

## *Ancestors of Alfred Henry George Schulte, Jr.*

### *Generation No. 1*

**1. Alfred Henry George Schulte, Jr.**, born Private. He was the son of **2. Alfred Henry George Schulte** and **3. Louisa Sophia Hartman**. He married **(1) Lois Ann Schladoer** Private. She was born Private. She was the daughter of Benjamin Schladoer and Fleta Juanita Joiner.

More About Alfred Schulte and Lois Schladoer:  
Private-Begin: Private

### *Generation No. 2*

**2. Alfred Henry George Schulte**, born 16 Feb 1896 in Medina County, Texas; died 13 Sep 1979 in Medina County, Texas. He was the son of **4. Heinrich Johann Schulte** and **5. Wilhelmina Reitzer**. He married **3. Louisa Sophia Hartman** 14 Dec 1927 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Medina County, Texas.

**3. Louisa Sophia Hartman**, born 02 Jan 1904 in Medina County, Texas; died 09 Nov 2000 in Medina County, Texas. She was the daughter of **6. Johann Heinrich Ludwig Ernst Hartman** and **7. Anna Marie Heyen**.

Notes for Alfred Henry George Schulte:  
From the Hondo Anvil Herald

#### ALFRED HEINRICH GEORGE SCHULTE

A lifelong Hondo and Quihi resident, Alfred Heinrich George Schulte, 83, passed away at his home in Quihi on September 13, 1979.

Mr. Schulte was born in Medina County on February 13, 1896 to Heinrich and Wilhelmina Reitzer Schulte, both of whom precede him in death.

He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Quihi, where he was baptized in 1896 by Rev. C. Stedler. He was confirmed in 1910 by Rev. C. P. Hasskorf at the Quihi Lutheran Church. In 1927, he was married to Louisa Sophie Hartman in the Quihi Lutheran Church.

Mr. Schulte was retired from Kelly Field in San Antonio. A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the Quihi Gun Club.

In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by one brother, Frank Schulte.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Louisa Schulte of Quihi; five sons, Alfred Schulte, Jr. of Bandera, Charles John Schulte of Quihi, Leory Schulte of Oxnard, California, Thomas Joe Schulte of Dilley, and David Ray Schulte of Quihi; four daughters, Mrs. Marion (Myrtle) Schneider of Castroville, Mrs. Louis (Mary Louise) Mazurek of Hondo, Mrs. Stanley (Ruth) Franklin of Pearsall, and Mrs. Raymond (Carolyn) Adamietz of Bandera; 18 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

He is also survived by four brothers, Henry Schulte, Edwin Schulte and Robert Schulte, all of Hondo, and Arthur Schulte of Quihi; and three sisters, Mrs. Hulda Wiemers of Temple, Texas and Mrs. Otto (Emma) Wiemers and Mrs. Bertha Hartman, both of Hondo.

Funeral services were held September 15 at 10:00 A.M. from the Guinn-Horger Funeral Chapel with Rev. Ken Anderson officiating.

Pall bearers were Royce Hartman, Richard Schulte, Marion Schneider, Louis Mazurek, Stanley Franklin and Raymond Adamietz.

Arrangements were made by Guinn-Horger Funeral Home of Hondo.

More About Alfred Henry George Schulte:

Burial: 15 Sep 1979, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 21 May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1930, Bexar County, Texas

Military service: Bet. 22 Jun 1917 - 31 Jul 1918, United States Army (WWI)

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Louisa Sophia Hartman:

From the Hondo Anvil Herald, Thursday, November 16, 2000

LOUISA S. "LIZZIE" SCHULTE

Louisa S. "Lizzie" Schulte, age 96, passed away Nov. 9, 2000 in Castroville. She was born in Quihi, Jan. 2, 1904, to John and Annie Hartman.

She married Alfred H. Schulte on Dec. 14, 1927, and they shared 52 years of marriage. She was a homemaker, but she also worked as a cook and pie baker at Windrow's Fountain in Hondo and at Sammy's Restaurant in Castroville for a number of years. She always had a vegetable garden and flowers were her pride and joy. Her hobbies included watching TV, especially certain soap operas and John Wayne movies, crocheting and playing bingo.

She had many names, Mama, Granny, Great Granny, Mrs. Schulte, Lena, Lizzie, Sophie, but also friend. She said that more than anything, she loved and enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren without the problems of day-to-day parenting. She remembered the birthdays, anniversaries and favorite foods of every member of their extended family. She could always tempt her family and friends to visit by telling them she was baking cinnamon rolls.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Alfred; sons, Leroy and David; grandson, Michael Schulte; great-granddaughter, Megan Tobin; sisters, Bessie Dailey, Annie and Lena Hartman; brother George "Buddy" Hartman.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Myrtle and Marion Schneider of Castroville, Mary and Louis Mazurek of Hondo, Ruthy and Stanley Franklin of Pearsall, and Carolyn and Raymond Adamietz of Bandera; sons and daughter-in-law, Alfred Jr. and Lois Schulte of Kerrville, Charles and Annette Schulte of Bandera and Thomas and Carol Schulte of Dilley; daughters-in-law, Toni Schulte of California and Linda Schulte of Hondo; 20 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; and brother, Fritz A. Hartman on Quihi.

Pallbearers were her nephews, Robert, William "Buddy" and Richard Schulte and Bruce, Bryan and Royce Hartman.

Honorary pallbearer was a dear friend, Clayborne Boehle.

Funeral service was a Bethlehem Lutheran Church Saturday, November 11, with Rev. Stephen Schur officiating. Interment was in Quihi Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

More About Louisa Sophia Hartman:

Burial: 11 Nov 2000, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census: 1930, Bexar County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Religion: Lutheran

More About Alfred Schulte and Louisa Hartman:

Marriage: 14 Dec 1927, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Officiant: Rev. Hasskarl

Witness: Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schulte

Children of Alfred Schulte and Louisa Hartman are:

- i. Myrtle Anna Schulte, born Private; married Marion Martin Schneider Private; born 18 Nov 1925 in Medina County, Texas; died 24 Mar 2006 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Marion Martin Schneider:

Marion Martin Schneider, age 80, of Castroville, TX, passed away March 24, 2006. Marion was born Nov. 18, 1925 in Castroville, TX to the late Martin H. and Mary Weiss Schneider. He is also preceded in death by his brother Leon Schneider, infant brother, Joseph Schneider and sister, Amanda Barth. Survivors include his wife Myrtle Schulte Schneider

of Castroville; daughters, Diane Schneider of San Antonio, Sharon Bray and her husband Bobby of Oklahoma City, OK; grandchildren, Beverly Silliman and Tiffany Coleman; brother and sister-in-law, Andrew and Mayme Del Schneider of D'Hanis; sisters and brothers-in-law, Frances and J.B. Etheredge of Castroville, Dorothy and Francis Bohl of Devine and numerous nieces and nephews. The Tondre-Guinn Funeral Home will open for Visitation on Sunday, March 26, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church in Castroville. A Prayer Service will be held Monday, March 27, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at Tondre-Guinn Funeral Home in Castroville. Interment will follow the Prayer Service at St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Castroville, TX. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials may be made to St. Louis Catholic Church or St. Louis Catholic Cemetery. Visit [www.tondreguinn.com](http://www.tondreguinn.com). Tondre-Guinn Funeral Home, Castroville, TX.

More About Marion Martin Schneider:

Burial: 26 Mar 2006, St. Louis Cemetery, Castroville, Medina County, Texas

Military service: Bet. 1944 - 1946, United States Navy

Obituary?: Transcribed

Religion: Catholic

More About Marion Schneider and Myrtle Schulte:

Private-Begin: Private

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- ii. Alfred Henry George Schulte, Jr., born Private; married Lois Ann Schladoer Private.
  - iii. Charles John Schulte, born Private; married Annette Kalka Private; born Private.

More About Charles Schulte and Annette Kalka:

Private-Begin: Private

- iv. Mary Louise Schulte, born Private; married Louis John Mazurek Private; born 28 Aug 1931 in Bandera County, Texas; died 23 Jul 2002 in Bexar County, Texas.

Notes for Louis John Mazurek:

Louis John Mazurek, of Hondo, died July 23, 2002, at the age of 70.

He was born in Bandera on Aug. 28, 1931.

He was a retired construction equipment superintendent for H.B. Zachry Company and a 1950 graduate of Bandera High School.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Louise "Mitzie" Mazurek; daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and David Maytum of Boerne and Linda and Rick Love of New Braunfels; son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Becky Mazurek of Buda; four grandchildren, Erin, Garrett and Mitchell Mazurek and Matt Love; and twin brother, Lawrence Mazurek of Bandera.

Pallbearers were Charles Schulte, Stanley Franklin, Bruce Hyde, Jack Talbert, Alfred Schulte Jr. and Thomas Schulte.

Funeral service was held at 10 A.M., Thursday, July 25, at Guinn-Horger Funeral Home Chapel with Father Wallis Stiles officiating.

Interment followed in Quihi Cemetery.

From the "Bandera Review"

More About Louis John Mazurek:

Burial: 25 Jul 2002, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Louis Mazurek and Mary Schulte:

Private-Begin: Private

- v. Leroy Howard Schulte, born 07 Jul 1937 in Medina County, Texas; died 01 Jan 1998 in Port Hueneme, California; married Antonia Margaret Proznik Private; born Private.

Notes for Leroy Howard Schulte:

Baptized by Pastor Weeber on October 17, 1937 at Quihi. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wiemers and Mr. Henry Schulte.

from Hondo ANVIL HERALD, January 15, 1998

Leroy H. Schulte, age 60, of Port Hueneme, California, passed away at his home on January 1, 1998, after a lengthy illness.

Born on July 7, 1937, in Hondo, Medina County, Texas, he had lived in Ventura County for the past 18 years.

He served in the Air Force Reserve from 1954 to 1956, before joining the Navy where he served from 1956 to 1960. He was in the Navy Reserve from 1960 to 1962 when he reenlisted in the Navy and served until 1977. During his Navy career, he earned Good Conduct Awards, National Defense Award, Armed Force Expeditionary Medal and served in the Vietnam Campaign earning three service awards. He proudly served aboard the U.S.S. Horn, the U.S.S. Hornet, the U.S.S. Halsey and the U.S.S. Norton Sound as a radar specialist and attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer E7.

He earned an Associate Degree and a Bachelor of Science Degree from LaVerne University in California while working as an electronics technician/technical writer at Naval Surface Warfare Center in Port Hueneme. He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association, American Bowling Congress and the South California Public Links Golf Association. His hobbies were bowling and golf.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Toni, and sons; Edward and wife Pam of Las Vegas, Nevada, John of Port Hueneme and David of Oxnard, mother, Louise Schulte of Quihi, sisters; Myrtle Schneider, Mary Mazurek, Ruth Franklin and Carolyn Adamietz and brothers; Alfred Jr., Charles and Thomas and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Alfred Sr and his brother David.

Visitation was held from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Tuesday, January 6, at Conrad-Carroll Mortuary, with graveside services at 2:30 P.M. at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park in Ventura. Services were led by Vincent and Mel Hall, Edward and John Schulte and the Eulogy was given by Anthony Proznick, and a special tribute was given by members of the Fleet Reserve Association. A U.S. Navy Honor Guard provided the military honors.

Traveling to California for the services were Myrtle Schneider, Carolyn Adamietz and Diane Schneider.

More About Leroy Howard Schulte:

Baptism: 17 Oct 1937, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Texas

Burial: Unknown, California

Confirmation: 02 Sep 1950

Military service 1: Bet. 1960 - 1962, United States Navy Reserve

Military service 2: Bet. 1954 - 1956, Air Force Reserves

Military service 3: Bet. 1962 - 1977, United States Navy

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Leroy Schulte and Antonia Proznik:

Private-Begin: Private

- vi. Thomas Joe Schulte, born Private; married Carol Rose Rihn Private; born 22 Dec 1940 in Medina County, Texas; died 12 Jul 2004 in Frio County, Texas.

Notes for Carol Rose Rihn:

From the Hondo Anvil-Herald

From Guinn-Horger Funeral Chapel Website

Carole Rose Rihn Schulte of Dilley passed away July 12, 2004, at the age of 63 years. Carole was born Dec. 22, 1940 in Castroville. Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at the Guinn-Horger Funeral Home. Interment was in Quihi Cemetery.

Carole Rose Schulte of Dilley, Texas, passed away July 12, 2004, at the age of 63 years, 6 months, 20 days. Carole was born on December 22, 1940, to Ernest Victor & Lillian Ann (Halbardier) Rihn in Castroville, Texas.

She was preceded by her parents.

Carole is survived by her husband Thomas J. Schulte; daughter: Deborah Ann Schulte of Dilley; son: Steven Wayne Schulte and wife Candice of Jourdanton; daughter: Vickie Jo Schulte of Dilley; grandchildren: Thomas Casey Schulte, Tyler Steven Schulte, and Trace Jacob Schulte all of Jourdanton; brother: Stanley Rihn of Castroville.

The Funeral Service will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday, July 14, at the Guinn-Horger Funeral Home. The casket carriers were: Terry Mazurek, Charles Schulte, Raymond Adamietz, Stanley Franklin, Scott Schulte, Royce R. Hartman. Interment will follow in Quihi Cemetery.

More About Carol Rose Rihn:  
Burial: 14 Jul 2004, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Thomas Schulte and Carol Rihn:  
Private-Begin: Private

- vii. Ruth Mina Schulte, born Private; married Stanley Austin Franklin Private; born Private.

More About Stanley Franklin and Ruth Schulte:  
Private-Begin: Private

- viii. David Ray Schulte, born 18 Apr 1946 in Medina County, Texas; died 21 Jan 1994 in Medina County, Texas; married (1) Claudia Ann Boehme Private; born Private; married (2) Linda Pope Private; born Private.

Notes for David Ray Schulte:  
Baptized August 11, 1946 by Rev. Weeber. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Inorse Hubbard.  
Confirmed August 17, 1958 by Rev. Durkop.

From the Hondo Anvil Herald, Thursday, January 27, 1994

#### DAVID RAY SCHULTE

David Ray Schulte of Hondo passed away January 21, 1994 in San Antonio, at 7 years of age. He was born in Hondo, April 18, 1946.

"He was a gifted machinist, almost a genius," said his employer, Sonny Cammack.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Pope Schulte of Hondo; sons, Chris and Scott Schulte, both of Hondo; mother, Louisa "Lizzie" Schulte of Quihi brothers, Alfred Jr. of Durango, CO, Charles "Sonny" of Bandera, Leroy of Oxnard, CA and Thomas Schulte of Dilley; sisters, Myrtle Schneider of Castroville, Mary Louise "Mitzi" Mazurek of Hondo; Ruth Franklin of Pearsall and Carolyn Adamietz of Bandera.

He is preceded in death by his father, Alfred Schulte Sr.

Pallbearers were Sonny Cammack, George Ernst, Mitch Pope, Clayborne Boehle, Milton Theis and Royce Hartman.

Honorary pallbearers were Stanley Franklin, Butch Campsey, Bill Butler, Mike Trammel, Alan Muennink, Tim Tisdale and Ed Tracy.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 23, 1994 at Guinn-Horger Chapel with Fr. Mike Horan officiating. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Oakwood section.

Funeral services under the direction of Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

More About David Ray Schulte:  
Baptism: 11 Aug 1946, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Texas  
Burial: 23 Jan 1994, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas  
Confirmation: 17 Aug 1958, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Texas  
Military service: Bet. 15 Nov 1965 - 14 Nov 1967, United States Army  
Obituary?: Transcribed  
Religion: Lutheran

More About David Schulte and Linda Pope:  
Private-Begin: Private

- ix. Carolyn Faye Schulte, born Private; married Raymond Joseph Adamietz Private; born Private.

More About Raymond Adamietz and Carolyn Schulte:  
Private-Begin: Private

#### *Generation No. 3*

- 4. Heinrich Johann Schulte**, born 01 Nov 1863 in Medina County, Texas; died 27 Nov 1946 in Medina County,

Texas. He was the son of **8. Franz Frederick Schulte** and **9. Hilke Harms Gerdes**. He married **5. Wilhelmina Reitzer** 02 Apr 1891 in Medina County, Texas.

**5. Wilhelmina Reitzer**, born 01 Feb 1871 in Medina County, Texas; died 16 Sep 1942 in Medina County, Texas. She was the daughter of **10. Johann Reitzer** and **11. Sabina Elizabeth Loessberg**.

Notes for Heinrich Johann Schulte:

From the Hondo Anvil Herald, December 6, 1946

HENRY J. SCHULTE, QUIHI RESIDENT, PASSES AWAY NOV. 27

Funeral Services Held Friday, Nov 29

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 29 for Henry J. Schulte, Sr., who passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1946 at the Medina Hospital in Hondo.

His parents were Frank Schulte and Hilke Gerdes Schulte, and he was born near Quihi on Nov. 1, 1863. On Dec. 29 of the same year he was baptized and named Henry John.

Mr. Schulte was married on April 2, 1891, to Wilhelmina Reitzer, and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1941. Mrs. Schulte preceded him in death on Sept. 16, 1942.

A member of the Quihi Lutheran Church all his life, Mr. Schulte was a farmer. Most of the lifetime of the deceased was spent in Medina county with the exception of a short period at Fort Davis. In 1919 they moved into the New Fountain neighborhood.

In February of 1944 he showed signs of declining health and had to have an operation. He regained strength, but in July of 1946 another operation became necessary, and he was hospitalized. Spending two months at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mimke Wiemers of San Antonio, he was returned to the local hospital just a few days ago.

Surviving are the children, Frank, Bandera; Mrs. M. Wiemers, San Antonio; Alfred and Edwin, Dunlay; Robert, Mrs. Otto Wiemers, Mrs. George Hartman, Arthur and Henry, Jr., all of Hondo; 27 grandchildren, six great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Joe Horn, and a brother Ehme Schulte, of Hondo.

Services were held at the Horger Funeral Home with interment at the New Quihi cemetery, with Rev. C. Weeber officiating. There was a large crowd at the funeral, and there were many floral tributes.

Pall bearers were Melvin Schulte, Robert Schulte, Ben Henry Wiemers, Elbert Wiemers, Jerome Schulte and Alfred Schulte, Jr.

Johann Heinrich Schulte was born in Quihi, Medina County, Texas on November 1, 1863, the fourth of seven children born to Hilke Harms Gerdes and Franz Frederick Schulte. Johann Heinrich grew up on his father's farm located next to the Quihi water hole and adjacent the property of his maternal grandparents, Harms Harms Gerdes (Feb 18, 1807 - Mar 14, 1867) and Eite Ehmen Schmidt Gerdes (Feb 2, 1812 - Mar 16, 1873).

When Johann Heinrich Schulte was four years old (1867), his grandfather Harm Harms Gerdes was killed by Indians and so his family had the additional task to help his widowed grandmother, Eite Ehmen Schmidt Gerdes maintain her farm.

The 6 July 1870 census of Medina County, page 27, shows the following enumeration:

Name Age Birthplace Occupation

Schulte, Franck 43Hannover H???ehand  
Hilke 24Hannover Keeping house  
Catharina 12Texas  
Angelina 9Texas  
John Henry 6Texas  
Orlando 4Texas  
Mary 1Texas

Gerdes, Eite 58Hannover Keeping house

Johann Heinrich Schulte is enumerated in the 1870 census as John Henry Schulte, age 6. Family tradition indicates that sometime between 1870 and 1880, Johann Heinrich's father Franz Frederick Schulte disappeared and was never heard from again. The 1880 census of Medina County shows the following:

Name Age Birthplace Occupation

Hilke Schulte 40Hannover Grocer  
Henry Schulte 17Texas  
Emil Schulte 14Texas  
Mary Schulte 12Texas  
John Schulte 4Texas

In the 1880 census, Johann Heinrich Schulte is enumerated as Henry Schulte, age 17 and his brother Orlando Schulte is enumerated as Emil Schulte, age 14. Johann Heinrich's older sister, Angelina Schulte had married Joseph Horn and was enumerated in the household next to her brother as follows:

Name Age Birthplace Occupation

Henry Horn 29 Texas Miller  
Angelina Horn 18 Texas

In 1891, when Johann Heinrich Schulte was approximately 27 years old he married Wilhelmina Reitzer (Feb 1, 1871 - Sep 16, 1942), a daughter of John Reitzer and Elisabeth Loessberg. According to the 1880 census, Wilhelmina's father, John Reitzer was born in Alsace, France and had a farm seven households from his parent's farm. Johann Heinrich and Wilhelmina Schulte subsequently had nine children.

Wilhelmina Schulte nee Reitzer died on September 16, 1942 at the age of 71 years, 7 months, and 15 days. Johann died on November 27, 1946 at the age of 84 years and 26 days. Johann and Wilhelmina are buried in the Quihi Public Cemetery, located about two blocks south of the Quihi Gun Club.

Source: The Family of Harm Harms Gerdes, Their Kith and Kin by Al Gerdes

More About Heinrich Johann Schulte:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 06 Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 21 May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: 10 Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Wilhelmina Reitzer:

From the Hondo Anvil Herald

MRS. HENRY SCHULTE SR. DEAD

Mrs. Henry Schulte Sr., 71 years of age, passed away about 2 A. M. Wednesday, September 16, 1942, at her Quihi home. Funeral services are being held today (Thursday) at 3 P. M. from the Horger funeral home, with interment in Quihi cemetery. The last rites are under the auspices of the Lutheran church.

The deceased, born Mina Reitzer, is survived by nine children, Frank, Edwin and Arthur Schulte of Quihi. Mrs. Hulda Wiemers, of San Antonio, Alfred Schulte of Dunlay, and Robert Schulte; Mrs. Emma Wiemers, Mrs. Bertha Hartman, and Henry Schulte, Jr., of Hondo. There are also left to mourn, one sister, Mrs. Mary Balzen of Upper Quihi; five brothers, Henry Reitzer of Yancey, Emil Reitzer of Poteet, George Reitzer of California, Edmund Reitzer of Arizona and Louis Reitzer of San Antonio; 25 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A sketch of the deceased, a good wife and mother, will be published in next week's paper.

## IN MEMORY OF MRS. HENRY SCHULTE, SR.

With little advance notice, death has entered the premises of the Schulte home, leaving an aged widower to mourn for a real helpmate; a large family, for a circumspective and beloved mother; a wide community, for a helpful and respected friend and neighbor. And though the valuation of human life seems to have lessened in these days of war and bloodshed, there are always some that feel the loss keenly, and their hearts turn to Him Who has comfort for every grief and sorrow.

Mrs. Schulte was the daughter of John Reitzer and his spouse, Elizabeth, nee Loessberg. Her given name was Wilhelmina and she was born on February 1, 1871, in the Quihi community. There she spent her early youth, received her schooling and shared the primitive and frugal life with a large family of brothers and sisters when pioneer conditions still prevailed and the labor of their hands was fundamental for progress and success. At a later period she found employment in San Antonio for several years, widening her experience and circle of acquaintances.

On April 2nd, 1891, Henry Schulte won her for his life-companion, settling down near Dunlay, and giving her honest share of cooperation in the strenuous work of farming and in discharging the duties of an ever busy mother for the many children that the Lord had given to their union. Around 1919 they made their new home near New Fountain where she loved and labored to her very end. There the celebration of their golden wedding was fittingly carried out in the midst of many relatives and friends.

With her husband, a member of the Quihi Lutheran church for many years, she attended the services there, loving the word of God and rearing her children along these divine standards by word and example.

Blessed with health and strength and untiring energy, she enjoyed many years of uninterrupted activity, forging ahead with her husband and witnessing that their labor was not in vain. But then came days and weeks where the robust health seemed failing. Twice she was under medical care in San Antonio for extensive periods, and though fairly recovered, she was never her former self again. Ailments of different nature showed up every now and then. Of late, things took on a more serious aspect, but again she rallied and carried on in her usual way. On September 13 she grew worse, but she lingered on, even entertaining visitors on September 15. That night, however, was her last night. Around 2 A. M. of the 16th, she passed out quickly. May her Savior have been near! Her age was 71 years, 7 months, 16 days.

Those mourning her sudden death are the widower, Mr. Henry Schulte, Sr., the sons, Frank, Alfred, Edwin (all of Dunlay), Robert, Arthur and Henry. Jr., (all of Hondo); the daughters, Hulda (Mrs. M. Wiemers of San Antonio), Emma (Mrs. Otto Wiemers of Hondo), Bertha (Mrs. Geo. Hartman of Hondo). Likewise 25 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She leaves 5 surviving brothers, Louis Reitzer (San Antonio), Emil (Poteet), George (California), Henry (Yancy) and Edmund (Arizona). Also 1 sister is surviving, Mrs. Joseph Balzen, of Dunlay. Three brothers and 1 sister have preceded her in death. God has comfort for all that seek it.

The funeral services were held on September 17, 1942 at 3 P.M. at the Horger Funeral Home and at the New Quihi cemetery, the Rev. C. Weeber officiating. The many floral pieces and the large following at the occasion gave signal evidence of the love and esteem our departed friend had enjoyed.

Serving as pall-bearers were Theo. Reitzer, Otto Reitzer, Hugo Reitzer, Melvin Balzen, Frank Brucks, and Arthur Schlentz.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord!

C.W.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald, September 1942

More About Wilhelmina Reitzer:

Burial: 17 Sep 1942, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 21 May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 10 Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Heinrich Schulte and Wilhelmina Reitzer:

Marriage: 02 Apr 1891, Medina County, Texas  
Officiant: Gustave Mueller, Minister of the Gospel

Children of Heinrich Schulte and Wilhelmina Reitzer are:

- i. Frank Joseph Schulte, born 12 Mar 1892 in Medina County, Texas; died 23 Mar 1964 in Medina County, Texas; married (1) Anna Margareta Lindeburg 30 Aug 1913 in Medina County, Texas; born 01 Mar 1895 in Germany; died 09 Dec 1981 in Medina County, Texas; married (2) Martha Flora Moore Dennis 08 Oct 1953 in Medina County, Texas; born 1894 in Unknown Location; died 1965 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Frank Joseph Schulte:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 24 Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1930, Bexar County, Texas

Military service: F2 US Navy

Obituary?: Needed

More About Anna Margareta Lindeburg:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 24 Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 09 Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Frank Schulte and Anna Lindeburg:

Divorce: Bef. 1930, Medina County, Texas

Marriage: 30 Aug 1913, Medina County, Texas

- ii. Hulda Louise Schulte, born 17 Aug 1895 in Medina County, Texas; died 10 Dec 1980 in Bexar County, Texas; married Mimke F. Wiemers 03 Nov 1920 in Medina County, Texas; born 27 Mar 1893 in Medina County, Texas; died 22 Oct 1960 in Bexar County, Texas.

More About Hulda Louise Schulte:

Burial: 12 Dec 1980, New Fountain Methodist Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census: 21 May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Mimke F. Wiemers:

Burial: 24 Oct 1960, Roselawn Memorial Park, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Obituary?: Needed

More About Mimke Wiemers and Hulda Schulte:

Marriage: 03 Nov 1920, Medina County, Texas

- 2 iii. Alfred Henry George Schulte, born 16 Feb 1896 in Medina County, Texas; died 13 Sep 1979 in Medina County, Texas; married Louisa Sophia Hartman 14 Dec 1927 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Medina County, Texas.
- iv. Edwin Emil Schulte, born 27 Dec 1897 in Medina County, Texas; died 14 Oct 1988 in Medina County, Texas; married Anna Margaretha Balzen 10 Aug 1924 in Medina County, Texas; born 10 Aug 1900 in Quihi, Medina County, Texas; died 24 Dec 1992 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Edwin Emil Schulte:

Edwin E. Schulte of Hondo entered into rest October 14, 1988 at the age of 90. He was born December 27, 1897 in Hondo.

A farmer-rancher, Mr. Schulte was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Quihi Gun Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Heinrich and Wilhelmina Reitzer Schulte; brothers, Alfred, Arthur, Frank and Henry Schulte, Jr.; sisters, Emma Wiemers and Bertha Hartman.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Anna Margaretha Balzen Schulte of Hondo; two sons and daughters-in-law, Wilfred and Katherine Schulte of Hondo and James and Dorothy Schulte of Amarillo; a brother, Robert Schulte of Comfort; one sister, Hulda Wiemers; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Sunday, October 16, at 2 p.m. in the Guinn-Horger Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. David Reid officiating. Burial followed in Quihi Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Chester Walch, Milton Mumme, Gerald Adamietz, Bryan Schulte, Robert Schulte, Jr. and William (Buddy)

Schulte.

Arrangements by Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald Newspaper

More About Edwin Emil Schulte:

Burial: 16 Oct 1988, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 21 May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 07 Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Anna Margaretha Balzen:

Anna Margareta Schulte passed away on Dec. 24, 1992 at the age of 92 years. She was born in Quihi August 10, 1900.

Mrs. Schulte was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She is survived by sons, Wilfred H. Schulte and wife Katherine of Hondo and James Schulte and wife Dorothy of Amarillo; brother, Alfred B. Balzen of San Antonio; sister, Hulda Martha Balzen of San Antonio; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Brian Schulte, Charles Schulte, Elbert Wiemers, Meryle Wiemers, John Ross Wentz and John Walker.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 1992 at Guinn Horger Chapel with Rev. Charles Agar officiating. Interment in Quihi Cemetery.

Arrangements under the direction of Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald Newspaper

More About Anna Margaretha Balzen:

Burial: 26 Dec 1992, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census: 07 Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Edwin Schulte and Anna Balzen:

Marriage: 10 Aug 1924, Medina County, Texas

- v. Robert William Schulte, born 07 Mar 1900 in Medina County, Texas; died 14 Mar 1993 in Kendall County, Texas; married (1) Mary Wengenroth 03 Aug 1922 in Medina County, Texas; born 25 May 1901 in Medina County, Texas; died 16 Jun 1936 in Medina County, Texas; married (2) Alice Muennink 08 Jul 1941 in Medina County, Texas; born 22 Mar 1907 in Unknown Location; died 28 Feb 1966 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Robert William Schulte:

Robert William Schulte to Hondo passed away in Kerrville March 14, 1993 at 93 years of age. He was born in Dunlay March 7, 1900.

He is survived by his sons, Melvin R. Schulte and wife Thelma of Houston, and Robert J. Schulte of Hondo; granddaughters, Mary Alice Schulte and Anna Kate Anderson and husband Chris, all of Dallas; grandson, Steven Schulte and wife Catherine of Houston; great-grandchildren, Robert William and Laura Elizabeth Schulte, both of Houston.

Also sisters-in-law, Mrs. Henry (Lorine) Schulte, Mrs. Alfred (Elizabeth) Schulte and Mrs. Arthur (Freda) Schulte; brother-in-law Marvin Muennink, all of Hondo.

He in preceded in death by parents; wives, Mary Wengenroth and Alice Muennink; brothers, Henry John, Alfred, Arthur W. Edwin E., Frank J.; sisters, Emma Wiemers, Bertha Hartman, Hulda Wiemers.

Pallbearers are Jerome Schulte, Wilfred Schulte, William "Buddy" Schulte, Lloyd Wengenroth, Elbert Wiemers, and Sonny Schulte.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 1993 in St. Paul Lutheran Church with Gary Lange officiating. Interment will follow in Quihi.

Arrangements by Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald

More About Robert William Schulte:

Burial: 18 Mar 1993, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 21 May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Mary Wengenroth:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census: 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Robert Schulte and Mary Wengenroth:

Marriage: 03 Aug 1922, Medina County, Texas

- vi. Emma Katherine Schulte, born 18 Jun 1902 in Medina County, Texas; died 17 Oct 1987 in Medina County, Texas; married Otto Jacob Wiemers 02 Feb 1922 in Medina County, Texas; born 18 May 1895 in Medina County, Texas; died 16 Jan 1981 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Emma Katherine Schulte:

Emma Wiemers of Hondo, age 85, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 1987 in Medina Community Hospital, Hondo. She was born on June 18, 1902 in Dunlay.

