

Emil Braeutigam

Emil Braeutigam ----- February 11, 1869 --to---- August 20, 1929

Married: October 10, 1891

Anna Stoffers ----- August 29, 1872 --to--- December 27, 1962

Children:

Max H. -----December 4, 1892 to

Antonie S. -----April 9, 1894 to

Sophie -----May 27, 1897 to

Walter -----June 7, 1900 to

Elfrieda -----June 10, 1902 to

Udo -----March 9, 1907 to

Emil -----June 1, 1909 to

Dora -----January 3, 1912 to

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A. Max H. Braeutigam

Born: December 4, 1892

Died:

Married: August 3, 1919

To: Martha Herbort

Born: July 26, 1897

Died: July 19, 1947

1. Ethel Thekla Braeutigam

Born: October 26, 1920

Died:

Married: November 5, 1938

To: Kermit Zauner Schnelle

Born: March 29, 1920

Died:

a. Joanne Martha

Born: February 8, 1940

Died:

Married: January 1, 1958

To: Charles Foster Butler

Born: October 7, 1936

Died:

(1) Curtis Lee Butler

Born: November 28, 1958

Died:

(2) Cheryl Lynn Butler

Born: August 10, 1960

Died:

(3) Kieth Allen Butler

Born: June 3, 1962

Died:

(4) Charles Gregory Butler

Born: May 21, 1964

Died:

b. Nandine Jeanette

Born: January 30, 1943

Died:

Married: February 25, 1961

To: Dr. Thomas Edward Barker

Born: April 15, 1940

Died:

(1) LeAnne Paula Barker

Born: July 15, 1964

Died:

(2) James Robert Barker

Born: December 23, 1966

Died:

c. Kaye Elaine
Born: April 9, 1944
Died:
Married: December 14, 1963
To: Donald Eugene Hodges
Born: December 2, 1939
Died:
(1) Randy Aaron Hodges
Born: June 15, 1967
Died:

d. Denise Doreen
Born: November 9, 1950
Died:
Married: August 30, 1969
To: Bruce Earl Daniels
Born: July 23, 1948
Died:

2. Louis Emil Braeutigam
Born: August 19, 1923
Died:
Married: September 24, 1944
To: Dovie Schellhase
Born: September 14, 1925
Died:

a. Carolyn Joyce
Born: September 11, 1948
Died:
Married: February 17, 1967
To: Robert Melton Payton
Born: September 11, 1943
Died:

b. Dewaine Charles Braeutigam
Born: August 19, 1945
Died:
Married: August 5, 1967
To: Anna Fern McGough
Born: January 17, 1949
Died:

3. Aileen Louise
Born: February 24, 1929
Died:
Married: April 12, 1947
To: Wayne John Klausmeier
Born: February 23, 1927
Died:

a. Mary Katherine Klausmeier
Born: January 9, 1948
Died:
Married: August 5, 1968
To: Earl Martin Gurney
Born: August 29, 1946
Died:

- b. Martha Ann Klausmeier
Born: August 27, 1949
Died:
Married: February 2, 1968
To: James Pineau
Born: September 6, 1934
Died:
- c. Karen Lynn Klausmeier
Born: July 29, 1955
Died:
- d. Charles Michael Klausmeier
Born: September 5, 1956
Died:
- e. Mark Alan Klausmeier
Born: May 26, 1959
Died:
- f. Wade Matthew Klausmeier
Born: September 23, 1965
Died:
- 4. Max William Braeutigam
Born: July 2, 1935
Died:
Married: September 19, 1954
To: Francis Ethel Stark
Born: December 6, 1935
Died:
- a. Cynthia Rae
Born: September 8, 1955
Died:
- b. David William
Born: September 14, 1958
Died:
- c. Joe Lynn
Born: April 5, 1960
Died:

Max William Braeutigam's second marriage was to Dora Hall. Her birth date is July 11, 1888.

B. Antonie S. (Tony)
Born: April 9, 1894
Died:
Married: March 16, 1920
To: Otto Adolf Eckhardt
Born: April 24, 1894

1. Gilbert A. E. Eckhardt
Born: December 20, 1920
Died:
Married: August 28, 1947
To: Esther Schaetter
Born: March 21, 1922
Died:

a. Bruce Lawrence
Born: March 23, 1949
Died:
Married: March 22, 1969
To: Dinal Kay Moehle
Born: December 10, 1949
Died:

b. Earl Gerard
Born: June 9, 1951
Died:

c. Marcella Marie
Born: December 17, 1954
Died:

d. Frances Elaine
Born: January 16, 1959
Died:

2. Esther Elfrieda Eckhardt
Born: October 7, 1922
Died:
Married: November 4, 1961
To: Jerry C. Williams
Born: August 12, 1918
Died:

3. Alvin H. Eckhardt
Born: May 15, 1925
Died: June 26, 1941

4. Victor Werner Eckhardt
Born: February 28, 1927
Died:
Married: November 18, 1948
To: Jocelyn Roeder
Born: February 17, 1932
Died:

a. Gary Charles
Born: June 13, 1950
Died:

b. Rodney James
Born: February 26, 1953
Died:

c. Ann Denise
Born: November 9, 1960
Died:

5. Adeline Lydia Eckhardt
Born: November 9, 1928
Died:
Married: May 1, 1948
To: Elmer A. Herbort
Born: November 26, 1928
Died:
- a. Suzanne Michelle
Born: September 5, 1950
Died:
Married: October 4, 1969
To: Stephen Lee Warthein
Born: April 26, 1950
Died:
- b. Nancy Kay
Born: December 18, 1951
Died:
- c. Joy Lynn
Born: June 15, 1954
Died:
6. Clemens Edgar Eckhardt
Born: December 8, 1930
Died:
7. Donald Edgar Eckhardt
Born: March 5, 1932
Died:
8. Eric Otto Eckhardt
Born: October 27, 1933
Died:
Married: June 15, 1958
To: Jo Ann Spies
Born: August 25, 1937
Died:
- a. Tammy Ann
Born: November 17, 1959
Died:
- b. Bryon Glenn
Born: January 20, 1961
Died:
- c. Russel Wayne
Born: November 19, 1968
Died:
9. Norma Lydia Eckhardt
Born: December 9, 1935
Died:
Married: June 5, 1954
To: Herbert H. Halfmann
Born: May 5, 1931
Died:
- a. Judith Ann Halfmann
Born: January 26, 1955
Died:

b. Kenneth Herbert Halfmann
Born: March 8, 1961
Died:

10. Norma's twin sister died at birth.

C. Sophie Braeutigam
Born: May 27, 1897
Died:

Married: April 3, 1917
To: Arthur Gold
Born: October 19, 1892
Died:

1. Vera Gold

Born: December 31, 1918
Died:
Married: October 22, 1941
To: Clarence Jacoby
Born: December 28, 1908
Died:

a. Maynett

Born: August 23, 1944
Died:
Married: December 22, 1968
To: Lowell Johnson
Born: August 23, 1944
Died:

(1) Sheela Rene

Born: February 23, 1967
Died:

b. Clarence, Jr.

Born: November 30, 1953
Died:

2. Viola Gold

Born: October 24, 1920
Died: December 19, 1932

3. Raymond Gold

Born: December 15, 1929
Died:

Married: May 3, 1964

To: Alice Skinner
Born: August 23, 1942
Died:

a. Twila Gold

Born: November 12, 1961
Died:

b. Sophie

Born: September 7, 1965
Died:

c. Raymond Gold, Jr.

