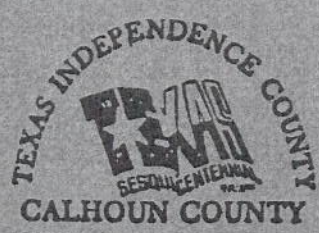
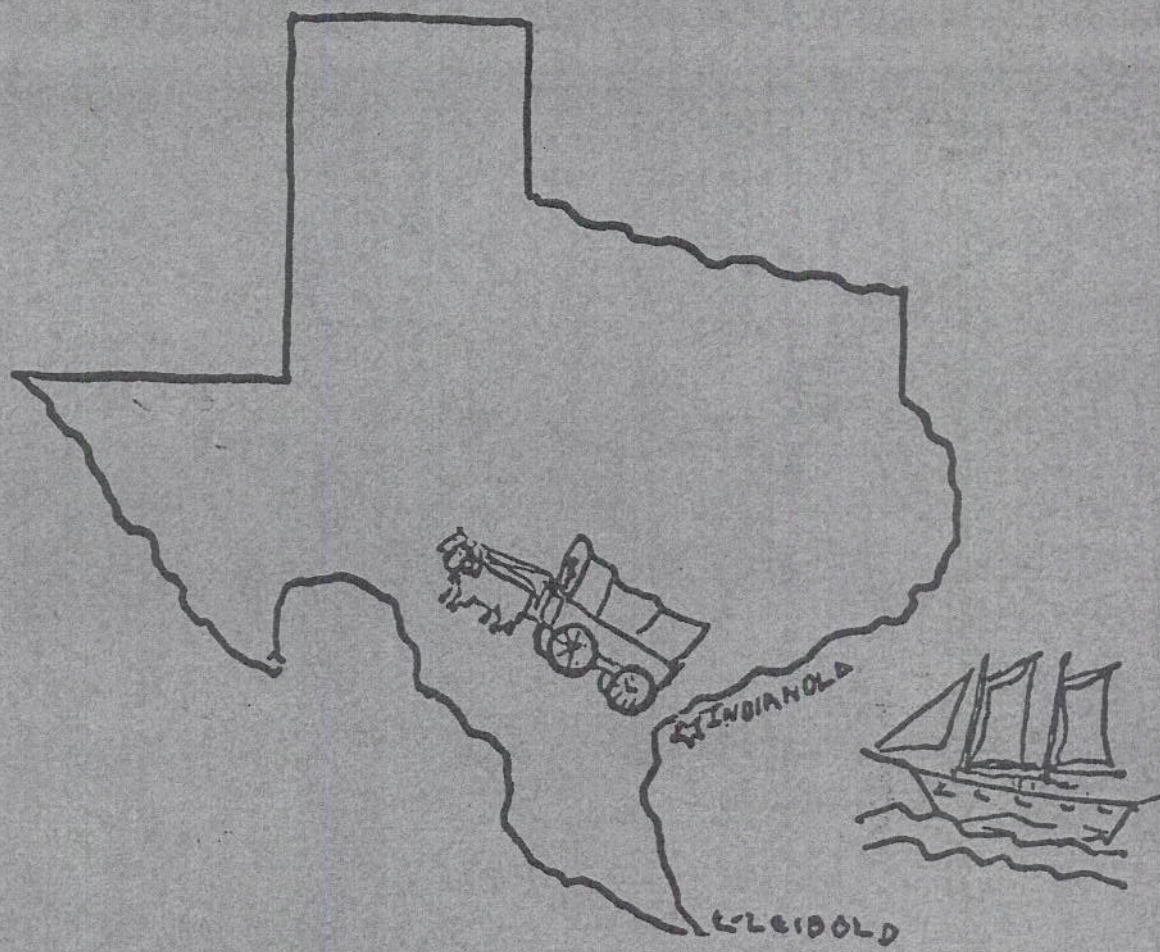


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In this sesquicentennial year, as we celebrate the 150th birthday of Texas, it is fitting to celebrate the life and times of Indianola. This year marks 100 years since the death of that old city in August 1886. As we prepare to revive a tradition originated by an organization called THE FORMER CITIZENS OF INDIANOLA AND THEIR DECENDENTS, we have gathered material in the hopes of perpetuating the memories of Indianola.

Much of the material included in this souvenir booklet came from the book of minutes of the Old Indianola Association. Miss Sophie Liebold had the book in her possession for many years then gave it to Mrs. Ella (Boyd) Roemer. Later, Mrs. Roemer presented the book to the Calhoun County Museum.

Scrapbooks belonging to Miss Rebecca Rubert and Mrs. Jewett (Thayer) Wilson were also valuable sources. The stories of the Coutret family are through the courtesy of the Coutret family and Calhoun County Museum. The various letterheads of Indianola merchants are from Florence Clark's collection.

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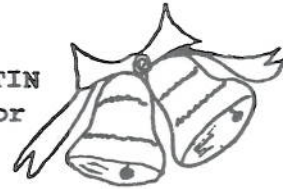


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LELIA HOWERTON SEELIGSON

Elected 'Historian for life' by the
Old Indianola Association in 1932.

MARRIAGES FROM THE INDIANOLA BULLETIN
compiled by Margaret H. Johnson for
KARANKAWA KOUNTRY QUARTERLY



18 Mar 1852; Miss Calista W. Rice of Matagorda to Major George McDuffie Reid, Attorney at Law of Clinton, Texas. Rev. Wm. Flowers performed the ceremony.

23 May 1852; by Rev. Thrall at the residence of Moses Johnson in Port Lavaca; Dr. Fretwell, late of Madison Parish, La., to Juliet Stanton of Port Lavaca.

18 Aug 1852; In Indianola, Mrs. Sophronia Hobart to John C. Cleland.

27 Aug 1852; In Oakland Settlement, Upper Navidad, at the residence of Dr. John Duff Brown, Mr. Lewis M. Mayes to Miss Emily E. Holt, step-daughter of John Tooke.

7 Oct 1852; In Washington County, James B. Smith of Memphis, Tenn. to Miss Virginia F. Murphree, youngest sister of Major David Murphree, of Victoria, Texas.

3 Nov 1852; In Mission Valley, Rev. Daniel Carl, presiding Elder of Victoria District to Miss Davidson, daughter of A. Davidson.

24 Nov 1852; In Washington Co., Ark. by Hon. John D. Trumble, Mr. Robert Brady, editor of INDIANOLA BULLETIN, to Miss Margaret Carruth of that place.

20 Jan 1853; In Texana at the residence of Dr. F. F. Wells, by Rev. G. W. Cottingham, Mr. John A. Rogers, Jr., merchant, to Miss Claudia E. McNutt.

8 Feb 1853; Col. Charles A. May of U.S.A. to Miss Josephene Law, daughter of George Law of Indianola, by Rev. Hutton.

31 Jul 1853; In Refugio, Henry F. Snively to Emeline N. Rogers.

3 Aug 1853; In Port Lavaca, Daniel E. Scruggs of Petersburg to Miss Virginia L., daughter of Wm. Pierpont of DeWitt County.

25 Sep 1853; In Orville by Rev. D. Carmichael, Mr. L. L. Salles of Indianola to Miss Carrie Drake of Orville.

20 Oct 1853; In Indianola by Rev. McPadey, Dr. Wm. H. Dallam, formerly of Baltimore, Maryland to Fannie M., daughter of Bernardo Sequi, Sr., late of San Augustine, Florida, all of this city.

20 Oct 1853; At Greenlake by Rev. Wm. C. Blair, Charles C. Hubbell of Indianola to Miss Martha C., daughter of P. W. Fleming, formerly of Sumpter County, Ala.

25 Oct 1853; In Indianola by Rev. Green Orr, Andrew J. Moore to Miss Catherine Hollinhausner, both of this place.

7 Dec 1853; In Indianola by Rev. C. S. Hodges, George S. Menefee to Julia, only daughter of C. H. Vanderveer of this city.

16 Mar 1854; At Green Lake, Rev. John M. Cockran, pastor of the Presbyterian Church to Miss Ella, daughter of S. F. Cocke.

27 Mar 1854; In St. Louis, Missouri, Lucien Care, step-son of Col. Chambers, to Miss Cornelia L., daughter of Wayman Crow.

from: GALVESTON COUNTY NEWS, SEPTEMBER 20, 1875

Hon. H. Stuart:

Dear Sir,

To attempt a description of the destruction of this town and vicinity would be an impossibility, but I will endeavor to give you some idea of it. On Wednesday, the wind was from the eastward, veering occasionally to the north. On the following morning, Thursday 16th, it became more steady from the east, increasing to a gale. It was my publication day, but on starting from my dwelling to go to the office, I found the water from the bay pouring over the beach, fearfully, the tide being remarkably high, and the waves dashing and cutting through at a fearful rate. Everybody was alarmed, never having witnessed water from the bay flooding the town in that direction.

Before I reached my house it was waist deep. I immediately got my wife, her mother and two daughters away on a dray to Mr. R. Martin's house on higher land, a two-story building. Every man, woman and child were now seeking places of safety. The wind now blew fearfully, the water coming into the house I was in. Night coming on the situation was awful. Screams from women and children could be heard in every direction. The water was then about six feet deep in the streets, some places, according to grade, more or less. Of course, I can only describe what we experienced, every one being in the same fix.

About 2 o'clock Friday morning, the 17th, the wind veered round to the northwest. The waves then became chopped, and then the ruin and destruction came, houses washed away; others tumbled over and fell to pieces. The house I was in began to sway. Mr. Martin and myself went down the stairs and found the water falling. We still had hopes the wind would lull; but no, the gusts were fearful. Mr. Martin's family consisted of his wife and two daughters, besides a young girl staying with them, and three children. Two of them are granddaughters and a child of Mrs. T. Poole.

We all went down the island to his rear building, and found the rapid current sweeping off the soil each side of the house, making fearful gullies. We shouted, and fortunately was heard by Mr. David C. Procter, who had with several families: Mr. Geo. Finlay, of your city, Messrs. Glass, Lackey, Petticolas lawyers of Victoria and Clinton, sought shelter there. We could see them in commotion, coming down to the edge of the current. Mr. Martin then crossed the gully and succeeded in reaching them. Ropes and clothes-lines were gathered up and stretched across to a tree near Mr. Martin's house.

The gentlemen above mentioned then stationed themselves at intervals along the line, and the women, eight in number, and the three children, passed across the gully, when stout arms and firm nerves conducted them safely across. Of course, the work was hard, but the women were brave, cool and collected. The Procter home was reached. But here, for the time, the danger was great, the water cutting each side. The two-story house of Mr. H. Iken with that of Mr. Procter, had already been carried away, and his family and that of Mr. C. Canfield, saved themselves by a miracle.

The wind toward morning began to lull a little, but the water was getting lower until the wind veered north. Then came hope.

Daylight began to break. Then did we behold the awful destruction around us, and thanked our God that we had been saved, and that our perilous position was as nothing compared with the sufferings of our neighbors and citizens along the bay. Broad daylight revealed a scene that was terrible to behold.

The town could not be recognized as the Indianola of the day previous. Ruin, total ruin, everywhere. People were seen wading and jumping over one gully and another. Neighbor met neighbor, and told their troubles and tribulations of the previous night. Death and destruction all around us! Houses crushed to the ground, others swayed round and leaning over.

The wind finally dying down, and the water disappearing from places in the streets, those that could sallied out to learn the news. Bodies of men, women and children were found in all directions.

Police and guards were organized and the search was made for missing relatives and friends. How many have lost their lives in this fearful storm it is impossible to learn. Up to this time sixty or seventy bodies have been found and buried. Women were found, and men also, who had floated off on doors, or anything they could get hold of, miles away. Some were beneath their roofs, carried away long distances. The escape of so many of our citizens is most miraculous.

The search for bodies is still going on and the number of human beings drowned, never be known, as there were many strangers in town.

Now comes to our horrified senses the news of the destruction of Saluria and Decrow's Point, with a fearful loss of life. A list of those drowned and missing is being collected, and is hourly being added to.

The steamer leaving today, I can only give you an idea of the sufferings of our people. Others will send you, no doubt, descriptions of the terrible gale and their knowledge of it.

We are houseless and ruined-provision wagons are coming in from Victoria and temporary relief is afforded to our people. Churches, dwellings, stores, with some exceptions, are gone from sight, and Indianola, this Monday morning, is a sight fearful to behold.

The BULLETIN office is gone up, and your humble servant and his family are now fixing up a dwelling in a ruined home without windows, doors, or anything. But it is a shelter so far, until the north comes, or until we can collect our confused senses and determine upon what we shall do, or where we can go. Like Mordecai of old we are not, as we have no gate to sit at. Our fate is the fate of all of us. Many are leaving for Victoria and other places, where they can get shelter and food. The Victoria people and neighboring towns are doing all they can to alleviate our sufferings, dealing out food and clothing.

Now, friend Stuart, please don't publish this as written, but make from it a plain and readable statement, as I am writing with great haste and with cut and bruised hands. At this time I can not give you the names of the dead as far as found, but you will hear more from others by the next steamer. The wires are down. Yours, C. A. OGSBURY.

[Ogsbury was editor of the INDIANOLA BULLETIN from 1886 until the 1875 storm completely destroyed the newspaper office. The only traces found after the storm were broken pieces of the printing presses and bits of type.]

from: GALVESTON NEWS, August 22, 1886

THE RECENT DISASTER - CAPTAIN W.H. WOODWARD'S
STATEMENT
Indianola,
August 21.

On the morning of the 20th, at about 3 o'clock, this town was visited by one of the most disastrous cyclones ever known in this country - more terrific than the one of 1875 - doing its work of destruction in about five hours. To add to its horror when at its height a lamp exploded in the office of the signal observer, setting fire to the building, which soon spread and burned two blocks in the business part of the town. Captain Isaac A. Reed, the signal observer, was at his post when the conflagration began, and the flames spread so rapidly that he found it impossible to escape and so perished at his post of duty. There were five persons in the building at the time,

vis.: T. D. Woodward, L. H. Woodworth, William J. Morrison, Captain Reed and Dr. H. Rosencrans. The latter two perished in the flames. The former escaped from the building, but not a moment too soon. At this writing it is impossible to ascertain the number of lives lost. Our well-known citizen Dr. D. Lewis is missing, and it is supposed either drowned or burned, as he was last seen in his store when on fire. There are no provisions to be had in town, as all were either lost or spoiled, and unless we get immediate relief there will be great suffering. As soon as those of our citizens who are left can get together there will be a relief committee formed, which will render every aid in their power. In the meantime, should we receive contributions in the shape of provisions, clothing, etc., I will take it on myself, to see that they are duly distributed among the suffering and needy.

Law Office of

William H. Woodward,

Indianola, Texas, Dec 16 1879

from: GALVESTON NEWS, AUGUST 24, 1886

THE CYCLONE'S SWATH. DETAILS OF INDIANOLA'S
DAMAGE. THE TOWN A COMPLETE WRECK.
Victoria, August 23.

Your correspondent returned last night from Indianola. That town is a complete wreck, not more than three or four houses having escaped the destructive force of the water. Dr. Fischer, quarantine officer, with his wife; Captain M. S. Mahon, Captain Adolph Steimbach and a negro woman named Martha Ellis were brought in by the schooner Tidal Wave, Captain Sam Borge, who picked the party up at the residence of Mr. Thomas Cherry. The quarantine station was washed away early Friday morning, and they were forced to take refuge in the bare salt cedars, which grew close to the hospital building. For nine hours they clung to their frail support for life, the angry waves at times almost wrenching loose their hands, grasping with the energy of despair the swaying cedars.

Grave apprehensions had been felt for the safety of Dr. Fischer and party, and his arrival in safety was a source of great satisfaction to his friends. Nearly every house on the supper end of the island was swept away. A colored woman named Bettie Meade and two children were drowned. No other lives reported lost. Nearly

all the cattle and sheep were drowned, and the balance will probably die for want of water. A letter reached Victoria today from Edwin Hawes, of Saluria, who states that they had no provisions in the island except meat, and that none of the survivors have saved anything besides the clothing they had on.

Instructions were received here today, to be forwarded to Collector Threlkeld, requiring him at once to proceed to remove his office to Victoria, which thereby becomes the headquarters of this collection district for the present. He will probably be able to make the transfer at once, as soon as the books, safe, etc., can be transported to this city.

The body of Mrs. Hodges, her children, and sister, Mrs. Crooker, passed through yesterday evening en route to Cuero, where they were buried this afternoon. Mr. Crooker, who resides at Austin, also reached Cuero in time to witness the arrival of the train bearing his loved wife, sister-in-law and two nephews.

Your correspondent desires to mention the actions of Dr. Reuss, of Cuero, toward the Indianola sufferers. From Friday evening until Sunday afternoon he remained at his self-imposed post of duty, and did much to lighten the burdens pressing heavily upon the worn and heart-weary people who surrounded him.

OFFICE OF

H. RUNGE & CO.,

Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants.

Indianola, Iowa, Sept 8 1886

Wm Howard Clark

Chocolate

Dear Sir

We enclose 19 of sundries bo't of us
on 27th Ulti also statement of your account
up to 1st inst showing Balance of
\$190.84 due us.

which we trust you will find correct—

Owing to the destruction of our town we
concluded to discontinue business at this point
and have transferred your account to our Cuero
house, to whom please remit, and who will always
be glad to continue our pleasant relations with
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Yours very truly

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from: OLD INDIANOLA ASSOCIATION MINUTE BOOK:
Calhoun County Museum

AGED WOMEN TELLS OF 1875 AND 1886 INDIANOLA STORMS - MRS. AMELIA LEWIS OF CUERO IS SURVIVOR OF BOTH: by J. W. Howerton, Houston Post Correspondent.
Cuero, Oct. 3, 1936

Mrs. Amelia Lewis, one of Cuero's oldest citizens, celebrated her ninety-first birthday here recently. She is one of the few living residents of the once thriving city of Indianola to survive both the storm of 1875 and the one of 1886.

Mrs. Lewis in reminiscing told of the days prior to '75 when camels were brought into the seaport town. They were driven by Arabs in queer costume, brown trousers, yellow blouses with wide sashes and fez. Ox carts were used for hauling purposes. Three big steamers plied between Galveston and Indianola, making the trip twice a week. A long, wooden pier extended about two and one-half miles into the deep water where the steamers put in.

Mrs. Lewis' husband was a druggist by profession and they owned a general merchandise store retailing groceries, hardware, drugs, etc. The business was conducted in a strongly built two-story building with living quarters above the store.

