

Branching Out in Texas

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INTRODUCTION

The original target date for completion of this historical record was 1996 -- the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Burtschell family in Texas from Budesheim, Germany. Information about the family was to have provided the core of the record. The Burtschell history is still the primary purpose for the record, but information is also included about the other families and individuals who came to Texas from Budesheim. Since some of those individuals arrived in 1848, the 150th anniversary now includes more of the Budesheimers.

The first family searched in the Budesheim records was the Braden family. The original research for the Bradens was done by Richard Leitsch of Budesheim in 1978. The request was made to the priest of the Catholic Church in Budesheim; because of Herr Leitsch's knowledge of the records and the town, the request was passed on to him. Before the merging of Budesheim with the larger city of Bingen, Herr Leitsch had been a magistrate in Budesheim. He searched the church records and transferred the results to a large chart which has been reduced for inclusion in this account. One can see the relationships between the various Braden families from the earliest records found. Besides providing the church records, Herr Leitsch sent news clippings, maps, booklets about the St. Rochus Chapel, a prayer book to be used on the St. Rochus pilgrimage, and photographs of the church. Each item added to my understanding of people, time, and place.

In 1986 when a request was made for Burtschell records, Herr Leitsch was ill and could not do the work. His grandson Klaus Leitsch kindly undertook the project and provided a chart for the Burtschell line as his grandfather did for the Braden line. This chart has also been reduced for inclusion in this history.

I met Richard Leitsch and his grandson Klaus and his wife Dorothee' on a trip to Germany in 1987. In spite of having just been released from the hospital, Richard Leitsch met us (my cousin Gene Treybig, his wife Jane, and myself) in front of the Sts. Aureus and Justina Catholic Church on a cold, windy, Sunday morning in March. We attended Mass and then were treated to a wonderful lunch and a tour of Budesheim and Bingen. At the age of seventy-eight, Herr Leitsch was more energetic than the rest of us. He was obviously very proud of his town and its history.

In 1988 a group of descendants of the Budesheimers, their families, and friends visited Budesheim while on a tour which included an exhibit opening in Mainz. (Information about the tour and exhibit is included elsewhere in this record.) Again, Herr Leitsch met the group in Budesheim along with his wife and provided the group with a tour. He attended the opening of the exhibit which included information which he helped to obtain.

I had an opportunity for one final visit with Herr Leitsch in 1990. He died in 1994. I am very grateful to Richard Leitsch for his enthusiastic work on behalf of the Budesheim families. I am also grateful to Klaus and Dorothee' Leitsch for continuing to provide news clippings, photographs, postcards, and other information about Budesheim and Bingen over the years. They have also welcomed me into their home and have offered a special friendship.

Jeane Bitterly of Hochheim, whose husband Don is a Braden descendant, has done extensive research into Budesheim records, expanding on the work done by Richard and Klaus Leitsch. She has kindly allowed me to use the results of her work. Over the years I have corresponded with descendants of families from Budesheim who have provided information not found in Frelsburg Catholic Church records, Mentz Catholic Church records, and Colorado County records -- my primary sources for the information found in this book.

The Burtschell records included in this history extend only through the second generation born in Texas, and only those found as indicated above. I have not attempted to find every descendant even to the second generation beyond the information more readily available. The other Budesheim families include only the original immigrant generation and any additional children born in Texas.

Until I began researching these records, I had assumed that Gene Treybig was a cousin only on my father's Treybig line. However, I discovered he is also kin to me through Lucas Burtschell and Andreas Braden (my mother's lines), our mutual ancestors. Neither of us knew this fact when we visited Budesheim together in 1987. He and Jane had been living in Germany for over twenty years at the time.

I am grateful to my ancestors for their faith in themselves as they left their homeland and traveled to an unknown land in order to find a better life for their family. The research into their lives has provided me with the opportunity to meet cousins and friends I would not have met otherwise -- both in the U.S. and in Germany. They have provided me with information and experiences that have enriched my life.

I hope that this record will provide a reference for further research into the history of the people, places, and events included as well as specific information about individuals.

Arliss Treybig
El Campo, Texas

July 1998

March 1987
Bingen/Budesheim

Jane Treybig
Gene Treybig
Dorothee Leitsch
Klaus Leitsch
Richard Leitsch



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE READER

Most of the names which appear in this record are found in the baptism and marriage books of the Frelsburg and Mentz Catholic churches. Catholic records from that time were written in Latin; therefore, the names are Latinized. Since a child was given a saint's name at baptism, some of the names may have been altered somewhat from the name used by the family. Another custom that seemed to be common was to name the child for the godparent. That name was the child's first given name. However, the individual actually used the second name which appears on marriage records, census records, and death records. The use of shortened forms of names was also very common: Mina for Wilhelmina, Tillie for Otilia, Maggie for Margaret, Lizzie for Elizabeth, etc.

Basically, the name listed is the Latinized baptismal name. If I have other records which show a different name, I may have also indicated that name. I regret the confusion which may occur because the name seems different from that which was common in the family. The first and second names may also be reversed from the baptismal records in some family records.

I apologize for any errors in translation; I read only a little German. I also regret typing errors or errors in transferring from one source to another. The reader may find discrepancies in dates as well as in names. Some of these errors may be mine; in other cases I may just be compounding errors made by a previous researcher. I have tried to check each name and date against the records available to me. I would welcome any additional information or corrections.

Arliss Treybig

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Compiler's note: The following three articles are taken from the New-Americanized Encyclopedia Britannica, published 1899. Therefore, the descriptions of the areas are closer to the 1840's time period when Lucas Burtschell and other emigrants from Budesheim came to Texas.

H e s s e - D a r m s t a d t

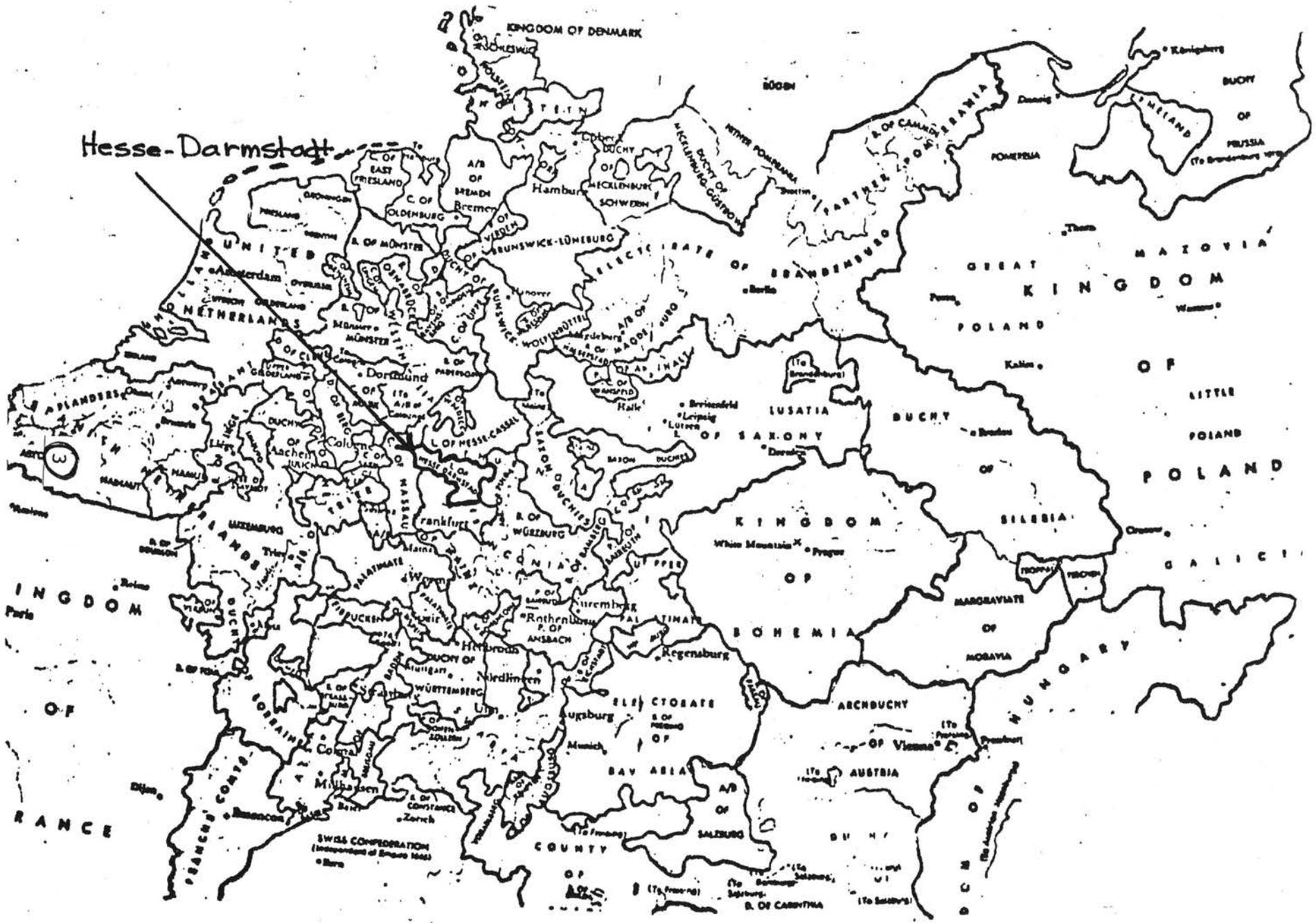
Note: When the Budesheimers came to Texas, the village was part of the Grand-Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt. It is now part of the state of Rhineland Palatinate.

Hesse-Darmstadt, Grand-Duchy of, the actual Hesse of the present day, is a state of Germany situated on the Rhine and Main, between Prussia on the north and Baden on the south. It consists of two large and several small detached portions of territory. The more northerly of the large portions forms the province of Oberhessen, and is completely surrounded by Prussia. The other, divided by the Rhine into the provinces of Starkenburg and Reihessen, is bounded on the north by Hesse-Nassau, on the west by the Rhine Palatinate and Rhenish Prussia, on the south by Baden, and on the east by Baden and Bavaria. The extent of the duchy is about 2,965 square miles.

Oberhessen is mountainous, having the Vogelsberg in the east with Taufstein (2,579 feet) as the highest summit in the country, and the Hausberg, a branch of the Taunus, in the southwest. The chief rivers are the Rhine, Main, Neckar, Lahn, and Fulda, with their tributaries. There are no lakes, but mineral springs abound in all the provinces.

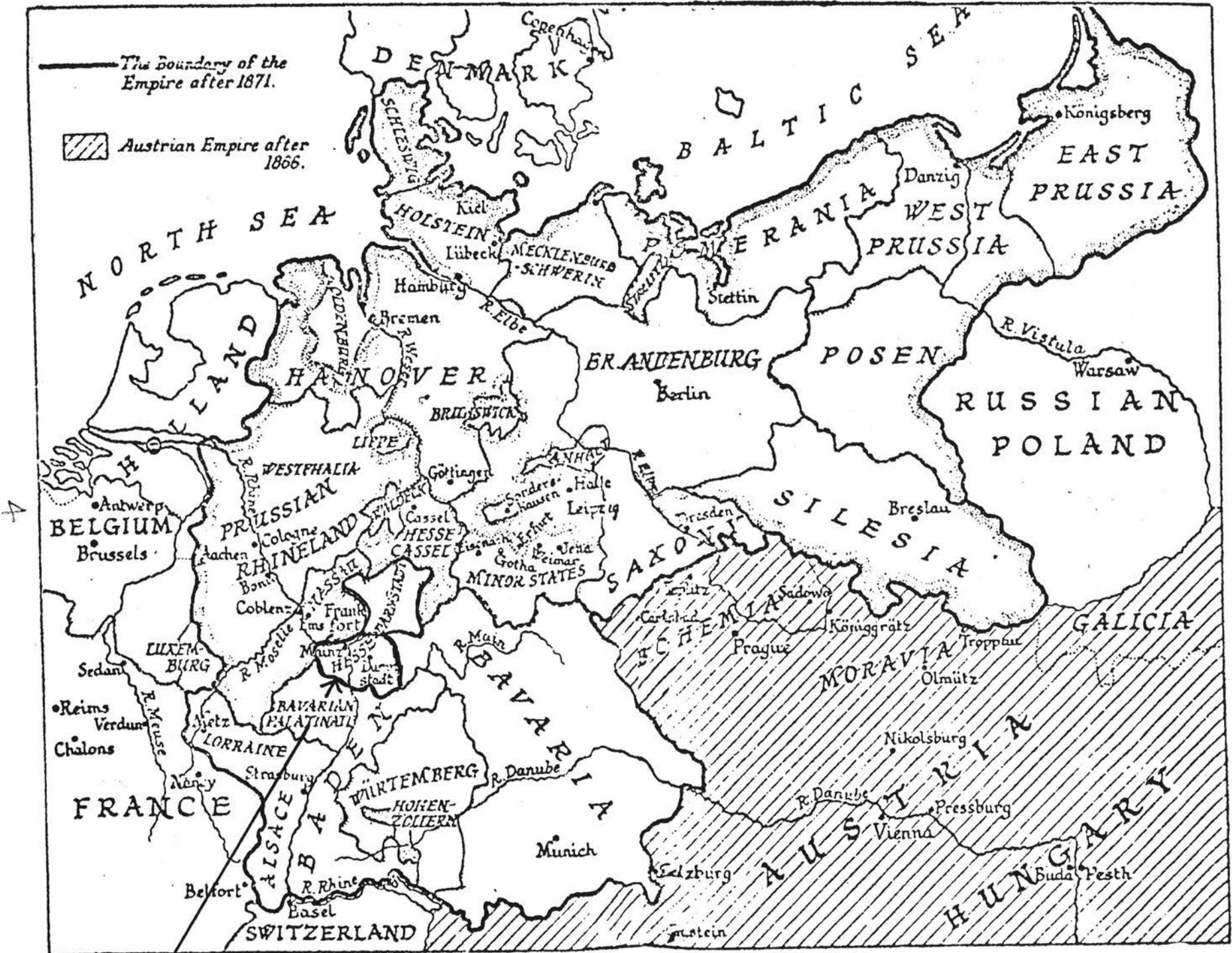
Agriculture, including the breeding of horses and cattle, is actively encouraged by government, and is the principal industry of the people. Forestry and vine-growing are also important, the latter being practiced almost exclusively in Reihessen. The principal crops are millet, buckwheat, oats, and potatoes; but rape (for oil), hemp, flax, tobacco, and fruit are also cultivated. The manufactures embrace leather (enameled and colored), tobacco, cigars, shoes, furniture, pocket-books, and similar goods, chemicals, matches, machinery, and various textile fabrics. Mining is carried on chiefly in Oberhessen. Iron, copper, manganese, graphite, lignite, salt, marble, and clay are the principal minerals, which are worked for home consumption.

There is a university at Giessen, and the schools, ordinary, technical, and theological, throughout the country are very numerous. The Protestant religion predominates, though the Roman Catholic faith is also recognized by the state. Darmstadt is the capital; Offenbach is the chief manufacturing town; Mainz has perhaps the most active trade. The other chief towns are Alsfeld, Lauterbach, Friedberg, Bingen, Bensheim, and Worms. Population (1889) 980,500.



Hesse-Darmstadt

Holy Roman Empire 1648



Hesse-Darmstadt

German Empire 1871



Current Boundaries
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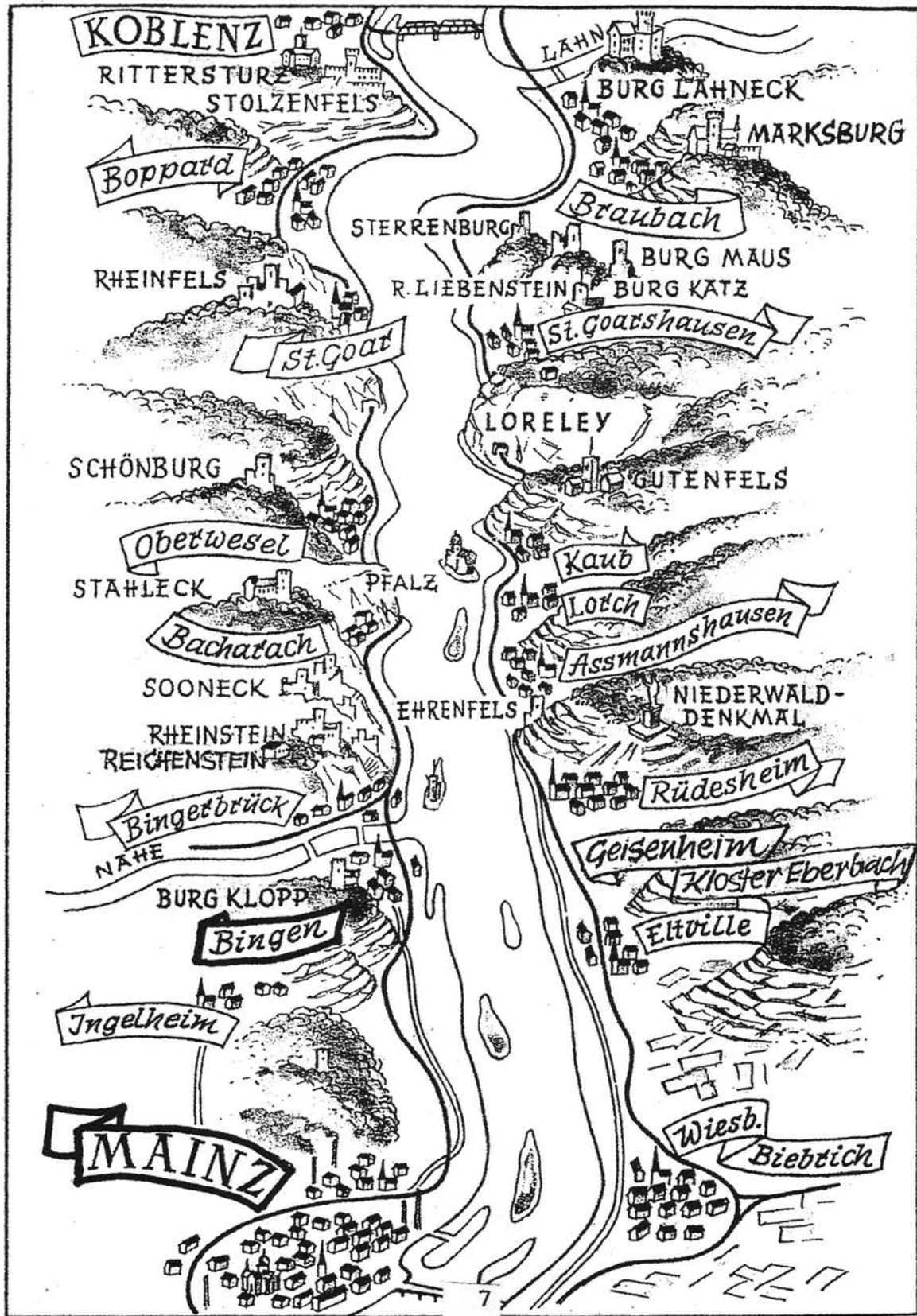
M a i n z

Mainz, or Mentz, the largest town in the grand-duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, one of the strongest fortresses in Germany, and formerly the seat of an archbishop and elector, is situated on a rising ground on the left bank of the Rhine, nearly opposite the influx of the Main (river).

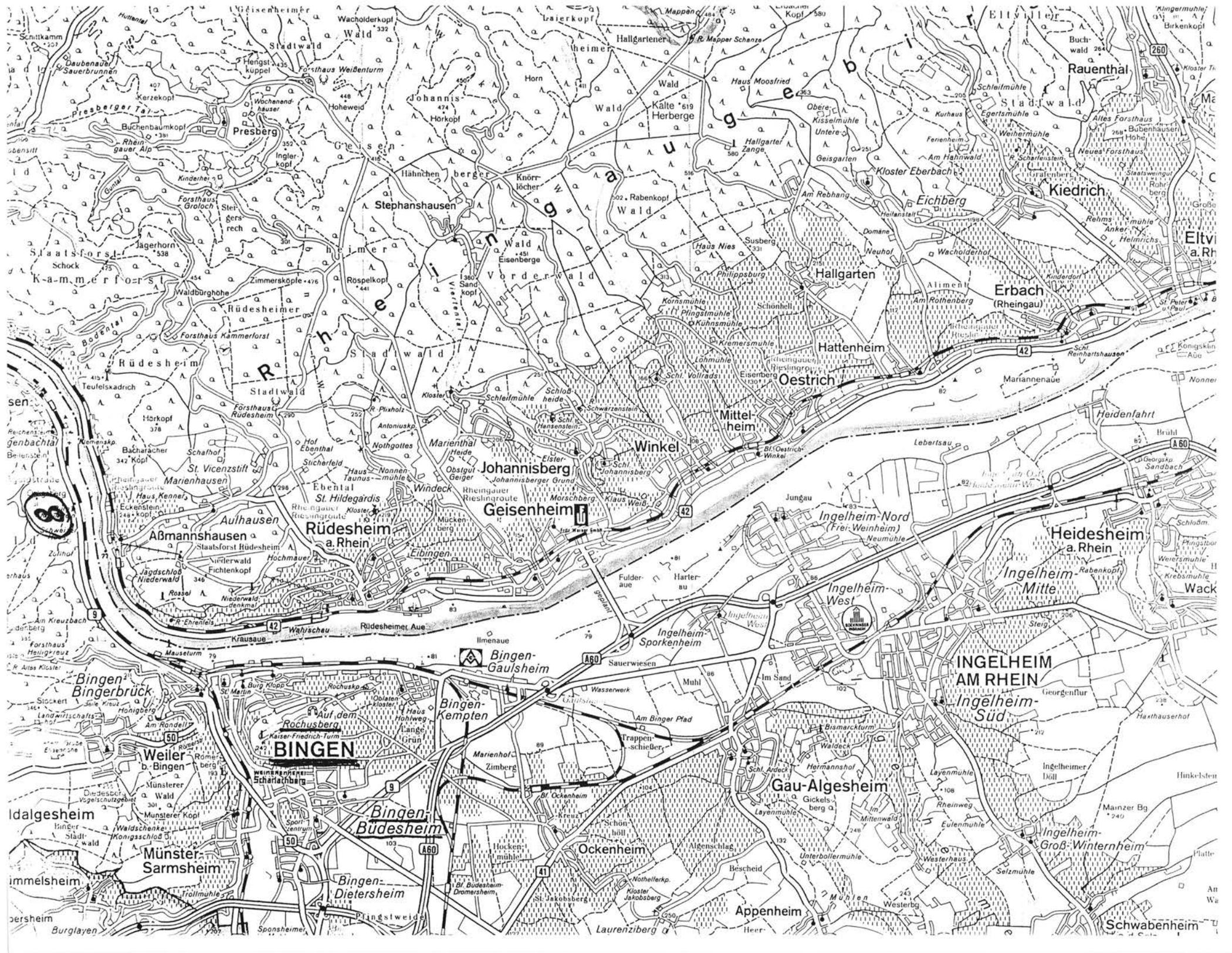
Mainz, one of the oldest cities in Germany, was originally a Celtic settlement. Its strategic importance was early recognized by the Romans, and in 13 B.C. Drusus, the son-in-law of Augustus, erected a fortified camp (castrum) there, to which a smaller castellum (the modern Castel) on the opposite bank was afterward added. The Celtic names became Latinized as Maguntiacum or Moguntiacum, and a town, Maguntia, gradually arose, which became the capital of Germania Superior. In the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648) Mainz was occupied by the Swedes and the French. In 1792 it enthusiastically welcomed the principles of the French Revolution, and opened its gates to the Republican troops under General Custine. It was recaptured in the following year, but was ceded to France by the peace of Campo Formio in 1797. In 1814 it was restored to Germany and handed over to the grand-duchy of Hesse, remaining, however, a fortress of the German Confederation, garrisoned in common by Prussian, Austrian, and Hessian troops. Since 1871 it has been a fortress of the German Empire. Population (1889) 65,000.

B i n g e n

Bingen, the ancient Bingium, a town of the grand-duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, in the province of Rhenish Hesse, fifteen miles west of Mentz. It is situated almost opposite Rudesheim, on the left bank of the Rhine, at the confluence of the Nahe, which is crossed near its mouth by an iron railway bridge resting on old Roman foundations. A considerable trade is carried on in wine, grain, and cattle; and tobacco, starch, and leather are manufactured. A short way down the Rhine is the Bingerloch, a famous whirlpool, the dangers of which were almost removed by blastings undertaken by the Prussian Government in 1834; while about half-way between it and the town rises on a rock, in the middle of the stream, the tower of Bishop Hatto. On a height immediately to the southeast is the ruined castle of Klopp, originally founded by Drusus, and higher still on the Rochusberg the celebrated chapel of St. Roch. Population, 5,938.



The Rhine
Mainz to Koblenz

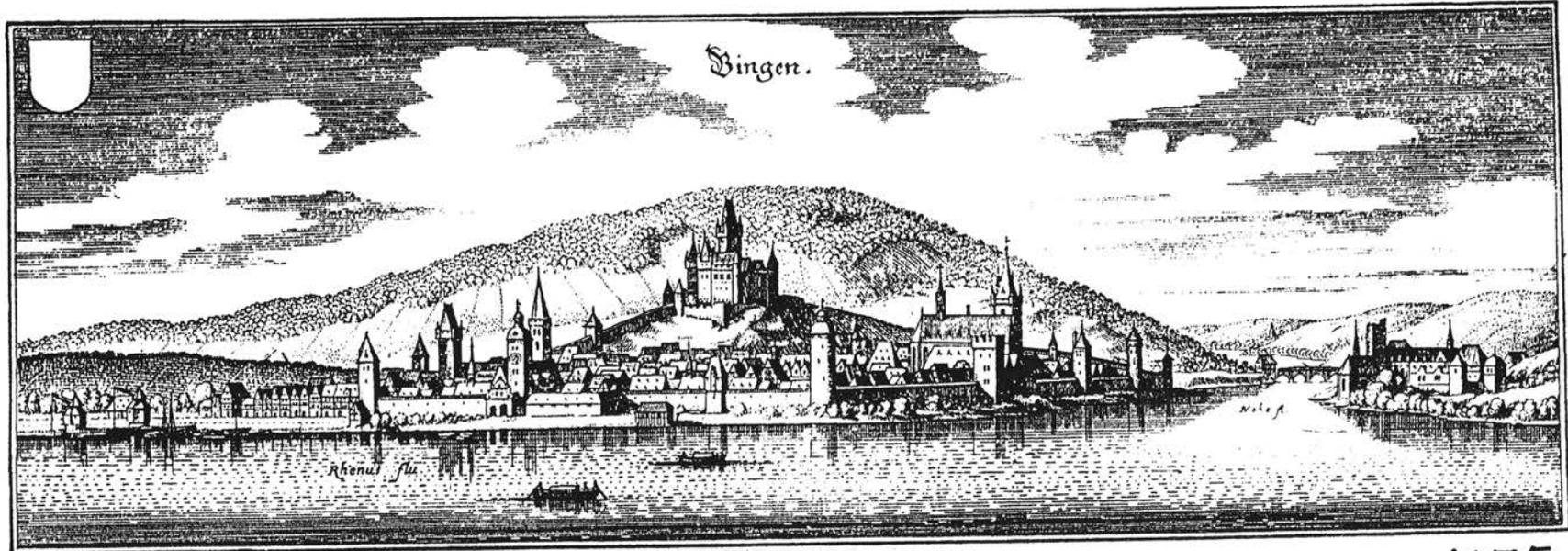


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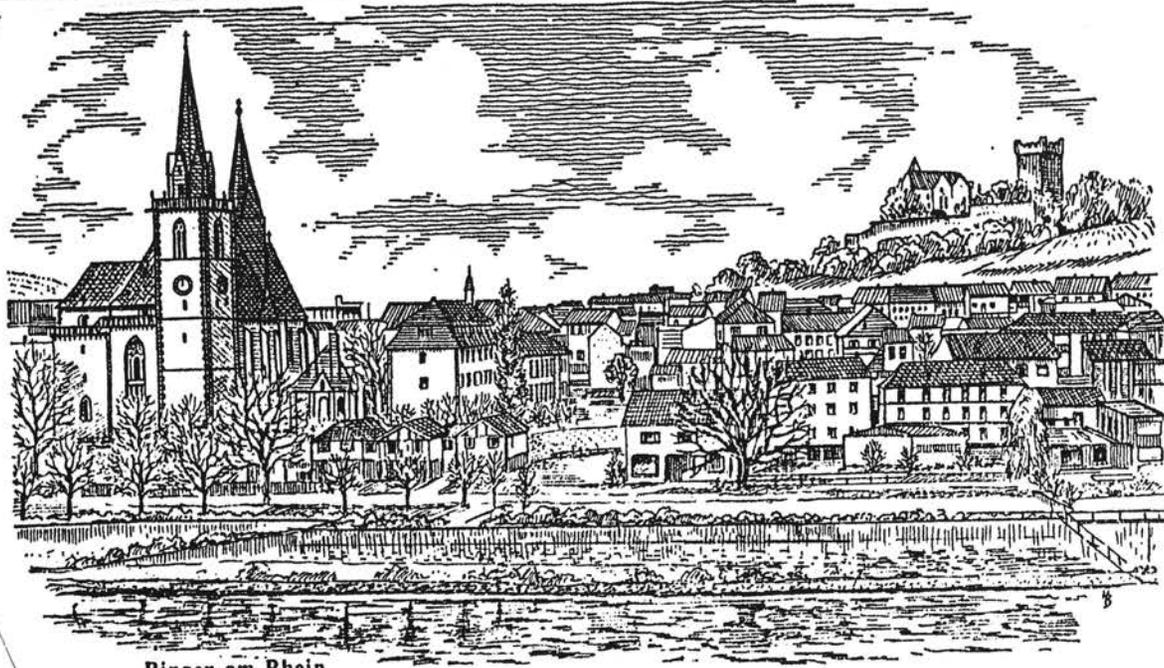


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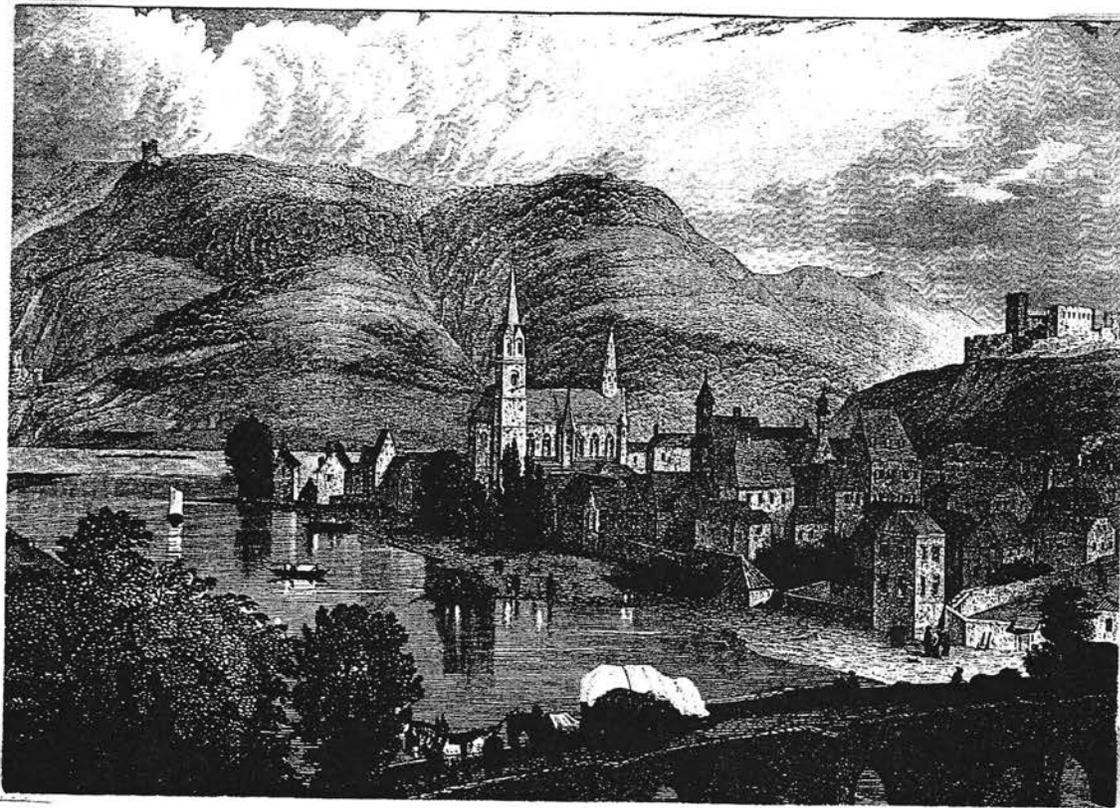
Mainz



1675



Bingen am Rhein



Bingen 1830

Note: The following information is compiled from a variety of sources: the priest of Bingen-Büdesheim; the archivist of the diocese of Mainz; and the Archives of Koblenz, Germany. The material itself is in a variety of forms: booklets, books, newspaper articles, emigration records, and other records. The material being in the German language, several people aided in the translation and/or transcription: Julia Penn of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Guenther of Austin, Mrs. Elise Theinert of San Antonio, Mrs. Alma Corsan of Wharton, and Elizabeth Didner and Helen Didner of Westphalia, Texas. The article was originally prepared for a book printed for the dedication of a Texas historical marker for the Mentz-Bernardo community in 1982. It has not been revised for this book.

Rochusberg / St. Roch's Chapel

The Rochusberg is a long hill up the Rhine from Bingen. Earlier the hill was called The Hesselberg, also called "Hissel," then in 1482 "Hesel." Since the mountain once was covered with hazelnut bushes, it is assumed that the name Hessel comes from Hasel-Hesel-Hissel. At one time it was also called Eisenberg (Iron Mountain). The present name (Rochusberg) became fixed only after 1666 when the church (of St. Roch) was built.

Before the church of St. Roch was built, there had been a Bethlehem's Chapel (or church) supposedly on the same spot -- from the time of the crusades, 11th to 12th centuries. The church was named Bethlehem because that had been the goal of the crusaders. That the church really did exist is evidenced by a proclamation from 1417 which mentions it. It is not known when it was built. The Archbishop of Mainz took over the Bethlehem Church and all its goods after the Brotherhood of St. Martin in Bingen had their church burn down in 1390.

The church of St. Roch was built to honor the saint and implore his aid to stop a plague of 1666. In the first nine months of that year, 1300 people in Bingen were said to have died of the plague. Bodies had to be laid unceremoniously criss-cross of one another in mass graves; whole families and clans died out, and houses and streets went to wrack and ruin. Baron von Dehren had heard that by honoring St. Rochus in this way the pestilence in Germany and Italy had been stopped. So the mayor of Bingen made the pledge, and the people agreed to this use of resources so they set to building the church. By the time the church was finished, the plague died out. The church was dedicated in 1677. The thankful people promised always to hold a procession on the 16th of August in honor of Rochus to the Rochus church, and they have kept this promise since that time.

In 1738 the people acquired a carved wooden statue of Rochus which they carry in the procession. The Rochus Brotherhood, founded in 1754 and consisting of male citizens of the town, look after the church. The Brotherhood existed into this century.

In 1689 France's Louis XIV had Bingen burned. The church remained standing but was stripped bare even of the church bells. The church was destroyed except for its walls in 1795 when the French General Custine fought with Austrians over Mainz. Until 1802 the pilgrimage was to the ruins. From 1802 to 1813 the pilgrimage was to the Bingen city church. After 1814 when

the conquering French went back home and Bingen was again German, the people decided to rebuild the church. Everyone helped, and the church was ready for the August 16, 1814, procession. Everyone was delighted because for eleven years they had not been able to conduct the pilgrimage properly.

On July 11, 1889, lightning started a fire. Only the precious things inside the church were saved; the church burned down to the foundations. The foundations were used as much as possible in building the new church. The third Rochus church was finished May 18, 1891, so it could be consecrated on August 17. The big bell is dedicated to Mary, Christ's helper; the second one to St. Roch; the third to Hildegard; the last to St. Rupert and his holy mother Berta.

Clippings from the newspaper in Bingen (1981) tell of a more recent pilgrimage of thousands to the outdoor altar of the Rochus Church to celebrate the eucharist in memory of the saint of the plague. This pilgrimage is still made annually because of the solemn oath made by the mayor of Bingen in 1666. Much in the celebration has changed, but the procession has not. People carry St. Roch's statue, and numbers of Christians from Bingen and elsewhere follow. The pilgrimage celebration is complete with many booths and good food. Especially prized is Bratwurst wrapped in grape leaves.

The southwest end of the long Rochus hill is called Scharlachkopf (scarlet-head) on the slopes of which the famous Scharlachberger (scarlet mountain) grape grows. This point affords a magnificent view of the Rhine valley and the Nahe valley as well as of the Hessian Palatinate.