Born: May 20, 1968
Died:

4. Margaret Ann Gold

Born: May 17, 1934
Died:

Married: July 29, 1956

To: Theodor W. Mueller
Born: November 29, 1932
Died:

- a. Yvonne Mueller
Born: July 16, 1958
Died:
- b. Lisa Mueller
Born: April 3, 1961
Died:
- c. Myron Mueller
Born: August 7, 1963
Died:

D. Walter Braeutigam

Born: June 7, 1900
Died:
Married: November 22, 1925
To: Cora Olfers
Born: August 30, 1906
Died:

- 1. John Henry Braeutigam
Born: May 30, 1926
Died:
Married: May 29, 1948
To: Rita Kammlah
Born: September 24, 1926
Died:

- a. Paulette Ann Braeutigam
Born: August 17, 1956
Died:

- 2. Calvin Braeutigam
Born: March 5, 1929
Died:

- 3. Franklin Braeutigam
Born: August 17, 1932
Died:
Married: August 28, 1954
To: Cordie Ellen Mitchell
Born: July 2, 1937
Died:

- a. Chris Braeutigam
Born: December 10, 1954
Died:

- b. Wayne Braeutigam
Born: November 19, 1957
Died:

- c. Leann Braeutigam
Born: December 11, 1965
Died:

- 4. Fredrick James Braeutigam
Born: October 7, 1934
Died:
Married: October 12, 1957
To: Marjorie Ann Wilson
Born: September 22, 1942
Died:

- a. Darrel Braeutigam
Born: September 30, 1961
Died:

b. Brenda
Born: October 4, 1963
Died:

c. Tammy Lyn
Born: April 28, 1967
Died:

5. Gerald Wayne
Born: April 16, 1944
Died:
Married: June 18, 1966
To: Virginia Jacquelin Whitehead
Born: August 13, 1948
Died:

a. Kevin Wayne
Born: January 4, 1969
Died:

E. Elfrida Clara Braeutigam
Born: June 10, 1903
Died:
Married: December 23, 1930
To: Harry F. Eckhardt
Born: July 3, 1902
Died:

a. Lee Harry
Born: January 19, 1933
Died:
Married: October 17, 1954
To: Elda Marie Jordon
Born: June 4, 1933
Died:

1. Brenda Lee Eckhardt
Born: September 13, 1955
Died:

2. Kevan Wayne
Born: July 3, 1962
Died:

3. Robert Louis
Born: February 15, 1968
Died:

b. James Adolf
Born: January 9, 1937
Died:
Married: October 19, 1957
To: Carol Ann Gold
Born: September 24, 1937
Died:

1. Bryan Keith
Born: May 21, 1959
Died:

2. Kim Suzanne
Born: August 29, 1960
Died:

3. Kyle Ross
Born: June 23, 1965
Died:

F. Udo Hermann

Born: March 9, 1907

Died:

Married: November 22, 1933

To: Alma Johanna Doell

Born: March 22, 1911

Died:

G. Emil Alfred

Born: June 1, 1909

Died:

Married: December 7, 1935

To: Elizabeth Charlotte Garms

Born: August 17, 1916

Died:

1. Karl Alfred

Born: October 3, 1941

Died:

Married: December 21, 1963

To: Jacqueline Marie Doolittle

Born: September 11, 1943

Died:

a. Karl Alfred, Jr.

Born: July 5, 1968

Died:

b. Karen Michele

Born: April 29, 1966

2. Kurt William

Born: May 15, 1944

Died:

Married: December 1, 1962

To: Barbara Jean Sellers

Born: August 14, 1943

a. Sherrie Denise

Born: February 25, 1965

Died:

b. Julie Christine

Born: March 31, 1967

Died:

H. Dora E.

Born: January 3, 1912

Died:

Married: January 4, 1931

To: Alex A. Behrends

Born: January 15, 1907

Died:

1. Clayton

Born: July 31, 1936

Died:

Married: September 3, 1956

To: Ellie Mae Jung

Born: August 14, 1936

Died:

a. Ricky Blane

Born: June 3, 1958

b. Gerard Keith

Born: March 7, 1960

c. Glen Stacy

Born: June 3, 1962

Emil Braeutigam

Emil Braeutigam was born February 11, 1869, the third youngest son of John Wolfgang and Christine Kensing Braeutigam who emigrated from Germany, arriving in Texas in 1845 as members of a courageous colony who founded Fredericksburg, Texas in 1846.

He received his education in Fredericksburg, consisting mainly of the three "R's" and most of it in the German language. He grew up with the atmosphere of *gemeidelichkeit* for the hard working colonists, which was provided by the Braeutigam's Garten, and all of the children including Emil who was growing up at the time, had to help to develop and keep it. They were fortunate since they never missed any of the festivities although it meant work for each of the children.

Although Emil was born at Drei Krichen, (Luckenbach) he soon moved to their new place with his parents about three miles from Fredericksburg, upon which was located the abandoned Ft. Martin Scott. He grew up on this place and was married on October 10, 1891 to Anna Stoffers who was born August 29, 1872, a daughter of Fritz Stoffers and wife Minna Cramm who also were among the early colonists. They settled on a farm and improved some of the land owned by his father and later expanded by buying more land from several neighbors. Their place became their homestead about three miles or so southeast of Fredericksburg at the fork of the Austin and the old San Antonio road, less than one mile south of where his parents lived.

They were a progressive family, trying in a variety of ways to make ends meet and get ahead. The farm was the mainstay with cotton as the main crop, but there would also be an income from chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks (for feathers), cows, etc. Incidentally, the cows would have to be milked before daylight and night part of the year in order that everybody was ready for the cottonfields at daybreak. Many a pound of butter, cheese and milk were sold. Eggs had to be packed in cotton seed in buckets in order to take the heavy knocks of wagon hauling, nevertheless they found a good market with the townspeople. Aunt Anna's mustang grapes, which she so often picked herself, brought many a nice glass of grape jelly on the tables in Fredericksburg.

Being that the Emil Braeutigam's home was close to the road at the fork of the Austin and San Antonio road, in the early days when people traveled by wagons, carriages, and freight wagons drawn by horses, there was hardly a night during a rainy season, when somebody wouldn't camp in their yard. Especially in times of high water, since their house had creeks on either side of it, many people became stranded and they always found a warm welcome and a warm stove at the Braeutigam home.

The family enjoyed an industrious and happy life until on August 20, 1929 sudden death took the life of the father of the family. Mrs. Anna Braeutigam with the help of her family carried on the best they could. He had only reached the age of sixty.

Emil Braeutigam

In 1942, they sold the place to Hiram Hodges and Oma Braeutigam at the age of 70 retired to Fredericksburg where she lived until she passed on December 27, 1962 with the nice age of 90 years.

Emil and Anna Braeutigam were blessed with eight children, namely: Max, born December 4, 1882; Antonie S., born April 9, 1894; Sophie, May 27, 1897; Walter, born June 7, 1900; Elfrieda, born June 10, 1902; Udo, born March 9, 1907; Emil, born June 1, 1909; Dora, born January 3, 1912.

The Emil Braeutigam family were active members of the Bethany and Holy Ghost Lutheran Churches.

Max Braeutigam

Max Braeutigam, the oldest son of Emil and Anna Braeutigam, was born December 4, 1892 at Fredericksburg, Texas.

He spent his childhood on his parents farm located southeast of Fredericksburg on the Barons Creek. He attended the Meusebach Creek school which was a daily walk of several miles through the pastures. He helped with the chores of the farm which included working in the cotton field. He was confirmed in Bethany Lutheran Church.

Max stayed on the farm until his early twenties when he had a sunstroke and could no longer work in the heat of the field. He went to work for a cousin Pampell who had a drug store in Kerrville, where he remained until he was called into military service in 1918. Some of his duties in the drug store were to make vanilla from imported vanilla beans.

He was stationed at Camp Mabry near Waco for his basic training and then was sent to France. He was in France when the Armistice was declared in 1918.

Upon his return to the states he was discharged from the service. He married Martha Herbort, the oldest daughter of Louis and Louise Wilke Herbort on August 3, 1919.

He worked in the Herbort's store until 1927 when he opened a dairy south of Fredericksburg and operated this until into the middle thirties. After closing down the dairy he held several positions and in 1941 moved to Comfort, Texas, where he lived until 1949 when he moved to Hobbs, New Mexico. Max and Martha had four children, and they are: Ethel, born in 1920, married to Kermit Schnelle, living in San Antonio, Texas; Louis, the oldest son, married Dovie Schellhase, has two children and lives in Austin, Texas; Aileen, the third child, is married to Wayne Klausmeier, has six children and lives in Tacoma, Washington; Max, the youngest son, has three children and lives in El Paso, Texas.

Max and Martha participated mostly in the singing societies around Fredericksburg and attended many of the Saengerfests in and around the Hill Country.

After a long illness, Martha passed away in July 17, 1947.

In September 1948 Max married Dora Hall with whom he has resided in Hobbs, New Mexico for the past 21 years.

He has since retired and spends his time doing part-time work in the hardware store where he went to work upon moving to New Mexico. He also has a garden and some fruit trees that keep him busy. He is still very active for his 77 years. He still drives his car and still visits his family in and around Fredericksburg.

Ethel Braeutigam

Ethel, the oldest child of Max and Martha Herbolt Braeutigam was born at Fredericksburg, Texas on October 26, 1920.