STORM HITS CITY

Court was being held in the town of Indianola when the storm of '75 began to blow. Many of the people ran to the Lewis store for protection. Livestock and poultry were being swept away by the rush of water, when someone espied an especially large pig floating toward the store. All rushed down the back steps, managed to save the porker which was then placed on the front porch and penned there until the waters subsided.

It was during this storm that a Dr. Leake, local physician, was called to the bedside of a very sick woman. Endangering his life he went to her aid. The water was so high that he landed his boat at the level of the porch roof. In attempting to walk up the slanting roof, he slipped, broke his leg, and was unable to save himself. One end of the house gave way and the sick woman in her bed, floated out of the

house, with her husband clinging to the side of the bed. Both were drowned.

GERMAN SETTLEMENT

Indianola was largely a German settlement, and it was customary to use feather mattresses on beds for cover as well as to sleep on. Mrs. Lewis says that during the storm she saw scores of people floating around in the water on

feather mattresses. These could be guided to safety and thus many were saved.

In telling of the storm of 1886 in which Mr. Lewis lost his life, Mrs. Lewis said that drizzling rain began in the late afternoon, a high wind began to blow and there was such a sandstorm that it was hard to see. A number of friends and neighbors gathered at the Lewis home and helped move merchandise from the first floor to the second. The office of the weather bureau was located just across the street. A Mr. Reed was in charge of the bureau and on this occasion a Dr. Rosenkrantz was aiding him. Lanterns were lit and put up for signals to warn boats in the harbor. An extra strong blast of wind blew down a portion of the walls, upset the lanterns and a conflagration was started, both the men being cremated. Bits of the building blew across the street, ignited the Lewis building which was completely demolished, along with other buildings in the block.

ALL ESCAPE

Every one in the building managed to escape through a back window, but the water at this point was waist deep and the children had to be carried. All took refuge in the ice house which was considered a safe place but as the storm grew stronger, the building began to shake and the panic stricken people fled to the Runge bank building. Here they stayed until the storm subsided.

An irony of this storm was that a vacant frame two-story boarding house located next to the Lewis store withstood the ravages of both storm and fire.

Immediately after this storm Mrs. Lewis and her four children moved to Victoria where they stayed for a few months, moving to Cuero in the spring of 1887 where they have since made their home.

Indianola, Texas, May 17 1879

Mr. Thos. Clark

Bought of D. LEWIS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

Paints, Oils, Drugs, Medicines, School Books,
STATIONERY, GARDEN SEEDS, &c.

from: THE ART GRAYURE MAGAZINE - THE HOUSTON
CHRONICLE - AUGUST 1, 1943

THE TALE OF A BELL-IT SAILED THE SEVEN SEAS,
WAS RESCUED FROM THE ENEMY, SLEPT IN SAND FOR 25
YEARS, NOW CALLS FAITHFUL TO PRAYER
by Harry Putman

Stolen by Yankee soldiers to be turned into bullets..recovered and stilled beneath the sands of Matagorda Bay for 25 years..dug from its wave kissed grave condemned to the scrap pile only to rise again and peal forth it's deep throated call to worship..this is the story of the sturdy little copper bell which blends its tone with two larger bells in calling Lutherans of Cuero and DeWitt County to worship each week.

The story is one which echoes more of fiction than of fact, but it is a familiar story to the few score of former residents of the once thriving little seaport city of Old Indianola who have survived the years.

The bell now hangs in the belfry of the beautiful St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Cuero and is treasured by Lutherans throughout Texas.

Rev. A. A. Hahn is pastor of St. Mark's Church and among his congregation are a precious few who as children lived in the historic little seaport city prior to the storm of 1886 which blasted the seaport from the face of the earth.

LIFE OF ADVENTURE: The life of this copper bell has been one of adventure. It was in the dusk of a summer evening of 1856 that the ringing of the little bell heralded the approach of the steamer Reliance of the Morgan Line into the busy harbor of Old Indianola, the thriving little seaport which sprung up on Matagorda Bay, some 15 miles from where the city of Port Lavaca is now located.

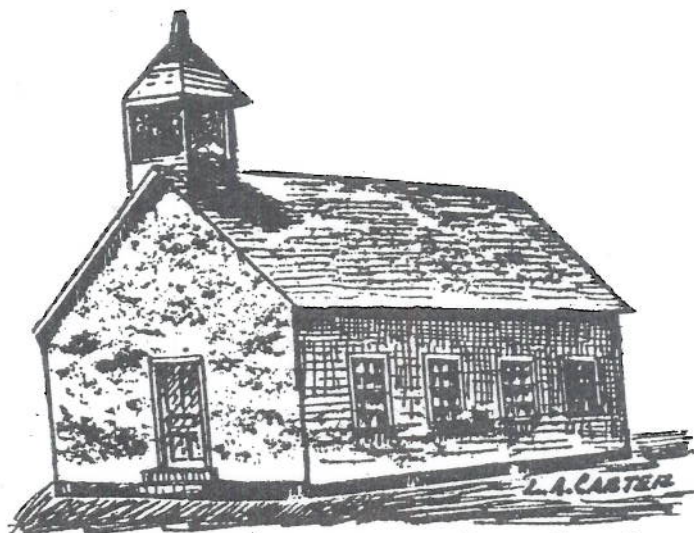
Capt. Henry Sheppard was master of the Reliance when it steamed into port and dropped anchor on that late summer afternoon, and preparations were soon under way for a dinner party aboard the steamer that night.

A few hours later, merry-makers filled the state rooms, and the party was at its height when the cry of "fire" was sounded by a crew member aboard the ship. A skeleton crew aboard for the night, giving all their attention to rescuing those aboard, were unable to fight the flames. Fanned by a gulf breeze, they soon enveloped the ship and after several hours it slid below the waters of the harbor, the little bell clanging as the water churned over the charred hulk.

The familiar sound of the deep but soft tones of the Reliance's bell was not forgotten by Lutherans of Old Indianola however and in need of a church bell, they petitioned the president of the Morgan Line for permission to salvage it.

Permission was given and divers soon recovered the bell. It was placed in the steeple of the Lutheran Church which in 1854 had been organized by a Rev. Mr. Holeinger. Here it remained until the Civil War.

WAR TIMES: On November 1, 1862, three Yankee gunboats entered Pass Cavallo. Commanding officer in Indianola was Major Schae, and he refused the terms of the Yankee commander to surrender. Bombardment of the city was begun after time had been allowed for the removal of women and children. Hours later the town surrendered and Yankee troops occupied the city.



Drawing of Lutheran Church in Indianola where the Reliance's historic bell first called the faithful to prayer.

They seized what supplies as might be considered bounty of war. Soldiers climbed into the steeple of the church, tossed the bell to the ground and later moved it to the beach where it was to be loaded on one of the warships and shipped north for manufacture into bullets or cannon.

Members of the congregation were undaunted, however. As Yankee soldiers slept, members of the congregation after securing permission of their pastor, slipped down to the beach, loaded the bell on a wheelbarrow, and silently slipped into the darkness. Loaded on a wagon, the bell was carried far down the beach and buried deep beneath the sands.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS TO PASS: Twenty five years were to pass before the bell was again seen. September 17, 1875 was a dark day in the history of the little city, for sweeping out of the gulf, a surging hurricane engulfed the entire coastal country. The town was wiped from the face of the earth.

The perseverance of the pioneer citizens lived however and the city was once more rebuilt. However, in 1886, mountainous waves of Matagorda Bay, whipped into a frenzy by hurricanic winds, rolled over the city, carrying many to watery graves and leaving the little seaport in ruins.

Those who did not perish, decided to move inland. The majority of those early settlers came to Cuero to make their home and in the fall of 1886 a new Lutheran Church was organized in Cuero. Three years later the congregation built a new church, but found they had not money left to purchase a bell.

George Wasserman, then an aging man, and a member of the little party which had buried the bell of the Reliance beneath the sands of Matagorda Bay, suggested that attempts to recover the bell be made. He told his amazed listeners that while it had been 25 years since the bell was hidden from Yankee soldiers, he was confident he could lead them to the spot.

THE BELL IS FOUND: A party was organized and Wasserman lived up to his word. The bell, only slightly tarnished by its 25-year sleep beneath the sands and surging waters, was soon located, and returned to Cuero. Placed in the steeple of St. Mark's Church, here it remained until 1889 when a member of the congregation presented the church with a larger bell.

The faithful little bell was sold to the Cuero volunteer fire department and for many years summoned members of the department in time of a conflagration. Replaced in 1913 by more modern apparatus the voice of the Reliance was consigned to the scrap pile.

Here it was discovered some years later by Joe Pannen, member of the congregation who knew its colorful history, and at Pannen's

suggestion the bell was returned to St. Mark's Church as a gift, with the proviso that it never be used for any other purpose than to call Lutherans to worship.

Hung in the steeple of the present St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Cuero in 1939 upon dedication of the handsome mission-type structure, it remains today a reminder of the days of long ago - days when ships sailed the waters of Matagorda Bay..days when Yanks were invaders of Texas..pioneer days written deep into the hearts of thousands of Texans and especially the thousands of descendants of those sturdy pioneers who lived and died in the little seaport city of Old Indianola, whose ruins still bleach on the sands of Matagorda Bay.



OFFICE OF
R. C. WARN,
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

General Hardware,

SHIP CHANDLERY, PAINTS, GLASS, BREECH LOADING GUNS, ETC.

Cuero, Texas, June 21, 1886.

from: THE PORT LAVACA WAVE, May 21, 1953

THERE WAS A LOW ROAR IN THE EAST

"You could hear a kind of low roar from out of the east and a big black cloud settled down over the bay. That's the first warning we had before she hit."

Capt. Frank Bauer, 85 years old and one of the few survivors of the 1886 Indianola hurricane, who attended Sunday's Indianola Pilgrimage, was talking about the day the thriving little seaport was washed away.

"It was on a Friday morning, August 20th. That's when the big one hit. Me and Cot Plummer were out on my Dad's boat - that was the 'Eclipse' - a 45 foot schooner, when she went down.

When we landed in the sater we got on some planks that were floating around. My plank had a black moccasin riding on the other end but we got along pretty well. I ought to kill that old cottonmouth, but I wouldn't do it. I figured I owed him that much. That snake could have killed me many a time."

Thus Capt. Frank Bauer and Cot Plummer missed the havoc back in their home town where at least 150 people perished during the hurricane.

They traveled back to Indianola on the Sunday after the storm. From there Capt. Frank went to Victoria on the railroad that used to run down to Indianola. He found his father, Anton Bauer and the rest of the family safe. Their home had burned down when the 'weather prophets' building just across the street

collapsed on top of it. Oil lamps in the weather station started the fire, in much the same way that broken lamps in other parts of the city caused blazes that helped the winds in their job of destruction.

"From Victoria we moved to Cuero. That's where a lot of people went after the hurricane. That's what helped Cuero get started as a town," Capt. Frank said.

He married Lizzie Wiegand in Cuero in 1893. Then he spent one year in Oklahoma territory, came back to Cuero and stayed until 1900 when he and his wife moved to Edna. They came to Port Lavaca in 1904 and Capt. Frank has lived here ever since.

His son, Bill, and three daughters, Mrs. John Sterling, Mrs. Harry Smith, and Mrs. Roy Whitmire also live here. Another son, Dr. Jim Bauer lived in Refugio.

Capt. Frank Bauer was in Indianola during the hurricane of September '85 too.

"I rode out of that one on horseback" said Capt. Frank. "My Dad put my mother, five sisters, and two brothers in a wagon, and I followed. We went to just about where Magnolia Beach is now and waited it out."

His father rebuilt his home after the 1875 storm. It was located near Powderhorn Lake and Capt. Frank still pays taxes on the two lots his father owned there.

One of his sisters, a brother, his grandfather and an uncle are buried in the small cemetery on the ridge, near where Highway 316 ends. This is one of the two Indianola cemeteries which will be beautified and fenced with proceeds from Sunday's celebration.

from: INDIANOLA BULLETIN, May 1855

ARRIVALS AT THE CASSIMIR HOUSE for the week ending May 9, 1855.

G. A. Hayward & lady, G. W. Wyatt, J. W. Turley, Thomas Howard, F. H. Collier, Capt. Blair, U.S.A., D. M. Stapp, J. A. Hughson, J. D. Brooks, Mr. Green, Wm. Greer, Benj. D. Wheat, J. F. Green, lady and svt., C. H. Jordan, J. Turner, Capt. Jos Catheart, H. Seelingson, James Cummings, Ellis Jones, R. D. Bailoff, G. W. Rhymes, W. C. Cowan, W. P. McCombs and lady, E. I. Marchans, O. P. Lewis and lady, R. McNamara, W. M. McConnell, Misses M. & E. Clarke, Mrs. D. Cleason, George Walker, J. F. Stokes, Grandison, Ruby, S. G. Powell, Miss Powell, Mrs. Tharp, Miss F. Seaborn, W. J. Clarke, Jas S. French, Douglas Tyler, J. M. Levyson, B. B. Deacon, G. W. Phoenix, J. V. Cook, S. T. Davidson, T. Byrne, Jr., F. Thomas, J. Seeley, Dr. Fenner, W. Alexander, Stewart Simpson, A. Henderson & lady, P. Morrill, H. Lyonsi, D. William-son, John Sharky, B. Richardson, Jas. L. Vaughn, J. C. Wilson, B. R. Beck, T.D. Clearman, M. A. Wingfield & lady, W. F. Oliver, Joseph Cahn, H. J. Snow, D. E. Smith.

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from: INDIANOLA BULLETIN, May 10, 1855

AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Indianola, that the ordinance creating a Hospital be so amended, as to read "There shall be collected from every passenger coming from any other Country or State, than this, pay one dollar into the City Treasury for a Hospital fund and that conflicting laws be and are hereby repealed.

Approved March 3rd, 1855 - H. E. Boehner, Mayor/ Henry Luhrs, Recorder

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from: INDIANOLA BULLETIN, June 15, 1855

CITY ORDINANCES published by Authority.

TO SUPPRESS HOUSES OF ILL FAME IN THE CITY OF INDIANOLA

Section 1: Be it ordained by the Common Council that from and after the passage of this ordinance, it shall not be lawful for any person to keep a house of ill fame within the limits of this city.

Section 2: Be it ordained, that it shall not be lawful for any person owning a house in this City to rent the same, or permit the same, be rented, used, occupied as a house of ill fame.

Section 3: Be it ordained, That any Lodger who keeps only a single room for the use of a Bawdy in this City, shall be held to be within the purview and meaning of the first Section of this ordinance.

Section 4: Be it ordained, That any person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars, or to be imprisoned in the city prison not to exceed 30 days, cognizable before any court having complete jurisdiction.

Approved June 2, 1855 - H. E. Boehner, Mayor/ Henry Luhrs, Recorder

from: MY NINETY FIVE YEARS IN TEXAS: As told to Katherine McComb by Alois Coutret. (courtesy of Calhoun County Museum)

I was born in Indianola, Texas, October 7, 1900. My father, Joseph Coutret, was born in New Orleans, La., later moving to Indianola. My mother, Aloniza, was born in Switzerland, and was my father's second wife.

Indianola, at the time of my birth, was a thriving deep seaport serving the Mallory and Morgan steamship lines. Long wharves, 1500 feet, shot out into the waters of the bay like long, black snake whips unfurled. The Gulf West Texas Railroad ran their rails out onto one of these piers and unloaded cattle, cotton, hides, tallow, and other merchandise directly onto the boats that took it to all parts of the world. San Antonio and all the country south of Indianola did all its shipping from here at that time, because it was much shorter hauling distance to Indianola than to Galveston.

My earliest memory of my mother is of her dressing my wrist after I had suffered an injury that caused a piece of bone about an inch long to work out of it. I carried this scar until a few years ago. About this time also, my mother, sister and I went by boat to Texana to visit the Renschels. Mr. Renschel was my godfather. The Renschels had a son, Henry, who was just three days older than I. They also had a next door neighbor who owned a beautiful peach tree filled with peaches just beginning to blush. The sight was too much for Henry and me. We were busy stuffing ourselves on half ripe peaches when the lady spied us. She called Mrs. Renschel saying the peaches did not matter so much, but she was afraid that two little boys were going to have bad stomach aches from eating the half ripe fruit. I don't remember that our stomachs bothered, but I do know that the opposite side of me suffered considerable from the peach stealing stunt, so that neither of us ever again cared to repeat the offense.

The first school I attended was a private school. The school was held in an old casino, as we had no school house. We were taught in German by a German professor named Shirkey. Later I attended the Catholic school. Then as soon as a public school was opened I went there. We had two teachers, a lady for the girls and a man for the boys. One of my teachers was Mr. Marcellus Kleberg. Another was a red headed man whose name I have forgotten, but I remember that he was very strict.

About this time another private school opened. It was run by Prof. Thomas Colston. The boys who attended this private school began to snub and make discourteous remarks about the boys of our free school. So one day the boys of our school made it up to visit the private school and beat up these snobs. They asked me to join them. But I knew that if I went over and started a fight there would be another one at home, and I would be on the small end of the stick. Altho my mother had taught me to mind my own business, as that was the best way to keep out of trouble, I couldn't resist going along to see the fun. As I stood on the sidelines watching the fight, I saw my mother hasten across the yard to where a couple of boys were rolling in the dirt, tearing and gouging at each other like a pair of savages. The one nearest my mother was about my size and dressed in clothes similar to mine. I knew she

had mistaken him for me. She reached down and grabbed him by the shoulder, and the look I saw on her face made me mighty glad that I was not the boy that she had jerked to his feet. With a disapproving look, she gave him a shake and sent him on his way. Then she turned and saw me standing there grinning. For a minute I thought I was in for it for just being there, then she started to laugh. I have always wondered how my mother found out about any mischief I planned to do, sometimes even before I planned it. Having three boys older than I, I guess that she had had plenty of experience before I came along.

On Saturdays and vacations we boys would swim in the bay and fish from the long wharves, catching redfish nearly as long as we were. It was nothing in those days to catch fish weighing 12 to 15 pounds each.

Indianola was mostly a quiet town when I was growing up. I do remember one killing. It was caused by the Sutton-Taylor feud. The feud started in Dewitt County and began during the reconstruction time. The gangs were warned not to come to Indianola except peaceably. Under a truce, Bill Slaughter with Mr. and Mrs. Sutton (she was Bill Slaughter's sister) prepared to sail by steamer from Indianola to New Orleans. They had boarded the steamer "Clinton" when Bill Taylor, who had been hiding behind cotton bales stored on the wharf, fired on them, killing both Sutton and Slaughter. I saw the bodies after they were killed, both were shot in the forehead, between the eyes, and also in the heart. Mrs. Sutton had been standing between them at the time they were shot down. This was in 1874 and I was fourteen years old.