A booklet about the St. Roch's Chapel contains a reproduction of an oil painting of the saint. The writer Goethe gave the money for the painting so the painter put the young Goethe's face on St. Rochus. The painting illustrates Rochus giving away all his worldly goods as he leaves his palace to go on a crusade.

Illustration of St. Roch



from Wallfahrts büchlein
zur St. Rochuskapelle
bei Bingen am Rhein

Statue of St. Roch



Mentz, Texas

On statues and in illustrations, St. Roch is shown with a dog holding a piece of bread. According to legend, while St. Roch was in Italy helping to heal victims of an epidemic, he himself became ill. He found his way to a cottage in a forest. The hunting dogs belonging to a man who lived nearby brought St. Roch the bread which was given to them.



*Bingen am Rhein/
Rochuskapelle*

Catharine Ellings '87

St. Roch Chapel

Note: At the present time (1997) Budesheim is under the governmental jurisdiction of Bingen and is called Bingen-Budesheim.

B u d e s h e i m

Budesheim, located in the lower part of Nahegan, was settled in the Roman times. The town was first mentioned in 1074 by the name of Buodenesheim, then Budensheim (1154), Budinsheim (1181), Buetensheim (1184) Butinsheim (1190), and Buthinheym (1222) and then Budesheim. It was usually then referred to as Budesheim bei Bingen or am Eysenberg (the iron mountain) to distinguish it from Erbes-Budesheim which is near Alzey.

In 983 sovereignty over Buedesheim seems to have accrued to the Archbishopric of Mainz when Kaiser Otto II gave Bingen and its surrounding area to Archbishop Wiligis. However, in the 13th century, the St. Stephan's monastery (or seminary) at Mainz laid claim to sovereignty of Budesheim. Subsequently, there was much contention over the administrative governorship, and it was back and forth to the 18th century between Archbishopric of Mainz and St. Stephan's monastery. (note: St. Stephan is the patron saint of Mainz).

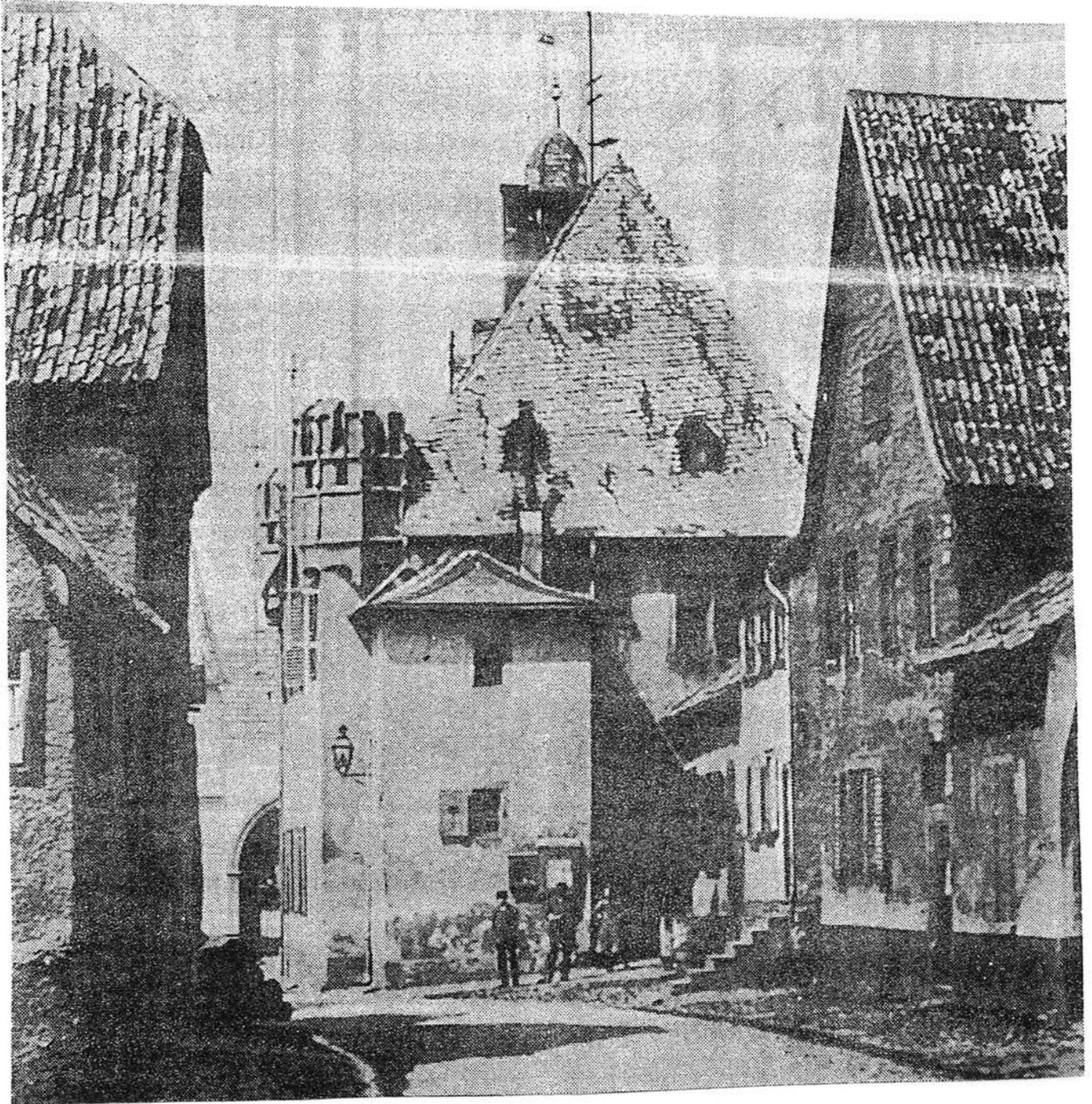
Mention was made of a church in Budesheim first in 1184. Proof of its incorporation appears in 1213 and 1313. The parish, which was dedicated to Saints Aureus and Justina, was situated in the Archbishopric of Mainz. Aureus was one of the early Mainzer martyr bishops who was killed with his sister Justina by the invasion of the Huns in 406.

Budesheim was originally a walled town in the Middle Ages. It would not have held back the enemy so in wartime the people of Budesheim took refuge behind the walls of Bingen and agreed to help protect Bingen. They built a Budesheim tower, the fifth one of the city walls, and kept four men there on watch. This agreement was renewed in 1552.

Alte Rathaus is the old city hall built in 1539. There was some kind of "law house" already in 1441 in Budesheim built under an oak tree. It may have been under the present city hall. The bells in its little towers are dated 1774 and 1754 (poured in Mainz and Frankfurt).

There is a castle near the church which was first mentioned in 1290. In the 17th and 18th centuries Winecke castle belonged to the family Frey von Dehren. Nothing remains of the fortification (castle), but the area where it stood is still referred to as "die Burg," "the castle," or "the fort."

Scharlachberg is a vineyard on the border of Bingen; it was well known before 1248. Only the Resling grape could be planted. If the people planted another grape, theirs would not longer be first class.



Alte Rathaus
Büdesheim



Church of Sts. Aureus & Justina
Bingen-Büdesheim

Records of the Catholic families
who came to Texas from Buedesheim
are found here.



Coat of Arms - Budesheim

Description

The coat of arms is divided. In the upper half in blue, the half figure of Saint Stephanus in front view with a palm branch in the right hand. The left hand is holding stones. In the lower golden half is a green wavy band slanting to the right with a red lily on each side.

Origin

Since the middle ages until the end of the 18th century the village belonged to the bishopric of St. Stephan in Mainz. As part of the City of Bingen, the village can today no longer officially display its coat of arms, but unofficially it can make full use of the coat of arms. It is fashioned after the official Court Seals which are preserved in the State Archives of Darmstadt (plaster copies in the Archives of Mainz). An older, late Gothic, court seal shows on a star studded background a kneeling and praying St. Stephan, beneath that a shield with a slanting stream to the right and two lilies. The inscription reads "S Iudicii villae Buedeszheim." The more recent baroque court seal with the inscription "Sigillum iudicii villae Buedesheimensis" shows the above described coat of arms. Saint Stephanus points to the Bishopric of St. Stephan as sovereign authority. The two lilies are symbols of the two Budesheimer church patrons, Saint Aureus and Saint Justina, who were martyred to death by drowning in the city of Mainz. The wavy band symbolizes the water in which the two guiltless saints (lilies) drowned. There is no historical documentation for the color scheme.



Coat of Arms – Büdesheim

NOTE: See next page for information about this exhibit.

Rheinland-Pfalz und Texas



Zwei Regionen im Kontakt

Von der Auswanderungsgeschichte des 19. bis zu den Wissenschaftsbeziehungen des 20. Jahrhunderts

Stadtbibliothek Mainz

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7. Juni — 7. September 1988

Ausstellung der Stadtbibliothek Mainz und der Abt. Amerikanistik des Seminars für englische Philologie der Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz



Mo - Fr 9.00 — 12.30 / 14.00 — 18.00, Sa 9.00 — 12.30 Uhr
Ausstellungseröffnung: 7. Juni 1988, 17.00 Uhr

Rheinland-Pfalz und Texas

A group of Texans were among a crowd of approximately one-hundred persons who attended the opening of an exhibit entitled "Rheinland-Pfalz und Texas: Zwei Regionen im Kontakt (Rhineland-Palatinate and Texas: Two Regions in Contact) at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 7, at the City Library in Mainz, Germany. A tour group of twenty-two persons from the Houston area were among the Texans present. Many of the individuals were descendants of the settlers of New Mainz (Mentz) in Colorado County. The settlers were from the village of Budesheim, about fourteen miles from Mainz. Also present were Dr. Ted Gish of the German Department of the University of Houston and Arliss Treybig of El Campo.

The exhibit was part of a student exchange between the University of Mainz and the University of Houston. The program also included an exchange of faculty whereby Dr. Gish spent several months teaching a seminar at the University of Mainz. Dr. Hans Galinsky, professor emeritus of the Department of American Studies at the University of Mainz planned and organized the exhibit following his experiences in Houston in 1983 during the 300th anniversary of Germans in America. At that time he participated in a symposium at the University of Houston during which Mr. and Mrs. Walter Noser of Houston acquainted him with the New Mainz (Mentz) settlement.

Dr. Galinsky made requests for material for the exhibit to various private individuals, groups, agencies, universities, institutes, and archives in both Texas and Germany. The result was a range of information covering the emigration process itself from planning, organizing, publicizing, contracts, and transportation to the spread of the German culture throughout the state. The Mainzer Verein effort was prominent among those records and papers. Records relative to the Mentz, Millheim, and Neu-Wied, Texas, communities were also included. Several cases included material concerning the Leyendecker and Kneuper families. Members of the Leyendecker family were part of the tour; another member planned a later trip to the exhibit as part of a research tour.

The city of San Antonio and material about the German-Texan Heritage Society were also included in the part of the exhibit which showed the German influence throughout Texas, not only in the areas settled by emigrants from the Rhineland-Palatinate area. The spread of German culture through literature, music, and organizations was highlighted. Photographs, deeds, church and archival records, books in both English and German, maps, contracts, posters, pamphlets, and newspaper articles were just a few of the kinds of sources which were included in the twenty showcases and display posters.

During the opening program, remarks were made by Dr. Anton M. Keim, mayor of Mainz; Gesche Wellmer-Brennecke, director of the library; and the director of the program of American Studies of the University of Mainz. Dr. Keim and Frau Wellmer-Brennecke spoke in German; however, the professor also made remarks in English which acknowledged the attendance of the group from Texas. A special reception was held following the opening at the city hall in Mainz. Because of its significance as the center of the wine industry, the city has its own wine cellar and vintner. Members of the tour group and other guests were hosted to a wine tasting by the mayor.

The exhibit was scheduled for June 7 to September 7.

The tour group included Gisela Trojan, Otto and Nona Schmidt, Crockett and Dorothy Leyendecker, Bertha Mae Mattern, Margaret Litzman, and Florence Zajicek, of Columbus; R.A. and Betty Stevenson of Victoria; Virginia Fetters of Cuero; Eva Lee Smith and Don and Jeane Bitterly of Baytown; Al and Mary Lou Braden, Ruby Lee Lorenz, and Kathleen Eichelberger, all of Houston; Joseph Braden of Austin; A. J. Wendel of El Campo; and Vic and Mary Margaret Edwards of The Woodlands.

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Society for the Protection of German Immigrants in Texas

Lucas Burtschell of Budesheim, Hesse-Darmstadt, was one of thousands of Germans who came to Texas as part of the colonization effort of the Verein zum Schutze deutscher Einwanderer in Texas (Society for the Protection of German Immigrants in Texas, also called the Adelsverein or Verein). German noblemen formed this society in 1842 in order to establish a German colony in the United States as well as for personal benefits. Texas was chosen as the site for the colony, and the Verein obtained the right to settle Germans on a section of land in west-central Texas known as the Fisher-Miller Grant. (Present counties in that area include Kimble, Llano, Mason, Menard, San Saba, McCulloch, and Concho.)

Terry G. Jordan in "The German Element in Texas: An Overview" describes those immigrants.

The settlers who came because of...the Adelsverein...were not the economic dregs of German Europe. Quite the contrary: they were solid middle-class peasants from land-owning families, artisans, or, in a few cases, university-educated professional people and intellectuals. Perhaps the majority were farmers who possessed a modest trade. More exactly, they were the more ambitious among their peers, farmers and artisans who saw a low ceiling imposed upon their ambitions by the social and economic system of Germany. They were not starving, not poverty-stricken, and not oppressed. Indeed, migration overseas required a substantial cash investment, quite beyond the means of the rural poor.

Lucas Burtschell signed an immigration contract in Antwerp (now Belgium) on December 2, 1845. The contract provided that each head of a household was to pay the equivalent of \$240 while agreeing to cultivate at least fifteen acres of land for three years and to occupy his house for the same period. In return for this agreement, the Verein promised (1) free transportation to the colony, (2) free land in the colony [320 acres for a family], (3) a free log house, (4) provisions and all goods necessary to begin farming, and (5) numerous public improvements.

The Atlantic voyage of two to three months often took longer because of the varying weather conditions throughout the year. Although food, water, and supplies were taken aboard, these were often in short supply or became spoiled as a result of delays. General living conditions on board ship were uncomfortable if not actually unpleasant and unhealthy. People died, were married, and were born during the voyages.

After arrival in Galveston, the immigrants continued by boat to Carlshafen (Indianola), the Verein port on Matagorda Bay. From Indianola the immigrants were to travel to the Fisher-Miller Grant, a journey, which in itself was far from easy. Since the land obtained for colonization lay too far from the coast to be settled immediately, New Braunfels and Fredericksburg were founded to serve as way stations on the road to the grant.

The period from the fall of 1845 to the spring of 1846 was a particularly difficult one for the immigrants. Due to the war between the United States and Mexico, transportation was almost impossible to obtain. Over four thousand immigrants were left at Indianola without adequate shelter from the sun and rain. Disease broke out among the people already weakened by the long ocean voyage; many died. Some preferred to start the trip inland on foot rather than wait any longer at Indianola. Many men left their families to join the United States Army. Numbers died on the way to New Braunfels from hunger, exposure, disease, and exhaustion. Those who arrived at New Braunfels and Fredericksburg brought disease with them. In many instances every member of a family died; widows and orphans were left to be cared for by other immigrants.

Emigrants on ships that landed in Galveston later in 1846 learned of these problems. According to Otilie Fuchs Goeth in her memoirs, "After we had landed, it was found that reports concerning conditions for the emigrants sponsored by the Society were so discouraging that Father decided to drop out of the Society and continue the journey on his own." Lucas Burtschell and other emigrants from Budesheim evidently made this same decision since they did not travel to Indianola but rather moved to Colorado County to settle. Frederick Zimmerscheidt, also from Budesheim, had settled there in the early 1830's.

The Verein was poorly organized, and its leaders had no real concept of the expenses involved in such an endeavor. As a result, in 1847 the Verein went bankrupt. In addition, the land in the grant was not only extremely isolated, it was not suited for farming. The Comanche Indians who lived on the land were also a threat to the safety of settlers. Fisher and Miller had not met the conditions of their arrangement with the Texas government so the Verein did not even have the right to settle people on the land in the grant. The Texas government, however, recognized the titles of the German immigrants to the land in the early 1850's.

With the collapse of the Verein, the immigrants were, more or less, left stranded wherever they were. Some settled in the ports or nearby: Galveston, Houston, or Indianola. Others made their ways to the established German settlements in Austin, Fayette, Washington, or Colorado counties as well as the Hill Country settlements. Most of the immigrants had begun to settle in new homes by the 1850's when their titles to the land were recognized. As a result, most sold their rights to the land in the grant without ever seeing it.

Compilers's note: A more complete history of the Verein can be found in various books about German immigration to Texas.

BUEDESHEIM EMIGRATION RECORDS

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Buedesheim
November 21, 1845

Nr. d.D. 1113
Reference: The Emigrations.

To:
The Grand-Ducal Hessian County Council of Bingen County
REPORT
of the Grand-Ducal Hessian Mayor at Buedesheim

Nr. K
Referring to the order
of November 8, 1845

In compliance with the above quoted high order I have the honor to report respectfully that from March 1, 1844 to this day, the following persons respectively families have emigrated from this community to Texas. Their return is not to be expected.

Nr.	Namen der Ausgewanderten	Familien Stand	Anzahl der Koepfe letzterer	Vermoeegen
1	Peter Jakob Wendel	ledig	---	300.
2	Johann Frey	"	---	300.
3	Jakob Rothemer	verh.	Frau, keine Kinder	200.
4	Kaspar Rothemer	"	Schwaegerin und 5 kinder	2,500.
5	Ferdinand Sommer	"	Frau u. 5 Kinder	600.
6	Lukas Burtschell	"	Frau u. 10 Kinder	1,000.
7	Adam Roesch	"	Frau u. 3 Kinder	400.
8	Heinrich Walter III	"	Frau u. 2 Kinder	600.
9	Johann Frey	ledig	---	100.
10	Johann Schmitt III	verh.	Frau u. 5 Kinder	600.
11	Anton Braden II	"	Frau u. 2 Kinder	600.
12	Phil. Joseph Frey	"	Frau u. 3 Kinder	5,000.
13	Kaspar Schueler	"	Frau u. 5 Kinder	600.
14	Adam Braden	"	Frau, keine Kinder	400.
15	Johann Bapt. Braden	"	---	300.
16	Jakob Weckert	"	---	100.
				<u>13,600.</u>

I 5 ledige maennliche
1 ledige weiblich
11 verheiratete Maenner
10 Frauen
40 Kinder
67

Das Ergebnis ist also
wie neben angefuehrt 13,600.---

- II They have disposed of their assets and, after paying their debts, they took with them above amounts in cash, including the still to be paid head tax.
- III According to my knowledge they did not leave behind any creditors whose demands had not been met.
- IV All (emigrants) have been provided with passes to Antwerp and with testimonials as to their character.
- V. The fact that a local (organizer) representative was given the agency is the reason why in such a short time so many decided to emigrate, while formerly only a few gave it any thought--even if the agent did not make any strenuous efforts in this direction.

St. George

Für ein Zusammen 26^{te} October 1. g. ungarische Landsteuer
 von 1. Ludwig Witt & seiner Frau 2 Personen
 2. P. J. Wendel " " " " 1 " " "
 3. Caspar Rothemer & seiner Familie 7 " " "
 4. J. Rothemer & seiner Frau " 2 " " "
 5. Joh. Schneider " 1 " " "
 6. Lucas Bartschell & Familie 12 " " "
 7. Heinrich Walzer & Familie 3 " " 1 Knechtling
 8. Philip Joseph Frei & d^{te} " 5 " " "
 9. Johan Frei d^{er} 7^{te} " id. " 1 " " "
 10. Caspar Schöler " id. " 6 " " 1 Knechtling
 11. Adam Resch & " id. " 5 " " "
 12. Johan Schmitt III. id. " 7 " " "
 13. Adam Braden " id. " 2 " " "
 14. Johan ^{Protest} Braden " " 1 " " "
 15. Anton Braden " " 3 " " 1 Knechtling
 16. Johan Frei 6^{te} " " 1 " " "
 17. Ferdinand Somner " " 6 " " 1 Knechtling
 18. ~~Louis Gu. Adam Thierger~~ " " 4 " "
 19. Georg. Gayer " " 1 " " "
 20. Louis Gunst " " 1 " " "
 Zusammen 71 " Personen.

Zusammen 71 " Personen.
 26
 2

ist mir die billigste Remittenzlinie von einem
Gulden auf 150 kr pro Kopf mit einem Aufschlag von 100 kr
2 vier Gulden auf 150 kr pro Kopf Central-Administration
ausgeführt, gegenüber einer Quittung.

Bundesheim den 24. October 1865 -

J. P. Späcker

The following letter is located in the Archives of Koblenz, Germany. It was written by C. (Caspar?) Rothemer (brother-in-law of Lucas Burtschell) to St. George (Mayor of Buedesheim). The original letter was written in German script. Elise Theinert of San Antonio transcribed the letter into typed German; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Guenther of Austin translated it into English. The letter tells of the conditions under which emigrants awaited their trip to their new home in the United States.

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To: St. George, Esq. at Buedesheim

Antwerp December 10, 1845

You probably have received my letter of the 29th. After I mailed the letter, I learned through my daughter Lena that you gave my brother-in-law Burtschell a present for me. When I asked him about it he stated that he had not received anything for me. However, he boasts of having a bottle of Scharlachberg which he received from you as a souvenir, and which he wants to give to someone in Texas as a present. It would be very annoying for me if someone else would wrongfully enjoy a present that was intended for me. In order to establish the truth of this matter, I am asking you to please explain by return mail.

We Buedesheimers--except Ph. Frey, C. Dintsek(?) and Joh. Frey--will not sail with the Andacia. Instead, we will sail on the 17th or 18th on the ship Hamilton or Boston which are also very nice.

We have learned here through his Epeneders (townspeople?) that Georg Mueller wrote an alarming letter home, complaining that here everything is so expensive and that all of us are ill and in a deplorable condition. However, I must state that in fact one of the children was sick and had to rent a room at 1 1/2 He(?) per day. This, of course, made his stay here more expensive, but the rest of us have not been affected. During the first week however, most of us did not feel very well, but this was caused by the climate. There also were a few who had a stomach problem with vomiting. But everybody is again in good health.

For six days we had to furnish our own food, at the expense of the Association (Verein). Our lodgings are all good and we are certainly neither discouraged nor in a deplorable condition, as the Association's slanderers are shouting from the house tops. The Andacia, which will sail today, if the wind calms down, has all the necessary food on board for a sea voyage. Daily everyone will receive one lb. of meat. Actually, one can see that no expense has been spared in equipping the ship. The reason why we have had to wait here for such a long time is for lack of seaworthy ships, a condition which does not happen often. The emigrants that are arriving within the next few weeks, probably will be able to board the ship without delay.

Please keep the above question in complete confidence. The rest of the letter you may pass on to others, if you wish--for it is only the truth.

Many heartfelt and friendly greetings from your
C. (Caspar?) Rothemer, and his children
c/o Mr. Krug at the "Wilder Mann"

From Texas you will receive a letter from Began (Begau?) which will relate of everything I have experienced.

Further greetings
always your
G. Jos. Rothemer

(This note seems to be written in a different handwriting; C. Rothemer and J. Rothemer both immigrated to Texas.)

In Haste!

P.S. Food here is more expensive than in your locality, while all other merchandise is 1/4 cheaper. We bought a nice double barrel shotgun with accessories for 40 Francs.

P.S. Klein from Bingen is still here. He probably will give an unfavorable report back home. The statement by Mueller should be regarded only as an attempt to serve his own purpose.

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IMMIGRATION TO TEXAS -- SHIPS

The Verein collection in The University of Texas Barker Texas History Center (now Center for American History) includes names of emigrants from Budesheim and Bingen on three purser's lists: **Hamilton**, 15 December, 1845; **Andacia**, 26/29 November, 1845; and **Andacia**, 2/5 December, 1845. Lists in the book, A New Land Beckoned, by Chester and Ethel Geue indicate some differences. The Sophienburg Museum in New Braunfels also has a passenger list of the **Hamilton**. The letter from Jacob Rothemer to St. George, the mayor of Budesheim, indicates a change from one ship to another. As the following chart shows, determining exactly which ship each individual or family sailed on is somewhat difficult. The **Andacia** left Antwerp on 5 December 1845 and arrived in Galveston 29 March 1846. The **Hamilton** left Antwerp on 22 December 1845 and arrived in Galveston 8 April 1846.

Name	Hamilton (purser)	Hamilton (Sophienburg)	Hamilton (Geue)	Andacia (purser) 26/29	Andacia (purser) 2/5	Andacia (Geue)
A. Krieger	x	x		x		x
Louis Gunst	x	x	x			
Georg Muller	x	x	x			
C. Rothemer		x		x		x
J. Rothemer		x		x		x
L. Wink		x		x		x
Anton Braden		x		x		x
Adam Braden				x		x
John Braden				x		x
C. Deutsch				x		x
J. Schmitt		x		x		x
Dornbach/Dambach				x		x
H. Walter/Walder		x			x	x
L. Burtschell		x	x			
Ph. J. Frey					x	x
Paul Frey					x	x
Caspar Schuler					x	x
Adam Rosch		x			x	x
Ferdinand Sommer		x			x	x
P. J. Wendel		x			x	x
John Frey					x	x
Jacob Weckert		x			x	x
Georg Geyer		x	x			

1848

Name of Vessel Bark John Holland date November 27, from Antwerp, Master Henderson.

	Von Marshall Guilanme	26	M	Privateman	Nassau	Texas
	Louise Caroline his wife	22	F			
	Charles his son	10/12				
	Von Marshall Mathilda	23	F	Privateman	Nassau	Texas
	Weiss Adolph	27	M			
	Hoffman Gustave	30	M	Farmer	Etat(?)	Etats Unis U.S.
	Uirch his domestic	35	M			
	Krackanss Charles Louis	22	M		Prusse	
	Henirich Etzel his domestic	23	M			
	Lamb Jean Herman	37	M	Carpenter		
	Lamb Alexander	34	M	Miller		
	Wink Louis	21	M	Farmer	Hesse	
	Catharine his wife	20	F			
	Lamby Adam	34	M			
	Margaretha	23	F			
	Polk Richard	45	M			
	Constantia his wife	44	F			
	Anna his daughter	18	F			
	Elizabeth his daughter	8	F			
	Jacob his son	5	M			
	Kubel Charles Auguste	27	M	Architect		
	Larasin Louis	22	M	Farmer		
	Josefine	20	F			
	Muhlenfeld Charles	36	M	Merchant	Prusse	
	Braden Josef II	43	M	Craber	Hesse	
	Barbara (his wife)	45	F			
	Barbara (sister)	22	F			
	Margaretha (mother)	64	F		Hesse	Texas
	George Josef (son)	20	M			
	Edward	18	M			
	Adam	17	M			
	Magdalena (daughter)	10	F			
	Margaretha (daughter)	8	F			
	Martin (son)	6	M			
	Annie Marie (daughter)	4	F			
	Frey III, Peter	39	M	Cooker	Hesse	
	Fustina (wife)	37	F			
	Magdalena (daughter)	7	F			
	Jacob (son)	5	M			
	Fustina (daughter)	9/12	F			
	Merz, Peter	27	M	Vine Dresser		
	Catharine (wife)	43	F			
	Marie (daughter)	17	F			
	Margaretha (daughter)	15	F			
	Jacob (son)	11	M			
	Ottilia (daughter)	8	F			
	Elizabeth (daughter)	6	F			
	Wink, George Paul	47	M			
	Anna Marie (wife)	41	F			
	Francisca (daughter)	11	F			
	Josef (son)	9	M			
	Magdalena (daughter)	7	F			
	Jean (son)	5	M			
	Anna (daughter)	2	F			
	Braden, Andreas	39	M	Carpenter	Hesse	Texas
	Catharine (wife)	37	F			
	Anton (son)	12-42	M			
	Catharine (daughter)	11	F			
	Andreas (son)	10	M			
	Gertrude (daughter)	8	F			
	Eva (daughter)	6	F			

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Margaretha (daughter)	4	F			
Anna Barbara (daughter)	2	F			
Barbara (daughter)	3 wk.	F			
Wink, Jean	41	M	Joiner		
Antonise (wife)	35	F			
Annie Marie (daughter)	10	F			
Rosina (daughter)	6	F			
Peter (son)	6/12	M			
Dekob, Johann	41	M	Merchant	Nassau	
Elizabeth (wife)	25	F			
Josef (son)	5	M			
Hammerstein, Foh	57	M	Farmer		
Catharine (wife)	50	F			
Annie Marie (daughter)	14	F			
Jacob (son)	12	M			
Assmann Peter	32	M			
Catharina (wife)	23	F			
Johann (son)	3	M			
Christian (son)	11/12	M			
Merz Joh Hch.	32	M			
Annie Marie (wife)	31	F			
Joh Wilhelm (son)	6	M			
Elizabeth (daughter)	4	F			
Marianett	2	F			
Assmann Johann	23	M	Farmer		
Assmann Christian	26	M			
Hill Josef	36	M	Dealer		
Margaretha (wife)	36	F			
Ebez, Anton	38	M	Blacksmith		
Anna (wife)	41	F			
Peter (son)	13	M			
Vinzenz	9	M			
Phillipp	6	M			
Christian	2	M			
Roth Fob Phillipp	41	M	Countryman	Nassau	Texas
Anna Marie (wife)	30	F			
Marie (daughter)	17	F			
Johann (son)	15	M			
Christian	6	M			
Catharine (daughter)	4	F			
Elizabeth (daughter)	2	F			
Peter (son)	3/12	M			
Catharina (mother-in-law)	67	F			
Kitzfelder Leonhard	26	M	Countryman	Wurtenburg	
Danzer Barbara (wife)	26	F			
Stahl, Carl	20	M			
" Leonhard	12	M			
Prieuss, Josef	36	M	Manufacturer	Nassau	
Binz, Nicolaus	30	M	Farmer	Baden	
Rosenfelt, Josef	19	M		Baden	
Lohr, Johans	32	M		Baden	
Krause, Leopold	29	M		Baden	

EMIGRANTS FROM BÜDESHEIM					
No. der Familie	Namen	Stand	Alter	Zeit der Auswanderg.	
1	Zimmerschött, Friedrich	Ackersmann	34	1830	
	Josephine (seine Frau)			"	
	Josephine (Tochter)			1844	
2	Schmitt, Johann III	Ackersmann		1845	
	Maria (geb. Studer)			"	
	Kinder:				
	a) Elisabeth			20	"
	b) Theresia			18	"
	c) Joh. Baptist			17	"
d) Heinrich	15	"			
e) Margaretha	14	"			
3	Braden, Anton II			"	
	Margarethe (geb. Braden)			"	
	Kinder:				
	a) Adam			3	"
	b) Johanna Marga			1	"
4	Braden, Adam			"	
	Elisabeth (geb. Wirzelhahn)			"	
5	Braden, Joh. Baptist (ledig, Sohn v. Georg Braden)			"	
6	Wink, Paul	Kieser		1848	
	Anna Maria (geb. Braden)				
	Kinder:				
	a) Franziska Marg.			11	1848
	b) Adam Joseph			9	"
c) Magdalena	8	"			
d) Johann	5	"			
e) Anna Mar.	2	"			

No. der Familie	Namen	Stand	Alter	Zeit der Auswanderg.
7	Wink, Johann Antonette (geb.Frey) Kinder: a)Anna Maria b)Rosine c)Johann Peter		10 6 1 ³	1848
8	Braden, Grg.Joseph II Barbara (geb.Nagel) Kinder: a)Georg Joseph b)Eduard c)Adam Joseph d)Magdalena e)Margarethe f)Martin g)Anna Maria		21 19 17 11 8 6 5	" "
9	Lambi, Adam Margaretha (geb.Wink)			
10	Wink, Ludwig Katharina (geb.Mayer)			
11	Poth, Richard Maria Cressantia (geb.Braden) Kinder: a)Elisabetha b)Jakob c)Anna Wink (Stieftochter)	Schmied	8 5 18	1848 " " "

No. der Familie	Namen	Stand	Alter	Zeit der Auswanderung.
12	Frey III Peter			1848
	Mar. Justine (geb. Braden)			"
	Kinder:			
	a) Magdalene		8	"
	b) Peter Jakob		6	"
	c) Marie Justine		1½	"
13	Braden, Andres			"
	Katharina (geb. Schmitt)			"
	Kinder:			
	a) Anton		13	"
	b) Katharine		12	"
	c) Andres		11	"
	d) Gertrude		9	"
	e) Eva		7	"
	f) Margarethe		4	"
	g) Anna Maria		2	"
	h) Barbara		3 Wochen	
14	Maerz, Peter & Co			1848
	Katharine (geb. P_ Roth)			
	Kinder:			
	a) Anna Maria		16	
	b) Margaretha		14	
	c) Jakob		13	
	d) Ottilia		8	
	e) Elisabetha		5	
15	Roesch, Adam			1845
	Anna Maria (geb. Frey)			
	Kinder:			
	a) Magdalena		13	
	b) Anna Maria		11	
	c) Joseph		2	

No.der Familie	Namen	Stand	Alter	Zeit der Auswanderg.
16	Sommer, Ferdinand Katharine (geb.Senft) Kinder: a) Elisabeth b) Franz c) Katharine d) Anna Maria e) Johann		13 7 5 3 1	
17	Walter, Heinrich III (or: Heinrich, Walter III) Magdalene (geb. Mueller) Kinder: a) Johann b) Georg		5 3	
18	Burtschell, Lukas Elisabeth (geb. Laux) Kinder: a) Magdalena b) Katharina c) Franz d) Ottilia e) Josephine f) Anton g) Joseph h) Jakob i) Sophia k) Heinrich	Zimmermann		1845
19	Bengel, Nikolaus Magdalene (geb. Wink) Kinder: a) Elisabetha b) Georg c) Konrad d) Richard e) Katharin f) Johanna		15 13 11 9 5 2	
20	Burtschell, Franz (ledig)	36	21	1846

No. der Familie	Namen	Stand	Alter	Zeit der Auswanderung.
21	Brueck, Philipp (ledig)		21	1847
22	Brueck, Eva (ledig)		20	1848
23	Mueller, Franz (ledig)	Baecker	21	1843
24	Mueller, Anton (ledig)	Schuhmacher	20	1846
25	Schmitt, Adam (ledig)	Weingutsmann		1841
26	Schwoerbel, Paul Anna Maria (geb. Lunixenheimer) Kinder: a) Elisabeth b) Margaretha c) Heinrich d) Anna e) Lorenz f) Ludwig	Ackersmann	50 47 24 21 17 14 10 6	1849
27	Epeneten, Georg Joseph Sohn: Eduard	Gastwirt Baecker	51	1849 1849
28	Braden, Eduard (Sohn von Georg Joseph Braden I und Eva Braden geb. Laux)	Geometer I. Klasse		1849 (28. Juli)
29	Berger, Peter Joseph (ledig)	Tagloehner		Maerz 1851
30	Berger, Lorenz (ledig)	Kutscher		" "
31	Mayer, Georg Jos. (ledig)	Winzer		" "
32	Walter, Paul (ledig)	Schneider- geselle		" "
32	Burtschell, Klara (ledig)			" "
33	Mayer, Antoinette (ledig)			" "

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LUCAS BURTSCHHELL FAMILY IN TEXAS

Lucas Burtschell of Budesheim, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, signed an immigration contract in Antwerp on December 2, 1845. The same month he sailed for Texas with his wife Elizabeth and their ten children. They arrived in Texas in the spring of 1846. Archival records in Germany lists the family as follows: Lukas Burtschell, zimmerman (carpenter) and Elis. geb. (born) Laux; Magdalena, 28; Katherina, 26; Franz, 24; Otilia, 23; Josephine, 20; Anton, 18; Joseph, 14; Jakob, 12; Sophia, 9; and Heinrich, 6.

There are several passenger records which list the Burtschell famly as well as other individuals and families from Budesheim. However, there are discrepancies among the records as to which ship the Burtschells sailed on and the departure and arrival dates. (This problem is considered in another section of this book.)

With most of the other families from Budesheim, the Burtschell family settled in Colorado County rather than traveling to Indianola and then inland to the land of the Fisher-Miller Grant. Lucas died in Frelsburg on August 11, 1847. Originally he was buried in the Frelsburg area. He was reinterred in the Mentz Cemetery on October 6, 1876, following the death and burial of his wife Elizabeth. His tombstone on the Mentz Catholic Cemetery lists his birthdate as July 26, 1785, and the place of birth as Liderheim, Darmstadt. (This place has not been identified; perhaps it is an error in spelling.) The church in Budesheim and the records in the diocese of Mainz indicate the birth date to be October 18, 1788.

