

June, 1988- according to new information found this past year, some of the dates in this article are ^{not true} ~~Ludwig Family~~

¹⁸⁰⁹
Christopher Ludwig, born in 1805, and his wife left Hessin, Germany in September 1845, with three boys and one girl. According to one source, Josephine and John Richard were twins. ^{born 8/22/35 ?} The twins were born June 8, 1835, ¹⁸³⁷ Christopher, Jr. was born in 1840, and ^{4/24-1841} Conrad was born in 1844 in Nason, Germany. The family was among 300 immigrants on the ship, which was so crowded they had to sleep sitting up. They were locked in their cabin for three days while crossing the English Channel, where a storm was encountered. Disease was wide spread aboard ship and some were buried at sea. In an attempt to fumigate the ship with tar pots, a fire was started when one of the burning pots was dropped. It was extinguished and a near tragedy was averted.

Their new home was established at Old Town, near Indianola, after 160 days at sea. A year or so later, Christopher Ludwig died of cholera. It is believed that Mrs. Ludwig, Catharin, ^{Weber} remarried and lived in Victoria, where she died on October 6, 1896, and is buried in the Old Catholic Cemetery there. It is presumed that she married a Mr. Shook, although Shook could have been her maiden name.

Little is known about the three boys. One older descendant remembers "Uncle Dick" and "Uncle Coon" visiting the family in Port Lavaca occasionally, and that two of the boys fought for the South and one for the North in the Civil War. It is thought that none of them ever married.

^{Captain}
Josephine married Henry Smith in the Spring of 1851 on Matagorda Island. The couple had sixteen children, ten of whom lived to

adulthood. The family lived in or near Indianola until after the 1886 storm, when they moved to Port Lavaca. Most of the children married and lived in the area, but two children, Josephine Walker lived in San Antonio and John P. ^{← Opa} Smith lived in Sequin. They were a devoted family who enjoyed reunions and their visits with each other, as told by their children and grandchildren, as well as seen in letters and notes to each other that have been preserved through the years.

LUDWIG-WEBER continued

1850 Census Mortality Indianola, Texas, these entries were found:

) Alevustus Ludwick 6/12, male, Texas, May, fever, 8 days

Helena Ludwick, 6, male? female, Texas, February, fever 6 days

LUDWIG - WEBER

Christopher Ludwig-----born: Mar. 15, 1807, Keidrich, Germany
 (father- Christoph Ludwig married: Katarina Weber, April 14, 1833,
 mother- Anttoni) (Diocese of Limburg) Keidrich, Germany
 died: 1850, cholera, Indianola, Texas
 (1850 mortality census-Christophal Ludwick)
 buried: Indianola, Texas

Catherine?

* Katharina Weber-----born: July 8, 1805, Keidrich, Germany
 father-Jacob Weber died: October 27, 1896, Victoria, Texas,
 mother- Leib Victoria County-91 yrs., 3mos., 18 days
 (1850 census-Calhoun Co. buried: Old Catholic Cemetery, Victoria, Texas
 Maryanna Ludwick)

CHILDREN OF LUDWIG AND WEBER

Johann Ludwig-----born: August 22, 1835, Keidrich, Germany
 John Richard. ? baptized August 24, 1835, sponser-Johann
 married:

Richard was a Confederate
 Soldier, and in 1870
 worked as a drayman in
 Indianola, Texas. He and
 Conrad ran a saloon in
 Indianola, Texas

died: *Feb 21, 1862*
 buried: *Fort Craig, New Mexico*

Josephina (Josephine) Ludwig-----born: June 8, ¹⁸³⁵1834, Keidrich, Germany
 baptized June 10, 1834 ¹⁸³⁵
 married: Capt. Henry Smith, May 10, 1851,
 Matagorda Island, Texas
 died: December 28, 1912, Port Lavaca, Texas,
 Calhoun County, at 5:20 p.m.
 buried: Old Town Cemetery, Calhoun County,
 Texas

Christoph Ludwig, Jr.-----born: August 20, ⁽¹⁸⁾1837, Keidrich, Germany
 died: 1873, Federal Hospital, he was a Union
 Soldier
 buried:

Anton Ludwig-----born: October 4, 1839, Keidrich, Germany
 married:
 died:
 buried:

Conrad Ludwig-----born: April 27, 1841, Keidrich, Germany
 baptized May 16, 1841
 married:
 died: September 20, 1893, Victoria, Texas
 buried:

Helene Ludwig-----born: October 22, 1843, Keidrich, Germany
 died: Indianola, Texas, February 1850, fever
 buried: Indianola, Texas

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LASTNAME	Ludwig
FIRST	Christopher 39 in 1846
DATEBORN	1807
PLACEBORN	near Kiedrich, Germany
DATEDIED	1853
PLACEDIED	Indianola, Texas
SPOUSE	Weber, Catherine
DATEMARRY	14 Apr 1833
IMMIGRATINGCHILDREN	Josephine, Johann, Christopher, Conrad, Helena, ALEVUSTUS?
LATERCHILDREN	--
DATEARRIVE	1846
DESTINATN	Carlshaven, Texas (Indianola)
SHIP	Diamont
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LASTNAME	Ludwig
FIRST	Josephine
DATEBORN	8 Jun 1834 1835
PLACEBORN	Kiedrich, Germany
DATEDIED	28 Dec 1912
PLACEDIED	Port Lavaca, Texas
SPOUSE	Schmitt, Henry (Capt.)
DATEMARRY	10 May 1851
IMMIGRATINGCHILDREN	Henry, Christopher, Teresa, Catherine, James, Edwa
LATERCHILDREN	--
DATEARRIVE	1846 ?
DESTINATN	Carlshaven, Texas (Indianola)
SHIP	Diamont
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LASTNAME	Ludwig
FIRST	Johann
DATEBORN	22 Aug 1835
PLACEBORN	Kiedrich, Germany
DATEDIED	21 Feb 1862
PLACEDIED	Fort Craig, New Mexico
SPOUSE	--
DATEMARRY	--
IMMIGRATINGCHILDREN	--
LATERCHILDREN	--
DATEARRIVE	1846
DESTINATN	Carlshaven, Texas (Indianola)
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LASTNAME	Ludwig
FIRST	Christopher (Richard) Jr
DATEBORN	18 Aug 1837
PLACEBORN	Kiedrich, Germany
DATEDIED	--
PLACEDIED	--
SPOUSE	--
DATEMARRY	--
IMMIGRATINGCHILDREN	--
LATERCHILDREN	--
DATEARRIVE	1846
DESTINATN	Carlshaven, Texas (Indianola)
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LASTNAME	Ludwig
FIRST	Conrad
DATEBORN	24 Apr 1841
PLACEBORN	Kiedrich, Germany
DATEDIED	--
PLACEDIED	--
SPOUSE	--
DATEMARRY	--
IMMIGRATINGCHILDREN	--
LATERCHILDREN	--
DATEARRIVE	1846
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LASTNAME	Ludwig
FIRST	Helena
DATEBORN	30 Oct 1843
PLACEBORN	Kiedrich, Germany
DATEDIED	ca 1850
PLACEDIED	Indianola, Texas
SPOUSE	--
DATEMARRY	--
IMMIGRATINGCHILDREN	--
LATERCHILDREN	--
DATEARRIVE	1846
DESTINATN	Carlshaven, Texas (Indianola)
SHIP	Diamont
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