She spent her early childhood in Fredericksburg where she attended the public school and graduated from high school there in 1938. She also was one of the first to attend the Kindergarten of Mrs. F. J. Maier. Mrs. Maier had the children present programs for the parents and after attending for two years there would be a formal graduation exercise. She attended Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and was confirmed in that church in 1934.

Ethel has one sister and two brothers. In 1928 the family purchased a small place south of town. There the children enjoyed roaming around on the ten acres, which was quiet a change from living in town.

The family of course did not escape the depression. Sometimes they had to do with less or without but this of course was a good lesson for later years. In the fall of 1938- November 5, 1938 - Ethel was married to Kermit Schnelle. They lived on the ranch, south of Fredericksburg known as Handy Stop. In 1941 they moved to San Antonio, where Kermit was employed for the government at Duncan Field which later became part of Kelly Field.

To this union were born four daughters. They are Joanne Martha, named for her two grandmothers. Joanne is married to Charles Butler, who is an officer of the San Antonio police force. They have four children, 3 sons and 1 daughter. Joanne has a responsible position with the government at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio. Nadine is married to Dr. Thomas Barker and at present is living in Galveston, Texas where he is taking an additional course in medicine. They have two children, a son and a daughter. Kaye is married to Donald E. Hodges and lives in San Antonio, Don also being employed at Kelly and Kaye is employed at Southwest Foundation for Research and Education. They have one son. Denise the youngest is married to Bruce Daniels and lives in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Bruce is retired from the Army, having been wounded in Viet Nam. He is now employed at Tinker Air Force Base. Denise is employed at an oil field drilling company as a secretary.

Kermit and Ethel have been active members of the Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star. He has been master of his lodge and has held several state offices. They have both held offices in the local Eastern Star Chapter, and Ethel has been Mother Advisor of the Rainbow Assembly at Boerne. Kermit has just helped organize a New DeMolay Chapter for boys.

Kermit has been employed at Kelly Air Force base since 1941, with the exception of one year which was spent in the Navy during World War II. Ethel has worked in the insurance business for the past 14 years. She is still with the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company.

Louis E. Braeutigam

Louis E. Braeutigam, oldest son of Max and Martha Herbort Braeutigam was born on August 19, 1923 in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended the public schools in Fredericksburg, graduating from Fredericksburg High School in May of 1941.

After Louis finished high school, his family moved to Comfort. In the latter part of the year of 1941 he went to work in San Antonio.

He served in the army from March 1943 to January of 1946 in the U. S. A. and the Phillipines Islands.

On September 24, 1944 Louis was married to Dovie Schellhase, the youngest daughter of Henry and Sophia Etheridge Schellhase. Dovie attended public school in Comfort, Texas. Thereafter she served the role of a housewife and mother to two children; namely, Dewaine C. born on August 19, 1945 - born on the birthdate of his father. Dewaine married Anna Fern McGough who was born January 17, 1949. Carolyn Joyce, second child, was born on September 11, 1948 and was married to Robert Payton who was born on September 11, 1943. Incidentally, Joyce only has to make one birthday cake since she and Robert were born on September 11.

After the children were married, Dovie became a clerk with the Teacher Retirement System. Louis has worked as a Journeyman, a Sheet Metal Worker, and Nursing Assistant, A Salesman and is now employed as clerk with the U. S. Department of the Treasury. He enjoys doing woodwork as a hobby in his spare time.

Louis and Dovie are members of the Methodist Church. Louis is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite Bodies and Shrine, and Dovie is a member of the Eastern Star.

Aileen Braeutigam Klausmeier

Aileen Braeutigam Klausmeier was born in Fredericksburg, Texas on February 24, 1929. She was the third oldest of four children born to Max and Martha Herbort Braeutigam.

Aileen received her grammar grade public school education in Fredericksburg, Texas. After her parents moved to Comfort, Texas, she graduated from Comfort High School.

In April of 1947 she was married to Wayne Klausmeier. Six children were born to this union. Being in the service, they have been stationed in Germany twice; New York City; Wichita, Kansas; Fargo, North Dakota besides San Antonio and Tacoma, Washington.

Wayne is now retired from the U. S. Army and Aileen and Wayne and their family still reside in Tacoma, Washington.

Max Braeutigam

Max Braeutigam, born July 2, 1935 in Fredericksburg, the youngest of 4 children of Max and Martha Braeutigam. He attended public school in Comfort and graduated from Tivy High School in Kerrville, Texas.

Max married Francis Stark September 19, 1955. They had 3 children; Cindy, David, and Joe Lynn. Max was divorced from Francis. He is now married to Diane and has a pair of twins born in 1970.

He is salesman supervisor for Texas Industrials Laundries in El Paso, Texas at present.

Antonie Braeutigam

Antonie Braeutigam was born on April 9, 1894 the oldest daughter of Emil and Anna Stoffers Braeutigam, at their farm home three miles southeast of Fredericksburg. She was baptized and confirmed in the Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Texas.

She attended Meusebach Creek School about three miles south of her home having to cross the Barons Creek and Pedernales River to arrive there. After she finished school she stayed at home and helped with the farm and house work until she married Otto A. Eckhardt on March 16, 1920. Otto was born April 24, 1894 about 2 miles south of Fredericksburg in the house of his parents. He was baptized and confirmed in the Bethany Lutheran Church. He attended Fredericksburg Public School and then helped on the farm of his parents until the World War I first big draft came up in September 18, 1917 when he had to serve in the U. S. Army for 21 months. He served 10 months in Camp Bowie, Ft. Worth, Texas and 11 months on the sea and in France. He received his discharge and arrived back home on June 21, 1919. Antonie and Otto made plans and were married on March 16, 1920 in Bethany Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg. They have been members of this church all of their lives and have brought up their children in the same church.

They settled on a small farm 3 miles south of Fredericksburg where they did intensive farming with cotton, corn, peanuts and oats as their main crops.

On December 20, 1920, their first child was born, a son whom they named Gilbert. By 1935 they had ten children; one was still-born and lost a son in a tractor accident, which left them eight children to this day. As their family grew Otto and Antonie would add to their property until they own 560 acres of land on which they farm, ranch and have peach orchards.

On March 16, 1920 they were privileged to observe their golden wedding anniversary at Legion Hall, where many relatives and friends enjoyed a turkey dinner and great fellowship. Otto and Tony recalled how they used to enjoy the horse and buggy days and when Otto took Tony to the dance one night. There came a tremendous rain and he was unable to get her home until the next morning, due to swollen streams without bridges to cross them. Jokingly, Opa Otto and Oma Tony find it difficult to condemn the younger generation for staying out late when they themselves had to come in late this night.

Gilbert Eckhardt

Gilbert Eckhardt, the oldest son of Tony and Otto Eckhardt, was born on December 20, 1920. He was their pride and joy, for he was a healthy youngster. He was baptized and confirmed in Bethany Lutheran Church, the church of the family.

Soon he was ready for school; attending the Meusebach Creek School for the first 8 years. He then transferred to Fredericksburg Public School for his high school education, graduating in 1939.

After finishing high School he began working for the Hill Country Implement Company in Fredericksburg until 1942. On July 2, 1942 he entered the U. S. Navy in World War II and served 4 years on land and sea. He was credited with two years of college while serving in the Navy. Upon his return he was accepted in the same position at the Hill Country Implement Company.

Gilbert Eckhardt

Having known Esther Schaeffer during high school days, they became attracted to each other and were married on August 28, 1947. Esther was born on March 21, 1922 the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schaeffer. Four children were born to this union; namely, Bruce Lawrence born March 23, 1949, Earl Ger ard born June 9, 1951, Marcella Marie born December 17, 1954 and Francis Elaine born January 16, 1959. On March 22, 1969 Bruce took Dina Kay Moehle, who was born on December 10, 1949 for his wife.

Gilbert is a member of the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. Since they are members of the family that have the Schaeffer Funeral Home, he usually helps at funerals.

Esther E. Eckhardt

Esther E. Eckhardt, the oldest daughter, was born on October 7, 1922 to Otto and Antonie Braeutigam Eckhardt in Fredericksburg, Texas. Her childhood was pleasant, full of fun and hard work. She lived on a farm owned by her parents who are still at home there. Since she was the oldest girl in the family she had more than her share of household duties; taking care of the younger brothers and sisters, working in the garden, yard, and many times in the field, including picking cotton, etc.