One morning in September 1875, when I awoke, the sky was overcast and a light rain falling. The wind was blowing but we had so much high wind in Indianola, no one thought much about it. I took my two cows to pasture, as usual, and returned home to get ready for school. By

that time the wind had increased and the water was beginning to run in the streets. I did not go to school. As the morning wore on the wind got harder and the water in the streets began to run like rivers. I noticed the worried expressions on the faces of my father and mother, but I was too young to think much about it. Mother cooked dinner as usual, and we all ate. My oldest brother, Washington, came home from Alexander's Dry Goods Store across the street where he worked. He ate and went back to the store. Another young man, Robert Blossman, who later had a grocery store in Corpus Christi, came too.

In a little while Mr. and Mrs. Cahill, our neighbors, came with their two children. Some houses were now beginning to crack up. We could see lumber and pieces of furniture floating by our house. Mother and Mrs. Cahill talked in hushed voices, from fright. Then Mrs. Cahill remembered something and rushed back across the street to her house. We never saw her again. Soon the children were crying frantically and Mr. Cahill wanted to rush out in search of his wife. When he reached the door and the mist lifted for a moment, he looked across the street only to see where the house had been. It was gone.

My father and brother, Alex, got him back and shut the door. In a little while someone was banging on it. When father opened it, a Negro minister and his wife stood there dripping wet, their eyes big with fright. Father got them in

and closed the door using all his strength to slam it against the wind. The wind was howling so now that it was necessary to shout when we talked to each other. No one seemed to have much to say. We just sat there wondering how long the house would stand. I went out on the porch once and saw Mr. Claude Crosby pass by in a big wooden wash tub. He waved to me and I waved back. He floated his craft into the depot, a few blocks down, and was saved.

Some time during the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Walker, friends of ours, and their seven children came to our house, which was one and one-half stories and seemed to be standing up all right. Then the German minister and his wife came in making 21 of us in the house. When the water began to rise in the calf pen I brought my two calves into the kitchen. By dark the water covered the floor of our house so we were forced upstairs. The house swayed and trembled in the gales, and timbers crashing against it sent window glass clattering over the floor and furniture. Even so, I took my two dogs, crawled into bed, covered my ears, and went to sleep.

It was about ten o'clock when my brother Alex, five years older than I, began to shake me. "Wake up, Alois," he said in a shaky voice. "The Old Yankee Hall is bumping against our house. It's likely to go off the blocks any minute. We've got to get out!"

"How?", I asked, looking around dazedly at the women and children huddled in a group over near the corner, faces white and drawn in the candle light.

"Through the chimney hole", he answered hurrying away to where my father and the other men stood near the hold left in the roof when the double chimney went earlier in the afternoon.

I jumped from bed, got my overcoat and put it on for the wind coming through the broken windows was very cold, and I went over to the chimney hole. My brother, Alex, had crawled through to the top of the house so that he could reach through to help the others, the women and children first, then the men. I handed my two dogs up first then followed. The wind was howling like a whole tribe of savages let loose at the same time, and the waves lashed the house with thunderous applause. Then with a mighty bang, the long building struck our house. After the impact the house gave a long quiver, like a dying animal, and slid slowly off its foundation, lopped over into the water.

I felt myself sliding from my perch on the eaves, then I was in the water. I went down, my heavy coat holding me like menacing hands. Finally when I came to surface there were my two dogs scrambling for a perch on top of my head. I pushed them away struggling at the same time to get out of my overcoat, for I knew if I didn't I would drown. At last I succeeded and began to swim with the tide. Waves lashed me with terrific force and timbers pounded me unmercifully, but I kept fighting. On and on I struggled, hour after hour, losing all count of time or place, just struggling automatically to keep alive. Then suddenly the wind shifted, and the tide that had been with me was now against me. I felt myself being dragged back out toward the bay. I knew if that happened it would be all over for me. I was powerless to do anything.

The rain stopped now and the moon came out. I remember that it looked as big as a wash tub to me. Then right in the streak of that moonlight, I saw some sort of raft, with what looked to be a box on top of it. I grabbed this raft and crawled aboard. I sank down onto what I thought was the box. It moved. I jumped to my feet. Then a voice said, "Is that you, Alois?". It was my brother Alex. He and Charlie Walker, a boy about my age, were on that raft, kneeling on their hands and knees to keep from being washed off. I had mistaken them for a box. The three of us floated on and on. Then we saw a boat. It was a fishing boat, a flat boat with two masts and two anchors. The anchors were dragging. We climbed aboard. It was 4 a.m. by the clock in the hold. We had been in the water since 10 p.m.

There were four bunks in that boat and beds had never looked so good to us. We got off what was left of our clothes. A pair of raggedy pants was all that covered my body. We got into bed. When we awoke the next morning the water had receded until the boat stood one and one-half miles inland. Bruised, bloody and shaken, we were just coming up the ladder to the deck when Johnny Rogers, owner of the boat, started down. He gave us one look, yelled and ran back. My brother called to him to wait, that we were not ghosts. We were a sorry looking bunch. We were cut and bleeding from head to toe. We had been beaten black and blue by the timbers and waves. I had one deep gash all the way across my chest and my feet were cut and swollen so that I could hardly walk.

Johnny got us to a camp nearby where they were feeding and caring for the wounded. A little farther down the beach were 50 dead people laid side by side awaiting identification. My own mother was one of these, but I didn't know that at the time. Of the twenty one persons at our house only we three boys were saved. My mother was later identified by her wedding ring. My father and sister were never found. My brother and Bob Blossman were both in Alexander's store, the building belonged to my father, where the current cut the foundation from under one corner and the building turned over, but they were both saved. Bob took me out and found me some clothes.

Although Indianola was badly wrecked, it was rebuilt, but it was never my home again. Mr. Remschel, my godfather, came to Indianola from Cuero and took me home with him.

(A few days after dictating this account in 1955, Mr. Coutret developed pneumonia and death followed shortly.)

CUERO, TEXAS; April 15, 1930 - Minutes of organizational meeting

The former citizens of Indianola and their descendents met at the City Auditorium at Cuero at 10:00 a.m., April 15, 1930 on call of M. M. McFarland of Austin, for the purpose of forming an organization under the name of: THE FORMER CITIZENS OF INDIANOLA AND THEIR DESCENDENTS.

Meeting called to order by M. M. McFarland, temporary chairman. Meeting opened with prayer offered by Dr. Wm. McLeod. Song, "America", by the audience. Address of welcome by Mayor Hamilton. Song, "Maggie", by Mrs. J. H. Pridgen, accompanied by Mrs. LeRoy Hamilton. Address by M. M. McFarland as temporary chairman, outlining object of meeting.

The following committee, on resolutions, appointed, consisting of Walter Reiffert, Cuero; Thos. M. Colston, Kingsville; and Alex J. Coutret, Itasca.

Address by John M. Green.

By-Laws as read by M. M. McFarland adopted on motion of R. F. Heyer, seconded by Emil Reiffert. By-Laws state "that the object is to perpetuate and bring out and record in its minutes the historical events and traditions of that once beautiful little city; and to bring together friends and comrades of other days and for social benefits of comradeship and fellowship among its members."

The chair appointed the following as an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Walter Reiffert, Thos. M. Colston and Alex J. Coutret. On MEMBERSHIP, the following:

Louis Runge, Galveston	Frank Bauer, Port Lavaca
H. Curtis Pitts, San Antonio	A. J. Bond, Aransas Pass
V. B. Proctor, Victoria	J. P. Smith, Sequin
Wm. Frobese, Cuero	W. P. Regan, Port Lavaca
Mrs. Lizzie Brown, Dallas	Mrs. F. M. Dudgeon, Port Lavaca
T. M. Colston, Kingsville	Mrs. Pauline McFarland Grace, Port Lavaca
Mrs. Phil Kleas, Rosenberg	Dr. Van E. McFarland, Eagle Pass
Mrs. Jessie Perryfield, Houston	Mrs. Flossie Blardone, Port Lavaca

Resolution Committee report read by T. M. Colston and approved:

1. We recommend that a permanent organization be known as "THE FORMER CITIZENS OF INDIANOLA & THEIR DESCENDENTS."
2. That we elect M. M. McFarland as first President to serve for one year and J. L. Sheppard as Secretary to serve for one year.
3. That a historian be appointed to compile data and records of old Indianola and Old Town.
4. That the organization meet annually at a place to be selected at each meeting.

On motion of Fred T. Mugge, duly seconded, Mrs. Johanna Runge of Austin was elected first Vice-President and T. M. Colston of Kingsville, second Vice-President.

Moved by Walter Reiffert that the Greetings of the Association be extended the following venerable ladies of Cuero and Old Indianola, who were unable to be present:

Mrs. E. P. Mayne, 92 years
Mrs. E. T. Schleicher, 93 years
Mrs. L. Kleinecke, 91 years
Mrs. Helene Reiffert, 86 years
Mrs. John Freund
Miss Theresa Frank
Misses Elbert
Mrs. Louis Budde, Sr.

Moved by Walter Reiffert, seconded by T. M. Colston that the annual meeting be held each year on the third Sunday in May.

On motion of J. C. Howerton, duly seconded, Fred T. Mugge was elected as assistant Secretary.

On motion of H. D. Sheppard, duly seconded, a photograph of those present was taken.

Reminiscent talk by T. M. Colston, Talk by Mrs. Otto Buchel.

THOSE PRESENT AT FIRST MEETING: April 15, 1930 in Cuero, Texas.

M. M. McFarland	Mrs. Johanna Runge	Thomas Marshall Colston
Joe Stubbeman	Van E. McFarland, M. D.	A. F. Dietze & wife
Mrs. G. Tips	Mrs. Lewis H. Runge	Mrs. C. A. McClanahan
Mrs. Fred T. Mugge	Mrs. Helen Reuss Burns	Mrs. Louise Locherer
Walter Reiffert	E. C. Verhelle & wife	Mrs. E. Verhelle
Mrs. H. Sanders	Mrs. Gus Wasserman	Gus Wasserman
R. F. Heyer	Rudolph B. Evers	Miss Nora McDonold
Louis Franke	Mrs. Pauline McFarland Grace	Olive T. McFarland
Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Coutret	Mrs. Margaret McDonald Dreyer	Laura May Marshall
Mrs. W. T. Eichholz	Mrs. R. J. Waldeck	Emil Reiffert
Louis H. Runge	A. D. Wilson	Wm. Frobese
N. M. Crain	Henry D. Sheppard	Mrs. Henry Keller
Mrs. Martha Keller Wilson	Mrs. Anna Kuester Wilson	Mrs. Lelia Howerton
Mrs. Augusta Keller Grunder	Chas. Keller	Seeligson
Mrs. Erma Buchel Kochler	William P. Regan	Mrs. Gertrude Clement
Mrs. A. T. Rohre	Mrs. S. C. Lackey	Regan
D. P. Lewis	Walter E. Doell	Mrs. Louise Doell
Mrs. Lizzie Holzheuser	Mrs. Amelia Lewis	Mrs. Bertha Miller
Mrs. Dora Fuhrman McClung	Mrs. Mary R. Kleinecke	Louis C. Kleinecke
A. C. Rohre	J. C. Howerton	Mrs. - Buchel
Joseph L. Sheppard	Fred T. Mugge	Edwin D. McClanahan, Sr.
Ediwn D. McClannahan, Jr.	Mrs. Anna Reiffert	Mrs. Mildred Reiffert
Walter Reiffert, Jr.		McClanahan

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING: 15 May 1932, Port Lavaca

Speakers: Mrs. Lelia Seeligson, read a history of Indianola. Mrs. Seeligson, elected historian for life.

Deceased since last meeting: Mrs. Helene Tips Reiffert, Mrs. Elizabeth Holzheuser, Mrs. George Salles, Mrs. Wm. T. Eichholz, Mrs. Charles Wiegand Jendke, Alfred Smith, George Lewis, Davis Lewis.

Indianola, Texas, April 5 1937

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HIGHLIGHTS OF OTHER MEETING OF THE FORMER CITIZENS OF INDIANOLA & THEIR DESCENDENTS

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING, 15 May 1932, Port Lavaca

President: M. M. McFarland 1st Vice-Pres: Mrs. Johanna Runge
Secretary: J. L. Sheppard 2nd Vice-Pres: T. M. Colston
Ass't. Sec: Fred Mugge Historian: Mrs. Lelia Seeligson

Speaker: V. B. Proctor

Deceased since last meeting: Mrs. Alfreda Frobese, Mrs. Carrie Kleinecke Buschik, Mrs. Ernestine W. Mayne, Mrs. Valentine Hardt, Dan Sullivan, Miss Mattie Clarke, Miss Elizabeth Anna Elbert, Fred Holzheuser.

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, 21 May 1933, Victoria

Speaker: S. G. Reed

Deceased since last meeting: Mrs. Henry Keller, Mrs. Wilhelmine Trautwein, Gus Wasserman, Theo Simon, A. C. Kleinecke, George Zimmerman, Hy Lienhardt, Mrs. Mary Kleinecke, Geo. Robert Freund, Mrs. John Freund, Mrs. Caroline Simon, Miss Mathilda Lindeman, Mrs. E. T. Schleicher, W. J. Morrison, Max Luther, Thos. M. Colston, Mrs. Johanna Runge, Mrs. Margaret S. Wily, Gus Bornefeld, "Uncle" John Fitzgerald.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING, 20 May 1934, Miller's Point

Speaker: D. E. Colp, of San Antonio, Chairman of State Park Board.

Deceased since last meeting: Andrew Rassmussen, Andrew McBride, Miss Idora Moore, D. C. Regan, W. G. Eidelbach, Tom Singer, C. W. Bauer, Marks Rouff, T. M. Grace, Mrs. H. J. Lienhardt, Mrs. Anna Mugge Reiffert, Mrs. Louis Budde, George B. Heyer.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, 19 May 1935, Port Lavaca

President: M. M. McFarland 1st Vice-Pres: S. G. Reed
Secretary: Fred T. Mugge 2nd Vice-Pres: Chas. E. Tips

Count showed forty "born Indianolians" present.

Deceased since last meeting: Mrs. Sophie Keller, Miss Theresa Frank, Mrs. Bertha Frobese Schmidt, Christ Kleinecke, Mrs. Lena Dickerson, Robert Kleinecke, Mrs. Jenny Weldon Lackey, Mrs. Louisa Ley Doel, Capt. J. L. Sheppard, Mrs. Wilhelmina H. Hiller, Charles Schorlemmer, Fred C. Proctor, Geo. Wasserman, John Shannon, D.K. Woodward, Mrs. M. Jani, F. W. Amelio.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING, 17 May 1936, Port Lavaca

President: S. G. Reed 1st Vice-Pres: C. Tips
Secretary: Fred T. Mugge 2nd Vice-Pres: W. P. Regan

Fourty-four "born Indianolians" present: Mrs. William Moore, 91; F. Cornelius, 85; Chas. Hogan, 84; F. V. Stiernberg, 84.

Deceased since last meeting: Mrs. J. Hill, R. F. Heher, H. R. Frobese, Mrs. C. McClanahan, M. M. McFarland, J. C. Howerton, Miss Bertha Funk, L. J. Runge, Herman Currlie, F. B. Rook, Mrs. G. Heyer Boycouit, Mrs. -- Mitchell.

EIGHT ANNUAL MEETING, 16 May 1937, Port Lavaca

Speaker: Dr. J. E. Conner, Dean of Texas A. & I. College, Kingsville.

Petitioned W. F. Woodhul, Chairman of Texas Centennial and L. W. Kemp, Chairman of Advisory Board of Texas Historians requesting a monument "to mark the first attempt of white men to colonize our state and to honor the great Frenchman La Salle."

"A huge confederate flag which was taken by the Northern Army in 1862 when Fort Esperanza on Saluria Island was demolished, was displayed by Mrs. F. M. Dudgeon of Port Lavaca. The flag was carried north and has been in possession of Mrs. Cora Hawes of Kent City, Michigan for more than 40 years. Mrs. Hawes permitted the flag to be displayed and then to place the flag in a historical museum in the name of J. C. Heaton. The flag was presented to our association and until we have a suitable building this flag will be kept in the archives of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Houston."

Deceased since last meeting: Mrs. Grace Stadler Kossbiel, A. F. Lienhardt, Mrs. Katie Franke Lee, Miss May Kinley, Mrs. Kate Stubbemann and Venable Proctor.

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, 15 May 1938, Port Lavaca

Speaker: Chris Emmett of San Antonio

Forty-six "born Indianolians" attended. E. H. Michot, 90; F. Cornelius, 87; L. P. Leibold, 86; F. V. Stiernberg, 83.

Announced that land had been secured for the erection of the La Salle Monument.

Deceased since last meeting: Mrs. Anna Tips, Edward Adkins, Henry Remschell, Wm. Rasch, H. E. Moore, F. T. Penfield, John Regan, Mrs. Agnes Regan Bodiker, Mrs. William Moore, Mrs. G. H. Heinroth, Tom Pool, Mrs. G. Dudgeon Flood, William Froese, Henry Wilson, Miss Bertha Reuss, Albert Schiwetz, Mrs. Celestial B. Chaddock, Mrs. Louise Schubert, Ralph Abel, Emil Wasserman.

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING, 21 May 1939, Port Lavaca

Speaker: Honorable Robert Babbit, San Antonio

Deceased: D. Wasserman, Mrs. Anna Budde Bourke, Mrs. Lulu Vollers Brown, Peter J. Lienhardt, Minnie Zimmerman, Elizabeth Schiwetz Zimmerman, Mrs. Jennie Luther, Mrs. Amelia Lewis.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING, May 1940, Port Lavaca

Speakers: Mrs. Lelia Howerton Seeligson - "By-Gone Days."
E. J. Hogan - "Hair-Raising Accounts of '75 and '86 Storms."

Twelve "born Indianolians" conducted to seat of honor where they were saluted with 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU'. F. Cornelius, 90; F. S. Coffin, 88; F. P. Leibold, 88; F. Steirnberg, 86; C. Brett, 86; Mrs. A. T. Rohre, 82; Mrs. E. Verhelle, 82; Ed. C. Krieger, 82; W. H. Smith, 82; E. J. Hogan, 76; H. Remschell, 76; E. I. Garvin, 72.

from: an undated and unidentified clipping in Jewett Thayer Wilson's collection:

...learned of the history of the mysterious statue of Rene Cavalier, Seur de la Salle which used to guard the entrance to the Old Indianola Cemetery.

