN TEXAN
HERITAGE SOCIETY (GTHS)
SCHUMANN HALL, FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH FAMILY LIFE CENTER
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX
July 28, 2012

President Mary Whigham called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

President Mary Whigham advised that minutes of the 33rd Annual Meeting, held in Dallas, TX, had been published in the Winter Edition of The Journal.

President Mary Whigham expressed thanks to Michael and Connie Krause and their committee for a “job well done” at arranging an interesting, informative, and fun Annual Meeting.

Current board members were recognized, including Christina Gilliland whose term is expiring. Former board members Martha Liehse and Gerri West were recognized.

Treasurer Charles Locklin presented a Treasurer’s Report. Highlights included mention of our reserve portfolio of \$300,000 and our annual operating budget of \$187,000. He also advised of upcoming activities, including an additional Oktoberfest celebration in partnership with the Saengerrunde.

President Mary Whigham announced that arrangements are underway to offer German language classes in Tomball.

Efforts are underway to produce digitized copies of all editions of the Journal published to date.

Gisele Demarco of Dallas was elected to the Board of Directors to replace Christina Gilliland, whose term is expiring.

Member Glen Treibs offered an early school desk from a Gillispie County School for display at the German Free School.

President Mary Whigham sought input from attendees for activities and events.

There being no further business, President Mary Whigham adjourned the meeting at 11:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl A. Luckenbach
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE June 10, 2012 MEETING GERMAN-TEXAN HERITAGE SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The June 10, 2012, meeting of the Board of the German Texan Heritage Society (GTHS), held in the German Free School in Austin, TX, was called to order at 10:05 AM by President Mary Whigham. Members attending included Mary Whigham, Bob Flocke, Charles Locklin, Jim Kearney, Warren Friedrich, Michael Krause, Larry Deuser, and Carl Luckenbach. Liz Hicks, Julia Kleinheider, Hans Boas, and Christina Gilliland were absent. Also present was Jean Warneke, Executive Director and Doris Boerke, Office Manager.

Minutes of the April 15, 2012 Board Meeting

The minutes of the April 15, 2012 Board Meeting were approved after the spelling Larry Deuser's name was corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Charles Locklin reported that the new bookkeeping procedures were working well. After praising Warren Friedrich for his unselfish volunteer work on behalf of GTHS, Charles reported that he and Warren Friedrich had authority to sign checks. Charles has met with the Guild to review plans for Oktoberfest.

Executive Director's Report

Jean Warneke reported that GTHS is experiencing PC problems and telephone problems, and our website has been hacked and needs to be rebuilt. Jean reported that the Anti-Defamation League has requested a meeting with GTHS management stemming from published comments made by a GTHS member and volunteer employee regarding the holocaust. The meeting is set for Friday, June 15, 2012. A discussion ensued, including a recitation of the reasons for the original establishment of the GTHS and mention by Bob Flocke that some of his relatives were holocaust victims. Jean reported that she had worked at the GTHS booth at the Brenham Maifest and had sold \$200 worth of books. Jean presented proposed GTHS Scholarship Rules and asked for feedback. Jean reported that the settling of the Kothmann estate is progressing and we may receive our share of the proceeds in as soon as a month. Jean reported that 75 guests recently attended a wedding ceremony at GTHS at 8:30 AM. This prompted Charles Locklin to discuss the concept of paying finder's fees to those who refer weddings to our venue. Michael Krause suggested that our website be used as a marketing tool for weddings at the German Free School.

Program Director's Report

German language classes are currently being taught in Austin and Round Rock.

Executive Committee

Charles Locklin reported on the commercial co-venture agreement that has been developed which addresses responsibilities and other points of the three parties, GTHS, Saengerrunde, and Scholz Garden for the upcoming Oktoberfest. The agreement, developed with an emphasis on transparency, stipulates that GTHS is to receive 30% of the profits of the venture. This joint Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 27 from 11 AM until late at night, whereas the GTHS Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 6, 2012, from 11 AM until 6 PM. Charles announced that Mary Whigham has appointed Wing Evans to chair the Guild. A discussion was held regarding the Ehrenstern Award with the conclusion being that those Board of Director members present at the GTHS Annual Meeting would make the final decision on award recipients. Nominations for this prestigious award should be submitted to President Mary Whigham.