Her home being located in the Meusebach Creek Community, she attended school there for the first eight years from 1929 to 1937. She was transferred to Fredericksburg Public Schools where she attended High School from September 1937 to May 1940. After graduating from high school she moved to San Antonio, where she took a business course in the San Antonio Business College from 1940 to 1941.

Upon completion of the business course, she started working for the Federal Government at Kelly Air Force Base in 1942. Frequently she would perform temporary duty at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico and Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Also, for a year in 1947, she took a leave of absence from the federal government and lived in San Francisco, California working for an insurance agency. She enjoyed living on the west coast.

Esther has traveled extensively during vacations, covering almost every state in the union and traveling into Mexico and Canada.

On November 4, 1961, she was married to John O. Williams who is her first and present husband. John was born August 12, 1918 in Berryville, Arkansas. John owns a grocery store and in the evenings, Saturdays and Sundays, she assists him at the store.

Esther was baptized and confirmed in the Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Texas and is still a member of the church.

Her hobbies are traveling, gardening and reading. She is looking forward to retiring within seven years so she can lead a more leisurely life and pursue her hobbies.

She is extremely interested in her ancestral heritage and is grateful that someone has finally undertook to record the family history.

Alvin H. Eckhardt

Alvin H. Eckhardt, the third child and second son of Otto and Antonie Braeutigam Eckhardt, was born on May 15, 1925 in Fredericksburg, Texas. He was baptized and confirmed in the Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg.

He attended Meusebach Creek Public School and Fredericksburg High School.

While helping with the farm work, he was taken from this world at the early age of 16 as the result of a tractor accident. He died On June 26, 1941. He is buried in the City Cemetary in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Victor Eckhardt

Victor, fourth child of Tony and Otto Eckhardt, was born on February 28, 1927, went to Meusebach Creek School and finished high school in Fredericksburg in 1944. Having more than their share of work, Victor found it advisable to help on the farm until 1946. He was drafted into the U. S. Navy during World War II and served on the Pacific Ocean for 9 months. He returned home in July of 1947. He began taking a G.I. Business Course at Draughon's College. He then returned home to take up farming, ranching and commercial peach orchards. His orchard consists of 130 acres and produces on the average of 10,000 bushels.

On November 18, 1948 he was married to Jocelyn Roeder, Born on February 17, 1932. Jocelyn has been employed as bookkeeper for Market Produce. Three children were born to Victor and Jocelyn; namely, Gary Charles born June 13, 1950, Rodney James born February 26, 1953 and Ann Denise born November 9, 1960.

He is a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church.

Adeline Lydia Eckhardt

Adeline Lydia, the fifth child, was born to Otto and Antonie Braeutigam Eckhardt on November 9, 1928. She received her elementary education at Meusebach Community School. The only mode of transportation was on the back of a horse seated behind her oldest sister or brothers. Through the entire time of attendance at Meusebach Creek School the most vivid memory was when their horse refused to cross the Pedernales river one afternoon and stopped in the middle of the stream and laid down. During the summer her brothers, sisters and she had to work on the farm. At this time her father was predominately raising peanuts. It was their job to shake the sand from the peanuts and lay them in rows. In the fall much school was missed due to picking cotton. Although she missed some school due to farm work she knows however that this was a tremendous help to building her character and obedience to her parents as well as perseverance for later life and work. She realizes now that it was necessary as her parents were unable to hire outside labor. Adeline attended Fredericksburg High School where she graduated in 1946. However much she appreciated her education at high school she declares that her entire future life was formulated during her senior year when she met and dated the young man who was to be her future husband.

AdelineLydia Eckhardt

Early in June of 1946 she enrolled in Draughons College in San Antonio. Later she went to work at Kelly Air Force Base in Civil Service.

On May 1, 1948 Adeline was married to Elmer Herbort in Fredericksburg in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. They lived in San Antonio until 1952 where their two oldest daughters, Suzanne and Nancy were born. In 1952 they moved to Boerne where her husband became assistant manager of a retail lumber yard. While living here their third daughter Joy was born June 15, 1954. In 1955 they moved back to San Antonio where Elmer worked for a wholesale lumber firm. During this time, in order to help with the family finances, Adeline designed wedding gowns and other items of sewing. Late in 1956 they were transferred to Lubbock in west Texas where Elmer was District Agent for the lumber company. During these nine years in Lubbock she was not employed outside of the home but kept office for her husband's business. Her outside interests were gardening, working with the Brownies and Girl Scouts. Her hobbies are studying and collecting antiques, and sewing for her family. Her civic interests were primarily assisting her husband in his position as precinct chairman and a member of the executive committee of the Republican Party of Lubbock County. It was her pleasure to work with some of the states political leaders and attending state Republican Convention as a delegate.

Her religious involvements were helping teach in the primary department for eight years. She was active in Women's Circles as well as all other areas of church life including the Lutheran Student Association of Texas Tech.

Life was never dull or without its anxious moments. Elmer's work took him out of town, traveling most of the time. In 1958 Elmer had a very serious accident and was unconcious for four days, the children and Adeline were quite concerned, but God will he survived. In spite of the accident and along with the constant threat in the late spring and early summer of the frequent tornado alerts, when often they had to seek underground shelter, their most pleasureable and enjoyable years were lived in Lubbock.

In 1965 Elmer was transferred back to San Antonio, and Adeline once again resumed her position with Civil Service at Ft. Sam Houston. Our family life once again changed when their oldest daughter Suzanne was married on October 4, 1969 to Stephen Wertheim. This added their first son of whom they are extremely proud. As of this date in 1970 they have two teenage daughters at home. They are active in the affairs of the church local, state wide, and national. Adeline has enjoyed, because of her husband, positions as state leader of the Lutheran Church, traveling with him to various meetings and conventions. She is extremely fortunate in having a very fine home and extremely happy and contented family.

Clemens Edgar Eckhardt

The sixth child of Tony and Otto Eckhardt, was a son named Clemens Edgar, born December 8, 1930. He was baptized and confirmed in Bethany Lutheran Church of which he has been a member ever since.

After finishing school at Meusebach Creek and Fredericksburg High School, he helped at home until he had to serve in the Korean Conflict. He served for two years in the U. S. Army and was a

Clemens Edgar Eckhardt

Radio Operator while he was stationed in Okinawa. Upon his return from the war he has been employed at various jobs. He has been employed as welder for over three years at Mooney Aircraft Company and now is employed as welder in San Antonio.

He is a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church.

Donald Eckhardt

Donald Edgar, the seventh child of the family of Tony and Otto Eckhardt, was born March 5, 1932. He like the rest of the family was baptized and confirmed in the Bethany Lutheran Church. He also attended Meusebach Creek School and finished high school in Fredericksburg in 1949.

After he served two years in the Korean Conflict from 1955 to 1957 he came home and leased his parents land - the farm, ranch and peach orchard and has a farm and ranch of his own in Burnet County near Bertram. The peach orchard consisting of 80 acres of a variety of peaches produces some 10,000 bushels of peaches.

Donald is active in the Farm Bureau Organization, serving on the board for several years.

Eric Otto Eckhardt

Eric Otto Eckhardt, youngest son of Otto and Antonie Eckhardt, was born on October 27, 1933. As a young boy, it was his greatest delight to visit his grandmother. He was baptized and confirmed in the Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Having been born in the Meusebach Creek Community, he attended public school there for his first 8 years of education and was transferred to Fredericksburg High School where he received four years of high school education.

After finishing high school, he worked at Farmers Grain Company in Fredericksburg until he entered the U. S. Army in October of 1954.

Eric is now employed by Lance Peanut Products Company for which he has worked for 6 1/2 years in Hallettsville, Texas.

On June 15, 1958 he was united in marriage to Jo Ann Spies who was born August 25, 1937 in Houston, Texas. Three children were born to this union; namely, Tammy Ann born November 17, 1959 in Fredericksburg, Bryon Gleen born on January 20, 1961 at Fredericksburg and Russel Wayne born November 19, 1968 at Weimer, Texas.

Eric, Jo Ann and children are members of the St. Peter Lutheran Church in Hallettsville of which he has served as secretary of the church council. JoAnn is also active in church work and helps with Vacation Bible School.

His greatest hobby is hunting. He and JoAnn both are great sports fans. Both are looking forward to reading the history of the Braeutigam -Kensing family, to get better acquainted with their relatives.