Mrs. Wiemers lived in area all her life and married Otto Jacob Wiemers February 22, 1922 at New Fountain. She was a homemaker and a member of the New Fountain Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by parents, Henry John and Wilhelmina Reitzer Schulte; husband Otto Jacob Wiemers; infant son, Howard Henry Wiemers; three brothers, Frank, Alfred and Henry Schulte; and one sister, Bertha Hartman.

Emma is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Elbert and Corine Wiemers of Hondo and Meryle and Shirley Wiemers of San Antonio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Laura and John Wentz of Hondo and Viola and Ben Calk of San Antonio; three brothers, Edwin, Robert and Arthur Schulte all of Hondo; one sister, Hulda Wiemers of Temple; seven grandchildren and one granddaughter-in-law.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 19 at 3 p.m. at Guinn-Horger Funeral Home with Pastor Elmer Beck officiating.

Interment was in New Fountain Cemetery.

Pallbearers were William (Buddy) Schulte, Arlen Graff, Ethan H. Calk, Richard Schulte, Aubrey Mooney, James N. Wentz, Michael Wiemers and Robert J. Schulte.

Funeral arrangements were made by Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald Newspaper

More About Emma Katherine Schulte:

Burial: 19 Oct 1987, New Fountain Methodist Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census: 21 May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Otto Jacob Wiemers:

Burial: Unknown, New Fountain Methodist Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Otto Wiemers and Emma Schulte:

Marriage: 02 Feb 1922, Medina County, Texas

- vii. Bertha Helena Schulte, born 29 Jul 1904 in Medina County, Texas; died 07 Jun 1982 in Medina County, Texas; married George Heinrich Hartman 03 Nov 1925 in Medina County, Texas; born 04 Jun 1898 in Medina County, Texas; died 09 Sep

1964 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Bertha Helena Schulte:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census: 21 May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

Notes for George Heinrich Hartman:

From Hondo ANVIL HERALD, September 18, 1964

G. H. HARTMAN

Mr. George Henry Hartman, son of the late Henry and Sophie Senne Hartman was born on June 4, 1898 in New Fountain. He was baptized into Christian faith on December 26, 1898 in St. John's Lutheran Church, New Fountain. On April 11, 1915 he was confirmed in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Quihi.

He married Miss Bertha Schulte on November 3, 1925 in St. John's Church. One son, who died in infancy, was born into this union.

Mr. Hartman had been a member of St. Paul's Lutheran ; Hondo, for the past 18 years. His farm home was located north-east of Hondo.

Preceded in death by his parents, one sister, four brothers and one son, he passed away on September 9, 1964 in Hondo at the age of 66 years, 3 months, 5 days. He is survived by his widow, one sister, Mrs. Hulda Westfall, and two brothers, Ernst Hartman, and Henry Hartman all of Hondo.

Funeral services were held September 10 from St. Paul's Lutheran church, Pastor Robert Pfennig, officiating. Burial was in Quihi.

Pallbearers were: Arthur Schlentz, Roy Nietenhoefer, Emil Lindeburg, Milton Neitenhoefer, Albert Saathoff and Milton Poehler.

More About George Heinrich Hartman:

Baptism: 26 Dec 1898, St. John's Lutheran Church, Medina County, Texas

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Confirmation: 11 Apr 1915, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Religion: Lutheran

More About George Hartman and Bertha Schulte:

Marriage: 03 Nov 1925, Medina County, Texas

- viii. Arthur Wilfred Schulte, born 31 Jan 1907 in Medina County, Texas; died 03 Jun 1988 in Medina County, Texas; married Frieda M. Saathoff 27 Aug 1929 in Medina County, Texas; born 17 Aug 1909 in Medina County, Texas; died 11 Apr 1998 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Arthur Wilfred Schulte:

"The Parish Hall was erected in 1927...The building committee was composed of the deacons: Walter Graff, ARTHUR SCHULTE, Alfred Boehle, and Alfred Saathoff, plus Elmer Saathoff, Elmer Nietenhoefer and Lewis Boehle. The wives were included."

From the Souvenir Booklet for the Centennial Celebration of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Medina County, Texas 1952

Arthur W. Schulte, of Hondo, passed away at Community Care Center June 3, 1988 at the age of 81. He was born January 31, 1907 in Hondo.

A resident of the Hondo area his entire life, Mr. Schulte was a farmer-rancher and a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Schulte and Wilhelmina Reitzer Schulte; son, Arthur Schulte, Jr.; three brothers, Frank, Alfred and Henry J. Schulte; and two sisters, Bertha Hartman and Emma Wiemers.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Frieda Saathoff Schulte of Hondo; son and daughter-in-law, William R. (Buddy) and

Necy Schulte of Hondo; daughter, Lonnie Searcy of San Antonio; a brother and sister-in-law, Edwin and Anna Schulte; brother, Robert Schulte of Comfort; one sister, Mrs. Hulda Wiemers of Temple; three grandchildren, Tara Shuler, Deanne Bellgardt and Monica Verstuyft; and one great-grandchild, Meagan Verstuyft.

Funeral service was held Monday, June 6 at 2 p.m. in the Guinn Horger Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. David Reid officiated.

Interment was in the Quihi Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Schulte, Wilfred Schulte, Elbert Weimers, Wilburn Schott, Jerome Schulte, Robert Schulte Jr. and Jim Coon.

Arrangements were under the direction of Guinn Horger Funeral Home in Hondo.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald Newspaper

More About Arthur Wilfred Schulte:  
Burial: 06 Jun 1988, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 21 May 1910, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1930, Bexar County, Texas  
Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Frieda M. Saathoff:

Frieda M. Schulte, age 88 of Hondo passed away in Castroville on April 11, 1998. She was born in Quihi on Aug. 17, 1909 to William M. and Emilie M. Saathoff.

She married Arthur Schulte, Aug. 27, 1929 by Rev. C. P. Hasskarl. Mrs. Schulte was a lifetime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Quihi.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 59 years, Arthur on June 3, 1988; one son, Arthur, Jr. on August 8, 1939.

Survivors include her son, Buddy Schulte and wife Necy of Hondo; daughter, Lonnie Shuler of San Antonio; granddaughters, Tara Pearson and husband Scott, Dianne Bellgardt and Monica Jones and husband Robert; great-grandson, Eric Bellgardt; great-granddaughters, Tess Bellgardt, Chase Jones, Meagen and Macie Verstuyft; sisters, Pauline Coon and husband Aaron of Reno, NV and Eleen Saathoff and husband Alfred of New Fountain.

Pallbearers were Scott Pearson, Robert Jones, Olen Wiemers, Jerome Schulte, Archie Gerdes and Wilburn Schott.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 1998 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, with Pastor Stephen Schur officiating.

Arrangements with Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald

More About Frieda M. Saathoff:  
Burial: 14 Apr 1998, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Census: 1930, Bexar County, Texas  
Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Arthur Schulte and Frieda Saathoff:

Marriage: 27 Aug 1929, Medina County, Texas

- ix. Henry John Schulte, Jr., born 07 Jun 1909 in Medina County, Texas; died 10 Mar 1987 in Medina County, Texas; married Lorine May Saathoff 22 Jun 1929 in Medina County, Texas; born 18 Aug 1910 in Medina County, Texas; died 11 Jun 1994 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Henry John Schulte, Jr.:

Henry J. Schulte of Hondo, age 77, passed away on March 10, 1987 in Medina Community Hospital. He was born on June 7, 1909 in Dunlay.

Mr. Schulte lived in the area all of his life. He was County Clerk for Medina County for 22 years and a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Schulte and Wilhelmina Reitzer Schulte; two brothers, Frank and Alfred

Schulte and one sister, Bertha Hartman.

He is survived by his widow, Lorine Schulte of Hondo; three sons and their wives, Jerome Schulte and wife Laverne and Richard Schulte and wife, Gayle, all of Hondo, and Clyde Schulte and wife Yvonne of Santa Anna, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Carl L. (Doris) Gordon of Sacramento, Calif.; three brothers, Edwin Schulte, Robert Schulte and Arthur Schulte all of Hondo; two sisters Mrs. Mimke (Hulda) Wiemers and Mrs. Otto (Emma) Wiemers both of Hondo; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 13, at 2 p.m. at Guinn-Horger Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dave. Reid.

Interment will follow in Quihi Cemetery, Quihi.

Pallbearers will be Elbert Wiemers, Charles Schulte, Robert Schulte, Jr., Gary Boehme, Garland Boehme and Michael Saathoff.

Funeral arrangements were made by Guinn-Horger Funeral Home of Hondo.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald Newspaper

More About Henry John Schulte, Jr.:

Burial: 13 Mar 1987, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 21 May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 02 Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Elected: Bet. 1952 - 1974, County Clerk, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Lorine May Saathoff:

Lorine May Saathoff Schulte, a lifelong resident of Hondo, passed away June 11, 1994, at 83 years of age. She was born in the Verdina community, August 18, 1910.

On June 22, 1929, Lorine was united in marriage to Henry John Schulte.

Mrs. Schulte was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and was baptized and confirmed in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Quihi.

In addition to serving as a wife, mother and homemaker, she worked as sales clerk in several Hondo stores. Among her joys were fishing, hunting and needlepoint.

She was a resident at McCrea Retirement Home in Yancey.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Clyde and Yvonne Schulte of Santa Anna, Cal., Jerome and Laverne Schulte, and Richard and Gayle Schulte, all of Hondo; daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Carl Gordon of Sacramento, Cal., eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are brothers, John Henry Saathoff and Henry H. Saathoff, Jr., both of Pipe Creek; sisters, Anna Marie Cruz of Seattle, WA, Leora King and Jo Ann Boehme both of Rio Medina.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Henry; parents Henry H. Saathoff and Johanna Boehle Saathoff; brother, George Saathoff.

Pallbearers were Michael Saathoff, Glendon Boehme, Robert Schulte, Gary Boehme, Charles Schulte and Elbert Wiemers.

Honorary pallbearers were grandsons, Dennis Mann, Roby Somerford, Paul Welence, Walter Dowdell, Dean Schulte, Rod Schulte and Reagan Schulte.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, 1994 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Gary Lange officiating. Interment followed in Quihi Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements by Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald

More About Lorine May Saathoff:

Burial: 14 Jun 1994, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census: 02 Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Henry Schulte and Lorine Saathoff:  
Marriage: 22 Jun 1929, Medina County, Texas

**6. Johann Heinrich Ludwig Ernst Hartman**, born 21 Oct 1878 in Medina County, Texas; died 29 Jan 1952 in Medina County, Texas. He was the son of **12. Heinrich Hartman** and **13. Sophie Ernestine Senne**. He married **7. Anna Marie Heyen** 30 May 1903 in Medina County, Texas.

**7. Anna Marie Heyen**, born 10 Jan 1886 in Medina County, Texas; died 27 Jul 1969 in Medina County, Texas. She was the daughter of **14. John George Heyen** and **15. Margaretha Elizabeth Britsch**.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Ludwig Ernst Hartman:  
Baptized December 8, 1878 - Pastor Falkenberg. Name of sponsors illegible.

From Hondo Anvil Herald, February 8, 1952

#### rites held for John Hartmann

John Hartman died at the Medina Hospital on Jan. 31, 1952, following an illness of several months. He had attained the age of 73 years, three months and ten days.

Mr. Hartman was born in the Vandenburg community on Oct. 21, 1878, the son of Henry and Sophie Senne Hartman. On May 30, 1903 he was married to Anna Marie Heyen, and the couple lived at Quihi, Verdina, New Fountain and Sturm Hill while he followed his trade as farmer and livestock man.

Funeral services were held at the Horger Funeral Home on Feb. 2, and interment at Quihi Cemetery, Rev. C. Weeber officiating.

Survivors include his widow; children, Mrs. Alfred Schulte of Quihi, Mrs. Roy Dailey of Upper Quihi, George K. Hartman of San Antonio and Fritzie of Quihi; brothers, Willie, Ernst H., Henry, George and Fritz Hartman, all of Hondo; and one sister, Mrs. F. Westfall of Hondo; thirteen grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Two daughters of triplets passed away at a young age.

Pall bearers were Frank Hartman, Roy Hartman, J. Hartman, Wesley Heyen, Milton Heyen and John W. Hartman.

More About Johann Heinrich Ludwig Ernst Hartman:  
Baptism: 08 Dec 1878  
Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Cause of Death: Congestive Heart Failure  
Census 1: 1930, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Confirmation: Apr 1895  
Medical Information: Arteriole Schlerosis for 1 year  
Obituary?: Transcribed  
Occupation: Stock Farmer

More About Anna Marie Heyen:  
Burial: 30 Jul 1969, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Cause of Death: Acute Coronary Occlusion  
Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1930, Medina County, Texas  
Death Certificate In File: Yes  
Obituary?: Needed

Marriage Notes for Johann Hartman and Anna Heyen:  
Witnesses at wedding were Louis Heyen and Mary Rolf

More About Johann Hartman and Anna Heyen:  
Marriage: 30 May 1903, Medina County, Texas

Children of Johann Hartman and Anna Heyen are:

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- i. Louisa Sophia Hartman, born 02 Jan 1904 in Medina County, Texas; died 09 Nov 2000 in Medina County, Texas; married Alfred Henry George Schulte 14 Dec 1927 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Medina County, Texas.
  - ii. Bessie Hartman, born 30 Jan 1908 in Medina County, Texas; died 14 Aug 1991 in Medina County, Texas; married Roy Henry Dailey 10 Dec 1931 in Texas; born 02 Dec 1909 in Unknown Location; died 16 Dec 1989 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Bessie Hartman:

Bessie Dailey, of Quihi, died in Hondo August 14, 1991, at 83 years of age. She was born January 30, 1908 in Verdina.

Mrs. Dailey was born and reared in this area. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and also a homemaker.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John Henry and Annie Marie Heyen Hartman; husband, Roy H. Dailey; brother, George Hartman; and sisters, Lena and Annie Hartman.

Pallbearers were Royce Hartmann, Dan Dailey, David Schulte, Melvin Dittmar, Sonny Schulte and Bryan Hartman.

Funeral service were at 10 a.m. Friday, August 16, 1991 at Guinn-Horger Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Ager officiating. Interment in Quihi Cemetery.

Funeral services under the direction of Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald Newspaper

More About Bessie Hartman:

Burial: 16 Aug 1991, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census: 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Roy Henry Dailey:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census: 1920, Medina County, Texas (In the household of uncle Harm Gerdes)

Obituary?: Needed

More About Roy Dailey and Bessie Hartman:

Marriage: 10 Dec 1931, Texas

- iii. George Karl Hartman, born 27 Jun 1911 in Medina County, Texas; died 23 Jun 1982 in Medina County, Texas; married Florine Melinda Williams 15 Jun 1937 in Texas; born 28 Oct 1918 in Unknown Location; died 10 Oct 1997 in Texas.

More About George Karl Hartman:

Burial: 25 Jun 1982, Zion Lutheran Cemetery #2, Helotes, Bexar County, Texas

Census: 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Florine Melinda Williams:

Burial: 13 Oct 1997, Zion Lutheran Cemetery #2, Helotes, Bexar County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About George Hartman and Florine Williams:

Marriage: 15 Jun 1937, Texas

- iv. Anna H. Hartman, born 09 Jun 1917 in Medina County, Texas; died 24 Jun 1917 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Anna H. Hartman:

Burial: 25 Jun 1917, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: No

Obituary?: Needed

- v. Fritz Anton Hartman, born 09 Jun 1917 in Medina County, Texas; died 15 Nov 2001 in Medina County, Texas; married Lorene Marie Brucks 29 Jan 1938 in Medina County, Texas; born 04 Dec 1919 in Medina County, Texas; died 14 Oct 1995 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Fritz Anton Hartman:

Fritz Anton was one of triplets...the other two children did not survive past infancy.

FRITZ ANTON HARTMANN

Fritz Anton Hartman of Quihi passed away November 15, 2001, at the age of 84. He was born June 9, 1917, and raised in the New Fountain-Quihi area and attended school in New Fountain. In his early days, Fritz played and sang in a country/western band. He later drove cattle trucks for Milton Heyen. He then started farming, ranching and carpentry, eventually working for and retiring from Universal Rundle Corp. Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 17, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Quihi with Pastor Steven Schur officiating. Interment followed in Quihi Cemetery.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald Online, November 2001

More About Fritz Anton Hartman:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census: 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Lorene Marie Brucks:

Lorene M. Hartman, lifelong resident of the Quihi area, passed away October 14, 1995, at the age of 75. She was born on December 4, 1919 in Quihi.

Mrs. Hartman was a member of Quihi Bethlehem Lutheran Church and a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Fritz A. Hartman; son, Royce Hartman and wife Susie; daughter, Judy Dittmar and husband Melvin, all of Quihi; granddaughters Lori Livingston of Torrence, CA., Yvonne Hill and husband John of Concan, Melissa Hartman of Quihi; grandsons James Dittmar and Todd Hartman, both of Quihi and a great-granddaughter, Sarah Lorene Hill of Concan.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Julius and Marie Brucks; five brothers, George J., Milton J., Herbert J., Alvin J. and Roy J. Brucks, one sister, Emma Brucks Heyen.

Pallbearers were Clay Heyen, Charles Schulte, James Dittmar, George Brucks, Bruce Hartman and John Hill.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Monday, October 16, 1995 at Guinn-Horger Funeral Chapel led by Stephen Schur. Interment followed in Quihi cemetery.

Funeral services by Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald

More About Lorene Marie Brucks:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Fritz Hartman and Lorene Brucks:

Marriage: 29 Jan 1938, Medina County, Texas

- vi. Lina Hartman, born 09 Jun 1917 in Medina County, Texas; died 09 Jun 1917 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Lina Hartman:

Burial: 10 Jun 1917, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: No

Obituary?: Needed

*Generation No. 4*

**8. Franz Frederich Schulte**, born 24 Jun 1827 in Dalhinghausen, Willage Ohmbruk, Hannover, Germany; died Bet. 1870 - 1880 in Unknown Location. He married **9. Hilke Harms Gerdes** 17 May 1856 in Medina County, Texas.

**9. Hilke Harms Gerdes**, born 02 Sep 1840 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died 11 Apr 1908 in Medina County, Texas. She was the daughter of **18. Harm Harms Gerdes** and **19. Eite Schmidt Ehen**.

Notes for Franz Frederich Schulte:

QUIHI LAKE Waterfront a Common for public

A 8 p 60 - John C. McKean, of Caldwell Co. Texas, owner & proprietor--Quihi, Feb. 28, 1870

Citizens of the Town of Quihi

All that waterfront as a common that is still unsold from Meyers lot of 14 acres to the Eastern boundary line of the Original Survey made for I. Allison, N. 23, the object of this conveyance is to keep the Quihi Creek open for the convenience of the Citizens and for the benefit of the stock.

To have and to hold the above described land and donated premises to the sole proper use, benefit and behoof of the aforesaid citizens of the Town of Quihi, their administrators or assigns in fee simple forever. Louis Boehle & FRANK SCHULTE are hereby appointed trustee to carry out this arrangement and the said McKean binds himself, his heirs, administrators & assigns to warrant & defend the title to the above described premises against the claim or claims of all persons legally claiming the same.

John C. McKean  
Ack. before Nic Haby  
by Jos. Kempf etc. 28 Feb 1870  
Filed 28 Feb 1870 at 3pm etc. A 8 p 60-61

In presence of Charles de Montel  
Jos. Kepmf

Source: H. E. Haas Collection, Institute of Texan Cultures library, San Antonio, Texas

More About Franz Frederich Schulte:  
Census 1: 06 Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1860, Medina County, Texas  
Emigration Ship: Anna Delius  
Naturalization: 28 Jul 1858, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists  
Port of Arrival: 13 May 1854, Port of New Orleans, Louisiana

Notes for Hilke Harms Gerdes:

Hilke (Hilka) Harms Gerdes was born on September 4, 1840 in Moorlage, Aurich-Oldendorf, Ost-Friesland, Germany, the third of five children born to Harm Harms Gerdes (1807-1867) and Eite Ehmen Schmidt Gerdes (1812-1873). Hilke came to America with her mother and father, two brothers and two sisters when she was 12 years old.

Her father had purchased a 160 acre track of land in Quihi, Medina County, Texas. This property was 160 acres of a 320 acre track of land identified as survey # 27, which was sold and deeded to Harm Gerdes on Jan 27, 1852 for \$200.00 by Albert Huth, a representative of Henri Castro [Medina Deeds, Vol 2, pg 75]. The second 160 acres of survey #27 was owned by Franz (Frank) Schulte.

Hilke was married at the Quihi Lutheran Church on May 17, 1856 to Franz Frederick Schulte who was about 29 years old. The wedding was officiated by Rev. Christian Oefinger, who founded the Lutheran Church at Quihi in 1852. The church ceremony was a double wedding. Hilke's brother, Rev. Gerhardt Harms Gerdes, age 20, was married to his first cousin, Almte Johanna Gerdes, age 23, on this same day.

The land records of Medina County show that Franz Schulte deeded town lots on the Verde creek to his brother-in-law, Ehme Gerdes, just two days after his wedding to Hilke. Eight years later, on November 9, 1864, Franz deeded his 160 acres of the 320 acres of survey #27 to his father-in-law, Harm Gerdes. [Medina Land Records, Vol 8, pg 12]

Hilke and Franz were close neighbors to her sister Folke and her husband, E. August Bohlen, who lived on the west bank of the Quihi water hole.

Hilke and Franz were enumerated on July 6, 1870 in the census of New Fountain, Medina County, Texas as follows:

#	Name	Age	Land Value	Personal Value	Born
197	Schulte, Franck	43	350	500	Hannover
	Hilke	24		"	
	Catharina	12			Texas
	Angelina	9		"	
	John Henry	6		"	

Orlando	4	"
Mary	1	"

198 192 Gerdes, Eite 58 100 400 Hannover

In the 1870 census, Eite Gerdes is Hilke's mother, Eite Ehman Schmidt Gerdes (1812-1873), enumerated in the house next to Hilke and Franz. Hilke's father, Harm Gerdes (1807-1867) was killed by Indians in 1867 and thereby is not listed in the 1870 census. According to family legend, Franz F. Schulte left the family sometime after 1870 and went west to Arizona. There was no record of him after his departure.

Hilke died on April 11, 1906 at the age of 66 and is buried in the Quihi Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Family tradition indicates that Hilke's son, Johann Wilhelm Schulte (Jan 30, 1877) was a son of the minister serving the Lutheran Church at Quihi. The History of Medina County lists that Rev. F. Gerstmann served from 1873 to 1877 and Rev. A. Falkenberg replaced him from 1877-1888.

Hilke's daughter, Angelina (Lena) Schulte, married Joseph (Joe) Horn, a son of John Horn and Anna Maria Meier Horn Balzen. Joe subsequently had a half brother, H.B Balzen and a half sister, Katrina Balzen DeGrod. According to Elsie Schweers Riff, Joe Horn had a blacksmith shop in a barn across the street from Elsie. The barn, which is still standing today (2002), was adjacent the New Fountain home of Lena Gerdes Eckhart, a daughter of Gerhard Janssen Gerdes (1844-1913).

Source: The Family of Harm Harms Gerdes, Their Kith and Kin, by Al Gerdes

Note: In the 1880 Federal Census for Medina County, Texas, Hilke lists herself as "widowed".

More About Hilke Harms Gerdes:

Burial: Unknown, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 06 Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 27 Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: None Located

More About Franz Schulte and Hilke Gerdes:

Marriage: 17 May 1856, Medina County, Texas

Children of Franz Schulte and Hilke Gerdes are:

- i. Anna Katherina Schulte, born 23 Mar 1858 in Medina County, Texas; died 10 Sep 1928 in Bexar County, Texas; married (1) Jans Martin Saathoff 08 Jan 1876 in Medina County, Texas; born 12 Mar 1850 in Velde, Aurich Stadt, Hannover, Preussen; died 15 Sep 1889 in Medina County, Texas; married (2) Charles August Reitzer 30 Mar 1891 in Medina County, Texas; born 28 Apr 1868 in Medina County, Texas; died 02 Feb 1957 in Travis County, Texas.

More About Anna Katherina Schulte:

Burial: 11 Sep 1928, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 06 Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Obituary?: Needed

Notes for Charles August Reitzer:

In the 1910 Federal Census for Medina County, Texas, the following entry is shown:

Charles Reitzer, Head

A. Catherine Reitzer, Wife

Louise Reitzer, Daughter

Ruth Pourkilli, Adopted Daughter

Anton Reitzer, Son

Ruth Pourkilli was born in Mexico about 1905. Her father's birthplace is shown as Holland, her mother's as Texas. The 1910 census is the only reference I find for Ruth Pourkilli.

More About Charles August Reitzer:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Charles Reitzer and Anna Schulte:

Marriage: 30 Mar 1891, Medina County, Texas

- ii. Franz Christian Schulte, born 06 Sep 1859 in Medina County, Texas; died Jan 1860 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Franz Christian Schulte:

Burial: Aft. Jan 1860, Unknown Location

Census: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iii. Engelina Schulte, born 01 Jul 1861 in Medina County, Texas; died 14 Feb 1947 in Medina County, Texas; married Joseph H. Horn 03 Aug 1878 in Medina County, Texas; born 20 Aug 1851 in Medina County, Texas; died 11 Jul 1936 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Engelina Schulte:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 06 Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas (Transcribed as "Horm")

Obituary?: Needed

More About Joseph H. Horn:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1880, Medina County, Texas (Transcribed as "Horm")

Census 2: 1860, Medina County, Texas (in the Rudolf Shorobiny household)

Census 3: 1870, Medina County, Texas (in the Rudolf Shorobiny household)

Obituary?: Needed

More About Joseph Horn and Engelina Schulte:

Marriage: 03 Aug 1878, Medina County, Texas

- 4 iv. Heinrich Johann Schulte, born 01 Nov 1863 in Medina County, Texas; died 27 Nov 1946 in Medina County, Texas; married Wilhelmina Reitzer 02 Apr 1891 in Medina County, Texas.
- v. Ehme Orlando Schulte, born 22 Nov 1865 in Medina County, Texas; died 05 Jan 1948 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Ehme Orlando Schulte:

From Hondo Anvil Herald, January 9, 1948

**EHME O. SCHULTE BURNS SELF TO DEATH WITH COAL OIL JAN. 6**

by Fletcher Davis

After a brief funeral service at 3 o'clock p.m. Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 6, 1948, at the Horger Funeral Home, conducted by Rev. C. Weeber, pastor of Quihi Lutheran church, all that was mortal of Ehme O. Schulte was laid to rest in the Quihi cemetery. The pallbearers were Hy. J. Boehle, Hy. Loessberg, Robert Riff, Herman Lindeburg, Arthur Schulte and Eddie Riff. There was a large attendance of sorrowing relatives and friends.

The deceased was the son of Franz Schulte and wife, Hilka Gerdes Schulte, and was born in the Quihi community on Nov. 22, 1865. He had thus attained the age of 82 years, 1 month and 14 days, and all this long life had been spent in Medina County in the Quihi community.

As a child, he was baptized by the then Lutheran pastor at Quihi, Rev. G. Schall, being the last child baptized by that pastor in 1866. He was a member of the class of confirmands who received their confirmation on March 21, 1880, with the late Rev. A. Falkenberg officiating. Of this class, only John Lindeburg and Mrs. Rosa Boehle survive.

He was never married, and lived for many years alone in his little cabin home. Late in life, he lived with his widowed sister,

Mrs. Joe Horn. He was a man of friendly, agreeable personality, but with advancing age he was much under medical care, and the recent loss within four months of each other, of his last brother, Henry Schulte, and his sister, Mrs. Horn, added melancholy and despondency to his other afflictions.

His passing was peculiarly sad and tragic. On the morning of Jan. 5, he ate his breakfast as usual with the household of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brucks, with whom he has made his home since the death of Mrs. Horn, and a kinsman guest in the home, Mr. Charlie Reitzer. He left the table before the rest had finished their meal, however, and when Mr. Reitzer followed him outside a few moments later a smoke attracted his attention. About a hundred and fifty yards from the house the charred and lifeless body was found. Flames from his coal oil saturated garments must have brought instant death.

More About Ehme Orlando Schulte:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Cause of Death: Suicide

Census 1: 06 Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 27 Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 26 Apr 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: 16 Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 6: 07 Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Obituary?: Transcribed

- vi. Maria Schulte, born 17 Aug 1868 in Medina County, Texas; died 08 Dec 1938 in Medina County, Texas; married Otto Henry Brucks 03 Jul 1888 in Medina County, Texas; born 24 Mar 1866 in Medina County, Texas; died 30 Oct 1934 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Maria Schulte:

Burial: 09 Dec 1938, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 06 Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 6: 1930, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Obituary?: Needed

More About Otto Henry Brucks:

Burial: 31 Oct 1934, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 6: 1930, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Obituary?: Needed

More About Otto Brucks and Maria Schulte:

Marriage: 03 Jul 1888, Medina County, Texas

- vii. Johann Wilhelm Schulte, born 30 Jan 1877 in Medina County, Texas; died 01 Apr 1914 in El Paso County, Texas; married Jeanette Fischer Abt. 1902 in Unknown; born Abt. 1887 in Odessa, Ukraine, Russia; died Aft. 1920 in Unknown Location.

Notes for Johann Wilhelm Schulte:

Family legend says that Johann Wilhelm Schulte was, in fact, an illegitimate son, born after the disappearance of Franz Fredrich Schulte. Rumor has it that Johann's father was the local minister! The records of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Quihi not the baptism of John William Schulte, and list only his mother's name. No father is listed.

JOHN SCHULTE DEAD

News was received here Thursday that John Schulte, a former Medina County citizen, had been accidentally killed in the smelter at El Paso Wednesday night where he was employed.

Messrs. J. H. Horn and Henry Schulte, brother-in-law and brother respectively of the deceased, left Thursday night for El Paso to attend the funeral which will take place in that city under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World of which he

was a member. The deceased is survived by a large number of relatives and friends in Medina county.

The Anvil-Herald extends sincere sympathy to the relatives in their hour of bereavement.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald, Saturday, April 4, 1914

From the probate records of Medina County, Texas, #790

Letter dated June 24, 1910 from El Paso, Texas (with original spelling)

Dear Sister,

Your letter reached me a few days ago, was glad indeed to see you are all well, but exceedingly sorry that your crops have again failed, its to bad, I am sure, but it cant be helped.

We had a little rain here yesterday, and it looks as if we might have some more today.

You say you recieved a letter from Jannettes mother, I wander if you would think me to inquisitive if I should ask you what she wanted, excuse me for asking, but I am certain she wanted to know something, otherwise she would never got such a queer and sudden attack to write to a person whom she has never seen.

I got a letter from her brother a few days ago, he tells me they received a letter from Jannette a few days prefious to his writing, this being the first letter from her since she left El Paso.

Dear Sister, as I am a member of the 'Woodman of the World' and cary insurance of \$1,000, in this order, and not knowing at that time where Genevieve was, I had it wrote out in your name, my intentions were that in case anything should happen, it should under no sercumstances go in hands where I wouldened want it to go. I intended to have it understood with you that money belong to Genevieve, provided she were in your care, or in such hands were she, and she alone, would git te full benifit of the money. Under no sercumstances would I wish it to go to that old "BAT" or should she derive any benifit of it whatever.

If it could not be used for Jenevieve's good, it would be yours, untill such time that it would be of some good to Genevieve.

I hope you dont feel ofended, for haveing taken this step, As I wished to do something for Genevieve, and not wanting Janette to git her fingers on it to slander it away, I thought this would be the safest way to git it to do the most good, at the right place.