The 1850 census lists Elizabeth Berchhel, 54; Frank, 25; Antonie, 22; Joseph, 17; Jacob, 15; Henry 11; and Sophia, 13, in Colorado County. Daughter Catherine Nelson (widowed), 28, and her sons Henry, 3, and Antone, 3/12, are listed with the family. According to a deed notarized on June 7, 1860, Frank deeded the house and out houses to his mother Elizabeth and the minor children for her lifetime. (Copy included) She continued to live with Frank and his family (or he with her) according to the 1860 and 1870 censuses. Elizabeth Burtschell died at New Mainz (Mentz) on March 5, 1876, and is buried in the Mentz Cemetery.

Like other immigrants who came to Texas under the auspices of the Verein, Lucas's claim to land was approved on May 13, 1850, when his heirs were granted 640 acres in what is now San Saba County. Although the land recrods have not been searched further, one assumes his heirs sold the land as so many other did.

Einwanderungs-Vertrag.



Zwischen dem Vereine zum Schutze deutscher Einwanderer in Texas, repräsentirt durch den zur Abschließung der Kontrakte bevollmächtigten Agenten, Herrn **Gustav Metz**, Eines Theils und dem

Lucas Bartschelle und
Büdesheim

Andern Theils

ist nachfolgender Vertrag verabredet und abgeschlossen worden.

§. 1.

Es verleiht der Verein zum Schutze deutscher Einwanderer in Texas dem *Lucas Bartschelle* *Lindhoff*

derzeit ~~besitzend~~ *besitzend* *390 acres* *Land* *in* *der* *County* *San* *Antonio*, *Republik* *Texas*, so wie jener welcher dies für sich, seine Familie, seine Erben und Rechtsinhaber in bester Form Rechts annimmt, *für* *Dreihundert* *zwanzig* *Acres* zu entnehmen von seinen Ländereien, gelegen in der jetzigen *County* *San* *Antonio*, Republik *Texas*, so wie jener Landstrich gegenwärtig daliegt, in dem Zustande, in welchem er sich derzeit befindet, und wie solche dem Einwanderer durch einen Agenten des Vereins an Ort und Stelle werden bezeichnet werden.

§. 2.

Es benutzt der Einwanderer den ihm überwiesenen Landstrich als Eigenthümer, ungefährdet in allen im Eigenthume liegenden Rechten, vom Tage der Besitzinweisung an gerechnet, ohne jedoch während einem Zeitraume von drei Jahren, von bezeichneter Epoche an gerechnet, diesen Landstrich ganz oder theilweise veräußern zu dürfen.

§. 3.

Es findet dieser Uebertrag des Landes unter folgenden weiteren Bedingungen Statt. Es hat der Einwanderer

- 1) drei nacheinanderfolgende Jahre vom Tage der Besitzinweisung an gerechnet, auf den bewilligten Ländereien zu verweilen;
- 2) in demselben Zeitabschnitt fünfzehn acres Land zu umzäunen und in Kultur zu erhalten;
- 3) ein Wohnhaus auf seinem Grund und Boden zu errichten;
- 4) sich dem vom Vereine entworfenen Kolonisationsplane und den gesetzlichen Bestimmungen des Landes im Allgemeinen zu unterwerfen.

§. 4.

Die betreffenden Landes-Vermessungskosten fallen dem Einwanderer zur Last, der Verein aber legt dieselben vor; es haften für diesen Vorschuß sowohl, als alle andern, dem Einwanderer durch den Verein etwa gemachten Vorschüsse, die umsonst bewilligten Ländereien und die darauf aufgeführten Gebäude und Vorrichtungen als Pfand, bis zur gänzlichen Abtragung der Schuld.

§. 5.

Gegenwärtiger provisorischer Erwerbstitel wird in Texas selbst durch eine von der texanischen Regierung ausgestellte, auf den Namen des Einwanderers lautende, definitive Eigenthums-Urkunde, umgetauscht, und zwar drei Jahre nach der Besitzanweisung, und wenn die oben festgesetzten Bedingungen von Seiten des Einwanderers erfüllt worden sind.

§. 6.

Bei nicht pünktlicher Erfüllung obiger Bedingungen durch den Einwanderer, verliert derselbe seine Rechte auf gegenwärtige Verleihung, und es fallen die auf den vom Vereine ihm verliehenen Ländereien aufgeführten Gebäulichkeiten, so wie die Ländereien selbst dem Verein als Entschädigung anheim.

Gegenwärtiger in duplo ausgefertigter Vertrag soll pflichtgemäß und treu von den Contrahenten in allen Punkten gehandhabt und beobachtet werden, was dieselben anmit durch eigenhändige Namensunterschrift geloben.

So geschehen **Antwerpen**, den *9. December* - 1845



Der bevollmächtigte Agent.

Richard Livett Esq

Consulate of the Republic of Texas for the port of Antwerpen.

These are to certify, that appeared before me Mr. *Wesley Buntrehill* and made oath, that the whole content of the foregoing agreement was well comprehended and consented by him, and both parties signed the same in my presence.

Done in Antwerpen, this *23* of *December* 1845

Wesley Buntrehill
Consul

IMMIGRATION CONTRACT

The following contract between The Association for the Protection of German Immigrants in Texas and Lucas Burtschell of Budesheim is hereby agreed upon and closed. Further the Association is represented by Gustav Merz who at the signing of the contract becomes its authorized agent.

1

The Association for the Protection of German Immigrants bestows upon Lucas Burtschell at this time a tract of 320 acres for the use of himself, his family, his heirs and legal wards. The tract is taken from the estate in the present county of San Antonio, Republic of Texas where his own land is also situated. It is also agreed that the immigrant shall be shown to the land by an agent of the Association.

2

The immigrant shall be allowed to utilize the transferred acreage as owner, not liable under any property laws, from the day of proof of settlement. In addition he shall not be allowed for a time period of three years to sell or give away all or any part of this property.

3

The transfer of the land takes place under the following conditions:

The immigrant is required to:

- 1) stay at least three consecutive years from the day of ownership on his property.
- 2) build a fence around fifteen acres and maintain properly in the same time period.
- 3) erect a house on his land.
- 4) subject himself to the laws of the country and the accords of the association.

4

The related costs of surveyance must be borne by the immigrant. The association, however, stipulates the following: The property and the buildings thereon will be held as collateral until all debts due the Association have been met.

5

The present provisional trade name in Texas will be arranged by the Texas Government after the name of the immigrant. Definite ownership inquiries will be exchanged three years after settlement and only if the above conditions have been met.

In not fulfilling the above conditions punctually, the immigrant shall lose his rights to the present endowment and the land and the buildings will be returned to the possession of the Association.

The present contract filled out in duplicate shall be dutifully and honorably carried out and observed in all terms by the parties involved which the same acknowledge with their signatures in their own handwriting.

Antwerpen, the 2nd December 1845

Authorized Agent

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

CERTIFICATE No. 94

I, JOSEPH P. PORTIS, Commissioner, appointed by the Governor of the State of Texas, under "An Act To Secure to the German Immigration Company and their Colonists, the Lands to which they are entitled, and to adjust the liabilities of said Company," Approved January 2nd 1850, by virtue of the authority in me vested, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY**, that Anton Brathan and John Tral

appeared before me, and upon Oath declared that Lucas Burchel now deceased was introduced into Texas by virtue of the Colonization Contract of J. C. Fisher and Burchard Miller with the President of the late Republic of Texas, before the first day of September, A. D. 1847, and that said Lucas Burchel deceased has not yet received a **CERTIFICATE** for his Land, and having proved the facts above stated by two disinterested, respectable witnesses, and the said Anton Brathan and John Tral

having in like manner proved that he was the head of a family

Due regard being had to the alternate Sections as set forth in said **COLONY CONTRACT**, the said Heirs of said Lucas Burchel deceased

selected Sections No. ^{257 & 260} ~~257 & 260~~ in Harvey's District No. 2 containing 24 hundred and forty Acres of Land, as designated on the Map of said Colony:

I do further Certify that said Heirs of said Lucas Burchel deceased is entitled to the above designated Quarter Sections of Land.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, this the thirteenth day of May A. D. 1850
Joseph P. Portis Comr.

Pierre Jaillard, genealogist for the French branch of the Burtschell family, located this earliest record for the grandfather of Lucas Burtschell in the Bingen records. The later records were located by Klaus Leitsch in the Budesheim church.

Le tronc germanique

(THE GERMAN PARENT-STOCK)

1. Johann Peter BURTSCHELL (^{died} † Bingen, 6 décembre 1770), ^{carpenter} charpentier à Bingen, marié avec Anna-Maria ([†] après 1770).
Married with after
- 1,1. Peter BURTSCHELL (2).
- 1,2. Maria Clara (Bingen, 25 ^{February} février 1747).
- 1,3. Margaretha (Bingen, 11 septembre 1749).
- 1,4. Martin BURTSCHELL (Bingen, 3 janvier 1752 – ^{in the same place} *ibidem*, 5 juin 1761).
- 1,5. Joseph BURTSCHELL (Bingen, 25 septembre 1754 – *ibidem*, 12 février 1760).
- 1,6. Juliane (Bingen, 17 ^{January} janvier 1757).
- 1,7. Anna Maria (Bingen, 18 ^{March} mars 1760).
- 1,8. Johann Rochus BURTSCHELL (Bingen, 30 mars 1762).
- 1,9. Johann Baptist BURTSCHELL (Bingen, 9 novembre 1764).
- 1,A. Anna Maria (Bingen, 8 ^{April} avril 1767).

Ord.- Nr.	Namen der Eltern und ihrer Kinder	Aus Nr.	Datum der Geburt	Geburtsort	Stand oder Gewerbe	Tag der Verheiratung	Tag des Todes	Bemerkungen
1	Schmitt, Peter Joas		1684 ?		Leibzimer des Stephan-Stifts		7. 12. 1732	
	Anna Margaretha		1673 ?				9. 6. 1737	
	Christian		1717 ?			22. 1. 1748	9. 9. 1749	
	Philippine					6. 11. 1742	21. 7. 1785	Ehemann: Joannes Riffel
	Maria Elisabeth		27. 6. 1725	Büdesheim			9. 10. 1726	A. Eintragung d. Fam. Schmitt
	Anna Catherina		14. 7. 1727	"				
	Wolfgang Friedrich Eberhard		10. 9. 1729	"				
	Joas Vendelin		22. 5. 1732	"				
2	Riffel, Joannes			Germersheim	Metzger	6. 11. 1742	13. 7. 1775	aus Germersheim
	Philippine	1				6. 11. 1742	28. 7. 1785	
	Joannes Georg		3. 11. 1743	Büdesheim				
	Anna Catharina					12. 2. 1770		Ehemann: Anton Kamp
	Jean Balthasar		16. 02. 1748	Büdesheim		6. 11. 1775	20. 7. 1778	Ehefrau: Maria Maria Colley
	Lucas		30. 12. 1749	"		26. 1. 1778		Ehefrau: Elisabeth Crambach
	Anna Maria		15. 02. 1752	"		4. 9. 1775	24. 6. 1819	Ehemann: Peter Bartschelt
	Maria Martha Justina		17. 7. 1754	"				
	Aureas Eberhard		2. 9. 1756	"			25. 6. 1760	
	Joannes Franz		11. 3. 1759	"				
	Anna Margaretha		7. 8. 1761	"		24. 4. 1781		Ehemann: Leonhard Wiesand
Maria Antonetta		15. 1. 1765	"			2. 5. 1766		
Sophia		19. 10. 1766	"			1802		
Stephan		6. 6. 1770	"		Schneider	4. 4. 1796		

3	Laux, Adam			Bauer	5. 11. 1781		
	Catharina geb. Pfeiffer		15. 3. 1757	Dramersheim		2. 6. 1815	
	Johannes Adam		11. 4. 1783	Büdesheim		6. 9. 1793	
	Margaretha Franziska		4. 8. 1784	"			
	Catharina		22. 5. 1786	"			
	Georgius		24. 10. 1787	"	Hellermann	8. 11. 1860	
	Odilia		17. 1. 1790	"			
	Catharina		17. 3. 1792	"			
	Maria Elisabeth		4. 3. 1795	"		8. 11. 1817	Ehemann: Lucas Bartschel
	Johannes Josephus		29. 1. 1798	"			
4	Bartschell, Peter		1740	Bingen	Zimmermann	4. 9. 1775	7. 4. 1823
	Anna Maria geb. Riffel	2	15. 02. 1752	Büdesheim		4. 9. 1775	24. 6. 1811
	Johannes Peter		1776	"		4. 7. 1801	Ehefrau: Klara Schmidt
	Johann Balthasar		13. 12. 1777	"	Zimmermann	17. 5. 1803	Ehefrau: Magdalena Leis
	Anna Maria		31. 1. 1782	"			
	Anna Maria		25. 6. 1784	"			
	Eva Maria		18. 10. 1786	"			
	Lucas		18. 10. 1788	"	Zimmermann	8. 11. 1817	Maria E. Laux
	Jakobus		20. 5. 1791	"			
	Franziskus Josephus		27. 10. 1793	"	Zimmermann	5. 5. 1821	13. 9. 1861 Ehefrau: Katharina Bartschell
	Stephanus		16. 2. 1796	"			

Ord.-Nr.	Namen der Eltern und ihrer Kinder	Aus Nr.	Datum der Geburt	Geburtsort	Stand oder Gewerbe	Tag der Verheiratung	Tag des Todes	Bemerkungen
5	Burtschell, Lucas	4	18.10.1788	Büdesheim	Zimmermann	8.11.1817		
	Maria Elisabeth	3	4.3.1795	"		8.11.1817		
	Magdarena		18.6.1819	"				
	Sophia		5.11.1820	"			26.12.1820	
	Katharina		24.3.1822	Büdesheim				
	Otilia		29.7.1823	"				
	Franz		29.12.1824	"				
	Maria Josepha		20.1.1827	"				
	Anton		18.4.1828	"				
	Kasper		17.6.1829	"			18.6.1829	
	Vallentin		17.6.1829	"			18.6.1829	
	Barbara		3.3.1831	"			3.2.1834	
	Georg Joseph		15.3.1832	"				
Jakob		17.4.1835	"					
Sophia		30.4.1837	"					
Heinrich		18.11.1839	"					
6	Burtschell Franz Josef	4	27.10.1793	Büdesheim	Zimmermann	5.5.1824	13.8.1864	1. Ehe
	Katharina geb. Büdner					5.5.1824	6.3.1831	
	Anton		1.2.1822	Büdesheim			1.2.1829	
	Johannes		4.1.1824	"			24.1.1843	
	Franz		17.4.1825	"				
	Margaretha		8.4.1827	"			11.3.1831	
	Clara		11.5.1829	"				

7	Burtschell Franz Josef	4	27.10.1793	Büdesheim	Ackermann	27.12.1831	17.9.1861	2. Ehe
	Katharina geb. Brück		28.6.1801	"		23.12.1831		
	Agnes		22.9.1832	"				
	Christine Gertrude		2.7.1834	"				
	Katharina		28.1.1836	"				
	Anna Maria		17.4.1838	"			6.3.1847	
	Georg		1.1.1840	"				
	Joseph		13.7.1841	"				
Thetla	7.6.1845	"						
8	Burtschell Johann Balth.	4	12.12.1777	Büdesheim		24.5.1803		
	Margdalena geb. Leis		22.1.1780			24.5.1803	24.6.1832	
	Johann		10.11.1804	Büdesheim				
9	Burtschell Johann	9	10.11.1804	Büdesheim	Zimmermann	4.9.1827	29.12.1835	
	Maria Josepha Häfner			Hilsbach/Baden		4.9.1827		
	Johann		26.8.1827	Büdesheim	Schreiner	8.4.1866		Ehefrau: Anna Kastell
	Franz		20.8.1831	"		4.10.1858	9.9.1906	
	Andreas		23.6.1834	"	Schuster			
10	Burtschell Franz	9	20.8.1831	Büdesheim		4.10.1858	9.9.1906	
	Katharina					4.10.1858	27.7.1900	
	Franz		13.11.1861	Büdesheim				
	Josef		24.5.1864	"				

HUSBAND

Lucas Burtschell

Born: 18 October 1788, Budesheim

Married: 8 November 1817

Died: 11 August 1847, Colorado County, Texas

Buried: Mentz Catholic Cemetery, 6 October 1876

WIFE

Maria Elizabeth Laux

Born: 4 March 1795, Budesheim

Died: 5 March 1876, Mentz, Colorado County, Texas

Buried: Mentz Catholic Cemetery

CHILDREN

Magdalena Burtschell

Born: 18 June 1819, Budesheim

(No record found after arrival in Galveston)

Died: ca. 1846?

Sophia Burtschell

Born: 5 November 1820, Budesheim

Died: 26 December 1820, Budesheim

Katharina Burtschell

Born: 24 March 1822

Married: 14 June 1846

Died: 21 April 1905

m Peter Nelson

Born: 1819?

Parents: Cornelius Jacob Nielson/?

Died: by 1850 census

Married: 30 November 1850

m Joseph Henneke

Born: 11 March 1828

Parents: Joseph Henneke/Anna Maria Middeke

Died: 23 September 1908

Otilia Burtschell

Born: 29 July 1823

Married: 6 June 1847

Died: 3 March 1901

m Heinrich Anton Heiman

Born: 14 March 1824

Parents: John B. Heiman/Anna Eliz. Knappkotter

Died: 1 January 1888

Franz Burtschell

Born: 29 December 1824

Married: 30 September 1850

Died: 29 July 1893

m Anna Maria Maerz

Born: 11 July 1832

Parents: Peter Maerz/Katherine Birot

Died: 11 September 1910

Josephine Burtschell

Born: 20 January 1827

Married: 20 June 1847

Died: 27 January 1918

m Jacob Brod

Born: 16 February 1828

Parents: John Brod/?

Died: 13 August 1906

Anton Burtschell

Born: 18 April 1828

Married: 26 January 1852

Died: 8 July 1873

m Wilhelmina Biemer (widow Anton Neuendorf)

Born: 15 April 1832

Parents: John Silkenbaumer/Eliz. Kotter

Died: 13 August 1873

Kaspar Burtschell

Born: 17 June 1829, Budesheim
Died: 18 June 1829, Budesheim

Vallentin Burtschell

Born: 17 June 1829, Budesheim
Died: 18 June 1829, Budesheim

Barbara Burtschell

Born: 3 March 1831, Budesheim
Died: 3 February 1834, Budesheim

Georg Joseph Burtschell

Born: 15 March 1832
Married: 18 May 1856
Died: 6/7 September 1888

m Gertrude Braden
Born: 20 July 1840
Parents: Andreas Braden/Catherina Schmitt
Died: 26 Nov. 1912

Jakob Burtschell

Born: 13 April 1835
Married: 17 November 1859
Died: 4 October 1908

m Theresa Sinsel
Born: 27 April 1845
Parents: Adam Sinsel/Anna Maria Riesbeck
Died: 21 October 1900

Sophia Burtschell

Born: 30 April 1837
Married: 29 December 1856
Died: 30 January 1919

m Francis Kuhn
Born: 30 October 1833
Parents: Adam Kouhn/Lenae Widbecki
Died: 25 September 1925

Heinrich Burtschell

Born: 18 November 1839
Married: 26 May 1869
Died: 25 July 1896

m Annie Hoover
Born: 18 November 1849
Parents: Joseph Hoover/Julia Ann Overstreet
Died: 8 May 1878

LUCAS BURTTSCHELL

IMMIGRATION AND LAND GRANT RECORD

German Immigration to Texas – An Overview

Although there were some Germans in Texas before the arrival of Friedrich Ernst, most writers of German-Texan history refer to him as the Father of German Immigration to Texas. Ernst, a native of Oldenburg, had originally intended to settle in Missouri. However, he heard about the opportunities in Austin's Colony, and he settled in Texas instead. In 1831 he received a league of land in what is now Austin County (the present town of Industry). In spite of the fact that the early years were very difficult ones for him and his family, Ernst wrote letters to friends and relatives in Germany describing the land, the climate, and the personal freedom available to them. Other Germans followed individually and as families.

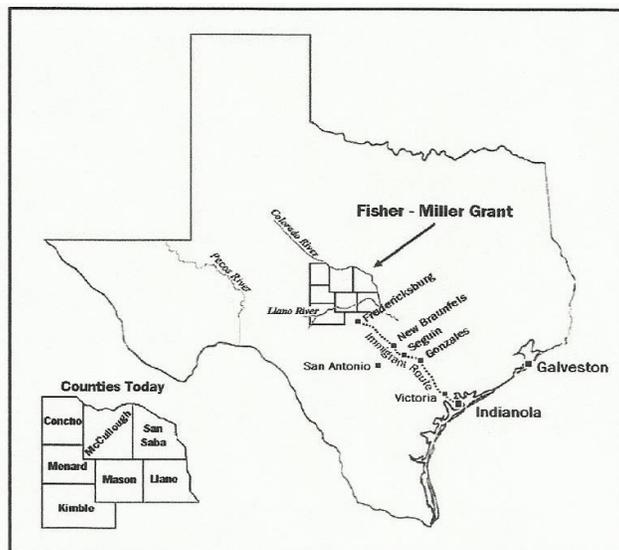
The German interest in Texas was enhanced by the work of the *Verein am Schutze deutscher Einwanderer in Texas* (Society for the Protection of German Immigrants in Texas, also called the *Adelsverein*, *Verein*, or *Mainzer Verein*. German noblemen formed this society in 1842 in order to establish a German colony in the United States as well as for personal benefits. Texas was then a republic and was chosen as the site for the colony. The *Verein* obtained the right to settle Germans on a section of land in west-central Texas known as the Fisher-Miller Grant. Present counties in that area include Kimble, Llano, Mason, Menard, San Saba, McCulloch, and Concho.

Terry G. Jordan in "The German Element in Texas: An Overview" describes those immigrants. *The settlers who came because of ...the Adelsverein...were not the economic dregs of German Europe. Quite the contrary: they were solid middle-class peasants from land-owning families, artisans, or, in a few cases, university-educated professional people and intellectuals. Perhaps the majority were farmers who possessed a modest trade. More exactly, they were the more ambitious among their peers, farmers and artisans who saw a low ceiling imposed upon their ambitions by the social and economic system of Germany. They were not starving, not poverty-stricken, and not oppressed. Indeed, migration overseas required a substantial cash investment, quite beyond the means of the rural poor.*

The immigration contract signed prior to departure from Germany provided that each head of a household was to pay the equivalent of \$240 while agreeing to cultivate at least fifteen acres of land for three years and to occupy his house for the same period. In return for this agreement, the *Verein* promised (1) free transportation to the colony, (2) free land in the colony – 320 acres for a family, (3) a free log house, (4) provisions and all goods necessary to begin farming, and (5) numerous public improvements.

Beginning in 1844 German emigrants left by sailing ships from ports such as Bremen and Antwerp bound for Galveston. The Atlantic voyage of two to three months often took longer because of the varying weather conditions throughout the year. Although food, water, and supplies were taken aboard, these were often in short supply or became spoiled as a result of delays. General living conditions on board ship were uncomfortable if not actually unpleasant and unhealthy. People died, were married, and were born during the voyages.

After arrival in Galveston, the immigrants continued by boat to Carlshafen (Indianola), the *Verein* port on Matagorda Bay. From Indianola the immigrants were to travel to the Fisher-Miller Grant, a journey, which in itself, was far from easy. Since the land obtained for colonization lay too far from the coast to be settled immediately, New Braunfels and Fredericksburg were founded to serve as way stations on the road to the grant.



The period from the fall of 1845 to the spring of 1846 was a particularly difficult one for the immigrants. Due to the war between the United States and Mexico, transportation was almost impossible to obtain. Over four thousand immigrants were left at Indianola without adequate shelter from the sun and rain. Disease broke out among the people already weakened by the long ocean voyage; many died. Some preferred to start the trip inland on foot rather than wait any longer at Indianola. Some men left their families to join the United States army. Immigrants died on the way to New Braunfels from hunger, exposure, disease, and exhaustion. Some of those who arrived at New Braunfels and Fredericksburg brought disease with them. In many instances every member of a family died; widows and orphans were left to be cared for by other immigrants.

Although the leaders of the *Verein* may have had good intentions, they were not capable of managing an undertaking of the size and type they had envisioned. They were poorly organized and had no real concept of the expenses involved. As a result, in 1847 the *Verein* went bankrupt. In addition, the land in the grant was not only extremely isolated, it was not suited for farming. The Comanche Indians who lived on the land were also a threat to the safety of the settlers. A treaty with the Comanche* finally opened up the land to settlement, and in the 1850's the Texas government recognized the titles of the German immigrants to the land.

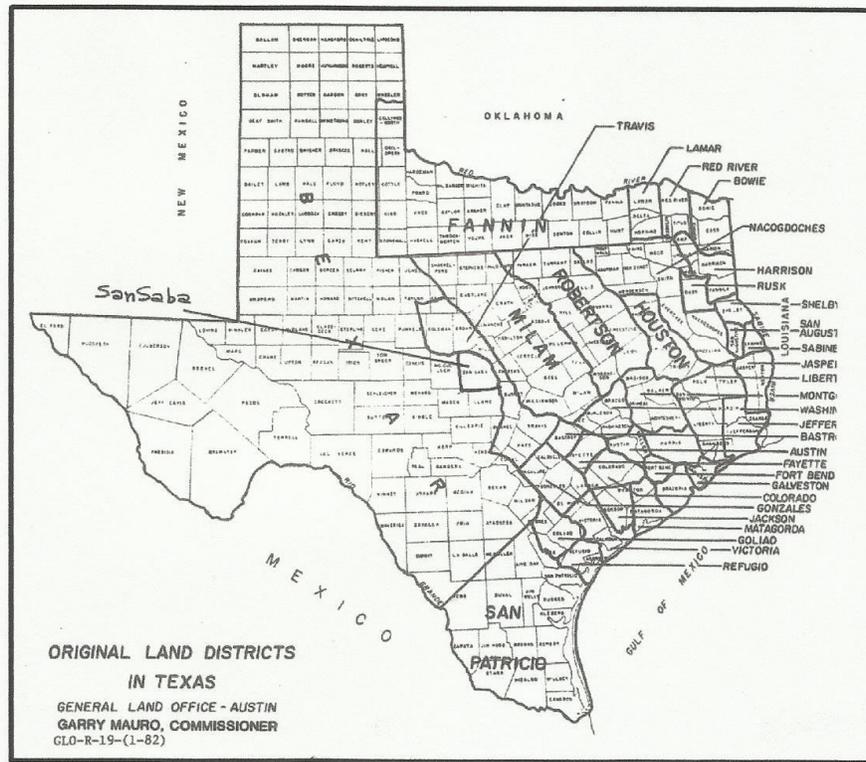
With the collapse of the *Verein*, the immigrants were, more or less, left stranded wherever they were. Some settled in the ports or nearby: Galveston, Houston, or Indianola. Others made their ways to the established German settlements in Austin, Fayette, Washington, or Colorado counties as well as the Hill Country settlements. Most of the immigrants had begun to settle in new homes by the 1850's when their titles to the land were recognized. As a result, most sold their rights to the land in the grant without ever seeing it.

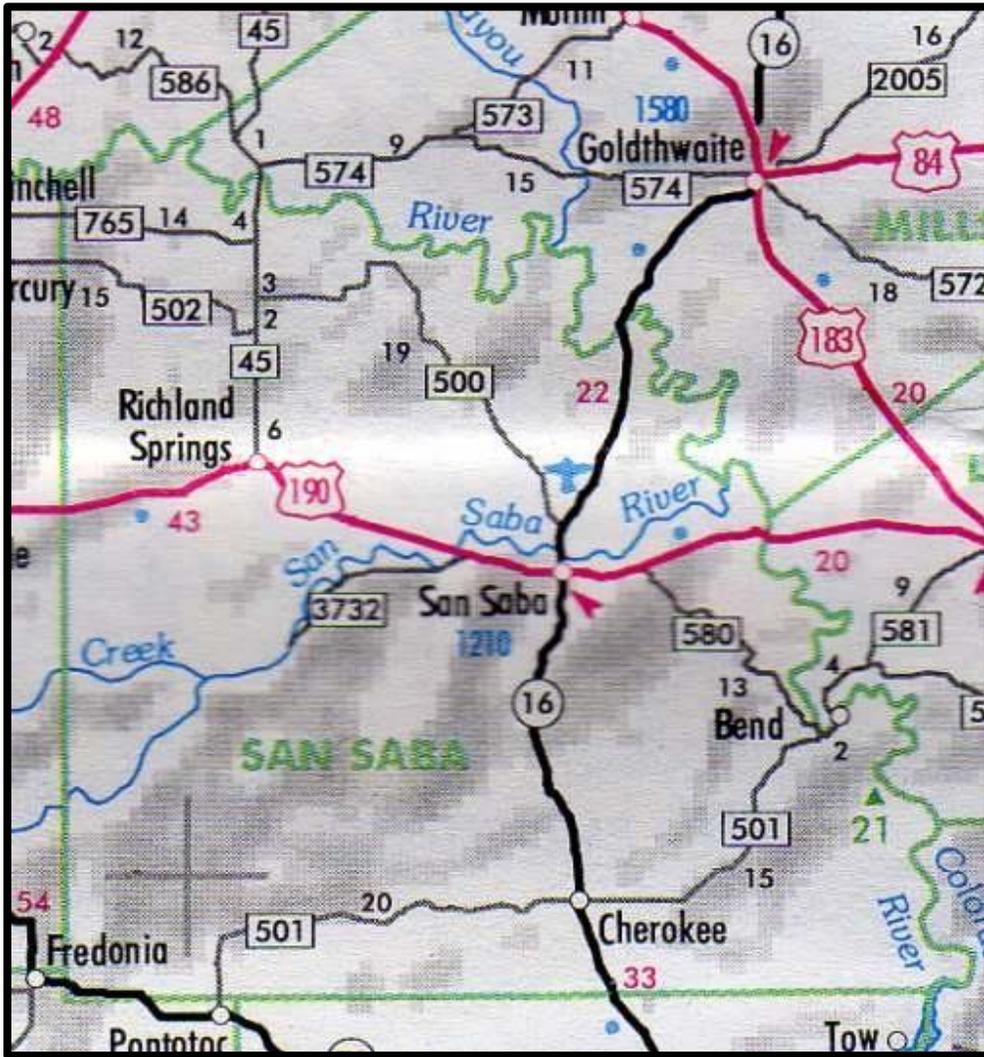
LUCAS BURTTSCHELL FAMILY IN TEXAS

Lucas Burttschell, his wife (Maria) Elizabeth Laux, and their ten surviving children, ages 28-6, sailed for Texas in December 1845 probably on the ship *Hamilton*. They were part of a group of fifty-seven to emigrate together from the village of Büdesheim by Bingen on the Rhine. The group included five single men and eleven married men, wives and children. Prior to the family's departure from Antwerp (now Belgium) Lucas had signed a contract with the Society for the Protection of German Immigrants in Texas (*Verein zum Schutze deutscher Einwanderer in Texas*). Son Franz, age 22, also signed a contract.

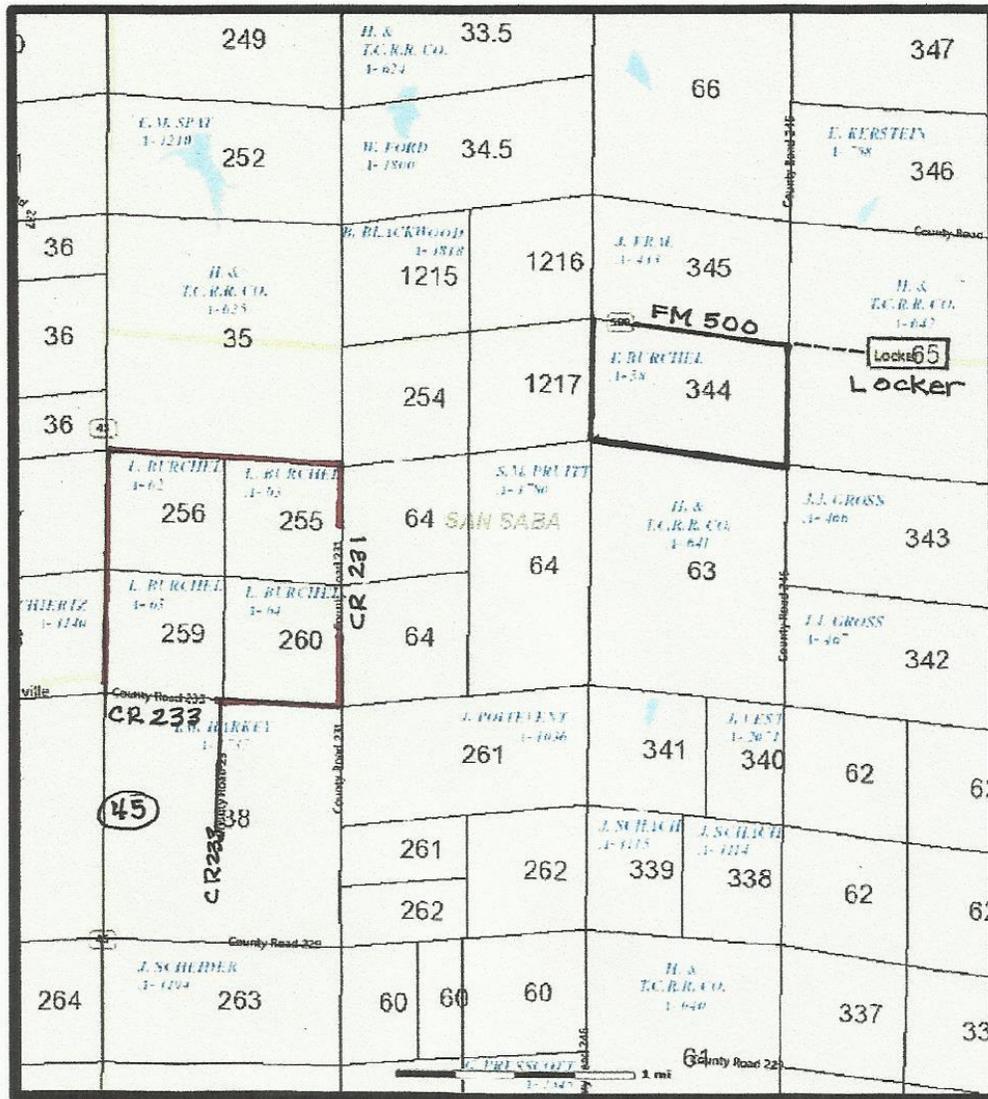
The family arrived in Texas in the spring of 1846 and settled first in Frelsburg, Colorado County. Some years earlier another immigrant from Büdesheim, Friedrich Zimmerscheidt, had settled in Frelsburg. Perhaps that connection provided the reason why the family chose that area. Sadly, Lucas died a year after arrival. He was buried there, and the family later moved to the nearby Mentz-Bernardo Prairie area. St. Roch Catholic Church is located on part of the homestead tract of Franz, the oldest son.

Lucas was granted his land on May 13, 1850. Since Lucas was deceased, his heirs were entitled to his six hundred and forty acres. The land was located in the Bexar District which included most of the western portion of Texas at the time. San Saba County was formed from Bexar in 1856 and was named for the San Saba River. The river was named for the monk Saint Sabbas by the Governor of Spanish Texas in 1732 since he arrived there on the saint's feast day. Santa Cruz de San Saba Mission was established in 1757.





SAN SABA COUNTY



BURTSCHELL LAND SURVEYS-- Lucas-red; Franz-black

LUCAS BURTTSCHELL LAND GRANT

Abstracts 63, 62, 65, 64; Surveys 255, 256, 259, 260; San Saba County

Based on research by Lynn Blankenship, director of the San Saba Museum, the four surveys seem to be intact up until November 2, 1909, when W. C. Ford and wife sold to J. M Heatherly. Evidently, there were a gin and a mill on the land because the sale included the statement that the gin and mill were to have 2 ½ acres as long as they were running.

According to the Chief Appraiser for San Saba County, the surveys now have nine owners. The Appraisal District provided the names and addresses of the owners who were contacted about the history of their portion which includes from one to four of the surveys. Two owners responded to the request. The other seven portions contain from approximately 34 acres to 90 acres; most

of that acreage was bought within the past ten years. Three of the nine owners claim the land as their homestead.

Owner #1 (255, 260) *Homestead*

Owner #2 (259, 260)

Owner #3 (255) *Homestead*

Owner #4 (259, 260)

Owners #5 Charles & Frances Busbey -- (256)

- *As a current owner are you a descendant of the individual who bought Lucas Burttschell's land from his heirs?*
No, my wife and I bought the land from Creekside Rural Investments out of Mertzon, Texas, in 2003.
- *Was your family also part of the German Immigration Company? When did they arrive in Texas?*
No, my father's family came from Louisiana to East Texas, and my mother's family were pioneers in North Texas (Clay and Wichita counties)
- *Has any member of your family lived on the property? If so, during what period of time?*
No, we have a small cabin with utilities that we visit regularly.
- *What took you/your family to that part of Texas?*
We were looking for a small ranch property not too far from Dripping Springs where we live.
- *How has the property been used? (ranching? farming? etc.)*
We have used it to ranch (cattle) as I believe the prior owner did.
- *Are there any special stories about the property – people, events, memories, etc.?*
If I recall correctly, the gentleman who used to own the property was killed in an auto accident coming out of the ranch onto Texas State Highway 45.
(This is unsubstantiated.)