It was made of the old style shell concrete, causing some in the area to believe it dated back to the time of the town. It has succumbed to the ravages of hurricanes and vandals. Today only the pedestal and feet remain.

It is a piece of work by sculptress Nora Sweetland, now a Flour Bluff resident. A hurricane in the 1930's broke it in half. Later some one decapitated it and stole La Salle's head.

"The head was the best part of the work", she said last week. "Maury Maverick was mayor of San Antonio and he and Rep. Pat Jefferson were out on Mustang Island when a hurricane blew in. There was a lot of concern when they didn't show up for several days but they were found alive. It was shortly after this that Maury and Pat asked me to do the statue. Only there was no money to do it with. So we had to use what was there. We mixed the concrete in a trough.

"Then we had a problem with La Salle's sword. I couldn't do it in that type of concrete, so Pat Jefferson let me have an old sword that had been in his family for years.

"A few years ago I read where La Salle's sword had been dug up in that area. I'd be willing to bet it was Pat Jefferson's sword, not La Salle's.



Photograph courtesy of Eula Grace Wedig



INDIANOLA RUINS: 1936
Mrs. Glenn Burges



ALOIS COUTRET
1860-1955

Photographs courtesy of Calhoun County Museum



Photograph courtesy of Natalea Wasserman Thayer

MAY 17, 1931: Members of OLD INDIANOLA ASSOCIATION were:

ADKINS, Edw.
 ALLEN, A.J.
 ALLEN, S.D.
 ALLEN, W.F.
 AMES, Mrs. A.A.
 AMILEO, F.M.
 ANGERSTEIN, M/M J.H.
 ANGERSTEIN, John Rohre
 AUGUST, Mrs. Lillie Cahn
 AUGUST, M.
 BAUER, Frank
 BAUER, Glenn
 BAUER, M/M L.A.
 BAUER, L.A., JR.
 BAUER, M/M Lawrence
 BAYLOR, John
 BIERMAN, Mrs. Mary
 BINGER, R.L.
 BLACKWELL, Jean
 BLACKWELL, W.A.
 BLARDONE, Mrs. Florence
 BLUMBERG, - -
 BOYD, M/M Alex
 BOYD, C.H.
 BOYD, Estelle
 BOYD, Florence M.
 BOYD, James
 BOYD, Mrs. Robt.
 BRIGHTWELL, M/M C.H.
 BRIGHTWELL, J.D.
 BRIGHTWELL, Proctor
 BUCHEL, M/M Otto
 BURKE, Mrs. Geo. R.
 BURNS, Mrs. Helen Reuss
 CLAMPITT, Mrs. Alice R.
 CLAMPITT, Eloise
 CLARKE, Mrs. Mattie C.
 CLARKE, Maude
 COLLINS, Geo. H.
 COLSTON, Thos. M.
 COOK, A.V.
 CLAMPITT, Essie

COUTRET, A.J., SR.
 COUTRET, Lenore
 COUTRET, Lerdie M.
 COUTRET, Woodrow
 CRAIN, James Edward
 CRAIN, James E., Jr.
 CRAIN, N.M.
 DIETZE, Mrs. A.C.
 DIETZE, M/M A.F.
 DIETZE, M/M Geo. A.
 DIETZE, Janie
 DOBBS, Elizabeth
 DOBBS, J.C.
 DOBBS, Mrs. J.C. (Kasapka)
 DONNOVAN, Mrs. J.E.
 DRAWE, M/M W.A.
 DREYER, M/M A.H.
 DUDGEON, Lula McFarland
 DUDGEON, M/M P.K.
 DUETREK, J.L.
 DUETREK, J.L., JR.
 DUNBAR, M/M I.H.
 DUNBAR, Laverne
 DUPUY, Mrs. F.H.
 EDWARDS, G.L.
 EMMERT, Mrs. Pauline
 EVERS, Dora
 EVERS, Mrs. Earl
 EVERS, E.V.
 EVERS, Rudolph
 FERRELL, Indianola D.
 FRENCH, Bettie
 FRENCH, Georgia
 FRENCH, M/M Geo. H.
 FRENCH, Geo. Henry
 FROBESE, Mrs. Sophie
 FROBESE, W.
 FROBESE, William H.
 GARNER, W.D.
 GOODE, Mrs. Abel
 GRUNDER, Mrs. Abel
 HARRISON, Mrs. Frank

HARRISON, Jas. T.
 HARRISON, Richard D.
 HATHAWAY, Mrs. E.C.
 HARTMAN, Mrs. E.P.
 HEARD, T.L.
 HEYER, Bettie
 HEYER, Geo. B.
 HEYER, Mrs. R.F.
 HEYSER, R.F.
 HILL, M/M John Wm.
 HOCUTT, Mrs. H.
 HOGAN, C.D.
 HOGAN, E.J.
 HOGAN, E.L.
 HUCK, M/M F.E.
 HUNSAKER, Mrs. J.L.
 HYMANS, Ella Peine
 JOHNSON, Fay
 JONES, Annie (Singer)
 KELLER, Chas.
 KLEAS, Marion
 KLEAS, Robert Earl
 KLEAS, Dr. L.C.
 KLEINECKE, Dr. L.C.
 KLEINECKE, Mamie
 KLEINECKE, M/M R.T.
 KOSSBEIL, A.C.
 KOSSBEIL, B.E.
 KOSSBEIL, Mrs. Grace
 KOSSBEIL, J.C., Sr.
 KOSSBEIL, M.M.
 LACKEY, Sam C.
 LEIBOLD, Elsie
 LEIBOLD, Louise
 LEIBOLD, M/M L.P.
 LEIBOLD, Sophie
 LEWIS, Mrs. Amelia
 LIENHARD, M/M A.F.
 LIENHARD, Dora
 LIENHARD, M/M H.J.
 LINDENBERG, Fannie Lou
 JONES, Fletcher S.

LOCHERER, Mrs. Louise
 LOHMAN, Mrs. Mattie August
 LOHMAN, Lillie August
 LUTHER, Mrs. Jennie
 LUTHER, Mrs. Johanna W.
 LUTHER, Maxine B.
 LUTHER, Max J., Jr.
 LUTHER, Capt. Max J., Sr.
 MATTHEWS, Billy
 MATTHEWS, Mrs. Cecil Ralph
 MARSHALL, Laura May
 MAUER, Mrs. M.
 MAUER, Mrs. Roland
 MAYNE, F.L.
 MAYNE, M/M J.C.
 MEYER, M/M Ben S.
 MILLER, M/M Ben
 MILLER, Mrs. C.G.
 MILLER, H.E.
 MILLER, S.G.
 MILLER, Mrs. W.A.
 MOORE, Eudora I.
 MOORE, F.R.
 MOORE, H.E.
 MOORE, M/M J.D.
 MOORE, Layton
 MOORE, Mrs. William
 MUGGE, Fred T.
 MUGGE, Fred T., Jr.
 MUGGE, Hilda Reiffert
 MYLIUS, M/M Edward
 MYLIUS, Mrs. F.
 MYLIUS, M/M M.G.
 McATYNY, Mrs. Geo. (Ryan)
 McDONALD, Nora
 McFARLAND, Carolyn Belle
 McFARLAND, Mrs. Jessie
 McFARLAND, Olive Townsend
 McFARLAND, Marion
 McFARLAND, Marion, Jr.
 McFARLAND, M/M M.E.
 McFARLAND, M/M M. H.



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OGDEN, Hannah Vogg
OGDEN, H.K.
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O'NEIL, J.D.
O'NEIL, Mrs. Joan
OTT, Mrs. Ches. J.
OTT, Charles, Jr.
PARKER, Mrs. L.A.
PELTRES, Mrs. J.M.
PENNINGTON, Mrs. Edna
PITTMAN, Boon
POOLE, M/M D.K.
POOLE, Thos. L.
PROCTOR, Venable B.
QUIGLEY, Jas
QUIGLEY, Ruth
RAYMOND, A.L.
RAYMOND, Mrs. Geo.
RAYMOND, Grace
RECORD, James
REED, Carrie Mahon
REED, S.G.
REGAN, Eleanor
REGAN, Gertrude C.

REGAN, W.P.
REIFFERT, Anna Mugge
RIEFFERT, Bill
RIEFFERT, M/M Emil
REIFFERT, Emil, Jr.
REIFFERT, Jimmie
REIFFERT, Ralph T.
REIFFERT, Walter
REMSCHER, R.A.
REUSS, Pauline C.
REUSER, Mrs. L.H.
REYNOLDS, Edward
REYNOLDS, Frank
ROEMER, D.C.
ROESING, Mrs. Elizab.
ROHRE, Walter G.
ROHRE, Wincie C.
ROOKE, Miss Emma
ROOKE, F.B.
ROOKE, H.L.
ROOKE, J.D.
RUNGE, F.G.
RUNGE, Mrs. F.J.
RUNGE, Mrs. Johanna
RYON, Addie
SANDERS, Mrs. Hy
SCHMIDT, Wm. F.

SCHRAMM, Terry
SEELIGSON, Mrs. Lelia
SEELIGSON, Mrs. Lewis
SHEPPARD, H.D.
SHEPPARD, H.F.
SHEPPARD, J.D.
SHEARER, M/M H.J.
SHILDE, Mrs. Carrie T.
SINGER, G.T.
SMITH, Alice M.
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SMITH, Irma
SMITH, Jno P.
SMITH, J.R.
SMITH, M/M Owen E.
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STERLERAY, R.D.
STIERBERG, Helen
STUBBEMAN, Alma
STUBBEMAN, Joe
STUBBEMAN, M/M Wm.G.
TIPS, Anna Heberer
TIPS, Charles E.
TIPS, Mary E. Gallaher
TIPS, Walter
THESON, A.D.

TYNG, D.
VERHELLE, E.C.
VERHELLE, Mrs. Henrietta
VERHELLE, Mrs. Irene Baker
WAGNER, AL.L.
WAGNER, F.W.
WARRAH, Julius
WASSERMAN, Beffie
WASSERMAN, M/M B.G.
WASSERMAN, M/M D.L.
WASSERMAN, Fannie
WASSERMAN, Geo
WASSERMAN, Lewis
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WATKINS, Mrs. Nora Vogg
WESTOFF, Frances
WESTOFF, W.
WEYEL, Alfred
WEYEL, Elfriede
WILLIAMS, Mrs. J.A.
WILSON, Mrs. Martha Keller
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YORK, Mrs. Theresa (Whitney)
ZUEHL, E.W.
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May 21, 1939: Tenth Annual Meeting of the Old Indianola Association featured the unveiling of the La Salle monument. At the 1937 meeting, a resolution was adopted urging the Texas Centennial Commission to erect a statue of La Salle on the site of Old Indianola which was undoubtedly the landing place of the famed French explorer in 1686. After untiring work, this effort was crowned with success and the Centennial Commission awarded \$10,000 for the erection of the La Salle monument, thus further perpetuating the memory of that once famous city.

OBITUARIES

Many of these obituaries are taken from the Indianola Association Minute Book. Others came from scrapbooks belonging to Rebecca Rubert, Jewett Thayer Wilson and Peggy Ryan.

G. W. BAUER

January 18, 1934

VICTORIA: Funeral services will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Chaddock at 982 North Navarro Street Wednesday afternoon for Charles William Bauer, 81, a retired carpenter and boatman and former resident of ill-fated Indianola, who died at the Chaddock home this morning after an illness of three weeks. Dr. William T. Riviere of the Presbyterian church will conduct the services and interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Bauer was born April 17, 1852, at sea while his parents, Edwin and Elizabeth Bauer were sailing to his country with a party of German colonists. His mother died at his birth and his father and five children settled at Indianola, he being the last member of the family.

After the storm of 1886, Mr. Bauer and his wife, formerly Miss Amelia Holzhauser, located in Victoria, and following the death of Mrs. Bauer, April 29, 1901, he moved to Port Lavaca and in 1924 to Palacios, resuming his residence here four years ago. At all these points he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Chaddock. During his early residence here he engaged in the carpenter business and at Port Lavaca he followed the occupation of a boatman, which he had pursued at Indianola. He retired from active pursuit about 20 years ago. He was a kindly old gentleman and very highly esteemed.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Chaddock of this city, and four sons, Charles and Fred Bauer of Victoria, William Bauer of Houston. He also leaves 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

CAPT. FRANK BAUER

May 26, 1954

Capt. Frank Bauer, 86, a pioneer resident and one of the county's most colorful citizens, died at 6 a.m. here Wednesday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Sterling. He had been in failing health for several months.

One of the few remaining survivors of the two hurricanes which raked Indianola in 1875 and 1886, Capt. Bauer only a few days ago attended the Indianola pilgrimage at the site of the old ghost town and witnessed the ceremonies from a wheel chair.

His parents were among the first German immigrants to settle in Indianola in the early 1840s, and Capt. Frank was born there. During his long residence in Port Lavaca, he has held practically every office from clerk to mayor.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, the Rev. Theodore Branch officiating. Burial will be in Lynnsouth Cemetery.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. H.C. Smith and Mrs. D. R. Whitmire, all of Port Lavaca; two sons, W. H. Bauer of Port Lavaca and R. James Bauer of Refugio; three brothers, Lawrence and Louis Bauer of Cuero and Henry Bauer of California; five sisters, Mrs. Louise Weiland, Mrs. Henrietta Boyle, Mrs. Laura Stevens and Mrs. Memma Tillman, all of California, and Mrs. Hazel Jacobs of Galveston.

MRS. FRANK BAUER
1936

A pall of sadness was cast over the Christmas season when a loved resident Mrs. Frank Bauer passed away. Although Mrs. Bauer had been in ill health for several months, her death grieved and shocked the many friends who loved her. Death came quietly and peacefully as she was talking to her youngest child, Fae.

Elizabeth Weigand Bauer was born Nov. 14, 1873, at Indianola. Her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Doell was a pioneer of this county having come here from Germany when a child. Mrs. Bauer's maternal grandmother, contracted yellow fever and was buried at sea.

In Cuero, July 28, she was married to Capt. Frank Bauer, who has served our city in many capacities. They celebrated their 43rd anniversary last July. After living in Cuero, where two children, Frankie and Myrtle were born, the family moved to Edna. Here a son, James, was born. Later Capt. and Mrs. Bauer moved to Port Lavaca where William and Fae were born.

Mrs. Bauer led a good Christian life, having united with the Episcopal Church when a child.

About 20 years ago, Capt. Frank and Mrs. Bauer bought the Lavaca Hotel, remodeling and beautifying it, making it one of the most modern in this section.

Funeral services were held at Grace Episcopal Church with Rev. Robert MacCallum of Victoria and Rev. T.L. Trott of Goliad officiating.

Active pall bearers were: C.M. Curry, Chas. Boyd, S. Rohrer, Louis and Ben Masserman and Dr. P.F. Montier.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Mrs. H.C. Smith, Mrs. Myrtle Walker, and Mrs. Fae Rylander and two sons, Dr. James Bauer of Refugio, and Capt. W.H. Bauer; six grandchildren; one brother John Weigand of Nebraska and three sisters, Mrs. Ed Graef, Mrs. Robt. Nixon and Mrs. Fred Heubaum all of San Antonio.

ROBERT BOYD

January 8, 1942

Last sad rites were held Saturday afternoon at 3:30 for Robert Boyd, 88 years, a pioneer citizen of this section, who passed away Thursday, January 8, 1942 at 2:45 p.m. Mr. Boyd, who had been in failing health the past few years, had become more ill the past two months, but was apparently much better Thursday. He had asked his daughters about the war news and was talking with them when the last hour came. Throughout his illness he bore his suffering with the patience and fortitude typical of his pioneer spirit.

Robert Boyd was born at Newcastle, England, July 17, 1853, the son of Walter Boyd and Jean Clark. His parents with him and his brothers, Tom and Jim, emigrated to the U. S. from Edinburg, Scotland, landing at Indianola in 1854. Soon after, his mother died and his father died during the yellow fever epidemic at Indianola.

He was living in Port Lavaca at the time when the Yankee gunboats bombarded the town. He and his brother, Jim were the first two outsiders to reach Indianola after the storm of '75 where they found the streets lined with the dead. They were able to save several lives bringing them to safety by swimming their horses across the bayou.

Mr. Boyd was one of the old Trail Drivers, first going up the trail in 1870. On one of these trips he roped an antelope. It was raining and cold so he removed his slicker and wrapped it around the antelope. He would rope wild cows and milk them to get food for the little animal, trying to keep it alive to bring it back home with him, but the antelope died before he reached home.

On April 4, 1877 he was united in marriage to Miss Lou Bonnot, who was reared in Indianola. To this union was born eight children, four boys and four girls, six of whom survive. One girl, Lou Annie passed away in infancy in 1888 and one boy, Robert Alfonso, died in 1908 at the age of 18 years. Mrs. Boyd preceded Mr. Boyd in death four years ago.

Funeral services were held at the residence with Rev. Sam Hill, Presbyterian minister of Victoria officiating. Muske Funeral Home was in charge of obsequies. Serving on the flower committee were Mrs. M. H. Bauer, Mrs. Pete Elder, Mrs. Mack Boyd, Miss Etalke Medig and Miss Florence Boyd.

Pall bearers were his six grandsons, Arthur and Douglas Smith, Jack Boyd all of Odem; Garland Weisiger of Meslaco, James McDonald of Victoria, Wilson Baylor of Odem.

Surviving are his children, Mrs. Belle Smith of Odem, Mrs. Daisy

Weisiger of Victoria, Miss Jo Boyd of Port Lavaca, Walter Boyd of Seadrift, John Boyd of Odea and Will Boyd of Oakland, Calif.; eleven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and three great, great grandchildren.

MRS. ROBERT BOYD
ca 1937

A pall of sadness was cast over the whole community, Thursday morning when it became known that a loved resident, Mrs. Robert Boyd, had passed away. Mrs. Boyd had been confined to her bed for the past six months with a serious illness, and no hope was held for her recovery. Sunday she seemed in better spirits and was able to go to the breakfast table. Later in the day she fell and fractured her hip, this injury hastening her death.

Lulu Bonnet was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bonnet and was born in Galveston, Tex. March 17, 1859. When still a child she moved with her parents to Old Indianola, where her mother was the proprietor of a hotel and grocery store. She had a vivid memory of the storm of '75, and many other interesting facts about the once famous seaport. It was in Indianola that she was united in marriage to Robert Boyd on April 4, 1877. The couple received the blessings of living to rear their six children to become fine men and women and of celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary last April 4.