I belong to the "Tornelo Camp No. 42", at El Paso, and we have a good and large membership.

Well, I must come to a close, as I havend more time to write, tell Emil I will write him in a day or so.

Tell my regards to all, and wishing you god health, I'll close.

From your Brother,

J. W. Schulte  
419 North El Paso Street  
El Paso

P. S. I forgot to tell you, those people I roomed with have moved and I moved with them, consiquently the change of my Address.

More About Johann Wilhelm Schulte:  
Burial: 03 Apr 1914, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 1880, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1910, El Paso County, Texas  
Death Certificate In File: Yes  
Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Jeanette Fischer:  
1920 Federal Census for San Diego County, California shows the following:

George H. Creighty, age 36 (born abt 1884-California)  
Janet Creighty, age 33 (born abt 1887-Russia)  
Clara Creighty, age 12 (born abt 1908-California)

Thomas Creighty, age 10 (born abt 1910-Oregon)  
Edna Creighty, age 6 (born abt 1914-California)  
Genevieve Schulte, age 15

Concrete information is needed about Janette Fischer Schulte Creighty.

More About Jeanette Fischer:  
Burial: Unknown, California (probably)  
Immigration: 1894, Unknown Location  
Naturalization: 1903, Unknown Location  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Johann Schulte and Jeanette Fischer:  
Divorce: Bef. 1908, Probably El Paso, Texas  
Marriage: Abt. 1902, Unknown

**10. Johann Reitzer**, born 24 Dec 1840 in Stoecken, Haut-Rhin, France; died 29 Dec 1924 in Medina County, Texas. He was the son of **20. Ambrosius Reitzer** and **21. Marguerite Manigold**. He married **11. Sabina Elizabeth Loessberg** 11 Sep 1862 in Medina County, Texas.

**11. Sabina Elizabeth Loessberg**, born 24 Mar 1843 in Eibach, Germany; died 30 Apr 1899 in Medina County, Texas. She was the daughter of **22. George Loessberg** and **23. Anna Gertrude Kerste**.

Notes for Johann Reitzer:  
From HONDO ANVIL-HERALD

#### JOHN REITZER DEAD

Last Monday morning at about 2 o'clock JOHN REITZER of the Quihi community passed quietly out of time into eternity. While his devoted widow, children and many others mourn his loss, it was a relief to many others to hear that he passed away, after having been continuously confined to his bed for nearly nine years, in consequence of a paralytic stroke. Mr. Reitzer belonged to the pioneer settlers of the Quihi section of Medina County, he shared all the hardships and privations of the early settlers, was widely and favorably known and enjoyed to his end the esteem of his many friends and neighbors. The funeral service took place Tuesday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. Hasskarl of the Quihi Lutheran Church, and was largely attended by friends, neighbors and many people from practically every section of Medina County. The final service took place on the new Quihi Cemetery, where the Schuetzen-Verein and many others paid their last tribute of respect to the departed dead. Six grandsons acted as pallbearers.

Mr. Reitzer was born of Christian parents December 24th, 1840, at Stoecken, Elsas, France. As a child of 4 years he came with his parents to America, locating for a year at Castroville, from whence he came to Quihi, where he lived to the end of his life. As a young man he married, September 11, 1862 to Miss Elizabeth Loessberg. The issue of this union was 8 sons and 3 daughters, who all survive their father, namely: Mrs. Katie Eckhart and Emil Reitzer of Jourdanton, Louis Reitzer of Comfort, Henry, Albert, William and Robert Reitzer, Mrs. Minna Schulte and Mrs. Joe Balzen of Medina Co. and George and Edmund Reitzer of Clifton, Arizona. There also survive him 8 step-children, 34 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and his 2 sisters, Mrs. Josephine Neuman of this county and Mrs. Mary Cooper of Frelsburg.

Mr. Reitzer was a public spirited citizen, taking an active interest in the social and educational welfare of his community. In 1874, along with Mimke Saathoff, Sr. and F. W. Muennink, Sr., he served as school trustee of the Quihi school district, No. 5, and helped build the first public free school building ever erected in the county. His interest never flagged in the cause of education during his active life.

April 30th, 1899, Mr. Reitzer lost his first wife by death. Several years later he married again, this time Otilia Monier, nee Biel, who survives him and who tenderly cared for him and nursed him during the long years of illness prior to his death.

#### CARD OF THANKS

With hearts full of gratitude we wish to express our thanks to our neighbors and friends for assistance during the illness and on the death of our dear father, John Reitzer, and we particularly wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to Rev. C. P. Haaskarl for the beautiful service conducted, to J. S. Saathoff and choir for the feeling song service rendered, to Company No. 4, San Antonio Fire Department for the beautiful wreath and other friends for floral offerings. We assure

each and everyone that their kindness will be held in grateful remembrance by THE FAMILY.

More About Johann Reitzer:

Burial: 30 Dec 1924, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 11 Oct 1850, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: Aug 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 6: Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Sabina Elizabeth Loessberg:

Last Sunday Mrs. John Reitzer breathed her last and was buried in the family graveyard on Monday at three o'clock p.m., Mr. Czerkus officiating.

Mrs. Reitzer was born March 24, 1843 at Eibach, Germany and came to Texas in 1846, settling at Quihi. In the course of time she married Mr. John Reitzer, who survives her now.

For the last five years her health has been declining, growing worse gradually as time wore on. All that medical science and loving attention could do was done to alleviate her sufferings, which she bore patiently, but to no avail. The summons came at last and her spirit departed to where there is no more suffering or tears.

She was a devoted wife, a kind mother, and a faithful friend. She leaves a husband, three daughters and eight sons, besides other relatives and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Peace to her ashes.

From the "Hondo Herald", May 6, 1899

More About Sabina Elizabeth Loessberg:

Burial: 01 May 1899, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1850, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Johann Reitzer and Sabina Loessberg:

Marriage: 11 Sep 1862, Medina County, Texas

Children of Johann Reitzer and Sabina Loessberg are:

- i. Henry Reitzer, born 01 Feb 1865 in Medina County, Texas; died 13 Mar 1949 in Medina County, Texas; married Albertina Brucks 19 Jan 1889 in Medina County, Texas; born 20 Jun 1860 in Texas; died 13 May 1938 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Henry Reitzer:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Albertina Brucks:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Henry Reitzer and Albertina Brucks:

Marriage: 19 Jan 1889, Medina County, Texas

- ii. Albert Reitzer, born 26 Dec 1866 in Medina County, Texas; died 24 Sep 1941 in Medina County, Texas; married Adelheid Schladoer 26 Dec 1898 in Medina County, Texas; born 05 Feb 1874 in Bandera County, Texas; died 09 Jan 1955 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Albert Reitzer:

From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, September 26, 1941

#### ALBERT REITZER DEAD

Albert Reitzer departed this life at his home in Quihi at 9:15 P.M., Wednesday, September 24, 1941, after an illness of about two weeks. Funeral services were held at the Horger funeral home at Hondo at three o'clock Thursday afternoon, Rev. Paul Czerkus of St. Paul's Lutheran Church conducting the last sad rites. Interment was made in the Quihi cemetery with F. J. Schulte of Mico, Otto Reitzer of Yancey, Geo. Reitzer of Hondo, Theo. Reitzer of Dunlay, and Melvin Balzen of Dunlay serving as pall-bearers.

Mr. Reitzer was born at Quihi on December 26, 1866, and had attained the age of 74 years, eight months and 29 days at the time of his demise. he grew to manhood on his father's farm, and spent his manhood years in the same occupation and in the community of his birth, where he lived the life of an exemplary citizen, enjoying the love of his family and the respect of his neighbors.

Mr. Reitzer is survived by his bereaved wife and an only son, Hugo Reitzer. Five brothers and two sisters and numerous other relatives survive him. The brothers are Henry Reitzer of Yancey, Emil Reitzer of Jourdanton, Louis Reitzer of San Antonio, George Reitzer of California and Edmund Reitzer of Arizona. The sisters are Mrs. Joe Balzen of Dunlay and Mrs. Henry Schulte Sr. of Dunlay.

In the passing of Albert Reitzer, the managing editor loses another personal friend, a man whom he came to know and respect in the early days of his arrival in Medina County and whose friendship he enjoyed through the passing years. We know the sense of loss that comes to others of his friends in his departure.

More About Albert Reitzer:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: Feb 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 6: Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Adelheid Schladoer:

From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, January 14, 1955

#### BLOOD CLOT KILLS ADELHEID REITZER

Mrs. Albert Reitzer, 80-year-old New Fountain woman who died early Sunday morning Jan. 9 from a blood clot that formed after an operation to knit her broken hip, was buried Jan. 10 in the Quihi cemetery.

Mrs. Reitzer had been knocked down by a cow while feeding her cows Jan. 2, and the fall broke her hip. The Rev. William Durkop officiated at the burial services.

Mrs. Reitzer was born Adelheid Schladoer, the daughter of Hugo and Catarena Schladoer in the upper part of Medina County, Feb. 5, 1874.

Mrs. Reitzer was baptized July 9, 1893 and confirmed April 11, 1897 by the Rev. A. C. Ulrich of St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio. She married Albert Reitzer Dec. 26, 1898. The couple lived in Longfellow then in Quihi where Reitzer had a store.

Later the Reitzers moved to what is now Medina Lake on a ranch that afterward became the lake bed. Their home was at the site of an old Mormon Camp site a few miles upstream from where the dam was built.

Forced out by this man-made expansion the Reitzers moved to New Fountain. Albert Reitzer died Sept. 24, 1941.

The couple had a son, Hugo, who Died Dec. 22, 1946. After his death Mrs. Reitzer lived alone.

Pallbearers were George and Otto Reitzer, Hugo Balzen, Arthur Schulte, Elbert Wiemers and Frank Muennink.

Survivors are Mrs. Bertha Brown of San Francisco, Calif., and Mrs. George Reitzer, LaMesa, Calif; two grandchildren, Mrs. Ethel Hawkins and James Reitzer, both of Uvalde; and one great-grandchild.

More About Adelheid Schladoer:

Baptism: 09 Jul 1893, St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

Burial: 10 Jan 1955, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1880, Precinct 2, Kerr County, Texas

Census 2: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: Feb 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Confirmation: 11 Apr 1897, St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Albert Reitzer and Adelheid Schladoer:

Marriage: 26 Dec 1898, Medina County, Texas

- iii. William Reitzer, born 05 Apr 1869 in Medina County, Texas; died 26 Jul 1934 in Medina County, Texas; married Julia Jane Grell 26 Nov 1892 in Medina County, Texas; born 16 Feb 1869 in Medina County, Texas; died 22 Oct 1943 in Medina County, Texas.

More About William Reitzer:

Burial: 27 Jul 1934, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: Feb 1920, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Scanned

More About Julia Jane Grell:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: Feb 1920, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About William Reitzer and Julia Grell:

Marriage: 26 Nov 1892, Medina County, Texas

- 5 iv. Wilhelmina Reitzer, born 01 Feb 1871 in Medina County, Texas; died 16 Sep 1942 in Medina County, Texas; married Heinrich Johann Schulte 02 Apr 1891 in Medina County, Texas.
- v. Katherine Reitzer, born 30 Sep 1872 in Medina County, Texas; died Unknown in Unknown Location; married August Eckhardt 01 Nov 1883 in Medina County, Texas; born 11 Mar 1865 in Medina County, Texas; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

More About Katherine Reitzer:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location

Census 1: Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About August Eckhardt:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location

Obituary?: Needed

More About August Eckhardt and Katherine Reitzer:

Marriage: 01 Nov 1883, Medina County, Texas

- vi. Louis Bernhard Reitzer, born 05 Mar 1873 in Medina County, Texas; died 13 Jul 1956 in Kerr County, Texas; married Annie A. Ransleben 10 Aug 1907 in Kendall County, Texas; born 02 Jun 1884 in Gillespie County, Texas; died 10 Jul 1919 in Bexar County, Texas.

More About Louis Bernhard Reitzer:

Burial: Unknown, Comfort City Cemetery, Kendall County, Texas

Census 1: Jun 1900, Comal County, Texas  
Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: May 1910, Kendall County, Texas  
Census 4: Jan 1920, Kendall County, Texas  
Obituary?: Needed

Notes for Annie A. Ransleben:  
MRS. L. B. REITZER

On Thursday, July 10, at 6 A.M., Mrs. Annie Ransleben Reitzer, wife of Louis B. Reitzer of San Antonio, died at her home in that city after an illness of about a week.

The body was brought to Comfort on Thursday evening and the funeral took place Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home of the decedent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ransleben. There was a service at the house, conducted by Rev. Father Tarradellas, and the funeral procession then took its way to the Comfort cemetery where Father Tarradellas went through a brief ceremony at the grave. The Comfort Liedertafel sang a selection, Wm. Wiedenfeld delivered a very touching address in which he reviewed the life of the departed and recounted her virtues, and the services then closed with a second song by the Liedertafel. The assemblage of friends and relatives at the grave was a large one, and there were many beautiful floral offerings. The pallbearers were Wm. Wiedenfeld, Otto Flach, A. S. Faltin, W. Brinkmann, Otto Holekamp and Rob. Stahmann.

Mrs. Reitzer was born at Fredericksburg, Texas, June 2, 1884 and came to Comfort in 1898 when her parents moved to this community. She grew up to womanhood here, and on August 10, 1907 was married to Louis B. Reitzer, who at that time was a member of the faculty of the Comfort school. A few years later, Mrs. Reitzer moved with her husband and children to San Antonio where they have resided during the past several years.

Mrs. Reitzer is survived by her husband and five children, the youngest of whom was born on the 17th of last month. One other child, a daughter two years old, died here in 1912. Her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Oscar Ransleben, also survive her and there are four brothers, Reinhold and Gustav of San Antonio and Eddie and Guido Ransleben of Comfort, and two sisters, Mrs. Alfred Stieler and Mrs. Ernst Lindner of Comfort. She leaves many friends who share with her relatives in sorrow over her untimely death.

Source: Comfort News, July 18, 1919

More About Annie A. Ransleben:  
Burial: 11 Jul 1919, Comfort City Cemetery, Kendall County, Texas  
Census: May 1910, Kendall County, Texas  
Death Certificate In File: Yes  
Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Louis Reitzer and Annie Ransleben:  
Marriage: 10 Aug 1907, Kendall County, Texas

- vii. George D. Reitzer, born 02 Feb 1875 in Medina County, Texas; died 1959 in Arizona; married Minna Schladoer Bet. 1893 - 1901 in Unknown Location; born 06 Dec 1877 in Texas; died 24 Nov 1978 in Greenlee County, Arizona.

Notes for George D. Reitzer:  
George Reitzer's wife Minna Schladoer is the sister of Adelheid Schladoer, wife to George's brother Albert.

More About George D. Reitzer:  
Burial: Unknown, Clifton Cemetery, Clifton, Greenlee County, Arizona  
Census 1: 1910, Graham County, Arizona  
Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: 1920, Clifton, Greenlee County, Arizona  
Obituary?: Needed  
Residence: 1918, Greenlee County, Arizona

Notes for Minna Schladoer:  
Minna Schladoer's husband, George Reitzer, is the brother of her sister Adelheid Schladoer's husband Albert Reitzer.

Clifton Cemetery is also called Ward's Canyon Cemetery.

From the COPPER ERA, November 29, 1978

Services were held for Minnie Reitzer, age 100 at 2 p.m. on Nov. 24. The graveside service was at the Clifton Cemetery

with the Reverend Wilbur Nolte officiating. She passed away in the Morenci Hospital on November 26. Burial followed the service.

She came to Greenlee County in 1901 and lived most of her life here, excepting 12 years which she spent in San Diego, CA. Her husband, George, preceded her in death in 1959. She was a charter member of Eastern Star Rebekah Lodge #15.

Surviving her is one daughter, Mrs. Thora Pollock of Clifton.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Lewallen Funeral Home.

More About Minna Schladoer:

Burial: 26 Nov 1978, Clifton Cemetery, Clifton, Greenlee County, Arizona

Census 1: 1880, Precinct 2, Kerr County, Texas

Census 2: 1920, Clifton, Greenlee County, Arizona

Obituary?: Transcribed

Residence: 1918, Greenlee County, Arizona

Social Security Number: 527-70-3059

More About George Reitzer and Minna Schladoer:

Marriage: Bet. 1893 - 1901, Unknown Location

- viii. Robert Reitzer, born 28 Jan 1878 in Medina County, Texas; died 14 Mar 1933 in Medina County, Texas; married Antje Balzen Bef. 1910 in Texas; born 29 Dec 1878 in Texas; died 01 Jun 1971 in Bexar County, Texas.

More About Robert Reitzer:

Burial: 16 Mar 1933, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Obituary?: Needed

More About Antje Balzen:

Burial: 02 Jun 1971, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census: May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Obituary?: Needed

More About Robert Reitzer and Antje Balzen:

Marriage: Bef. 1910, Texas

- ix. Edmond Reitzer, born 15 Nov 1879 in Medina County, Texas; died 19 Apr 1949 in Prescott, Arizona.

Notes for Edmond Reitzer:

From the Prescott, Arizona EVENING COURIER, Wednesday, April 20, 1949

#### EDMON REITZER DIES AT PIONEERS HOME

Edmon Reitzer, 69, died yesterday at the Pioneers Home, where he had been a guest since April 2, 1945.

He was born in Quinlan\*, Texas, November 15, 1879. He came to Prescott in 1900 and had resided for a time at Bumble Bee before entering the Home. He has no known survivors.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Lester Ruffner Funeral Home.

\*Edmond was actually born in Quihi, Texas.

More About Edmond Reitzer:

Burial: Unknown, Arizona Pioneer Cemetery, Yavapai County, Arizona

Census 1: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1910, Graham County, Arizona

Obituary?: Transcribed

- x. Emil Reitzer, born 15 Jun 1882 in Medina County, Texas; died 27 Oct 1951 in Atascosa County, Texas; married Emma Margaretha Balzen 14 Dec 1904 in Medina County, Texas; born 08 Jul 1884 in Medina County, Texas; died 17 Mar 1964 in

Atascosa County, Texas.

More About Emil Reitzer:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1910, Atascosa County, Texas  
Census 3: Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Emma Margaretha Balzen:

Burial: 19 Mar 1964, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 1910, Atascosa County, Texas  
Census 2: Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas  
Death Certificate In File: Yes  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Emil Reitzer and Emma Balzen:

Marriage: 14 Dec 1904, Medina County, Texas

- xi. Mary Elizabeth Reitzer, born 14 Sep 1884 in Medina County, Texas; died 27 Jun 1970 in Medina County, Texas; married Joseph Herman Balzen 03 Dec 1902 in Medina County, Texas; born 20 Dec 1877 in Medina County, Texas; died 28 Oct 1957 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Mary Elizabeth Reitzer:

See Joseph Herman Balzen for notes.

More About Mary Elizabeth Reitzer:

Burial: 29 Jun 1970, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Census: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Death Certificate In File: Yes  
Obituary?: Needed

Notes for Joseph Herman Balzen:

Joseph Herman Balzen was born four miles northeast of Quihi, in the community known as Upper Quihi. He was the eldest of five children born to Henry Bernard Balzen (May 9, 1855 - March 13, 1934) and Maria Oefinger Balzen (May 24, 1860 - June 9, 1932). He was the grandson of Harm Balzen who immigrated from Aurich - Oldendorf, Germany in 1851.

Joe, as he was called by his friends and relatives, grew up on the farm in Upper Quihi. He attended school at the Ranch school in Quihi. In his early manhood he worked as an apprentice blacksmith for Joe Horn in his blacksmith shop. In his latter years he operated his own blacksmith shop on his farm.

He married Mary Elizabeth Reitzer (Sept. 14, 1884 - June 27, 1970) on Dec. 3, 1902, daughter of John Reitzer and Elizabeth Loessberg. During the early years of their marriage Joe and Mary made their home in the Verdina area, about 18 miles northeast of Hondo on the property now known as the Alfred Winkler ranch, where Joe raised cattle. It was here their two sons were born: Hugo Roland and Melvin John.

Hugo married Luren Schweers on June 6, 1927. They had two children, Joyce Marie and Joe Harris. Joyce married Lester Landrum, their children are Deborah, Lester Patrick and Tania Lynn. Deborah married Ronald Love, their children are Ronald, Tammria, Pamela and Kimberly.

Joe Harris married Ema Lee Bendele; they have two children, Donald Joe and Patricia Lee. Donald married Rebecca Lutz and they have a daughter, Holly. Patricia married Randall Graff. They have no children at the present time.

Melvin John married Elvera Cheeseman. They have two children, Wayne Russell and Jean Anne. Wayne married Betty Boehme, their three daughters are Sheila, Deanne and Janet. Sheila married Charles Carron.

Jean Anne married Wayne Marty and they have one daughter, Sherry Leigh.

When Hugo became school age, about 1910, Joe and Mary moved to the Upper Quihi area where the children would be able to attend school. Joe made his home here farming and ranching until the time of his death. He was an active member of the Quihi Gun Club. He loved to hunt the wild game which abounded in the area and his favorite sport was baseball. He truly enjoyed his family and friends.

Source: Medina County History, Volume I, ISBN: 0-88107-010-6, Pg. 166

More About Joseph Herman Balzen:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Joseph Balzen and Mary Reitzer:

Marriage: 03 Dec 1902, Medina County, Texas

**12. Heinrich Hartman**, born 07 Dec 1846 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died 15 Oct 1921 in Medina County, Texas. He was the son of **24. Wilhelm Hartman**. He married **13. Sophie Ernestine Senne** 30 May 1874 in Medina County, Texas.

**13. Sophie Ernestine Senne**, born 03 Jul 1856 in Nordsehl, Germany; died 10 Sep 1918 in Medina County, Texas. She was the daughter of **26. Ernst Heinrich Senne** and **27. Ernestine Bresso**.

Notes for Heinrich Hartman:

HENRY HARTMAN

Came to Texas in 1860

In the Summer of 1897, while the writer was traveling in the interest of the Galveston News in Medina County, he attended a picnic given by the thrifty German settlers around Quihi and New Fountain. Arriving on the ground in company with Judge M. Schorobiny, quite a crowd had already collected in a beautiful pecan grove near the Verde Creek. The affair being under the auspices of the German Methodist church, nothing but temperance drinks were sold, such as soda water, etc., free to all. Speeches were made after dinner, and many old timers were present, and these more especially were the kind the writer was looking for. A small, quiet-looking man, who limped as he moved along, was pointed out as one who could give an interesting sketch of his life on the border. This man was Henry Hartman, and the writer was assured, if he could be prevailed on to tell the cause of his crippled condition, that every word would be facts and of more than passing interest.

Upon this the writer sought an interview, but at first was refused, saying it would not be of interest to other people, and to hunt up older settlers, who had a large experience to tell. At the request of his friends he finally consented to tell what he knew.

In giving this true account of one of the most desperate encounters with Indians, one such as but few of our most noted and famous Indian fighters have passed through, it will be clearly demonstrated what a brave and cool man can do under the most trying circumstances, and live to tell the tale.

Mr. Hartman came from the principality of Schaumburg-Lippe to New Fountain in 1860. Coming at the rather late date was one reason he thought his experience would not be of as much interest as the older settlers who came with Castro's colony and helped to subdue the wilderness.

The trip across the ocean was made in the sailing vessel WESSER. Many storms were encountered, and at times it seemed that all was lost. The ship landed at Galveston, and Mr. Hartman came on out to the Castro settlements and first stopped at New Fountain. He stayed here several years and then drove stock to Kansas, but still New Fountain was his home for six years, when he moved to the upper Guadalupe, twenty miles above Kerrville, and there for some time engaged in hunting with two companions. This was in a dangerous locality, and they saw Indians several times. One man named Chris Wachter lived above Kerrville, and on one occasion went to town, leaving his wife, brother-in-law, mother-in-law, and a Negro man at the ranch. The white man and the Negro next morning after Wachter left, went half a mile from the house to make shingles, leaving the women alone. At this time a band of Indians were on a mountain, evidently watching the house, and when they saw the Negro and white man leave, made a descent on the ranch. One of them was standing in the door before their presence was discovered. Mrs. Wachter was young and stout, and as soon as she saw the savage she ran at him and knocked him backward out of the door and ran away, but did not escape the flight of arrows which followed, two wounding her in the back. She still continued her flight, however, and instead of going to the men who were making shingles near by, ran to a mill one and a half miles away, where Mr. Hartman and others were at work, and was well nigh exhausted on arriving there. Mrs. Huepner was the only woman about the mill, and she pulled the arrows out of the stricken woman. Mr. Hartman and others repaired hastily to the scene of the raid, and on arriving at the house found it burned down and the body of the old lady in it. They now searched for the trail of the Indians, and went to the shingle camp and informed the men there what had happened. They had not even discovered the smoke of the burning house. The mountains were high all around, and the Indians could see from their summit all that was going on in the valley below without being seen themselves, and could easily escape when followed, so this band was not found by the trailers. The bones of the unfortunate woman were taken from the ashes and buried. She was evidently killed by the Indians before they fired the house. Mrs. Wachter recovered from the arrow wounds, and was still living in 1897.

Mr. Hartman came back to New Fountain and engaged in handling stock, and it was while in pursuit of this calling that he experienced one of the most thrilling chapters in his life's history. On the 11th day of June, 1873, he in company with Louis Harting, Fred Folk, Charles Martin, and a Negro named Johnson, went up on the Verde Creek, fifteen miles from New Fountain, to gather a bunch of beeves. All were well armed except the Negro, having three Winchesters in the crowd. The men, as they hunted cattle, became careless. They had seen no signs of Indians, but had discovered men a long distance off, but paid no attention to them. They had rounded up some cattle, and Hartman saw some

more at a distance, and leaving Charles Martin, a young fellow, with the loose horses which were brought along for a change, the balance went on with the cattle, so if those in the distance were theirs, they could round them into the herd. While going to these cattle, five or six men were seen in the distance, and Hartman said they were Quihi men looking for their oxen, and as before paid no more attention to them, and in fact was not expecting any Indians. After getting to the cattle, another bunch was seen half a mile away on a hill, and Hartman, taking the Negro with him, went off at a gallop to round up this bunch, leaving the other men holding the cattle already gathered. After going about 600 yards, and while passing a thicket, still in a gallop, they were fired on from ambush with firearms, ten shots or more being aimed at them. Hartman's horse was hit by a bullet just behind the saddle, breaking his back. The stricken animal gave three jumps and fell, and died half a mile away. The Indians, seeing the white man's horse dead and lying on him, thought sure they had him, and came yelling around him, thirteen in number, and all shooting at close range with guns and six-shooters, but in their wild excitement, failed to give him a wound, but knocked the dirt all over him. Some were firing pistols at not more than ten paces. Some men under these circumstances would have been powerless through fear to have done anything, and would have fallen an easy prey, but not so Henry Hartman. His Winchester was in the scabbard on the horn of his saddle, and this by a powerful effort he reached and drew out. The Indians, seeing their paleface foe was not dead, despite the fusillade and great dust they had raised, but on the contrary seemed very much alive and self-possessed, and with a dreaded Winchester now in his hands, beat a hasty retreat back to the thicket to reload. There were twelve on foot and one mounted.

All of this happened very quickly. Although Hartman had his gun in his hand and the Indians had retreated, he was still pinioned to the ground by his dead horse. He knew that as soon as the Indians reloaded their guns and pistols, they would fire at him from cover and he would have no chance at them, so he began to make desperate efforts to release his leg, and succeeded after many trials in quick succession. After getting free from his horse, he ran to a sumac thicket, and the Indians commenced shooting at him again. Crouching low on the ground, watching with gun ready to shoot, he waited for further developments on the part of the Indians, and while so doing saw the Negro Johnson crawling in a thicket, and about the same time heard a battle open back at the cattle. Another band had attacked them besides those who were after Hartman.

The place in which the hard-pressed man had taken refuge did not afford any security except to partly hide his body from view. None of the bushes would turn a bullet, and they were cutting the twigs all around him, and finally one knocked his hat from his head. He saw the Indian that did this. He had crawled up behind some bushes and could see Hartman, and fired at him with a revolver. As he exposed himself to take another shot, Hartman fired at his face, but went a little too high, wounding him in the top of the head, and knocking a white man's hat off he had on. The Indian quickly left this position and crawled away. During all of this time Hartman was watching in front the direction from which the shots were coming, but the Indians resorted to a trick to get the white man. They sent one of their number to crawl around through the bushes and take him in the rear, and shoot him unawares while he was looking for danger in front. This would likely have been successful, but the wily savage was like some hunters who, having slipped upon a deer, begin to breathe hard just as they are about to shoot. Hartman heard him breathing close behind him as he was raising up over the bushes and about to fire. Quickly turning he fired, and the Indian did the same, but his ball hit the ground almost under the white man, while the Comanche got a Winchester ball through the heart and fell forward on his face, his pistol falling almost on Hartman. The Indians still continued to fire, the balls cutting through the sumac bushes here and there.

Hartman was now determined to leave his place and go to a dense thicket which he could see, but which was beyond the Indians, and he would have to run the gauntlet to get there. He dared not fire much, as he only had six cartridges in the magazine of his Winchester at first, and two of these had been fired. He had a full box in his saddle pockets, but they were under his dead horse. With him, to think was to act and as soon as he made up his mind to leave the place he ran out and boldly charged the Indians with gun presented, and they scattered back towards their thicket and let him pass, but repeatedly fired at him. It was in this run that he got the wound that made him a cripple for life. The Indians behind fired after he passed them, and a ball struck him in the bottom of the foot, coming out in front and tearing the instep all to pieces. The force of the ball knocked him down, and the Indians, thinking they had him this time, came yelling and shooting around him once more. In this, however, they were again mistaken. Their invincible foe regained his feet and faced them with leveled Winchester, and they again scattered back to the thicket. The one on horseback came very close and Hartman intended to kill him, but as the Indian quickly threw himself over on the horse he would not risk a shot, but turned and managed to get into the thicket. Here he lay, with his gun ever ready to shoot, until the sun went down, but the Indians did not assault his position. This was a live oak thicket with many big saplings in it, and afforded good protection. His foot bled a great deal, and soon after getting to cover he had to cut off his boot on account of its rapid swelling. He now discovered that he had another wound in the leg, but not so severe. By the time night came he was very thirsty, but could not walk a step. As the hours passed on his thirst became so intense he determined to make an effort to reach water. Taking off his leggings, he cut one of the legs into strips and wrapped them tightly around the wounded foot, drawing the broken bones together as best he could, hoping the thus bracing them, he would be able to walk. This however, failed; as soon as he attempted to bear any weight to step, the foot

would give way and he would fall. The only chance was to crawl. The Hondo Creek he knew could not be far, and he determined to make an attempt to get there. His battleground was between the Verde Creek and Hondo. All night long he crept and crawled, carrying his gun along with him. Of course he had to make many halts to rest, as he became exhausted from thirst and painful locomotion. When daylight came and he could get his bearing, he found that he had only succeeded in getting about 400 yards from the starting point, and that in the opposite direction from the water. A shower of rain came during the night, which to some extent relieved his thirst and the high fever which had set in. He would lick the water from the bushes as he crawled. Nothing more was seen or heard of the Indians.

After daylight he crawled out of the brush onto a hill where he could have a view of the country, but kept in some bushes on the top of it, so that he could see without being seen.

The Indians failed to find the Negro, but stripped both dead horses. They also defeated the men who were with the cattle, and got all the loose horses. The companions of Hartman had no chance to aid him, although they saw his horse fall with him. A band of nine Indians attacked them about the same time, and they had to give way. This made twenty-two Indians in all of this raiding party.