Owner #6 (256)

Owner #7 (255)

Owner #8 Dean Taylor (259, 260) *Homestead*

- *As a current owner are you a descendant of the individual who bought Lucas Burttschell's land from his heirs?*
No
- *Was your family also part of the German Immigration Company? When did they arrive in Texas?*
Some of them came about the 1840's.

- *Has any member of your family lived on the property? If so, during what period of time?*
Yes, 1985-2015
- *What took you/your family to that part of Texas?*
Land of Milk & Honey – Richland Springs
- *If before automobile travel, how did you/your family travel to the property? How long did the journey take?*
Oxen; one year more or less
- *How has the property been used? (ranching? farming? etc.)*
Ranching and farming
- *Please add any other information that would add to the “story” of that particular section of San Saba County, Texas.*
San Saba Mob**
(*The San Saba Mob was a vigilante group that was active from 1880-1896. They killed numerous area settlers until the Texas Rangers were able to break their control.)

Owner #9 (255,256,259,260)

FRANZ BURTTSCHELL LAND GRANT

Abstract 58, Survey 344, San Saba County

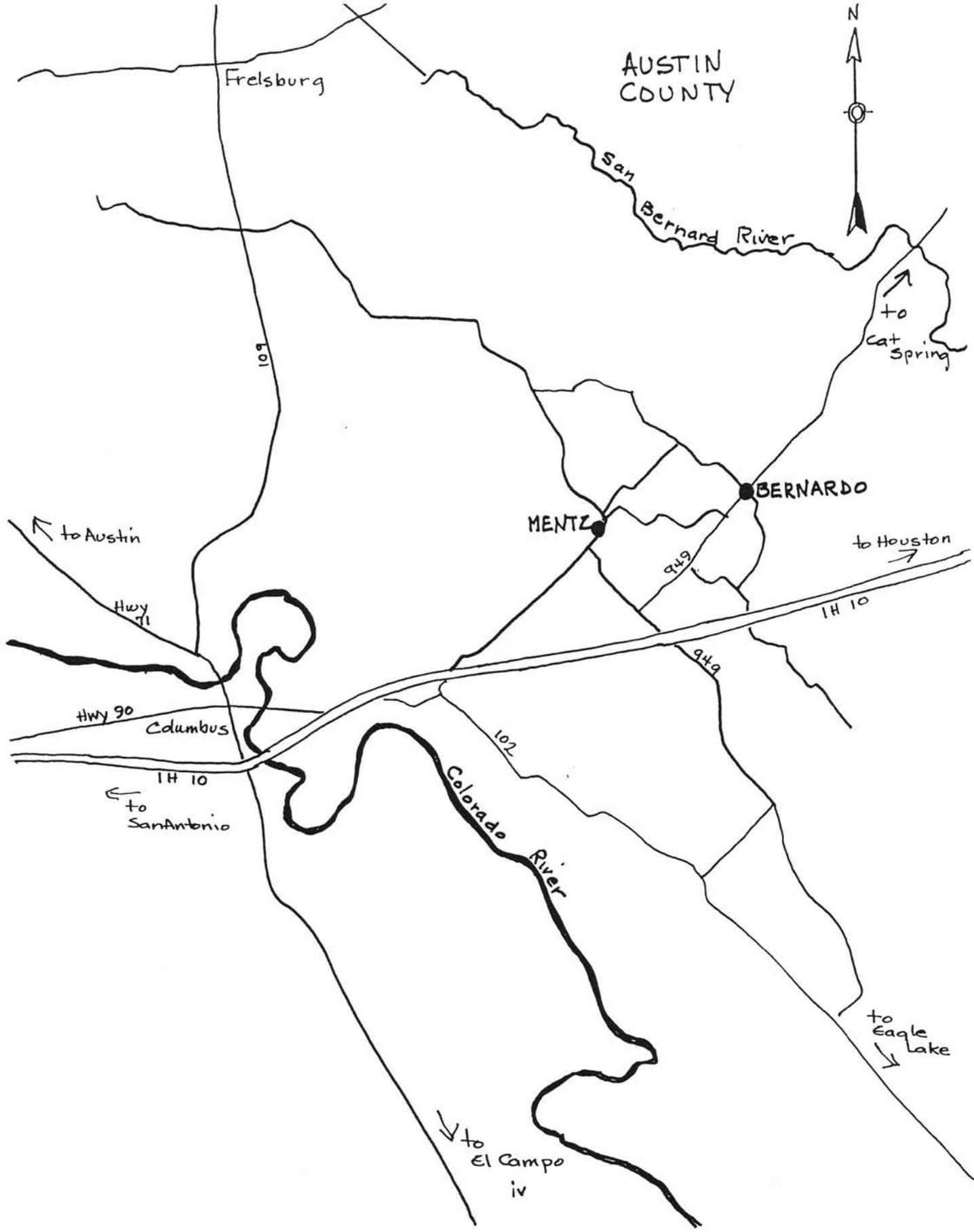
As a single man of 22 in 1845, Franz Burttschell signed a contract with the Adelsverein on December 2 of that year prior to departure from Antwerp for Texas. He received his grant in Bexar District (now San Saba County) on May 13, 1850. By that time he was settled in Colorado County. Franz married Anna Maria Maerz, also of Büdesheim, on September 30, 1850. He sold his grant to William M. Rice on March 5, 1855, for \$35.00. Recent research in the County Clerk’s office by Jerry Blankenship of San Saba indicates that Survey 344 changed hands four times by 1860. William Rice sold to J. A. Santers on June 8, 1857, and Santers sold to J. W. House on May 26, 1860. Mr. Blankenship was not able to determine to whom House sold the land.

Except for an approximate 55 acre tract in the northwest corner, all of the current acreage in the survey is owned by Locker Hill Ranch LLC. It was bought from Alton Inglet in October, 2006 (194.265 acres), from A. C. Grant in August, 2012 (17.86 acres), and from Alan Taylor in November, 2012 (157.5 acres, the northern portion of which is in the Burttschell survey). The company consists of the registered agent, Pieter D. Kessels, his wife, and his wife’s parents.

The Locker Hill name comes from the nearby community of Locker on Farm Road 500, and about seventeen miles northwest of the town of San Saba. The settlement began in the 1870’s. In the 1890’s James M. Locker and his family arrived and built the first store and cotton gin. With a school and a post office and other businesses, the population grew to 200 in 1915. However, the population declined after World War I and consisted of only a store and cemetery by the mid 1980’s. A recent population count was only sixteen.

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EARLY GERMAN SETTLEMENTS IN COLORADO COUNTY

This article is based on an oral presentation made at the 1990 Annual Meeting of the German-Texan Heritage Society in Brenham.

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Colorado County was an original county organized in 1836. Columbus, the largest town and county seat, was laid out about 1836 but was the site of an earlier Anglo settlement. By 1844, however, perhaps as many as thirty German families were also there. The Texas Almanac of 1859 states that there were a great number of small German farms in the county and that Frelsburg was quite a flourishing village.

Frelsburg Area

The community of Frelsburg is located in the northern corner of the county at the junction of farm roads 109 and 1291; it is located in the Cummins survey. German settlers were in the area by the 1830's. The Peter Pieper league running east and west is adjacent to the Cummins survey. The Friedrich Zimmerscheidt league runs north and south from the Pieper league. Pieper secured title to his league in 1836. Zimmerscheidt, who had been brought to the area by Charles Fordtran, took occupancy of his league in the summer of 1834 although he did not obtain title until 1846. The names of other German families also appear in early records for that part of the county.

During its history the Frelsburg area was known by several other names: Cummins Creek Settlement, Westmunster, Blumenthal, and just simply "the German settlement." (For a more complete discussion of the various names, refer to the Nesbitt Memorial Library Journal, August, 1990, Volume 1, Number 6.) According to this reference, "...Cummins Creek, Westmunster, and Blumenthal may well have been overlapping or successive names of one widespread rural community without any semblance of an urbanized center. Or there might have been micro-communities with names along religious affiliations." The name Kraewinkel appears in a recent history of Frelsburg; however, this name may have been more of a nickname meaning "small, out of the way place" and may have been found only in informal usage.

Cummins Creek is to the west of the Pieper and Zimmerscheidt leagues and was a major water source. Because of the significance of the creek and its use as a landmark, the term Cummins Creek Settlement appears in some early records. The first post office was established in 1846 under the name of Cummins Creek.

Pieper, Beimer, and Heiman, among other families, were from the area of Munster, Westphalia. These families were Catholic. The first Catholic church records were "saddlebag" records by itinerant priests based in Houston. These records from 1843 use the reference Westmunster, probably in honor of the homeland of these settlers.

The term Blumenthal (valley of flowers) was used in connection with the Protestant congregation or community ministered to by Reverend L. C. Ervendberg who was in the area by 1840. The land he bought was in the Pieper league. Samuel W. Geiser in his work on Ervendberg, refers to "Blumenthal, or Cummins Creek, as it came to be called..." These records would indicate that Blumenthal, Cummins Creek, and West Munster were different names for the same general area. After serving his congregation of about seventy-six souls in Blumenthal, as well as congregations in nearby communities, Ervendberg went with Solms Braunfels to New Braunfels where he served as spiritual leader and also founded an orphanage.

Although the first post office was established as Cummins Creek, by 1847 the settlers must have determined that a different type of name was needed. According to some sources (whether fact or legend) the choice was between Piepersville and Frelsburg. William Frels was also an early settler of the area having come from Oldenburg in 1834 on the same ship with the founders of Cat Spring. Pieper was Catholic, and Frels was Lutheran; the Lutherans won by one vote.

According to a letter dated 14 May 1844, the Catholics were building a church and had a priest who conducted services every Sunday. However, the first parish books are dated 1847. The parish itself and the diocese records from Galveston also give the date of 1847 as the establishment of the parish with a resident priest. The priests from Sts. Peter & Paul Church ministered to the Catholics within a radius of about fifty miles, traveling on horseback. As a result, early Catholic records for many settlements appear in the Frelsburg books. The first Catholic theological seminary in the state was also established at Frelsburg in 1854. A Catholic school existed from 1870 to 1915. Pieper is credited with donating the land for the church. Trinity Lutheran Church was established in 1855. Frels gave land for the church building, school, parsonage, and cemetery.

Hermann's University was the first school chartered in Texas by Germans. It was chartered by the Congress of the Republic of Texas in 1844. The memorial was signed by men from Austin, Colorado, and Washington counties including Ervendberg, Zimmerscheidt, Jordt, Rohde, Ruhman, and Wolters. The school was to have departments of theology, law, medicine, and philosophy with a Protestant faculty. The professors were to lecture in both English and German. The location was to be on Mill Creek or Cummins Creek.

Very few shares were sold; they were expensive, and people had land but no cash. In 1846 the charter was amended. Professors could be of any religion and any site designated by the president and trustees could be used. Later the cost of shares was lowered. A two-story building was finally erected in Frelsburg in 1869; it was sold to the public schools and opened in 1874 as a lower level, public school called Herman Seminary. The act of incorporation was repealed in 1871. Another early school in the area was the Zimmerscheidt school established in 1857 several miles south of Frelsburg on the Zimmerscheidt league.

According to one source, by 1852 the community consisted of two blacksmith shops, a post office, a cobbler shop, two general stores, and a cotton gin. In 1878-1879 there were a boot and shoe manufacturer, a blacksmith shop, gins, saw mills, grist mills, carpenters, harness and saddle maker, baker, cane press, doctors, shoe maker, tailor, lawyer, and dry goods, general merchandise, and grocery stores. At the present time the community has one general store and a Volunteer Fire Department building. The Lutheran church, parsonage, and cemetery are near the crossroads. The Catholic church, hall, rectory, and cemetery are about one-half mile from the crossroads.

Bernardo and Mentz Area

Bernardo is about ten miles southwest of Cat Spring on farm road 949. About four miles west of Bernardo is the settlement of Mentz. Determining the "city limits" of these settlements at a given period of time is also difficult. Just as the Frelsburg area was known by several names, Bernardo and Mentz also had various designations. Bernardo was known as Braden Settlement (for early settlers) and Bernard Prairie (for its location on the prairie land of the San Bernard River). Mentz was also known as San Bernard and Neu/New Mainz.

Although settlers may have been in the area earlier (Caspar Heiman's one-third league of land granted in 1838 included the present village of Bernardo), a large group of settlers came in 1846. At that time thirteen families including about forty persons came from the village of Büdesheim by Bingen (also the home of Friedrich Zimmerscheidt). They came to Texas as part of the colonization effort by the Society for the Protection of German Immigrants to Texas. However, when they reached Galveston, they came inland to an area already settled by Germans rather than go to the society land in west-central Texas. In 1848 about forty-three others came from the same village and settled in the Mentz-Bernardo area.

Bernardo was on the main road from Houston inland; oxen wagons hauled merchandise and lumber inland and returned with produce and cotton. Charles Nagel, later to become Secretary of Commerce and Labor under President Taft, was born in Bernardo in 1849. His family had come from Pritzwalk, Mark Brandenburg in 1847. The family later moved to Millheim in Austin County. The father, Dr. Herman Nagel, remained loyal to the Union during the Civil War; he and Charles escaped through Mexico and settled in St. Louis. Dr. Nagel continued his work as a doctor, and Charles studied law. Charles Nagel was the first native-born Texan to be a member of a President's cabinet.

Many of the early settlers of Bernardo and Mentz came from the Catholic diocese of Mainz (about fourteen miles east of Bingen) and were predominately Catholic. They established a church at the settlement which they called Neu Mainz for their homeland. They named the church St. Roch for the chapel of St. Roch on a hill near Bingen. The first church was built in 1857; a stone church was built in 1867 using stone from the Zimmerscheidt area. The first church books are dated 1860.

Bernardo and Mentz both had Catholic schools from 1872. The school in Bernardo closed in 1911; the one in Mentz closed in 1916. There were other schools in the area. Bretschneider School, a private one, opened in 1867; the Bachelor Hill School opened in 1897. Public schools were later established in Mentz and Bernardo.

The first post office at Bernardo was established as Bernard Prairie from 1875-1898; it was called Bernardo from 1898, closing in 1917. The Mentz post office went by the designation San Bernard from 1853 to 1860 at which time it was changed to New Mainz; it closed in 1866. When it reopened in 1889, it was called Mentz; the Mentz post office closed in 1913.

At one time Bernardo had a doctor, dance hall, blacksmith shop, cotton gin, garage, millinery shop, and a store as well as the school and post office. At the present time there are a general store, a Volunteer Fire Department building, and a few homes at the crossroads on farm road 949.

Mentz also had a general store and dance hall in addition to a school and post office. Now, only the church and its buildings (rectory, hall, picnic buildings), the cemetery, and a baseball field are located on the grounds by the Mentz road.

Descendants of early Colorado County German settlers later moved to other parts of the county as well as other parts of Texas. As a result, the influence and heritage of these early German settlers have been significant in the history of much of the state.

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M A R K E R I N S C R I P T I O N

MENTZ-BERNARDO COMMUNITY

AS EARLY AS THE 1830s GERMAN IMMIGRANTS HAD BEGUN TO SETTLE IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF CAT SPRING. THEY WERE SOON JOINED BY OTHERS WHO PREFERRED THIS REGION TO THE VARIOUS SITES THAT HAD BEEN DESIGNATED FOR FORMAL COLONIZATION EFFORTS. WITH THE AREA'S CONTINUED GROWTH, THE SETTLEMENTS OF BERNARDO (4 MI. E) AND MENTZ DEVELOPED AS EARLY FOCAL POINTS OF THE SURROUNDING AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY.

THE GERMAN SETTLERS WHO FOUNDED MENTZ NAMED THE PIONEER COMMUNITY FOR AN AREA OF THEIR HOMETOWN. PREDOMINATELY ROMAN CATHOLIC, THEY ESTABLISHED ST. ROCH PARISH BY 1858 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRIESTS FROM FRELSBURG. THE CHURCH DEVELOPED AS THE RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CENTER OF THE AREA.

BERNARDO WAS BEGUN ABOUT 1845 ON AN IMPORTANT EARLY ROUTE FROM HOUSTON TO INLAND SETTLEMENTS. BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION ON THE PRAIRIE LAND OF THE SAN BERNARD RIVER, THE RURAL COMMUNITY WAS FIRST KNOWN AS BERNARDO PRAIRIE.

ONCE IDENTIFIED BY SEPARATE SCHOOLS AND POST OFFICES, THE TWO SETTLEMENTS NOW SHARE A COMMON LIFESTYLE AND HERITAGE, WHICH REFLECT THE CONTINUED INFLUENCE OF THE EARLY GERMAN SETTLERS. THEIR DESCENDANTS STILL LIVE IN THE MENTZ-BERNARDO COMMUNITY.

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HISTORY OF MENTZ

(Prepared for St. Roch Church picnic, October, 1986)

By the end of the 1830's, three small German settlements formed a triangle around this area: Industry, Frelsburg, and Cat Spring. They were settled by individuals or family groups. The first large group of settlers came to the Mentz area about 1846. They were part of a colonizing effort by a group of German nobles which was called The Society for the Protection of German Immigrants in Texas. They originally had planned to settle in an uninhabited area west of Austin. However, when they landed in Galveston, they learned the Society was having financial and mismanagement problems. They decided to leave the group at Galveston and continue inland on their own and settle in an area which already had some Germans and which was more settled than the designated area.

Some of the families which came first were Braden, Burtschell, Frey, and Wendel. These families came from the village of Budesheim near Bingen on the Rhine River. An early settler from the same village was Frederick Zimmerscheit who had settled near Frelsburg in the early 1830's. His daughter had remained in Germany until 1844 so perhaps these settlers had prior knowledge of the settlements in this area or perhaps some of the Germans who had settled in Galveston and Houston told them about the area.

Another group of settlers from the same village came in 1848; by this time the Society had gone bankrupt so the families and individuals came on their own to join their relatives and friends in Texas. Some of these families were Braden, Frey, Lamby, Maerz, and Wink.

These immigrants named this area for their homeland. Budesheim is about 14 miles west of the major city of Mainz. The Society under whose auspices the first group came was organized near Mainz and was also called the Mainz Society. The village of Budesheim was part of the Catholic diocese of Mainz as well. Therefore, they named the settlement New Mainz; later the name was Anglicized to Mentz. Spellings vary on various documents and even on some of the tombstones.

Being primarily Catholic, these families were first ministered to by the priests of Frelsburg which were the first Catholic priests in the area. The priests traveled on horseback through the woods to baptise and marry--and sometimes bury. Among the first records in the Frelsburg church books in 1847 are baptisms of children from some of these Mentz families; one of the first marriages in 1847 was that of Jacob Brod and Josephine Burtschell.

By 1857 the Mentz settlement had grown enough that there was a need for its own church building. For \$1.00 Frank Burtschell deeded land to the Bishop of Galveston for a church, school, and rectory. The first church stood where the cemetery is now according to the cornerstone in front of the church. By 1867 a larger church was needed. The parishioners built a stone church--mostly by hand. They hauled sandstone by ox-wagon for days from Pin Oak Creek bottom. This creek east of Cummings Creek is located on the Zimmerscheit League on the Charles Leyendecker, Sr. land. Crockett Leyendecker recalls that his grandfather told him about the building of the church.

The stone church burned in 1940; the present church was built in 1941. Families from settlements east of the area, such as Cat Spring, were also involved in the founding and developing of this parish.

Just as the settlers named the settlement for their homeland, they also named the church for a church near their village. A chapel to St. Roch stands on a hill near Bingen. It was built in the 1670's as a result of a pledge to the saint that the town would build the chapel and have an annual pilgrimage in his honor if he would save them from a plague. Whether the result of the saint's intercession or not, the people were saved, and the pilgrimage continues to this time.

From 1872 to 1916 the Sisters of Divine Providence staffed a Catholic school at Mentz. The building which had housed the school was used for years as the beer building here at picnics. It is now being restored at the Mentzwood site.

There was also a post office off and on from 1889 to 1913. It was located in the Burtschell store which was nearby. Joseph and Anton Burtschell were post masters.

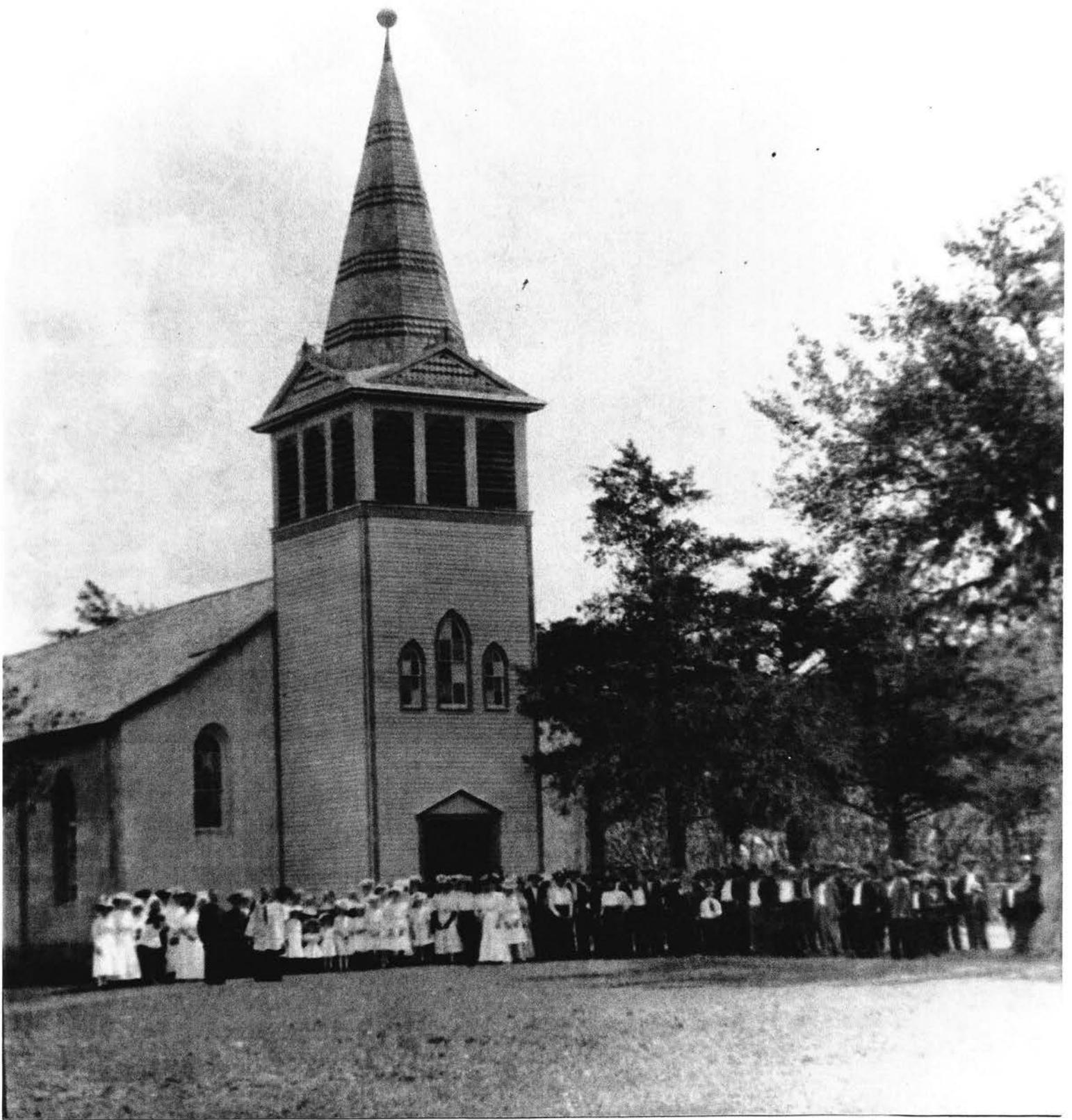
At one time there was a community dance hall which was moved across the road; it finally deteriorated.

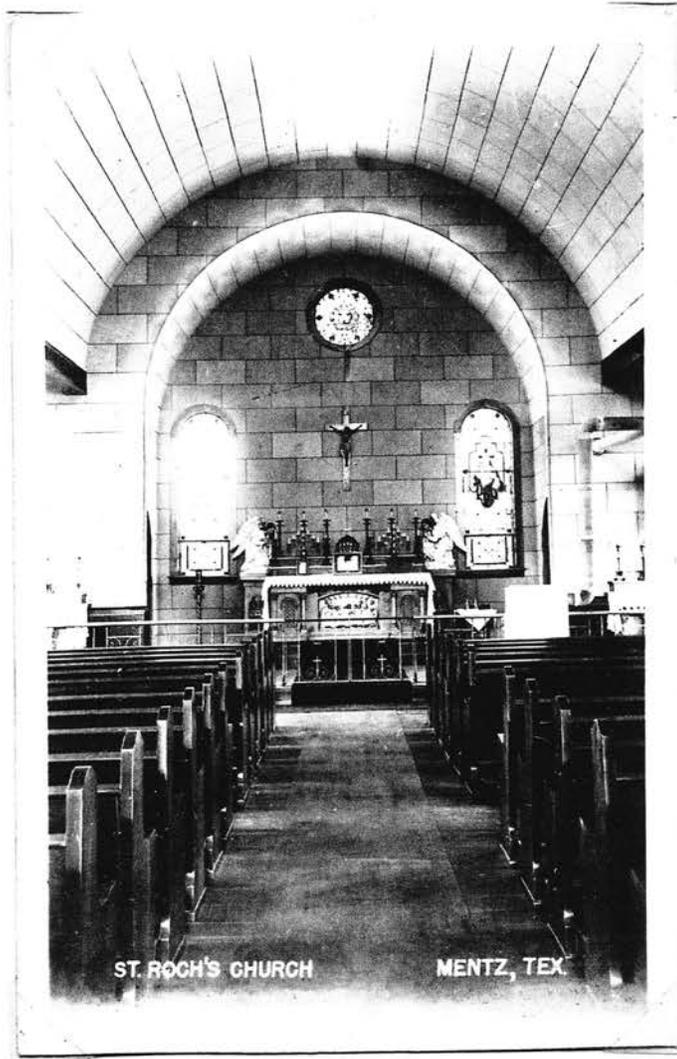
By the 1850 census there were other German families in the area: Brod, Hennecke, Kuhn, Meismer, Neuendorff, Weigel and Weishuhn. Twenty years later other families were Becker, Denisch, Foster, Geistmann, Grabow, Iselt, Jakel, Jordt, Kansteiner, Kotzebue, Litzmann, Miekow, Reitz, Ritter, Rolf, Schmidt, Stock, Watz, Wicke, and Tannhauser. Although most of the names were German; Polish, Czech, Irish, and English names appear in records as well.

Life was hard for the settlers and their descendants well into this century. The area was not cleared; the only roads were probably buffalo or Indian trails. Perhaps there was a traveled road from the settlements to San Felip in Austin's colony. The settlers had to clear land, build some kind of shelter, plant crops, and try to begin a new life. Many were not prepared for the life or the climate and did not have the skills needed. Others had brought supplies and tools with them from Germany as instructed by letter from the earlier settlers. Still others bought materials in Galveston or Houston and brought them here by ox-cart.

Everyone had to work hard. There were many early deaths and infant deaths. There was an epidemic of some kind, probably yellow fever, in 1868. This date appears on tombstones in the cemetery. Several members of a family died within weeks of each other. The men voted against secession in 1861, but many fought for the Confederacy even though some families had left Germany to keep their sons from military service. Others hid in the woods so they didn't have to serve.

In spite of all the hardships our ancestors suffered, we are here today because those families persevered and succeeded. Now we can enjoy a beautiful church plant and grounds--and air conditioning, if we really need it--because of their courage.





KATHERINE BURTSCHELL

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KATHERINE BURTSCHELL AND PETER NELSON FAMILY

Katherine Burtschell sailed to Texas with her family in 1846. On the journey she met Peter Nelson, one of the ship's crew. After they reached Galveston, they were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church on 14 June 1846. (On the 1900 census, Anton Nelson lists his father as being from Denmark.)

Hattie Nelson Neuendorff, daughter of Anton Nelson, told her daughter Lois Didner the following about Peter and Katherine: "Peter Nelson was an orphan. After their marriage Peter and Katherine lived at Indianola where Peter was a carpenter. They remained there until his death in 1849 or 1850 (cause of death unknown) where he was also buried." No record of his death or grave marker has been found; the cemeteries at Indianola are in poor condition. Books have been written about these cemeteries with lists of people buried there, but Peter Nelson is not listed. Katherine then moved to Colorado County to live with her mother where Katherine, Henry, and Anton are listed on the 1850 census.

HUSBAND

Peter Nelson/Nielson/Nielsen

Born: 1819?, Denmark

Married: 14 June 1846, Galveston, TX

Died: by 1850 census

WIFE

Katherine Burtschell

Born: 24 March 1822

Died: 21 April 1905

CHILDREN:

John Edward Nelson

Born: 4 July 1847

Baptized: 21 May 1849, Frelsburg Catholic Church

Died: by 1850 census

Henry Nelson

Born: 27 March 1848

Married: 24 April 1875

Died: 1909

m Catharina Wilhelmina (Minna) Witte

Born: 4 November 1855

Parents: Bernard Witte/Theresia Erke

Died: 20 January 1932

Anton Nelson

Born: 22 February 1850

Married: 11 November 1873

Died: 24 March 1920

m Magdalena Weigel

Born: 5 September 1855

Parents: Conrad Weigel/Frances Wink

Died: 26 August 1951

DESCENDANTS OF PETER NELSON AND KATHERINE BURTSCHELL

- I. John Edward Nelson

- II. Henry Nelson m Minna Witte
 - A. Josephine Nelson m (1897) Henry Hodde
(1875-1957) (1869-1921)
 - B. Maria Theresia Nelson
(1877-)
 - C. Anton Ned Nelson m (1905) Agnes Hubenak
(1880-1957) (1883-1958)
 - D. Elenora Elizabeth Nelson m (1899) Robert Davis
(1882-1953) (-1948)
 - E. Katie Nelson m (1907) Henry Colquest
(1886-1977) (1873-1946)
 - F. Gussie Nelson m (1914) Herman George
(1891-) ()
 - G. Julie O'Tilda (Tillie) Nelson m 1917) Lee Goode
(1894-1971) (1892-1957)
 - H. Catharine Margaret Nelson
(?)

- III. Anton Nelson m Magdalena Weigel
 - A. Joseph Nelson
(1874-1878)
 - B. Theresa Nelson
(1876-1878)
 - C. Anna Margaritha Nelson m (1900) Jacob Anton Liermann
(1878-1960) (1873-1965)
 - D. Jacob (Jake) Anton Nelson m (1909) Ida Elizabeth Reichardt
(1880-1969) (1884-1960)
 - E. Frank Nelson
(1882-1895)
 - F. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Nelson m (1907) Willie Daniel Meyer
(1885-1936) (1884-1929)
 - G. Ida Frances Nelson m (1909) Charley Reichardt
(1887-1938) (1884-1947)
 - H. Mary Louise Nelson m (1911)/div William Louis Reitz
(1890- ~~1992~~) (1889- ~~1989~~)
m (1933) Bob Coleman Chessher
()
 - I. Charles Adolph Nelson m (1925) Clara Sophia Sommerlatte
(1892-1958) (1897-1980)
 - J. Herman William Nelson m (1916) Tecla Annie Braden
(1894-1963) (1897-1974)
 - K. Henriette Margaret (Hattie) Nelson m (1919) John Neuendorff
(1897-1981) (1884-1958)

HUSBAND

Joseph Hennecke, Jr.

Born: 11 March 1828, Entrup, Westphalia, Prussia
Married: 30 November 1850, Frelsburg, Colorado Co., TX
Died: 23 September 1908, Mentz, TX

WIFE

Katherine Burtschell

Born: 24 March 1822, Budesheim, Hesse-Darmstadt
Died: 21 April 1905, Mentz, TX

CHILDREN

Joseph Hennecke

Born: 15 January 1852
Married: 10 November 1874, Mentz
Died: 31 January 1911

m Theresa Moosmeyer

Born: 28 October 1852
Parents: Michael Moosmeyer/Gertrude Moser
Died:

Married: 26 July 1881

m Eva Doree

Born: 24 February 1858
Parents: Jacob Doree/Elizabeth Molitor
Died: 14 October 1922

Anna Maria Hennecke

Born: 7 June 1854
Died: by 1860 census

Wilhelmina Hedwig Hennecke

Born: 6 February 1857
Married: 9 Jan 1877
Died: 20 Feb 1940, Cameron

m Conrad Braden

Born: 25 June 1854
Parents: Andreas Braden, Sr./
Catherine Schmitt
Died: 1921, Cameron

Frank Hennecke

Born: 6 February 1859/60
Married: 30 January 1883
Died: 12 April 1935

m Georgia/Annie? Miller

Born: 20 January 1863/64
Parents: Karl/Charles Miller/
Elisabeth Parker
Died: 5 March 1936

Elizabeth Hennecke

Born: 13 April 1861
Married: 9 January 1877
Died: 31 October 1930

m Jacob Braden

Born: 27 April 1857
Parents: Andreas Braden, Sr./Cath. Schmitt
Died: 2 August 1933

Jacob Hennecke

Born: 27 July 1863
Married: 11 January 1887
Died: 31 December 1941

m Mary Braden

Born: 2 February 1869
Parents: And. Braden, Jr./Paulina Glueck
Died: 19 May 1944

William Hennecke

Born: 24 May 1866
Married: 23 August 1887
Died: 8 May 1957

m Theresa Sinzel

Born: May 1866
Parents: Frank Sinsel/Maria Forster
Died: 24 June 1935

DESCENDANTS OF KATHERINE BURTSCHELL AND JOSEPH HENNECKE, JR.