Norma Lydia Eckhardt

Norma Lydia Eckhardt, youngest daughter of Otto and Antonie Braeutigam Eckhardt, was born on December 9, 1935. She is a twin but her sister was still born.

After attending Meusebach Creek School through the eighth grade, she was transferred to and graduated from Fredericksburg High School.

As a member of a large family, her life was a happy one. They always had an ample food supply, many to play with, and working in the field was like a game. She picked cotton, tomatoes, and peaches, and helped chop weeds out of the peanuts and shake the sand from the peanuts and lay them in a row. Came a snowstorm, she was right in the middle of a good snow fight. When it came to making doughnuts, Norma says her mother was the best and she would make doughnuts by the dishpan full. They were so delicious they would soon be eaten up.

As a teenager at the age of 16 she was in a wreck but recovered nicely. On June 5, 1954 Norma was married to Herbert H. "Boyce" Hoffman. Herbert was born in New Braunfels on May 5, 1931. Two children were born to this union; namely, Judith Ann born on January 26, 1955 and Kenneth Herbert born on March 8, 1961. They had lived in Fredericksburg for one year and then moved to San Antonio on August 17, 1955. They will move to Cain City, a scenic place situated on a hill about seven miles from Fredericksburg. Norma has been a good housewife, mother and helpmate, while Herbert is a driver of test trucks and at present also helps his mother with her farm and ranch.

Her hobby which takes up most of her time is sewing for the family. She enjoys selling Avon Products. Every summer they enjoy going to the coast to camp out, cook out, swim a little and do some fishing for a few days.

Norma and her family were in an automobile accident on August 24, 1968 in Beeville, Texas on the way to the coast. The children weren't hurt much but Boyce and Norma had fractured their backs and were hospitalized for 14 days, in bed for two months and were unable to work for 6 months.

Norma was baptized, confirmed and a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church. She and the family are still members of the same church.

Sophie Minna Braeutigam

On May 27, 1897, Sophie Minna Braeutigam, the third oldest member and second daughter of Emil and Anna Stoffers Braeutigam, was born at her parents farm house near Fredericksburg, Texas. Mrs. Hahn was midwife to Anna as a doctor was seldom called to a child birth.

As a child, Sophie had to suffer with earache and once when she was visiting at her Uncle Otto Braeutigam's, she was bit by a dog while she was running from a turkey gobbler. She was in bed for several days from the bite and shock. Her playmates were her brothers and sisters since there were no close neighbors.

Travel was so slow in those days. When they would visit with the cousins at Doss, the Henry Sattlers, the Henry Kensings, the Julius Langes, it would take them five hours to get there whereas it takes only twenty-five minutes now a days. Other cousins like the Henry Schaefers and the grandparents were visited. They would use the wagon for business and hack and buggy for pleasure. Because it took so long to arrive at their destination, they would have to spend the night quite often.

Sophie's grandparents from her mother's side, the Fritz Stoffers, lived on Main Street, in the little rock house that is now occupied by the Bassie Express Co., while grandmother Braeutigam (who was a widow) lived about a mile from Sophie's parents. Oma Braeutigam would come afoot to visit the Emil Braeutigams about once a month. Anna always served her a cup of half coffee and half cream, which was her favorite drink. She would carry an umbrella with her, as protection against the sun and rain. In the evening, the family would take her home in the "buggy". Sophie like many of her cousins would spend a day with Grandma Stoffers and clean house for her since she was a victim of terrific headaches.

She joined her brother Max and sister Antonie at the age of 7 to walk the $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles or more to school every morning and evening. They would join Uncle Otto's and Richard's children, who would also attend Meusebach Creek School. Not only the distance but the crossing of the Barrons Creek and Pedernales River in rainy seasons required perseverance to attend school regularly. After finishing the seventh grade at Meusebach, she helped do the chores at home and the field duty which required the help of all members of the family.

As she was growing up she attended outdoor play parties in the summer and games parties in the parlors in the winter and dances at public dance halls and house dances. These entertainments were enjoyed on occasions like birthdays, weddings and holidays. She met Arthur Gold at a Rheingold School Closing in June of 1915 and preferred him to other boy friends. The next time they met was at the Gillespie County Fair, where Arthur walked her home to Oma and Opa Stoffers house. In September he came to visit and meet Sophie's parents. On October 10, 1915 to Emil and Anna's Silver Wedding Anniversary, where he became convinced to propose marriage to her.

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They made plans for a wedding in spring and were married on April 3, 1917 at the home of Sophie's parents. They spent the night at her parents home and the next morning loaded all of Sophie's personal belongings and pieces of furniture on a wagon losing a rocker in the trip. They went to the home of Augusta Gold, a widow and mother of Arthur Gold. Sophie and Arthur lived with her until her demise at the age of 90 years. Arthur was born on October 19, 1892 and was reared on this same place, doing farming and ranching until the spring of 1970 when they bought a place on Elk Street in Fredericksburg to retire taking with them many antique pieces of furniture including the bed they have slept in for 53 years.

Their old house was started with a 16 by 16 log house with an addition of a rock house. They updated this house several times until it was finally torn down and remodeled into a comfortable modern home in 1958.

On December 31, 1918 the last day of the year, their first child was born, a daughter whom they named Vera. She was baptized and confirmed in the Cave Creek Lutheran Church which Sophie and Arthur have been active members. Their second daughter Viola, was born on October 24, 1920 and after a pause of 9 years, their son Raymond was born on December 15, 1929. In the year 1934 on May 17 another daughter Margaret Ann was born.

Vera Tony Gold

Vera, the oldest daughter of Arthur and Sophie Braeutigam Gold, was born on the last day of the year, December 31, 1918 on a cold rainy day with Mrs. Jacob Gold and Dr. Williamson in attendance.

She attended school at Rheingold finishing the seventh grade but was fortunate in attending night school under the able teacher, Mr. Lee Feuge, who was also their regular teacher.

She met Clarence Jacoby, born on December 28, 1908, and became his wife on October 22, 1941. He was the son of Max and Lena Birck Jacoby. They made their home in the Meusebach Creek Community, for 6 years renting a Kuhlman's place. After leaving this place they lived in the Rheingold Community until they moved in with Clarence's father after Clarence's mother passed on. In 1954, they bought the Jacoby Place and have made it their home ever since. Clarence went to school in the Nebgen Public School. He is a farmer and rancher, and works at the Gillespie Livestock Company.

Vera spent most of her life being a good wife and mother. She and Clarence have been good church workers, taking their children to Sunday School regularly. They have tried to educate their children as much as their children desire and have been working with 4 H and Home Demonstration Clubs. Their daughter, Maynett did well in many 4 H projects and Vera attended Home Demonstration meetings regularly and was a member of the County Home Demonstration Council. Vera is presently employed as a Nurses Aide at Brown's Nursing Home. Her family enjoys hunting and rodeos and Vera's hobby is sewing for her family.

Vera Tony Gold
(Sophie Minna Bräeutigam)

Clarence and Vera have two children. Maynett, the oldest child was born on August 23, 1944 and attended Stonewall Public School until she had to be transferred to Fredericksburg High School from which she graduated in May of 1962. After graduating she attended nursing school but later decided to take up business education in Dallas. Upon completion she accepted a bookkeeping job for an insurance company. While working in Dallas, Maynett met Lowell Johnson from Dallas and they were married on December 22, 1968. Lowell was serving his duty in the army and was transferred to Kansas City, Kansas where Maynett joined him and worked for the same insurance company. Later he was sent to Vietnam and Maynett returned to Dallas, continuing her work with the insurance company. Lowell who was a helicopter pilot over Vietnam fighting zone but was discharged and is back safely with his family, employed as a salesman for auto parts. They have one daughter, Sheila Rene.

Vera's only son, Clarence, Jr., was born on November 30, 1953. He has been attending public school in Stonewall, Texas but transferred to Fredericksburg High School. He is a member of the F. F. A., and enjoys the F. F. A. Rodeos, especially riding broncs and bulls. He is now a sophomore.

Viola Ottilia Gold

The second child Viola was born to Sophie and Arthur Gold on October 24, 1920 at the home of her parents with Mrs. Christian Schaefer and Dr. Williamson in attendance.

At an early age, it was detected that she tired easily and found it difficult to walk to school. Her father bought a horse for the girls to ride to school on, the school being $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from their home. With a check up at the doctors it was discovered that she had diabetes. Insulin shots had to be given to her every day by her mother. Special flour had to be bought to bake her small loaves of bread and sweets were forbidden except one apple and orange was allowed her as a treat for Christmas.