The Negro made his way to the settlement that night and reported that Hartman was killed, and that the Indians had carried him off on a horse. From his place of concealment, he saw the Indians place the one Hartman killed on the horse that was in the party and go off, and he thought it was Hartman, not having seen him when he ran from that place.

The other men also reported him killed, and his friends sent out an ambulance to bring in the body and picked out a place to bury him. Guided by the Negro, they found the dead horses and the bloody ground where he killed the Indian, but thought it was Hartman's blood, and that, as Johnson said, the Indians had carried him off. They now drove around looking for the body. About two hours after Hartman got on the hill he heard the rattle of the vehicle, and crawling out of the bushes he stood on one foot, leaning on his gun so that they could see him. They were very much surprised to find him alive, and soon had him as comfortably situated in the hack as circumstances would permit, and started back to the settlement. They had found that hat which Hartman had shot from the Indian's head, and it had a bullet hole through it. A party had come up in the night to hunt for the supposed dead body of Hartman, and passed so near him that he saw and heard them, but supposed it was the Indians, and remained quiet. This party was still out, but soon came upon the scene, and all went back together. There was great rejoicing among the people when the hack arrived. The wound in the leg was not severe and soon healed, but the foot was in a bad condition for many months, and will always make him a cripple.

Mr. Hartman was a ranger under Captain Richarz, and missed being in the terrible battle near Carrizo by being a scout up the Nueces when it was fought.

from

Sowell, A. J., EARLY SETTLERS AND INDIAN FIGHTERS OF SOUTHWEST TEXAS.

Ben C. Jones & Co., Printers, Austin, Texas, 1900. pp. 575-581.

## OBITUARY

Henry Hartman, Sr., was born in the Principality of Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany, on the 7th day of December 1846. In the early part of September 1860, in company with an uncle and aunt, he sailed on the sailing vessel Wesser for America, arriving after a voyage of ninety days at Galveston, from whence the trip overland was made by ox-wagon, arriving at New Fountain several days before Christmas, 1860.

Deceased always made this his home, although he spent several years making lumber and hunting on the Guadalupe above Kerrville, where he had many experiences with Indians.

In 1872 when E. J. Davis was Governor of Texas, he ordered the organization of several companies of rangers for frontier protection. Mr. Hartman joined one of these, commanded by Captain H. J. Richarz and Lieutenant X. Wantz. During his enlistment he went on many scouts with Lieut. Wantz.

On the 11th day of June, 1878, in company with Louis Hartung, Fred Folk, Charles Martin and a Negro, Hy. Johnson, he went on a cow hunt up in the Peach Tree country, and there fought one of the most desperate battles ever fought in Indian warfare. While apart from his companions he was attacked by a band of twenty-two Comanche Indians. His companions could not assist him as another band fired upon them. Mr. Hartman finally made his escape after killing one Indian and fatally wounding another, and being himself shot once in the foot and once in the leg, which made him a cripple for the rest of his life and which, no doubt, hastened his death by several years.

On the 30th of May, 1874, he was married to Sophie Senne, which union was blessed by ten children, one dying in infancy. The others all survive him. They are; Charles, John, Willie, Ernest, Henry, Jr., Fritz and George Hartman, Mrs. Anton Folk and Mrs. Frank Westfall.

Deceased was a kind husband and a loving father, beloved by all who knew him; he was quiet and unassuming, and as honest as the day was long. He often said he would rather starve than have anything that was not honestly his.

He died Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, aged 74 years, 10 months and 8 days. His remains were laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery at Hondo on Oct. 16, 1921, beside those of his wife, who preceded him in death Sept. 10, 1918. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. Weiss of Quihi and Falkenburg of Hondo. Pall bearers were X. Wantz, Val Nester, Geo. Muennink, Geo. Heyen, John Muennink, Adolph Niethoefer.

That deceased was well known and liked was shown by the number of people who attended his funeral and by the floral offerings at the grave. May he rest in peace.

#### Card of Thanks

We take the means of expressing our heartfelt thanks to all those who so nobly assisted us during the illness, and at the death of our beloved father, Henry Hartman. Also those who attended the funeral, and for the beautiful floral offerings; especially do we wish to thank Revs. Weiss and Falkenberg for the words of consolation spoken at the grave, and to Dr. Smith for services rendered at the bedside. We assure you that your kindness will always be gratefully remembered by THE CHILDREN.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald, October 1921

On Sunday, May 27, 2007, the descendants of Henry Hartman gathered at his gravesite for the ceremonial placement of a Texas Rangers Memorial Cross, commemorating his service with the Frontier Forces of that organization.

#### More About Heinrich Hartman:

Burial: 16 Oct 1921, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Cause of Death: Bronchial Pneumonia

Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Immigration: Bef. 1859

Immigration Ship: Bef. 1859, Weser

Medical Information: Senility

Military service: Bet. 09 Sep 1870 - 15 Jun 1871, Corporal, Texas Rangers, Co E, Frontier Forces; H. J. Richarz, Capt.

Naturalization: 23 Nov 1859, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Occupation: Stock Farmer

Religion: Lutheran

#### Notes for Sophie Ernestine Senne:

From Hondo ANVIL HERALD, Saturday, September 14, 1918

#### MRS. HENRY HARTMAN

Not unexpected to relatives and friends came death to Mrs. Henry Hartman of New Fountain after a long illness, last Tuesday afternoon. The funeral of deceased was held Wednesday at the new Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Reverends Falkenberg and Beteir officiating. A large concourse of relatives and true friends attended the funeral.

Mrs. Hartman, who came to Medina County in her childhood, has lived here nearly all of her life, with the exception of a short time she spent in Eagle Pass and Brackett before her marriage. A more extended report of her family history will follow next week.

From Hondo ANVIL HERALD, Saturday, September 21, 1918

## MRS. HENRY HARTMANN

Mrs. Sophie Ernestine Hartman (nee Senne) was born on July 3rd, 1856, at the village Nordsehl, Germany. In 1869 she came with her parents to America arriving in the month of December at New Fountain in Medina County where she has resided all her life except a short time at Eagle Pass.

In 1874, on May 30th, she was married to Henry Hartman. This union was blessed with ten children, seven sons and three daughters. One daughter died in infancy.

After an illness of nearly five months she departed from this world on the 10th day of September, 1918, at the age of 62 years, 2 months, and 7 days. All that medical skill and the love of her husband and children could do for her was done, but all in vain. She was taken away from them.

Deceased leaves behind to mourn her death, her grief stricken husband, seven sons and two daughters, all of this county. The children are Charles H. of Yancey, John H. of Verdina, W. F. of Thousand Acres, Ernest H., Henry F., and George H. of New Fountain, and Fritz H. of Camp Travis; and Mrs. Anton Folk and Mrs. Frank Westfall of Hondo. Besides these she leaves 15 grand-children, 3 brothers and 4 sisters, and a host of other relatives to mourn her death.

She was a good wife, a devoted mother and a kind neighbor, always ready to help in sickness and distress. A good woman has gone to her reward. May she rest in peace.

## CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our heartfelt gratitude to all those who so kindly assisted us during the illness and at the death of our beloved wife and mother, MRS. SOPHIE HARTMANN. Also to those who attended the funeral and for the many floral offerings. Especially do we thank Rev's. Beteit and Falkenberg for the consoling words spoken at the grave. We assure you that your kindness shall always be remembered by HENRY HARTMANN AND FAMILY

### More About Sophie Ernestine Senne:

Burial: 11 Sep 1918, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Immigration: 1869

Medical Information: Interstitial Nephritis- 2 yrs.High Blood Pressure-5 yrs.

Obituary?: Transcribed

Religion: Lutheran

### More About Heinrich Hartman and Sophie Senne:

Marriage: 30 May 1874, Medina County, Texas

### Children of Heinrich Hartman and Sophie Senne are:

- i. Johann Heinrich Carl Hartman, born 11 Feb 1875 in Medina County, Texas; died 21 Oct 1943 in Medina County, Texas; married Katherine H. Muennink 20 Dec 1900 in Medina County, Texas; born 15 Aug 1879 in Medina County, Texas; died 18 Oct 1963 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Carl Hartman:

Baptized May 30, 1875 by Pastor Gerstmann.

Sponsors were H. Senne and Martin; Emil Mindel and Rosine Leinweber.

From Hondo ANVIL HERALD, October 29, 1943.

(Yancey News) -- Our community was shocked to get the news that Mr. Charlie Hartman had died suddenly last Thursday morning. The doctor had just told him he could leave the hospital as he was doing so well; and before he was quite ready for the trip home, he felt ill, and died almost instantly. His wife was assisting him in getting ready for the return home. His body was brought to Hondo by Funeral Director Horger and funeral services were arranged to be held Thursday. A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the services at the funeral home and also at the grave. Rev. Lorfing, his pastor, conducted the funeral service. Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

## CHAS. H. HARTMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Death came suddenly and unexpectedly to Mr. Charles H. Hartman at 9:00 A.M. Thursday, October 21, 1943, in a San Antonio hospital. He had undergone an operation on Sept. 21st and had been at home for several weeks seemingly on the way to recovery. A set-back in his condition, however, sent him back to the hospital last Wednesday, but growing better he was pronounced well enough to return home the next day. He was sitting up in a chair, waiting and ready to make the trip home when he became faint and passed away in a few minutes.

Funeral services were conducted at 4:30 P.M. Friday, October 22, at the Horger Funeral Home, with his pastor, Rev. M.J. Lorfing, of St. Paul Lutheran Church officiating, Rev. W. L. Hornung, pastor of the Yancey Methodist Church and close personal friend of the deceased, also spoke words of comfort and prayer. The Lutheran Choir sang two selections at the funeral home and at the grave. Interment was made in Oakwood Cemetery, with the following acting as pall bearers: Fritz A. Hartman, Elton J. Hartman, Herbert Moehring, Bruno Schweers, George Saathoff, and Elmo Rabe.

Charles H. Hartman was born February 11, 1875, at New Fountain, the son of Henry Hartman and his wife, Sophie, nee Senne. He was baptized in the New Fountain Church and later confirmed at Quihi by Rev. Czerkus in 1891. He was united in holy wedlock with Miss Katie Muennink, December 20, 1900, and lived two more years at New Fountain. Then he moved to his present farm home south of Hondo. This union was blessed with nine children, one daughter preceding him in death at the age of a year and a half.

Mr. Hartman was a devout and faithful member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, regular in attendance, and a real Christian father to his family. The community suffers the loss of a good citizen and a true friend at his passing.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katie Hartman, who was at his side during his illness; her aged mother, Mrs. George Muennink, daughters, Mrs. Annie Faseler and Mrs. Esther Fohn of Yancey, Miss Hazel Hartman of Langley Field, Virginia, who was unable to attend her father's funeral, and Miss Lucinda Hartman of Hondo; sons, Frank Hartman of D'Hanis, Roy Hartman, Calvin Hartman of Hondo and Staff Sgt. Charles J. Hartman of North Africa; brothers, John Hartman of Dunlay, Willie, Ernst, Henry, Fritz and George Hartman of Hondo; two sisters, Mrs. Lena Folk of Hondo and Mrs. Hulda Westfall of Floresville; twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was 68 years, 8 months, and 10 days of age.[Heinrich Hartman Family.ftw]

### More About Johann Heinrich Carl Hartman:

Baptism: 30 May 1875, Medina County, Texas

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Confirmation: 30 Aug 1891

Obituary?: Transcribed

Religion: Lutheran

### Notes for Katherine H. Muennink:

Hondo ANVIL HERALD, October 25, 1963

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More About Katherine H. Muennink:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Cause of Death: Coronary insufficiency

Census: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Medical Information: coronary insufficiency complicated with arteriole schlerosis at 1:25 a.m.

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Johann Hartman and Katherine Muennink:

Marriage: 20 Dec 1900, Medina County, Texas

- ii. Caroline Sophie Maria Hartman, born 03 Mar 1877 in Medina County, Texas; died 13 Mar 1877 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Caroline Sophie Maria Hartman:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- 6 iii. Johann Heinrich Ludwig Ernst Hartman, born 21 Oct 1878 in Medina County, Texas; died 29 Jan 1952 in Medina County, Texas; married Anna Marie Heyen 30 May 1903 in Medina County, Texas.  
iv. Wilhelm Heinrich Julius Hartman, born 27 Aug 1881 in Medina County, Texas; died 04 Sep 1962 in Medina County, Texas; married Alvina Fannie Wiemers 07 Dec 1912 in Medina County, Texas; born 03 Jul 1885 in Medina County, Texas; died 16 Jun 1969 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Wilhelm Heinrich Julius Hartman:

Baptized October 30, 1881 in New Fountain by Rev. Falkenberg. Sponsors were Heinrich and Emma Poehler, Julius Hartung & Frau.

Confirmed April 11, 1897.

More About Wilhelm Heinrich Julius Hartman:

Baptism: 30 Oct 1881

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Confirmation: 11 Apr 1897

Medical Information: Acute pulmonary edema; congestive heart failure--2 hrs. after attack; complicated by arteriole schlerosis.

Obituary?: Needed

Occupation: Stock farmer

More About Alvina Fannie Wiemers:

Burial: 18 Jun 1969, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Cause of Death: apoplexy

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Obituary?: Needed

Marriage Notes for Wilhelm Hartman and Alvina Wiemers:

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Marriage: 07 Dec 1912, Medina County, Texas

- v. Ernst Heinrich August Christian Hartman, born 30 Nov 1883 in Medina County, Texas; died 21 Jun 1967 in Medina County, Texas; married Louisa Emma Bohmfalk 22 Dec 1910 in Medina County, Texas; born 02 Jan 1887 in Medina County, Texas; died 21 Nov 1968 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Ernst Heinrich August Christian Hartman:

Baptism was March 14, 1884 by Pastor Tampke. Sponsors were H. Stiegler and Fray, Frau Moehring; W. Focke; Fr. Folk

and Frau.

Was census enumerator in 1920 and 1930 for Medina County

More About Ernst Heinrich August Christian Hartman:

Baptism: 14 Mar 1884, New Fountain, Texas

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Medical Information: pyelemophritus chronic - 3 yrs. complicated by benign prosatic hypertrophy; also a rheumrimel & arteriole schlerosis valvula heart disease

Obituary?: Needed

Occupation: Farmer

Religion: Lutheran

More About Louisa Emma Bohmfalk:

Burial: 23 Nov 1968, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Cause of Death: Heart Attack

Census 1: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Confirmation: 20 Oct 1935, confirmation

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Obituary?: Needed

Religion: Methodist/Lutheran

More About Ernst Hartman and Louisa Bohmfalk:

Marriage: 22 Dec 1910, Medina County, Texas

- vi. Karolina Wilhelmina Augusta Hartman, born 25 Aug 1886 in Medina County, Texas; died 24 Oct 1946 in Medina County, Texas; married Anton A. Folk 22 Nov 1913 in Medina County, Texas; born 30 Sep 1887 in Texas; died 14 Feb 1955 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Karolina Wilhelmina Augusta Hartman:

Lena was baptized by Pastor Froehner. Sponsors (partly illegible) were ----- and Fray; A----- Frau Cox geb Poesler[Heinrich Hartman Family.ftw]

More About Karolina Wilhelmina Augusta Hartman:

Baptism: 28 Nov 1886, Quihi, Texas

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Cause of Death: Embolism

Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1930, Medina County, Texas

Confirmation: 26 Mar 1899

Obituary?: Needed

Religion: Lutheran

More About Anton A. Folk:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

Marriage Notes for Karolina Hartman and Anton Folk:

[Heinrich Hartman Family.ftw]

Witnesses to marriage were Willie Leinweber and Ida Folk.

More About Anton Folk and Karolina Hartman:

Marriage: 22 Nov 1913, Medina County, Texas

- vii. Henry F. Hartman, born 27 Jan 1889 in Medina County, Texas; died 26 Mar 1976 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Henry F. Hartman:

Burial: 27 Mar 1976, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Cause of Death: Pneumonia  
Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas  
Death Certificate In File: Yes  
Obituary?: Needed

- viii. Hulda Maria Sophia Hartman, born 17 May 1892 in Medina County, Texas; died 05 Apr 1979 in Medina County, Texas; married Frank Westfall 23 Apr 1918 in Medina County, Texas; born 23 Oct 1894 in Medina County, Texas; died 16 Dec 1965 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Hulda Maria Sophia Hartman:  
Hulda was baptized November 6, 1892 by Pastor Czerkus. Her sponsors were Maria Senne, Sophie and Frederick Poehler. She was confirmed April 8, 1906.

More About Hulda Maria Sophia Hartman:  
Baptism: 06 Nov 1892, New Fountain, Texas  
Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: 1930, Medina County, Texas  
Confirmation: 08 Apr 1906  
Obituary?: Needed  
Religion: Lutheran

Notes for Frank Westfall:  
WWI Draft Registration gives birthdate as October 22, 1895

More About Frank Westfall:  
Baptism: 08 Dec 1895, baptism - New Fountain, Texas  
Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas  
Census: 1930, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Frank Westfall and Hulda Hartman:  
Marriage: 23 Apr 1918, Medina County, Texas

- ix. Friederich Hubert Hartman, born 19 May 1895 in Medina County, Texas; died 18 Feb 1964 in Medina County, Texas; married Leota Margaret Lindeburg 07 Apr 1920 in Bexar County, Texas; born 23 Jan 1903 in Medina County, Texas; died 22 Sep 1990 in Medina County, Texas.

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More About Friederich Hubert Hartman:

Baptism: 26 Dec 1895

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Cause of Death: Heart Attack

Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Confirmation: Oct 1910, New Fountain

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Leota Margaret Lindeburg:

Leota was baptized April 19, 1903. Her sponsors were Henry Bohlen and Ida Nietenhofer.

Leota Hartman, 87, passed away September 22, 1990 in Hondo.

Mrs. Hartman was born January 23, 1903 in Hondo and had lived in the Hondo Community all her life. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She was also a homemaker.

Leota was preceded in death by her parents, John J. and Emilie Bohlen Lindeburg; husband, Fritz H. Hartman; son, Alvin Hartman; brothers Arnold Lindeburg and Emil J. Lindeburg.

Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Jay and Cecelia of Lake Hills, Harold and Mary Ann of Hondo and Alvin and Felicity Hartman of Germantown, Tenn.; daughters, Mrs. Chester (Crystal) Walch and Lucille Moss, both of Hondo; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Joel R. Moss, Douglas R. Hartman, Elton Jay Hartmann, Jr., Gary Walch, David Hartmann and Daniel J. Hartman.

Funeral services were Sunday, September 23, 1990 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Luke Bouman officiating. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

Funeral services under the direction of Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald Newspaper

More About Leota Margaret Lindeburg:

Baptism: 19 Apr 1903

Burial: 23 Sep 1990, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Cause of Death: Stroke

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Friederich Hartman and Leota Lindeburg:

Marriage: 07 Apr 1920, Bexar County, Texas

- x. George Heinrich Hartman, born 04 Jun 1898 in Medina County, Texas; died 09 Sep 1964 in Medina County, Texas; married Bertha Helena Schulte 03 Nov 1925 in Medina County, Texas; born 29 Jul 1904 in Medina County, Texas; died 07 Jun 1982 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for George Heinrich Hartman:

From Hondo ANVIL HERALD, September 18, 1964

G. H. HARTMAN

Mr. George Henry Hartman, son of the late Henry and Sophie Senne Hartman was born on June 4, 1898 in New Fountain. He was baptized into Christian faith on December 26, 1898 in St. John's Lutheran Church, New Fountain. On April 11, 1915 he was confirmed in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Quihi.

He married Miss Bertha Schulte on November 3, 1925 in St. John's Church. One son, who died in infancy, was born into this union.

Mr. Hartman had been a member of St. Paul's Lutheran ; Hondo, for the past 18 years. His farm home was located north-east of Hondo.

Preceded in death by his parents, one sister, four brothers and one son, he passed away on September 9, 1964 in Hondo at the age of 66 years, 3 months, 5 days. He is survived by his widow, one sister, Mrs. Hulda Westfall, and two brothers, Ernst Hartman, and Henry Hartman all of Hondo.

Funeral services were held September 10 from St. Paul's Lutheran church, Pastor Robert Pfennig, officiating. Burial was in Quihi.

Pallbearers were: Arthur Schlentz, Roy Nietenhoefler, Emil Lindeburg, Milton Neitenhoefer, Albert Saathoff and Milton Poehler.

More About George Heinrich Hartman:

Baptism: 26 Dec 1898, St. John's Lutheran Church, Medina County, Texas

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Confirmation: 11 Apr 1915, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Religion: Lutheran

More About Bertha Helena Schulte:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census: 21 May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About George Hartman and Bertha Schulte:

Marriage: 03 Nov 1925, Medina County, Texas

**14. John George Heyen**, born 18 Jul 1853 in Medina County, Texas; died 10 Aug 1939 in Medina County, Texas. He was the son of **28. Johann Heyen** and **29. Maria Elizabeth Loessberg**. He married **15. Margaretha Elizabeth Britsch** 14 Oct 1876 in Medina County, Texas.

**15. Margaretha Elizabeth Britsch**, born 13 Apr 1859 in Medina County, Texas; died 18 Feb 1941 in Medina County, Texas. She was the daughter of **30. Gottlieb Britsch** and **31. Katherina Nietenhoefler**.

Notes for John George Heyen:

GEORGE HEYEN is listed as a member of the building committee for Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

From the Souvenir Booklet for the Centennial Celebration of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Medina County, Texas 1952

Information from George Edward Heyen...6/7/2003

"...Something you may like to know concerns the Quihi Cemetery. I think he is my great grandfather, George Heyen, was one of the original board of directors of the Cemetery. I was in Hondo one day several years ago. I went to the courthouse to get a copy of the Cemetery plat map so as to locate a lot there that belongs to me. Of all things, he is listed on the plat as one of the original directors."

From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, August 18, 1939

#### IN MEMORY OF JOHN GEORGE HEYEN

Just as the Old Guard of the Civil War era are gradually relegated to the rear, shelved and forgotten, dwindling away and passing out one by one, so the pioneers of every section, also of our community, are bidding adieu in a final farewell, taking a large badge of valuable, but unwritten, history with them into the grave. Many have deserved a better lot, since many go unwept and unsung. Deplorable as is, this is a recurring part in the course of human events. A redeeming feature, however, is often found in the fact that they have done their honest share in the collective work of their time, that they have kept faith with their country and fellow-citizens, and, what is of much greater importance, that they have kept the faith in their Redeemer. who governed their life, prompted them in their activity and put a fitting climax to their endeavors, a peaceful end and eternal life, where their record is kept in just and permanent annuals that no human hands can blot out.

And with these reflections we chronicle the obituary of John George Heyen, the son of John Heyen and Maria Elizabeth, nee Loessberg. He was born at Quihi on July 16, 1853, brought to holy baptism on October 31, 1853, as the first child baptized in the first Quihi Lutheran church, Rev. Chr. Oefinger officiating, with Geo. and Catherine Loessberg as sponsors. After receiving his schooling under Rev. Gottlob Schall, he was instructed for confirmation by Rev. J. Wohlschlegel, and confirmed on April 7, 1967, all the others of his class having gone home long ago.

His early youth was spent around here, assisting his father in farming and stock raising, later on in stock trading, the line of work he kept himself busy with after his marriage with Miss Margareth Elizabeth Britsch, on October 14, 1876, the widow surviving him after a long and eventful marriage of almost 63 years. Rev. F. Gerstmann, who had united them, also helped them celebrate their golden anniversary in 1926, and ten years later, their 60th anniversary received wide attention.

The Lord has blessed the union with 5 children, two of them dying at an early age, the others living in this community and, with loving hands were helpful in the last ministrations for their ailing father.

In his younger days, the deceased gave valuable service in various capacities. In 1870, he was one of the first school trustees; for ten years he was county commissioner, when the courthouse was built his name is engraved on the cornerstone, for two years cattle inspector, and for twenty years deputy inspector. He had taken a lively interest in the many and various enterprises, giving advice, energetic co-operation and faithful assistance to the best of his ability. In 1915, however, he was forced to retire from large-scale active work, due to physical ailments.

He was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, unafraid and outspoken in his views, helping with wise counsel and untiring help, often serving as delegate to church conventions, also entrusted with the deaconship for many years, till the frailty of old age and other untoward circumstances eliminated him from active participation.

Of powerful stature and strength, fit for the hardships and endurance tests of his rugged younger days, escaping many impending dangers, though not always unscathed, rather seriously hurt at various occasions, and blessed with almost uninterrupted health, yet in later years he suffered a fast decline. For many years his hearing was afflicted and his eyesight was bordering on complete blindness, rheumatic pains enfeebled him fast and for the last two years he was gradually growing worse, bedridden, almost helpless and depending on the faithful services of his wife and children. Life seemed a hopeless battle, in spite of good medical attention, but, though depressed and discouraged at times, he clung firmly to his Lord, always appreciating His word and sacrament and fully responsive to the prayers and admonitions of his pastor. Things took a sudden turn for the worse in the last week and the end came still faster about 4 o'clock, Friday afternoon, on August 11, 1939. The Lord called his faithful servant home to see what he has believed to the end, at an age of 86 years and 26 days. He died in the same home where they had their family life with all its

joys and sorrows for 62 years.

His faithful helpmate outlives him, and three children, John Henry, Louis G. Heyen, Anna Maria (Mrs. John Hartman), 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. J. D. Hueschen, Mrs. John Schweers, and Mrs. Jacob Oefinger, and the mourners are joined by a host of other relatives and friends. The Lord has comfort for them all.

The funeral service was at the Horger funeral home on Saturday, August 12, 1939, at 3 P.M. Interment at the Quihi Cemetery. The vast number of people and the many flowers gave fair evidence of the memory and esteem in which the departed pilgrim was held.

Pall-bearers were his grandchildren: Roy Dailey, John H. Heyen, Wesley Heyen, Milton G. Heyen, Geo K. Hartman and Fritz Hartman.

Blessed are they that die in the Lord.

-C.W.

More About John George Heyen:

Baptism: 31 Oct 1853, Quihi Lutheran Church (first child baptized there)  
Burial: 12 Aug 1939, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 1870, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heien")  
Census 2: 1860, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: 1880, Medina County, Texas  
Census 4: 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Census 5: 1910, Medina County, Texas  
Confirmation: 07 Apr 1867  
Godparents: 31 Oct 1853, George & Catherine Loesberg  
Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Margaretha Elizabeth Britsch:

From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, February 21, 1941

Quietly and almost unobserved, another representative of the pioneer era has closed her eyes and left a home that has served three generations. As things go here below, with the advancing years the former active life becomes rather passive, passing on in the rear, almost in seclusion, and passing out with hardly a ripple on the surface of public attention, with little regard for what such a life has stood for, has aimed and achieved, has battled and won, has suffered and gloried in. We Christians leave all that for the records of our God in heaven. For a farewell we only give a brief sketch to keep the memory of the departed alive with those that knew and loved her.

Mrs. Heyen was the daughter of Mr. Gottlieb Britsch and his spouse, Katharina, nee Nietenhoefer. She was born in the Vandenberg section, on April 13, 1859, and received the names Margaretha Elizabeth in holy baptism. In that section she spent her early youth, not in the most comfortable and convenient conditions, but people in general made modest demands on life in those days. The dangers from Indian raids and the uncertainty of developments in the post-war period left their imprints on the mind of the young girl rather deeply. After the usual instruction, she was confirmed on March 24, 1872, outliving all of her classmates.

Four years later, on October 14, 1876, she was united in holy wedlock with the late George H. Heyen, Rev. F. Gerstmann officiating and Louis Heyen and Anna Heyen for witnesses. The home was made on the Heyen ranch, in the abode that sheltered her until her day of death. With her husband she joined the membership of the Quihi Lutheran church immediately after the wedding and she held that membership ever since, doing her honest share in the upbuilding of the kingdom of God, being one of the regulars in the various services while able, living a Christian life in thought and conduct and bringing up her household in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. He had blessed the union with five children, but only two surviving.

Her life received some hard jolts even in her younger days. A typhoid epidemic brought the whole family to the brink of the grave. Two coffins stood in the home. The bite of a venomous spider brought more misery, likewise a broken arm and the sores on her legs for many years, causing many falls and aggravating her general condition. But her Christian fortitude prevailed and her usually jovial and hopeful disposition was little ruffled.

In October, 1926 the couple, no longer young nor in prime trim, but in excellent spirit, celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding, having invited the ageing Rev. F. Gerstmann for the occasion. Likewise the sixtieth anniversary

received due attention in October, 1936, from many quarters. This seemed to be the outward climax of their lives.

Darker days were in store for her. For many months her invalid and now bed-ridden husband engaged her attention day and night and was sapping her strength, though ably and kindly assisted. In August, 1939, her husband was taken from her side, and within the next ten months two brothers and one of her sons grieved her heart by their sudden deaths. She bore her cross with quiet mind, but her physical strength seemed near exhaustion. In June, 1940, she became gravely ill for the second time and a serious major operation was performed on her in San Antonio. She stood the shock, but remained under medical care and under a supervising nurse, first at Hondo in the home of Mrs. John Saathoff then in her own home, since...(article cut off)...daughter, Mrs. John Hartman, assisted later by Mrs. Louis Heyen.

Her strength was ebbing fast, but she comforted her soul by the word of God, holy communion and the prayers of her pastor. Not unexpected, yet quite rapidly, she fell asleep on February 18, at 8 A.M., at an age of 81 years, 10 months and 6 days. Christ was her sole refuge in the trying hours.

Those mourning her death are her son, Louis of Verdina, and Anna, (Mrs. John Hartman) her daughter; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, also 2 brothers, Mr. Carl Britsch of Tarpley, Mr. Louis Britsch of Hondo, and one sister, Miss Rosina Britsch. Comfort, O Lord!

Funeral service was held at the Horger Funeral Home on February 19, 1941, with interment at the Quihi cemetery. Many had come to do her the last honors and deck her grave with many floral offerings as tokens of their love and esteem.

Pall-bearers were grandsons of the deceased, namely: Roy Heyen, John Henry Heyen, Milton Heyen, Wesley Heyen, Fritzie Hartman and Roy Dailey.

No man cometh unto the Father but by Me.

-C.W.

More About Margaretha Elizabeth Britsch:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About John Heyen and Margaretha Britsch:

Marriage: 14 Oct 1876, Medina County, Texas

Officiant: Fritz Gerstmann

Children of John Heyen and Margaretha Britsch are:

- i. Henry John Heyen, born 14 Aug 1877 in Medina County, Texas; died 13 May 1940 in Medina County, Texas; married Louisa E. Hardt 01 Jul 1909 in Medina County, Texas; born Jun 1888 in Medina County, Texas; died Aft. 1914 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Henry John Heyen:

From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, May 17, 1940

HENRY J. HEYEN DIES SUDDENLY

Death came suddenly to Henry J. Heyen at his home in Quihi as the result of a heart attack last Monday night, May 13, 1940, at 10:45 P.M. Mr. Heyen had been a sufferer from rheumatism for a number of years but had continued active despite his affliction. We are told that he spent Sunday at the Anniversary celebration of the Quihi Gun Club grounds.

He was a son of the late George Heyen and Mrs. Heyen. He was born August 14, 1877, at his parents' home on upper Quihi, where he was reared, lived and died at the age of 62 years, 8 months and 29 days. In early life he was married to Miss Louisa E. Hardt, July 1, 1909, to which union two sons were born. He is survived by his aged mother, his two motherless sons, Roy and John Henry Heyen of San Antonio; one sister, Mrs. John Hartman, and one brother, Louis A. Heyen, and a number of other near and dear relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Horger funeral home Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock after which burial was made in the Quihi cemetery. Rev. Paul Czerkus, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Hondo, conducted the last sad rites.

A vast throng of sorrowing relatives and friends gathered, both at the funeral parlor and at the grave, to pay their last respects to the departed.