- I. Joseph Hennecke m Theresa Moosmeyer
A. Amelia Hennecke
(1875-)
B. Mary L. Hennecke m (1905) Carl Geeti
(1876-) ()
C. Anton Hennecke
(-1881)
Joseph Hennecke m Eva Doree
D. Elizabeth Jacobine (Lizzie) Hennecke
(1882-1907?)
E. Catherine Ann (Katie) Hennecke
(1887-1916?)
F. Anne Hennecke
(1890-1916?)
- II. Anna Maria Hennecke
- III. Wilhelmina Hedwig Hennecke m Conrad Braden
A. Catharine Braden m (1899) Charles Mass/Maas
(1878-1960) (1876-1947)
B. Frank Joseph Braden m () Virginia May Cole
(1880-1963) (1881-)
m (1919) Hattie Ida Reynolds
(1900-1983)
C. Phillip Braden m (1908)/div. Ollie Harris
(1881-1951) (1893-1931)
m (1922) Maude Williams
(1904-1967)
D. Emil Andrew Braden m () Mary Haynes
(1883-1962) ()
E. Louise Barbara Braden m () _____ Williams
(1887-1946) ()
m (1916) Frank A. Wallace
()
F. Anne Adeline Braden m (1906) G. J. McCrummen
(1890-1929) ()
m (1916) Charlie Hicks
()
m () August Gorman
()
G. Albert Blasius Braden m (1922) Ollie Harris
(1893-1962) (1893-1931)
m (1933) Ruby Crouch
(1910-)
H. Otilda Eve Braden m (1914) Ben Boyd Reynolds
(1899-1970) (1896-1967)
m (1969) Thomas William Neuman
()

- IV. Frank Hennecke m Georgia (Annie?) Miller
- A. Wilhelmina Hennecke
(1884-1884)
 - B. Leo Edward Hennecke
(1885-)
 - C. William Joseph Hennecke m (1919) Lizzie Woodruff Venghaus
(1888-)(1895-1959)
 - D. George Jacob Hennecke
(1889-)
 - E. Walter (Frank Hilmar?) Hennecke m (1920) Henrietta Venghaus
(1896-1967)(1893-1967)
- V. Elizabeth Hennecke m Jacob Braden
- A. Anna Pia Braden m (1895) Adam Ritter
(1878-1904)(1869-1953)
 - B. Maria Celestine (Sally) Braden m (1902) Felix Lohman Feist
(1879-)()
 - C. Willie Braden m (1906) Addie Miller
(1882-1932)(1889-1956)
 - D. Felix Andrew Braden m (1907) Ida Pauline Feist
(1884-)(1887-)
 - E. Maria Margarita Braden
(1886-)
 - F. Eva Odilia (Tillie Elizabeth) Braden m (1908) Herman Feist
(1888-)(1883-)
 - G. Eva Henrietta Braden m (1911) Albert Streicher
(1891-)()
 - H. Gerhard Andrew Braden M () Mary Ludwig
(1893-)()
 - I. Katherine Barbara (Katie) Braden m () Jesse William Weishuhn
(1895-)()
 - J. Josephine Lee (Josie) Braden
(1898-1905)
 - K. Franz Leander Braden
(1900-1902)
 - L. Herbert Anton Braden m (1925) Lena Neuendorff
(1902-1979)(1901-)
 - M. Alice Braden
(1905-1905)

- VI. Jacob Hennecek m Mary Braden
- A. Charles Andrew Hennecke m (1926) Lula Inez Moore
(1887-1971) (1895-1973)
 - B. Verena (Vera) Anne Hennecke m (1912) James Lee Wendel
(1892-1977) (1891-1973)
 - C. Adela Eva Hennecke
(1897-1906)
 - D. Gertrude Alvina Hennecke m (1924) Hubert Braden
(1899-1990) (1898-1964)
 - * E. Marie Pauline Hennecke m (1928) William Paul Treybig
(1901-1982) (1897-1979)
 - F. Emanuel Frank Hennecke m (1930) Lena Peikert
(1903-1976) (1908-)
 - G. Leo J. Hennecke
(1905-1905)
 - H. Raymond William Hennecke m (1928) Gladys Rieger
(1907-1966) (1909-)
 - I. Jocelyn Adeline Hennecke m (1946) Eugene Joseph Harbich
(1911-1992) (1904-1981)

- VII. William Hennecke m Theresa Sinzel
- A. Maria Elizabeth Hennecke
(1888-1889)
 - B. Edward Joseph Hennecke m (1917) Annie T. Wanoreck
(1890-1974) ()
 - C. Adam Andrew Hennecke m (1925) Bertha Marie Wanoreck
(1893-1975) (1907-1971)
 - D. Jacob Oswald Hennecke
(1895-1896)
 - E. Louise Elizabeth Hennecke m (1917) Walter Grosshans
(1896-1991) (1898-)
 - F. Pauline Elizabeth Catherine Hennecke
(1898-by 1900?)
 - G. Elizabeth Odilia Hennecke m () Elmer Savage
(1899-) ()
 - H. Susanna Hildegard (Hilda) Hennecke
(1902-1942)
 - I. Alma Helena Hennecke?
(1903-)
 - J. John Philip Hennecke m (1959) Ruby Mae Guin
(1905-) ()
 - K. Anna Josephine? Hennecke
(1907-)
 - L. Katie Mina Hennecke
(1909-)
 - M. Katherine M. Hennecke m () Edward C. Brosh
(1911-) ()

* Parents of the compiler of this history

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Ottilia Burtschell & Anton Heiman Family 67,68

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HUSBAND

Heinrich Anton Heiman

Born: 21 Feb./14 March 1824, Vorhelm, Westphalia
Married: 6 June 1847, Cummins Creek, Colorado Co., TX
(records in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Houston)
Died: 1 January 1888

WIFE

Ottilia Burtschell

Born: 29 July 1823, Budesheim
Died: 3 March 1901

CHILDREN (may not be in birth order; most birth dates are unknown)

Anton Heiman

Born: 5 March 1848
Married: 10 March 1870
Died: 1900 storm

m Sarah M.L. Prosh
Born:
Parents:
Died: 15 December 1870

Married: 23 December 1871

m Augusta Buhler/Biehler
Born:
Parents: Leopold Biehler/?
Died: 1900 storm

John J. Heiman

Born: 27 August 1851
Married: 2 November 1873
Died: 19 February 1903
Married: 1 Oct 1877

m Catherine Jackson
Born:
Parents:
Died:

Maria Heiman

Born: ca. 1850
Married: 6 Jan 1870
Died: 1881?

m Ellen Hughes
m James Fowler
Born: ca. 1842, Ireland
Parents:
Died:

Amelia Heiman

Born: 1856
Married: 1872
Died: 1942

m Jacob Jacobs
Born: 30 November 1838
Parents:
Died: September 1886

Married: 13 September 1887

m Andrew Franz
Born: Oct. 1859
Parents: Frederick Franz/Catherine Braden
Died: 1905

Elizabeth Heiman

Born: 1857
Married: ca. 1875
Died: 1938

m Joseph Treaccar
Born: 1851
Parents:
Died: 1924

Josephine Heiman

Born: 1859
Died: 1859

Augusta(Mary O. Augustine?)**Heiman** m Jacob Braden
Born: ? 19 January 1861 Born: 11 November 1852
Married: 17 November 1877 Parents: Adam Braden/Elizabeth Wirzelhahn
Died: December 1879 Died:
2nd marriage: Marie Quinn (1880)

Francis Heiman
Born: 12 May 1863
Died: 1863

Ann Mary Barbara Heiman
Born: 20 April 1866
Died: 19 February 1876 (burial?)

DESCENDANTS OF HEINRICH ANTON HEIMAN AND OTTILIA BURTSCHELL

- I. Anton Heiman m Sarah M.L. Prosh
 Anton Heiman m Augusta Biehler
 A. Emma Heiman m (1892) Stephen Tenbush
 (1872-1900?) ()
 B. Tillie Heiman m (1894) Joseph Somers/Summers
 (1876-1900?) ()
 C. William Anthony Heiman m () Lena _____
 (1878-) ()
 D. Alice Othilia Heiman
 (1882-1900?)
 E. Lena (Caroline Mary?) Heiman
 (1884-1900)
- II. John J. Heiman m Catherine Jackson
 m Ellen Hughes
- III. Maria Heiman m James Fowler
 B. William James John Fowler m () Olga M. Poenitzsch
 (1871-1941) (1878-1950)
 E. Anthony Robert Fowler
 (baptized before 1875-) H.
 C. Jacobina Catherine Fowler m (1895) William Kampe
 (1875-1941) ()
 A. Otilia Fowler m () Prowse/Prauser Rudolph Prause
 (1870-1907) (1867-1933)
 D. Charles (Frances Carl?) Fowler
 (?1878-1941)
- Note: One infant died in 1878. The name on the record is not clear; it appears to be Joannis or perhaps Frances Carl, born in 1878.
- IV. Amelia Heiman m Jacob Jacobs
 A. Otilia/Tillie Jacobs m (1893) Adolph Franz
 (1874-) (1870-)
 B. Augusta Jacobs m (1897) Joseph Stock
 (1876-1971) (1873-1915)
 C. John Jacobs m () Regina Glazer
 (1878-1943) (1878-1962)
 D. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Jacobs m () Herman Braden
 (1880-1938) (1877-1946)
 E. Emil A. Jacobs
 (1882-1944)
 F. Joannetta (Nettie) Jacobs m () Joe Greenrood/Genood
 (1884-) ()
 G. (?Josephine) Clara Jacobs m (1909) Frank/Charles James Doree
 (1886-) ()
 Amelia Heiman m Andrew Franz
 H. Edwin Andreas Franz
 (1888-1919)
 I. Adolph Franz
 (1891-1891)

- J. Anton Andreas Franz
(1892-1892)
- K. Andrew Franz
()
- L. Leona Rosalie Franz m Walter Sullivan
(1896-) ()

- V. Elizabeth Heiman m Joseph Treaccar
 - A. Frank Treaccar
(1876-1940)
 - B. Dorothy Treaccar
()
 - C. Julia Treaccar
()
 - D. Sarah Otilia Treaccar m () ¹⁹²⁰ James Thomas Prendergast
(1884-1974) (1876-1964)
 - E. Joseph Treaccar
()
 - F. Charles T. Treaccar
(1887-1912)
 - G. Heiman Hugo Treaccar m () Jane Charlotte Shepherd
(1889-1964) ()

- VI. Josephine Heiman

- VII. Augusta Heiman m Jacob Braden

- VIII. Francis Heiman

- IX. Ann Mary Barbara Heiman

Most of this information is based on the research of Heiman Treaccar (now deceased). Additional information was provided by Georgia Lambert, a descendant of a sister of Anton Heiman.

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HUSBAND

Frank/Franz/Francis Burtschell

Born: 29 December 1824, Büdesheim, Hesse-Darmstadt

Married: 30 September 1850

Died: 29 July 1893

WIFE

Anna Maria März

Born: 11 July 1832, Büdesheim?

Died: 11 September 1910

CHILDREN

Anton Burtschell

Born: 5 January 1852

Married: 16 November 1875

Died: 4 December 1914

m Josephine Braden

Born: 2 June 1856

Parents: Adam Braden/Francisca Fetter

Died: Feb. 1938

2nd husband: J. Henry Miller, 1931

Elizabeth Burtschell

Born: 25 February 1853

Married: 30 October 1871

Died: 17 March 1880 (burial)

m Joannes Braden

Born: 19 August 1846

Parents: Adam Braden/Eliz. Wurzelhahn

Died: 25 October 1888

2nd marriage: Maria Belsung (1880)

Otillia Burtschell

Born: 14 Jan 1855

Married: 26 January 1875

Died: 24 December 1929?

m John Reitz

Born: 30 October 1849

Parents: Lorenz Reitz/Anna Hering

Died: 4 August 1894

Peter Burtschell

Born: 9 June 1857

Died: 7 November 1873

Joseph Burtschell

Born: 5 February 1859

Married: 7 November 1883

Died: 25 July 1910

m Catherine Coleman

Born: 25 August 1859

Parents: Thomas Coleman/Birgitta Doran

Died: 21 March 1952

Jacob Burtschell

Born: 5 February 1859

Married: 25 January 1881

Died: 20 April 1894

(Shot to death by Tuck Hoover)

m Maria Coleman

Born: 1862

Parents: Thomas Coleman/Birgitta Doran

Died: 1940

2nd marriage: _____ Sincell

Henry Burtschell

Born: 23 January 1861

Married: 29 November 1882

Died: 18 March 1930

m Rosalie (Rosa) Miekow

Born: 15 July 1862

Parents: William Miekow/Maria Schuette

Died: 9 September 1940

Mary Burtschell

Born: 19 December 1863

Married: 25 November 1884

Died:

m John Miekow

Born:

Parents: William Miekow/Marie Schuette

Died:

August Burtschell

Born: 26 May 1867
Married: 1 August 1889
Died:

m Mary Daniels

Born:
Parents: William Daniels/Mary Charles?
Died:

Rosina Burtschell

Born: 16 October 1868
Married: 7 November 1887
Died: 6 February 1927

m Hilmar Lee Richie

Born: 16 Aug 1868
Parents: John Lee/Maria ?
Died: 27 May 1933
Adopted by: Dr. Wm. Richie

Adam Burtschell

Born: 14 November 1871
Married: 3 November 1891
Died: 18 February 1946

m Maria Katharina Theumann

Born: 15 November 1873
Parents: Ernest Ludwig Max.Theumann/
Maria Carolina Palm
Died: 16 November 1956

Carl (Charlie) Burtschell

Born: 8 November 1873
Married: 21 September 1897
Died: 9 December 1926

m Mathilde Gloger

Born: 25 April 1877
Parents: J. P. Gloger/?
Died: 8 January 1938

DESCENDANTS OF FRANK BURTSCHELL AND ANNA MARIA MARZ

- I. Anton Burtschell m Josephine Braden
- A. Frances Maria Burtschell m (1895) William Jacob Engbrock
(1876-1950) (1870-1955)
 - B. Felix Francis Burtschell
(1878-1906)
 - C. Anna/Emma Mina Burtschell m (1899) Adam Brod
(1880-1949) (1875-1915)
 - D. Elizabeth Burtschell
(1883)
 - E. Henry Leander Anton Burtschell
(1885-)
 - F. Edward Hilbert Burtschell
(1888-1889)
 - G. Rosa Louella Burtschell m (1909) Adolph Wagenhoft
(1890-) ()
 - H. Cecilia Lelia (Lillie?) Burtschell m (1911) Adolph A. Miller
(1893-) ()
 - I. Anna Josephine Burtschell m () Maynard Braden
(1897-1947) (1895-1958)
- II. Elizabeth Burtschell m Joannes Braden
- A. Anna Maria Braden
(1872-1904)
 - B. Anna Maria Braden
(1874-)
 - C. Karolus Braden
(1876-)
 - D. Joannes Braden
(1878-)
- III. Otillia Burtschell m John Reitz
- A. Antonius H. Reitz m (1899) Cecelia Engbrock
(1875-1963) (1876-1969)
 - B. Frank T. Reitz
(1877-1963)
 - C. Josephina Reitz
(1879-1879)
 - D. Anna Maria (Mary) Reitz m (1901) Frank J. Kainer
(1880-1969) ()
 - E. Jacob Leo Reitz m () Jeanette Truchard
(1882-1928) (1887-1978)
 - F. Elina Rosina Reitz m () Edwin John Stock
(1885-1971) (-1966)
 - G. Carl Henry (Charles) Reitz m (1910) Otillia (Tillie) Braden
(1887-1938) 1911 (-1973)
 - H. William Ludwig Reitz m ()/div Louise Nelson
(1889-1989) (1890-1992)
m (1932) Essie White
(1893-1984)

IV. Peter Burtschell

V. Joseph Burtschell m Catherine Coleman

- A. Carl Emmanuel Burtschell m (1914) Mary Gordon
(1885-1923) ()
- B. Jacob Joseph (Jesse) Burtschell
(1887-1911)
- C. Anton Walter Burtschell m (1925) Laura Brune
(1891-1971) (~~1897-1984~~)
- D. Simon John Burtschell m (1922) Cecilia Burt
(1893-1959) (1895-1982)
- E. Allice Elizabeth Burtschell m (1915) Ben Bridges Hunt
(1895-) ()
- F. Wilhelmina Rosina Burtschell m (1925) Aubrey Chapman
(1898-1975) (-1965)
- G. August Joseph (Joe Little) Burtschell
(1900-1946)

VI. Jacob Burtschell m Maria Coleman

- A. William Joseph Burtschell
(1881-1898)
- B. Francis Allen Burtschell m (1912) Martha Livia Harris
(1884-1969) (1892-)
- C. John Aloysius Burtschell
(1886-)
- D. Josephine Lee Burtschell
(1889-1898)

VII. Henry Burtschell m Rosa Miekow

- A. Ottilia Burtschell m? (1907) Bracey Milton
(1883-) ()
- B. Francis John Burtschell
(1884-1885)
- C. Jacob Dallas Burtschell
(1889-)
- D. Ruben Anton Burtschell
(1891-1954)
- E. Rosina L. (Lola) Burtschell m (1910) Terry J. Balhorn
(1892-) ()
- F. Urban Joseph Burtschell
(1894-1960)
- G. August Alvin Burtschell
(1898-1898)

VIII. Mary Burtschell m John Miekow

- A. Louisiana (Lucy?) Miekow m ? (1907) S. M. Epperson
(1886-) ()
- B. Catharine Eleanor (Nora Katy) Miekow m (1921) Edward V. (Eddie) Heffley
1888-1959) ()
- C. William Henry Miekow m? (1929) Lucille Robinson
(1891-1979) ()
- D. Mary Lota (Lottie) Miekow m (1912) Roy W. Heffley
(1892-) ()

- E. Frank August Miekow
(1894-1977)
- F. Adelheit Bertha Miekow m (1941) _____
(1896-) ()
- ?G. John Lee Miekow
(1904-)

IX. August Burtschell m Mary Daniels

- X. Rosina Burtschell m Hilmar Lee Richie
 - A. Anna Odilia ~~Richie~~ m (1909) Tobias Meyer
(1888-) ^{Lee}
 - B. Catherine Pauline ~~Richie~~ ^{"Pearl"} Lee m Jess Adams
(1894-) ^{Lee}
 - C. Francis ?Hildegard ~~Richie~~
(1896-)

XI. Adam Burtschell m Maria Theumann

- A. Helen Rosina (Ella) Burtschell m (1916) Horace Hamilton Hunt
(1892-1919) ()
- B. Myrtle Anna Burtschell m () Raymond B. Coddou
(1893-1985) ()
- C. Louisa Odillia Burtschell m () William P. Moon
(1895-) ()
- D. Aurelia Josephine Burtschell m () Bruce A. Lindsey
(1899-) ()
- E. Ernestine Charles Burtschell m () James V. Foyles
(1910-) ()

XII. Carl Burtschell m ?Mathilde Gloger

The following biographies are taken from various historical/Who's Who publications from the early 1900's. The subjects were still living at the time of entry in the publication and probably submitted the basic material themselves as is common with similar types of publications at the present time. Some editing has been done.

FRANK BURTSHELL

(This information is taken from the entry for Joseph Burtschell, son of Frank. Some of the information about Frank was not consistent with other records of immigration. History of Southwest Texas, Vol. II, Chicago: Lewis Pub. Co., 1907.)

Frank Burtschell was one of the pioneers of Colorado County. He took up a tract of wild land in the vicinity of Mentz and at once began the task of clearing and improving a homestead. With other pioneers, he suffered hardships and privations of life in a new country. There being no railways in that section of the state, all the surplus products of the little farm which he improved had to be marketed in Houston or Brownsville. The round-trip often took several weeks to accomplish. He made the journey with ox-teams, going heavily loaded and coming back with a large stock of goods for home use and for merchants of the town. Frank Burtschell was a man of industry and perseverance; he was exceedingly prosperous and continued general farming with success until his death.

JOSEPH BURTSHELL (Son of Frank)

Prominent among the substantial business men of Columbus is Joseph Burtschell, who is now rendering excellent service as county treasurer of Colorado county. Of thrifty German stock, and of pioneer descent, he stands high in the estimation of his fellow-men, and as a man of strong force of character and of undoubted integrity has gained the confidence of the people, who have found in him a man to be trusted, and one eminently fitted for the duties of his position.

Educated in the public schools of his native town, Joseph Burtschell remained at home until about twenty-two years of age, obtaining a good knowledge of agriculture while assisting his father in the care of the farm. Starting in life for himself about 1882, he chose the occupation to which he had been reared, and as a general farmer met with satisfactory results. In 1896 Mr. Burtschell was elected county treasurer of Colorado county, and since that time has devoted his energies to the duties of his office, making his home in Columbus. Mr. Burtschell married, in November, 1883, Miss Katie Coleman, who was born in Auburn, New York, a daughter of Thomas Coleman. Politically Mr. Burtschell cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland, and since that time has been a loyal member of the Democratic party. Religiously he and his family are Catholics, and faithful members of their church.

(from History of Southwest Texas, 1907, pp. 366-367)

HENRY BURTTSCHELL
(Son of Frank)

Henry Burttschell of Alleyton, Texas, has throughout his life been engaged in farming and cattle raising, and is known as one of Colorado County's most successful citizens engaged in these industries. He has aided greatly in improving the cattle and hog raising industries in Colorado and contiguous counties by improving the blood of both the cattle and hogs. Instead of the small range cow he has bred his herd into high grade stock and the old "razor back" hog is a matter of history and jest, while in its place is high grade and registered Poland-China hogs. Mr. Burttschell has four hundred and fifty head of cattle which are of the Red Polled variety crossed with Herefords and Brahma, and is breeding away from the Red Polled stock on account of its small size. He also has one hundred head of sheep and one hundred and fifty head of Poland-China hogs, which he is improving by breeding with registered boars. He has twelve hundred acres of land fenced with hog-proof, net wire and his hogs run on this land. Mr. Burttschell also owns 3,500 acres of land which he uses exclusively for grazing purposes. He has three hundred acres of farm land planted to cotton and corn, which he cultivates with day labor, and finds this labor more satisfactory than the tenant farmer plan.

A native Texan, Mr. Burttschell was born near Mentz in Colorado County in 1861. His father, Frank Burttschell, came to the United States from Germany about 1844 and settled in Colorado County, Texas, near the little town of Mentz, where he was engaged in farming and stock raising all his life. His education was obtained in the public schools of Colorado County, and he began at an early age to assist on the farm and in the raising and tending of stock. He was raised up in an atmosphere of these industries and could not be happy or satisfied if he should make a change to any other class of business. He has gradually increased his holdings here since he began in the cattle and farming business until today he is regarded as one of Colorado County's largest farmers and live stock men.

Mr. Burttschell was married near Mentz, Texas, to Miss Rosa Miekow, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of William Miekow, who came from Germany about 1844 and settled on the place where Mrs. Burttschell was born and reared. Mr. and Mrs. Burttschell reside on the ranch near Alleyton, where they have all the conveniences of a modern ranch home, and are enjoying the free life of the South Texas country. Mr. Burttschell says that the secret of success on the ranch is hard work, and living on the farm, which all farmers can do if they desire, by raising vegetables, fruit, poultry, cows, sheep and hogs, and not purchase these things in town. He is an advocate of modern farming methods, intensive cultivation of crops, and the improvement of the blood of the cattle and hogs. The cattle are easily wintered here, which is a great feature in the expense of cattle raising. Mr. Burttschell is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of Colorado County, ever ready to aid in any movement for the good of his county and state.

(The name of the publication was not attached to this article. Henry Burttschell died in 1930 so the date of publication would be prior to that time.)

FRANK T. REITZ
(Grandson of Frank)

Frank T. Reitz, for many years one of the well known cattlemen of South Texas, and a member of one of the pioneer cattle families of this section, has extensive ranching interests in the El Campo section of Wharton County, and has taken an important part in developing ranching business here. Mr. Reitz controls four thousand acres of fine grazing land, lying near El Campo, on which he runs on an average of five hundred head of high grade Brahma and Hereford cattle. On account of the mild winters in this section and a grazing season which extends practically throughout the year, Mr. Reitz finds this section ideally adapted to raising cattle, and he finds the mixed Hereford and Brahman strains exceptionally well suited to this locality.

Mr. Reitz, who practically grew up in the saddle, knows the cattle business through practical experience in every phase of the industry, and few men have a wider acquaintance among cattlemen of this part of the state. Mr. Reitz entered the cattle business with a few head of stock, and through consistently increasing his herd as his facilities for handling his cattle grew and were extended, he has developed one of the most successful ranching businesses in his community, and one that has made steady progress since its establishment.

Mr. Reitz was born on the fourth day of June, 1897, in Colorado County, Texas, and is a son of John Reitz and Tillie Burtschell Reitz, both of whom are native Texans and members of pioneer families of Colorado County, both the Reitz and Burtschell families having engaged in the cattle, horse, mule and sheep businesses here since early days. During his early boyhood Mr. Reitz had many of the interesting experiences incident to pioneer life, for Colorado County, even in the late nineties and the early nineteen hundreds still retained many frontier customs. Growing up on his father's ranch, young Frank T. Reitz attended the schools near his home, and spent most of his free hours riding, acquiring considerable skill in handling cattle while yet a boy, a skill that has increased with the passing years.

Mr. Reitz is a member of the Catholic Church and true to the traditions of his family finds in cattle and ranch life his major interests, his particular hobby being rodeos. He belongs to the Texas and Southwestern Cattleraisers Association, and has done much to secure the promotion of the cattle industry and is in a position to speak with authority concerning many of its problems. (from New Encyclopedia of Texas, published during the Texas Centennial, 1936)

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Einwanderungs-Vertrag.



Zwischen dem Vereine zum Schutze deutscher Einwanderer in Texas, repräsentirt durch den zur Abschließung der Kontrakte bevollmächtigten Agenten, Herrn **Gustav Werz**, eines Theils und dem

*Franz Bartschell und
Budesheim*

Andern Theils

ist nachfolgender Vertrag verabredet und abgeschlossen worden.

§. 1.

Es verleiht der Verein zum Schutze deutscher Einwanderer in Texas dem *Franz Bartschell* derzeit *Louisiana* Standes *16e. Acres* *Landes* welcher dies für sich, seine Familie, seine Erben und Rechtsinhaber in bester Form Rechtsens annimmt, *sechs hundert sechs zig Acres* zu entnehmen von seinen Ländereien gelegen in der jetzigen county San Antonio, Republik Texas, so wie jener Landstrich gegenwärtig da liegt, in dem Zustande, in welchem er sich derzeit befindet, und wie solche dem Einwanderer durch einen Agenten des Vereins an Ort und Stelle werden bezeichnet werden.

§. 2.

Es benutzt der Einwanderer den ihm überwiesenen Landstrich als Eigenthümer, ungefährdet in allen im Eigenthume liegenden Rechten, vom Tage der Besitzeinweisung an gerechnet, ohne jedoch während einem Zeitraume von drei Jahren, von bezeichneter Epoche an gerechnet, diesen Landstrich ganz oder theilweise veräußern zu dürfen.

§. 3.

Es findet dieser Uebertrag des Landes unter folgenden weiteren Bedingungen Statt. Es hat der Einwanderer

- 1) drei nacheinanderfolgende Jahre, vom Tage der Besitzeinweisung an gerechnet, auf den bewilligten Ländereien zu verweilen;
- 2) in demselben Zeitabschnitt fünfzehn acres Land zu umzäunen und in Kultur zu erhalten;
- 3) ein Wohnhaus auf seinem Grund und Boden zu errichten;
- 4) sich dem vom Vereine entworfenen Kolonisationsplane und den gesetzlichen Bestimmungen des Landes im Allgemeinen zu unterwerfen.

§. 4.

Die betreffenden Landes-Vermessungskosten fallen dem Einwanderer zur Last, der Verein aber legt dieselben vor; es haften für diesen Vorschuß sowohl, als alle andern, dem Einwanderer durch den Verein etwa gemachten Vorschüsse, die umsonst bewilligten Ländereien und die darauf aufgeführten Gebäude und Borrichtungen als Pfand, bis zur gänzlichen Abtragung der Schuld.

§. 5.

Gegenwärtiger provisorischer Erwerbstitel wird in Texas selbst durch eine von der texanischen Regierung ausgestellte, auf den Namen des Einwanderers lautende, definitive Eigenthums-Urkunde, umgetauscht, und zwar drei Jahre nach der Bestheimweisung, und wenn die oben festgesetzten Bedingungen von Seiten des Einwanderers erfüllt worden sind.

§. 6.

Bei nicht pünktlicher Erfüllung obiger Bedingungen durch den Einwanderer, verliert derselbe seine Rechte auf gegenwärtige Verleihung, und es fallen die auf den vom Vereine ihm verliehenen Ländereien aufgeführten Gebäulichkeiten, so wie die Ländereien selbst dem Verein als Entschädigung anheim.

Gegenwärtiger in duplo ausgefertigter Vertrag soll pflichtgemäß und treu von den Contrahenten in allen Punkten gehandhabt und beobachtet werden, was dieselben anmit durch eigenhändige Namensunterschrift geloben.

So geschehen **Antwerpen**, den 9. *Januar* 1845.



Der bevollmächtigte Agent.

Gueltig
Franz Linschlag

Consulate of the Republic of Texas for the port of Antwerpen.

These are to certify, that appeared before me. Mr. *Franz Portschell* and made oath, that the whole content of the foregoing agreement was well comprehended and consented by him, and both parties signed the same in my presence.

Done in **Antwerpen**, this 23 of *December* 1845

Max Vandenberg
Consul

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

CERTIFICATE No. ~~97~~

I, JOSEPH P. PORTIS, Commissioner, appointed by the Governor of the State of Texas, under "An Act To Secure to the German Immigration Company and their Colonists, the Lands to which they are entitled, and to adjust the liabilities of said Company," Approved January 21st, 1850, by virtue of the authority in me vested, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY,** that Franz Buechel

appeared before me, and upon Oath declared that he _____ was introduced into Texas by virtue of the Colonization Contract of J.C. Fisher and Bernhard Miller with the President of the late Republic of Texas, before the first day of September, A. D. 1847, and that he _____ has not yet received a **CERTIFICATE** for his Land, and having proved the facts above stated by two disinterested, respectable witnesses, and the said Franz Buechel _____

having in like manner proved that he is a single man. _____

Due regard being had to the alternate Sections as set forth in said **COLONY CONTRACT,** the said Franz Buechel _____

selected, Section No. ~~177~~ in Harvey's District No. ~~2~~ containing three hundred and twenty Acres of Land, as designated on the Map of said Colony:

I do further Certify that said Franz Buechel _____ is entitled to the above designated _____ Section of Land.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, this the thirteenth day of May A. D. 1850

Joseph P. Portis Comr

Deed book J

For one dollar "Franz Burttschell & wife" deeded 4 3/4 acres of land to Bishop John M. Odin of Galveston "to be used for the purpose of erecting a church"... "also with the privilege of erecting a parsonage & school buildings"... "for the use and benefit of the Roman Catholic community residing in the Bernard settlements in said county."

1234 Franz Burttschell & wife
 107 Cued John M. Odin
 The State of Texas } know all men by these presents that I Franz
 County of Colorado } Burttschell of said county joined by my
 wife Anna Burttschell for and in consideration of the sum of
 one dollar to me paid here bargained and sold and do by
 these presents grant bargain sell & convey unto the R. C.
 Bishop John M. Odin Roman Catholic Bishop of Galveston
 in the state aforesaid and his successors in office the follow-
 ing described tract or parcel of land lying and situated in
 the county aforesaid about 8 miles nearly east of Columbus
 being a part of J. W. Boutons 110 acre survey and more par-
 ticularly described as follows. Beginning at a stake 379 varas
 5 44 1/2 W. from the east corner of said Boutons survey it be-
 ing also a corner of Andrew Bradens tract of land a line oak
 marked & bears S. 83 3/4 W. 40 1/4 varas another line oak marked &
 bears S 114 E 29 varas. Thence N 15 1/2 W. 150 varas with Jacob Burtts-
 schells line to a stake in the Prairie. Thence S. 44 1/2 W. 150 varas
 with said Jacobs (Burttschells) line to a stake from which a
 line oak marked & bears S. 70 1/4 E 37 varas a black-jack marked &
 bears S 19 1/2 W 37 varas. Thence S 45 1/2 E 150 varas to a stake in Horres
 line a black-jack marked & bears N 76 1/2 W 19 varas another black-jack
 marked & bears N 34 1/2 E 21 varas - thence N 44 1/2 E 180 varas with
 said Horres line to the place of beginning containing within
 the foregoing designated limits 4 3/4 acres of land together
 with all the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenan-
 ces to the same belonging or in any wise incident or appertain-
 ing. To have and to hold unto the said Bishop John M. Odin
 and his successors in office forever, but nevertheless upon
 this condition to wit - that the above described tract of land
 is to be used for the purpose of erecting a church thereon
 as also with the privilege of erecting a parsonage & school
 buildings on the same for the use and benefit of the
 Roman Catholic community residing in the Bernard
 settlements in said county. And I the said Anna
 Burttschell wife of the said Franz Burttschell in consid-
 eration of the premises hereby join in this conveyance
 ratifying and confirming the same hereby in all its
 particulars. My tract heredit conveyed being part of our

Burttschell have hereunto set my hands & scrolls for seal this
22^d day of July A.D. 1857
Attest

Franz Burttschell ~~testis~~
Anna Burttschell ~~testis~~

The State of Texas & Before me H. C. Jordt a Notary Public in and for
County of Colorado } said county this day personally appeared
Franz Burttschell & Anna Burttschell his wife both known to
me and the said Franz acknowledged that he signed, sealed
and delivered the foregoing and annexed Deed for the purposes
and considerations therein contained.

And the said Anna Burttschell having been examined by me
privately and apart from her husband & she being also a party
to said Deed which bears date July 22^d 1857, and hearing the
said Deed fully explained to her by me, she the said Anna
acknowledged that she also signed, sealed and delivered the
same for the purposes and considerations therein contained
and that it was her own voluntary act and Deed and
that she wished not to retract it



No 449

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and the impress of my official
seal this the 31st day of December A.D. 1857
H. C. Jordt

Not. Pub. c. c.

The above and foregoing is a correct record of original Deed
from Franz Burttschell and wife to John M. Cain with
certificate thereto as filed for record January 26th 1858 at 2
o'clock P.M. and recorded February 3^d 1858

No. 2069 This indenture made and entered into this 27th day
Franz Burtschell of October 1849 between Brantz Burtschell of the first
To// Deed part and Elizabeth Burtschell of the second part
Elizabeth Burtschell witnesseth that whereas the said Frantz is seized and
possessed of a certain tract of land lying and situate
on a branch of Cummings creek in Colorado
County containing seventy and 8/10 acres and deeded
to the said Frantz by Elizabeth Pieper and Peter
Pieper the deed bearing the date the 30th May
A D 1849 (to which reference is made for a fuller
description of the above tract of land) Now the said

affection he bears to the said Elizabeth Burtschell, she being his mother and the further consideration of one dollar to him paid by his said mother, hath given granted and released and by these presents doth give grant and release unto his said mother the use and enjoyment of the house now occupied by her together with the out houses connected with the same, to hold to her during her natural life. It is also understood & provided that the following infant children of the said Elizabeth Burtschell, to wit, Joseph Jacob and Henry sons and Sophia daughter of the said Elizabeth shall remain and enjoy the use of the said premises during the lifetime of the said mother who is hereby constituted a trustee of their interest in this behalf, and the said Elizabeth party of the second part in consideration of the premises, doth hereby relinquish quit claim and release unto her said son Frantz all right title and interest other than that specified above she might set up to the land aforesaid. In testimony whereof the parties aforesaid have hereunto set their hands and seals (using scrolls for seals) the day and year first above written.

Attest Kidder Walker Franz Burtschell (seal)
 Franz Hennecke Elizabeth Burtschell (seal)
 The State of Texas,)) Before me H. E. Jordt a Notary
 County of Colorado.)) Public in and for said county
 this day personally appeared Frantz Burtschell and
 Elizabeth Burtschell both well known to me and
 acknowledged that they signed sealed and delivered
 the above and foregoing and hereto annexed instru-
 ment of writing for the purposes and considera-
 tions therein contained. In testimony of which

I have hereunto set my hand and notarial
 (L.S.) seal at office in Frelsburg
 this the seventh day of June A. D. 1860

No 708 H. E. Jordt. Notary Public.

The foregoing is a correct record of Deed from
 Franz Burtschell to Elizabeth Burtschell
 with the certificate thereto as filed June 25th
 1860 at 2 o'clock P.M. & Recorded July 17th 1860

J O S E P H I N E B U R T S C H E L L

Josephine Burtschell & Jacob Brod Family	86,87
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HUSBAND

Jacob Brod

Born: 16 February 1828

Married: 20 June 1847

Died: 13 August 1906

WIFE

Marie Josephine Burtschell

Born: 20 January 1827

Died: 27 January 1918

CHILDREN

John Brod (twin)

Born: 24 November 1848

Died: 13 October 1867

Joseph Brod (twin)

Born: 24 November 1848

Died:

Joseph Brod

Born: 6 July 1850

Married: October 1870

Died: 2 January 1890

m Elizabeth Braden

Born: 24 July 1851

Parents: And. Braden, Sr./Cath. Schmitt

Died: 15 February 1905

2nd marr: Frederick Goeke

Nicholas Brod

Born: 19 February 1852

Married: 27 October 1873

Died:

m Anna Marie Lamby/Lambe

Born: 14 May 1852

Parents: Adam Lamby/Margaretha Wink

Died: 9 February 1908

Philip Jacob Brod

Born: 31 March 1854

Married: 21 October 1873

Died: 21 November 1886

m Elisabeth Honerlage

Born: 30 August 1857

Parents: Christoph Honerlage/Anna Willman

Died: 6 March 1936

Frank Brod

Born: April 1855

Married: 8 January 1878

Died:

m Katherine Talent/Tellen

Born: June 1856

Parents: Thomas Talent/Anna Coleman

Died:

?Adopted by Michael Quinn

Sophia Brod

Born: ca. 1858

Married: 30 October 1876

Died:

m Francis Doree

Born: 1855

Parents: Jacob Doree/Elizabeth Molitor

Died: 5 September 1886

Married: 15 May 1888

m John Vanny

Born:

Parents: John Vanny/?