In her weakened condition she caught scarlet fever with which it was a miracle she survived. A year or so later she contracted Bronchial Pneumonia which took her life on December 19, 1932. When they feared for her life they showed her the tricycle Raymond was supposed to have for his third Christmas, she was so happy for little brother, and this tricycle is still in the family in working condition. She was a very helpful and friendly little girl.

Raymond Arthur Gold

After a pause of 9 years, the third child a son named Raymond was born to Sophie and Arthur Gold on December 15, 1929, in the Arthur Gold farm house at Rheingold, 2 A. M. with Dr. Williamson attending and Mrs. Fred Wagh assisting. It was raining so much the doctor lost one shoe in the mud on his way to the house.

He attended school at Rheingold but preferred working instead of furthering his education. He had completed the ninth grade work. He fed calves for 4 H Stock Shows from 1944 to 1946.

Raymond Arthur Gold
(Sophie Minna Braeutigam)

In 1952 he became interested in road construction work. He worked about 5 to 7 months a year on construction work and the rest of the year helping his Dad farm the extra land he had rented.

By 1956 he started full time construction work for Kidwell Construction Company, working in Gillespie, Travis, and in Wise counties until September of 1957. He then moved to Dallas but he did not like it there, so he came home for 2 weeks after which he started bridge construction work at New Braunsfels, Texas for Gean Word Company. He stayed with them for 7 years living in New Braunsfels 6 of the 7 years. This one year he worked for the County. He did a job at McGregor, Texas where he built 3 bridges across the South Bosfye River. He Commuted from New Braunsfels to Austin, San Marcos, San Antonio and Blanco. Most of this work was on I. H. 35.

During his stay in New Braunsfels, he met Alice Faye Skinner to whom he was married on May 3, 1964 on a Sunday afternoon in St. Paul Lutheran Church. Alice Faye was born on August 23, 1942 in San Antonio, Texas.

In October of 1964 Raymond once again went to work with Kidwell Construction Company of Dallas as a bridge foreman. He started with an underpass job at Bells, Texas. Six months after their marriage Raymond adopted his wife's 3 year old daughter by her first marriage. Twila Inez was born November 12, 1961.

At this time Raymond and his family moved on to a job at Garland, Texas in May of 1965. Here they were blessed with a daughter named Sophie Ann on September 7, 1965.

In the spring of 1966 on March 21 a 4,000 pound form fell, due to a cable break, knocking Raymond off a ladder and landing on him in a creek bottom. Five days later his leg had to be amputated half way between the knee and the ankle, due to a crushed ankle and foot and lack of circulation through the one remaining blood vessel. With the help of crutches, Raymond was back at work in 5 weeks, but had to wait 6 months before getting fitted with his artificial leg. After receiving his artificial leg he soon learned to use it as well as his own leg. Having moved on to the job at Knippa, Texas he had to rent a house at Sabinal, the closest larger community, on May 3, 1966. Their next move came when he took a job at Dryden, Texas in the last week of January in 1967 - this being the most memorable job of their travels. Finding the friendliest people we made life long friends there. Experiences such as shooting two large javelinás right out of our bedroom window, and finding the rattlesnakes and tarantulas so prominent gave us quite a taste of pioneer life. The house we lived in was insecure in construction but the spirit of the people in that country certainly made up for everything.

Soon they were on there way to Farmers Branch, Texas doing construction jobs at Irving, Dallas and Denton, Texas.

Raymond Arthur Gold
(Sophie Minna Braeutigam)

While in Dallas their son Raymond Arthur, Jr. was born at the Presbyterian Hospital on May 20, 1968.

On September 7, 1969 Madisonville, Texas was their next destination to do a job at Huntsville. No house was available in Huntsville, so they had to live in Madisonville. They found the nearby prison farms had made a great impression on our entire family and found it greatly influenced the local people. It was here that Twila started the first grade of school.

From here we moved on to Comanche, Texas finding a large farm house just 4 miles from the job at a little community called Newberry.

Due to Raymond's parents declining health, he and his family moved into the house with them on November 8, 1969. Raymond batches during the week at the nearest town to his job and comes home every weekend. He is now on a job at Caldwell, Texas, which he started the last week in December of 1969. This move has put Twila in the second grade of Fredericksburg Grammer School, very interested in school, and shows much promise to future studies, and Sophie age 4 is very much at home with the animals on the farm and Ray age 18 months and Alice having been born in the city are becoming quite adjusted. With Alice a devoted wife and mother Raymond is looking forward very much toward the day he can leave construction work and come home to the farm full time. It is his life's ambition to remain on the farm but with the dwindling prices for grain and farm crops, it will be rather to ranch with cattle and sheep and crops as a supplement to ranching.

Margaret Ann Gold

Margaret Ann Gold was born May 17, 1934 in Fredericksburg, Texas. She is the youngest daughter of Sophie Braeutigam Gold and Arthur.

She attended the Rheingold Public School and Fredericksburg High School from which she graduated in May of 1952.

After graduation from high school, she worked 4 years as an operator with the telephone company in Fredericksburg.

On July 29, 1956 Margaret was married to Theodor W. Mueller of Fredericksburg, a son of the Albert Muellers. Theodore was born on November 29, 1932 attended Fredericksburg Public School. Margaret and Theodor made their home in San Antonio and lived there for 9 years where Theodore was employed as a carpenter with L. A. Denton and Son. Margaret worked at Beverly Studios and Studers Studios for 2 years.

Three children were born to Margaret and Theodore; namely, Yvonne born July 16, 1958, Lisa born April 3, 1961 and Myron born August 7, 1963. All were born in Fredericksburg.

In 1966 they moved to Canyon View Acres located in Bulverde, Texas where all of their children are attending public school by now.

The family belongs to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bulverde.

Theodore is still a carpenter and is doing self contracting. Margaret, after being a housewife and busy mother, is again at work at the Comal Cottons in San Antonio as a sales clerk.

Walter Braeutigam

Walter Braeutigam, second oldest son and fourth child of Emil and Anna Stoffers Braeutigam was born on June 7, 1900.

He with his three brothers and four sisters made the tiresome trip of 4 miles to and from the Meusebach Creek School to receive his seven grade education. Two streams had to be crossed; the Barrons Creek and Pedernales River. On rainy days and other adverse conditions, the children were taken to school by buggy or hack drawn by horses. Otherwise coats and umbrellas had to suffice to face the conditions of the weather. Time permitting, they would stop at Uncle Otto's to warm up; the next stop would be at the grandest neighbors, the Otto Weinheimer's where a piece of butter. Brot was enjoyed by all the youngsters. During his seven years of school Walter enjoyed learning under three teachers; namely, Reinholdt Eckhardt, Albert Feidler and Alfred Heimann.

After years of hard work on the farm, Walter made plans to be married. He was fortunate to have met and fallen in love with Cora Olfers to whom he became married on November 22, 1925. Cora the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Olfers was born in the home of her grandmother Mrs. Julius Gold in Rheingold, Texas. She was baptized at the Cave Creek Lutheran Church where she attended Sunday school and church with her parents who were members of this church. She was reared in the Rheingold Community until she was 8 years of age when her parents moved to Fredericksburg. When Cora had started school and her neighbor girl, Elsa Gold, both had a donkey to ride to school. Donkeys are known to be stubborn and so were these. The girls would often have to get off and lead them for a while before they were ready to get going but the sad situation was that they would be late to school. After living in Fredericksburg, she attended the public school there. She started to work at Woolworth's Store in San Antonio after finishing school.

Upon Cora's return to Fredericksburg, Walter and Cora were married and made their home with Walter's folks where Walter's daddy built them a house and Walter did the farming. Four of their boys were born there but they decided to move to town where Walter started working for Texas State Highway Department for 50¢ per hour. He found it hard to make ends meet with a family of 4 children.

They built their own and present home in 1942, and established their own business "South Heights Service Station and Grocery. They had this business for 7 years, when long hours forced them to sell out. He then leased a Dairy Cream until he bought shares in Farmers Grain Company where he started working in the egg department and was made manager of this department.

Walter started part time retirement in 1967 and sold his shares in 1970 and retired full time. Cora started working at the Fredericksburg Hospital and Clinic in 1942. Later she took an L.V.N. Course and took State Board Exams in Austin. She worked full time until 1968 and has started working part time as nurse for this hospital.