Pall-bearers were George K. Hartman, Fritz A. Hartman, Milton G. Heyen, Wesley Heyen, Ernest Britsch and Walter Britsch.

We join in sympathy for those who mourn and especially for the aged mother to whom he had been a devoted son and support.

More About Henry John Heyen:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Louisa E. Hardt:

Burial: Aft. 1914, Medina County, Texas (probably)

Census 1: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1900, Medina County, Texas (In household of parents Valentine & Anna Hardt)

Obituary?: Needed

More About Henry Heyen and Louisa Hardt:

Marriage: 01 Jul 1909, Medina County, Texas

- ii. Katherine Louisa Heyen, born 12 Oct 1880 in Medina County, Texas; died 19 Aug 1881 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Katherine Louisa Heyen:

Burial: 20 Aug 1881, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iii. Louis Gottlieb Heyen, born 03 Mar 1883 in Medina County, Texas; died 28 Aug 1952 in Medina County, Texas; married Marie T. Rohlf 03 Dec 1903 in Medina County, Texas; born 02 Aug 1880 in Medina County, Texas; died 15 Sep 1963 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Louis Gottlieb Heyen:

LOUIS HEYEN FUNERAL HELD SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. Louis Heyen passed away Thursday afternoon, August 28, in the home of his son, Milton Heyen, after a lengthy illness, and funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. J. Lorring Saturday afternoon. Burial was at the Quihi cemetery.

Born on March 3, 1883 to George Heyen and Elizabeth Britsch Heyen at Quihi, the deceased lived in that community until he reached manhood and married Miss Marie Rohlf on December 3, 1903. The young couple moved to the Verdina community where he was engaged in farming and ranching.

His religious life centered around Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Quihi until 1940 when the Heyen family became members of St. Pauls at Hondo.

Mr. Heyen's wife, Mrs. Marie Heyen, and two sons, Milton and Wesley, survive him. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Colby Joe and Clayton Wesley, and a sister, Mrs. Annie Hartman of Quihi. A brother, Henry Heyen, and two infant sisters preceded him in death.

Pall bearers were Fritz Hartman, Roland Britsch, Wesley Breiten, Amandus Muennink, John Britsch, George Muennink and Ed. R. Breiten.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald Friday, September 5, 1952

More About Louis Gottlieb Heyen:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Marie T. Rohlf:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Louis Heyen and Marie Rohlf:

Marriage: 03 Dec 1903, Medina County, Texas

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- iv. Anna Marie Heyen, born 10 Jan 1886 in Medina County, Texas; died 27 Jul 1969 in Medina County, Texas; married Johann Heinrich Ludwig Ernst Hartman 30 May 1903 in Medina County, Texas.
  - v. Bertha Josephine Heyen, born 15 Jul 1889 in Medina County, Texas; died 05 Jan 1894 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Bertha Josephine Heyen:

Burial: Unknown, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: None Located

#### *Generation No. 5*

**18. Harm Harms Gerdes**, born 23 Feb 1807 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died 14 Mar 1867 in Medina County, Texas. He was the son of **36. Gerd Harms** and **37. Alke Janssen**. He married **19. Eite Schmidt Ehmen** 02 May 1835 in Moorlage, Auricholden, East, Groningen, (Aurich Olendorf, East, Groningen, Netherland).

**19. Eite Schmidt Ehmen**, born 02 Feb 1812 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died 16 Mar 1873 in Medina County, Texas. She was the daughter of **38. Ehme Gerdes Schmidt** and **39. Hilke Duis**.

Notes for Harm Harms Gerdes:

"Most likely the first class confirmed in Quihi on November 6, 1853, was made up of Gerd Gerdes, HARM GERDES, Harm Remi, Elisabeth Leinweber and Gerhard Loessberg."

Harm Gerdes is listed as a deacon for the Quihi Congregation in April 1859 under Rev. G. Schall.

Source: Souvenir Booklet for the Centennial Celebration of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Medina County, Texas 1952

#### Ostfriesland Immigrants to Medina County

Most immigrants from Ostfriesland to the US in the mid 1800s settled in the midwest states, but a small colony settled in Medina County, Texas beginning in early 1846. While the Texas settlers had many of the same reasons for immigrating, the land and conditions they found there were vastly different.

Beginning under Mexican rule and continuing under the Republic of Texas, empresarios were used to settle families in colonies in order to populate new areas. Even after Texas officially joined the Union on Dec. 29, 1845, the original land grants and immigration contracts were still in force.

In 1842 Henri Castro contracted with the government of Texas to settle a colony of 600 French families on two grants, one west of San Antonio along the Medina River. In 1844 a mostly Alsatian contingent settled Castroville.. Later that year, the town to be Quihi was surveyed in anticipation of future settlement. The name Quihi comes from an Indian word for the bird known as the Mexican eagle, as modified by the Spanish, and later by the Germans.

Castro's agents also recruited to the north, and succeeded in convincing some Ostfriesen families to join the colony. Some early settlers of Quihi in 1846 were Louis Boehle, Mimke Mimkin Saathoff and wife Antje Dirks from Aurich-Oldendorf, Focke E. Saathoff and wife Engel Osterman from Holtrop, Gerd Schmidt, and John Henry Gerdes. Many friends and family were to later join them in the "Saathoffsche Kolonie".

The journey of Mimke Saathoff to Medina County is typical of many of the early settlers. They departed from Bremen and sailed for 9 weeks, arriving in Galveston, Texas. During the voyage, a child was born, and died. From Galveston they boarded a smaller vessel for the trip to Port Lavaca, resting there from the journey, and to prepare for the journey still ahead. The trip overland by oxcart was arduous, with many streams to cross, and not everyone who set out arrived

at the destination. Poisonous snakes, overturned carts, and disease all took their toll.

Once at the settlement, crude shelters were built, some nothing more than mere lean-tos, covered with long native grass. Later, permanent homes were constructed of limestone and sandstone rock walls, quite thick. Most had small windows that doubled as gun ports in case of attack by bandits or Indians. Cultivation of the land began immediately, but was not very successful, due to a lack of tools, freeloading wild animals, and the climate being quite different from that with which they were familiar. They soon learned corn, cotton, sorghum and cattle were the way to go. They may have suffered more from hunger but the Texas Rangers who were stationed there for protection shared their rations and shot game for them. Wild berries, nuts, honey and fish were also part of the diet.

Some later arrivals in Quihi and the nearby settlement of New Fountain were, from Aurich-Oldendorf,: Frederick Muennink and Antje Frieden Schoon in 1846, Gerd Faseler and Christina Muennink in 1848; Christoph and John Wiemers in 1848. Also from Aurich-Oldendorf were, Harm Hinrich Balzen and Rickste Hinrichs in 1852, HARM and Dirk GERDES in 1855, and Harm Schweer Bohmfalk and Johanna Schoon in 1856. From Holtrop were Lubben Aden and Gretze Saathoff in 1852, Martin Jansen Saathoff in 1853, Harm Degrodt in 1859, and Johann Lindeburg in 1868.

The Comanche were always a threat, but the Delaware, Tonkaway, and Lipan Indians were friendly at first. They even helped the new settlers hunt wild game and introduced them to new crops, such as corn and squash. Later they realized the new settlers were taking away their land and food supplies and became hostile. Horses and firearms were constant targets of theft, and several of the settlers were captured or killed during the raids. The last Indian raid was in 1874 when the lawless and troubled period of reconstruction after the civil war finally ended.

The American civil war was especially troubling for these new immigrants. Many had left the old country to escape wars and the military and they had no economic interest in slavery. Medina County voted against secession, but to no avail. The community was divided, and tensions grew. There is a story told in the family that Mimke Saathoff became involved in a fight during an argument about joining the Southern forces and killed his opponent. In case of an adverse outcome, friends had procured a fast horse and plans were made to flee to Mexico, but that turned out to be unnecessary. After being acquitted with a verdict of self-defense, Mimke joined the Home Guard, as did many of his neighbors. Many others sought refuge and spent the war in Mexico.

Old Quihi today might be called a ghost town, little resembling the frontier village founded so long ago. The Quihi Bethlehem Lutheran Church still stands along with its traditional German cemetery. Many descendants of the original settlers still live in the area, but it has now become "civilized". Weekend ranches and suburban acreages and estates have replaced the wilderness.

Sources: <http://www.summitsoftware.com/Ostfriesen/medina.htm>

History of Medina County Texas, by The Castro Colonies Heritage Association, Inc., 1994.

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#### HARM GERDES (THE OLDER) & WIFE EITE EHMEN (SCHMIDT)

Harm Gerdes, the elder Harm, was born 18 February 1807 to Gerd H. Harms, a peat digger in Aurich-Oldendorf, Ostfriesland, Germany, and Aalke Janssen, of Firrel, Ostfriesland. His father has been traced back to 1749 in Aurich-Oldendorf, and his mother to 1745 in Aurich-Oldendorf. He and his family immigrated to Quihi before 1856. (1851)

Harm Gerdes was searching for his horses, which he though had escaped, when he was surrounded by Indian warriors who had stolen his horses. It was 14 March 1867, a very cold day with icicles hanging from trees, but the Indians took his clothes and forced him to march 3 miles. He was a very strong man, and objected, but the Indians prodded him on with spears, which he grabbed, and they jerked the spears out of his hand, cutting his hands. Finally they killed him, but not until he had taken 18 wounds (story by W. N. Saathoff).

On 2 May 1835 Harm and Eite Ehmen nee Gerdes were married in Aurich-Oldendorf. Eite was born 2 February 1812 in Aurich-Oldendorf to Ehme Gerdes (Schmidt) and Hilke Albers (Duis). Her father has been traced back to 1745 in Aurich-Oldendorf, and her mother to 1730.

Harm Gerdes and wife Eite Ehmen had 5 children, all born in Aurich-Oldendorf. They, and the names of their spouses, follow:

Gerd H. Gerdes, 16 May 1836, 16 June 1912, Almt J. nee Gerdes  
Ehme Harm, 6 March 1839, August 1864, Lost in Civil War  
Hilka, 4 Sept. 1840, 11 Apr. 1906, Franz F. Schulte  
Aalke H., 30 Dec. 1843, 21 Apr 1914, Valentine Haas  
Folke H., 22 June 1847, 17 June 1911, E. August Bohlen

Harm Gerdes died 14 March 1867, and Eite died 16 March 1873. The location of the grave of both is not known, but it is possible that the graves may be in unmarked locations in the Old Quihi Cemetery, (or across the road from the New Quihi Cemetery, graves plowed over & lost.)

Harm and his father were both peat diggers by trade in Ostfriesland, and were poor. Peat was burned in Ostfriesland in lieu of wood and coal. In connection with peat digging, they were also farmers, raising buckwheat, a few pigs, and perhaps had a cow for the milk and cheese thereby afforded. Education in Ostfriesland consisted mostly of learning to read, write, and make simpler calculations. They learned language by memorizing portions of the Bible.

Gerd H. Gerdes, who married Almt J. Gerdes of Ostfriesland, possibly became a member of the New Fountain Methodist Church. They were cousins because their fathers were brothers. (Not to be confused with Gerd. J. Gerdes, son of Jann H. Gerdes).

Ehme Harms was one of three men of the Quihi Church who lost their lives in the military service during the Civil War.

Hilka Gerdes married Franz Friedrich Schulte, who lived on the banks of the Quihi water hole.

Aalke Gerdes became the mother of Judge Herman E. Haass of Medina County.

Folke Gerdes married Ernest August Bohlen, who was a blacksmith living on the west bank of the Quihi water hold. Bohlen and Schulte were close neighbors. August Bohlen was a man stern and gruff in his ways, but Folke, by contrast, was a serene and calm Christian, who prayed, but let nothing ruffle her temper.

At this writing, 1983, the family of Harm Gerdes has died out in Quihi. Almt J. Gerdes, after the death of her husband, lived in the home of her son Herman Gerdes at Elm Creek, Guadalupe County, Texas. She lived to the age of 90 years, 2 months, 27 days, died November 11, 1922 and is buried in the Elm Creek cemetery.

Gerd H. Gerdes changed his name to Gerhardt Gerdes, became a Methodist minister about 1865, served Methodist Congregations until 1871 when he resigned from the Ministry in 1871 and bought a farm at Elm Creek in Guad. Co. S. W. of Seguin. Then he served ?) congregations around Seguin. Gave 3 acres for a cemetery at Elm Creek where he, wife & many ?) are buried.

Source: Stories About Immigrant Families to Medina County, Texas by R. W. Balzen, collection of the Institute of Texan Cultures Library, San Antonio, Texas

Harm Harms Gerdes was born on in Aurich-Oldendorf, Ost-Friesland, Germany, on February 18, 1807. Harm was a son of Gerd H. Harms, a peat digger in Aurich-Oldendorf, and Aalke Janssen, of Firrel, Ost-Friesland Germany. His father's family has been traced back to 1749 and his mother's family back to 1745 in Aurich-Oldendorf.

Harm Harms Gerdes and his father, Gerd H. Harms, were both peat diggers by trade in Ost-Friesland, Germany. Peat was burned in Ost-Friesland in lieu of wood and coal. This profession provided a poor life and consequently Harms and his father were also farmers, raising buckwheat, a few pigs, and perhaps a cow for the milk and cheese thereby afforded.

Education in Ost-Friesland consisted of mostly learning to read, write and make simple calculations. They learned language by memorizing portions of the Bible.

Harms's wife, Eite Ehmen Schmidt, was born February 2, 1812. She was a daughter of Ehme Gerdes [Schmidt] and Hilke Albers [Duis]. Her father has been traced back to 1745 and her mother to 1730 in the church records of Aurich-Oldendorf, Ost-Friesland Germany. Harms and Eite were married on May 2, 1835 in Aurich-Oldendorf. Harms was 28 years old and Eite was 23.

In 1851, at the age of 44, Harms emigrated to America with his wife, two sons, and three daughters and settled in

Quihi, Medina County, Texas. The land records of Medina County show that shortly after arriving in Texas, Harm Gerdes purchased 160 acres on the east end of the Hondo Creek for 200 dollars from Albert Huth on January 27, 1852. [Survey 27, Vol 2, Pg 75, No. 546]

On November 6, 1854, Harms Gerdes, together with his son, Gerhardt Harms Gerdes, and future son-in-law, Franz J. Schultze, purchased two lots (No. 7,8) and 83-1/2 acres between the Hondo, Verde and Quihi creeks and additionally two town lots (No. 1,2) located on the east bank of the Verde Creek for a total of 300 dollars. [Vol 3, Pg. 344, No. 310]

Harms's younger brother, Johann Heinrich Gerdes (1809-1889), emigrated to America about December 1855 together with his wife and four children and settled in the New Fountain community located about 1.8 miles west of Quihi.

Harms Gerdes was enumerated in the 1860 census of Medina county next to his daughter, Hilka Schuehle, and Mimke Mimken Saathoff in Quihi, Texas. Harms' son, Rev. Gerhardt Harms Gerdes and his wife and children were enumerated next to Harms' brother, Johann Heinrich Gerdes, in New Fountain, Texas.

Harms Gerdes was killed by Indians on March 14, 1867 at the age of 60 years and 24 days. He was found 2 -1/2 miles southeast of Quihi, Texas by Mr. M. M. Saathoff. The Indians had scalped him while he was out hunting his horses that the Indians had stolen the night before.

A story on the demise of Harms Gerdes is found in a book titled "Early Settlers and Indian Fighters of Southwest Texas," by A. J. Sowell, originally printed in 1900, and reprinted in 1986 by the State House Press, page 811-813. An article in this book told by M. Saathoff, a son of M. M. [Mimke Mimken] Saathoff, contains the following paragraph:

"Mr. Gerdes was killed by the Indians while out hunting horses which they had already carried off. It was a very cold day, and the Indians stripped the old man and carried him one mile in that condition and then killed him, inflicting twenty-eight wounds. Mr. Saathoff found the trail of the Indians while out and came back to report, and learned that Mr. Gerdes was lost, and said then he was sure the Indians had killed him. A party who were out soon came in with the body, and Mr. Saathoff helped to bury him."

Harms was buried by M. M. (Mimke Mimken) Saathoff in a cemetery located on property originally owned by Saathoff. This small cemetery was located across the road from the present Quihi Lutheran Cemetery. No markers were used; graves were marked by large rocks. The eight or ten graves once there are now gone.

Harms and Eite had five children before emigrating to America in the year 1851; two sons, Gerhardt and Ehme (or Emil) Gerdes, and three daughters, Hilke, Aalke (Alice) and Volke (Folke). It is said that there may have been a sixth child, a son named Eilet (or Eilert), who disappeared and the family never heard from, nor of him again.

Harms's wife, Eite, is believed to have died on March 16, 1873 at the age of 61 years and 42 days. Although some records indicate that she died in 1863, her name appears in the 1870 census of Medina County, as Eite Gerdes, age 58, living between her daughters Hilka Schulte and Folke Bohlen. Eite is probably buried next to her husband Harms Gerdes and is one of the eight to ten graves reported missing by

As of 1983, the Family of Harms Gerdes has died out in Quihi.

Source: "The Family of Harm Harms Gerdes, Their Kith and Kin" by Al Gerdes

"On the 14th of March, 1867, the Indians killed old man Hiram Gerdes, about two and a half miles southwest of Quihi."

Source: Texas Indian Fighters, by A. J. Sowell

More About Harm Harms Gerdes:

Burial: Unknown, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Cause of Death: Killed by Indians

Emigration Ship: Hermann Theodor

Immigration: 22 Dec 1851, Galveston, Texas

Naturalization: 06 Oct 1856, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

Occupation: Colonist in Buelte

Port of Departure: 1851, Bremen, Germany

More About Eite Schmidt Ehmen:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Harm Gerdes and Eite Ehmen:  
Marriage: 02 May 1835, Moorlage, Auricholden, East, Groningen, (Aurich Olendorf, East, Groningen, Netherland)

Children of Harm Gerdes and Eite Ehmen are:

- i. Rev. Gerd Harms Gerdes, born 12 May 1836 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died 15 Jun 1912 in Guadalupe County, Texas; married Almt Johanna Gerdes 17 May 1856 in Medina County, Texas; born 16 Aug 1832 in Germany; died 11 Nov 1922 in Guadalupe County, Texas.

Notes for Rev. Gerd Harms Gerdes:

"Most likely the first class confirmed in Quihi on November 6, 1853, was made up of GERD GERDES, Harm Gerdes, Harm Remi, Elisabeth Leinweber and Gerhard Loessberg."

From the Souvenir Booklet for the Centennial Celebration of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Medina County, Texas 1952

Rev. Gerhard Gerdes Dead

Born May 1836  
Died June 15, 1912

Rev. Gerdes was born in Hannover, Germany, and came to Texas with his parents in 1850. They first settled in Medina County.

He was married May 17, 1856, but his wife died a number of years ago.\*

He is survived by two sons and two daughters all living in the county and one sister in San Antonio.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the residence and interment was made in Elm Creek Cemetery, Rev. C. F. Schultz conducting services.

To the surviving sons and daughters we offer sympathy.

Source: Seguin Gazette, June 19, 1912

\* His wife actually survived him by over 10 years.

More About Rev. Gerd Harms Gerdes:

Burial: Unknown, Elm Creek Methodist Cemetery, Guadalupe County, Texas

Census 1: 1900, Guadalupe County, Texas

Census 2: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1910, Guadalupe County, Texas

Confirmation: 06 Nov 1853, Quihi Lutheran Church

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Almt Johanna Gerdes:

Alma was actually her husband's first cousin.

Mrs. Alma Gerdes Dead

Born August 15, 1832  
Died Nov. 11, 1922

Another old and respected citizen of Guadalupe County passed to her eternal reward when Mrs. A. Gerdes died at the home of her son, Mr. Herman Gerdes, on Saturday, November 11th, aged ninety years.

Mrs. Gerdes was born in Germany; she came to this country in 1855 and settled in Medina County. She was married to Mr. Gerd Gerdes; they moved to Guadalupe County in 1872, and she has made her home here since; her husband died in 1912.

Interment was made Sunday afternoon in Elm Creek Cemetery, Rev. Mahler, of the Elm Creek Evangelical Church, conducted the services at the home and the grave. The pall bearers were grandsons of the deceased; Emil and Robert Lambrecht, Edwin, Milton and John Gerdes and Theo Hoffmann.

Mrs. Gerdes was the mother of six children, two of whom, Mrs. Albert Hoffmann and Miss Johanna Gerdes, preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, Herman and Henry Gerdes, of this county; two daughters, Mrs. Albert Lambrecht, of this county and Mrs. Louise Jergins, of Karnes County, thirty four grand children and twenty six great grandchildren, and other relatives to whom we extend sympathy.

Source: Seguin Gazette, November 17, 1922

Almte Janssen (Johanna) Gerdes Gerdes, was born at Strakholt, Ost-Friesland, Germany on August 15, 1832. She was the first child born to Johann Heinrich Gerdes (1809-1889). Her mother, Almt Janssen Rademacher died when she was born. When she was about five years old (May 1838) her father married Fenne Dirks Telken and subsequently had six more children.

Almte Gerdes came to America at the age of 23 with her parents, five half-brothers, and one half-sister in 1855, residing in Medina County, Texas. The two youngest of her half brothers, Harberth and Dietrich, died of an unknown disease on the trip to America and were buried at sea.

On May 17, 1856, Almte married her first cousin, Rev. Gerhardt Harms Gerdes, a son of Harm Harms Gerdes (1807-1867) and Eite Ehmen Schmidt Gerdes (1812-1873). The wedding was officiated by Rev. Christian Oefinger, who founded the Lutheran Church at Quihi in 1852. Almte was 23 and Gerhardt was 20.

The ceremony was a double wedding. Gerhardt's sister, Hilke, age 16, married Franz Frederick Schulte. Almte and Gerhardt lived at Soldier's Camp (Soldaten Kemp), Medina County, Texas, near Verde Creek. All of their seven children were born there. In 1860, their two year old son, Gerhardt Harms Gerdes, died.

Almte and Gerhardt made their home at Soldaten Kemp for fifteen years. In 1871, shortly after the birth of their seventh child, Louise Helen Gerdes, Gerhardt retired as a Methodist minister and Almte, Gerhardt and their six surviving children moved to a small farm in Guadalupe County near Seguin, Texas in the Elm Creek Community. Almte, then 39, lived on the farm for 41 years, until Gerhardt died on June 15, 1912.

After Gerhardt died, Almte made her home with her son, Herman Edwin Gerdes, as she was almost 80 years old at the time. Almte stayed with her son, Edwin, for ten years before she died at the age of 90 on Saturday, November 11, 1922 of total paralysis for a duration of six weeks.

Almte often talked of her voyage to America. Almte's two half- brothers, Harberth and Dietrich died in her arms. Fenne, her step-mother, was very kind to her and treated Almte as her own child.

Before Gerhardt left Germany in 1851 (he was 15), he told Almte's parents to keep Almte for him (she was 18). Almte was less than five feet tall, and was often teased about being so short, but she told them that she could reach high places by climbing on a chair. Almte had blue eyes and blond hair, before her hair got gray, and later white.

Almte and Gerhardt lived alone most of their late years. Their son Herman Edwin and his wife Bertha Mathilda, together with their seven children lived only 1/2 mile from their home. Sometimes their grandchildren would stay with them at night. Almte milked a cow and churned butter when she was 79 years of age, and raised chickens, and had a garden and flowers, with a little help from Bertha Gerdes, her daughter-in-law, and her grandchildren.

When Almte milked their cow, she was too weak to pull the calf away from the cow, so one of her grandchildren pulled the calf and tied it to a fence post. The last years Bertha Gerdes would bake bread and have her children take it over to Grandmother and Grandfather Gerdes's house.

Grandmother would give the children a piece of candy whenever they did favors for her. Bertha would wash all their clothes and iron them, and her children would take the clothes back to Grandmother's and Grandfather's house.

Source: "The Family of Harm Harms Gerdes, Their Kith and Kin" by Al Gerdes

More About Almt Johanna Gerdes:

Burial: 12 Nov 1922, Elm Creek Methodist Cemetery, Guadalupe County, Texas

Census 1: 1910, Guadalupe County, Texas

Census 2: 1900, Guadalupe County, Texas

Census 3: 1920, Guadalupe County, Texas  
Death Certificate In File: Yes  
Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Gerd Gerdes and Almt Gerdes:  
Marriage: 17 May 1856, Medina County, Texas

- ii. Ehme Harm Gerdes, born 04 Mar 1838 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died Aug 1864 in Louisiana.

Notes for Ehme Harm Gerdes:  
Casualties of the Civil War: U.S.A.

Ehme Harms Gerdes, born 6 March 1838 in Aurich-Oldendorf, Ostfriesland. he died in a Louisiana Hospital August 1864. He was not married. His parents were Harm Gerdes and Eite Ehmen nee Gerdes. The location of his grave is unknown, but may be in New Orleans, LA. His rank and service are unknown.

Source: Stories About Immigrant Families to Medina County, Texas, by R. W. Balzen, Institute of Texan Cultures Library Collection, San Antonio, Texas

Ehme (Emil) Gerdes was born in Moorlage, Aurich-Oldendorf, Ost- Friesland, Germany on March 6, 1838 [1839] to Harm Harms Gerdes and Eite Ehman Schmidt Gerdes. He came to Quihi, Texas (1851) at the age of 13 with his parents, brother, Gerhardt Harms, and sisters, Hilke, Aalke and Folke.

The census of Medina County, Texas taken on June 24, 1860 in New Fountain, lists Ehme as age 21, which corresponds to a year of birth of 1839. This conflicts with other records which lists his year of birth as 1838.

During the Civil War (1861-1865), Texas joined the Confederacy and in 1862 made all men between the ages of 18 and 35 liable to military service in the Confederate Army. Ehme, then age 23, became a Confederate soldier.

His first cousins, Dirk Gerdes, then age 21, and Dirk's brother, Gerhardt Janssen Gerdes, age 18, became Privates in the Confederate Army, as members of the of the 31st Brigade, Company No. 2, Precinct No. 2 of Medina County. George Meyer was the Captain of the Company.

Ehme served as a soldier in Louisiana and died of wounds in August, 1864, at the age of 25 years, 5 months. He is buried in Louisiana.

The war ended on April 9, 1865, only 8 months after Ehme died.

Source: The Family of Harm Harms Gerdes, Their Kith and Kin, by Al Gerdes

More About Ehme Harm Gerdes:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

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- iii. Hilke Harms Gerdes, born 02 Sep 1840 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died 11 Apr 1908 in Medina County, Texas; married Franz Frederich Schulte 17 May 1856 in Medina County, Texas.
- iv. Alke Gerdes, born 21 Dec 1843 in Hannover, Germany; died 21 Apr 1914 in Medina County, Texas; married Valentine Haas 13 Aug 1863 in Medina County, Texas; born 03 Apr 1829 in Bavaria; died 10 Sep 1907 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Alke Gerdes:

Mrs. Aalka Haass died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Joe H. Horn at Quihi at 5:30 o'clock P.M., Tuesday, April 21, 1914, after an illness of two days with pneumonia.

The deceased was born December 30, 1843, in Hannover Province, Germany. She came to America in the early 50's with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harm Gerdes and settled at Quihi. Here she was married to Valentine Haass in August 1863, and moved to Castroville, where they resided until the death of Mr. Haass in Sept. 1907. Four children were born to their union. One of these, George Louis, died in infancy. The other three are Henry V. Haass of Castroville, Herman E. Haass of Hondo and Mrs. Wm. Edgar of San Antonio. Since the death of her husband, she had spent most of the time with her daughter in San Antonio.

A short time ago she came out to Castroville to spend a while at the home of her son, Henry, and on Sunday went to Quihi to attend the dedication of the new Lutheran church at that place. Here she was taken suddenly ill and sank rapidly despite all that medical skill and loving hands could do.

Mrs. Haass was the last surviving member of a family of eight children, four girls and four boys. Their father, Harm Gerdes,

was killed by Indians at Quihi March 22, 1867

Her remains were taken to Castroville Wednesday and after a funeral service at the Lutheran Church were interred in the Castroville Lutheran cemetery, the pastor, Rev. Walter Kralik, performing the last sad rites.

The Anvil Herald extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Aalke (Alka) (Alice) Harms Gerdes was born in Aurich-Hannover, Ost-Friesland, Germany on December 30, 1843, and died in Quihi, Medina County, Texas on April 21, 1914. Aalke came to America in 1851 at the age of eight with her mother, Etie Ehman Schmidt Gerdes, father, Harm Harms Gerdes, two brothers, Gerhardt Harms, and Ehme Harms, and two sisters, Hilke and Folke.

Aalke Gerdes married on August 13, 1863 at the age of 20 to Valentine Heinrich Haass, who was age 34. Valentine Haass and his brother Philip were the second generation of the Bad Durkheim Bavarian Haass'es that emigrated to Castroville. Valentine and his brother arrived in Castroville on August 14, 1850 when Valentine was 21 years old. Valentine initially stayed with his uncle, George Louis Haass, who had arrived in Texas in October 1837.

Aalke's husband served as Justice of the Peace and County Clerk of the District Court of Medina County from 1863 to 1869. In 1869, Judge Haass opened a mercantile business which he and Aalke operated until their son, Henry Valentine Haass, took over the operation in 1888.

In 1876, Valentine Haass was again elected as Justice of the Peace for Castroville. On account of ill health Valentine resigned the office. When he recovered he was re appointed to the office by the Medina County Court. In 1882, Valentine was elected Mayor of Castroville and held both offices for two years and then returned to conduct his mercantile business. When his son took over the business in 1888, Valentine was again elected Justice of the Peace and served in that office until 1898.

Valentine Haass died on September 7, 1907 in Castroville at the age of 78. Aalke Gerdes Haass survived Valentine by seven years before she died at Quihi, Texas on April 21, 1914 at age 70. Aalke is buried in the Quihi Lutheran Cemetery [QLC].

More About Alke Gerdes:

Burial: 22 Apr 1914, Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Castroville, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1910, Bexar County, Texas (In household of daughter Ida Haass Edgar)

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Valentine Haas:

Valentine Haas, aged 79 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Edgar, 1324 Buena Vista St., San Antonio, at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, September 10, 1907. The deceased was one of the pioneers of Southwest Texas, and had resided for many years in Castroville, where he engaged in the mercantile business, and for about (?) years served his precinct as justice of the peace. He was for several years proprietor of the Castroville Anvil and sold the paper to this writer in 1900. Mr. Haas is survived by his wife and three children. Besides his daughter, he had two sons, County Judge H. E. Haas, of this place, and Hy. V. Haas, a merchant of Castroville. The remains were shipped to Castroville and interred at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. A more extended notice will appear in our next issue.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald, September 1907

More About Valentine Haas:

Census: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Immigration: 06 May 1850, New York

Naturalization: 20 Oct 1852, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Occupation: 1892, Justice of the Peace, Medina County, Texas

More About Valentine Haas and Alke Gerdes:

Marriage: 13 Aug 1863, Medina County, Texas

- v. Foelke Gerdes, born 22 Jun 1847 in Buelte, Hannover, Germany; died 17 Jun 1911 in Medina County, Texas; married Ernst August Bohlen 23 Nov 1867 in Medina County, Texas; born 17 Nov 1842 in Extum, Aurich, Ostfriesland, Germany; died 06 Jan 1915 in Medina County, Texas (probably).