Died:

Anton Brod

Born: April 1860
Married: 23 November 1880
Died: 22 September 1928

Jacob Louis Brod

Born: 28 August 1862
Married: 14 November 1882
Died: 17 May 1931

Elizabeth Brod

Born: 10 October 1865
Married: 21 November 1882
Died:

Carl Brod

Born: 4 March 1870
Married: ca. 1891
Died:

m Antonia Helena Lincke

Born:
Parents: Aug. Lincke/Helena Wniznewsy
Died:

m Mary Lierman

Born: 11 January 1862
Parents: Ernest Lierman/Cath. Schemmer
Died: 2 June 1937

m Joannes Adamek

Born:
Parents: Leopold Adamik/?
Died:

m Maria Dulle (Bernsen)

Born: ca. 1875
Parents: ? Dulle/Elizabeth Wilken
Died:
?Stepfather was Bernsen

DESCENDANTS OF JACOB BROD AND JOSEPHINE BURTSCHELL

- I. John Brod
- II. Joseph Brod
- III. Joseph Brod m Elizabeth Braden
- A. Phillip William Brod
(1871-1873)
- B. Sophia Brod m () _____ Lierman
(1873-) ()
- C. Maria Luiza Brod m (1893) Albert Louis Behne
(1875-) (1872-1927)
- D. Edward Brod
(1877-1877)
- E. Josephine Brod m (1894) Herman Polocek
(1878-) ()
- F. Emil Andreas Brod m (1901) Adella Ernest
(1880-1953) ()
- G. Catherina Margaretha Brod m (1899) Joseph Ordner
(1882-1959) (1877-)
- H. Nicholas Theophilies Brod m (1907) Adelia Witzche
(1885-) ()
- I. John Hilmar (Hillie) Brod m (1910) Regina Baumann
(1887-1973) (1890-1918)
m (ca. 1919)/div Elizabeth Leary
(1898-1980)
m (1949) Alma Vivian Jackson
(1888-)
- J. Hilda Brod m () John Gottschalk
(1889-) ()
- IV. Nicholas Brod m Anna Marie Lamby
- A. Edward Brod
(1874-1874)
- B. Henry Francis Brod m () Katie Stock
(1875-1926) ()
m Lena Doree
(1885-1942)
- C. Adam Maxmelius Brod m (1899) Emma Mina Burtschell
(1875-1915) (1880-1949)
- D. Wilhelmina Margaretha Brod m (1900) John Maerz
(1877-1937) (1878-1970)
- E. Phillip Leo Brod m (1904) Emma Annie Braden
(1879-1966) (1885-1956)
- F. Josephina (Anna) Brod m () Emil Jacobs
(1881-1955) ()
- G. Joseph Felix Brod m () Hilda Braden
(1883-1947) (1888-1972)
- H. Elizabeth Brod m (1906) Quorn Doree
(1886-1967) (1882-1970)
- I. Katherine (Alma) Brod m (1908) Charles Wendel
(1888-1966) (1887-1964)

J. Marie Anna Brod m (ca. 1917) Joe Watz
(1891-1944) ()

V. Philip Jacob Brod m Elisabeth Honerlage

A. Stillborn

B. John Jacob Brod m () Theresa Ritter
(1875-1936) (1874-1976)

C. Gerhardt Brod m (1902) Addie Braden
(1878-1938) (1884-1951)

D. Edward Jacob (Eddie) Brod
(1883-1890)

E. Frank Jacob Brod m (ca. 1905) Vera Wink
(1885-1971) (1886-1908))

m (1909) Anna Otilda Litzler
(1891-1966)

F. Anna Marie Brod m (1899) Julius Iselt
(1880-) ()

VI. Frank Brod m Katherine Talent

A. Anna Maria Brod m () Andrew Lierman
(1878-) ()

B. William Francis Brod
(1880-)

C. Thomas Anton Brod
(1882-)

D. Louisa Josephine (Lula) Brod m (1904) Leo J. Braden
(1885-1970) (1881-1963)

E. Catharina Della (Delta) Brod
(1888-)

F. Anna Irene Brod
(1890-)

G. Jacob Raymond Brod
(1892-)

H. Michael Walter Brod m (1921) Ruth Bowen
(1896-1982) (1899-)

I. Alice Fay Brod
()

J. Philip Henry Brod
(1899-)

VII. Sophia Brod m Francis Doree

A. Louisa Doree m (1898) Arnold Trojan
(1881-1962) (1875-))

B. Charles James Doree m () Clara Franz
(1883-) ()

C. Lena Doree m () Henry Francis Brod
(1885-1942) (1875-1926)

Sophia Brod m John Vanny

D. John Francis Vanny
(1889-)

VIII. Anton Brod m Antonia Helena Lincke (birth order may not be correct)

A. Infant
(1880)

- B. Anna Magdalena Brod
(1881-)
- C. Antonia Lena Brod
(1882-)
- D. August A. Brod
(1883-)
- E. Francis (Fritz?) Brod
(1884-1885)
- F. Ida Brod
(1885-)
- G. Anton Brod
(1888-1914)?
- H. Elizabeth Josephine Brod
(1889-)
- I. Lee Fridrich Brod
(1893-)
- J. Walter Brod m () Winnie Bobbett
(-1934) ()
m Mary Yakel
- K. Eddie Brod
()
- L. Willie Brod
(-1903)
- M. Josephine Mary Brod
()

IX. Jacob Louis Brod m Mary Lierman

- A. Andrew Jacob Brod m (1905) Dovie Cecelia McAtee
(1883-1951) (1883-1976)
- B. Ernest Leo Brod m (1912) Antonie Henrietta Kahler
(1885-1968) (1889-1921)
- C. Joseph Otto John Brod m (1912) Henrietta Christene Kahler
(1886-1954) (1892-1971)
- D. Emma Elizabeth Brod m (1907) Charles Raymond McAtee
(1889-1977) (1888-1966)
- E. Charles Edwin Brod m (1912)/div Ida Miriam Worcestor
(1891-1965) (1896-)
m () Marie Davidge Buch
(1904-)
- F. Henrietta Josephine Brod m () Lee William Marek
(1895-1974) (-1980)

X. Elizabeth Brod m Joannes Adamek

- A. Emma Josephine Adamek
(1883-)
- B. Leopold Leonard Adamek
(1885-)
- C. Francis Alfred Adamek
(1887-)
- D. Anna Odilia Adamek
(1887-)

- XI. Carl Brod m Maria Bernsen
 - A. Nicolaus Arthur Brod
(1892-)
 - B. Stella Brod
(1894-)
 - C. Dora Freddie Brod M () August F. Boedeker
(1896-) (1892-1968)
 - D. Ida Brod
(1898-)
 - E. Raymond Brod
(1903-)
 - F. Margery Brod
(1908-1910)

Barbara Brod Bonin of Pearland has compiled a complete record of all known Brod descendants to the youngest generation. She included individual and family histories, photographs, and copies of various kinds of records.

Mrs. Josephine Brod, one of the oldest and most highly respected ladies in the entire county, died here (Columbus) last Sunday afternoon. She had been ailing for several months, and was confined to her bed for about three weeks preceding her death.

Mrs. Brod was the widow of the late Jacob Brod, Sr., she was born in Germany January 20, 1827, and was ninety one years and one week old at the time of her death. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Burttschell and came to the United States with her parents in 1844. They settled at Frelsburg and lived there several years, later moving to the Bernard or Mentz section where they lived for many years. In 1847 she was united in marriage with Jacob Brod, Sr. Of the marriage there were born nine children, seven sons and two daughters, all of whom preceded her in death except four sons, Jacob Brod, Jr., of Cameron, Frank Brod of San Antonio, Anton Brod of Sunnyside, and Charle Brod of Waco. She had 59 grandchildren, 138 great grand children, and 10 great-great grandchildren. Her husband died in 1906, after fifty nine years of married life. Every year for many years prior to the death of her husband they celebrated their marriage, their golden wedding in 1897 having been one of the greatest similar events ever celebrated in this section of the State. About two years after her husband's death she moved to Columbus and made her home with her grand daughter, Mrs. Louise Trojan, where she spent the remaining years of her remarkable life.

Mrs. Brod was born at a little place in Germany called Bingen on the Rhine, a place made famous in literature by the celebrated poem entitled "Bingen on the Rhine," a touching story of a soldier's death in Algiers and of the message he asked his comrade to take to his mother, sister and sweetheart at "Bingen on the Rhine."

Like most of the substantial families of that section of Germany, Mrs. Brod's family required her to learn a trade. Her trade was that of cigar maker, and in her late years she enjoyed telling of the early experiences in Texas when the people suffered many hardships and those that prospered most were the ones who worked the hardest. She was a great cigar maker, being able, it is said, to make about five hundred cigars by hand a day. They built up quite a cigar trade in this section and made their first money in that way. The first wagon they bought after coming to this country was hand made, made in this county at a cost of \$150.00 and was paid for by money she earned as a cigar maker. Among other experiences related by her was that when she came to this country she brought with her a water yoke like those used in the old country. They had no water on the place at Frelsburg, so she used that water yoke to carry water from a spring a few miles away.

Mrs. Brod possessed great vitality physically, and mentally, and was a remarkable woman. She was a splendid business woman, highly intelligent, of a fine character, kind and generous, and was greatly loved by those who knew her. She was a member of the Mentz Catholic Church and was buried at Mentz Tuesday morning Rev. Father George Barberich conducting the services. The funeral was attended by numerous relatives and hundreds of devoted friends from various sections of the State.

*Jacob Brod served in the Confederate Army, State Troops, 22nd Brigade unattached, C.S.A. He served under Capt. J. F. Baker. Rolls dated Jan. 30, 1863 & Feb. 28, 1863.

(material provided by great granddaughter, Rosalee Brod Meyer)

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Anton Burtschell & Wilhelmina Beimer Family	93
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HUSBAND

Anton Burtschell

Born: 18 April 1828
Married: 26 January 1852
Died: 8 July 1873

WIFE

Wilhelmina Biemer

Born: 15 April 1832
Died: 13 August 1873
1st marriage: to Anton Neuendorff

CHILDREN

Sophia Burtschell

Born: 5 January 1854
Married: 24 November 1873
Died: 19 June 1936

m Peter Braden
Born: 10 November 1849
Parents: Adam Braden/Eliz. Wurzelhahn
Died:

Jacob Burtschell

Born: 23 April 1856
Married: 10 August 1882
Died:

m Elizabeth Cole
Born: 9 February 1859
Parents: David Cole/Annae Ruskup
Died:

Elizabeth Burtschell

Born: 20 November 1857
Died: 17 September 1873

Francis Joseph Burtschell

Born: 19 August 1860
Died: 13 January 1888

Josephina Burtschell

Born: 18 May 1862
Married: 13 January 1880
Died:

m John Talent
Born:
Parents: Thomas? Talent/Anna? Coleman
Died:

Gertrude Burtschell

Born: 15 December 1864
Died:

Theresia Burtschell

Born: 10 October 1866
Married: 20 November 1883
Died:

m Joseph Belsung
Born: 1 March 1860
Parents: Carl Belsung/Elis. Weigel
Died: 15 July 1892

Married: 26 April 1894

m Eduard D. Brown
Born:
Parents: La Fayette Brown/Sophia ?
Died:

DESCENDANTS OF ANTON BURTSCHHELL AND WILHELMINA BIEMER

- I. Sophia Burtschell m Peter Braden
 - A. Edward Braden m (1898) Josephine (Fina) Ordener
(1875-1944) (1878-1952)
 - B. Josephina Wilhelmina (Minnie) Braden m () Frank Sliva
(1876-) ()
 - C. Anna Otillia Braden m (1900) Charles Stuth
(1878-) ()
 - D. Adam Braden m (1905) Vivia Knox
(1880-) ()
 - E. Hedwig Elizabeth (Hattie) Braden m (1905) Louis Geistman
(1883-) (1881-)
 - F. Ida Marie Braden
(1885-ca.1895)
 - G. Laurence Braden
(1891-1892)
 - H. Alice Braden (Sr. Evangela, CDP)
()

- II. Jacob Burtschell m Elizabeth Cole
 - A. Purley Josephine Burtschell
(1884-)
 - B. Infant
(1889)
 - C. Edward Raymond Burtschell
(1891-)

- III. Elizabeth Burtchell

- IV. Francis Joseph Burtschell

- V. Josephina Burtschell m John Talent
 - A. Thomas Anton Talent
(1882-)
 - B. Joannes Lee Talent
(1884-)
 - C. Anna Cordelia Talent
(1887-)
 - D. James Walter Talent
(1890-1891)
 - E. Marcus Quinn Talent
(1892-1892)

- VI. Gertrude Burtschell

- VII. Theresia Burtschell m Joseph Belsung
 - A. Herman Bernard Belzung
(1885-)
 - B. Infant
(1887)
 - C. Henry Lee Belzung
(1889-)

D. Eduard Menard Belzung
(1890-)

Theresia Burtschell m Eduard D. Brown

J O S E P H B U R T S C H E L L

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HUSBAND

George Joseph Burtschell

Born: 15 March 1832, Budesheim

Married: 18 May 1856, Bernard Settlement, Colorado Co., TX

Died: 7 September 1888 (burial), Colorado Co.

WIFE

Gertrude Braden

Born: 20 July 1840, Budesheim

Died: 26 November 1912

2nd marriage: 4 November 1892 to Joseph Wagner

CHILDREN

Andreas Braden Burtschell

Born: 30 September 1857

Married: 1878, Nov. 23

Died: 1 June 1887

? m Anna Schobel

Born: 1859

Magdalena

Parents: Conrad Schobel & Kammerer

Died:

2nd husband: Henry Buescher

Joseph Burtschell

Born: 2 March 1859

Died: 20 October 1880

Anna Maria Burtschell

Born: 22 April 1861

Married: 29 December 1881

Died:

m George W. Jerrels

Born: 1853

Parents: Harvey Jerrells/Dydama Stretten

Died

Eva Burtschell

Born: 27 October 1862

Married: 1882

Died: 2 August 1888

m Frank Krumpholz

Born: 15 June 1858, Pribore, Austria

Parents: Joseph Krumpholz/Rosina Boenisch

Died: 10 May 1942, Springfield, Missouri

Clementine Burtschell

Born: 8 September 1864

Married: 1 November 1884

Died: 19 Dec 1933

m Lafayette D. Jerrells

Born: 22 Sep 1856, Fairport NY

Parents: Harvey Jerrells/Dydama

Died: 9 May 1928 Stretten?

Robert Constantine Burtschell

Born: 16 July 1866

Married: 19 October 1886

m Maria Werlla

Born:

Parents: John Werlla/Elis. Zgabai

Died: ca. 1890-95?

Married: ca. 1890-95?

Died: 24 February 1933

m Elnora Elmira Proffitt

Born: 18 March 1875

Parents: James Proffitt/Mary Emmaline?

Died: 24 July 1956

Francesca Burtschell

Born: 10 February 1869, Colorado Co.

Died: 15 February 1869, Colorado Co.

Louise Elizabeth Burtschell m Joseph Herman Willrodt
Born: 30 January 1870 (baptized) Born: 7 April 1858/61
Married: 19 October 1886 Parents: Ernest Willrodt/Eliz.Zabay
Died: 19 June 1947 Died: 11 August 1952

Joanna Maria Burtschell m John Anton^{Henry} Werlla
Born: 1872 Born: 12 November 1870
Married: 16 December 1890 Parents: John Werlla/Eliz.Zgabai(Labai)
Died: 1951 Died: 1950

Ida Elizabeth Burtschell
Born: 5 February 1875, Colorado Co.
Died: 11 Sept. 1878, buried: Live Oak Hill, Ellinger

Anna Burtschell
Born: 19 August 1878
Died: 14 July 1887, Colorado Co.

Catherine Hildegard Burtschell
Born: 19 October 1880, Colorado Co.,
Died: 30 June 1887, Colorado Co.

John Joe Burtschell m Johanna H. Grundman
Born: 23 December 1886 Born: 12 February 1886
Married: 23 November 1904 Parents:
Died: 15 June 1952 Died: 30 September 1953

Betty Burtschell m Louis Newman
Born:
Married: 8 September 1892
Died: Parents:
Died:

DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH BURTSCHELL AND GERTRUDE BRADEN

- I. Andreas Braden Burtschell m Anna Schobel
 - A. Katherine Burtschell m (1896) Joseph Sarrazin
(1880-?) (??)
 - B. Henry Francis Burtschell
(ca. 1883-1889)
 - C. Hattie Elenora Burtschell m Ephriam Mills
(1886-?)

- II. Joseph Burtschell

- III. Anna Maria Burtschell m George W. Jerrels

- IV. Eva Burtschell m Frank Krumpholz
 - A. Adele Krumpholz m (1904) Ernst Treybig
(1885-1928) (1881-1972)
 - B. Anna Josephine Krumpholz
(1886-1888)

- V. Clementine Burtschell m Lafayette D. Jerrels
 - A. Florence Christine Jerrells m (1906) Oscar Henry Brandes
(1885-1957) (1881-1958)
 - B. Mary Ann Gertrude "Mamie" Jerrells m (?) Edmond C. Finn
(1886-1979) (??)
 - C. Henry Jerrells
(1889-1904)
 - D. William L. "Willie" Jerrells m (?) Augusta "Gussie" ?
(1891-1964?) (1895-1979)
 - E. Baby Boy Jerrells
(1892)
 - F. Nettie Lee Jerrells
(1893-?)
 - G. Liddie Dell Jerrells m (1922) Homer W. Ammann
(1898-?) (1894-1980)
 - H. Roy Joseph Elmer Jerrells m (1936) Ruth McCormick
(1903-1998) (1910-1988)

- VI. Robert Constantine Burttschell m Maria Werlla
 - A. Emma Anna Gertrude Burttschell m ?(1908) Willie Stamps?
(1887-?) (??)
 - B. ?
Robert Constantine Burttschell m Elnora Elmira Proffitt
 - A. Ora McFadden Burttschell m (?) Paul Charles
(?) (??)

- B. Mary Sanford Burttshell m (1911) Gustav Adolph Weeta
(1897-1945) (1888-1934)
- C. Frank Manly Burttshell m (1927) Corma Matilda Etzel
(1898-1935) (1903-)
- D. Lillie Burttshell m (?) Edgar Hays
(?) (?)
- E. Alice Burttshell m (?) Ernest Findt
(1902-?) ((?)
- F. Andrew Burttshell m (1931) Mildred Graves
(1904-1942) (1913-)
- G. Joe Robert Burttshell m (1935) Veda Marie Weatherman
(1906-1935) (1912-1992)
- H. Curtis Clay Burttshell
(1911-1918)
- I. Clara Burttshell m (1932) Malton Zuelhke
(1914-2001) (1911-)

VII. Francesca Burtschell

VIII. Louise Elizabeth Burtschell m Joseph Herman Willrodt

- A. Peter Joseph Willrodt m (1911) Othelia M. "Tillie" Gyllenband
(1887-1985) (1886-1987)
- B. Marie "Mamie" Elizabeth Gertrude Willrodt m (1909) Robert Lee Hastedt
(1889-1970) (1888-1955)
- C. Henry John Willrodt
(1890-1892)
- D. Hattie Betty Willrodt m (1915) Max Rex Person
(1894-1989) (1884-1937)
- E. Arthur William Willrodt m (1923) Emma Katherine Halfmann
(1898-1951) (1898-1990)

IX. Joanna Maria Burtschell m John Werlla

- A. Elo Joseph Werlla m (1930) May Stevens
(?) (?)
- B. Leon John Werlla m (1922) Mable Young
(1893-1952) (1904-1986)
- C. Jessie Louis Werlla m (?) Rose Stasny
(1894-1963) (1908-1995)
- D. Charles Julius Werlla m (1921) Pearl Ruth Lurker
(1896-1986) (1899-1991)
- E. Irene Gertrude Werlla m (1917) Bob Lee
(1898-1975) (1893-1969)
- F. Lurlene Florence Werlla m (1918) Jerry Marek
(1902-1995) (1897-1975)
- G. Gladys Mary Werlla m (1919) Harry F. Wyer
(1904-) (1895-1970)

H. John Henry Werlla, Jr. m (1933)/div Susie Ruth Hamilton
(1912-) (1913-2002)

XII. Ida Elizabeth Burtschell

XIII. Anna Burtschell

XIV. Catherine Hildegard Burtschell

XV. John Joe Burtschell m Johanna H. Grundman

A. Daughter - died in infancy

B. Elder Gus William Burtschell m (?) Marie Henrietta Klagman
(1907-1986) (1909-1983)

XIV. Betty Burtschell m Louis Neuman

A MONROE COUNTY MAN IN TEXAS.--Harvey Jerrells, for 58 years, a resident of this county, and well known to many of our citizens, is now residing in Columbus, Texas. He is a subscriber to this paper, and writes us something that he wants to say to those who desire to strike out into a new country to work for themselves. He declared that Texas is the place for a poor man, if he intends to labor. The lands are rich and will repay those who cultivate them better than those of any other State. A man does not want money to engage in farming in Texas. Houses, lands, teams, feed for the teams, and tools to work with, will be furnished for half of the corn and cotton. Provisions to live upon will be furnished, to be paid for from the proceeds of the crop. Good, honest laborers are much wanted in Texas now. Some of the best lands are now lying idle for the want of hands to cultivate them. The freedmen are not reliable, and white men are much preferred.

Gold and silver form the currency there and prices of provisions are as follows. Corn, fifty cents per bushel, bacon 9 to 12 cts. per pound, flour \$8 to \$12 per bbl., potatoes \$5 per bbl., sweet potatoes 50 cts. per bush., sugar 12 to 20cts. per pound, coffee 25 cts. Beef 2 to 3 cts. per pound, pork 4 to 5 cts. per pound. The wages of laborers are from 9 to 10 shillings, and of mechanical more.

The land on the Colorado River will produce to the acre, of corn 25 to 100 bushels; cotton from one-half to one and a half bales. Sweet potatoes from 50 to 200 bushels. One man can cultivate 15 acres of corn or 10 of cotton.

The climate is delightful, no winter; the grass is always green; no snow; the nights cool in summer. To those who are willing year in and out to keep soul and body together, Mr. Jerrells says, "Come to Texas," where the land is cheap. Lands of the best kind sell at from \$1 to \$5 per acre-improved at from \$5 to \$20.

The people are very hospitable and generous, and are always glad to see the hard-fisted laborer come among them. White female servants are much wanted, and cooks command good wages. Carpet-baggers and scalawags had better stay away. Those who are there begin to find the place too hot for them. One more election will tell the story for them.

J A C O B B U R T S C H E L L

Jacob Burtschell & Theresia Sinzel Family	101,102
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HUSBAND

Jacob Burtschell

Born: 13 April 1835

Married: 17 November 1859

Died: 4 October 1908

WIFE

Theresa Sinzel/Sinsel

Born: 27 April 1845

Died: 21 October 1900

CHILDREN

Jacob Burtschell

Born: 27 February 1863

Died: by 1870 census

Frank Burtschell

Born: 7 July 1864

Married: 20 February 1890

Died:

m Maria Willberg

Born:

Parents: Jos. Willberg/Maria Cabron

Died:

1st marriage: Nicolai Glaeser

John Rochus Burtschell

Born: 16 August 1866

Died: 12 July 1885 (burial)

Anton William Burtschell

Born: 21 September 1868

Died:

m John Foltyn

Born: 16 May 1875, Austria

Parents: Frank Foltyn/Fannie ?

Died: 9 April 1954

Sophia Burtschell

Born: 28 January 1872

Married: 19 February 1901

Died: 25 November 1940

Conrad Burtschell

Born: 30 July 1874

Died:

Infant

Born/died: December 1876

Ludovic Leo Burtschell

Born: 6 April 1878

Died: 10 September 1879 (burial)

Jacob Eduard Burtschell

Born: 16 October 1880

Died: 1961, 29 March

m Anna ?

Maria Burtschell

Born: 9 January 1884

Married:

Died:

Felix Anton Burtschell

Born: 22 September 1888

Died:

DESCENDANTS OF JACOB BURTSCHELL AND THERESIA SINZEL

- I. Jacob Burtschell
- II. Frank Burtschell m Maria Willberg
 - A. Emma Margaretha Burtschell
(1891-1897)
 - B. John Julian Burtschell
(1893-)
 - C. Lilia Josephine Burtschell
(1899-)
- III. John Rochus Burtschell
- IV. Anton William Burtschell
- V. Sophia Burtschell m John Foltyn
 - A. Augusta Foltyn m () Edward (Pete) Miller
(1894-1973) (1889-1968)
 - B. Fannie Marie Foltyn m (1921) Leopold P. Miller
(1901-1981) (1896-1970)
 - C. John Foltyn, Jr. m (1931) Mabel Louise Thompson
(1904-1963) (1908-1981)
 - D. Boyd Foltyn m (1934) Emma Rosie Bullard
(1907-1965) (1906-)
- VI. Conrad Burtschell
- VII. Infant
- VIII. Ludovic Leo Burtschell
- IX. Jacob Eduard Burtschell
- X. Maria Burtschell
- XI. Felix Anton Burtschell

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HUSBAND

Francis Kuhn

Born: 30 October 1833, Spire, Bavaria
Married 29 December 1856, Frelsburg, Colorado Co., TX
Died: 25 September 1920, Colorado Co., TX

WIFE

Sophia Burtschell

Born: 30 April 1837, Budesheim church record; 14 April 1836, tombstone
Died: 30 January 1919, Colorado Co., TX

CHILDREN

Philip Adam Kuhn

Born: 15 November 1857, Colorado Co., TX
Died: 28 March 1865

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kuhn

Born: 23 January 1859
Married: 26 December 1888
Died:

m Roman Joseph Lewandowski

Born: 11 March 1855
Parents: Laurence Lewandowski/
Maria Rolewish

Died:

Henry Kuhn (Heinrich Friederick)

Born: 29 March 1861
Married: 26 December 1891
Died: 16 February 1955

m Annie Neumann (Anna Louise)

Born: 10 May 1871
Parents: Herman Neumann/Ida Seliger
Died: 21 January 1914

Augusta Theresia Kuhn

Born: 10 April 1863
Died: 15 December 1883

Sophia Kuhn

Born: 27 March 1864
Married: 2 February 1892
Died: 20 Sept 1956

m William Dimney

Born:
Parents:
Died: 24 June 1897

m. 2nd husband: Max Pitzlin (1869-bef. 1956)

Albert Ignatius Kuhn

Born: 26 January 1867
Married: 18 November 1890
Died: 7 February 1935

m Mary Hoelscher

Born: 5 November 1872
Parents: Ben Hoelscher/Elizabeth Gaeg
Died: 9 July 1927

Philip Kuhn
Alois

Born: 11 March 1869
Married: 23 November 1895
Died: 14 July 1958

m Rosa Hoelscher

Born: 13 March 1876
Parents: Joseph Hoelscher/Katherine Sommer
Died: 18 March 1952

Celestine Emilia Kuhn

Born: 15 April 1871
Died: 1882-4 Aug 1883

Elenora Marie (Nora) Kuhn
Born: 15 May 1873
Married: 6 April 1896
Died: 7 June 1974

^{A,}
Wilhelm Kuhn
Born: 1 March 1876
Married: 14 November 1899
Died: 11 June 1974

^{Jessie}
Florence Kuhn
Born: 8 June 1879
Married:
Died: 23 August 1923

m John Lucius Walker
Born: 17 Feb 1862
Parents: Leander Walker & Martha Ray
Died: 5 Nov 1917

m Ottillie Burger
Born: 10 Dec. 1878
Parents:
Died: 13 Apr 1948

^{May}
m Lucy Turek
Born: 10 Mar 1884
Parents:
Died: 30 Sep 1965

DESCENDANTS OF FRANCIS KUHN AND SOPHIA BURTSCHHELL

I. Philip Adam Kuhn

II. Elizabeth Kuhn m Roman Joseph Lewandowski

A. Sylvester (Leo) Lewandowski m (?) Estella Wendel
(1889-1949) (1890-1955)

B. Victor Lewandowski
(1891-1944)

C. Margaret Eliz. Josephine (Maggie) Lewandowski m (?) Tant Thomas DeFoor
(1895-1991) (1893-1955)

III. Henry Kuhn m Anna Louise (Annie) Neumann

A. Olivia Witte Kuhn m (1909) Benno Frederick Hillebrand
(1893-1976) (1885-1915)

B. Elenora Ida Kuhn m (1916) Arthur J. Brune, Sr.
(1896-1944) (1887-1961)

C. Laura Annie Kuhn m (1918) Herman Brune, Jr.
(1897-1983) (1890-1954)

D. Theodore Charles Kuhn
(1900-1947)

E. Henry Monroe Kuhn m (1929) Lydia Chollett
(1904-1982) (1909-1993)

IV. Augusta Theresia Kuhn

V. Sophia Kuhn m William Dimney

A. Arthur Herman Dimney m (1917) Vera Harrison
(1892-) (1899-)

m (?) Ruth Blum
(1898-1981)

B. Rosalie Sophia Dimney m (1916) William Howell Pegram, Jr.
(1895-1990) (1885-1972)

Sophia Kuhn m Max L. Pitzlin

VI. Albert Ignatius Kuhn m Mary Hoelscher

A. Bernard Kuhn m (1912) Rosie Lierman
(1890-1957) (1896-)

B. Hugo Albert Kuhn m (1915) Ida Augusta Strickler
(1893-1950) (1895-1967)

C. Lillie Maria Kuhn m (1915) Walter Strickler
(1894-1993) (1893-1964)

- D. Alma Josephine Kuhn m (1920) Murdock Swanzy
(1896-1999) (1878-1972)
- E. Walter Theophield Kuhn, Sr. m (1920) Augusta Bertha Aigner
(1899-1983) (1898-1983)
- F. Elo Albert Kuhn m (?) Nora Friedaricka Borchert
(1909-1975) (1910-)
m (1930) Pauline Guenther
(1904-1958)

VII. Philip Alois Kuhn m Rosa Hoelscher

- A. Christina Celestien Kuhn m (1915) Fred A Gregor
(1896-1982) (1888-1963)
- B. Alma Kuhn m (?) Felix W. Fritz
(1898-1995) (1895-1974)
- C. Olga E. Kuhn m (?) Peter J. Weber
(1902-1982) (1901-1968)
- D. Walter Phillip Kuhn m (1930) Irene Mary Eggemeyer
(1903-1982) (1911-aft. 1976)
- E. Cidonia Kathryn Kuhn m (1923) Alois Ben Fuchs
(1905-1991) (1903-1987)
- F. Hubert Frank Kuhn m (?) Annie Pearl Griffin
(1907-1995) (1910-1981)
- G. Edna Sophia Kuhn m (?) Lloyd L. Rogers
(1910-aft. 1976) (1907-1972)
- H. Ralph Eugene Kuhn m (?) Hilda Rieger
(1913-1991) (1912-)
- I. Thelma Florine Kuhn m (?) Fred Gerhard Schmiedekamp
(1917-1982) (1915-1996)

VIII. Celestine Emilia Kuhn

IX. Elenora Marie Kuhn m John Lucius Walker

- A. Sadonia Sophie Walker m (1915) Sylvester Claude Butler
(1897-1987) (1894-1975)
- B. Wallace William Walker
(1898-1980)
- C. Leona Nola Walker m (1920) Michael Norman Kudla, Sr.
(1899-1971) (?)
- D. Florence Josephine Walker m (1922) Louis Fletcher Gougenheim, Sr.
(1093-1976) (1900-1958)
- E. Dan Walker
(1904-1954)

F. Nobia Estelle Walker m (1942) Joseph Griener
(1905-aft. 1980) (?)
G. Frank Lucius Walker m (1938) Bertha M. Gibson
(1907-1998) (1907-1978)
m (1957) Ruby Danford
H. Robert Ray Walker m (1938) Gertrude Mae O'Neal
(1909-1980) (1911-aft. 1980)
I. Hazel Jewel Walker
(1913-1990)

X. Wilhelm Kuhn m Ottilia Burger
A. Pearl Katheryn Kuhn m (?) Joseph John Mikulik
(1902-1937) (?-1988)
B. Leslie Kuhn m (?) Marie Reed
(1906-1940) (1908-1994)

XI. Florence Kuhn m Lucy Turek
A. Amala Victoria Turek m (?) John Joseph Bravenec
(1907-) (?)

HENRY BURTSHELL

Henry Burtschell & Annie Hoover Family

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HUSBAND

Heinrich/Henry P. Burtschell

Born: 18 November 1839

Married: 26 May 1869, J.J. Scherer, Lutheran Minister, Columbus

Died: 25 July 1896

Burial: Wallis Cemetery, Austin Co.

WIFE

Annie Hoover

Born: 18 November 1849

Died: 8 May 1878

Burial: private land across from Mentz cemetery

CHILDREN

Thomas Leopold Burtschell

m Fannie Chatham

Born: ca. 1871

Born:

Married: 10 August 1892

Parents:

Died:

Died:

Generation 3

DESCENDANTS OF HENRY BURTSCHELL AND ANNIE HOOVER

- I. Thomas Leopold Burtschell m Fannie Chatham
 - A. Henry August Burtschell m (?) Rosie ?
(1899-1982) (?)
Henry August Burtschell m (?) Malrose Marie Maquin
(ca. 1920-)
 - B. Annie Lee Burtschell
(?)
 - C. Leslie Burtschell
(?)
 - D. Florence Burtschell
(?)

Note: Thomas Burtschell, age 9, is listed on the 1880 Colorado County census as a grandson of Joseph P. Hoover, Annie's father. Henry and Annie are found on the 1870 census in precinct #3, Frelsburg P.O. Annie is shown as being from Kentucky.

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COMMENTARY

By the time I began my research of the Burtschell family in the German records, there was no longer anyone by that name still living in Büdesheim. Only in the last two years, as a result of Internet and material available on CD's, have I become aware of other Burtschell families in the U.S., Germany, and France.

In 1996 I wrote to twelve individuals whose names were obtained through Internet by Blythe Unican (mentioned elsewhere) and a contact in Germany. Although no response was received from any of these individuals, one of those contacted (Norbert Burtschell of Ilbenstadt, Germany) sent my name and address to Rémi Rodier of France when Norbert received notice about a Burtschell reunion to be held in France on June 1, 1997. Rémi is a descendant of Stephan Burtschell, a brother of Lucas. Norbert himself had been located through a list Rémi found in a book supposedly about the Burtschell family. I also received information about the reunion. Unfortunately, the time was too short for me to make arrangements to attend. However, I did share our Texas history with the French cousins.

Remi and I have continued to exchange family information during the past year. I have also corresponded with Norbert Burtschell and a cousin of his, Rita Selbach and her husband Karl-Heinz, of Haan, Germany. Like Blythe Unican of Oregon, they are descendants of Franz Joseph Burtschell, another brother of Lucas Burtschell. Since there are still other Burtschells living in Germany with whom no exchange of information has been made, more branches of the Peter Burtschell family may still be located.

STEPHAN/ETIENNE BURTSCHHELL
The French Connection

Stephan (Etienne in French) Burtschell (1793-1852), a brother of Lucas, immigrated to Cernay in the upper Alsace section of France in 1823. He married Elisabeth Gruenewald. A listing of 150+ addresses of individuals, couples, and families comprise the French branch. Approximately eighty of those descendants attended the 1997 reunion.

One descendant, Pierre Jaillard, is compiling a history of the family from the French view. The information which follows comes from an interview between Refni Rodier and Pierre Jaillard in February, 1998. Pierre's responses to Refni's questions provide the historical information. Some editing has been done.

All of the Burtschells that we know of are actually descended from those who lived in the 18th century in Bingen, a dependency of the Archbishop of Mainz, elector of the Holy Roman (Germanic) Empire. The disappearance of a Catholic register of this period prevents us from putting together a higher direct line. But, the previous registers, which go to the end of the 16th century, have on them the Burtschell name, under diverse forms, from 1583. Before 1583 there is a possibility that the family had come originally from England since there exists in the United Kingdom some family names pronounced like Burtschell but spelled differently.

The name Burtschell is near to the name Burtsch. The ending "ell" accompanied with the umlaut, could mark the diminutive of the name, which is a dialectic evolution of "Burgio", itself a derivation from germanic names derived from "Burg," meaning castle or town.

During research for his history, Pierre has found the following spellings for the Burtschell name: Bursch (1583), Brushers (1586), Burshers (1595), Brulshers (1599) Burthell (1749), Butschell (1752, 1754, 1757, 1762, 1764, 1770), Burscheld (1775), Buttchell (1803), Burttschell (1817), Burschell (1819), and Butschel (1791, 1793, 1824, 1825, 1828).

Etienne Burtschell
(1796 - 1852)

d'origine allemande migra en France vers 1823 à Cernay.

Il eut quatre enfants de son épouse Elisabeth Gruenwald veuve Felder :

1. Etienne né en 1825, supposé avoir émigré aux U.S.A

2. Joseph (1828-1890), souche de la branche mulhousienne père de 15 enfants,

1. Caroline (1855-1856)	6. Emile (1859-1901)	B. Louis (1867-1913)
2. Eugène (1856-1920)	7. Albert (1860-1928)	C. Elisa Bailly (1867- ?)
3. Eugénie (1857- ?) e.r	8. Marie Mercky (1861-45)	D. Sophie Kaufmann (1868-1946)
4. Emilie Kaufmann (1857- ?)	9. Ernest (1862-1921)	E. Oscar (1871- "mort très jeune")
5. Bertha Barthel (1858 -?)	A. Charles (1866-1942)	F. Henri (? - ?)