Activities Committee

Michael Krause announced details of the upcoming GTHS Annual Meeting, to be held in New Braunfels on July 27-28, 2012. Paper registration materials were sent out on June 8 and email registration information will go out on June 11. Registration information and documents are also posted on the GTHS website. Dr. Jim Kearney announced the 150th Anniversary observance of the Nueces Massacre will be held in Comfort on August 10 and 11. Michael Krause announced that Connie Krause has contacted former members in the New Braunfels area and 11 have agreed to rejoin.

Budget and Finance Committee

Charles Locklin reported that language classes are performing well financially but South by Southwest (SXSW) was a failure due to the party we planned to partner with did not come through with what we expected. He further noted that rental revenues are falling short of what was projected, and dues revenue is less than projected. In summary, we have a severe need for income. A question arose regarding the office supplies line item which Charles will review. Charles spoke of plans for capital improvements which will hopefully enhance our rentals income. Mary presented graphs depicting the volatility of our mutual funds and suggested consideration of moving a portion of our portfolio into quality dividend-paying stocks. Dr. Jim Kearney suggested consideration of the Vanguard High Quality Stock dividend fund as an alternative to individual stocks. We have recently moved our portfolio from Morgan Stanley to Chase, retaining the same portfolio. Dr. Jim Kearney proposed a resolution, which was seconded by Warren Friedrich which stated the following: "The Executive Committee has authority to review GTHS investment policy and portfolio and reallocate as needed." After considerable discussion, Bob Flocke called the question. MOTION PASSED.

Development Committee

The importance of contacting lapsed members was stressed and the success of doing so in New Braunfels was noted.

Membership Committee

No report.

Old German Free School Committee

Warren Friedrich reported that a room air conditioner had been installed in the office are for \$150, which was \$80 less than the amount budgeted.

Publications Committee

Bob Flocke suggested that we explore e publishing. Dr. Jim Kearney suggested that we explore establishing relationships with selected book stores and museums to sell our books. An example would be a book store owned by Former Mayor Linda Langerhans in Fredericksburg. He also suggested the Pioneer Museum in Fredericksburg and booksellers in Comfort and New Braunfels.

Unfinished Business

Charles Locklin presented his work on Strategic Planning. Mary Whigham has reviewed our original organizational purpose and requests that all BOD members also review. Dr. Jim Kearney is to write an article for the Journal about German values, including land conservation, cultural values, and contributions to Texas history.

New Business









The next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2012, beginning at 10 AM, in the German Free School in Austin.

Adjourn

President Mary Adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM.

Submitted by Carl A. Luckenbach, Secretary.

BOOKS PUBLISHED BY THE GERMAN-TEXAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Journal		ISSN 0730-3106, 4x per year, 8½ x 11, paperback. Since 1978. Each issue of this member publication contains over 100 pp of German-Texan genealogy, history and related info in English, with occasional German articles translated.	\$5 members \$6 non-GTHS members
A Sojourn in Texas, 1846-47		ISBN 1-57168-237-6, 400 pp, 6 x 9, hardback. Illustrations, maps, index. Edited by W.M. Von-Maszewski. A. Sörgel's Texas Writings. This dual-language edition is filled with observations, advice, and warnings for those who chose to come to Texas.	\$21.00
Diary of Hermann Seele		ISBN 1-57168-238-4, 504 pp, 6 x 9, hardback. Illustrations, bibliography, index. Translated and edited by Theodore Gish. Gives a revealing and intimate picture of 19th century Texas. Includes Seele's Sketches from Texas.	\$27.50
GTHS German Immigrant Ancestors		ISBN 1-57168-240-6, 292 pp, 8½ x 11, paperback. Index and maps. Edited by Christa Prewitt. Genealogical records.	\$15.00
Handbook and Registry of German-Texan Heritage		ISBN 1-57168-239-2, 192 pp, 8½ x 11, paperback. Index. Edited by W.M. Maszewski. Contains information on early German-Texan businesses, churches, cemeteries, schools, etc. Currently out of Stock	\$22.95
History of the German Settlements in Texas, 1831-1861		ISBN 1-57168-236-8, 280 pp, 6 x 9, NEW edition, paperback. Maps, illustrations, appendix, index. By Rudolf Biesele. Covers the actual founding and history of many German settlements and towns in Texas prior to the American Civil War.	\$28.95
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