Walter was baptized in Bethany Lutheran Church and was confirmed by Pastor KonZack of this church to which he and Cora belong and have brought up their children in.

John Henry Braeutigam

John Henry Braeutigam, oldest son of Walter and Cora Olfers Braeutigam, was born on May 30, 1926. He received his public school education at Fredericksburg graduating from Fredericksburg High School in May of 1944.

After volunteering and serving his Army duty, he started working at Stehling Brothers Men's Store.

After graduating from high school, he volunteered for his army duty and served on the medical staff in New Jersey. Upon receiving his discharge he began working for Stehling Brothers Men's Store as clerk. By now he has controlling interest and is president of the concern.

During the years he became attracted to Rita Kammlah and made her his wife on May 29, 1948 in the St. Marys Catholic Church.

Rita was born on September 24, 1926 the only daughter of Louis Kammlah. She graduated from St. Marys High School in May of 1944 and began working in the Sewing Factory since sewing was her main hobby.

After being childless for ten years they adopted a girl who was born on August 17, 1956.

Calvin Braeutigam

Calvin Braeutigam, second oldest child of Walter and Cora Olfers Braeutigam, was born on March 5, 1929. He attended school in the Fredericksburg Public School.

After becoming army age he volunteered and served three months in Arkansas. After his discharge he made his home in San Antonio.

Franklin Braeutigam

Franklin Braeutigam, the third oldest son of Walter and Cora Olfers Braeutigam, arrived in their home on August 17, 1932.

After receiving his education in Fredericksburg Public School, graduating on May of 1952, he joined the U. S. Navy. He received his basic training in Long Beach, California and served in the Korean War. His service in Japan was quite an experience.

After returning home upon his discharge he became interested in settling down to family life. Cordie Ellen Mitchell was Franklin's choice for a wife, so they were married on August 28, 1954. Cordie Ellen was born July 2, 1937, at Cleburne, Texas but lost her mother at the age of 2 years. After having been raised by her relatives for a while, she came to live with her sister, Mrs. D. Whitehead; she received her public education in Fredericksburg, graduating in 1955.

Franklin had found work in San Antonio and eventually joined Hunter Hayes Elevator Company in San Antonio, Texas. Later he was transferred to Amarilla where he has a branch office of the Hunter Hayes Elevator Company who have their headquarters in Dallas.

Franklin and Cordie were blessed with three children; namely, Chris born December 10, 1954, Wayne born November 19, 1957 and LeAnn born December 11, 1965.

Frederick James Braeutigam

Frederick James, fourth son of Walter and Cora Olfers Braeutigam was born on October 7, 1934. He attended Public School in Fredericksburg graduating from high school in May of 1952.

He had volunteered for service in the army, but had the misfortune to break an ankle and was rejected from active duty. Instead he began looking for work and with the recommendation of Cora's brother, Harry Olfers who was instrumental in finding jobs for Franklin, Frederick and Gerald Wayne as he held a responsible position with the elevator company himself, Frederick began his job with Hunter Hayes Elevator Company in San Antonio, Texas. Later he was transferred to Temple where he now has a branch office since 1964.

While in San Antonio, he met Marjorie Ann Wilson to whom he was married on October 12, 1959. Marjorie Ann was born on September 22, 1942 in San Antonio. She is employed as a computer with the Computer Machine Wholesale Enterprise.

Frederick James and Marjorie Ann have three children; namely, Darrel born September 30, 1961, Brenda born October 4, 1963 and Tammy Lynn born April 28, 1967.

Gerald Wayne Braeutigam

Gerald Wayne Braeutigam, youngest of the five sons of Walter and Cora Olfers Braeutigam was born on April 16, 1944. He attended Fredericksburg Public School graduating in May of 1962.

Gerald joined the National Guard in 1962 and was stationed in Louisiana for 6 months and received his final discharge in February of 1970.

He followed in the footsteps of his brothers by taking a job with the Hunter Hayes Elevator Company in San Antonio serving as a mechanic for the company, while his brothers are servicing the elevators in their particular branch offices.

Virginia Jacquelin Whitehead, who became the wife of Gerald Wayne, was born on August 13, 1948. Virginia and Gerald were married on June 18, 1966 soon after she graduated in May of 1966. Virginia has been working as typist for Holmes Holm Insurance Company.

They have been blessed with one son, Kevin Wayne, born on January 4, 1969.

Elfrieda Braeutigam

The second youngest daughter of Emil and Anna Stoffers Braeutigam was born on June 10, 1903. She was named Elfrieda, and was baptized and confirmed in the Bethany Lutheran Church.

She attended school at Meusebach Creek School, which was a three mile walk each way, having to cross the Town Creek and the Pedernales River. If time permitted, they would stop at Uncle Otto's and warm up on cold days. From there they would be joined by Otto and Minna's children.

When Frieda had finished school she helped with the house and farm chores. At one time she had planned to become a nurse but her dreams did not materialize. For years she stayed with Mrs. Robert Strieglers in Fredericksburg who wanted companionship and help in carrying on her life when she was ailing and lonely.

On December 23, 1930, she was married to Harry Eckhardt by Rev. K. Konzack, the same pastor that had confirmed both of them in 1917.

Harry Eckhardt, who was born on July 3, 1902, attended Fredericksburg Public School and completed the 3 year course at Dubrey Business College in Fredericksburg. After finishing, he was employed in Maxwell, Texas but due to circumstances he came back to Fredericksburg.

Later he became interested in forming a partnership in business with Hilmar Weinheimer and Percy Nielsen, known as Farmers Grain company of which he served as Vice President. After being in business for 13 years he went into semi-retirement in 1969. He still works several days a week and helps with the farm and commercial peach orchard. Their ranch at Rhinegold also needs their attention.

Frieda was a good wife and mother to her family. First they lived on the old Eckhardt Estate, where they made a good home for Harry's father Adolf Eckhardt until his demise. Later they built themselves a modern home closer to the city limits.

Elfrieda and Harry were blessed with two boys; namely, Lee Harry born on January 19, 1933 and James Adolf born January 9, 1937.

Playing cards with her card club is relaxing for Frieda and she loves to cook and do hand work such as crochet. She never refuses to baby sit with her grandchildren since she loves them so.

Lee Harry Eckhardt

On January 19, 1933 Elfrieda and Harry welcomed their first arrival, a son who was named Lee Harry.

He attended public school in Fredericksburg, graduating from High School in May 1950. After graduation he attended Draughons Business College. He came back to Fredericksburg where he helped

Elfrieda Braeutigam

on the farm and ranch and began working part time and is by now a stockholder and is employed full time in the Farmers Grain Company.

On October 17, 1954, Lee Harry was married to Elda Marie Jordon of Ingram, Texas. Elda Marie was born June 4, 1933, attended public school at Kerrville graduating from Tivy High School in May 1952. After graduation she was employed by the City Public Service in San Antonio.

On January 9, 1956, came the time to serve in the army. He was sent to Ft. Ord, California, Ft. Hood, Texas and Ft. Dix, New Jersey for training and reached the rank of Sargent. While he was at Ft. Dix, his wife and daughter Brenda Lee, who was born on September 13, 1955, joined him and lived at Egypt, N. J. He got his release in October of 1957, came back to Fredericksburg where he took Reserve Training until he received his discharge from military duty in 1959. He became an employee and stockholder of Farmers Grain after his return and is presently serving as one of the directors.

In the year 1962, on July 3, Kevan Wayne their first son was born. As most boys are fond of hunting and fishing, we find that this one is no exception. Another son arrived on February 15, 1968 and was named Robert Louis.

Lee Harry and his family live on the old Adolf Eckhardt place where his parents first lived and reared their children. Lee Harry was privileged to grow up with a grandfather on the place, which many children know nothing of.

Lee Harry was baptized and confirmed in the same church as his parents, the Bethany Lutheran of which he and his wife are active members. Elda Marie is active in scouting and P. T. A. and loves to sew in her spare time. Brenda Lee, their oldest daughter is active in scouting and does well in the Fredericksburg High School Band, an outstanding High School Band in the state.

James Adolf Eckhardt

In the year 1937, on January 9, the youngest son of Harry and Elfrieda Braeutigam Eckhardt, was born. His education began in Fredericksburg Public School graduating from high school in May 1955. In the fall he entered the Seguin Lutheran College. After one year of college, he became employed at Farmers Grain Company, until he became a salesman for the Anchor Serum Company selling salt blocks. For being an outstanding salesman he was the winner of a Ford Mustang.