3. Pierre (1832-1901), souche de la branche Cernéenne père de 16 enfants,

1. Celestine (1854-1902) e.r	7. Eugénie (1862-1862)	D. Alfred (1870-1944)
2. Emilie Schultz (1856-1894)	8. Edouard (1863-1863)	E. Philibert (1871-1872)
3. Pierre (1857-1924)	9. Christine Muller (1864-1942)	F. Louis (1872-1959)
4. Elisabeth (1858-1904) e.r	A. Charles (1865-1921)	G. Jules (1873-1875)
5. Marie (1860-1860)	B. Emile (1867-?)	
6. Eugène (1861-1891)	C. Léonie Fritz (1868-1948)	

4. Charles-Bernard (1834-1836), mort en bas âge.

FRANCIS R. BURTSCHHELL

Blythe Unican of North Bend, Oregon, provided information on her ancestor, Francis R. Burtschell, a nephew of Lucas Burtschell. This individual is probably the same as #20 Franz Burtschell shown on the list of emigrants from Budesheim, located elsewhere in this history. The age and date of emigration are consistent. Why this Franz Burtschell chose not to come to Colorado County, Texas, where his uncle and his family and other Budesheimers settled is not known. Whether nor not he ever made contact with his relatives in Texas is not known. However, as one can tell from the following account, he was both adventurous and industrious. He became very successful in the hotel business. One article indicates that he owned twelve residences in Crescent City, a livery stable, and two store buildings in addition to a dairy ranch of 992 acres. Francis R. Burtschell died in 1909.

Contact was made with Blythe Unican in 1986 through Joe Mattei of Houston. Blythe found Joe through a genealogy computer program. Joe is a descendant of both Burtschells and Bradens.

(Taken from Del Norte County (California) Pioneers)

Francis R. Burtschell, son of Francis J. Burtschell who was a builder and contractor in Germany, was born March 13, 1825, in Germany and came to New York City in 1846, where he lived two years. In 1848, he went to New Orleans, and, from there, to Philadelphia and New York, in 1851. After a visit to Germany for six months, he returned to New York for a year before starting for California on the steamer Ohio. When he reached New Orleans, he remained there until 1853 before coming to California in the fall of that year. Having worked in a number of hotels in New York City, Francis Burtschell became a professional hotel man in the early days of California. He first went to Weaverville where he established a hotel. After living there a year and a half, he moved to Shasta County, California, where he also built a hotel. After selling that hotel, he returned to San Francisco where he operated a hotel before coming to Del Norte County in 1856. Upon his arrival in Crescent City, Francis Burtschell stopped at the Cushing House and, after living there four months, bought the place.

In 1881, Francis Burtschell had acquired a 644-acre farm in Smith River Valley. In 1893, his dairy ranch is listed as containing 992 acres. He served as county supervisor for two terms, as a member of the City Council for two terms and was a school trustee for many years.

In 1857 Francis Burtschell bought from Gottlieb Meyer the property on Front and H Streets known as the Cushing House or City Hotel, together with all improvements, appurtenances, pictures, furniture, etc. for \$900. After living in Crescent City six years, Francis Burtschell leased the City Hotel to Jacob Richert. F. Burtschell spent some time in Jacksonville, Oregon, but subsequently returned to Crescent City to take up the hotel business again.

The following family information is based on biographical material, obituaries, and pedigree charts provided by Blythe Unican.

FRANCIS R. BURTSCHHELL & ELIZABETH BROUGHAN FAMILY

HUSBAND

Francis R. Burtschell, Budesheim

Born: 13 April 1825

Parents: Franz Joseph Burtschell & Catherine (Susanna) B^uchner

Married: 30 April 1857

Died: 19 December 1902

WIFE

Elizabeth Broughan

Born:

Parents:

Died:

CHILDREN

Alta Burtschell

Born:

Married:

Died:

m Lew J. Lockwood

Born:

Parents:

Died:

Anna Burtschell

Born:

Married:

Died:

m Stewart S. Reed

Born:

Parents:

Died:

Clara Burtschell

Born:

Married:

Died:

m Alex Jacobus

Born:

Parents:

Died:

Amelia Burtschell

Born:

Married:

Died:

m William T. Bailey

Born:

Parents:

Died:

FRANCIS R. BURTSCHHELL & CAROLINE MOSCHER FAMILY

HUSBAND

Francis R. Burtschell

Married: 31 December 1874

WIFE

Caroline Moscher

Born:

Parents:

Died:

CHILDREN

Gertrude Burtschell

Born:

Married:

Died:

m August Snyder

Born:

Parents:

Died:

Married:

m Capt. John A. Sanford

Born:

Parents:

Died:

Ruby Burtschell

Born:

Died:

Little Ida Burtschell

Born:

Died:

Francis J. Burtschell

Born: 9 March 1884

Married: 6 September 1905

Died: 30 April 1958

m Edna May Rose

Born: 27 January 1884

Parents: Clarence L. Rose/?

Died: 16 April 1964

According to a history of Frank R. Burtschell, "the Burtschell name was originally French and was spelled Burchoell. Three Burchoell brothers, French aristocrats, were living in France during the French Revolution when they had to flee for their lives. Francis J. Burchoell went to Bingen, on the Rhine river in Germany where he married a German girl and changed his name to Burtschell."

The French Revolution lasted from 1789-1799. Francis J. Burtschell's birth date of 1793 is found in records in Budesheim. The birth record of his father Peter is also in church records. Therefore, the story in the Frank R. Burtschell family does not match with other records. However, since there is usually some truth in most family traditions, perhaps other connections with France account for the tradition.

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COMMENTARY

Not all of the German emigrants from Budesheim listed on the chart (pp. 33-37) came to Texas, or they have not been located in Texas records. Not all of those who came to Texas came to Colorado County. However, the majority seem to have come to Colorado County and were founders or early settlers of Mentz.

Records of those families which are included in this section (with the exception of Joseph George Braden) are found in the church books of Frelsburg and Mentz.

Most of the families can be found on the 1846 and 1848 ships' lists. Francis Wendel, wife, and family are listed on the ship **Franziska**, 1854. John Wendel has not been located on a ship's list; however, daughter Maria Magdalena was born in 1855 and baptized at Mentz.

Note: This material is extracted from The History of Budesheim - "Family Histories -- The Last Senior Magistrates of Budesheim" and a more recent newspaper article, "Adelseck is the Oldest Name." The Adelseck family is included since there is the possibility that one woman from this family married into the Braden family.

The Braden and Adelseck Families of Budesheim

With the encouragement for settlements after the Thirty Years War, the Braden family arrived from England. They spelled their name Braddon (pronounced Braedden/Bray-d'n). The spelling of Braddon is also found in the Budesheimer church record of 1736. Already in 1662 the first members of the Braden family are mentioned. They were Balthasar and Gabriel. Also listed in 1667 is Hupert Braden who was Mayor in 1674 and church elder in 1685. One of the descendants was Paul Braden, born circa 1698. From 1731 to 1755 he was Court Clerk and Tax Collector. From 1755 to 1768 (his death) he was Senior Magistrate. His grandson Georg Paul Braden held the office of Mayor from 1814 to 1825. Also during the time of the Stephan Foundation various Bradens held the office of Mayor, which, however, at that time did not have the importance it had under Georg Paul Braden. Eduard Braden was the last mayor of Budesheim. There is a Braden Street in Budesheim.

The oldest family still living today in Budesheim is the Adelseck family which definitely has been residing in Budesheim for over 500 years without interruption. Peter Adelseck appears already in 1440 in the Budesheim records. Later, in 1464 Hen and Cuntz Adelseck are mentioned. After this numerous Adelsecks appear in a continuous line, such as in 1530 there were four, in 1550 five, and in 1559 seven families.

Several Adelsecks disappeared from Budesheim during the Thirty Years War. In 1632 Nikolaus Adelseck had his daughter Elizabeth baptised in Bingen, and in 1640 Caspar Adelseck did likewise with his daughter Margareta. Presumably, both had taken temporary refuge at Bingen. However, in 1643 and in 1649, both are listed again as inhabitants of Budesheim. Also Hans Wigand Adelseck was temporarily absent during the Thirty Years War. Mathias Adelseck, born at Budesheim was recognized as a citizen of Bingen in 1694, also, in 1720, his son Peter who was born in Bingen. Both were coopers.

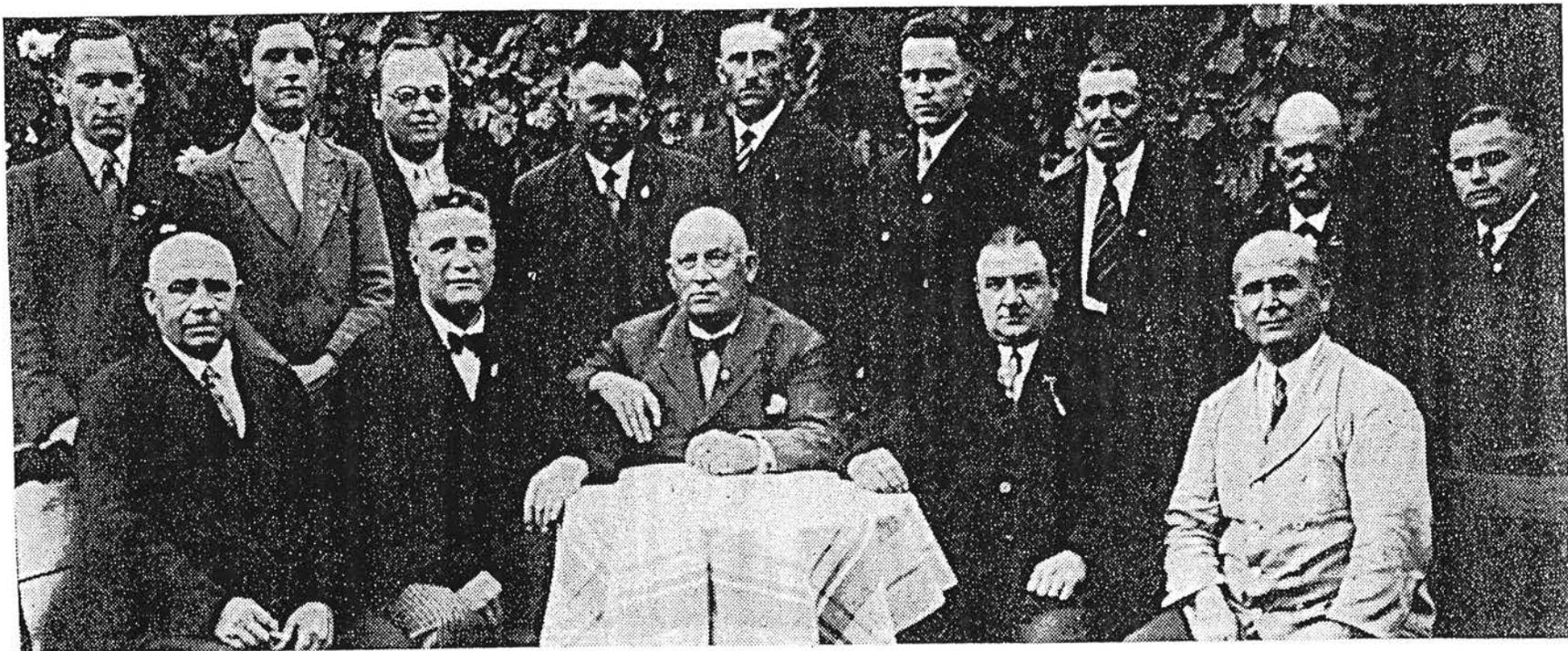
From 1716 to 1724 Wendel Adelseck was Junior Magistrate. From 1724 to 1745 and from 1750 to 1755 Johann George Adelseck held the office of Senior Magistrate. Previously he was for many years a court clerk. Furthermore, members of the Adelseck family were represented in the lists of mayors and church elders. In 1814 Master Tailor Johann George Adelseck was active as a Russian interpreter.

The name Adelseck, already in the 17th century, was spelled the same way as now. Before that one could find the name spelled "Adolseck" and in the copy of a document as "Adolfseck." Presumably, the first Budesheimer Adelseck was a member of the Men of the Lords of Hohenfels. He probably was originally from Adolfseck in the Taunus mountains. Thus the family name "von Adolfseck" was derived from the place name Adolfseck. Considering its origin, the name has to be written and pronounced Adels-eck and not Adel-seck, as has occurred.

Other Budesheimer families with descendants believed or known to have come to Texas and the dates of their origins in Budesheim follow.

Long before the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) and into the 19th century the Lautz (**Laux**) family is mentioned. In 1643 the **Wendel** family appears for the first time as heirs of Adam Wendel and in 1716 as Caspar Wendel. From there on were always several families of this name. During the time before the Thirty Years War the **Schmitt** (Schmidt) was mentioned.

At the same time as the Braden family appear the ancestors of the following family: **Walter** (Walther) and in the 1670's: **Schueler**. A little later but still before 1700: **Frey**. After 1700 to the end of the 18th century the following families arrived: **Roesch, Sommer, Wink, and Zimmerschitt**.

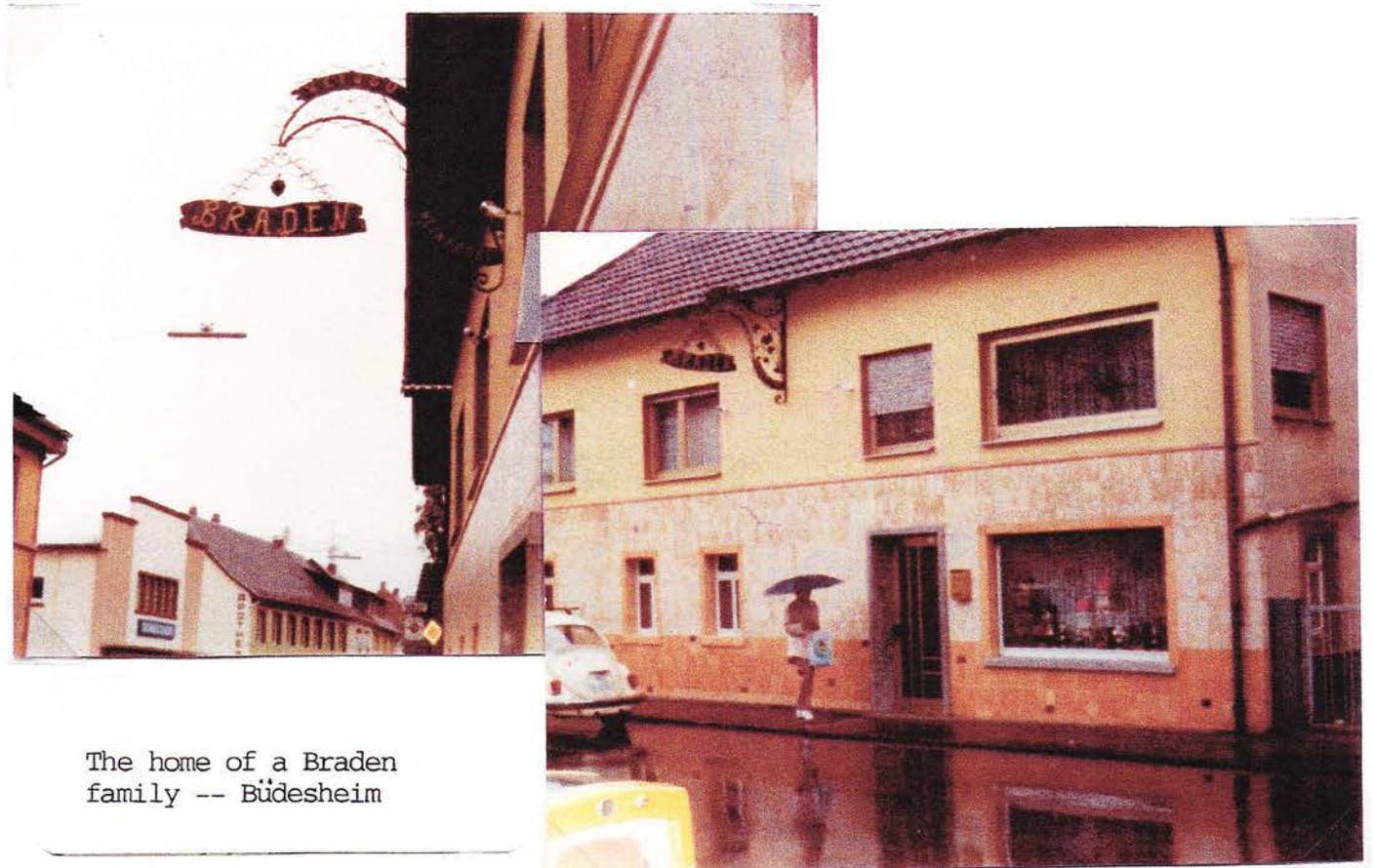


Die Gemeindeverwaltung Budesheim vor der Eingemeindung im Jahre 1929 mit Bürgermeister Braden.



Bürgermeister (Mayor)
Braden Strasse (Street)

Büdesheim, Germany



The home of a Braden
family -- Büdesheim

00	Braden, Jois Paul	* 1693	CD 24. 1. 1727	F 16. 2. 1768	Schöffe
	Anna Odilia geb. Adelsack	1693	B } 5	12. 1. 1755	
	Josef Georg	16. 7. 1728			
	Nikolaus	2. 6. 1730		15. 5. 1758	
	Joannis Heinrich	19. 3. 1734			
	Joannes	19. 8. 1736			
	Jois Adam	28. 12. 1738			

120	0	Braden, Joannes Peter	3. 12. 1716,	26. 11. 1736. }
		Anna Maria geb. Braun	31. 1. 1716	}
		Joannes Peter	22. 5. 1740	
		Jois Adam	28. 6. 1742	
		Nikolaus	9. 4. 1745	

NOTE: From the records at his disposal, Richard Leitsch could not determine whether Jois Paul (00) or Joannes Peter Braden (0) was the father of #1 Joannis Braden. Each man had a son or sons named Joannes. Herr Leitsch had penciled in the date for Joannes, born 19 August 1736, son of Jois Paul. However, he was not certain.

From her search of Büdesheim records, Jeanne Bitterly is assuming the wife of #1 Joannis Braden is Sophia Barbara Westerich.

Ord.- Nr.	Namen der Eltern und ihrer Kinder	Aus Nr.	Datum der Geburt	Geburtsort	Stand oder Gewerbe	Tag der Verheiratung	Tag des Todes	Bemerkungen
1	Braden, Joannis	20	13.5. 1736	Büdesheim			5. 6. 1756	19 Jahre alt
	Sophia Barbara			Büdesheim				
	Elisabeth		2. 4. 1769	Büdesheim				
	Anna Maria		25. 1. 1771	" "				
	Joannes		13. 1. 1773	" "				Nr. 2.
	Maria Anna		28. 12. 1774	" "				
	Henricas		19. 10. 1778	" "			4. 11. 1783	
	Georg Paulus		5. 6. 1783	" "				
	Maria Theresia		26. 12. 1784	" "				
Georg		23. 1. 1781	" "				Nr. 11	
2	Braden, Johann	1	13. 1. 1773	Büdesheim	Wirt	1. 10. 1802	1. 11. 1839	
	Catharina geb. Deutsch		1781	Gensingen				
	Johann		19. 9. 1803	Büdesheim	Zimmermann	3. 4. 1830		Nr. 3.
	Loranz		8. 7. 1805	" "				
	Barbara		27. 7. 1807	" "		10. 1. 1829		
	Andreas		11. 12. 1809	" "	Zimmermann	14. 6. 1834		Nr. 10
	Heinrich		6. 7. 1813	" "			20. 5. 1814	
	Anton		26. 4. 1815	" "	Wirt	30. 4. 1842		Nr. 12.
	Klara		19. 11. 1817	" "			27. 5. 1818	
	Franz		19. 11. 1821	" "			18. 8. 1822	
Heinrich		19. 11. 1821	" "	Wirt	10. 4. 1837	27. 10. 1846	Nr. 13.	
3.	Braden, Johann	2	19. 9. 1803	Büdesheim	Zimmermann	3. 4. 1830		
	Anna Maria geb. Schild		9. 1. 1807	" "				
	Magdalena		4. 3. 1830	" "		16. 4. 1836	26. 10. 1836	
	Johann Jakob		19. 11. 1838	" "			18. 5. 1841	
	Catharina		30. 6. 1840	" "				
	Catharina		8. 2. 1842	" "		16. 4. 1866	3. 6. 1878	Nr. 4

4	Chouquet, Adam			Bingen	16. 4. 1866		
	Katharina geb. Braden	3	8. 2. 1842	Büdesheim			
	Joseph		17. 5. 1866	Bingen	2. 10. 1891	26. 11. 1955	16/5
	Jakob		14. 2. 1868	"			
	Adam		27. 11. 1869	"		24. 1. 1946	
	Karl		2. 9. 1871	"			
	Peter		23. 6. 1874	"		5. 3. 1875	
	Katharina		30. 3. 1876	"		4. 8. 1886	
5	Chouquet, Josef II	4	17. 5. 1866	Bingen	2. 10. 1891	26. 11. 1955	
	Anna Maria geb. Kichtel		14. 12. 1867	Weisman		5. 11. 1964	
122	Adam Josef		2. 9. 1892	Bingen	25. 8. 1923		16/8
	Katharina		25. 4. 1894	"		18. 9. 1944	
	Anna Maria		27. 3. 1900	"			16/6
	Georg		13. 1. 1904	"			
6	Zimmermann, Ludwig Franz		12. 10. 1897		3. 6. 1922	21. 11. 1971	
	Anna Maria geb. Chouquet	5	27. 3. 1900	Bingen			
	Eveline Klara		24. 10. 1925	"	19. 11. 1948		16/7
	Maria Johanna		9. 12. 1939	"			

11	Braden Georg	1	23. 1. 1781	Büdesheim	Wimzer	2. 8. 1804	} 25. 12. 1835	
	Anna, Margareta, geb. Epineker		6. 4. 1784	"	"			
	Josef, Georg		19. 3. 1805	"	"	17. 1. 1827		14.
	Anna Maria		7. 8. 1807	"	"	17. 1. 1835		15.
	Conrad		25. 2. 1812	"	"		17. 11. 1812	
	Anna Clara		28. 9. 1813	"	"		11. 2. 1820	
	Anna Margaretha		4. 4. 1816	"	"	30. 4. 1842		12.
x	Adam		17. 4. 1819	"	"	25. 10. 1845		16.
	Johann Baptist		10. 10. 1821	"	"			
	Anna		20. 5. 1824	"	"	16. 2. 1847		17.
	Barbara		15. 1. 1827	"	"			
12.	Braden Anton	2	26. 4. 1815	Büdesheim		30. 4. 1842	}	
	Anna Margaretha geb. Braden	11	4. 4. 1816	"	"			
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13.	Braden, Heinrich	2	19. 11. 1821	Büdesheim		10. 4. 1837	} 27. 10. 1846	
	Margareta, geb. Damidiam		18. 10. 1824	"	"			
14	Braden, Josef ^H Georg	11	19. 3. 1805	Büdesheim	Küfer	17. 1. 1827	}	
	Barbara, geb. Nagel		1805	Dromersheim				
	Georg Josef		19. 9. 1827	Büdesheim				
	Franz Edwart		13. 6. 1829	"				
	Adam Josef		11. 1. 1831	"				
	Josef		30. 7. 1832	"			27. 6. 1835	
aus 14	Braden, Maria Justina		30. 3. 1834	Büdesheim			3. 6. 1839	
	Georg Paul		17. 4. 1836	"			23. 12. 1836	
	Maria Magdalena		2. 2. 1838	"				

15	Wink Georg Paul Anna Maria, geb. Braden	11	17.1.1801 7.8.1807	Büdesheim " "	Schmied	17.1.1835	Transungen: Georg Jos. Braden Bruder der Braut Jakob Braden's Schwager des Bräutigams
16	Braden, Adam Maria Elisabeth geb. Wärzelhan	11	17.4.1819 21.8.1818	Büdesheim Ockenheim		25.10.1845	16 19
17.	May, Michael Anna, geb. Braden	11	24.4.1819 20.5.1824	Büdesheim " "		16.2.1847	Transungen: Georg Paul Winkl Peter Frey, Schwager der Braut
<p>(125)</p> <p>somit die direkten Vermählten</p> <p>Im den Büchern finde ich nachfolgende Einträge:</p>							
18.	Wink Jakob Magdalena geb. Braden		8.2.1765 30.6.1776	Büdesheim " "		20.5.1801	
19.	Wink Johann Antonia, geb. Frey		1.4.1807 7.2.1813	Büdesheim " "		20.8.1836	
20.	Wink Ludwig		28.3.1819	Büdesheim	Schmied		

Ord.- Nr.	Namen der Eltern und ihrer Kinder	Aus Nr.	Datum der Geburt	Geburtsort	Stand oder Gewerbe	Tag der Verheiratung	Tag des Todes	Bemerkungen
21	Frey, Johann Anna Maria geb. Walter		31. 12. 1817 25. 4. 1820	Büdesheim " "		17. 8. 1844		Frauzeuger: Johann Wink 37 jah alt aus 182?
22	Rothemer, Kaspar Margaretha Franziska Laux Jakob	25 29	1788? abt 1784	Diefersheim Büdesheim		30. 9. 1813 2. 10. 1845		
23	Schmitt Johann Maria Anna geb. Ruder		7. 5. 1802 7. 10. 1797	Sponshheim Büdesheim		20. 11. 1824		Tochter von Johann Ruder & Elisabeth geb. Braden
24	Rothemer Jakob Rosina Laux	22	14. 2. 1820 18. 12. 1821			2. 10. 1845		Frauzeug: Johann Braden II Onkel des Bräutigams. Eltern: Georg Laux & Anna Elisabeth geb. Hülfer
25	Frey Pomb Anna Maria Hochthurm					15. 5. 1819		

Descendants of Georg Braden

To Texas

Georg Braden
b: Jan 23, 1781
d: Dec 25, 1835

Anna M. Epeneter
b: Apr 6, 1784
d: Aft 1855

Anna M.
1848 w/ Joseph & Family

Josef G. Braden
b: Mar 19, 1805

1848

Barbara Nagel

Anna M. Braden
b: Aug 7, 1807
d: Nov 4, 1870

1848

George P. Wink

Maria J. Braden
b: Jan 30, 1810
d: Bef 1855

1848

Peter Frey

Anna M. Braden
b: Apr 4, 1816
d: ABT 1851

1846

Antone Braden
b: Apr 26, 1815
d: Jun 5, 1898

Adam Braden
b: Apr 17, 1819

1846

Johann B. Braden
b: Oct 10, 1821
d: Aug 12, 1907

1846

Julia Pieper
b: 1840
d: May 22, 1870

Anna M. Braden
b: May 20, 1824

Descendants
came to Texas

Michael May

Barbara Braden
b: Jan 15, 1827
d: Oct 19, 1914

1848 w/ Joseph & Family

Peter J. Wendel
b: Jan 15, 1823
d: Aug 3, 1887

1846

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This Braden family settled for a short time in Houston; later they moved to San Antonio where they became prominent landowners and businessmen.

JOSEPH GEORGE BRADEN & BARBARA NAGEL FAMILY

HUSBAND

Joseph George Braden
Born: 19 March 1805, Budesheim
Married: 17 January 1827, Budesheim
Parents: George Braden & Anna Margaret Epenetter
Died:

WIFE

Barbara Nagel
Born: 1805, Dromersheim, Hesse
Parents: Florian Nagel & Catharine Gloeckner
Died:

CHILDREN (All children, except Jane Barbara, were born in Budesheim.)

George Joseph Braden
Born: 19 September 1827
Died:

Francis Eduard Braden
Born: 12 June 1829
Married: 1857
Died: 1904, San Antonio

m Catharine Christilles
Born: 1829
Parents: Piere Geo.Christilles/
Mary Salome Forst
Died: 1902

Adam Joseph Braden
Born: 11 January 1831
Died:

Joseph Braden
Born: 30 July 1832
Died: 27 June 1833

Maria Justina Braden
Born: 30 March 1834
Died: 3 June 1839

George Paul Braden
Born: 17 April 1836
Died: 23 December 1836

Maria Magdalene Braden
Born: 2 February 1838
Died:

Margarethe Braden
Born: 9 August 1840
Died:

Martin Braden
Born: 22 May 1842
Died:

Anna Maria Braden
Born: 27 February 1844
Died:

Joseph Braden
Born: 14 April 1846
Died: 3 May 1846

Jane Barbara Braden
Born: 6 December 1849, Harris Co., Texas
Died:

Buedesheim, March 3, 1848

Re: Number K.B.

Re: The emigration of persons subject to military service, particularly the granting of permission for this undertaking.

To
The Grand-Ducal Hessian County (Kreis) Council, County of Bingen

REPORT

from
The Grand-Ducal Hessian Mayor at Buedesheim

I have the honor to submit to your office the enclosed application for emigration of the local citizen G.J. Braden for your consideration.

I also have the honor to report that the first listed son in the application, G.J. Braden, age 20 years, drew number 79 during last year's drawing. He was assigned to the Fourth Infantry Regiment and already has been called up and ordered to report on April 1st at the Military Office in Offenbach.

This person, who is subject to military service, intends to emigrate with his entire family. We do not presume that he wants to evade service in his fatherland. Therefore, it would be desirable if he will not have to report for military service.

(signed) St. George

One enclosure.

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Bingen, March 29, 1848

Re: Number K.B.

Re: Emigration with his family, of George Joseph Braden, of Buedesheim, who is subject to military service.

The Grand-Ducal Hessian County Council of the County of Bingen
to

The Grand-Ducal Mayor at Buedesheim.

The Grand-Ducal Ministry of the Interior has granted the request of the applicant for permission to emigrate with his family. You will notify him accordingly.

(Signature)

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Offenbach, April 4, 1848

The Command
of the 2nd Company of the Grand-Ducal Hessian 4th Infantry Regiment

to
The Grand-Ducal Mayor's Office at Buedesheim, County of Bingen.

[continued]

Recruit Georg Joseph Braden of Buedesheim, who has been assigned to my Company, has so far not reported in compliance with his induction order.

Enclosed I am sending you a second order and request an immediate answer indicating if and when you delivered this order to him and, if applicable, why it could not be delivered to him.

(signed) Kuechler
Captain

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Buedesheim, May 6, 1848

The
Grand-Ducal Mayor at Buedesheim
to

The.....

In reply to your letter dated the fourth of last month, I have the honor to inform you that your first order was delivered to Recruit G. J. Braden. However, Braden's father submitted an application for himself and his family, requesting release of his son from his military obligation in order to emigrate to America.

This application was legally acted upon. The Grand-Ducal Ministry of the Interior on March 23rd 1848 granted the request and released Braden from obligatory military service. Therefore, your last order is herewith returned.

(signed) St. George

[Transcriber's note: This letter apparently is a draft or a duplicate. The mayor of Buedesheim wrote to the Command of the Second Company of the Grand-Ducal Hessian 4th Infantry Regiment on behalf of G.J. Braden.]

Transcribed: Elise Theinert of San Antonio
Translated: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Guenther of Austin

GEORGE PAUL WINK & ANNA MARIA BRADEN FAMILY

HUSBAND

George Paul Wink
Born: 17 January 1801, Budesheim
Parents: Caspar Wink & Joanna Bruck
Married: 17 January 1835
Died:

WIFE

Anna Maria Braden
Born: 7 August 1807, Budesheim
Parents: George Braden & Anna Margaret Epenetter
Died: 4 November 1870, Colorado Co., Texas

CHILDREN

Margaret Wink
Born: 4 August 1835
Died: 9 September 1836

Frances Margaret Wink
Born: 23 December 1836
Married: 9 November 1852
Died: 19 August 1873

m Conrad Weigel (Jordan)
Born:
Parents: Joanne Jordan/M. Grebs(Krebs)
Died:

Adam Joseph Wink
Born: 20 November 1838
Died:

Magdalena Wink
Born: 2 November 1840
Married: 14 January 1866
Died:

m William L.J. Herbeck
Born:
Parents: Wm. Herbeck/Magdalena Vayne
Died:

Johann Francis Wink
Born: 24 February 1843
Died: 2 October 1865

Anna Maria Wink
Born: 1845
Married: 14 June 1866
Died: 27 September 1867

m George Mayer
Born:
Parents: Laurent Mayer/Sophia Braden
Died:

Adam Wink
Born: 20 September 1849
Died: 1 June 1866

PETER FREY & MARIA JUSTINA BRADEN FAMILY

HUSBAND

Peter Frey, III
Born: 2 June 1805, Budesheim
Parents: George Frey & Anna Maria Metzler
Married: 1 March 1835
Died: 13 April 1890, Colorado Co., Texas
2nd marriage: Maria Barling

WIFE

Maria Justina Braden
Born: 30 January 1810, Budesheim
Parents: George Braden & Anna Margaret Epenetter
Died: before 1855 and after 1849 in Texas

CHILDREN

Henry Frey
Born: 9 May 1836
Died: 25 April 1839

Johanna Margaret Frey
Born: 24 April 1838
Died:

Magdalena Frey
Born: 4 May 1840
Died:

Peter Jacob Frey
Born: 20 September 1842
Died:

Adam Joseph Frey
Born: 27 December 1845
Died: 29 December 1845

Maria Justina Frey
Born: 24 March 1847
Married: 11 June 1867
Died: 14 October 1867

m Joseph Peikert
Born:
Parents: Joseph Peikert/Theresa Velcel
Died:

Joannes Frey
Born: 25 October 1849
Married: 5 May 1874
Died: 24 March 1922

m Eva Weigel
Born:
Parents: Anton Weigelt/Barbara Schmitt
Died:

PETER FREY III & MARIA BARLING FAMILY

HUSBAND

Peter Frey III

Married: June 1855

1st marriage: Maria Justina Braden

WIFE

Maria Barling

Born: ca. 1819

Parents: Henry Barling & Marie Elizabeth Openhausen

Died: 30 November 1879

CHILDREN

Anna Maria Frey

Born: 1 July 1853 (adopted by Peter Frey?)