Funeral services were conducted by Father D. M. Buckley at 8 o'clock, Friday morning at the Catholic Church, with requiem mass sung by the Oblate Choir from St. Anthony's College from San Antonio. Interment was made in Lynnworth Cemetery.

Six of her grandsons: Garland Weisiger of Kerrville, Wilson Baylor, J. Lane, Arthur and Boyd Smith of Odea, Douglas Boyd of San Diego, California acted as pall bearers.

Surviving are her husband and six children: Mrs. Belle Smith, Odea; Miss Jo Boyd, Port Lavaca; Walter Boyd, Seadrift; Mrs. Daisy Weisiger, Kerrville; John Boyd, Odea; Will Boyd, Houston; eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, 1 brother, John F. Burwell of Houston, Texas.

MRS. LOUISA BRADEN
December 23, 1949

Last rites for Mrs. Louisa Braden were held at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Port Lavaca Friday, December 23, with a Requiem Mass.

Mrs. Braden who was 86 years old on December 10 of this year died in Seguin, Texas, after an illness of two weeks.

Louisa Braden was born at Copano, Texas, on December 10, 1863. She was the last of ten children born to a pioneer family who settled in Calhoun County over one-hundred years ago. Her parents, Henry and Josephine Smith, moved to Indianola, Texas, before the storm

of 1875. After the storm of 1875, the family moved to their ranch at Alligator Head, known as Port O'Connor.

On February 20, 1884, she was married to George Braden of Bernardo Prairie, Texas. the couple moved to that place after the marriage and seven children were born to them. In 1898, the family moved to Port Lavaca where Mrs. Braden lived until 1939. At that time she moved to Seguin where she resided until her death.

The body lay in state at the Goetz Funeral Home in Seguin. Rosary was recited by Father James Moore of St. James Catholic Church.

Interment was in the Lynnworth Cemetery in Port Lavaca. The pallbearers were Harry Smith, Stanley Smith, Owen Smith, Oscar Rasmussen, Woodie Guidry, and Leonard Buren.

Surviving are the following children, Mrs. Lottie Bouquet of Austin, Mrs. Alice Boyd of Seguin, Mrs. Mabel Vivroux of Seguin, Arthur Braden of Port Lavaca, and Henry Braden of Washington, D. C.

MRS. THERESA BUDDE

October 7, 1933

CUERO: Death came with slight warning early Saturday morning to claim another former resident of Old Indianola and prominent Cuero woman. Mrs. Theresa Budde, 86, who died after an illness of only three days in Houston. The aged woman had gone to Houston for a brief visit. She became ill Tuesday and was unable to withstand the ravages of pneumonia which developed Thursday.

The remains were to arrive in this city on the train Saturday evening. Funeral services are to be held from the residence of E. South Line street this afternoon. The cortege will proceed to St. Michael's church and thence to Hillside.

Mrs. Theresa Budde was born on February 17, 1847. She was among the early residents of Old Indianola and with her family fled from the seaport town following the storm of '86. For some time she lived in Victoria, and then came to this city with her husband Louis Budde. For many years Louis Budde was a trusted employee of the H. Runge & Company firm. He preceded his wife in death.

She leaves three sons and one daughter to mourn her death. They are, E. G. Budde of Robstown; Louis Budde, Jr., of Houston; C. M. Budde of Cuero and Mrs. Annie Lee Bourke of Yoakum.

CARRIE BUSCHICK

September 17, 1939

Mrs. Carrie Kleinecke Buschick, wife of Richard Buschick of Runge, died in a Cuero hospital thirty minutes after her arrival in an ambulance which had rushed here from Runge when she became desperately ill. Her death came as a terrible shock to her family and friends in this city and at Runge few of whom knew of her critical illness until the news of her death was received.

Funeral services will be held from the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Kleinecke this afternoon and at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 4:15 with Rev. John Kern, the pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery under the direction of E.J. Freund. Six nephews will act as pall bearers: these being Louis, Fritz, W.A., J.C., Robert and Dewey Schorre.

Mrs. Buschick was born in Indianola on November 19, 1861, the daughter of H.S. Kleinecke and Mary R. Kleinecke, natives of Germany, who were among the first settlers of the old seaport town. She spent her childhood and girlhood there and with her family passed through the vicissitudes of the storm of 1875. Three years later the family moved to Cuero, and it was here on January 1st, 1894, that she was united in marriage to Richard Buschick, the wedding being solemnized at St. Mark's Church where today funeral rites are to be held. For the 37 years since Mr. and Mrs. Buschick have made their home in Runge. In recent years Mrs. Buschick has been in failing health, being a sufferer from Bright's Disease.

She is survived by her husband, her aged mother, one brother, Dr. Louis Kleinecke, in addition to a number of nephews and nieces.

ALICE RYON CLAMPITT

Alice Ryon Clampitt, a resident of El Campo for 48 years and one of the few survivors of the Indianola hurricane of 1875, died at her home here Sunday at the age of 90 years.

Because so many of her friends and her mother and sister were lost in the storm, Mrs. Clampitt seldom talked of the tragic hurricane. On occasional visits back to the historic spot, she would point out to her family the familiar landmarks. Some of them, the foundations of the courthouse and cistern, with the waves of Lavaca Bay now lapping its fallen stonework, at one time stood a block from the water's edge. Several concrete cisterns in which the inhabitants accumulated their fresh water supply and the old railroad grade leading out to the long ago destroyed wharf, were some of the vanishing landmarks she pointed out.

For thirty years Indianola was the most important port of the west Texas coast, even contending with Galveston for the position of the most important seaport in Texas. From this port more cattle were shipped than from any other port in the world; and here, where there were a good many stables and corrals to care for the freight emanating from the place, Mrs. Clampitt's father, a saddlemaker, conducted his business.

At the time of the storm, Mrs. Clampitt was a girl of 20. She saved her life by floating all night in an attic of an old building which was wedged between two other structures.

The next day she was rescued with a rope thrown to her and which she tied to a rafter, sliding down it. A 110-mile wind accompanied the 8-foot tidal wave which submerged the land. When the wind changed from the Southeast, to the Northwest, it became so terrific in force that the water which had blown in for four days was blown back to sea in two hours.

Back of the town, water and wind created a 17-mile long raft of pianos, dishes, dead and maimed people, horses, ships, houses, and other material. After this, many inhabitants, including the family of Mrs. Clappitt, moved away, and in 1886 after the second hurricane, fire and water forced the complete abandonment of the little city.

Mrs. Clappitt's mother and a small child of the family were lost. Saved from the storm's fury, besides Mrs. Clappitt, were her father, one brother, John H. F., who died 38 years ago, and a sister, Adoline, who died in 1937.

Mrs. Clappitt was a member of the Old Indianola Association, attending the meetings regularly.

Born in Seguin July 27, 1854, she was the daughter of John F. Ryon, a native of Ireland, and Mary Smith Ryon. After the hurricane, the family moved to Cuero, where she married George W. Clappitt, an employee of the Southern Pacific Railroad, Dec. 29, 1884. In 1886, they moved to El Campo where she had lived since. Her husband passed away in 1911.

To this union were born six sons and one daughter. A son Dick died in 1914, and the daughter, Alice, died in 1900 at the age of three years.

Surviving her are five sons, R. Clappitt of Houston, captain of Company E. Seventh Battalion, Texas Defense Guards; W.A. Clappitt of Kingsville, Essie Clappitt of San Antonio, G.W. Clappitt of Galveston, and D.E. Clappitt of Beaumont; three grandsons, two of them in the service of their country; three granddaughters and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Walter Bennett conducting the last rites. Interment was made beside others of the family in O.D.W.S. Garden of Memories.

Pallbearers were P.C. Owens, John Phillips, L.E. Boudreaux, Tom Melcher, W. Harris and J. Evans.

THOMAS M. COLSTON August 14, 1932

Tom Colston is dead; this expression will cause many a heart in South Texas a pang of sorrow. Many citizens in this community owe to him a debt of gratitude for through him the foundation of their education was acquired.

Death relieved him of his earthly trials Sunday evening at his home in Kingsville where he has lived for fully a quarter of a century. An octogenarian he was active physically and mentally within a very short time of his death. At his bedside at his passing were his

dear wife, nee Miss Mattie Simpson whom he married when a resident of Cuero, his son, Rawleigh, and two daughters, Misses Janie and Mattie Bell - the other son, T. M. Jr., is a resident of California and was unable to be with his father when he died. The funeral is to take place Monday evening and several of his old friends and former pupils from Cuero plan to attend.

Prof. Colston as he was generally known, was a native of "The Old Dominion" but came to Texas, a few years after the civil war, as a young man locating in Indianola where for several years he taught school. Later he taught in Victoria a few years and located in Cuero in the latter seventies where for many years he taught and was the first superintendent of the public schools when that system of teaching was introduced in Cuero.

Shortly after leaving Cuero he was elected superintendent of the Kingsville school where he moved and has resided there ever since. Sincere sympathy is extended the family in their great bereavement by all of their many Delitt county friends in which the Record force, many of them his former pupils, joins.

MRS. LENA DICKERSON January 6, 1935

Death came late Sunday to claim another former resident of Old Indianola and one of this city's best known women, Mrs. Lena Dickerson, 73, who passed away at her home.

Services are to be held from the home Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. W.A. McLeod, Presbyterian minister, officiating. Interment will be in Hillside under the direction of E.J. Freund.

Mrs. Lena Dickerson was born in Old Indianola on March 11, 1861, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schnaubert.

She came to this city with her parents following the storm which destroyed the little seaport town, and when a young girl was married to Charles Dickerson. To this happy union four sons and one daughter were born; the four sons remaining to survive. Death of the daughter, Charlice, was a blow from which Mrs. Dickerson had never fully recovered.

Surviving are four sons: Walter, Charles, William, and Adolph. In addition, a number of grand sons and grand daughters remain to mourn her passing.

ELIZABETH ANNA ELBERT October 26, 1931

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Miss Elizabeth Anna Elbert, pioneer Cuero citizen, who died at her home on Broadway following a long illness.

Many old friends joined in the services at the home and followed the remains to Hillside Cemetery where interment took place, under the direction of E.J. Freund. Dr. W.A. McLeon, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiated.

The casket was borne to its last resting place by Walter Reiffert, Thomas M. Stell, Jack Langford, Gus Schorre, Ernest Maynard, and J.L. Mueller.

Miss Elbert was seventy-two years old at the time of her demise and for a half century had made her home in this city, for the past 10 or more years residing with her sister, Miss Thekla, like herself unmarried, at the family home on Broadway. She was born in Indianola the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Elbert pioneer German settlers of the seaport town.

THERESA FRANK October 28, 1934

CUERO: Funeral services were held Monday for Miss Theresa Franke, 78 year old Cuero woman and native of Old Indianola, who died at her home Sunday morning. Scores of friends joined in last rites for this pioneer citizen who had made Cuero her home since 1886.

Services were held from the home with Dr. W. A. McLeod officiating. E. J. Freund was in charge of interment in Hillside.

Miss Theresa Franke was born January 1st, 1856 at Indianola, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Franke, German immigrants.

She was one of seven children, four of whom survive. They are: Mrs. J. R. Drake and Mrs. Will Drake of South Carolina, Miss Minnie Franke of Cuero and Louis Franke of Cuero. Three brothers preceded her in death.

Miss Franke came to Cuero with her family following the storm of 1886 which destroyed the seaport town of Indianola, and since that time had made Cuero her home.

GEORGE FREUND 1932

George Robert Freund, 66, father of E. J. Freund of Cuero and former resident of Old Indianola, died at the home of his son here shortly after 1 o'clock today following an illness of nearly five months.

Funeral services are to be held in this city Tuesday or Wednesday. Definite arrangements have not yet been made.

George Freund was born in the old city of Indianola on November 10th, following the '86 storm which demolished completely the little seaport town.

For many years Freund was engaged in business in Cuero. Twelve years ago he moved to San Antonio where he held a responsible position until forced to retire due to ill health.

He was married in 1896 to Miss Mary Mueller. One son, E. J. Freund, prominent Cuero business man, was born to this union, and with his mother remains to mourn the passing of this good man.

Reverend Oscar Drauch, Lutheran minister of San Antonio, and Reverend John Kern, Lutheran minister of this city are to officiate at services. Interment will be in Hillside cemetery. Funeral services will be held from the Lutheran Church.

MRS. JOHN FREUND, 85, IS LAID TO REST IN HILLSIDE CEMETERY
January 4, 1933

Mrs. John Freund, 85-year-old Cuero woman, widow of a Confederate veteran, and a survivor of the disastrous storm which erased the thriving city of Indianola back in 1886, was laid to rest in Hillside cemetery Friday afternoon following funeral services from the Freund Funeral Home at 3:30. Rev. John Kern officiated.

Born in the port city of Indianola in 1847, this well known woman spent thirty nine years of her life in the thriving little city before being forced to flee with other residents when the storm of 1886 devastated the countryside.

With her husband she came to Cuero and since that time had made her home here. Her husband, a Confederate veteran, and until his death one of this city's best known residents, preceded her in death 11 years ago.

Only one child, a daughter, Mrs. Willie Sigmund, and one grandchild, Walter Sigmund, survive as members of her immediate family.

Hundreds of Cuero citizens joined in last rites for the pioneer woman at 3:30 Friday afternoon.

Pall bearers were: Paul Cornbluth, Otto Moeller, Thos. Stell, H. Currin, H. L. Mueller and Joe Pannen.

ALFREDA REUSS FROBESSE
November 23, 1931

Hundreds of friends and loved ones joined this afternoon in paying a last tribute to Mrs. Alfreda Frobese, widow of William Frobese, and one of Cuero's oldest and best loved citizens, who passed away at her home on South Line Street Sunday morning. Death came to end months of illness which became suddenly critical a week ago, the end having been expected since Thursday night when she suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Funeral services were held from the family home this afternoon with Dr. W.A. McLeon, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiating and Rev. John Kern, Lutheran minister, assisting. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery in the family burial plot under the direction of E.J. Freund.

The casket was borne to its last resting place by the following close friends: Emil Reiffert, Berhold Schiwetz, Fred Mugge, Newton Crain, J.C. Kossbiel, Dr. Duckworth, Fritz Koehler and Wm. G. Stubbeman.

Alfreda Reuss Frobese was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Reuss, who were among the earliest and most prominent citizens of old Indianola, where she was born on October 12, 1854. Her father was one of the outstanding physicians and surgeons of South Texas in those early pioneer days and he served with distinction in the Army of the Confederacy, commanding the troop of soldiers raised in Indianola and Calhoun County. In the thriving little seaport city, Alfreda Reuss spent a happy

childhood and girlhood and was just entering young womanhood when the storm of 1875 partially destroyed the town. Dr. Reuss then joined other Indianolians and brought his family to Cuero which had been founded only two years prior. Here the home was established and the family at once became identified with the life and interests of this community, associations being formed which have been strengthened through the years.

In 1883 the deceased became the wife of William Frobese, senior member of the firm of H. Runge & Co., which had been moved to Cuero from Indianola after the '74 storm. She then assumed the happy duty of tending the five children who had been left motherless several years previously by the death of Mr. Frobese's first wife; and they were never made to feel that there was a difference after her own children were born, the perfect and happy family life that existed in the Frobese home being known throughout the community. The gentle, kindly spirit of the mother pervaded that family group and evoked a love and devotion that broadening family ties and outside interests of her children, failed in any degree to diminish. Since the death of Mr. Frobese in 1911, her interests had centered more and more in her home, in her children and grandchildren. And even when death was approaching she found supreme happiness and comfort in knowing that all of these were at her bedside.

Of her immediate family there are left to survive: her only sister, Miss Bertha Reuss; five sons, William, Henry, and Charles, all of Cuero; Dr. Joseph Frobese of San Antonio; and Alfred Frobese of Yoakum; and four daughters, Miss Alma Frobese, Mrs. Marion Leonardt, Mrs. Bertha Schmidt of San Antonio and Miss Annie Frobese.

MRS. FRANK GONZALEZ
July 20, 1962

Mrs. Frank Gonzalez, 86, of Indianola, died Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Calhoun Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Born in Old Town, adjacent to Indianola, April 9, 1876, she was the daughter of the late Joe and Mary Saegner Mendez. Mendez, born in Madrid, Spain, in 1839, was one of the two camelers in charge of the third cargo of camels purchased in the Near East and imported through Indianola at the instigation of then Sec. of War Jefferson Davis as an experiment in transportation for the U.S. Army in Texas. Her death leaves only one more direct connection with that colorful incident in Indianola history - her sister Mrs. August Zimmerman. Mrs. Gonzalez' father-in-law, the late John Gonzalez, native of the Canary Islands, shared the responsibility of the third shipment of camels with Mendez. The two men settled near Indianola and their descendants have continued to live here for over 100 years.

Mrs. Gonzalez, a life-long resident of Old Town, remembered the devastating hurricane of 1886 which completed the destruction of Indianola - then the largest port in Texas. She continued to live in Indianola until Hurricane Carla destroyed her home. Construction on a new home was begun immediately and she continued to live there with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sachrison, until her death.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. from Richardson Chapel with the Rev. John Green, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Gonzalez family cemetery adjacent to the Gonzalez property near Old Town under direction of Richardson Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, C.H. Gonzalez of Freeport; two daughters, Mrs. Sachrison and Mrs. Adolph Yonnick of San Antonio; a sister, Mrs. August Zimmerman of Indianola; and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Frank Medis, Dan Zimmerman, Arthur Barr, W.B. Neill, Frank Heinroth and C.W. Newlin.

WILLIAM H. GRAHAM
July 13, 1932

Cuero mourned the loss of a pioneer citizen Wednesday as impressive last rites were held for William H. Graham, 90, former resident of Old Indianola - Civil War veteran, early Cuero citizen.

Impressive funeral services from the St. Michael's Catholic Church were held Wednesday morning conducted by Rev. Father Sheehan, who was officiating priest in Cuero many years, and interment was in Hillside cemetery.

William H. Graham was born in New York State, October 16, 1843. He grew to young manhood in the community of his birth and after the Civil War located in Texas.

He came to Texas in the 1874 and settled at Indianola. Following the storm of 1875, with many other residents of the storm stricken city, he came to Cuero to make his home, and lived here until his death. On October 17, 1875, he married Miss Marie Louise Demonet in Cuero.

He was a graduate of Eastman College at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He served his country during the Civil War, engaging in many of the important battles of that conflict, re-enlisting in the United States army following the close of the war.

For 30 years William Graham served efficiently and well as tax collector of DeWitt County.