He was married to Carol Ann Gold on October 19, 1957. Carol was born September 24, 1937, the daughter of Ralph and Helen Henke Gold. Carol was kept busy as a mother and housewife until recently when she was employed as a clerk and buyer for the ladies ready to wear at Knopp and Metzger Dry Goods Department Store.

Three children were born to this union: Bryan Kieth May 21, 1959, Kim Suzanne August 29, 1960 and Lyle Ross June 23, 1965.

They are members of the Bethany Lutheran Church with the children attending Sunday School regularly.

Udo Hermann Braeutigam

On March 9, 1907, the third son and the third youngest child of Emil and Anna Stoffers Braeutigam, was born. He grew up to be a strong and tall man typical of his fathers statue.

He like the other eight children had to walk almost four miles to and from school. One could suppose that children were to tired and worn to feel like studying, but strict discipline got anyone to study in those days.

After his school days at Meusebach Creek School, he helped to do all the chores on the place such as thin the cotton, then chop the weeds, and pick the cotton in the fall. The same procedure was carried out on almost all the crops. Early hours in the morning and late hours in the evening, was the usual schedule. Cows had to be milked before daylight, so as to get the cows into the pasture, and everybody had to be ready for field work by daylight. This way of life was typical of most families, not Udo's family alone.

Having met Alma Johanna Doell from the Luckenbach Community, he took her for his wife on November 22, 1933. Alma was born on March 22, 1911, the daughter and only child of August and Johanna Beckmann Doell. Her parents raised Ernestine Doell, a young girl that lost her mother who was a sister of Mrs. August Doell. Ernestine was like a sister to Alma Doell, although she was only her cousin. She received her schooling in Luckenbach under the able teacher, Ernest Fiedler, whom the entire community idolized.

They made their home with Udo's parents for a year. When Alma's mother died they moved to live with her father at Luckenbach. This place stems from the pioneer days when Georg Doell and Ernestine Ferch Doell settled here near the Grape Creek. Udo and Alma Doell still live on this very same place. They raise small grain and tend sheep and cows on their place. Twelve years ago Udo began working on the road. He mows the weeds, drives the truck to help maintain, repair and build new roads in Precinct 3. Alma recalls that years ago, Udo and his cousin Otto, would mow the roads as far as Austin, having to spend the nights out. Mowing makes the roads safer and more attractive.

Alma and Udo have no children. They belong to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, and enjoy living in the Luckenbach Community where Udo's great grandparents first settled and where Alma and Udo still remain living on the Doell pioneer home.

Emil Alfred Braeutigam

Emil Alfred Braeutigam was born to Emil and Anna Nee Stoffers Braeutigam on June 1, 1909 at the Braeutigam farm located three miles from Fredericksburg, Texas. He received his schooling at Meusebach Creek School and later attended school in Fredericksburg. Going to school entailed walking three and one-half to four miles in all kinds of weather, and one can imagine how much it meant when it became possible to drive a horse and buggy.

Life on the farm was hard and everyone did their share of the chores; feeding and tending to the stock, milking cows, working in the fields, chopping cotton and then at harvest time bringing in the crops of corn, maize and cotton. However, there were pleasures also; coon, squirrel and rabbit hunting, swimming in the cool waters of the creek, riding bareback rather than taking time to saddle a horse, breaking open a watermelon in the field and eating only the delicious red heart, Christmas with a fresh-cut cedar tree and three days of celebration. This began on Christmas Eve and ended on the day after Christmas which was called "Der Zweiter Weinachten" (the second Christmas). This was repeated at Easter, the following day being "The Second Easter".

At the age of seventeen Emil decided farming was not for him and with the blessings of his parents and a scholarship to Draughon's Business College he went to San Antonio. Knowing he would have to work in order to live he found a job driving a horse-drawn milk wagon delivering milk to Our Lady of the Lake College. He entered the banking business and in later years he became manager of one of the first housing projects built for Negro families.

In 1931 he met Elizabeth Charlotte Garms, one of six children born to William Frederick and Hedwig nee Kretzer Garms in New Braunfels, Texas on August 17, 1916. In 1929 the family moved to San Antonio and Elizabeth received her education in the public schools there, graduating from George W. Brackenridge High School in 1934. These were the post-depression years and inasmuch as attending college was financially impossible she went to work as a doctor's assistant. She pursued this career for more than twenty-five years for here she found an outlet for her deep desire to help others.

Two sons were born to this couple, Karl Alfred on October 3, 1941 and Kurt William on May 15, 1944. Both boys were baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church and received the first eight years of their education at St. Paul Lutheran Day School. Karl graduated from Brackenridge High School, attended San Antonio College and received his B. B. A. degree in Accounting from St. Mary's University. He was married to Jacqueline Marie Doolittle on December 21, 1963. This marriage was blessed with two children, Karen Michelle born on April 29, 1966 and Karl Alfred, Jr. (Chip) born on July 5, 1968.

Kurt William graduated from Highlands High School and joined the U. S. Navy in June of 1962. On December 2, 1962 he was married to Barbara Jean Sellers. Two children were born to this couple. Sherrie Denise on January 29, 1965 and Julie Christine on March 31, 1967. Kurt served his country for eight years and spent one year in Vietnam in explosive ordinance demolition, but due to an eye injury he received a medical discharge in June of 1970 and moved with his family to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Emil Alfred Braeutigam

The Braeutigam family loved nature and the great outdoors and the boys were taught to hunt and fish at an early age. Many times they visited aunts and uncles in Fredericksburg for a weekend of hunting and many pleasant vacations were spent camping and fishing on the beaches at Padre and Mustang Islands. The boys both fashioned their own rods for tarpon and shark fishing and spent many an hour sitting on the pier attempting to hook a "big one." On occasion they were successful. In later years these pleasures were shared with their daughters-in-law and their grandchildren. Emil and Elizabeth instilled in their children love for God and country, love for their family and their fellow man. They are not remembered for great deeds, but like millions of others like them they attempted in their own small way to make this world a better place to live in. They experienced a great era - from the horse and buggy days, to radio, television and man's first landing on the moon.

Dora Braeutigam

Dora Braeutigam, was born January 3, 1912, in her parents home, the youngest daughter and child of Emil Braeutigam Sr. and wife Anna Stoffers Braeutigam.

She attended her first four years of school at Meusebach Creek School walking man a mile during a year. She was taught by one and same teacher Alfred C. Heimann. She then attended the next three years at the Fredericksburg Public School, which was the same distance, almost four miles.

She was baptized in 1914 by Rev. Schliesser and confirmed in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church by Rev. Arthur Koerner.

After her schooling and confirmation, she spent most of her days with her parents helping with the many chores until she and Alex Behrends decided to get married. He owned a nice farm five miles south of Fredericksburg, on the Pedernales River. His place was once a part of the Jacob Jung Ranch.

Alex Behrends was the third youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Behrends of Luckenbach. He attended school at Luckenbach, his favorite teacher being E. O. Fiedler. He also was baptized by Rev. Schliesser and confirmed by Rev. Koerner in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church.

In 1936 their only son Clayton was born. Again he also was baptized and confirmed in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. Clayton attended his first eight years of school at Wrede. He then entered the Fredericksburg High School, graduating in 1954. He worked on his parents farm until 1956 when he got married to Ellie Mae Jung, daughter of Hilmer Jung and wife Edna Dieke Jung of Hye. Ellie was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church and attended and graduated from St. Mary's School participating in many of the school activities. She was elected mardi gra queen for the high school dance.

Clayton had taken instruction for machinist from Bently of the Fred Tex Manufacturing Co., and became employed as a machinist. Fred Tex changed hands and was known as Afsco until recently a newly founded corporation Gillesco Inc. has taken over the operation in the manufacture of precision parts at Gillespie County Airport. Clayton Behrends was made general manager of the firm.

Dora and Alex are active members in their church; Dora serves on many committees and belongs to the Katherine Circle of the W. O. C. She is a good housewife, helps Alex when necessary, loves to garden and plant flowers. When time permits she enjoys embroidering and has become skilled in refinishing furniture. Living near the Pedernales, she has become very fond of fishing. Playing canasta with a group of ladies gives her pleasure as she seems to love people.

The Behrends are the proud parents and grandparents of three boys; namely, Ricky born June 3, 1958, Girard born March 7, 1960 and Gleen born June 3, 1962. The Clayton Behrends live on their farm three miles from Fredericksburg near the Lady Bird Park.

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