Died:

ANTON BRADEN & ANNA MARGARET BRADEN FAMILY

HUSBAND

Anton Braden
 Born: 26 April 1815, Budesheim
 Married: 30 April 1842, Budesheim
 Parents: Johannes Braden & Catherine Deutsch
 Died: 5 June 1898, Colorado Co., Texas
 2nd marriage: Anna Herring

WIFE

Anna Margaret Braden
 Born: 4 April 1816, Budesheim
 Parents: George Braden & Anna Margaret Epenetter
 Died: before 1853, Texas

CHILDREN

Adam Braden
 Born: 2 February 1843
 Married: 8 August 1876
 Died: 24 Dec 1922

m Mathilda Margaritha Mayer
 Born: 25 June 1843
 Parents: Laurent Mayer/Sophia Braden
 Died: 2 April 1939

Johanna Margaret Braden
 Born: 13 May 1844
 Married: 1 December 1862
 Died:

m Joannes Ritter
 Born:
 Parents: Adam Ritter/Eva ?
 Died: 5 November 1882

Married: 21 July 1887

m Edward Weishuhn
 Born:
 Parents: Ernest Weishuhn/Meta Sommer
 Died:

Johan Baptiste Braden
 Born: 26 May 1846
 Married: 13 January 1874
 Died: 30 Jan 1933

m Maria Wink
 Born: 9 February 1855
 Parents: Ludovicus Wink/Frances Vetter
 Died: 1878

Married: 18 November 1879

Mary
 m Elisabeth^{Mary}Witte
 Born: 2 Feb 1857
 Parents: Edward Witte/Theresia Watz
 Died: 27 Oct 1943

Joseph Braden
 Born: 19 January 1849
 Married: 30 August 1876
 Died: 7 January 1924

m Frances Belsung
 Born:
 Parents: Carl Belsung/Elisabeth Weigel
 Died:

Maria?
 Helen (Magdalena) Braden
 Born: 1850 8 Apr 1851
 Married: 20 June 1876
 Died: 16 Aug 1896

m Philip Kraus
 Born:
 Parents: Karoli Kraus/Catharine Imhoffer
 Died:

ANTON BRADEN & ANNA HERRING FAMILY

HUSBAND

Anton Braden

Married: 1853

1st marriage: Anna Margaret Braden

WIFE

Anna Herring

Born:

Parents:

Died:

1st marriage: Laurent Reitz (passenger lists indicate Laurent & Anna Reitz were from Hausen, Germany, and went to Comal Co., Texas in 1846)

CHILDREN

Elisabeth Braden

Born: 13 December 1853

Died:

Anna Catharine Braden

Born: 28 July 1857

Married: 17 April 1877

Died: 25 February 1895

m Francis Conrad Wink

Born:

Parents: Conrad Wink/Cath. Nefferdorf

Died:

ADAM BRADEN & ELISABETH WIRZELHAHN FAMILY

HUSBAND

Adam Braden

Born: 17 April 1819, Budesheim

Parents: George Braden/Anna M. Epeneter

Married: 26 October 1845, Budesheim

Died: 10 October 1884, Colorado Co., Texas

2nd marriage: Frances Vetter/Fetter

WIFE

Elisabeth Wirzelhahn (Warzelhahan, Wurzelhahn)

Born: 22 August 1818, Ockenheim

Parents: Francis Warzelhahn/Margaretha Haas

Died: ca. 1852/1853

CHILDREN

John Baptiste Braden

Born: 19 August 1846

Married: 30 October 1871

Died: 25 October 1888

m Elisabeth Burtschell

Born: 25 February 1853

Parents: Frank Burtschell/Anna M. Maerz

Died: 17 March 1880

Married: 18 October 1880

Maria Belsung/Belzung

Born:

Parents: Carl Belzung/Elis. Weigel

Died:

Frances Braden

Born: 4 December 1848

Married: 30 October 1871

Died:

m Henry Reitz

Born:

Parents: Lorenti Reitz/Anna Hehring

Died:

Peter Braden

Born: 10 November 1849

Married: 24 November 1873

Died:

m Sophia Burtschell

Born: 5 January 1854

Parents: Anton Burtschell/Wil. Beimer

Died: 19 June 1936

Jacob Braden

Born: 11 November 1852

Married: 27 November 1877

Died:

m Augusta Heiman

Born: 19 Jan 1861

Parents: Anton Heiman/Otillie Burtschell

Died: December 1879

Married: 24 November 1880

m Marie Quinn

Born:

Parents: Michael Quinn/Anna Coleman

Died:

ADAM BRADEN & FRANCES VETTER FAMILY

HUSBAND

Adam Braden

Married: 26 December 1854

1st marriage: Elizabeth Wirzelhahn

WIFE

Frances Vetter/Fetter

Born: 1820, Dromersheim, Hesse, Germany

Parents: Joseph Vetter/Anna Maria Kipler

Died: 19 June 1893, Colorado Co., Texas

1st marriage: 1845, to Ludovicus Wink,
son of Caspar Wink/Antonetta Zimmershitt

CHILDREN

Josephine Braden

Born: 2 June 1856

Married: 16 November 1875

Died:

m Anton Burtschell

Born: 5 January 1852

Parents: Frank Burtschell/Anna M. Maerz

Died: 4 December 1914

Elisabeth Braden

Born: 1858

Married:

Died: 25 November 1878

m Samuel McBride

Born:

Parents: Samuel McBride/Theresa Schmitt

Died:

George Braden

Born: 10 May 1859

Married: 19 February 1884

Died:

m Louisa Schmitt

Born:

Parents: Henry Schmitt/Josephine Ludwig

Died:

Eduard Braden

Born: 10 May 1859

Married: 16 January 1883

Died:

m Frances Doree

Born:

Parents: Jacob Doree/Elisabeth Molitor

Died:

Joseph Braden

Born: 27 May 1863

Married: 18 November 1884

Died:

m Elisabeth Maerz

Born: 6 December 1863

Parents: Jacob Maerz/Caroline Schuetterle

Died:

JOHAN BAPTISTE BRADEN & MARGARETHE MAERZ

HUSBAND

Johan Baptiste Braden
Born: 10 October 1821, Bingen
Parents: George Braden/Margaret Epenetter
Married: 19 April 1852
Died: 12 August 1907
2nd marriage: Julia Pieper
3rd marriage: Maria T. Schmitt

WIFE

Margarethe Maerz
Born: February 1834, Bingen
Parents: Peter Maerz/Catherine Birot
Died: by 1857

NO CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

JOHN BAPTISTE BRADEN & JULIA PIEPER FAMILY

HUSBAND

John Baptiste Braden
Married: 28 May 1857
1st marriage: Margarethe Maerz
3rd marriage: Maria T. Schmitt

WIFE

Julia Pieper
Born: 1840
Parents: Peter Pieper & Elisabeth Kotter
Died: 22 May 1871

CHILDREN

John Baptiste Braden, Jr.
Born: 3 May 1858
Married: 18 January 1881
Died: 5 March 1923

m Magdalena Gunther
Born: 19 January 1859
Parents: John Gunther/Barbara Schmitt
Died: 25 February 1928

Elisabeth Braden
Born: 29 April 1860
Married: 21 November 1878
Died:

m Frederic Bertrand
Born:
Parents: Michael Bertrand/Helena Kraus
Died:

Anna Braden
Born: 26 November 1862
Married: 23 November 1885
Died:

m George Herring
Born:
Parents: Joannes Herring/Elisabeth Host
Died:

George Joseph Braden
Born: 10 September 1865
Married: 27 October 1891
Died: 31 January 1953

m Cecelia Weigelt
Born: 24 December 1870
Parents: Johann Weigelt/Margarethe Wendel
Died: 27 January 1958

Adolph Braden
Born: 23 December 1867
Married: 3 October 1895
Died:

m Anna Doree
Born: 10 August 1875
Parents: Jacob Doree/Anna Moeller
Died:

Frances Braden
Born: 7 December 1869
Married: 12 February 1890
Died: 8 August 1962

m Edward Franz
Born: 20 April 1866
Parents: Fred. Franz/Catherine Braden
Died: 9 November 1951

JOHN BAPTIST BRADEN & MARIA THERESA SCHMITT

HUSBAND

John Baptiste Braden
Married: 26 September 1872
1st marriage: Margarethe Maerz
2nd marriage: Julia Pieper

WIFE

Maria Theresa Schmitt
Born: 21 January 1827
Parents: Johan Schmitt III/Anna M. Ruder
Died: 10 October 1910
1st marriage: Samuel McBride, December 1847

NO CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

All brothers and sisters of Anna Maria Braden came to Texas between 1846-1848. However, there is no evidence that she and her husband Michael May came over unless they came after 1859, according to research done by Jeane Bitterly. Two of their children did come to Texas and settled in the Mentz community where they later married. Only those two children are listed for this record.

MICHAEL MAY & ANNA MARIA BRADEN FAMILY

HUSBAND

Michael May/Mai
Born: 1820
Parents: Caspar May/Margaretha Schmitt
Married: 2 February 1847, Budesheim
Died:

WIFE

Anna Maria Braden
Born: 20 May 1824, Budesheim
Parents: George Braden/Anna Margaret Epeneter
Died:

CHILDREN

Caspar May
Born: 5 April 1853
Married: 25 November 1873
Died: 17 May 1913

m Anna Maria Wendel
Born: 15 May 1852
Parents: John Wendel/Christina Damm
Died: 18 December 1901

Michael William May
Born: 1861
Married: 11 January 1886
Died:

m Christina Wendel
Born:
Parents: ?/Maria Wendel
Died:

PETER JACOB WENDEL & BARBARA BRADEN FAMILY

HUSBAND

Peter Jacob Wendel

Born: 16 January 1823, Budesheim

Married: 7 January 1851, Colorado Co., Texas

Parents: Jacob Wendel & Catharine Margaret Mayer

Died: 14 August 1887, Colorado Co., Texas

WIFE

Barbara Braden

Born: 15 January 1827, Budesheim

Parents: George Braden & Anna Margaret Epenetter

Died: 20 October 1914, Colorado Co., Texas

CHILDREN

Peter Wendel

Born: 13 November 1852

Died:

John B. Wendel

Born: 28 July 1854

Married: 6 November 1876

Died: 19 January 1893

m Josephine Elimara Stock

Born: 24 July 1854

Parents: August Stock/Elenora Watz

Died: 29 February 1948

Catharine Margaret Wendel

Born: 18 November 1855

Married: 26 October 1875

Died: 13 March 1896

m Martin Litzler

Born: 14 November 1842

Parents: John Litzler/Margaret Hall

Died: 25 December 1911

George Wendel

Born: 25 September 1857

Married: 7 January 1879

Died: 31 March 1936

m Elisabeth Schuetterle

Born: 15 December 1861

Parents: Richard Schuetterle/Elis. Maerz

Died: 1939

Anna Maria Wendel

Born: 17 June 1859

Married: 19 July 1881

Died: 19 October 1945

m Conrad Watz

Born: 23 March 1854

Parents: Henry Watz/Veronica Sinsel

Died: 30 January 1909

Married: 8 September 1913

m Frederick "Fritz" Bertrand

Born: January 1849

Parents:

Died: 29 December 1929

John Joseph Wendel

Born: 15 September 1861

Died: 8 January 1886

Frank Wendel

Born: 15 September 1861

Married: 24 November 1885

Died: 25 June 1948

m Bertha Meismer

Born: 4 November 1864

Parents: Adam Meismer/Maria Jarisch

Died: 18 November 1953

Adolph Wendel
Born: 8 June 1863
Married: 21 October 1886
Died: 23 December 1936

m Emma Maria Engbrock
Born: 17 September 1867
Parents: Wm. Engbrock/Barbara Braden
Died: 20 May 1942

Adam Wendel
Born: 4 July 1865
Married: 11 October 1887
Died: 13 November 1947

m Maria Wellen
Born: 6 February 1865
Parents: John B. Wellen/Anna M. Rensing
Died: 18 November 1913

Jacob Wendel
Born: 4 July 1865
Died: 4 November 1881

Frances Wendel
Born: 5 June 1867
Married: 24 November 1885
Died: 12 July 1917

m Joseph Meisner
Born: 22 July 1862
Parents: Adam Meisner/Maria Jarisch
Died: 19 April 1934

Henry Wendel
Born: 28 October 1871
Married: 12 August 1891
Died: 23 February 1938

m Katherine Langer
Born: 10 November 1869
Parents:
Died: 13 July 1925

Nancy Wendel Routh, originally of Louise, Texas, has compiled a complete record of all Peter Jacob Wendel and Barbara Braden descendants. She included individual and family histories and photographs.

ANDREAS BRADEN & CATHERINE SCHMITT FAMILY

HUSBAND

Andreas Braden

Born: 11 December 1809, Budesheim

Parents: Johannes Braden & Catherine Deutsch

Married: 14 June 1834, Budesheim

Died: 24 October 1890, Bernardo Prairie

2nd marriage: 17 August 1869 to Elizabeth Reinhardt Schemmer

WIFE

Catherine Schmitt

Born: 3 April 1812, Sponsheim

Died: 5 November 1868, Colorado Co., Texas

CHILDREN

Anton Braden

Born: 21 March 1835

Married: 10 January 1860

Died:

m Marguerite Becker

Born: ca. 1834

Parents: Adam Becker/Josephine Dhiel

Died:

Catherine Braden

Born: 16 June 1836

Married: 4 February 1857

Died: ca. 1915

m Frederick Frantz

Born: 14 March 1826

Parents: Frank Frantz/Christiana ?

Died: 31 January 1907

Andreas Braden, Jr.

Born: 30 July 1838

Married: 19 January 1866

Died: 2 November 1910

m Pauline Glueck

Born: 15 January 1847

Parents: Frank Glueck/Ludwina Koy

Died: 27 July 1931

Gertrude Braden

Born: 20 July 1840

Married: 18 May 1856

Died: 26 November 1912

m Joseph Burtschell

Born: 10 May 1833

Parents: Lucas Burtschell/Eliz. Laux

Died: 6 September 1888

Married: 4 November 1892

m Joseph Wagner

Born: Nov 1835

Parents:

Died:

Eve Cathrine Braden

Born: 11 March 1842

Married: 9 January 1866

Died: 7 December 1928

m Placide Heller

Born: 22 September 1840

Parents: Placido Heller/Magdalena Cromer

Died: 6 November 1926

Margarita Braden

Born: 17 April 1844

Married: 5 November 1864

Died: 9 April 1889

m Robert Dehnisch

Born: 31 March 1819

Parents: Carl Dehnisch/Josephine Tippel

Died: 2 January 1892

Edward Braden
Baptized: 22 July 1845
Died: 26 July 1845

Anna Maria Braden
Baptized: 6 June 1846
Married: 14 January 1866
Died:

Barbara Braden
Born: 28 August 1848
Married: 19 January 1867
Died: 5 June 1930

Johanna Braden
Born: 6 February 1850
Married: 25 August 1868
Died: 6 June 1933

Elizabeth Braden
Born: 24 July 1851
Married: 11 October 1870
Died: 15 February 1905

Married: 22 October 1894

Conrad Braden
Born: 25 June 1854
Married: 9 January 1877
Died: 1921

Sophia Braden
Born: 29 February 1856
Married: 3 October 1876
Died:

Married: 22 August 1887

Jacob Braden
Born: 27 April 1857
Married: 9 January 1877
Died: 2 August 1933

Josephine Braden
Born: 1 May 1858
Died: 15 October 1868

m Clements Thanhuser
Born: ca. 1844
Parents: Aug. Thanhuser/Elis. Lagnit
Died:

m William John Engbrock
Born: 9 February 1840
Parents: Michael Engbrock/Marie Mayer
Died: 3 April 1934

m Ronald Hoffman
Born:
Parents: Joseph Hoffman/Johanna Hirtz?
Died: by 6 June 1933

m Joseph Brod
Born: 6 July 1850
Parents: Jacob Brod/Josephine Burtschell
Died: 2 January 1890

m William Goeke
Born:
Parents:
Died:

m Wilhelmina Hennecke
Born: 6 February 1857
Parents: Jos. Hennecke/Kath. Burtschell
Died: 20 Feb 1940

m Edward Burger
Born:
Parents:
Died: by 22 August 1887

m Alexius Thanhuser
Born:
Parents: August Thanhuser/Elis. Lagnit
Died:
1st marriage: Cath. Frances Wink, 1869

m Elizabeth Hennecke
Born: 13 April 1860
Parents: Jos. Hennecke/Kath. Burtschell
Died: 31 October 1830

PETER MAERZ & KATHARINE BIROT FAMILY

HUSBAND

Peter Maerz
Born: ca. 1803, Budesheim
Parents: Jacob Marz & Katharina Nachitigall
Married:
Died: 5 February 1873

WIFE

Katharine Birot
Born:
Parents:
Died:

CHILDREN

Anna Maria Maerz
Born: 11 July 1832
Married: 30 September 1850
Died: 11 September 1910

m Frank Burtschell
Born: 29 December 1824
Parents: Lucas Burtschell/Eliz. Laux
Died: 29 July 1893

Margaretha Maerz
Born: ca. 1834
Married: 19 April 1852
Died: by 1857

m John Braden
Born: 10 October 1821
Parents: Geo. Braden/Marg. Epenetter
Died: 12 August 1907
2nd marriage: Julia Pieper
3rd marriage: Maria Schmitt

Jacob Maerz
Born: ca. 1835
Married: 11 October 1858
Died: 24 October 1902

m Caroline Schude/Schutte/Schitte
Born:
Parents:
Died: February 1864

Married: 24 April 1865

m Rosina Wendel
Born: 28 June 1845
Parents: John Wendel/Christina Damm
Died: 6 July 1881

Married: 14 February 1882

m Anna Carolina Seifert
Born:
Parents: Jos. Seifert/Anna M. Deshkie
Died:

Ottilia (Matilda?) Maerz
Born: ca. 1840
Married: 11 October 1858
Died: December 1863

m Henry Schude/Schitte
Born:
Parents:
Died:

Elisabeth Maerz
Born: ca. 1843
Died:

Note: Two men with the name of Ludovicus Wink were heads of households during the same period of time in Colorado County. According to the research in the Budesheim records by Jeane Bitterly, the two men were cousins and evidently both named for an uncle.

LUDOVICUS WINK & MARIA FRANCES VETTER FAMILY

HUSBAND

Ludovicus Wink
Born: 28 March 1819, Budesheim
Parents: Caspar Wink & Antonetta Zimmerschatt
Married: 12 October 1845
Died: 1854, Texas

WIFE

Maria Frances Vetter/Fetter
Born: 1820, Dromersheim, Hesse
Parents: George Vetter & Anna Maria Gisler
Died: 19 June 1893
2nd marriage: Adam Braden, 26 December 1854

CHILDREN

Catharine Frances Wink
Born: 26 February 1847
Married: 26 January 1869
Died: 19 March 1873

m Alex Thanheiser
Born:
Parents: August Thanheiser/Elis. Lagnit
Died:
2nd marriage: Sophia Braden, 1887

Frederic Adolph Wink
Born: 27 March 1849
Died: 1 July 1869

Anna Maria Wink
Born: 9 February 1855
Married: 13 January 1874
Died:

m Johannes Braden
Born: 26 May 1846
Parents: Anton Braden/Margaret Braden
Died:
2nd marriage: Elis. Witte, 1879

LUDOVICUS WINK & CATHARINE MAYER FAMILY

HUSBAND

Ludovicus Wink
Born: 29 March 1827, Budesheim
Parents: Henri Wink & Constantia Braden
Married: 2 July 1848, Budesheim
Died: between 1860-1869, Texas

WIFE

Catharine Mayer
Born: 20 April 1828, Budesheim
Parents: George Mayer & Antonetta Zimmerschitt
Died:

CHILDREN

Margareta Wink
Born: 18 September 1851, Frelsburg
Married:
Died:

William Wink
Born: 22 August 1853, Frelsburg
Married:
Died:

Henry Wink
Born: 9 November 1855, Frelsburg
Married:
Died:

Elisabeth Wink
Born: 3 April 1859, Frelsburg
Married:
Died:

Maria Wink
Born: 21 April 1860, Frelsburg
Married:
Died:

Cecelia Holzman Wink
Born: 20 October 1869, Colorado Co.
Married:
Died:

Note: This child was born of a second marriage by Catharine Mayer to William Holzman after the death of Ludovicus, That marriage was later annulled.

JOHANN WINK & ANTONETTA FREY FAMILY

HUSBAND

Johann Wink
Born: 1 April 1807
Parents: Caspar Wink & Joanna Bruck
Married: 20 August 1836
Died:

WIFE

Antonetta (Nettie) Frey
Born: 8 February 1813
Parents:
Died: 24 August 1892

CHILDREN

Annie Marie (Nancy?) Wink
Born: ca. 1838
Married: 12 February 1856
Died:

m Gerard Willman
Born:
Parents: Theodore Willman/Helena Kuhn
Died:

Rosina Wink
Born: ca. 1842
Married: 28 May 1860
Died:

m Max ?Kuhn
Born:
Parents: Sebastian Kuhn/Catherine ?
Died:

Johann Peter Wink
Born: ca. 1847
Died: by 1850?

Ludovicus Wink
Born: ca. 1850
Married: 24 June 1872
Died: 9 July 1934

m Maria Doree
Born: ca. 1851
Parents: Jacob Doree/Elis. Molitor
Died: 15 January 1929

Anna Maria Francisca Wink
Born: 6 March 1854
Died: 6 May 1873

ADAM LAMBI & MARGARETHA WINK FAMILY

HUSBAND

Adam Lambi

Born: ca. 1825, Budesheim

Parents: Johannes Lambi & Margaretha Bruck

Married: 17 September 1848, Budesheim

Died:

WIFE

Margaretha Wink

Born: 22 February 1825, Budesheim

Parents: Henri Wink & Constantia Braden

Died: Texas

CHILDREN

Maria Elisabeth Lambi

Born: 4 January 1850, Frelsburg

Married: 22 February 1870

Died:

m Peter Etlinger

Born:

Parents: Joannes Etlinger/
Emerenciae Laakmann

Died:

Anna Maria Lambi

Born: 4 May 1851, Frelsburg

Married: 27 October 1873

Died: 9 February 1908

m Nicolas Brod

Born: 19 February 1852

Parents: Jacob Brod/Josephine Burtschell

Died:

Catherine Margaret Lambi

Born: 30 October 1852

Married: 28 October 1873

Died:

m Adam Wendel

Born: 14 March 1853

Parents: Francis Wendel/Caecilia Mayer

Died:

FRANCIS WENDEL & CAECELIA MAYER FAMILY

HUSBAND

Francis Wendel

Born: 15 January 1820, Budesheim

Parents: Jacob Wendel & Catharine Margaret Mayer

Married: 11 February 1844

Died:

WIFE

Caecelia Mayer

Born: 2 October 1821, Budesheim

Parents: George Mayer & Antonetta Zimmerschatt

Died: 28 March 1881

CHILDREN

Francis Wendel

Born: 8 January 1845

Died:

Catharine Wendel

Born: 24 August 1846

Married: 28 August 1866

Died:

m Paul Pieper

Born: 14 November 1847

Parents: Peter Pieper/Elisabeth Koetter

Died:

Margaret Wendel

Born: 27 August 1848

Married: 27 October 1868

Died: 28 March 1933

m Johann Weigelt

Born: 24 June 1844

Parents: Antone Weigelt/Barbara Schmitt

Died: 18 June 1916

Maria Magdalena Wendel

Born: 22 December 1850

Married: 23 April 1872

Died:

m Otto Henkhaus

Born:

Parents: Otto Henkhaus/Gertrude Moeller

Died:

Adam Wendel

Born: 14 March 1853

Married: 28 October 1873

Died:

m Catharine Lamby

Born: 30 October 1852

Parents: Adam Lamby/Margaretha Wink

Died:

Jacob Wendel

Born: 10 December 1854

Died: 1 June 1873

Richard Wendel

Born: 16 July 1857

Married: 29 October 1878

Died:

m Catharine Witte

Born:

Parents: Henri Witte/Theresia Watz

Died:

George Wendel

Born: 29 May 1862

Died:

Adolph Wendel
Born: 26 March 1866
Married: 27 April 1887
Died:

Married:

m Elisabeth Henkhaus
Born:
Parents: Otto Henkhaus/Elisabeth ?
Died:

m Magdalena Dore
Born:
Parents:
Died:

JOHANNES WENDEL & CHRISTINA DAMM FAMILY

HUSBAND

Johannes Wendel
Born: 15 October 1817, Budesheim
Parents: Jacob Wendel & Catharine Margaret Mayer
Married: 25 August 1844
Died: 29 January 1981, Colorado Co., Texas

WIFE

Christina Damm
Born: 3 July 1819, Neudorf, Hesse Darmstadt
Parents: Nicholas Damm & Elisabeth Valenz
Died: 15 November 1984, Colorado Co., Texas

CHILDREN

Rosina Wendel
Born: 28 June 1845
Married: 24 April 1869
Died: 6 July 1881

m Jacob Maerz
Born: 29 August 1835
Parents: Peter Maerz/Catharine Birot
Died: 24 October 1902
1st marriage: Caroline Schude
3rd marriage: Anna C. Seifert

Nicholas Wendel
Born: 7 October 1847
Died:

Catharine Clara Wendel
Born: 1849
Died: 7 January 1850

Anna Maria Wendel
Born: 15 May 1851
Married: 25 November 1873
Died:

m Caspar May/Mai
Born:
Parents: Michael May/Anna Maria Braden
Died:

Adolph Wendel
Born: 27 April 1853
Married: 20 November 1877
Died: 25 September 1930

m Maria Hennecke
Born: 13 August 1859
Parents: Conrad Hennecke/Barbara Glober
Died: 23 June 1937

Maria Magdalena Wendel
Born: 1 October 1855
Died:

William (Sowelen) Wendel
Born: baptized 16 April 1870, about 12 years old
Adopted: parents unknown, but deceased
Died:

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

Note: The two following articles are based on reminiscences of Ben Braden (now deceased), grandson of Andreas Braden, Jr. and Paulina Glueck (page 144).

How Times Changed at St. Roch Church

When I was about six years old (ca. 1912), I remember going to mass in St. Roch's Church in Mentz. It was usually very crowded in those days. The ladies sat on the left side going into the church; the men sat on the right side, and the children sat in front so Papa and Mama could keep their eyes on us.

There was a strange custom at that time. When Father started his 40-minute German sermon, some six or eight older men walked out of the church. Their excuse was that they had to look after the horses tied to some trees; sometimes the horses were too near to each other and they might start a fuss and tear up some harness. After checking on the horses, these men would gather under a shade tree and get out their pipes and have a visit. They met about once a week, and there was always some happening to discuss.

Keep in mind that in those days it was all horses and buggies. In about four or five years, the model T Fords became numerous, and very few horses were used anymore. However, these men continued to step out and have their meeting anyway. This situation lasted until Father Duda came to St. Roch's. He did not think it was necessary to have those men leave in order to watch the Fords so he went out and ordered them back into church, and that ends a custom at St. Roch's.

A Mid-summer Wedding

On July 3, 1912, the wedding ceremony of Lee Wendel and Vera Hennecke was held in St. Roch's Church in Mentz. Vera was the daughter of Uncle Jake and Aunt Mary (Braden) Hennecke (page 66). Lee was from the community of Bernardo.

Around three o'clock as we were sitting around and listening to conversations (at the Hennecke home near Mentz), we heard a very loud noise out in the woods: someone banging on iron. Uncle Jake's cattle had started to stampele when about eight or ten people came out of the woods beating sweeps and any old piece of iron, just so it was loud. Then we knew it was katzen musik or shivaree as it was called in those days. Pauline* who was about twelve had the largest sweep and really beat that thing. I am sure this noise could be heard five miles away.

Following a shivaree the noise makers were usually treated to a beer or whatever was being served at the time.

*Pauline Hennecke (Treybig), the mother of the compiler of this history

COMMENTARY

The following three pages include information about three killings involving Burtschells: killing of J. B. (Jake) Burtschell by Tuck Hoover, the killing of Tuck Hoover by Jim Coleman, and the killing of Max Theumann by Henry Burtschell. Except for a few additional comments, the information in the news articles is all that is known at the present time about the killings. There has been no further search in court records or newspapers of the time.

Jake Burtschell and Henry Burtschell were both sons of Frank Burtschell and Anna Maerz.

Anton Burtschell (son of Lucas) was step-grandfather of Mrs. Max Theuman.

Henry Burtschell's brother Adam was married to Mary Theuman, sister of Max Theuman.

Henry Burtschell (son of Lucas, uncle of Jake) was married to Annie Hoover, sister of Tuck Hoover.

Jim Coleman was later shot to death himself. (1909?)

FROM WEIMAR MERCURY 5 MAY 1894

A CONSTABLE KILLED

The Third Case in Colorado County--
The Slayer Surrenders

[News Special.]

Columbus, Tex., April 30 -- J. B. Burttschell, constable at Alleyton, three miles east of this place, was shot and instantly killed about 8 o'clock this morning by Tuck Hoover. The news of the tragedy was brought to town by the defendant himself, who galloped up to the jail with two pistols in his hands and gave himself up to Sheriff Townsend and Marshal Reese.

The facts developed upon the inquest were that Burttschell was sitting in his saloon, unarmed, when the defendant rode up, dismounted and walked in with a cocked revolver in his hand. As he entered the door he presented the pistol at Burttschell and said: "Jake, I understand you have threatened to kill me," and instantly fired, the ball passing through or near the heart.

As Burttschell fell Hoover fired again, and then turned and presented the pistol at W. H. Dubose, Burttschell's clerk, who was in the house. He then backed out of the door, keeping Dubose covered with his pistol until he got outside. He then mounted his horse, and as he rode by the door, fired upon Burttschell again, who was down upon the floor in his death struggles.

Both of the parties were reared here.

Burttschell was about 34 years of age, and leaves a wife and several children.

Hoover is also a man of family, about 40 years of age, and has been considered a quiet and peaceable citizen. The only difficulty he has ever been engaged in before was about six years ago, with Milam Sparks, in which both men were shot and seriously wounded. Milam Sparks is a brother of James and Milton Sparks who were shot at the Central depot in Houston.

This is the third constable of this county that has been killed this year. The other two were A. M. Townsend of Weimar, who was killed by desperado Braddock, and D. I. Sutton, who was killed in Houston.

FROM SHINER GAZETTE 20 FEBRUARY 1896

News was received here yesterday of the killing of Tuck Hoover by James Coleman, which took place yesterday morning in Neal's grocery store at Alleyton, a village three miles from Columbus.

It seems that Hoover was standing inside of the store when Coleman entered through a side door and commenced shooting at Hoover. Two of the shots took effect and Hoover fell to the ground and died in a few minutes. Coleman was arrested by Constable Ottis Finney and taken to Columbus, where he was placed in jail.

The trouble grew out of a difficulty between Hoover and Jake Burttschel at the same place about two years ago, in which Hoover killed Burttschel and for which an indictment is still pending against him. Coleman was a brother-in-law of Burttschell and a bitter feeling has existed between the parties since Burttschell was killed. The deceased was a single man about 30 years of age. (? This statement is not consistent with the information in the article about the Burttschell killing and the following article.)

FROM WEIMAR MERCURY 22 FEBRUARY 1896

Tuck Hoover Killed

Columbus, Tex., Feb. 17 -- Tuck Hoover was killed this afternoon at Alleyton. It appears that deceased and his wife were in the store of W. F. Neal trading, when the fatal shots were fired, which came from a back room adjoining the store. Two shots were fired, one load of buckshot, eleven out of twelve taking effect. The other load was small shot, which entered his back as he fell. The deceased had his Winchester rifle by his side, but did not use it. The deceased was the slayer of Jake Burttschell, which occurred in Alleyton about two years ago. He was tried in the district court here and received a sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary. The case was reversed and a new trial granted. He was about 47 years old and leaves a family.

Jim Coleman is a young man about 21 years old and is a brother-in-law to Jake Burttschell. These two killings occurred about 30 feet apart.

The defendant came to Columbus and gave himself up to Sheriff Reese. News Special.

Eagle Lake Headlight

City Editor and Prop.

"NOTHING EXTENUATE, NOR SET DOWN AUGHT IN MALICE."

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EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS, SATURDAY MARCH 19, 1910.

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Headlight Flashes

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST GATHERED AND CONDENSED BY THE HEADLIGHT REPORTER

paper will at any time be glad to have its readers tell the Editor by phone the office—telephone No. 88—of any personal or item of news they may know that same may be printed among locals

Stoermer's meal is IF: Ring 152 for Stoermer's corn meal and chops.

Mrs Gus Schmit left Monday for a visit to San Antonio.

Use Stoermer's meal. It's fresh and clean.

Mrs. S. S. Lott left Saturday for a few days' visit to Columbus.

All dealers handle Stoermer's meal. Try it.

Miss Josie Burttschell visited relatives in Rock Island the first of the week.

CORN FOR SALE—Good corn, 75c at barn or 80c delivered. W. J. WRIGHT.

Mrs. J. M. Callison left Monday afternoon for a few days' visit to relatives in Houston.

OKLAHOMA (101 Ranch) Seed Corn For Sale. Apply to P. T. GORDON.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Lowrey spent Sunday with relatives in Glen Flora.

We have a couple of new Aspinwall potato planters for sale. ENGELHARD BROS.

Mr. J. O. Cooper was a business visitor to Columbus Monday.

The Best Groceries—because they are always Fresh, at Burttschell & Kotzebue's.

Mr. C. R. Barbe was among the week end visitors to Houston last Saturday.

EGGS FOR SETTING—S. O.

MAX THEUMANN KILLED. Henry Burttschell Surrendered to City Marshal Vineyard.

Shortly after five o'clock Monday afternoon, Max Theumann received two charges of BB shot from a shotgun, about twenty of the shot taking effect, ranging from the head to the thigh, the bulk of the shot striking in the right side. Death resulted about one hour later. From the best accounts obtainable, Theumann was sitting in the front door of Brosig's saloon when his assailant fired the two shots from the front of A. L. Baring's saddlery and harness store, which is diagonally across the street from the saloon. Many of the shot stuck in the front wall of the building, to the left of the door and several crashed through the left front window, which is only a short distance from the door.

After receiving the two charges of shot Theumann walked behind the bar and out of the saloon through the rear door, falling in the closet behind the saloon, a distance of a hundred and twenty-five or thirty feet from where he was shot.

Immediately after the shooting Henry Burttschell surrendered to City Marshal H. S. Vineyard, handing over to him a shot-

gun and a pistol. The pistol was a double barreled one and of an old time model. A butcher knife was found on Theumann when his wounds were being examined. The trouble is the outcome of an old feud, which has existed for many years, and was not wholly unexpected. Mr. Theumann was about forty years old and leaves a wife and seven children. He lived at Lakeside, about one mile from here, where he moved from Nedra about two years ago, and has been engaged in rice planting. Mr. Burttschell is about forty-eight or fifty years old and is also a man of family. He lives on his farm near Alleyton, about eight miles from Eagle Lake, and is a planter and extensive land owner. He is well known throughout the county and has always borne a good reputation.

The funeral of Mr. Theumann was held at his home at Lakeside Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock with interment in the Lakeside cemetery, Rev. Mr. Tracy, the Methodist minister, conducting the services.

RICE STRAW FOR SALE—At my farm about four miles from Chesterville, between Chesterville and Nottawa.

PETE SEGELQUIST, Chesterville, Texas.

Save Money on Enamel Ware, Tin, Tinned, and Vanized ware, Wire goods, cooking utensils of all kinds, as well as table cutlery: knives, scissors, and a great many other things you need—but we can show you better than we can tell. We have a complete line of oil and gasoline stoves and you will not only get the best prices right—but just what you want. We have a complete line of refrigerators, lawn mowers, hose, garden tools, etc. In all its groceries, there are no better prices than you will find on our shelves.

Casford Grocer & Hardware Elsewhere in this paper will be found advertisements for the sale of household goods. Mr. Herbert D. Hurd, who is to be held at his home on Monday, March 28th. W. T. Chas. Adams, clerk of the sale and Adams auctioneer.

There's always something missing without I. W. Whiskey. It's so old and so extensively used everywhere we should find it here along without it. Sold by Welford.

Examine that seed Stoermer's.

To Our Customers and Friends:

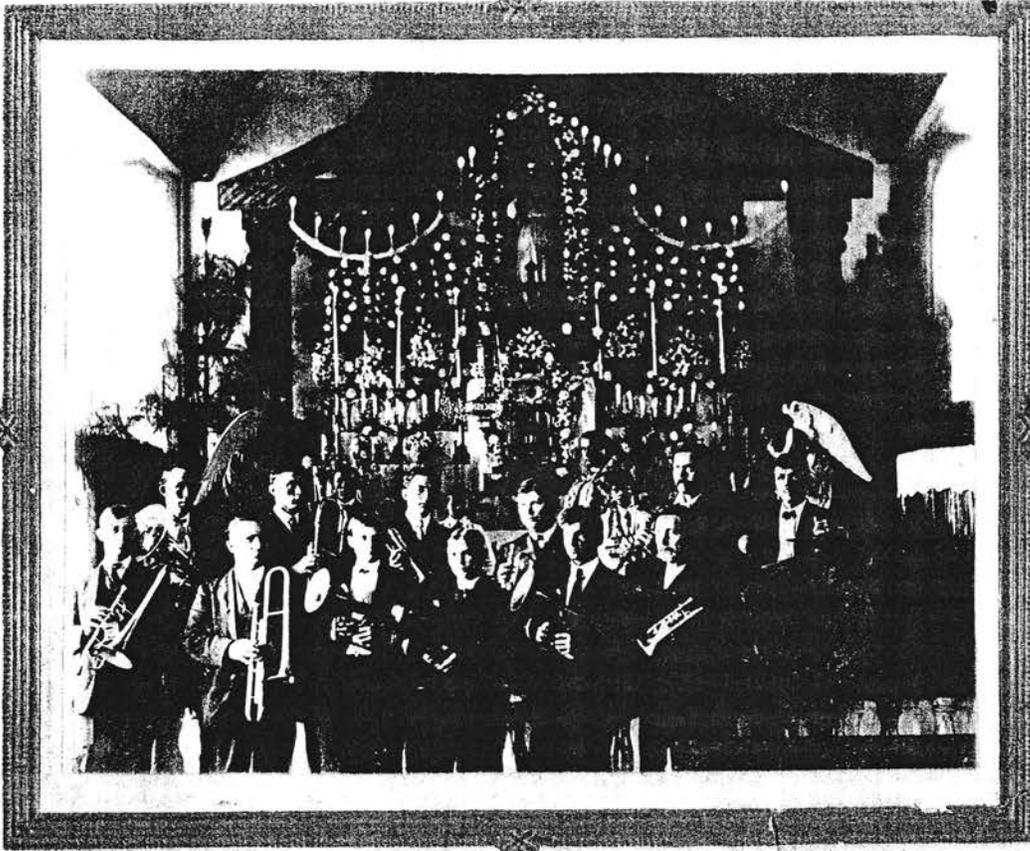
Having increased our CAPITAL and SURPLUS to \$85,000, we are now in a position to handle your banking business in every detail and will appreciate your patronage.

We have further insured our success by adding to our stockholders some of the strongest financial men in the state, the combined worth of which will exceed that of any other bank in Colorado County.

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We Pay FOUR Per Cent INTEREST on Time Deposits.

MENTZ BAND



According to Lois Neuendorff Didner, the owner of the photograph, the band was also called the Burtschell Band. Lois is a descendant of Peter Nelson and Katherine Burtschell. Her grandfather was Anton Nelson. "I assume the man on the far right is my father (John Neuendorff, husband of Henrietta 'Hattie' Nelson). I know he played the drums. First row - fourth from left is Willie Nelson. Back row - second from left is Jake Nelson. The picture was taken in the old church in Mentz. I guess there was a lot of musical talent in the Burtschell family."

S U R N A M E I N D E X

This index is an attempt (without computer) to help the researcher locate all surnames which are included on the various family charts and other lists. Some additional names may be found in the narratives. The index does not include the names found in the Miscellaneous section since this section will have additions as new information is located.

The Burtschell name is not included; refer to the Table of Contents for those family charts. The page numbers for family names and maiden names of spouses found in the section "Other Budesheimers" may or may not be included. That information can be found on the division page for that section (xx). Refer to the listing on the other division pages for additional references.

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