He served also as vice-president of the Buchel National Bank for 25 years, acted as manager of the Cuero Cottonoil Mill for four years and was otherwise actively and prominently engaged in business in Cuero until his forced retirement several years ago.

He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Thornton Hamilton of Cuero, and one son, James Graham of Los Angeles, Calif. His second son, Rev. Father

W.H. Graham of New York city preceded him in death one year ago. Three grandchildren survive, Graham Hamilton and Mrs. C.K. Carruthers of Cuero and Mrs. Charles Cusack of Beverly Hills, Calif.

MRS. VALENTINE HARDT
September 28, 1931

CUERO: Mrs. Valentine Hardt, widow of E. V. Hardt, and a long-time resident of this city passed away in San Antonio Saturday morning. The news was not unexpected as she had been ill and had been sinking for several days.

Funeral services will be held from the home of her niece Mrs. Frank Gohmert Monday afternoon interment following in Hillside Cemetery under the direction of E. J. Freund. Services are also to be held at the family home in San Antonio today.

Mrs. Hardt was eighty-three years old at the time of her demise and was a native of New York but had spent practically all her life in Texas, she and her husband being members of the old Indianola "clan" who came to Cuero following the storm of 1886. For about forty years the family resided in this city and it was here that their children were reared.

Judge Hardt died about twelve years ago and a short time later the family moved to San Antonio which has since been their home.

She is survived by one son, Hugo Hardt, of San Antonio and six daughters, Misses Johanna, Alfreda, Katie and Lillie Hardt, and Mrs. Gus Nau all of San Antonio and Mrs. Emma Bracher of Fredericksburg. The eldest daughter, Miss Emily Hardt, preceded her in death. Five grand children also survive.

GEORGE HEYER

November 26, 1933

Death claimed another former resident of Old Indianola and for the past many years one of this city's best known men, when George B. Hoyer, 58, died at the home of his brother after an illness of only a week.

"Uncle George" as he was affectionately known to his many, many friends throughout this and adjoining counties, was stricken with a heart attack, took a turn for the worse, and for several hours prior to his death, it was known the end was not far away. Death came at 5:38 Saturday afternoon.

Funeral services are to be held from the R. F. Hoyer home this afternoon with Rev. John Kern officiating. Members of Cuero Masonic Lodge No. 489, of which Hoyer was a faithful and long time member, are to be in charge at the grave in Hillside.

George Hoyer was born in Old Indianola, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Hoyer, German immigrants who had settled in the little seaport town after reaching the shores of America.

In 1886, he came to this city to make his home, after Old Indianola had been swept from the face of the earth by a devastating storm.

For the past twenty years "Uncle George" had been custodian at the DeWitt county court house, where he came in contact with men from all sections of the county and formed innumerable friendships. Scores of these friends will mourn his passing.

He was a pioneer member of the local Masonic lodge and one of its most enthusiastic and faithful workers.

In his immediate family he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Georgia Boicourt of Fort Worth and Mrs. Bettie Hill of Victoria; and one brother, R.F. Hoyer Sr., of this city.

JOHN T. HOGAN

June 5, 1933

John T. Hogan, 66, employee of Hogan-Alincho Dry Goods Company and brother of E. J. Hogan, president of the company, died at his residence, 2208 Caroline, at 2 a.m. Monday after a long illness.

Mr. Hogan had been associated with the Hogan-Alincho Company for about 26 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elise Hogan; a daughter, Miss Mary Hogan; two brothers, E. J. Hogan of Houston and C. D. Hogan of San Antonio, and a sister, Mrs. F. E. Huck of Victoria.

The body was taken overland at noon Monday to Victoria. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. today at St. Mary's Church there, Msgr. John Sheehan officiating. Burial was in Victoria under the direction of J. B. Earthman.

ELIZABETH HOLZHEUSER

ca. 1930

Death came Tuesday morning to end the long and useful life of Mrs. Elizabeth Holzheuser one of Cuero's most respected pioneer women and another of those who had claimed Indianola as her home. Stricken with paralysis several weeks ago, she had lingered at death's door since, being constantly ministered to by her devoted daughters who held ceaseless watch at her bedside.

Funeral services are to be held from the family home Wednesday and at the Lutheran Church with Rev. John Kern officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery under the direction of E.J. Freund.

Born in Germany on June 19, 1848, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wasserman, she deceased was eighty-two years old at the time of her demise. Her family emigrated to America while she was yet a small child, landing at Indianola where the father had already found their home. Here she grew to young womanhood and was married to Phillip Holzheuser. After the storm of 1883 which wrought destruction of the town, the family found refuge with other Indianolans at Cuero and have made their home here since. Mr. Holzheuser dying about twenty years ago. Since his death Mrs. Holzheuser and her only unmarried daughter, Miss Rosie Holzheuser, have made their home together, being constant and devoted companions.

Mrs. Holzheuser is a charter member of the Indianola Historical Association being an interested and enthusiastic attendant at the organization meeting here in April at which also were present her two sisters, Mrs. Amelia Lewis and Mrs. Bertha Miller.

Surviving are six children: three daughters, Mrs. R.L. Chaddock of Corpus Christi, Mrs. E.J. Rogers of Realitos, and Miss Rosie of Cuero; and three sons, Fred of Corpus Christi, Gus of Victoria, and Will Holzheuser of Cuero.

FRANCIS E. HUCK

November 7, 1933

VICTORIA: Francis E. Huck, 98, believed to be the oldest resident of Victoria County, was buried Saturday.

Mr. Huck was one of the few survivors of two tropical hurricanes that destroyed Indianola, the once thriving seaport on Matagorda Bay.

He weathered the first as a boy in Indianola and the second as a man in Victoria.

In 1875, Indianola was a prosperous city of 5000 and was county seat of Calhoun County as well as port of entry for Matagorda Bay. It was served by steamships running to Galveston, Havana, New Orleans and New York.

On September 7, 1875, Indianola was wrecked and an estimated 1500 of its inhabitants were killed by a tropical hurricane and tidal wave.

Between 2500 and 3000 people remained to rebuild the town. Of these, between 300 and 400 died in the second hurricane, accompanied by a disastrous fire, August 17, 1886.

The ruins were abandoned and the railroad was rerouted through a new county seat, Port Lavaca.

Victoria was damaged by the same blow that completed destruction of Indianola.

Mr. Huck was among the last to leave the community. He loaded his family on a flatcar and moved to Victoria.

He recalled standing on the rear platform of the train and watching section hands close in to tear up the tracks.

MRS. CHARLES H. JENDKE

Mrs. Charles H. Jendke of Victoria, formerly Miss Clara Weigand of this city, was laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery this morning, the funeral cortege coming overland from Victoria after services had been held at Trinity Episcopal church. Many of her old friends joined the the obsequies. Rev. Lee H. Roberts, Episcopal minister of Victoria conducting the rites.

The deceased was 59 years old, have been born in Indianola, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Weigand. The family moved to Cuero after the storm of '86 and it was here that she grew to womanhood and was united in marriage to Charles Jendke. Since 1900 the family had resided in Victoria.

Mrs. Jendke was stricken with paralysis on Monday evening and died eight hours later never regaining consciousness. She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. W.H. Harris of Victoria and Mrs. W.M. Darter of Kingsville; one son, C.R. Jendke of Victoria; four sisters, Mrs. Frank Bauer of Port Lavaca and Mrs. Ed Graef, Mrs. Fred Heubeaum and Mrs. Robert Nixon of San Antonio; one brother, John Weigand of Omaha, Neb.; and three grandchildren.

MRS. ROSELIA KINLAY December 23, 1914

CUERO: Mrs. Roselia Nugent Kinlay, who departed this life at her home in South Cuero, on Wednesday evening last, was born at Tasa, Ireland, on October 25, 1837 and was therefore at the time of her death, 77 years, 1 month and 28 days old.

Her first visit to America was in the year 1852, when she crossed to this side to become to guest of the household of her uncle, Patrick Nugent, at New Orleans. The following year she removed to old Indianola, where she joined her sister, Mrs. McLaughlin. On April 9th, 1853, she married at Indianola to Samuel Kinlay, a rising contractor of that city, whose death occurred in this city some years ago, after the family had been long time residents of Cuero.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinlay continued to reside at Indianola until after the great storm of 1886, when they removed to Cuero, and since that year have called this city their home. To the union were born eleven children, six of whom survive as follows: Mesdames W. J. Ryan and Wm. Budge, Misses Alfreda and May Kinlay, Louis and Joe Kinlay, all of whom make Cuero their home, except Joe Kinlay, who now resides at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Funeral services were held at the Catholic church by Rev. Father Hendricks and interment was made in the Hillside Cemetery, Saturday afternoon.

A co-incidence for the day was that news was received here on the day of the funeral, of the death of Joseph Kinlay, a brother of Samuel Kinlay at his home in England. The death occurred in October, but the news only reached the loved ones here, as they were laying to rest the remains of their beloved mother.

SAM KINLAY May 2, 1898

Mr. Sam Kinlay is no more. One of Cuero's good citizens has gone from us forever, and a family surrounded by friends is wraped in sorrow.

Deceased was a member of an old distinguished English family, and was a finely educated man. He has resided in south Texas for years and counts his friends in this section by legions.

At the time of his death he was in his sixty-ninth year and when death called him, about the noon hour today, his family and a number of his friends were at his bedside.

Mr. Kinley was a contractor by profession and has done much work throughout south Texas. He leaves a family of a wife, two sons and four daughters and a host of friends to mourn his demise.

The funeral will occur from Grace church tomorrow at 5 o'clock, of which church deceased was a member.

B. C. KLEINECKE April 24, 1933

A flower covered mound in Hillside cemetery Monday afternoon marked the resting place of another former resident of Old Indianola, and early citizen of Cuero, August C. Kleinecke, 67 year old Cuero man, who died at his home on East Main street early Sunday morning.

Services were held from the Lutheran church Monday afternoon with Rev. John Kern officiating, and interment was in Hillside Cemetery by the side of his aged mother who passed to her reward only two months ago.

Sudden death claimed August Kleinecke Sunday morning. Shortly before 6 a.m. his brother, Dr. Louis Kleinecke, heard a noise, followed by a groan, in his brother's room. He rushed downstairs to find the deceased lying near his bed. Before medical aid could be summoned, the deceased had breathed his last. Death was not unexpected, however.

August C. Kleinecke was born in the little seaport town of Indianola on September 7, 1865. For thirteen years he lived with his mother and father in the little town, and watched it grow into a thriving seaport city. He and his family were among the survivors of the first storm in 1873, and three years later, moved to Cuero to take up residence.

Kleinecke was a saddler by trade and served as an apprentice under John Stratton, one of the earliest and best known saddlers in this section of Texas. He became skilled in his work and later went into the employ of R. C. Flick.

For the past several years Kleinecke has not been actively engaged, and had lived with his mother and her happy family on East Main street. The death of his mother two months ago proved a sad blow, and that fact coupled with an ailment from which he had suffered for many years, probably hastened his death, which was not unexpected.

CHRIS KLEINECKE November 9, 1934

Funeral services are to be held in Reno, Nev. for Chris Kleinecke, former Cuero citizen and brother of Dr. Louis Kleinecke and Miss Mamie Kleinecke of this city.

Kleinecke, a native of Old Indianola, died suddenly in Reno Friday night at the home of his son, Edward who is a resident of that city.

He left Cuero nearly eighteen years ago for Colorado where he had made his home in Grand Junction for many years, being an employee of a railroad company.

He leaves two sons, Edward of Reno and August of Grand Junction, Colorado, one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Junker of Cuero, one brother, Dr. Louis Kleinecke of Cuero and one sister, Miss Mamie Kleinecke of Cuero, as members of his immediate family.

MRS. MARY R. KLEINECKE 1932

Funeral services were held in Cuero Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Mary R. Kleinecke, 94, former resident of Old Indianola, and for many years a resident of this city. Services were held from the home on East Main with Reverend John Kern, Lutheran minister officiating, and interment was in Hillside cemetery.

Mary R. Kleinecke was born in Kartzen, Germany in June of 1839. She came to this country with her parents at the age of 13 and settled at Old Indianola. It was here that she made her home until 1878, at which time, with her husband, H. A. Louis Kleinecke, she moved to Cuero. Louis Kleinecke preceded her in death 43 years ago, and for the past many years the aged woman had made her home with her loving son and daughter on East Main street.

She was prominently connected with the early life of Indianola, being an ardent worker in the Lutheran church and a member of the first Lutheran Confirmation class organized in Indianola in about the year 1854.

Surviving to mourn her death are: four sons, Dr. Louis Kleinecke, August, Robert and Chris, one daughter, Miss Mamie Kleinecke, sixteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

ROBERT T. KLEINECKE June 26, 1934

Death came shortly after noon today to claim Robert T. Kleinecke, 68 year old citizen, and former resident of Old Indianola, Kleinecke dying in a San Antonio sanitarium, where he had been confined for the past several weeks.

Funeral services will be held in Cuero Wednesday afternoon.

Robert Kleinecke was born in the seaport town of Old Indianola, the son of Lewis and Mary Kleinecke. He came to Cuero to make his home in 1878.

In 1903 he was united in marriage to Miss Helen Miller and to this union five children were born. They are one daughter, Lucile, and four sons, Willard, Robert, William Henry and Howard, all of Cuero.

One sister, Miss Mamie Kleinecke of Cuero, and two brothers, Dr. D.C. Kleinecke of Cuero and Chris Kleinecke of Grand Junction, Colo., also survive.

"Bob" Kleinecke, as he was known to his many friends here, worked in the J.A. Graves store for many years, and later became affiliated with the Federal Post Office in Cuero. For many years he served as carrier for the post office, retiring only two years ago due to ill health.

The body will be bought overland from San Antonio, and interment will be in Hillside Cemetery.

HENRY J. LIENHARD, SR.
1932

CUERO: Funeral services are to be held Thursday morning from the Lienhard residence on Live Oak Street for Henry J. Lienhard Sr., 74 year old Cuero citizen, who died Tuesday evening.

A native of Old Indianola, Henry Lienhard Sr., was one of this city's earliest settlers, and for many years was prominent in the life of this city.

Henry Lienhard was born in the little seaport city of Indianola in July of 1859. He lived in Indianola until his early teens when he entered school at Pass Christian on the Gulf Coast. He later accepted employment in Hansboro, Mississippi, but returned to Indianola to live prior to the storm of 1875. He was one of the survivors of the storm of '75 and following the devastating storm of 1886, came with many other survivors of the little town to Cuero where he settled with his parents on the Lienhard farm.

In Cuero he met and married Miss Alvina Flick. To this union was born five children, four of whom remain to mourn his death.

Lienhard was a natural musician and his greatest joy in life was his music. For many years he was one of this city's outstanding music instructors, and conducted classes daily until two years ago when ill health forced him to abandon this work.

His bereaved wife, Mrs. Alvina Lienhard, two sons, W. F. Lienhard and Henry J. Lienhard, Jr., two daughters, Miss Dora Lienhard and Mrs. Charles Ott and two brothers, Peter Lienhard and A. F. Lienhard, remain to mourn the death of this good man.

Interment will be in Hillside cemetery with Reverend W. A. Allan, Episcopal minister, officiating. E. J. Freund is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Pall bearers will be: G. A. Markowsky, A. Nitche, Mike Byrne Sr., Louis Schneider, Ed Zedler and Norman Wilden.

MRS. H. J. LIENHARD, SR.
April 17, 1934

CUERO: Death came with little warning in the early hours of Tuesday evening to claim Mrs. H. J. Lienhard, Sr., 72 year old Cuero woman, and a former resident of old Indianola.

Funeral services are to be held from St. Michael's Catholic Church Thursday with Rev. Leo Goertz officiating. Rev. Allan, Episcopal minister, will assist at the grave.

E. J. Freund is to be in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Alvina Mary Lienhard was born in the little seaport town of Indianola on January 21, 1862, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Flick, early settlers in Indianola. She lived in the thriving seaport town until forced to flee with her parents before the storm that swept every living thing in the little city to doom.

Like many others, she and her parents came to Cuero to make their home and for the past many, many years had lived in this city.

She was married on November 13, 1883, to H. J. Lienhard, Sr., and this union was blessed with five children, four of whom remain to mourn the passing of this loved woman.

A talented musician, Mrs. Lienhard was a valuable assistant to her husband who was one of Cuero's first music teachers, and because of her talents was able to serve St. Michael's Catholic Church as organist, being the first organist of St. Michael's Church.

Her husband preceded her in death in March of 1933, only a few months before he would have celebrated with his wife, their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Four of her five children survive. They are: Henry Lienhard, Jr., Miss Dora and Mrs. Charles Ott of Cuero, and W. F. Lienhard of San Antonio. Two brothers, C. Roland Flick of Atlanta, Georgia, and Joe Flick of Houston; three sisters, Mrs. Carrie Shields of Cuero; Mrs. C. R. Matthews of Birmingham, Alabama; and Mrs. J. B. Collins of Houston; and three grand-children; Charles Ott, Jr., of Cuero and Gladys Lorrain and W. F. Flick, Jr., of San Antonio also survive.

Pall bearers will be: William Ott, W. P. Meissner, Ed. Zedler, John Berning, M. Byrne Sr., and J. W. Dolejsi.

Interment will be in Hillside cemetery.

MISS MATHILDA LINDEMANN DIES IN THIS CITY EARLY MONDAY: Jan. 2, 1933

A stroke of paralysis was responsible for the death of Miss Mathilda Lindemann, a 69-year-old resident of Cuero, who died in a local hospital at 8:45 Monday morning. The aged woman suffered a stroke some time ago, and was found unconscious at her home in South Cuero, where she lived alone. The attending physician at that time expressed little hope for her recovery.

Miss Lindemann had made Cuero her home for some 40 years, coming to Cuero with her parents a short time after the storm of 1875 which battered Old Indianola. She had lived alone for the past many years. No immediate members of family remain.

Funeral services are to be held from the Freund funeral chapel Tuesday afternoon. Interment will be in Hillside cemetery with Rev. John Kern officiating.

MRS. ERNESTINE WILHELM MAYNE
October 4, 1931

In the death Saturday morning of Mrs. Ernestine Wilhelm Mayne there passed from the scene another of those fine pioneer women who played a part in the making of this community. One of that band of early settlers who founded Indianola, Mrs. Mayne's ninety-odd years spanned the history not only of Cuero but of its parent city, the old seaport town destroyed by hurricane in the storms of 1875 and 1886.

