

# *Ancestors of Conrad Carl WEHMEYER*

## *Generation No. 1*

**1. Conrad Carl WEHMEYER**, born Feb 16, 1816 in Gros Wanzleben, Prussia; died Oct 21, 1898 in Fredericksburg, Gillespie Co., TX. He married (1) **Louise KLINGELHOEFER** Nov 28, 1851 in Fredericksburg, Gillespie Co., TX. She was born Jan 09, 1834 in Nassau, Prussia, Germany, and died Abt. 1903 in Fredericksburg, Gillespie Co., TX.

Notes for Conrad Carl WEHMEYER:

I, Diann Wehmeyer Tooley, have not been able to establish a connection between Conrad Wehmeyer and my Wehmeyer family.

1850 Fredericksburg, Gillespie Co., TX  
Conrad Weynayer 32 bar keeper

1860 Gillespie Co., TX - Baker  
1870 Fredericksburg, Gillespie Co., TX - Baker  
1880 Fredericksburg, Gillespie Co., TX (name spelled Wehemeyer) - Baker

1858 through 1866 Treasurer Fredericksburg, Gillespie Co., TX

Conrad Wehmeyer landed in New Orleans, February 28, 1846 - other sources have place of birth as Hiddenhausen, Westphalia, Prussia

Operated a merchandise and bakery store in Fredericksburg.

Interview with Max Richter, German Pioneer

"He (Conrad Wehmeyer) had his trials it was said in the days of reconstruction, as he was county treasurer during the days of the Civil War and so when the times were so troublesome afterward a band called the "hanger bands" wore mask's and hung those they thought to be traitors, and Mr. Wehmeyer's name was found in a list of those to be hung. He had to hide out and his family had to run the business with Mr. Wehmeyer hid in the attic and his friends stood guard at night. Fully armed they would wait at night until the outlaws had let the men they had warned alone in peace.

"Another story of Mr. Wehemeyer was told of how the soldiers who were stationed at Fort Scott (which was about two miles from Fredericksburg,) came and would buy up all the bread he had on hand but would have him to bake several bakings a day for them. One of the army cooks brought him his first yeast cake. Until this time he had made his yeast from hops he had secured from Probst's brewery. The bakery was the only place where confections of that day was sold and the soldiers made themselves at home and considered themselves privileged characters. It was not uncommon for Mr. Wehmeyer to have to put them out of his place. It was told that after the Civil War how he had trouble with the Union soldiers in this way. They would go in and help themselves the drunken ones especially were a trial.

"Living on Main street Mr. Wehemeyers children told of how they could recall the torch light procession which the people of Fredericksburg celebrated in 1871 when the news that the war between Germany and France was over and Germany had been ceded Alsace Lorraine. The whole town took part and was ablaze with light of torches. Singing, shouting, firing their guns, the people went up and down the streets carrying lighted torches, and stocks, the ends of which were dipped in tar before being lighted. While in far away Saxony where I was at this time we too had our celebration much the same way over the glad news of the end of this war. Now many years later we who are in America are hoping that there will be no more war between Germany and France. The bakery of Mr. Wehmeyer brings back many happy memories and a description would take too much time. Many orders came from the near by towns in later years, Mason Lano and other places. He continued his baking until he was seventy years old and did it on his old Dutch oven. During his last years he only baked on special request and usually for Dr Albert Keidel who prescribed his biscuit and zwieback to his patients. He was 82 years old when he died in 1898.

A Bakery of Pioneer Days by Esther Mueller, Fredericksburg, Texas

Very lengthy and detailed account of early settler, Conrad Wehmeyer and his family of Fredericksburg. Depicts lengthy and troublesome life of a pioneer settlement. Conrad Wehmeyer was born in Huttenhausen, Westphalia, Prussia, February 16, 1816. In Berlin, where he was a soldier in the regiment of the Crown Prince Frederick, who later became Frederick III of Prussia. Came into area with many German Immigrants, many of whom are named in this article: Sussmann, "Stadt Creek.", Herman Hitzfeld, who was a "tischler", (cabinet-maker,) the Adelsverein, the Verein, Louise Klingelhoef, Johann Jost Klingelhoef, Eibelshausen, Amt. Dillenburg, Herzogtum Nassau, the school in Dillenburg, Lungkowitz, Apoteke Muller, Heinrich Kespohl, Wilhn Huttenhausen, Westphalia, seven of their nine children grew to maturity, and scattered, from home. Pauline and Robert died in infancy. The other children, in order of age, are: August Wehmeyer, who died at Quincy, Ill., in 1929; Sidonie, (Mrs. August Sembritsky) of Fredericksburg. Alwine, (Mrs. August Weber,) who died in 1929, Elise, (Mrs. Richard Tatch) of San Antonio. Adolph Wehmeyer of Fredericksburg-, Bertha, (Mrs. W. C. Kiehne) of Menard, and Emma, (Mrs. William Mueller) of Fredericksburg. Baron's Creek, or Stadt Creek as it is known in "Fredericksburg Deutsch," Saenger and Schaper, Mr. Guenther, Mrs. Tatsch, Schmidt, Albert Keidel.

Notes for Louise KLINGELHOEFER:

1900 Gillespie Co., TX - she was a dress maker - immigrated 1845 - naturalized 1855