Notes for Foelke Gerdes:

Mrs. August Bohlen (nee Volke Gerdes) died at Quihi last Saturday morning, June 17, 1911. She was born June 22, 1847 at Buelte, Kingdom Hannover, Germany. She came to Texas when 4 years old, and since 1851 was a resident of Quihi. In 1867 her father Harm Gerdes was killed by Indians near Quihi. In 1867 she married E. A. Bohlen, who with six daughters and three sons survive her (four children having died) as well as one brother, Gerd Gerdes of Guadalupe County, and one sister, Mrs. Val. Haass of Castroville, also 22 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Her remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery at Quihi Sunday morning, Revs. Stadler and Falkenberg conducting the funeral services. A large concourse of friends followed the remains to the grave. A good mother and woman has gone to her rest.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald, Saturday, June 24, 1911

Folke (Volke) Harms Gerdes was born in Buelte Kingdom, Hannover, Ost-Friesland, Germany on Jun 22, 1847 and died in Quihi, Medina County, Texas on June 17, 1911, at the age of 64. She was a daughter of Harm Harms Gerdes (1807-1867) and Eite Ehman (Schmidt) Gerdes (1812-1873). She came to America at the age of thirteen (1851) with her mother, father, two brothers, Gerhard Harms and Ehme, and two sisters, Hilke and Aalke.

Volke married in 1867 at the age of 20 to Ernest August Bohlen (E. August) who was 25 years old. He was born in Extum, near Aurich, Ost Friesland, Germany on November 17, 1842 and died on January 6, 1915 at the age of 73.

E. August Bohlen was a blacksmith, living on the West bank of the Quihi water hole. E. August Bohlen and Franz Friedrich Schulte, who married Folke's sister Hilke, were close neighbors. E. August was said to be a man stern and gruff in his ways, but Folke, by contrast, was a serene and calm Christian, who prayed and let nothing ruffle her temper.

Volke (Folke) Harms Gerdes Bohlen is buried in the Quihi Lutheran Cemetery. Her headstone is written in German and says:

FOLKE BOHLEN  
Geb. Gerdes  
Geb.  
Juni 22, 1847  
Gest.  
Juni 17, 1911

Source: The Family of Harm Harms Gerdes, Their Kith and Kin, by Al Gerdes

See Ernst August Bohlen for other notes.

More About Foelke Gerdes:

Burial: Unknown, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Census: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Ernst August Bohlen:

Ernst August Bohlen was born in Extum, Aurich, Ostfriesland, Germany on 17 November 1842 to Frerichs Bohlen and Folke Reinders. He was married on 23 November 1867 in Quihi to Folke Gerdes, born in Buelte by Aurich-Oldendorf, Ostfriesland, to Harm Gerdes and wife, Eite Ehmen Gerdes. Folke can trace her father's family back to 1749, and her mother's family back to 1730, in the Aurich-Oldendorf Lutheran Church, Ostfriesland. Her father, Harm Gerdes, was killed by the Indians 14 March 1867, a very cold day with icicles hanging from trees. Her father was a very strong man, who did not die until the Indians had inflicted 19 wounds to his body.

In Ostfriesland Folke's family used the surname Schmidt when the French decreed that each man should henceforth use a surname which he might choose. However, it is apparent that the family reverted back to East Friesian custom in Texas. E. Aug. Bohlen came to Quihi before 1867, and Folke Gerdes came before 1856. August Bohlen died 6 Jan 1915, and Folke died June 17, 1911. They are buried in the old Quihi cemetery, and have a tombstone.

The children of E. August Bohlen and Folke Gerdes, with the names of their spouses, follow:

Friedericka, 7 Oct. 1868, 10 Dec. 1880

Hermine, 9 July 1870, 13 Jan. 1916, John Balzen

Emilie, 30 Oct. 1871, 2 Jan. 1927, Johannes Lindeburg

Friedrich Herman, 12 May 1873, 12 Jan. 1936, Johanna Grell

Helena, 13 Sept. 1874, 22 Mar. 1926, Johann M. Saathoff

Auguste Henriette, 15 Feb. 1876, 9 Feb. 1949, Aug. Schlaudt

Anna Folke Lina, 3 Sept. 1877, 22 Dec. 1946, Claus Henry Rohlf

Ida Christina, 1 Jan. 1879, 2 July 1909, Ludwig Schlaudt  
Heinrich, 28 June 1880, 10 Dec. 1937, Ida Nietenhoefer (Hondo)  
Emil, 16 Jan. 1882, 24 Sept. 1910, Bachelor  
Friedericke, 24 Oct. 1883, 24 Dec. 1917, Thomas E. Rodgers of Ariz.  
Mary Johanna, 24 May 1886, 25 July 1951, Fritz Nietenhoefer  
Johann Georg, 13 Mar. 1890, 17 Dec. 1965, Emma Breiten

Ernst August Bohlen and Folke nee Gerdes lived west of the Quihi Water Hole, where he established the first blacksmith shop in Quihi, which was later continued by Joe Horn. On occasion, the Quihi Water Hole froze over solid, so that horses walked on the ice to the opposite bank. (Probably before a general world warm-up that occurred about 1880). The pond freeze may have been 1867, when her father was killed by Indians.

E. August Bohlen was a very stern and strict father, typical of those by-gone years, and was somewhat excitable and given to speaking gruffly. Folke, on the contrary, was a serene and quite person, soft-spoken, a devout Christian, who read her Bible and prayed about her problems.

Their granddaughter, Esther Saathoff nee Bohlen, is the daughter of John George Bohlen, 13th child of Folke and E. August Bohlen. Esther is more knowledgeable about her father. John George, a young man in his teens, had his first job as a stable boy at the Nimitz Hotel in Fredericksburg. His duties were to take care of the horses of guests when they arrived at the Hotel. Then he became the first rural post man to the Quihi area, operating out of the Dunlay Post Office beginning 1 April 1911. At first he had a buggy drawn by two horses, which were necessary during times when there was much rainfall. The roads he used went around trees and brush, and were not gravelled. Sometimes the buggy wheels sank in the mud almost to the axles, and even the two horses could not pull it. Then he had to scrape the mud off the wheels before proceeding. Later he had a Model T Ford with a large wooden box, which he constructed to protect the mail and many packages he carried. Those were the days when many farming people's needs were satisfied through purchases by mail from Sears and Roebuck. Packages were stacked shoulder high. he was a mail carrier for 41 years.

Her father, John George Bohlen, was the first registered Hereford breeder in Medina County, tending to his herd before and after his mail carrier duties. He also loved to sit on the porch and play his mouth organ on evenings. During winter evenings he and brother Fritz would play "42" (dominoes) or play cards while they sipped a glass of home-made wine. During Prohibition days they kept their wine-making activities on a wooden sled, which could be hitched to a horse and dragged out to the pasture when they heard that the Revenuers were in their neighborhood.

Her uncle Friedrich (Fritz) Bohlen and son owned the first bottling works in Hondo. John and Fritz Bohlen were congenial and enjoyed happy times together.

(As told by Mrs. Esther Saathoff to R. W. Balzen)

Source: Stories About Immigrant Families to Medina County, Texas by R. W. Balzen, collection of the Institute of Texan Cultures Library, San Antonio, Texas

More About Ernst August Bohlen:

Burial: Unknown, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Census: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Naturalization: 05 May 1890, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Ernst Bohlen and Foelke Gerdes:

Marriage: 23 Nov 1867, Medina County, Texas

- vi. Eilert Gerdes, born Abt. 1851 in Unknown Location; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

Notes for Eilert Gerdes:

It is said that one of the Harms Gerdes sons disappeared and the family never heard from, nor of, him. His name is unknown.

The South Texas Gerdes clan also say that one of their ancestor brothers disappeared; his name was Eilet or Eilert.

Source: The Family of Harm Harms Gerdes, Their Kith and Kin, by Al Gerdes

More About Eilert Gerdes:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location

Obituary?: Needed

**20. Ambrosius Reitzer**, born 17 Mar 1804 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France; died 26 Apr 1874 in Medina County, Texas. He was the son of **40. Joannes Henricus Reitzer III** and **41. Margaretha Nægelen**. He married **21. Marguerite Manigold** 30 Aug 1832 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France.

**21. Marguerite Manigold**, born 03 Sep 1807 in Stoecken; died 28 Dec 1881 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Ambrosius Reitzer:

...This family sailed from Antwerp 6 Dec 1844 on the ship "Probus". They arrived at New Orleans, where they transferred to the steamer "République", arriving at Galveston 5 Feb 1845. They settled in Castroville, TX.

Also sailing on the "Probus" were:

... \*Ambroise REITZER (b. 26 ventose year 12 [17 Mar 1804], Niederbruck; d. 26 Apr 1874, Quihi, TX; son of Henricus REITZER and Margaretha NÄGELEN), with his wife \*Marguerite MANIGOLD (b. 3 Sep 1807, Stoecken; dau. of François Jacques Nicolas MANIGOLD and Agnès ZÜRCHER) and their four youngest children. They had a passport to leave France dated 31 Oct 1844, destination Philadelphia. (The two oldest children in the family, Ambroise and François, had a passport to leave France dated 20 Apr 1853, destination Castroville.) and \*François Joseph BOHL and \*Antoine BOHL, fourth cousins of Johannes Ambrosius ILTIS, Marie Françoise KACHLER and Ambroise REITZER ...

"from the website at <http://members.aol.com/rcbsuppl1/AlsaceA-Z/Immig.htm>"

Listed as one of the "first settlers of Quihi in 1855

Source: H. E. Haas Collection, Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio, Texas

More About Ambrosius Reitzer:

Census 1: 11 Oct 1850, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: Aug 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Immigration: 1845, Castroville, Texas

Naturalization: 19 Mar 1859, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Marguerite Manigold:

Census 1: 11 Oct 1850, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: Aug 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Ambrosius Reitzer and Marguerite Manigold:

Marriage: 30 Aug 1832, Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France

Children of Ambrosius Reitzer and Marguerite Manigold are:

- i. Ambrose Reitzer, Jr., born 07 Mar 1833 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France; died 09 Apr 1889 in Medina County, Texas; married Ottilia Bihl 25 Mar 1868 in Medina County, Texas; born 10 Nov 1852 in Alsace Lorriane, France; died 05 Sep 1929 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Ambrose Reitzer, Jr.:

Burial: 10 Apr 1889, St. Dominic Cemetery, D'Hanis, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: Aug 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: No

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

Notes for Ottilia Bihl:

In the 1860 census, Ottilia is living in household number 289, with George and Mary Ann Speier

More About Ottilia Bihl:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1870, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1860, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: 1880, Medina County, Texas  
Census 4: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Census 5: Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Needed

Marriage Notes for Ambrose Reitzer and Ottilia Bihl:

Ambrose Reitzer Jr. of lawful age and Odilia Biehl, with the consent of her guardian George Speyer, both of Medina County were married and the marriage recorded in Castroville, Tex. They made their home in New Vandenberg, Texas, Medina County. They had 13 children.

Information provided by Pat Reitzer, Denver, Colorado

More About Ambrose Reitzer and Ottilia Bihl:  
Marriage: 25 Mar 1868, Medina County, Texas

- ii. Françoise Reitzer, born 23 Feb 1834 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France; died 01 Feb 1917 in Medina County, Texas; married Bernhardt Beck 22 Nov 1855 in Medina County, Texas; born 1828 in Sentheim, Haut Rhin, Alsace, France; died 09 Oct 1872 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Françoise Reitzer:  
Burial: 02 Feb 1917, St. Louis Cemetery, Castroville, Medina County, Texas  
Census: 1880, Medina County, Texas  
Death Certificate In File: Yes  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Bernhardt Beck:  
Burial: Unknown, St. Louis Cemetery, Castroville, Medina County, Texas  
Census: 1850, "Above Castroville on the Medina River", Medina County, Texas  
Naturalization: 31 Mar 1857, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists  
Property: 1850, Real Estate Valued at \$200.00 as per census

More About Bernhardt Beck and Françoise Reitzer:  
Marriage: 22 Nov 1855, Medina County, Texas

- iii. Joseph Reitzer, born 09 Jan 1835 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France; died 05 Jan 1836 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France.

More About Joseph Reitzer:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iv. Joseph Reitzer, born 06 Nov 1835 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France; died 18 Apr 1883 in Unknown Location.

More About Joseph Reitzer:  
Census 1: 11 Oct 1850, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: Aug 1860, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- v. Barbe Reitzer, born 04 Jul 1838 in Masevaux, Haut-Rhin, France; died 20 Mar 1839 in Masevaux, Haut-Rhin, France.

More About Barbe Reitzer:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- 10 vi. Johann Reitzer, born 24 Dec 1840 in Stoecken, Haut-Rhin, France; died 29 Dec 1924 in Medina County, Texas; married (1) Sabina Elizabeth Loessberg 11 Sep 1862 in Medina County, Texas; married (2) Ottilia Bihl 27 Dec 1902 in Medina County, Texas.

- vii. Anne Marie Reitzer, born 28 Jan 1842 in Stoecken, Haut-Rhin, France; died 27 Mar 1878 in Medina County, Texas; married Unknown Speyer Unknown in Unknown; born Unknown in Unknown Location; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

More About Anne Marie Reitzer:  
Burial: Aft. 27 Mar 1878, St. Louis Cemetery, Castroville, Medina County, Texas (unmarked grave)  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Unknown Speyer:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Unknown Speyer and Anne Reitzer:  
Marriage: Unknown, Unknown

- viii. Augustin J. Reitzer, born 17 Dec 1843 in Stoecken, Haut-Rhin, France; died 10 Nov 1885 in Bandera County, Texas; married Anna Elizabeth Eckhart 09 Aug 1870 in Medina County, Texas; born 09 May 1853 in Camden County, New Jersey; died 15 Oct 1937 in Bandera County, Texas.

Notes for Augustin J. Reitzer:

Mr. & Mrs. Augustin Reitzer

August J. Reitzer was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France on December 17, 1843. He came to America with his parents when he was fourteen years old. The family settled at Quihi, Medina County, and in 1863 he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served under General Burnside, receiving his discharge in San Antonio, Texas October 30, 1865. Mr. Reitzer spoke four languages: English, French, German and Spanish. He was married to Miss Ann Elizabeth Eckhardt August 9, 1870 at the German Lutheran Church at Quihi. Nine children were born to this union: Annie Christina, Lydia Henrietta, William Alfred, Regina, John, Joseph Leonidas, Charles and August.

Before marriage August Reitzer came to Bandera seeking adventure and a wider world. He stayed with the John Adamietz family and attended the Catholic church here, being himself a Catholic. He engaged in making shingles for Charles de Montel, and was quite an expert workman. He pre-empted 160 acres of State land in the East Verde community, seven miles south of Bandera, and built a rock house and a log corn crib there. His house was covered with cypress shingles which he made by hand. In later years a new four-room house was built on the place by his son, Will Reitzer, now deceased, and this property is now owned by a grand daughter, Irene Chipman.

As he was leaving for the army in 1863, Mr. Reitzer threw a cow bell into the front yard of his fiancée, Ann Elizabeth Eckhardt, for a keepsake as he and his troop rode by in the night. After he pre-empted the 160 acres mentioned above and built the rock house, he went back to Quihi and married and lived there for some time, and then moved to Bandera to make their home, but in 1880 they moved back to Quihi. In the fall of 1881 they moved to Dunlay, on the Southern Pacific railroad, where they managed the Harvey Eating House, feeding the passengers on the trains and also boarding the section hands.

.....married Gottlieb Steutz, and had one son, Henry Steutz, who now resides in Houston. Sometime afterwards she moved back to the old home at Bandera and lived there until 1935, when she went to the town of Bandera to live with her daughter, Miss Annie Reitzer, and where on October 15, 1937, she passed away. She is buried in Bandera Cemetery near her husband and children who have passed away. The deceased children are Charles Reitzer, Annie Christina Reitzer, August Christian Reitzer, August Christian Reitzer and Joseph Leonidas Reitzer.

More About Augustin J. Reitzer:

Burial: Nov 1885, Bandera City Cemetery, Bandera County, Texas  
Census 1: 11 Oct 1850, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: Aug 1860, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: 1870, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Anna Elizabeth Eckhart:

Burial: Unknown, Bandera City Cemetery, Bandera County, Texas  
Census 1: Jan 1920, Bandera County, Texas (Listed on the census as "Eliza Reitzer")  
Census 2: 1900, Bandera County, Texas  
Census 3: 1910, Bandera County, Texas (Listed on the census as "E. A. Reitzer")  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Augustin Reitzer and Anna Eckhart:

Marriage: 09 Aug 1870, Medina County, Texas

- ix. Louis Reitzer, born 18 Dec 1848 in Medina County, Texas; died 1850 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Louis Reitzer:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- x. Mary Josephine Reitzer, born 15 Mar 1850 in Medina County, Texas; died 23 Jan 1929 in Medina County, Texas; married John Frederick Neumann 02 May 1868 in Medina County, Texas; born 01 Dec 1843 in Germany; died 20 Aug 1905 in

Medina County, Texas.

More About Mary Josephine Reitzer:

Burial: 24 Jan 1929, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 11 Oct 1850, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: Aug 1860, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Obituary?: Needed

More About John Frederick Neumann:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About John Neumann and Mary Reitzer:

Marriage: 02 May 1868, Medina County, Texas

**22. George Loessberg**, born Unknown in Unknown Location; died Unknown in Unknown Location. He married **23. Anna Gertrude Kerste** Bef. 1834 in Germany.

**23. Anna Gertrude Kerste**, born 10 Jan 1815 in Germany; died 24 Feb 1875 in Medina County, Texas.

More About George Loessberg:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location

Obituary?: Needed

More About Anna Gertrude Kerste:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About George Loessberg and Anna Kerste:

Marriage: Bef. 1834, Germany

Children of George Loessberg and Anna Kerste are:

- i. Maria Elizabeth Loessberg, born 09 Mar 1834 in Hesse-Kassel, Germany; died 28 Jul 1912 in Medina County, Texas; married Johann Heyen 07 May 1850 in Medina County, Texas; born 23 Jan 1831 in Hannover, Germany; died 03 Jul 1892 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Maria Elizabeth Loessberg:

"A record, dated February 26, 1852, shows Quihi people as confirmands at Castroville, prior to the arrival of Rev. Oefinger. We quote the names: Christian Stiegler, Simon Stiegler, F. Mumme, Henry Schumacher, John Haien, Anna Leinweber, Elizabeth Stiegler, Barbara Grossenbacher, Katherina Loessberg, Elisabeth Taschler, Maria Loessberg."

From the Souvenir Booklet for the Centennial Celebration of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Medina County, Texas 1952

Died at Quihi Sunday, Mrs. John Heyen, aged 78 years.

Mrs. Heyen had been in a helpless condition for about a year owing to her advanced age. She leaves one son and a daughter, George Heyen of Quihi and Mrs. Louis A. Heyen of Hondo, besides a number of other relatives.

The remains were laid to rest at Quihi Monday afternoon, a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends following them to their last resting place.

The Times extends its sympathy to the bereaved relatives in this their hour of sorrow.

From the "Hondo Times", August 1, 1912

More About Maria Elizabeth Loessberg:

Burial: 29 Jul 1912, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1850, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1870, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heien")

Census 4: 1880, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heyne")  
Census 5: 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Census 6: 1910, Medina County, Texas  
Confirmation: 26 Feb 1852, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Johann Heyen:

Johann Heyen is listed as one of the "first settlers of Quihi in 1855

Source: H. E. Haas Collection, Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio, Texas

Signed the original document founding the Quihi Lutheran Congregation on March 13, 1852.

Source: Medina County History by Castro Colonies Heritage Association, Inc. - 1994

RESEARCHERS NOTE: Heyen records have been found under the following spellings: Hine, Haien, Heyne, Heine and others.

More About Johann Heyen:

Burial: Aft. 03 Jul 1892, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1850, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1870, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heien")

Census 4: 1880, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heyne")

Naturalization: 15 May 1854, Medina Co., TX, Dist. Court Min. No. 1, p 177

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

Occupation: 1850, Laborer

More About Johann Heyen and Maria Loessberg:

Marriage: 07 May 1850, Medina County, Texas

- ii. Barbara Katherina Loessberg, born 30 Nov 1835 in Germany; died 19 Mar 1908 in Medina County, Texas; married (1) Julius Hartung 17 Feb 1853 in Medina County, Texas; born 09 Mar 1824 in Germany; died May 1872 in Medina County, Texas; married (2) Johann Heinrich Brucks 01 Nov 1873 in Medina County, Texas; born 16 Feb 1838 in Coesfeld, Westphalia, Germany; died 22 Apr 1921 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Barbara Katherina Loessberg:

Burial: 20 Mar 1908, Brucks Family Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Census: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: No

Obituary?: Needed

More About Johann Heinrich Brucks:

Burial: 23 Apr 1921, Brucks Family Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Immigration: 1846, Galveston, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Johann Brucks and Barbara Loessberg:

Marriage: 01 Nov 1873, Medina County, Texas

- iii. John Loessberg, born 12 Feb 1841 in Germany; died 22 Mar 1912 in Medina County, Texas; married Julia Herberger Abt. 1867 in Medina County, Texas; born 24 Jun 1843 in Germany; died 05 Apr 1939 in Medina County, Texas.

More About John Loessberg:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Julia Herberger:

Burial: Unknown, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About John Loessberg and Julia Herberger:  
Marriage: Abt. 1867, Medina County, Texas

- 11 iv. Sabina Elizabeth Loessberg, born 24 Mar 1843 in Eibach, Germany; died 30 Apr 1899 in Medina County, Texas; married Johann Reitzer 11 Sep 1862 in Medina County, Texas.

**24. Wilhelm Hartman**, born 1795 in Unknown Location; died 1847 in Germany.

More About Wilhelm Hartman:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists  
Occupation: Tailor

Child of Wilhelm Hartman is:

- 12 i. Heinrich Hartman, born 07 Dec 1846 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died 15 Oct 1921 in Medina County, Texas; married Sophie Ernestine Senne 30 May 1874 in Medina County, Texas.

**26. Ernst Heinrich Senne**, born 26 Jun 1829 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died 14 Apr 1908 in Medina County, Texas. He was the son of **52. Johann Dietrich Samuel Gottfried Senne** and **53. Caroline Wilhelmina Schoenbeck**. He married **27. Ernestine Bresso** 1855 in Germany.

**27. Ernestine Bresso**, born Bef. 1840 in Germany; died 22 Dec 1862 in Germany.

Notes for Ernst Heinrich Senne:  
From the Hondo Anvil Herald

DIED

"Grandpa" Henry Senne died Tuesday, April 14, 1908 at 5:30 A.M., after a brief illness. "Grandpa" Senne was born in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany, on the 26th of June, 1829, consequently was at the time of this death 78 years, 9 months and 13 days old. He was married in 1855 to Ernestine Bresso, who died December 22, 1862. This union was blessed with three children, two of whom survive, Mrs. Henry Hartman and Mrs. Geo. Leinweber. On June 28, 1863 he was married to Mary Paul, who died July 13, 1902. This second union was blessed with seven children, six of whom survive, Henry, Charles and Fritz Senne, Mrs. John Herzing, Mrs. Jacob Karm and Mrs. Hubert Zinsmeister. The youngest daughter died November 9, 1902. Several months before war was declared between his native land and France, he decided to leave for America, accordingly on September 1, 1869, in company with his wife and three children he bid farewell to relatives and friends to sail for the new world. After being on the water for 90 days they landed at Galveston, from whence they made the trip overland, arriving at New Fountain, December 16, 1869. Here he settled with his family and engaged in Farming. He resided at New Fountain until about 18 months ago, when he went to live with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hub. Zinsmeister, where he lived until death relieved him of all earthly suffering. His remains were brought to New Fountain and laid to rest beside his wife and daughter in the Lutheran cemetery. A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. Besides his eight children who survive there are 30 grand-children, six great-grand-children and many more relatives to mourn his demise. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. Falkenberg, the Lutheran minister. "May his ashes rest in peace".

E. H.

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s

Name: Ernst Heinrich Senne

Year: 1869

Place: America

Family Members: With wife; Daughter Caroline Wilhelmine; Daughter Auguste; Daughter Ernestine Sophie

Source Publication Code: 7420.1

Primary Immigrant: Senne, Ernst Heinrich

Annotation: Schaumburg Immigrants, 1820-1914. Date and port of arrival. Place of origin, date of birth, and other genealogical information may also be provided.

Source Bibliography: RIECKENBERG, HEINRICH, editor. Schaumburger Auswanderer, 1820-1914. Rinteln: Verlag C.

Boesendahl, 1988 (Schaumburger Studien, 48). 535p.  
Page: 282

More About Ernst Heinrich Senne:

Burial: Unknown, St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, New Fountain/Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Immigration: 01 Sep 1869, Ship "Galveston"

Naturalization: 23 Jun 1875, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Occupation 1: 1880, Stone Mason & Farmer

Occupation 2: 1900, Farmer

Port of Arrival: Galveston, Texas

More About Ernestine Bresso:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Ernst Senne and Ernestine Bresso:

Marriage: 1855, Germany

Children of Ernst Senne and Ernestine Bresso are:

- 13 i. Sophie Ernestine Senne, born 03 Jul 1856 in Nordsehl, Germany; died 10 Sep 1918 in Medina County, Texas; married Heinrich Hartman 30 May 1874 in Medina County, Texas.
- ii. Carolina Wilhelmine Senne, born 11 Oct 1860 in Nordsehl, Germany; died 25 Jul 1950 in Medina County, Texas; married George J. Leinweber 24 Oct 1901 in Medina County, Texas; born 15 Jul 1859 in Medina County, Texas; died 28 Mar 1928 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Carolina Wilhelmine Senne:

Burial: Jul 1950, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About George J. Leinweber:

Burial: 29 Mar 1928, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Cause of Death: Heart Attack

Census: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About George Leinweber and Carolina Senne:

Marriage: 24 Oct 1901, Medina County, Texas

- iii. Daughter Senne, born 1862 in Nordsehl, Germany; died 1862 in Germany.

More About Daughter Senne:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

**28. Johann Heyen**, born 23 Jan 1831 in Hannover, Germany; died 03 Jul 1892 in Medina County, Texas. He was the son of **56. Ei Gerdes Heyen** and **57. Antje Dirks**. He married **29. Maria Elizabeth Loessberg** 07 May 1850 in Medina County, Texas.

**29. Maria Elizabeth Loessberg**, born 09 Mar 1834 in Hesse-Kassel, Germany; died 28 Jul 1912 in Medina County, Texas. She was the daughter of **22. George Loessberg** and **23. Anna Gertrude Kerste**.

Notes for Johann Heyen:

Johann Heyen is listed as one of the "first settlers of Quihi in 1855

Source: H. E. Haas Collection, Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio, Texas

Signed the original document founding the Quihi Lutheran Congregation on March 13, 1852.

Source: Medina County History by Castro Colonies Heritage Association, Inc. - 1994

RESEARCHERS NOTE: Heyen records have been found under the following spellings: Hine, Haien, Heyne, Heine and others.

More About Johann Heyen:

Burial: Aft. 03 Jul 1892, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1850, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1870, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heien")

Census 4: 1880, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heyne")

Naturalization: 15 May 1854, Medina Co., TX, Dist. Court Min. No. 1, p 177

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

Occupation: 1850, Laborer

Notes for Maria Elizabeth Loessberg:

"A record, dated February 26, 1852, shows Quihi people as confirmands at Castroville, prior to the arrival of Rev. Oefinger. We quote the names: Christian Stiegler, Simon Stiegler, F. Mumme, Henry Schumacher, John Haien, Anna Leinweber, Elizabeth Stiegler, Barbara Grossenbacher, Katherina Loessberg, Elisabeth Taschler, Maria Loessberg."

From the Souvenir Booklet for the Centennial Celebration of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Medina County, Texas 1952

Died at Quihi Sunday, Mrs. John Heyen, aged 78 years.

Mrs. Heyen had been in a helpless condition for about a year owing to her advanced age. She leaves one son and a daughter, George Heyen of Quihi and Mrs. Louis A. Heyen of Hondo, besides a number of other relatives.

The remains were laid to rest at Quihi Monday afternoon, a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends following them to their last resting place.

The Times extends its sympathy to the bereaved relatives in this their hour of sorrow.

From the "Hondo Times", August 1, 1912

More About Maria Elizabeth Loessberg:

Burial: 29 Jul 1912, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1850, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1870, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heien")

Census 4: 1880, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heyne")

Census 5: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 6: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Confirmation: 26 Feb 1852, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Johann Heyen and Maria Loessberg:

Marriage: 07 May 1850, Medina County, Texas

Children of Johann Heyen and Maria Loessberg are:

- i. Antje Heyen, born 23 Aug 1851 in Medina County, Texas; died Aft. 1886 in Unknown Location; married Jacob Schuehle 25 Apr 1871 in Medina County, Texas; born Feb 1843 in Medina County, Texas; died 23 Jan 1910 in Unknown Location.

More About Antje Heyen:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location

Census 1: 1870, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heien")

Census 2: 1900, Bexar County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Jacob Schuehle:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location  
Census: 1900, Bexar County, Texas  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Jacob Schuehle and Antje Heyen:  
Marriage: 25 Apr 1871, Medina County, Texas

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- ii. John George Heyen, born 18 Jul 1853 in Medina County, Texas; died 10 Aug 1939 in Medina County, Texas; married Margaretha Elizabeth Britsch 14 Oct 1876 in Medina County, Texas.
  - iii. Anna Emma Heyen, born Aug 1855 in Medina County, Texas; died 17 Jul 1933 in Medina County, Texas; married Louis A. Heyen 13 Apr 1877 in Medina County, Texas; born 13 Jun 1850 in Hannover, Germany; died 13 Jan 1922 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Anna Emma Heyen:  
From the Hondo Anvil Herald, July 1933

Hondo, Tex., July 18 - Mrs. Anna Heyen, 78, died suddenly Monday morning at her home here in Hondo. She was buried Tuesday in the Oakwood cemetery. She is survived by three sons, John G. of Uvalde, Albert of Tulsa, Okla., and George of San Antonio, and three daughters, Mrs. Mary Schuehle, Misses Annie and Olga Heyen of Hondo.

More About Anna Emma Heyen:  
Burial: 18 Jul 1933, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 1870, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heien")  
Census 2: 1860, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: 1880, Medina County, Texas  
Census 4: 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Census 5: 1910, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Louis A. Heyen:  
Burial: 14 Jan 1922, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 1860, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1870, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: 1880, Medina County, Texas  
Census 4: 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Census 5: 1910, Medina County, Texas  
Death Certificate In File: Yes  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Louis Heyen and Anna Heyen:  
Marriage: 13 Apr 1877, Medina County, Texas  
Officiant: Calvin D. Foster

- iv. Heinrich Heyen, born 08 Sep 1858 in Medina County, Texas; died 21 Jan 1860 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Heinrich Heyen:  
Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- v. Katherine Heyen, born 03 Jun 1860 in Medina County, Texas; died 03 Oct 1941 in Medina County, Texas; married John D. Hueschen 14 Apr 1882 in Medina County, Texas; born 21 May 1857 in Texas; died 20 Apr 1943 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Katherine Heyen:  
Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 1870, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heien")  
Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heyne")  
Census 3: Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Needed

Notes for John D. Hueschen:  
From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, February 23, 1943

JOHN D. HUESCHEN BURIED WEDNESDAY

John D. Hueschen, an aged and highly respected citizen, passed away at his home on the Hondo creek at one o'clock Tuesday afternoon, April 20, 1943, of ailments incident to old age. At the time of his demise he was 85 years, 11 months

and one day old, having been born on May 21, 1857. He was a son of pioneer residents of Quihi, Dietrich Hueschen and wife Annie Theis Hueschen. If we are correctly informed he was born in Medina County and spent his entire life in this county where he engaged in farming and stock raising.

He was married in early life and enjoyed a long married life, his aged companion preceding him in death some two years ago in her 81st year of age. Several children were born of the union, only one of whom, Mrs. Annie Neumann, survives the parents. With this daughter are several grandchildren also to grieve the passing of a beloved father.