Mrs. Mayne had passed her ninety-third milestone and was one of Cuero's oldest citizens. Until recently she had remained

wonderfully active and had enjoyed unusual good health for one of her years, her mind being keenly alert and her memory as retentive as in her youth, her vivid remembrance of the old days spent in Indianola having been of great assistance in the compilation of the history of the old seaport.

The deceased was born in Romheld, Saxony, on June 6th, 1836, coming to this country with her parents when only three years old. The family was among the group of German immigrants who landed at old Indian Point and founded the settlement that preceded the establishment of the town of Indianola. On April 23, 1854, she was united in marriage to Thomas Mayne, a native of Devonshire, England, record of the marriage written in his hand-writing on a water stained page of the old family Bible being still treasured by the family. The husband was drowned in the storm of 1875 and the Bible was recovered afterward and brought with other family relics to Cuero which had just been established and which has been their home since.

Mrs. Mayne was the mother of ten children four of whom survive her, one daughter, Mrs. Salles, having died little more than a year ago. The surviving children are two sons, Ton and John Mayne of Cuero; two daughters, Mrs. E. Brumlieu of Houston and Mrs. Gus Simon of Cuero. In addition there are left

to mourn her passing twenty grandchildren and forty-three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are to be held from the old family home on Center Street Sunday afternoon, interment following in Hillside cemetery under the direction of E. J. Freund. Rev. John Kern, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church, will officiate.

MR. MARLON MINTER MCFARLAND
April 7, 1936

Marion Minter McFarland, 70, Austin, former newspaper man and state representative, died Monday in a hospital here.

The body will be sent Tuesday morning to Austin for services and burial. McFarland was a native of Brandon, Miss. He was brought to Texas by his family when he was three years old.

He was engaged in newspaper work for many years in Victoria and Beeville. Later he served in the house of representatives. He moved to Austin in 1918. At the time of his death he was a traveling representative for the Burnett Stationery Co. of Waco. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Austin and was honorary life president of the Indianola Association.

Surviving are the widow Irma McFarland, Austin; daughters Miss Marion McFarland, Austin, and Mrs. Phil Kleas, Wharton; son, Earl of Temple; sisters Mrs. Pauline Grace and Mrs. Frank Dudgeon, both of Port Lavaca; Mrs. Frank Penfield and Miss Bell McFarland of Houston; and a brother, Dr. Van E. McFarland, Eagle Pass.

DR. VAN EARL MCFARLAND
June 29, 1942

Eagle Pass, Texas

Dr. Van Earl McFarland, 69, founder and for 12 years president of the Maverick County Irrigation District, died at his home late Saturday from a heart attack. Services were held today at the residence and at the Methodist Church.

A native of Bonham, he had lived here 43 years. He headed the irrigation project from its inception until 1926 when he resigned to give his attention to his medical practice. Dr. McFarland was a 32 Degree Mason and a Shriner.

Survivors are two sons, Van Haile McFarland, Maverick County Attorney, and Sharp McFarland of the State Insurance Department; three daughters, Mrs. W. H. Brown of Eagle Pass, Mrs. Joe Hill of San Antonio and Miss Pauline McFarland of Washington, D. C.; and four sisters, Mrs. Pauline Grace, Mrs. Lula Dudgeon and Miss Belle McFarland of Port Lavaca, and Mrs. Jessie Penfield of Houston.

Dr. McFarland lived at Old Indianola shortly before the storm of '86, and moved to Port Lavaca with his parents after the storm. In Port Lavaca he spent most of his early childhood at the McFarland home, where his sister, Mrs. Pauline Grace now resides.

Among those attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Dudgeon, Miss Belle McFarland; Mrs. Pauline Grace of San Antonio, Mrs. F. Penfield of Houston, Mrs. Norman Gibson of Robstown, Clyde McFarland and daughter Annie Marie of Marfa.

LOUISA WINERICH MILLER

January 6, 1942

Tuesday marked the passing of another native Indianolan, Mrs. Louisa Winerich Miller, a pioneer of the old school, who has seen this section of the country undergo many changes, from open prairie to the present progressive era.

Louisa Winerich Miller, wife of Benjamin Miller, was born at Indianola, April 6, 1859, and resided there with her parents until the outbreak of the Civil War, in 1861, at which time she was taken with other refugees to New Orleans, La. While in New Orleans, her father was killed in a horse drawn street car and her mother died of yellow fever. At the close of the war she returned to Indianola with her brother Benjamin Winerich and his family at Helena, Karnes Co., Texas, where she attended school. At the age of 15 years she returned to Indianola and lived again at the home of her brother, Benjamin.

In the spring of 1876 she was united in marriage to Benjamin Miller, and resided at Indianola for five years, when they moved to Louise, Texas. In 1882 Mr. and Mrs. Miller moved back to Indianola.

In 1910 Mrs. Miller joined the Baptist Church and was baptised, remaining a member of that church until her death.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. S.J. Smith of Seadrift, and Mrs. Oscar Warrach of Victoria; five sons, Benjamin and Henry both of Magnolia Beach, Emile of Victoria, Fred of Beaumont, and Seamon of Port Lavaca; 13 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

MRS. WILLIAM MOORE

(ca 1937)

Monday, Feb. 28, our community was saddened by the news of the death of Calhoun County's oldest citizen, Mrs. William Moore, who passed away at 6 o'clock that morning.

Although Grandma Moore, as she was affectionately known, had been confined to her bed for over a year, due to a broken thigh, her last illness lasted only a few weeks.

Frances Weisenberg Moore was born October 18, 1845 and as a young girl came to Old Indianola where at the age of 17 she was united in marriage to William Moore. To this union six children were born. The surviving children are Frank of New Gulf, Henry D. of California and Miss Katherine of Houston.

Grandma Moore passed thru both the '75 and '86 storms at Indianola. Following the disastrous storm of '86 that wiped out the old coast town, Mrs. Moore moved to Port Lavaca where she resided until her death.

At the time of her death Grandma Moore had reached the ripe old age of 92 years, 4 months and 10 days. Up until the time she suffered a fall and broke her thigh, Grandma had performed all of her own household duties. With the passing of this respected citizen the community has suffered a great loss for she was an inspiration to those who visited her. After a visit, one realized how much they had to be thankful for and the difficulties of life seemed a little easier to bear.

MRS. ARCELIE MARIE MUTI

September 30, 1933

A flower covered mound in Hillside cemetery marked the last resting place of another Old Indianola citizen following funeral services for Mrs. Arcelie Marie Muti, 89 year old Cuero woman, early resident of this city and a former citizen of the little seaport town of long ago.

Death claimed this well known woman shortly Saturday evening after an illness of some five months.

Funeral services were held from the Catholic Church in this city Monday morning with Rev. Leo Goertz officiating and interment was in Hillside Cemetery under the direction of E.J. Freund.

Mrs. Arcelie Muti was born on March 19, 1884, in Thebeaus, Louisiana, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Marie.

She came to Texas during the Civil War with her family, consisting of her mother and father and five sisters and brothers. The family settled in Old Indianola and

for many years made that little seaport city their home.

United in marriage to John Muti shortly after moving to Indianola, they came to Cuero to make their home when this town first started. John Muti acquired the present Muti hotel, lots in the first sale of property here and built a frame building that served as a hotel for years, and until the present brick was constructed in the latter nineties which they continued to conduct until 1906 when they sold hotel and went to live in the home in which she died. She was perhaps the oldest Indianolan living in Cuero.

Amelia Williams and one brother, Ernest Marie, survive as members of her immediate family.

Pall bearers were: Mike Byrne, Sr., Fritz Koehler, Berthold Schiwetz, V.J. Grunder, J.C. Kossbiel and Dr. S.P. Boothe.

SOPHIE KELLER NITSCHKE

June 19, 1934

Death came Tuesday to end the patient suffering of Mrs. Sophie Keller Nitsche, 58, former resident of Old Indianola, and for the past many years a resident of this city.

For three years Mrs. Nitsche had been confined to her bed as the result of a stroke suffered late in 1931 and the end came as a blessed relief. Death occurred at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. Sophie Keller Nitsche was born March 10, 1876, in the little seaport city of Indianola, the daughter of Henry and Pauline Keller. She grew to young womanhood in that city and in 1897 was united in marriage to Adolph Nitsche.

To this union two children were born; Walter, her only son, preceding his mother in death several years ago. A daughter, Mrs. Barney Byrne, of Cuero, survives.

Since 1897 Mrs. Nitsche had made her home in this city and leaves countless friends to mourn her passing.

Her husband, Adolph Nitsche of Cuero, one daughter, Mrs. Barney Byrne, of Cuero; five sisters, Mrs. Frank Elmendorf and Mrs. Charlotte Muller of El Paso, Mrs. Joe Casal, Mrs. Henry Wilton and Miss Josie Keller of Cuero, and one brother, Tony Keller, of Brownsville, Tennessee, survive.

Funeral services are to be held from the Barney Byrne home Wednesday and from the Lutheran church of which she was a faithful member and charter member of the choir. Rev. John Kern will officiate and E.J. Freund will be in charge of interment in Hillside.

Pall bearers will be: W.L. Ferguson, John C. Ley, Dr. L.C. Kleinecke, Alfred Marquis, Jim Dolejsi and Will Ott.

S.G. REED

S. G. Reed, 81, retired freight traffic manager for Southern Pacific Lines in Texas and Louisiana, died in his home.

Mr. Reed's railroad career spanned 49 years prior to his retirement in October 1937. Anecdotes and documents describing the early days of railroading in Texas were collected by Mr. Reed from the time he went to work as a Southern Pacific clerk at Victoria in 1888, and were published in book form in 1941.

Up to the time of his death, Mr. Reed was a regular contributor to the Southern Pacific Bulletin and other railroad publications.

Born in Franklin Parish, La., he was a son of Isaac A. Reed, first United States Weather Bureau observer in Texas, who was killed in the 1886 hurricane that wiped Indianola off the map.

Mr. Reed was educated at Colgate Academy and University, Hamilton, N.Y. He was transferred from Dallas to Houston in 1918 as corporate land and tax agent for Southern Pacific.

He was a charter member of the Kiwanis and Traffic clubs in Houston, and was also a charter member of the Dallas Traffic Club. He served as president of traffic clubs in both cities.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Carrie M. Reed; three sons, Clair, Robert and Arthur Reed; a daughter, Mrs. Scott Kennedy, Jr., all of Houston; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in Trinity Episcopal Church, with Rev. Arthur S. Knapp officiating. Burial will be in Forest Park Cemetery, under direction of Perry Funeral Home.

MRS. ANNA MUGGE REIFFERT December 26, 1933

Eternal sleep came in the the afternoon of Christmas Eve to bring rest to Mrs. Annie Mugge Reiffert, 58 year old Cuero woman, member of one of this city's oldest and most prominent families who died in a local hospital after long days of patient suffering. Critically injured in an automobile crash near Sayers, Texas, on November 29th, Mrs. Reiffert has courageously borne her sufferings, and the end came as a blessed relief.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon from the home with Rev. W.A. Allan, Episcopal minister officiating, and interment was in Hillside cemetery.

Mrs. Annie Mugge Reiffert was born on August 9, 1876, in Cuero. She spent her early girlhood here and in the year 1898 journeyed to Germany, where she received her schooling.

She returned to the city of her birth at the completion of her studies and in February of 1901 was united in marriage to Walter Reiffert of Cuero. Her death came hardly a month before the couple would have celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary.

Since marriage Mr. and Mrs. Reiffert had made Cuero their home, three sons and one daughter being born to this union.

In addition to her husband, Walter Reiffert Sr., of Cuero she leaves three sons, Walter Jr., of Kerrville, Ralph and James of Cuero, one daughter, Mrs. Edwin McClanahan, and two grand sons,

Edwin Jr., and Walter McClanahan, of Cuero, and one brother, Fred T. Mugge to survive.

Pall bearers were Emil Reiffert Jr., William Reiffert, Reiffert Blackwell, T.A. Reuss, Joe Reuss, Edward Mugge, Henry Mugge, and Arthur Burns.

MRS. JOHANNA RUNGE

Mrs. Johanna Runge, widow of the late Julius Runge of Galveston, prominent banker and for many years, president of the Galveston Cotton Exchange died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Julia Runge, in San Antonio where she had been visiting for several weeks.

Mrs. Runge was born in Indianola, Texas, April 25, 1856. She was the daughter of Henry and Julia Runge. Her father was the founder of the pioneer banking house of H. Runge & Co., which was started in Indianola in 1845.

Mrs. Runge was very much interested in charity, and started the first free kindergarten for the children of working people in Galveston and later this was incorporated in the Galveston public school system, and was named the Johanna Runge Kindergarten.

Mrs. Runge moved to Austin with her family 33 years ago and since that time has made her home here.

Surviving Mrs. Runge are her children, Mrs. Julia Runge of San Antonio, Mrs. Thomas A. Rose of Dallas, Henry Runge of Galveston, Julius Runge of Dallas, and Frank Runge of Houston; a brother, Louis Runge of Galveston, and one sister, Mrs. Anna Stromeyer of Manover, Germany.

The body will be held at the Thurlow Weed Funeral home till Monday morning when it will be taken to the family residence, 2703 Red River Street, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Earl E. Simms will read the service and burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

LOUIS JOHN RYAN August 29, 1947

Last sad rites were held Saturday at Our Lady of the Fulf Catholic Church with Requiem Mass by Father Francis Taylor, for Lewis John Ryan, age 67 years, 11 months, 11 days, who died at his residence Friday.

Lewis John Ryan was born at Old Indianola, September 18, 1879, the son of Joseph J. and Martha Ryan, both deceased. His father served as County Clerk in Indianola for a number of years, leaving Indianola after the storm of '86, and residing in Port Lavaca for two years, then moving to Cuero. He then moved to Austin where he served in the Comptroller's Office, later moving back to Cuero.

In 1898 Lewis J. was employed by the Wells Fargo Express Company, moving back to Port Lavaca in 1900. He served the company for 35 years when he retired in 1933, and he was a trusted and honored employee.

On November 16, 1918, he was united in marriage to Miss Lola Blardone, member of a pioneer family of Calhoun County. This

union was blessed with two children, Patrick Clark and Catherine, both of whom hold responsible positions in this city. Clark being assistant postmaster, and Catherine being an employee of the First State Bank.

Interment was in Lynnwood Cemetery and pall bearers were John and Arch Clark, Doris Boyd, Will Smith, W.E. Guidry, Sr., and A.S. Bowers.

He is survived by his wife and two children, an aunt, Mrs. Ella Budge of Cuero, Texas. Two cousins, Mrs. M.A. Campbell of Houston, Texas, and Roselia Budge of Cuero, Texas.

MARTHA KINLAY RYAN

CUERO: Mrs. Martha Kinlay Ryan, aged 66 years, died at Cuero. She was born in Indianola and married there in 1878 to John J. Ryan, after whose death she lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kinlay, in Cuero. She leaves a son, Lewis J. Ryan of Port Lavaca, and a grandson, Patrick J. Ryan; also two brothers, three sisters, and other relatives.

MRS. GEORGE SALLES ca. 1930

Another of Cuero's pioneer women was called to her last reward when Mrs. George Salles passed away at the home of her mother, Mrs. E.P. Mayne, Thursday morning, her death following a long illness. Mrs. Salles was one of those who made up the large group of citizens who came to Cuero from Indianola following the storm which destroyed the old seaport, and her name is on the roster of the Indianola Historical Association organized here last spring.

Funeral services are to be held Friday afternoon from the home on Center Street, with Dr. W.A. McLeod, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiating interment will follow in Hillside cemetery under the direction of E.J. Freund.

Mrs. Salles was born in Indianola seventy-five years ago being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Mayne, who were numbered among the best known citizens of the historic old town. Following the big storm of 1873 the family moved to Cuero and it is here that they have resided since, being identified with the town practically since its founding. Her marriage to George Salles occurred soon after her removal to this city and to them were born four children, three of these surviving their parents. They are G.C. Salles of Cuero; M.J. Salles of Beaumont; and Mrs. Felix Mignes of Alexandria, La. Mr. Salles preceded his wife in death about twenty years ago.

In addition to her children Mrs. Salles is survived by her ninety-year old mother, Mrs. E.P. Mayne, two brothers, John and Tom Mayne of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Ernest Brumley of Houston and Mrs. Gus Simon of Fredonia.

TWO MEMBERS OF PIONEER DEWITT FAMILY CLAIMED BY DEATH ON SAME DAY
CHARLES SCHORLEMMER
MRS. WILHELMINA H. MILLER
February 26, 1935

Death struck twice within a short period of seven hours Tuesday to claim two members of the Schorlemmer family of Meyersville, pioneer settlers in this community.

Charles Schorlemmer, 89-year-old retired Meyersville farmer, was claimed by death at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He was followed in death shortly after 10 o'clock by his sister, Mrs. Wilhelmina Henrietta Miller, 86. Both were former residents of Old Indianola and both are well known throughout this section.

Services for Charles Schorlemmer were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday from the home of his son-in-law, C.A.H. Sager at Meyersville with Rev. Meier, officiating. E. J. Freund was in charge of arrangements.

Services for Mrs. Miller will be held at 2:30 Thursday afternoon from the family home at Arneckeville, with Rev. Meier to officiate.

Charles Schorlemmer was born in Germany on November 11, 1845. He came to Texas at the age of three years and settled with his family at Indianola. Later he moved to Meyersville where he had made his home ever since. Sixty-four years ago he was married to Miss Lena Hartman and to this union nine children were born. Four of these nine children and the aged wife survive. They are: Louis of Tivoli; Charles of Arneckeville; Mrs. Mary Sager of Meyersville and Miss Annie Schorlemmer of San Antonio. Two brothers, Henry of Meyersville, and William of Cuero; nineteen grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.

Charles Schorlemmer was one of Meyersville's most substantial citizens, a capable farmer and a loved neighbor. His passing will be mourned in many homes in this county.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Miller was born in Indianola, January 14, 1849, and later moved to Meyersville with her parents. She was married on November 23, 1871 at Meyersville to George F. Miller. She lived for a short time in Victoria and then moved to Arneckeville where she had lived for the past sixty years. Her husband preceded her in death in 1923. Of the ten children born to this union, eight survive. They are Henry, Mrs. Philippina Wolf, Miss Lena, Miss Mathalia and Ernest of Arneckeville; Mrs. Charles Henneke of San Antonio; Mrs. Alfreda Pohler of Victoria and Alfred of Corpus Christi. Sixteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and two brothers, Henry of Meyersville and William of Cuero also survive.

A life-long member of the Lutheran Church and an active worker in the Arneckeville church for many years, Mrs. Miller goes to a rich reward. She leaves scores of friends in this county to mourn her death.