Funeral services were held at the Horger funeral home Wednesday afternoon, May 21st, his long-time friend, Rev. Gus Muennink, conducting the last sad rites. Interment was made in the family plat in Oakwood Cemetery, and he rests in his last long sleep beside the remains of his long-time companion and those of a beloved son who preceded both parents to the beyond. The pallbearers were George Heyen, Bruno A. Schweers, Louis Oefinger, Marvin Schweers, Emil Riff, and John Wiemers.

More About John D. Hueschen:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: Jan 1920, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About John Hueschen and Katherine Heyen:

Marriage: 14 Apr 1882, Medina County, Texas

- vi. Maria Elizabeth Heyen, born 06 Jun 1869 in Medina County, Texas; died 14 Jan 1942 in Medina County, Texas; married John H. Schweers 18 Jan 1890 in Medina County, Texas; born 02 Sep 1866 in Medina County, Texas; died 29 Dec 1948 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Maria Elizabeth Heyen:

From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, January 23, 1942

The sudden death of Mrs. John H. Schweers came as a shock to everyone Wednesday night at 6:15 P.M. January 14, 1912. While seated before the fireplace conversing with her husband about the day's happenings, she quietly passed away, an attack of the heart being the cause of her death.

Mrs. Elizabeth Heyen Schweers was born in a pioneer home near Quihi, Texas, the fifth child of John Heyen and Maria, nee Loessberg. In her early childhood she was taught and reared in the Christian way of living in the Lutheran Church. However, after her marriage she became a member of the New Fountain Methodist church and remained a faithful member thereof the allotted days of her life. She was wooed and won by John H. Schweers, and they were married on January 18, 1890, by the Rev. J. Froehner. They purchased land near Hondo and there established their home. It was their privilege to observe their golden wedding anniversary two years ago with proper appointments.

To this union were born eight children, one of whom, Wesley Woodrow, died in infancy. Those who survive are: the widower, Mrs. John H. Schweers, five sons: Hugo, George, Bruno and Marvin of Hondo, and Leo of Del Rio, and two daughters, Mrs. Emil Riff (Olga) and Miss Nettie Schweers of Hondo, and one sister, Mrs. Jacob Oefinger of Quihi; thirteen grandchildren and a host of close relatives and friends. She had attained the age of seventy-two years and eight months.

Funeral services were conducted from the Horger Funeral Home, Friday, January 16 at 2:30 P.M., the Rev. C. F. Bohmfalk of Art, Texas, a relative and close friend of the family, conducting the services. He was assisted by Rev. W. B. Wheeler of New Fountain and Rev. Walter Froehner of Bracken, Texas. Interment was made in the Oakwood Cemetery. Pallbearers for the occasion were neighbors of the deceased: Messrs. Alfred Schweers, H. W. McClain, Henry G. Boehle, John H. Wiemers, Fritz Bohmfalk and Charles L. Graff.

The deceased was a very courageous wife and mother, doing in her humble manner those things she considered right and her duty. Her presence will be greatly missed, but may the Heavenly Father who seeth and understandeth all things examine her life's record and respond, "It is well."

More About Maria Elizabeth Heyen:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1870, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heien")

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heyne")

Census 3: 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About John H. Schweers:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Needed

More About John Schweers and Maria Heyen:  
Marriage: 18 Jan 1890, Medina County, Texas

- vii. Ida Gertrude Heyen, born 29 Aug 1875 in Medina County, Texas; died 03 Feb 1946 in Medina County, Texas; married Jacob Oefinger II 22 Sep 1898 in Medina County, Texas; born 18 Jun 1873 in Medina County, Texas; died 10 Dec 1954 in Bexar County, Texas.

Notes for Ida Gertrude Heyen:  
From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, February 8, 1946

In Memory of Mrs. Jacob Oefinger

"Just a little sunshine, just a little rain, just a little happiness, just a little pain, just a little longing, just a little gold - and the great, eventful tale of life is told." Thus goes an old rhyme. It summarizes the average life fairly well. But for Christians the "tale" does not end there. For them a new vista opens into scenes that eyes have not seen, into rejoicings that ears have not heard. These and sundry other thoughts well up at the passing away of Mrs. Oefinger, a lifelong resident of Medina County, loved and esteemed by a multitude.

She was the child of John Heyen and Maria, nee Loessberg, a venerable and pious couple that brought her soon after birth on Aug. 29, 1875, to the old church at Quihi for the holy sacrament of baptism, administered by Rev. F. Gerstmann on October 24, 1875. Ida Gertrude were the names selected. Mr. and Mrs. Remi Marquis assumed the sponsorship.

Her schooling was had in the Quihi community, and her preparation for confirmation was in charge of Rev. J. Frehner. With 12 other catechumens, she was confirmed on April 14, 1889; only one of the class is now surviving her.

Those were hard days in her youth, but she was a ready and robust helper in the variety of tasks that belonged to schedule of the day and with a loving heart she always found ample time to help in the care of an ailing father through many years.

In the course of human events also the period of wooing and wedlock came around, and she was led to the altar by Jacob Oefinger on Sept. 22, 1898. Rev. G. Czerkus performed the nuptial ceremony. Mrs. Louise Oefinger and Henry Heyen served as witnesses.

With youthful cheer and energy the young couple forged ahead, and their labors were not in vain. A nice home and material independence was one of the crowning events, and the children that God gave them to their union in the course of time found pleasant surroundings, ample opportunities to apply their budding strength, and best of all, the firm principles and guiding foresight that only a good Christian mother and a fully cooperating father could provide and exercise where the house was to serve the Lord.

By the same token consistent and active membership in the Quihi Lutheran Church was sustained by the parents and later by the whole family; the mother serving and guiding the Ladies' Aid for many years, and otherwise offering her help to best advantage for all. Regular attention at services was a matter of course, and the Bible held a predominant place in the growing household with blessed effects for members and the sojourners of the day. The hospitality dispensed there was on a high level.

Life had its steady course under God's guidance, and only late in life the deceased suffered now and then with seemingly minor ailments that responded readily to the proper treatment, but last Tuesday morning, Jan. 22, a serious spasm came upon her with vehement swiftness, and though medical aid was summoned at once, and the patient finally transmitted to the hospital, with nothing lacking that human hand and skill could offer, she gradually slumbered into the other world, her heart standing still on Sunday, February 2, 1946, around 1 P.M. Most members of the family were with her in her dying moments. She has fought a good fight and kept her faith in Jesus, her redeemer, unwaveringly, in patience and fortitude, to the end. Her age: 70 years, five months, five days.

Those mourning her death are the widower, the children: Louis, Upper Quihi; Hulda (Mrs. Alfred Winkler), Verdina; Alfred and Milton, San Antonio, and seven grandchildren. May God comfort them, as alone He can do it.

The last rites were had at the Horger Mortuary on Feb. 3, 1946, at 2:30 P.M., with interment at the New Quihi Cemetery, Rev. C. Weeber officiating. Many friends and acquaintances did her the last honor and a wealth of floral pieces testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held.

Pallbearers were Geo. Heyen, Walter Britsch, Bruno Schweers, Geo. Schweers, Teddy Miller and Arnold Balzen.

Blessed are they that die in the Lord.

- C. W.

More About Ida Gertrude Heyen:

Baptism: 24 Oct 1875, Quihi Lutheran Church, Medina County, Texas  
Burial: Aft. 03 Feb 1946, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Census: 1880, Medina County, Texas (listed as "Heyne")  
Confirmation: 14 Apr 1889, Quihi Lutheran Church, Medina County, Texas  
Godparents: Mrs. and Mrs. Remi Marquis  
Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Jacob Oefinger II:

Burial: Aft. 10 Dec 1954, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Census: 1880, Medina County, Texas (Transcribed as "Osfinger")  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Jacob Oefinger and Ida Heyen:

Marriage: 22 Sep 1898, Medina County, Texas  
Witness: Miss Luise Oefinger

**30. Gottlieb Britsch**, born 29 Jul 1835 in Wurttemberg, Germany; died 24 Mar 1918 in Medina County, Texas. He was the son of **60. Ludwig Heinrich Britsch** and **61. Rosina Magdalena Apfelbach**. He married **31. Katherina Nietenhoefer** 06 Nov 1856 in Medina County, Texas.

**31. Katherina Nietenhoefer**, born 29 Dec 1839 in Kassel-Darmstadt, Germany/Darmstadt, Germany; died 03 Apr 1927 in Medina County, Texas. She was the daughter of **62. Johannes Nietenhoefer** and **63. Katherina Deutsch**.

Notes for Gottlieb Britsch:  
BRITSCH, GOTTLIEB

Gottlieb Britsch was born July 29, 1835 in the Kingdom of Wuerttembert, District of Besigtheim near the city of Heilbron, Germany. As a child at age 11, in the year 1846, he came with his parents, one brother and one sister to America and made his second home in New Fountain.

He had to battle many hardships and perils. In the first few years after his arrival he lost all his loved ones by death. In 1846 his brother died, and in 1847 his father; three days later his sister died, and in 1848 his mother died, leaving him an orphan at age 13 to face the world with all its perils and temptations.

At age 21, in 1856, he married Katerina Nietenhoefer (born Dec. 29, 1839). They had eight children: Joseph, Elizabeth, Ludwig, Rosina, Henry, Gustave and Charles. One child, Frederick, preceded Gottlieb in death. Gottlieb died March 24, 1918 and Katerina died April 3, 1927. They are buried in the Britsch Family Cemetery in the Vandenburg Community. The tombstone reads, "Till We Meet Again."

Joseph married Bertha Tampke and had four children: Emma, Emil, Ida and Willie.

Elizabeth married George Heyen and had three children: Henry, Louis and Annie.

Ludwig married Christina Oefinger and had four children: Alma, Ernest, George and Ella. George was killed in France in World War I at age 23. His tombstone reads, "He left his home in perfect health, he looked so young and brave, we little thought how soon he d be laid in a soldiers grave."

Rosina was a spinster. Born Sept. 1, 1867, she died May 12, 1957.

Henry married Mary Elizabeth Loessberg and had five children: Robert, who died at age 5 (birth date unknown), Hulda Katerine, Johnny Gottlieb, Alvin and Edna Christine.

Gustave married Ida Oefinger and had two children: Walter and Irene.

Charles married Mary Saathoff and had three children: Elene, Roland, and Gladys.

Each child received 66 acres and a home when he married and then another 80 acres. At one time Gottlieb owned approximately 4,000 acres, some of which was in Bandera County. Indians stole horses from Gottlieb. Gottlieb's brand is in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C.

by Mary MacCammon

Source: The History of Medina County, Texas by the Castro Colonies Heritage Association, Inc. Third Printing - 1994

#### GOTTLIEB BRITSCH

Gottlieb Britsch was born in the kingdom of Wuerttemberg, District Besigtheim near the city of Heilbron, Germany, on July 29, 1835; and consequently only lacked a few months of reaching his 83 anniversary. As a child at the age of 11 years, in the year 1846, he came with his parents and one brother and one sister to America, and made his second home in New Fountain, where he has resided ever since. In his parents home he received a Christian education. At the age of 21 years, in the year 1856, he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Catherina Nietenhoefer, his surviving widow. To this union were born 8 children, 6 sons, 2 daughters, namely: Messrs. Joseph, Frederick, Ludwig, Henry, Gustave and Chas. Britsch, and Mrs. Elizabeth Heyen, wife of George Heyen, and Miss Rosina Britsch. His son Frederick has preceded him in death.

Mr. Gottlieb Britsch, a veteran of 82 years, 7 months and 25 days, had to battle with many hardships and perils, for this country was a mere wilderness full of savages when he first came here. In the first few months of his arrival he lost all his loved ones by death; in 1846 his brother died, in 1847 his father, three days later his sister, and in 1848 his mother died, leaving him an orphan at the age of 13 years to face the world with all its perils and temptations by himself. But his Christian faith and his love for Him who helps those who believe in him, strengthened him in his suffering.

In the death of Mr. Gottlieb Britsch which occurred Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, March 24th, his family lost an affectionate husband and father, and the New Fountain congregation a loyal, consistent member. Those surviving him are his wife, 5 sons, 2 daughters, 5 daughters-in-law, 1 son-in-law, 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, besides many other relatives and friends. He was buried Monday morning at 10 o'clock, by Rev. Beteit, his pastor, in the family cemetery at his home, a large crowd of his relatives and friends followed to his last resting place. A weary pilgrim has gone to his last reward, may he rest in peace.

#### Card of Thanks

We avail ourselves of this means to return our sincere thanks to kind friends for the helping hands offered at the death of our beloved husband and father; and also for the beautiful floral offerings provided at the funeral; and we also desire to especially thank Revs. Beteit and Falkenberg for their words of encouragement and sympathy spoken at the grave. The kindness of our friends will long remain a sweet memory to yours most gratefully,

MRS GOTTLIEB BRITSCH

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald

More About Gottlieb Britsch:

Burial: 25 Mar 1918, Britsch Family Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Immigration: 1846, Medina County, Texas

Naturalization: 31 Mar 1857, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Katherina Nietenhoefer:

From the Hondo Anvil-Herald

#### PIONEER OF THE VANDENBERG COMMUNITY PASSES AWAY

Full of years and highly respected by all who knew her, Mrs. Gottlieb Britsch, nee Catherine Nietenhoefer, peacefully

passed out of time into eternity last Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock at her country home several miles north of Hondo, attaining the age of 86 years, 3 months and 3 days. In the death of Mrs. Britsch, the Vandenberg community has lost a faithful and consistent Christian, a devoted mother, as well as a good woman and kind neighbor. In the person of Mrs. Britsch were linked, as it were, the early days of the pioneers of Medina County with their many trials and hardships with the present day with its modern conveniences and comforts. Out of a brief sketch of her long life read at her grave, we gather the follow interesting data: Mrs. Britsch was born of Christian parents Dec. 29th, 1839, at Kassel-Darmstadt, Germany. Shortly after her birth, she received the sacrament of holy baptism and thus early came into the fellowship of the elected of the Lord.

As a child of 6 years she came to America with her parents, who located at Vandenberg, where the little girl grew up to womanhood, and sharing faithfully in all the testing trials and hardships to which the pioneers of this section of the country were exposed. As a young woman she entered the marriage estate October 1856 with Gottlieb Britsch, who preceded her in death some years ago. The issue of this marriage were six sons and two daughters of whom the following survive the mother, namely: Messrs. Louis and Henry Britsch, who reside on farms several miles north of Hondo; Messrs. Gustave and Carl Britsch of Bandera, Mrs. George Heyen of Quihi and Miss Rosina Britsch, who lives on the home place. She is furthermore survived by 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, a brother, Mr. Adolph Nietenhofer, a number of other relatives and many friends. Mrs. Britsch enjoyed good health till about six months ago when the ills common to age began to sap her strength and confined her to her bed. During this time, she received all possible tender care, supplemented by skilled medical attention, but her day and hour to go had come and she cheerfully responded to the roll call from above.

Her burial took place last Monday. The service was conducted by Rev. C. P. Hasskarl of the Quihi Lutheran church and was largely attended by relatives, neighbors and friends from near and far. The interment was made in the family burial lot near the old home. The floral offerings were numerous and many of them were very beautiful. May she rest in peace and may her memory be cherished long by all who knew her.

Also see Gottlieb Britsch for other notes

More About Katherina Nietenhofer:

Burial: 04 Apr 1927, Britsch Family Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1850, Vandenberg, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Immigration: 1845

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Gottlieb Britsch and Katherina Nietenhofer:

Marriage: 06 Nov 1856, Medina County, Texas

Children of Gottlieb Britsch and Katherina Nietenhofer are:

- i. Joseph Britsch, born 11 May 1857 in Medina County, Texas; died 15 Sep 1926 in Medina County, Texas; married Bertha Tampke 11 Dec 1886 in Medina County, Texas; born 25 Feb 1862 in Medina County, Texas; died 29 Apr 1943 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Joseph Britsch:

JOSEPH BRITSCH PASSES AWAY

Mr. Joe Britsch was stricken with heart failure about 5 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, September 15, 1926, and died very suddenly. his body was buried in the family plot in Oakwood Cemetery the following afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. C. P. Hasskarl conducting the funeral services after the beautiful ritual of the Lutheran Church.

Deceased was born at Vandenberg May 11, 1857, and was a son of Gottlieb and Katherine (nee Nietenhofer) Britsch. Shortly after his birth he was christened in the Lutheran Church as as a young man he renewed his baptismal vows in confirmation and was a consistent Christian throughout his life. For many years he was a member of the Quihi Lutheran Church but assisted in the organization of St. Pauls Lutheran Church of Hondo and was a faithful member thereof at the time of his demise.

Growing up in the Vandenberg community, he followed the business of farming and ranching and amassed a competency in

this world's goods.

On December 11, 1886, he was happily married to Miss Bertha Tampke who, with the four children born of their union, survives him. The children are: Two sons, Willie and Emil Britsch, and two daughters, Mrs. Robert A. Saathoff of Vandenberg and Mrs. J. M. Eichholtz of San Antonio. He is also survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Katherine Britsch, now 86 years old, by two sisters, Mrs. George Heyen of Quihi and Miss Rosina Britsch of Vandenberg, and by four brothers, Louis and Henry Britsch of Hondo and Gustave and Charles Britsch of Bandera. Four grandchildren also survive.

A good man has gone to his reward in the realms of the spirit, and those who mourn can well take comfort in that faith that "all is well with my soul."

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald, September 1926

More About Joseph Britsch:

Burial: 16 Sep 1926, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Cause of Death: Heart Failure

Census 1: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Death Certificate In File: Yes

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Bertha Tampke:

From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, May 7, 1943

#### LAST RITES FOR MRS. BERTHA BRITSCH HELD SATURDAY

In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion. Cast me not off in the time of old age, forsake me not when my strength faileth. Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God forsake me not. I will praise thee, O Lord, for Thou hast redeemed by soul. Thus is given a last memorial of Mrs. Joe Britsch, who passed away at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 29, 1943, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Saathoff of Hondo.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, May 1, at the Horger funeral home chapel, with Rev. M. J. Lorfing, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran church, officiating. Her remains were buried in Oakwood cemetery, with the following serving as pallbearers: Laurence Britsch, Chester Saathoff, Oscar Tampke, Walter Saathoff, John Britsch and Walter Britsch.

The deceased, nee Bertha Tampke, was born Feb. 25, 1862, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Tampke, at Vandenberg, Medina County, Texas. She was baptized and confirmed in the New Fountain Methodist Church. Her childhood days were spent on the Tampke homestead until she reached the age of 24, when she was joined in holy wedlock with Mr. Joseph Britsch on December 11, 1886, at the Quihi Lutheran Church, Rev. J. Frehter officiating.

The young couple moved several miles north of Hondo, where they lived the rest of their lives; where she was a real helpmeet to her husband. Here she made a real home for the four children that were born to this union, giving them a Christian training and bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and giving them every opportunity to receive the ministrations of the Lutheran Church at Hondo, where they are members still. She was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Her husband preceded her in death September 15, 1926, at the age of 69 years.

Personally, the deceased knew little of sickness, but was robust and strong for her age until the last few months when she had a slight touch of flu. She was able to get up for days at a time but never fully recovered, and the last four weeks she was steadily growing weaker. Knowing her end would soon come, she asked for the Lord's Supper Maundy Thursday. Strengthened and spiritually prepared, she peacefully went to sleep at six o'clock Thursday, April 29, at the age of 81 years, 2 months and 4 days.

She had made her home with her children the past years, and all that loving kindness and devotion could do was given her during her last illness.

Those mourning her death are her children: Willie Britsch, Emil G. Britsch, Mrs. Robert Saathoff, and Mrs. J. M. Eichholtz, all of Hondo; two brothers, W. F. Tampke of Hondo and Albert Tampke of Utopia, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Nora Cook Bradshaw and Mrs. Louisa Hannsz, of Houston; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

More About Bertha Tampke:

Burial: 01 May 1943, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Joseph Britsch and Bertha Tampke:

Marriage: 11 Dec 1886, Medina County, Texas

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- ii. Margaretha Elizabeth Britsch, born 13 Apr 1859 in Medina County, Texas; died 18 Feb 1941 in Medina County, Texas; married John George Heyen 14 Oct 1876 in Medina County, Texas.
  - iii. Frederick Andreas Johanna Britsch, born 28 Jan 1862 in Medina County, Texas; died 17 Jun 1862 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Frederick Andreas Johanna Britsch:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iv. Ludwig Britsch, born 12 Aug 1863 in Medina County, Texas; died 30 Sep 1959 in Medina County, Texas; married Christina Oefinger 01 Aug 1891 in Medina County, Texas; born 21 Jun 1868 in Medina County, Texas; died 14 Nov 1937 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Ludwig Britsch:

Burial: Unknown, Britsch Family Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

Notes for Christina Oefinger:

The Hondo Anvil-Herald, November 19, 1937

MRS LOUIS BRITSCH NEE OEFINGER

I dare not choose my lot;  
I would not if I might;  
Choose Thou for me, my God;  
So I shall walk aright.

The Kingdom that I seek  
Is Thine; so let the way  
That leads to it be Thine,  
Else I must surely stray.

This is the thought of a Christian as he takes his pilgrimage through this transient and passing world. It was a quiet and God-fearing resignation to the will of her God which seemed to characterize the life of the deceased, Mrs. Louis Britsch. We were much impressed with this Christian character of Mrs. Britsch. We found her a patient sufferer until God called her home Sunday morning.

Christine Britsch was the daughter of Paul Oefinger, Sr., and Marie nee Hausser. She was born at Quihi on June 21, 1868, and as an infant was brought by her Christian parents to baptism in the Lutheran Church there. The deceased attended the only school at that time, that conducted by the Lutheran Church in Quihi where the fundamentals of education were thoroughly imbibed. The soul was not forgotten, for a good training in spiritual Truth was also offered, and after due time Christine was confirmed April 12, 1881.

On Aug. 1, 1891, the departed was united in marriage with Louis Britsch and settled in the home on the Hondo where she passed away. The Lord made this union fruitful and blest the couple with seven children. Three died in infancy. The son, George, died in the service of his country during the world war, which meant a great sacrifice to the mother and father. Mrs. Britsch proved to be a good wife and mother and endeavored to maintain a Christian home and a happy family. She had a cheerful disposition; was hospitable and charitable, and won for herself many friends.

Mrs. Britsch was a woman of strong constitution and comparatively good health. Only in recent years various ailments affected her health, but were not deemed serious. Neuritis caused much suffering and Mrs. Britsch took treatments for some time. About the end of last year the malady became severe and X-rays revealed a tumor on one lung which caused a

breakdown of health and ultimate death. During her illness, the patient received faithful and loving care by her daughter, Ella. We found the deceased a patient sufferer, never complaining about her lot, but always interested in others and their welfare. She was under the doctor's care constantly and although at first she entertained some hopes of getting well, her condition grew steadily worse until she became bedfast the last month or so. The pastor always found a grateful welcome and she heard God's Word eagerly. On Saturday afternoon she partook of Holy Communion and prepared herself for the presence of God. She passed away quietly on Sunday morning, November 14, 1937, and is at rest. Mrs. Britsch attained the age of 69 years, 4 months and 24 days.

She leaves to mourn her departure her beloved husband, Louis Britsch; one son, Ernest, and two daughters, Ella and Mrs. Alma Goff who is at present ill at home. Three sisters preceded her in death, and three sisters survive, Mrs. Gus Britsch of Bandera, Mrs. John Mueller of San Antonio and Mrs. Annie Saathoff of Hondo, and three brothers, Paul, Jacob and Charles Oefinger, all of Quihi, and 3 grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted on Monday, November 15, from the Horger Funeral Home, Rev. W. C. Leibfarth of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where she departed as a faithful member, officiating. Pallbearers were: Ernest Balzen, John Britsch, Walter Britsch, Willie Britsch, Ernest Oefinger and Louie Oefinger. Interment took place in the Britsch family burial plot.

May the Lord comfort the bereaved and give them strength to bear the loss of this loved one. "To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God."

Fierce was the wild billow, dark was the night,  
Oars labored heavily, foam glimmered white.  
Trembled the mariners, peril was night;  
then said the God of God, "Peace! It is I!"

Riege of the mountain-wave, lower thy crest!  
Wail of the angry wind, be thou at rest!  
Sorrow can never be, darkness must fly,  
Where said the Light of Light, "Peace! It is I!"

Jesus Deliverer, come Thou to me;  
Soothe Thou my voyaging over life's sea;  
Thou, when the storm of death roars sweeping by,  
Whisper, Thou Truth of Truths, "Peace! It is I!"

-Rev. W. C. Leibfarth

More About Christina Oefinger:

Burial: 15 Nov 1937, Britsch Family Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas (Transcribed as "Osfinger")

Census 3: Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Confirmation: 12 Apr 1881, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Religion: Lutheran

More About Ludwig Britsch and Christina Oefinger:

Marriage: 01 Aug 1891, Medina County, Texas

- v. Rosina Adelfina Britsch, born 01 Sep 1867 in Medina County, Texas; died 12 May 1957 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Rosina Adelfina Britsch:

From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, May 17, 1957

#### MISS ROSINA BRITSCH

Miss Rosina Britsch, 89, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Britsch at 1:45 p.m. May 12, 1957.

Born September 1, 1867 in the Vandenberg Community, Miss Britsch was baptized by Rev. John Wohlschlegel in 1867, and confirmed by Rev. A. Falkenberg April 10, 1881. She remained a faithful member of the church all of her life.

She was the daughter of Gottlieb Britsch and his wife, Catharina Nietenhofer.

Survivors include one brother, Louis, and many nephews and nieces.

More About Rosina Adelfina Britsch:  
Burial: 13 May 1957, Britsch Family Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: Jul 1870, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: 1910, Medina County, Texas  
Census 4: Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Transcribed

- vi. Heinrich Ehme Britsch, born 03 Mar 1872 in Medina County, Texas; died 29 Apr 1940 in Medina County, Texas; married Mary Elizabeth Loessberg 02 Jul 1892 in Medina County, Texas; born 03 Apr 1872 in Medina County, Texas; died 23 Sep 1957 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Heinrich Ehme Britsch:  
BRITSCH, HENRY E.

Henry E. Britsch, third son and fifth child of Gottlieb and Katerina Nietenhoefer Britsch, was born March 8, 1872 in the Vandenburg Community.

He married Mary Elizabeth Loessberg (born April 3, 1872 in Quihi) on July 2, 1892 and established their home on the banks of the Hondo Creek, a few miles north of Hondo.

Mary Elizabeth was the daughter of John Loessberg and Julia Herberger (from Alsace-Lorraine). She loved to crochet and was well known for her work.

Henry grew up on his father's ranch, attended public school at Vandenburg and at an early age united with the Lutheran Church, in which he remained throughout his life. A quiet unassuming man, he attended to his own affairs in a careful manner and prospered as a stock farmer.

Henry and Mary had five children: Hulda Katherine, Johnny Gottlieb, Alvin, Edna Christine, and Robert who died at five years of age (birth date unknown).

Henry died from a heart attack April 29, 1940 and Mary died Sept. 23, 1957. On their tombstone are the words: "Gone But Not Forgotten".

The cattle brand used by Henry Britsch was registered Aug. 21, 1897 and passed on to son Alvin Britsch; then passed on to Leroy H. Britsch, son of Alvin. It is still in use by Leroy Britsch.

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From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, May 3, 1940

#### HENRY E. BRITSCH DIES SUDDENLY

Henry E. Britsch died at his ranch home a few miles north of Hondo about three o'clock Monday morning following an acute heart attack. He was buried in the Britsch family cemetery in the Vandenburg community Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 following a brief service at the Horger funeral chapel. Final rites at the grave were also conducted by his pastor, Rev. Paul Czerkus, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and the church choir sang several hymns. Pallbearers were six of his nephews, namely: Robert Saathoff, Willie Britsch, Roland Britsch, Ernest Britsch, Arnold Nietenhoefer, and Walter Britsch.

Mr. Britsch was born in Vandenburg community, Medina County, on March 3, 1872. His death occurring on April 29, 1940, he had attained the age of 68 years, one month and 26 days. He had been a man of robust physique and good health until about a year ago when a heart attack left him in a weakened condition from which he never fully recovered. However, he had complained but little on Sunday and his sudden death was a great shock to his family and friends. He was the son of the late Gottlieb Britsch and wife, Kathrine Nietenhoefer Britsch. He grew up on his father's ranch, attended the public school at Vandenburg and at an early age united with the Lutheran church in which he remained throughout his life.

On July 2, 1892, he was married to Miss Mary Loessberg. To their union five children were born, one son, Robert, dying when only 4 1/2 years old. Those surviving, with their mother, are two daughters, Mrs. Louis Heyen (Hulda) of Hondo and Mrs. H. O. Knox (Edna) of New Braunfels; and two sons, John and Alvin Britsch of Hondo. Eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren also survive, as do, also, two sisters, Mrs. George Heyen of Quihi and Miss Rosa Britsch of Hondo, and three brothers, Louis of Hondo, and Charles and Gus of Bandera County. The occasion of the last family gathering was on Mr. Britsch's birthday last March.

Mr. Britsch was a quiet, unassuming man; attended to his own affairs in a careful manner and prospered as a stock farmer.

That he was loved and respected by his relatives and friends was amply attested by the vast throng that attended his funeral. A good man in his every relation in life, his family, his neighbors, his friends, his church, his community, and his country are poorer for his passing.

More About Heinrich Ehme Britsch:

Burial: Unknown, Britsch Family Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

Notes for Mary Elizabeth Loessberg:

From Hondo Anvil-Herald, September 27, 1957

#### MRS. BRITSCH DIES MONDAY

Mary E. Britsch, 85, born in Quihi, April 3, 1872, daughter of the late John Loessberg and wife, Julia Heberger Loessberg, passed away Sept. 23, 1957, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hulda Heyen.

She married Henry E. Britsch on July 2, 1892 and they had five children. One son, Robert, died in childhood.

Her husband Henry E. Britsch preceded her in death on April 29, 1940.

Those surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Hulda Heyen and Mrs. O. G. Smith of San Antonio, two sons, John G. Britsch and Alvin Britsch of Hondo, nine grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren, as do one sister, Mrs. Louis Nietenhoefer of Hondo and a brother, Henry Loessberg of Quihi.

Mrs. Britsch had been stricken with a stroke on May 22, 1952 leaving her bed ridden. In August she suffered a heart attack. She had made her home with the two daughters since 1944.

Pall Bearers were Horace Britsch, R. D. Miller, Ervin Heyen, Merlin Heyen, John Henry Britsch, Muriel Knox.

More About Mary Elizabeth Loessberg:

Burial: 25 Sep 1957, Britsch Family Cemetery, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: May 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 3: Apr 1930, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Heinrich Britsch and Mary Loessberg:

Marriage: 02 Jul 1892, Medina County, Texas

- vii. Gustave Carl Adolph Britsch, born 31 Mar 1876 in Medina County, Texas; died 06 Jun 1940 in Medina County, Texas; married Ida Oefinger 11 Jun 1898 in Medina County, Texas; born 20 Apr 1877 in Medina County, Texas; died 07 Feb 1974 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Gustave Carl Adolph Britsch:

From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, June 7, 1940

#### GUS BRITSCH DIES SUDDENLY

Friends of the family were grieved and shocked by news of the sudden death of Mr. Gus Britsch at his ranch home in Bandera County about seven o'clock Thursday morning, June 6, 1940, following a heart attack. His remains were brought to the Horger funeral home here, at which place funeral services will be held at 4:00 this (Friday) afternoon. Rev. Paul Czerkus, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Hondo, will conduct the last sad rites and burial will be made in the Britsch family cemetery on the Vandenburg road. Roland Britsch, Alvin Britsch, Ernest Britsch, Ernest Oefinger, Louis Oefinger and Ernest Balzen, all nephews of the deceased, will serve as pallbearers.