MRS. BERTHA FROBESCH SCHMIDT

November 8, 1934

Funeral services were held this afternoon for Mrs. Bertha Frobese Schmidt, member of one of this city's most prominent families, who died Wednesday morning.

Services were held from the Frobese home with Dr.W.A. McLeod officiating. E.J. Freund was in charge of interment in Hillside.

Mrs. Schmidt, a native of Cuero had spent most of her life in this city. For the past several years she had suffered from ill health and the end was not unexpected.

One daughter, Wilhelmine, and one son, Fred, remain as members of her immediate family.

Three sisters, Mrs. Marion Leonardt, and Misses Alma and Ann Frobese of Cuero, five brothers, Will, Charles, Henry, Jow and Alfred, and two aunts, Miss Bertha Reuss of the city and Mrs.J.R. Reuss of Dallas, survive, also.

MRS. LELIA SEELIGSON

Mrs. Lelia Seeligson, 94, died here Monday shortly after noon in a local hospital. She had been hospitalized since March 22 following a fall in which she broke her right hip and her pelvis bone.

She was born at Old Indianola and was the daughter of Charles Cabiness Howerton, and Theora Petty Howerton. She was a sister of the late James C. Howerton, founder and publisher of the Cuero Record.

Mrs. Seeligson came to Cuero in 1873 with her brother on the first train that traveled between Old Indianola and Cuero.

She was married to Dowd Seeligson, one of the first real estate dealers in Cuero. They had three children, only one of whom survives. A son, Elliott, is employed with the Texas Company at Houston. A granddaughter, Mrs. Theora Crosby, who lives at Chihuahua City, Mexico, also survives.

Mrs. Seeligson served as historian for the "Old Indianola Settlers Association," and was the author of a history of Old Indianola published sometime ago. She was a lifetime member of Grace Episcopal Church and attended the first Sunday School ever held in Cuero, which was conducted under an old oak tree.

Services will be held from Grace Episcopal Church Tuesday. The Rev. F. Randall Williams, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery.

CAPTAIN J. L. SHEPPARD

February 22, 1935

Captain Joseph Lawrence Sheppard died at the Burns Hospital here Friday morning.

Captain Sheppard who was 68 years of age, had been a resident of Cuero for 43 years. He came here to accept a position as secretary of the Cuero Cotton Oil & Mfg. Co. upon its organization in 1891. Later he was elevated to the position of manager and served in that capacity for many years, resigning to become manager of the H. Runge & Co. grocery department.

During the world war he served as chairman of the DeWitt county local draft board, devoting his full time and untiring service to his country without pay.

He went back with H. Runge & Co. at the end of the war, but was forced to give up this work about 1922 and devoted his full time to management of his ranching properties in which he had long been interested. Capt. Sheppard and his father-in-law, Frank Fassett were among the first comen to feed their cattle for market.

Capt. Sheppard was a native of Old Indianola, the date of his birth being October 21, 1867. He was the son of Captain Henry Sheppard of the Morgan Steamship Lines, which served that port, and later president of the Gulf, Western Texas & Pacific Railway, built to connect Indianola with Victoria and Cuero.

He spent his boyhood at Indianola, attending school at that place, later attending St. Mary's University in Galveston, from which he was graduated in the 80's. He then went to Victoria to make his home and became Captain of the Victoria Rifles, one of the best drilled companies in the state, at the time there were scores of such companies in Texas and competitive drills were among the most popular events.

He came to Cuero in 1891 to accept a position with the Cuero Cotton Oil and Mfg. Co.

In 1892 he was married to one of DeWitt County's loveliest ladies, Jane Frances Fassett, daughter of Frank Fassett one of this county's earliest settlers.

Other survivors are his two sons, Henry Fassett Sheppard of Cuero and Joseph Lawrence Sheppard, Jr., of Port Arthur; one brother, Henry D. Sheppard of Cuero; and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Luther of Cuero. Six grandchildren also survive.

MRS. CAROLINE SIMON

January 1933

Death struck again Friday to claim another former resident of the ill-fated little town of Indianola, Mrs. Caroline Simon, 59 year-old Cuero woman, passing away at her home on South Line street after a short illness.

Funeral services are to be held at 2 p.m. Sunday from the home and at 2:30 p.m. from the Catholic Church. Interment will be in Hillside cemetery. Rev. Leo Goertz, Catholic priest, will officiate, while E. J. Freund, local funeral director, will be in charge of interment.

Mrs. Caroline Simon was born in July of 1873, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Budde, pioneer settlers of Old Indianola. She lived with her parents in Indianola until the storm of 1886, and then moved to Goliad. She was united in marriage to Theo Simon 45 years ago, and for the past 26 years had made Cuero her home.

Surviving are: her 85 year-old mother, Mrs. Louis Budde, her husband, Theo Simon, five children, R. W. Simon, A. A. Simon, Mrs. R. R. Smith, Mrs. Ned Thigpen and Miss

Eva Simon; one sister, Mrs. W. P. Bourke of Yoakum; three brothers, E. G. Budde of Robstown, Louis of Houston and Chris of Cuero and ten grandchildren.

WILLIAM H. SMITH

August 1941

William H. Smith, 82, passed away Friday at his home. Rosary was said at the residence Friday evening, and Requiem Mass at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Saturday morning with Father D. M. Buckley officiating. The Mass was sung by the Oblate Choir of San Antonio.

William H. Smith was born at Indianola, December 21, 1858, the son of Henry Smith, who emigrated to this country from Germany in 1845. He spent his early life at Lamar and St. Mary's on Copano Bay and on the Henry Smith ranch near Port O'Connor. On May 18, 1881 he was united in marriage to Alice E. Rahtgens, another native Indianolan, who preceded him in death.

After the storm of '86 Mr. Smith, who was in business, was one of the first to leave Indianola, moving to Port Lavaca where he and his brother-in-law founded the Rahtgens and Smith Lumber Yard. He later bought his partner's interest, and operated the business until 1912. After selling the lumber business, he formed a partnership with his oldest son, W. H. Jr. and operated a ship chandlery until 1939.

The Smith homestead, where he and his bride resided at Indianola, was moved to Port Lavaca, where it overlooks the bay he loved so well. In this home his eight children were born, the first three, Henrietta Louisa, now Mrs. F. Ullrich of Roswell, N.M.; W. H. Smith, Jr. and Owen E. having been born in Indianola and five, Allie E. (Mrs. G. C. Boyd, deceased); Stanley E., Harry C., Irma and Rae, now Mrs. C. B. Elder; were born in Port Lavaca. He lived to see each of his children well established in life, the first three sons being partners in the Smith Seafood Company; Stanley interested in the dredging business; H. C. also interested in the Bauer-Smith Dredging Company, is the Humble Co. agent here. Mrs. Ullrich, residing in Roswell, N. M. Irma, employed at the Post Office and Mrs. Elder, deputy tax assessor,

Many interesting incidents were related by Mr. Smith, regarding the time he was a trail driver on the Old Chisolm Trail, back in '78, when herds of cattle were driven through strange and often hostile territory, to Dodge City.

When the county seat was moved to Port Lavaca after the storm of '86, he served as the first Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, having served in that capacity in Indianola.

Interment was in the Port Lavaca Cemetery and the pall bearers were his grandsons, Billie, Joseph, Stanley, Bruce, Owen, Jr., and Carlos Smith and James Boyd. He is survived by seven children, one sister, Mrs. Geo. Braden of Sequin; three brothers, J. P. Smith of Sequin, Ed of Port Lavaca, and

James of San Antonio; 19 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

MISS ALICE SMITH

(ca 1937)

Death struck twice in a pioneer family of this county the past three weeks, Thursday Feb. 25th, taking to her eternal rest Miss Alice Smith, who so recently grieved the loss of her sister, Miss Lizzie Smith.

Miss Alice was stricken with pneumonia passing away after several days illness.

Alice Smith was born at Indianola, February 22, 1877. Her parents, Henry and Josephine Smith settled in Indianola, moving to Port O'Connor after the storm of '75, and then in 1893 to Port Lavaca. She was a student in the Port Lavaca schools. When an infant she was christened in the Catholic Church, and was confirmed here when a child. To this faith she adhered throughout her life, having been an ardent worker in her church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Christopher, and three sisters; Mrs. Mary Josephine Walker, Mrs. Theresa Rasmussen and Miss Lizzie Smith. Since the death of Miss Lizzie, Miss Alice had resided with her sister, Mrs. Louisa Braden, where the remains lay in state until Friday morning at 9 o'clock, when services were held with requiem mass at the Catholic Church, Father D. M. Buckley officiating. Interment was made in Lynnworth Cemetery.

She leaves the following brothers and one sister; W. H. Smith, Sr., E. J. Smith, Port Lavaca; J. P. Smith, Sequin; James Smith, San Antonio; Mrs. Louisa Braden, Port Lavaca, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pall bearers were: Woodward Guidry, Roselle Clegg, Herbert Frels, Arthur Braden, O. E. Smith, Sr., S. E. Smith.

Out of town people attending the funeral were: J. P. Smith and daughter, Miss Josie Smith, and Mrs. Lynn Taft, Mrs. Heideke, Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. J. Viuroux and Mrs. Lottie Bouquet of Sequin; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Rasmussen of Seadrift.

MRS. WILLY IS LAID TO REST

January 2, 1933

Funeral services were held at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Margaret S. Willy, 78 year-old former resident of Cuero, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Schindler in Sealy Sunday afternoon.

Death claimed this well known woman on her 62nd wedding anniversary, death coming at the same hour she was united in marriage 62 years ago to George F. Willy in the old seaport town of Indianola.

Services were held from the home of her sister, Mrs. A. T. Rohre, on Broadway with Dr. W. A. McLeod officiating. Interment was in Hillside cemetery under the

direction of E. J. Freund.

Margaret S. Willy was born in New Orleans on June 3, 1854. With her parents she later moved to Indianola where as a young girl she was united in marriage to George F. Willy.

To this union seven children were born, all remaining to mourn her death. They are: H. A. and George H. Willy of Eagle Lake, J.F. of Gulf, T.S. of Smightville, E.M. Willy of Houston, and Mrs. H.T. Dobbins of Beaumont; and Mrs. J. J. Schindler of Sealy. One sister, Mrs. A. T. Rohre of Cuero, fifteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, also survive.

BENJAMIN G. WASSERMAN

April 29, 1938

The entire community and surrounding country was indeed saddened on receiving the news that Benjamin George Wasserman, one of the most beloved citizens of this section, had passed away.

Benjamin George Wasserman was born October 21, 1880, in the historic town of Indianola. He was the eldest child of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Wasserman. After passing through the ordeals of the storm of '86 the family moved to Cuero for a few months. Later the family established residence in the town of Victoria, remaining there about a year. The family then moved to Port Lavaca which has since been the home of the Wasserman family. Soon after moving to Port Lavaca the elder Wasserman assumed the office of Tax Assessor. On August 11, 1902, Benjamin George Wasserman and Mellie Huffaker were united in marriage. Two daughters were born to this union, Alice and Bennie Mae.

In his early life he worked with J. C. Strong Mercantile Co. Later he was connected with the John B. Mahon Merchandising Co. He and his brother, Lewis, succeeded the latter concern on March 4, 1915. Under the name of Wasserman Brothers the concern became one of the established businesses of Port Lavaca being engaged in retail grocery trade at the present time. Mr. Wasserman served in many special capacities; for a period of 15 years he was Collector of Customs. During the World War he served on the Council of Defense. For the past 23 years he served as Fire Chief for the City of Port Lavaca.

Early in life he united with the Episcopal Church, serving as vestryman for Grace Episcopal Church. He was affiliated with W.O.W., Macabees, and Yoeman Lodges.

Funeral services were held from the home and from Grace Church with Rev. R.N. MacCallum officiating, Rev. J.W. Parten and Rev. S.M. Rohre assisted in the services. Fire fighting equipment which he

had worked so diligently to bring to Port Lavaca born the remains to the cemetery. Other units bore enormous floral offerings, which evidenced the admiration and esteem enjoyed by Mr. Wasserman and his family.

Surviving are his widow, two daughters, Misses Alice and Bennie Mae; one brother, Lewis; two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Ames of Houston and Miss Fannie; eight nephews, seven nieces, two great nieces and two great nephews.

Active pallbearers were his nephews: Elmer Clark, David L. Wasserman, Jr., Guido Jordon, Jr., Arthur Walter Ames, John Huffaker and Melvin Wasserman.

The honorary pallbearers were: A.J. Marshall, E.C. Fisher, Ted Harwood, J.B. Moore, Rev. S. Rohre, S.C. Tisdale, Joe Guidry, D.E. Guidry, W.P. Regan, W.E. Guidry, Harry Smith, P.L. Armour, W.H. Bauer, John Paul, D.C. Roemer, Frank Montier, B.H. Bonorden, Owen Smith, Sr., Arch Clark, John Clark, Lindsay Mackney, Stanley Smith, Bill Zwerschke, Julius Duellberg, E.B. Thompson, E. Kupatt, Alex Boyd, Chas. H. Boyd, Sam Dudgeon, C.J. Thomson, Will Smith, Jr., Jim O'Neil, Frank Dudgeon, Roselle Clegg, Capt. Frank Bauer, Clark Blandone, Feilding Breeden of Cuero, F. Sheppard of Cuero, J.K. Emerine, A. Sauter, Bob Groce, B.H. Lampkin of Victoria; Frank C. Smith of Houston.

DAVID LEWIS WASSERMAN, SR.

June 19, 1943

A pall of sadness was cast over our entire community when the news of the sudden death of a most beloved man, David Lewis Wasserman, Sr., became known. Mr. Lewis, as he was affectionately known to men, women and children, died June 19, 1943, following a heart attack. He had been the victim of heart trouble for several years, but continued in the management of the Wasserman Bros. Grocery Store up to the last.

David Lewis Wasserman, a native of Indianola, was born February 5, 1885, the son of the late George and Fannie Marguerite Wasserman. After the town of Indianola was swept away by the storm of '86, the Wasserman family moved to Cuero, where they lived several months, before moving to Victoria. Remaining for only a short time, they then moved to Port Lavaca, establishing the family residence here.

On December 30, 1907, in San Antonio, he was united in marriage to Meade Gaines, whom he had met in Port Lavaca while she was visiting her uncle, F.V. Gentry. This union was blessed with four children: Natalea (Mrs. Dick Thayer) of Port Lavaca; David Lewis, Jr., with the Armed Forces in foreign service; Mrs. Garnet Huggins, Freeport; and George Melvin of Port Lavaca.

In 1915 Mr. Lewis and his brother purchased the J.B. Mahon Merchandising Co. and under the name of Wasserman Bros. established one of the largest grocery concerns in the city.

The family have always been interested in the growth and development of the city. The father, soon after moving here from Indianola, assumed the office of Tax Assessor. The late B.G. Wasserman, the elder son, was Collector of Customs for 15 years,

served as Fire Chief and as a member of the Board of Education. Mr. Lewis in like manner, served his city well. For over twenty-three years he served as City Commissioner. In 1934 on appointment of Sen. J.E. Blackert,

he served as a member of the Centennial Commission. He was also a member of the State Parole Board. A charter member of the Fire Department, having joined at the age of 13 years as a member of the Bucket Brigade he later became Chief.

The City of Port Lavaca has made marked growth during the 23 years Mr. Lewis served on the Commission. The seawall was built to protect the embankment from the ravages of storms. Water and sewage systems were installed. The Municipal Quick-Freeze Plant was built and numerous other projects completed.

Throughout his life he attended Grace Episcopal Church and was confirmed with his family 22 years ago. For many years he had been Junior Warden of the Vestry. He was affiliated with the M.O.W., Macabees and Yeoman Lodge.

Funeral services were held at Grace Church, Rev. R.N. MacCullum officiating.

Active pallbearers were: Harry Smith, Will Smith, Sam Tisdale, D.B. Halliburton, Howard Hartzog, and Moodie Guidry.

Honorary pallbearers were: C.H. Boyd, G.C. Boyd, C.E. Fisher, Roy Barton, Arch Clark, Frank Montier, C.J. Thomson, Alex Boyd, Ted Harwood, D.C. Roemer, F.M. Dudgeon, Sam Dudgeon, Owen Smith, Sr., W.P. Regan, Stanley Smith, B.H. Lampkin, J.C. Emerine, O.O. Cherry, Wilburn Smith, John Paul, D.E. Guidry, A.D. Gibson, B.H. Bonorden, H.T. Reagan, Charlie Sachtleben, L.M. Fisher, D.K. Strait, T.B. Hargrove, R.C. Wilson, J.B. Moore, J.D. O'Neil, Clark Blandone, Capt. Frank Bauer, and the members of the Fire Department.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Meade Gaines Wasserman, four children, one grandchild, Dickie Thayer, Port Lavaca, and two sisters, Mrs. A.A. Ames of Houston and Miss Fannie Wasserman of Port Lavaca.

GEORGE WASSERMAN

June 25, 1934

Services were held in Port Lavaca for George Wasserman, 79 year old citizen of that city, who died at his home in Port Lavaca Saturday afternoon. Deceased was a brother of Mrs. Amilia Lewis and Mrs. Bertha Miller of this city.

George Wasserman was one of Port Lavaca's best known and highly respected citizens. Services were from the Episcopal church with the Masonic order in charge. Burial was in Port Lavaca.

He leaves in addition to his two sisters here, two sons and two daughters of Port Lavaca, and seven grandchildren.

Attending the services from this city were Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Bauer, Mrs. R.C. Flick, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Miller, Mrs. F.W. Abel, Ross Abel, Mrs. Bertha Miller and H.E. Miller.

GEORGE ZIMMERMAN 1932

Death Thursday evening claimed another from the fast thinning ranks of Old Indianola settlers when George Zimmerman, 61 year old Cuero citizen, passed to his reward after an illness of several weeks.

Zimmerman, who for many years served as engineer at the E. Leonard ice plant, has lived a quiet life at his home on South Line street, was a native of the once prosperous little seaport town coming to this city in 1875, following the storm which destroyed Indianola.

Funeral services are to be held Saturday afternoon from the residence and interment will be in Hillside cemetery. Rev. John Kern, Lutheran minister, is to officiate and E. J. Freund will be in charge of burial arrangements.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mrs. George Zimmerman of Cuero, and one sister, Mrs. Sophie Pholcken of Galveston.

Pall bearers will be: Ed Heisler, Walter Hildebrandt, Tom Mayne, Irvin Binz, Clarence Sigmund, and Charles Henneke.

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