Mr. Britsch was born on March 31, 1876, in the Vandenburg community in Medina County. He grew to manhood there, one of a family of several brothers and sisters. For a number of years he has been a successful stock farmer in the southern part of Bandera County. He is mourned by his bereaved companion; one son, Walter, and one daughter, Irene; two brothers, Louis and Charlie Britsch; and two sisters, Mrs. Geo. Heyen and Miss Rosa Britsch. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of all who know them.

More About Gustave Carl Adolph Britsch:

Burial: 07 Jun 1940, Britsch Family Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: 1910, Bandera County, Texas  
Census 4: Jan 1920, Bandera County, Texas  
Census 5: Apr 1930, Bandera County, Texas  
Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Ida Oefinger:

Burial: Unknown, Britsch Family Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: Jun 1900, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas (Transcribed as "Osfinger")  
Census 3: 1910, Bandera County, Texas  
Census 4: Jan 1920, Bandera County, Texas  
Census 5: Apr 1930, Bandera County, Texas  
Death Certificate In File: No  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Gustave Britsch and Ida Oefinger:

Marriage: 11 Jun 1898, Medina County, Texas

- viii. Charles Johann Heinrich Britsch, born 08 Aug 1881 in Medina County, Texas; died 25 Feb 1954 in Bandera County, Texas; married Mary K. Saathoff 22 Dec 1904 in Medina County, Texas; born 08 Apr 1885 in Medina County, Texas; died 02 May 1942 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Charles Johann Heinrich Britsch:

From the Hondo Anvil-Herald, March 12, 1954

#### SERVICES HELD SATURDAY FOR CHARLIE BRITSCH

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon, February 27, 1954 for Charlie Britsch, 72, who died at his ranch home at Bandera February 25, 1954.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Britsch, born on August 8, 1881 in the Hondo Community. He was baptized October 22, 1881 and confirmed March 29, 1896 at the New Fountain Lutheran Church. He was united in marriage with Miss Mary Saathoff on December 22, 1904, who preceded him in death on May 2, 1942.

On June 7, 1944 he was married to Mrs. Viola Kirkland.

Mr. Britsch lived on his ranch in the Middle Verde Community in Bandera County for fifty-four years. He died Thursday morning at about 7:00 after a stroke the evening before hastened his death.

He is survived by his wife, Viola and three children; Roland of Bandera; Mrs. J. L. Lynch of Hondo and Mrs. Wesley Clark of Poteet; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild; one brother, Louis Britsch and one sister, Miss Rosina Britsch.

The Reverend K. Windecker of St. Paul's Lutheran Church officiated at services in the Horger Chapel and at Oakwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Walter Britsch, Ernest Britsch, Alvin Britsch, Johnny Britsch, Jessie Burger and Herbert Saathoff.

More About Charles Johann Heinrich Britsch:

Burial: 27 Feb 1954, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 1910, Bandera County, Texas  
Census 2: Jan 1920, Bandera County, Texas  
Census 3: Apr 1930, Bandera County, Texas  
Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Mary K. Saathoff:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 1910, Bandera County, Texas  
Census 2: Jan 1920, Bandera County, Texas  
Census 3: Apr 1930, Bandera County, Texas  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Charles Britsch and Mary Saathoff:

Marriage: 22 Dec 1904, Medina County, Texas

*Generation No. 6*

**36. Gerd Harms**, born 12 Feb 1778 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died 14 Apr 1855 in Aurich Olendorf, East Friesland. He was the son of **72. Harm Hinrichs** and **73. Gelke Gerdes**. He married **37. Alke Janssen** 27 May 1803 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland.

**37. Alke Janssen**, born 01 Feb 1778 in Firrel; died 09 Jun 1861 in Aurich Olendorf, East Friesland.

More About Gerd Harms:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

Occupation: Warfsmann (little farmer) & Grave digger

More About Alke Janssen:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Gerd Harms and Alke Janssen:

Marriage: 27 May 1803, Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland

Children of Gerd Harms and Alke Janssen are:

- 18 i. Harm Harms Gerdes, born 23 Feb 1807 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died 14 Mar 1867 in Medina County, Texas; married Eite Schmidt Ehmen 02 May 1835 in Moorlage, Auricholden, East, Groningen, (Aurich Olendorf, East, Groningen, Netherland).
- ii. Johann Heinrich Gerdes, born Abt. 1809 in Ostfriesland, Germany; died Aft. 1880 in Texas; married Finne Telkan Bef. 1841 in Ostfriesland, Germany; born Unknown in Ostfriesland, Germany; died Aft. 1841 in Unknown Location.

More About Johann Heinrich Gerdes:

Date born 2: 1809, Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland

Census: 1880, Medina County, Texas (In the household of son Dietrich)

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Johann Gerdes and Finne Telkan:

Marriage: Bef. 1841, Ostfriesland, Germany

- iii. Gerd Heinrichs Gerdes, born Abt. 1811 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

More About Gerd Heinrichs Gerdes:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location

Obituary?: Needed

**38. Ehme Gerdes Schmidt**, born 04 Apr 1772 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died 27 Mar 1837 in Aurich Olendorf, East Friesland. He was the son of **76. Gerd Focken Schmidt** and **77. Eyte Luebben**. He married **39. Hilke Duis** 27 May 1803.

**39. Hilke Duis**, born 12 Feb 1781 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died 16 Mar 1856 in Aurich Olendorf, East Friesland.

More About Ehme Gerdes Schmidt:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

Occupation: Warfsmann (little farmer)

More About Hilke Duis:

Name 2: Hilke Albers Duis

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Ehme Schmidt and Hilke Duis:

Marriage: 27 May 1803

Child of Ehme Schmidt and Hilke Duis is:

- 19 i. Eite Schmidt Ehmen, born 02 Feb 1812 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died 16 Mar 1873 in Medina County, Texas; married Harm Harms Gerdes 02 May 1835 in Moorlage, Auricholden, East, Groningen, (Aurich Olendorf, East, Groningen, Netherland).

**40. Joannes Henricus Reitzer III**, born Unknown in Kirchberg, Haut-Rhin, France; died Aft. 1804 in France. He was the son of **80. Johannes Henricus Reitzer II** and **81. Francisca Ringenback**. He married **41. Margaretha Nägelen** 21 Jun 1796 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France.

**41. Margaretha Nägelen**, born 02 Nov 1771 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France; died 10 Oct 1830 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France.

More About Joannes Henricus Reitzer III:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Margaretha Nägelen:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Joannes Reitzer and Margaretha Nägelen:

Marriage: 21 Jun 1796, Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France

Child of Joannes Reitzer and Margaretha Nägelen is:

- 20 i. **Ambrosius Reitzer**, born 17 Mar 1804 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France; died 26 Apr 1874 in Medina County, Texas; married Marguerite Manigold 30 Aug 1832 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France.

**52. Johann Dietrich Samuel Gottfried Senne**, born 22 Dec 1791 in Westphalia, Germany; died Aft. 1832 in Germany. He was the son of **104. Johann Dietrich Senne** and **105. Marie Christina Schwarze**. He married **53. Caroline Wilhelmina Schoenbeck** 16 Jun 1820 in Germany.

**53. Caroline Wilhelmina Schoenbeck**, born 26 Apr 1790 in Westphalia, Germany; died Aft. 1832 in Germany. She was the daughter of **106. Hans Ernst Ludewig Schoenbeck** and **107. Sophie Eleonore Nerge**.

More About Johann Dietrich Samuel Gottfried Senne:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Caroline Wilhelmina Schoenbeck:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Johann Senne and Caroline Schoenbeck:

Marriage: 16 Jun 1820, Germany

Children of Johann Senne and Caroline Schoenbeck are:

- i. **Carl Heinrich Gottlieb Senne**, born 31 Jul 1820 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

More About Carl Heinrich Gottlieb Senne:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- ii. **Carl Heinrich Senne**, born 18 Nov 1822 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

More About Carl Heinrich Senne:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iii. **Friedrich Wilhelm Senne**, born 03 Apr 1825 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Aft. 1852 in Unknown Location; married **Sophie Caroline Schade** 26 Nov 1852 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; born 01 Dec 1827 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Aft. 1852 in Unknown Location.

More About Friedrich Wilhelm Senne:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Sophie Caroline Schade:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Friedrich Senne and Sophie Schade:

Marriage: 26 Nov 1852, Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany

- iv. Ernestine Wilhelmine Senne, born 26 Apr 1827 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

More About Ernestine Wilhelmine Senne:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- 26 v. Ernst Heinrich Senne, born 26 Jun 1829 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died 14 Apr 1908 in Medina County, Texas; married (1) Ernestine Bresso 1855 in Germany; married (2) Engeline Marie Paul 28 Jun 1863 in Germany.
- vi. Caroline Sophia Senne, born 08 Oct 1832 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

More About Caroline Sophia Senne:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

**56. Ei Gerdes Heyen**, born Unknown in Germany; died Bet. 1831 - 1836 in Unknown Location. He married **57. Antje Dirks** Bef. 1831 in Germany.

**57. Antje Dirks**, born 14 Jul 1798 in Germany; died 03 Mar 1870 in Medina County, Texas. She was the daughter of **114. Ufkes Dirks** and **115. Anke Luken**.

More About Ei Gerdes Heyen:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

Notes for Antje Dirks:

According to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Records, the parents of Mimke Saathoff (2/10/1839-11/19/1902) were Mimke Saathoff (1809-1868) and Antje Saathoff nee Dirks (7/14/1798-3/3/1870). This appears to be the same Antje Dirks who was married to Ei Gerdes Heyen, the father of Johann Heyen, making Johann and Mimke, Jr. half brothers.

More About Antje Dirks:

Burial: Unknown, Saathoff Family Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Ei Heyen and Antje Dirks:

Marriage: Bef. 1831, Germany

Child of Ei Heyen and Antje Dirks is:

- 28 i. Johann Heyen, born 23 Jan 1831 in Hannover, Germany; died 03 Jul 1892 in Medina County, Texas; married Maria Elizabeth Loessberg 07 May 1850 in Medina County, Texas.

**60. Ludwig Heinrich Britsch**, born Unknown in Germany; died 1847 in Medina County, Texas. He married **61. Rosina Magdalena Apfelbach** Bef. 1835 in Germany.

**61. Rosina Magdalena Apfelbach**, born Unknown in Germany; died 1848 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Ludwig Heinrich Britsch:

Immigration: 1846, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Rosina Magdalena Apfelbach:

Education: 1846, Ilsfeld, Germany

Immigration: 1846, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Ludwig Britsch and Rosina Apfelbach:

Marriage: Bef. 1835, Germany

Children of Ludwig Britsch and Rosina Apfelbach are:

- 30 i. Gottlieb Britsch, born 29 Jul 1835 in Wurttemberg, Germany; died 24 Mar 1918 in Medina County, Texas; married Katherina Nietenhofer 06 Nov 1856 in Medina County, Texas.
- ii. Son Britsch, born Bef. 1846 in Germany; died 1846 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Son Britsch:

Immigration: 1846, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iii. Daughter Britsch, born Bef. 1846 in Germany; died 1847 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Daughter Britsch:  
Immigration: 1846, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

**62. Johannes Nietenhoef**, born 26 May 1799 in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany; died 29 May 1855 in Medina County, Texas. He married **63. Katherina Deutsch** Bef. 1829 in Unknown.

**63. Katherina Deutsch**, born 12 Mar 1805 in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany; died 15 Apr 1888 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Johannes Nietenhoef:  
Census: 1850, Vandenberg, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Katherina Deutsch:  
Burial: Unknown, St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, New Fountain/Quihi, Medina County, Texas  
Census: 1850, Vandenberg, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Johannes Nietenhoef and Katherina Deutsch:  
Marriage: Bef. 1829, Unknown

Children of Johannes Nietenhoef and Katherina Deutsch are:

- i. Johann Nietenhoef, Jr., born 27 Oct 1829 in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany; died 14 Dec 1911 in Medina County, Texas; married (1) Antje Mimke Saathoff 19 Jul 1853 in Medina County, Texas; born Unknown in Unknown Location; died 20 May 1880 in Medina County, Texas; married (2) Barbara Schlump 29 Jul 1881 in Medina County, Texas; born 10 Oct 1851 in Switzerland; died 22 Dec 1929 in Medina County, Texas.

Notes for Johann Nietenhoef, Jr.:

Mr. John Nietenhoef, Jr., aged about 80 years, died suddenly at his home in Quihi about 4 o'clock p.m. Thursday, December 14, 1911. His remains were buried at the Quihi Lutheran Cemetery yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Reverend A. Falkenberg conducted the funeral services.

Deceased leaves a wife, one son and two daughters, and a brother and sister to mourn his demise. We join in sympathy for the bereaved ones.

Source: Hondo Anvil-Herald, Saturday, December 16, 1911

More About Johann Nietenhoef, Jr.:  
Burial: 15 Dec 1911, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Quihi, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 1850, Vandenberg, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1860, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: 1910, Medina County, Texas  
Naturalization: 15 May 1854, Texas  
Obituary?: Transcribed

More About Barbara Schlump:  
Burial: 24 Dec 1929, Quihi Community Cemetery, Medina County, Texas  
Census 1: 1860, Medina County, Texas  
Census 2: 1910, Medina County, Texas  
Census 3: 1920, Medina County, Texas  
Obituary?: Needed

More About Johann Nietenhoef and Barbara Schlump:  
Marriage: 29 Jul 1881, Medina County, Texas

- 31 ii. Katherina Nietenhoef, born 29 Dec 1839 in Kassel-Darmstadt, Germany/Darmstadt, Germany; died 03 Apr 1927 in Medina County, Texas; married Gottlieb Britsch 06 Nov 1856 in Medina County, Texas.  
iii. Adolph Nietenhoef, born 09 Dec 1850 in Medina County, Texas; died 03 Mar 1934 in Medina County, Texas; married

Maria Oefinger 09 Feb 1876 in Medina County, Texas; born 13 Aug 1856 in Texas; died 12 Jul 1921 in Medina County, Texas.

More About Adolph Nietenhoefer:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas (Transcribed as "Nutenhaven")

Census 3: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Census 5: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

More About Maria Oefinger:

Burial: Unknown, Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo, Medina County, Texas

Census 1: 1860, Medina County, Texas

Census 2: 1880, Medina County, Texas (Transcribed as "Nutenhaven")

Census 3: 1910, Medina County, Texas

Census 4: 1920, Medina County, Texas

Obituary?: Needed

Marriage Notes for Adolph Nietenhoefer and Maria Oefinger:

Source:

Title: Marriage License Book D, Medina County, Texas

Publication: Our Heritage, San Antonio, Texas, 1978

More About Adolph Nietenhoefer and Maria Oefinger:

Marriage: 09 Feb 1876, Medina County, Texas

#### *Generation No. 7*

**72. Harm Hinrichs**, born 1749 in East Friesland (probably); died 02 Jun 1786 in Aurich Olendorf, East Friesland. He married **73. Gelke Gerdes** 21 Jun 1775 in East Friesland (probably).

**73. Gelke Gerdes**, born 1740 in East Friesland (probably); died 26 Feb 1802 in Aurich Olendorf, East Friesland.

More About Harm Hinrichs:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Gelke Gerdes:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Harm Hinrichs and Gelke Gerdes:

Marriage: 21 Jun 1775, East Friesland (probably)

Child of Harm Hinrichs and Gelke Gerdes is:

- 36 i. **Gerd Harms**, born 12 Feb 1778 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died 14 Apr 1855 in Aurich Olendorf, East Friesland; married Alke Janssen 27 May 1803 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland.

**76. Gerd Focken Schmidt**, born 1745 in Germany (probably); died 08 Mar 1819 in Aurich Olendorf, East Friesland. He married **77. Eyte Luebben** Bef. 1772 in Germany (probably).

**77. Eyte Luebben**, born Unknown in Germany (probably); died Bef. 1819 in Germany (probably).

More About Gerd Focken Schmidt:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Eyte Luebben:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Gerd Schmidt and Eyte Luebben:

Marriage: Bef. 1772, Germany (probably)

Child of Gerd Schmidt and Eyte Luebben is:

- 38 i. Ehme Gerdes Schmidt, born 04 Apr 1772 in Aurich Olendorf, Ostfriesland; died 27 Mar 1837 in Aurich Olendorf, East Friesland; married Hilke Duis 27 May 1803.

**80. Johannes Henricus Reitzer II**, born 27 Mar 1725 in Kirchberg, Haut-Rhin, France; died 08 Dec 1782 in France. He was the son of **160. Johannes Henricus Reitzer** and **161. Anna Margaretha Ast**. He married **81. Francisca Ringenback** Unknown in Unknown Location.

**81. Francisca Ringenback**, born Unknown in France; died Abt. 1791 in France.

More About Johannes Henricus Reitzer II:

Name 2: Johannes Reitzer

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Francisca Ringenback:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Johannes Reitzer and Francisca Ringenback:

Marriage: Unknown, Unknown Location

Child of Johannes Reitzer and Francisca Ringenback is:

- 40 i. Joannes Henricus Reitzer III, born Unknown in Kirchberg, Haut-Rhin, France; died Aft. 1804 in France; married Margaretha Nägelen 21 Jun 1796 in Niederbruck, Haut-Rhin, France.

**104. Johann Dietrich Senne**, born 14 Mar 1743/44 in Westphalia, Germany; died 22 May 1803 in Westphalia, Germany. He was the son of **208. Johann Heinrich Senne** and **209. Margaretha Elsabein Pedich-Prange**. He married **105. Marie Christina Schwarze** 20 Feb 1791 in Germany.

**105. Marie Christina Schwarze**, born Abt. 1770 in Westphalia, Germany; died Aft. 1791 in Westphalia, Germany.

More About Johann Dietrich Senne:

Burial: Unknown, Germany

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Marie Christina Schwarze:

Burial: Unknown, Germany

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Johann Senne and Marie Schwarze:

Marriage: 20 Feb 1791, Germany

Child of Johann Senne and Marie Schwarze is:

- 52 i. Johann Dietrich Samuel Gottfried Senne, born 22 Dec 1791 in Westphalia, Germany; died Aft. 1832 in Germany; married Caroline Wilhelmina Schoenbeck 16 Jun 1820 in Germany.

**106. Hans Ernst Ludewig Schoenbeck**, born 11 Sep 1746 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Aft. 1796 in Germany (probably). He was the son of **212. August Ludwig Schoenbeck** and **213. Anna Eleonora Wilharm**. He married **107. Sophie Eleonore Nerge** 1776 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany.

**107. Sophie Eleonore Nerge**, born Abt. 1761 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Aft. 1796 in Germany (probably).

More About Hans Ernst Ludewig Schoenbeck:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Sophie Eleonore Nerge:

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Hans Schoenbeck and Sophie Nerge:

Marriage: 1776, Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany

Children of Hans Schoenbeck and Sophie Nerge are:

- i. Christian Schoenbeck, born 24 Aug 1777 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died 16 Oct 1791 in Germany (probably).

More About Christian Schoenbeck:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- ii. Dorothea Sophia Elenore Schoenbeck, born 19 Dec 1779 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died 09 Oct 1791 in Germany (probably).

More About Dorothea Sophia Elenore Schoenbeck:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iii. Carl Heinrich Schoenbeck, born 13 Apr 1783 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Germany (probably).

More About Carl Heinrich Schoenbeck:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iv. Carl Wilhelm Schoenbeck, born 26 Jun 1785 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Germany (probably).

More About Carl Wilhelm Schoenbeck:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- v. Ernst Heinrich Schoenbeck, born 11 Feb 1787 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

More About Ernst Heinrich Schoenbeck:  
Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- 53 vi. Caroline Wilhelmina Schoenbeck, born 26 Apr 1790 in Westphalia, Germany; died Aft. 1832 in Germany; married Johann Dietrich Samuel Gottfried Senne 16 Jun 1820 in Germany.
- vii. Dorothea Marie Elisabeth Schoenbeck, born 28 Dec 1792 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Germany (probably).

More About Dorothea Marie Elisabeth Schoenbeck:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- viii. Carl Heinrich Ludewig Schoenbeck, born 01 Jan 1796 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

More About Carl Heinrich Ludewig Schoenbeck:  
Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

**114. Ufkes Dirks**, born Unknown in Germany (probably); died Aft. 1798 in Germany (probably). He married **115. Anke Luken** Bef. 1798 in Germany.

**115. Anke Luken**, born Unknown in Germany (probably); died Aft. 1798 in Germany (probably).

More About Ufkes Dirks:  
Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Anke Luken:  
Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Ufkes Dirks and Anke Luken:  
Marriage: Bef. 1798, Germany

Child of Ufkes Dirks and Anke Luken is:

- 57 i. Antje Dirks, born 14 Jul 1798 in Germany; died 03 Mar 1870 in Medina County, Texas; married (1) Ei Gerdes Heyen Bef. 1831 in Germany; married (2) Mimke Mimken Saathoff 07 May 1836 in Medina County, Texas.

*Generation No. 8*

**160. Johannes Henricus Reitzer**, born 23 Jan 1691/92 in Kirchberg, Haut-Rhin, France; died 02 May 1736 in Kirchberg, Haut-Rhin, France. He was the son of **320. Joannes Georgius Reitzer** and **321. Maria Barbara Fluhr**. He married **161. Anna Margaretha Ast** 28 Oct 1720 in France.

**161. Anna Margaretha Ast**, born 20 Nov 1693 in Sewen, Haut-Rhin, France; died Aft. 1727 in France.

More About Johannes Henricus Reitzer:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Anna Margaretha Ast:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Johannes Reitzer and Anna Ast:  
Marriage: 28 Oct 1720, France

Children of Johannes Reitzer and Anna Ast are:

- 80 i. Johannes Henricus Reitzer II, born 27 Mar 1725 in Kirchberg, Haut-Rhin, France; died 08 Dec 1782 in France; married Francisca Ringenback Unknown in Unknown Location.  
ii. Maria Anna Reitzer, born 24 Mar 1726/27 in France; died 28 Jan 1757 in France.

More About Maria Anna Reitzer:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

**208. Johann Heinrich Senne**, born 20 Oct 1709 in Westphalia, Germany; died 13 Feb 1757 in Westfalen, Prussia. He was the son of **416. Johann Cordt Heinrich Senne** and **417. Anna Catherina Peck**. He married **209. Margaretha Elsabein Pedich-Prange** Bef. 1743 in Westphalia, Germany.

**209. Margaretha Elsabein Pedich-Prange**, born 01 Mar 1706/07 in Westphalia, Germany; died Aft. 1744 in Westfalen, Prussia.

More About Johann Heinrich Senne:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Margaretha Elsabein Pedich-Prange:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Johann Senne and Margaretha Pedich-Prange:  
Marriage: Bef. 1743, Westphalia, Germany

Child of Johann Senne and Margaretha Pedich-Prange is:

- 104 i. Johann Dietrich Senne, born 14 Mar 1743/44 in Westphalia, Germany; died 22 May 1803 in Westphalia, Germany; married Marie Christina Schwarze 20 Feb 1791 in Germany.

**212. August Ludwig Schoenbeck**, born 29 Apr 1718 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Aft. 1754 in Germany. He was the son of **424. Heinrich Schoenbeck** and **425. Ilse Maria Wilharm**. He married **213. Anna Eleonora Wilharm** 27 Dec 1745 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany.

**213. Anna Eleonora Wilharm**, born 01 Mar 1715/16 in Germany; died Aft. 1754 in Germany.

More About August Ludwig Schoenbeck:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Anna Eleonora Wilharm:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About August Schoenbeck and Anna Wilharm:  
Marriage: 27 Dec 1745, Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany

Children of August Schoenbeck and Anna Wilharm are:

- 106      i. Hans Ernst Ludewig Schoenbeck, born 11 Sep 1746 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Aft. 1796 in Germany (probably); married Sophie Eleonore Nerge 1776 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany.  
          ii. Sophia Elenora Schoenbeck, born 08 Sep 1748 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Germany (probably).

More About Sophia Elenora Schoenbeck:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iii. Anna Elisabeth Schoenbeck, born 01 Mar 1749/50 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Germany (probably).

More About Anna Elisabeth Schoenbeck:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iv. Johann Wilhelm Schoenbeck, born 10 Feb 1754 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Germany (probably).

More About Johann Wilhelm Schoenbeck:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

*Generation No. 9*

**320. Joannes Georgius Reitzer**, born 01 Nov 1663 in Ewersloch, Haut-Rhin, France; died 24 Nov 1703 in Kirchberg, Haut-Rhin, France. He was the son of **640. Georgius Reitzer** and **641. Christina Erhardt**. He married **321. Maria Barbara Fluhr** 23 Jul 1685 in France.

**321. Maria Barbara Fluhr**, born 16 Jun 1663 in Dolleren, Haut-Rhin, France; died Aft. 1693 in France.

More About Joannes Georgius Reitzer:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Maria Barbara Fluhr:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Joannes Reitzer and Maria Fluhr:  
Marriage: 23 Jul 1685, France

Child of Joannes Reitzer and Maria Fluhr is:

- 160      i. Johannes Henricus Reitzer, born 23 Jan 1691/92 in Kirchberg, Haut-Rhin, France; died 02 May 1736 in Kirchberg, Haut-Rhin, France; married Anna Margaretha Ast 28 Oct 1720 in France.

**416. Johann Cordt Heinrich Senne**, born Abt. 1657 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died 31 Mar 1741 in Westphalia, Germany. He married **417. Anna Catherina Peck** 03 Oct 1706 in Westphalia, Germany.

**417. Anna Catherina Peck**, born Abt. 03 Apr 1678 in Westphalia, Germany; died 08 Mar 1734/35 in Westphalia, Germany.

More About Johann Cordt Heinrich Senne:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Anna Catherina Peck:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Johann Senne and Anna Peck:  
Marriage: 03 Oct 1706, Westphalia, Germany

Children of Johann Senne and Anna Peck are:

- i. Hans Heinrich Senne, born 25 Feb 1706/07 in Westfalen, Prussia; died 1763 in Westfalen, Prussia.

More About Hans Heinrich Senne:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- 208 ii. Johann Heinrich Senne, born 20 Oct 1709 in Westphalia, Germany; died 13 Feb 1757 in Westfalen, Prussia; married Margaretha Elsabein Pedich-Prange Bef. 1743 in Westphalia, Germany.
- iii. Cordt Hinrich Senne, born 05 May 1713 in Westfalen, Prussia; died 20 Jan 1787 in Westfalen, Prussia.

More About Cordt Hinrich Senne:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iv. Catharina Margaretha Senne, born 14 Mar 1716/17 in Westfalen, Prussia; died 24 Jan 1722/23 in Westfalen, Prussia.

More About Catharina Margaretha Senne:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- v. Friedrich Wilhelm Senne, born 10 Oct 1720 in Westfalen, Prussia; died 30 May 1779 in Westfalen, Prussia.

More About Friedrich Wilhelm Senne:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

**424. Heinrich Schoenbeck**, born 06 Feb 1672/73 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Aft. 1718 in Germany. He was the son of **848. Laech Schoenbeck** and **849. Margarethe Nerge**. He married **425. Ilse Maria Wilharm** 08 Nov 1701 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany.

**425. Ilse Maria Wilharm**, born 31 May 1668 in Germany; died Aft. 1718 in Germany. She was the daughter of **850. Barthold Wilharm** and **851. Margaretha Everding**.

Notes for Heinrich Schoenbeck:

Schaumburg-Lippe was a small state in Germany, in the present day state of Lower Saxony, with its capital at Bückeburg. With the death of Count Wilhelm in 1777 the junior Schaumburg-Lippe-Alverdissen inherited the County thereby reuniting Schaumburg-Lippe with Lippe-Alverdissen.

Schaumburg-Lippe was a county until 1807 when it became a principality, which lasted until the end of the German monarchies in 1918, when it became a republic and was renamed Free State of Schaumburg-Lippe. Schaumburg-Lippe had an area of 340 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 44,992 in 1905.

Source: Wikipedia (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schaumburg-Lippe>)

More About Heinrich Schoenbeck:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Ilse Maria Wilharm:  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Heinrich Schoenbeck and Ilse Wilharm:  
Marriage: 08 Nov 1701, Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany

Children of Heinrich Schoenbeck and Ilse Wilharm are:

- i. Hans Otto Schoenbeck, born 22 Mar 1702/03 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Germany (probably).

More About Hans Otto Schoenbeck:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- ii. Anna Catharina Schoenbeck, born 21 Sep 1704 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

More About Anna Catharina Schoenbeck:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iii. Anna Maria Schoenbeck, born 07 Nov 1713 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Germany (probably).

More About Anna Maria Schoenbeck:

Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- 212 iv. August Ludwig Schoenbeck, born 29 Apr 1718 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Aft. 1754 in Germany; married Anna Eleonora Wilharm 27 Dec 1745 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany.

#### *Generation No. 10*

**640. Georgius Reitzer**, born Abt. 1618 in France (probably); died Bef. 1685 in France. He married **641. Christina Erhardt** 05 Sep 1650 in France.

**641. Christina Erhardt**, born Unknown in Unknown Location; died 18 Dec 1701 in Kirchberg, Haut-Rhin, France.

More About Georgius Reitzer:

Burial: Unknown, France

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Christina Erhardt:

Burial: Unknown, Kirchberg, Haut-Rhin, France

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Georgius Reitzer and Christina Erhardt:

Marriage: 05 Sep 1650, France

Child of Georgius Reitzer and Christina Erhardt is:

- 320 i. Joannes Georgius Reitzer, born 01 Nov 1663 in Ewersloch, Haut-Rhin, France; died 24 Nov 1703 in Kirchberg, Haut-Rhin, France; married Maria Barbara Fluhr 23 Jul 1685 in France.

**848. Laech Schoenbeck**, born Abt. 1642 in Germany; died Aft. 1676 in Germany. He married **849. Margarethe Nerge** 30 Apr 1667 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany.

**849. Margarethe Nerge**, born Abt. 1646 in Germany; died Aft. 1676 in Germany.

More About Laech Schoenbeck:

Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Margarethe Nerge:

Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Laech Schoenbeck and Margarethe Nerge:

Marriage: 30 Apr 1667, Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany

Children of Laech Schoenbeck and Margarethe Nerge are:

- i. Jobst Schoenbeck, born 10 Feb 1669/70 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Germany (probably).

More About Jobst Schoenbeck:

Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)

Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- 424 ii. Heinrich Schoenbeck, born 06 Feb 1672/73 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Aft. 1718 in Germany; married Ilse Maria Wilharm 08 Nov 1701 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany.
- iii. Anna Catharina Schoenbeck, born 17 Oct 1675 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

More About Anna Catharina Schoenbeck:  
Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

- iv. Daughter Schoenbeck, born 17 Mar 1676/77 in Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany; died Unknown in Unknown Location.

More About Daughter Schoenbeck:  
Burial: Unknown, Unknown Location  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

**850. Barthold Wilharm**, born Abt. 1642 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Aft. 1668 in Germany. He married **851. Margaretha Everding** 25 Jul 1667 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany.

**851. Margaretha Everding**, born Abt. 1646 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany; died Aft. 1668 in Germany.

More About Barthold Wilharm:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Margaretha Everding:  
Burial: Unknown, Germany (probably)  
Obituary?: Possibly None Exists

More About Barthold Wilharm and Margaretha Everding:  
Marriage: 25 Jul 1667, Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany

Child of Barthold Wilharm and Margaretha Everding is:

- 425 i. Ilse Maria Wilharm, born 31 May 1668 in Germany; died Aft. 1718 in Germany; married Heinrich Schoenbeck 08 Nov 1701 in Schaumberg-Lippe, Germany.