

Emma Sofia Braeutigam

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Married: October 19, 1880

Hardin E. Runnels ----- August 8, 1849 to March 29, 1934

Children:

Jennie B. ----- October 22, 1881 to July 12, 1944

Cora S. -----January 22, 1884 to February 26, 1939

Lillie M. ----- March 7, 1886 to October 6, 1918

Leola C. ----- March 24, 1888 to October 26, 1918

Annie G. -----November 6, 1890 to October 29, 1934

Bessie E. ----- September 18, 1892 to

Florence O. ----- July 12, 1894 to

Adeline G. ----- January 17, 1898 to

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A. Jennie B. Runnels
 Born: October 22, 1881
 Died: July 12, 1944
 Married: February 20, 1902
 To: Jim C. Forsyth
 Born:
 Died:

Six boys and one girl were born to Jennie and Jim Forsyth.

B. Cora S. Runnels
 Born: January 22, 1884
 Died: February 26, 1939
 Married: March 23, 1904
 To: Howard A. Swift
 Born:
 Died:

Seven boys and one girl were born to Cora and Howard Swift.

C. Lillie M. Runnels
 Born: March 7, 1886
 Died: October 6, 1918
 Married: October 20, 1910
 To: Doss S. Butler
 Born: March 5, 1883
 Died: January 29, 1967

1. Margaret Elizabeth Butler
 Born: February 17, 1914
 Died:
2. Maurice Edward Butler
 Born: January 31, 1917
 Died:
 Married: August 16, 1937
 To: Frances Ricks
 Born: November 19, 1916
 Died:
 - a. Elizabeth Sue
 Born: August 25, 1940
 Died:
 - b. Robert Edward
 Born: January 20, 1942
 Died:

Later he remarried and had one son.

- c. Maurice Edward
 Born: October 13, 1947
 Died:
 Married: October 23, 1968
 To: Jean Marie DeLisle
 Born:

- D. Leola C. Runnels
Born: March 24, 1888
Died: October 26, 1918
Married: January 15, 1910
To: Tom S. Baldwin
Born: December 10, 1883
Died: February 13, 1944
One boy and two girls were born to Leola and Tom Baldwin.
- E. Annie G. Runnels
Born: November 6, 1890
Died: October 29, 1934
Married: September 21, 1913
To: Albert S. Smith
Born:
Died:
One boy was born to Annie and Albert S. Smith.
- F. Bessie E. Runnels
Born: September 18, 1892
Died:
Married: February 18, 1914
To: Walter C. Howard
Born:
Died:
Three boys were born to Bessie and Walter Howard.
- G. Florence Pearl Runnels
Born: July 12, 1894
Died:
Married: December 21, 1910
To: Fred W. Geyer
Born: July 13, 1889
Died:
1. Vivian Geyer
Born: June 30, 1912
Died:
Married: August 5, 1936
To: Cecil LeRoy Drake
Born: May 2, 1907
Died:
- a. Jimmie LeRoy Drake
Born: August 15, 1938
Died:
- b. Nelva Grace Drake
Born: July 31, 1942
Died:
2. Herman R. Geyer
Born: July 26, 1914
Died:
Married: October 30, 1936
To: Nelva Irene Mills
Born: May 30, 1916
Died:

a. Jerry Allen Geyer
Born: July 12, 1940
Died:

b. John Wayne Geyer
Born: September 29, 1947
Died:

Second marriage of Herman on September 30, 1954

To: Anita Lucille Parr

Born: March 8, 1910

Died:

3. Louis William Geyer
Born: December 21, 1916
Died:

Married: May 25, 1943

To: Eileen Marie Shreenan

Born: December 22, 1921

Died:

a. Twins: Carol Ann/Susan Ann

Born: July 30, 1945

Died:

Died:

b. Diane Marie Geyer

Born: August 19, 1949

Died:

c. Catherline Geyer

Born: January 9, 1951

Died:

H. Adeline G. Runnels

Born: January 17, 1898

Died:

Married: June 21, 1921

To: J. Garret Smith

Born:

Died:

Two girls and two boys were born to Adeline and J. Smith.

I. May Bell Runnels

Born: May 1, 1900

Died:

Married: July 22, 1924

To: Don Beasley

Born:

Died:

Two girls were born to May Bell and Don Beasley.

Emma Sofia Braeutigam

Emma Sofia Braeutigam, the third oldest daughter, was born on January 18, 1862 at the home of her parents Johann Wolfgang and Christine Kensing Braeutigam on Drei Kricken or Grape Creek near Luckenbach, Texas.

In the year of 1870, at the age of 8 years, she moved with her parents to the Fort Martin Scott place which her father had purchased near Fredericksburg, Texas.

Although she may have started school at Luckenbach, she received most of her education of the 3 R's in Fredericksburg at the Vereins Kirche (Union Church). German was the language that was taught by most of the teachers, although English instruction was added as time passed.

When Emma was 18 years of age, a sweet and beautiful young lady, well poised, met Hardin E. Runnels who was connected with the military of the United States and was married to him on October 19, 1880. Hardin E. Runnels was born on August 8, 1849 in Virginia. They made their home in Luling where their first daughter was born on October 22, 1881 named Jennie.

When Cora came to join the family on January 22, 1884, they had made their permanent home in San Marcos. Here Mr. Runnels owned a Tailor Shop doing custom tailoring. The grand children remember the wool patchwork quilts their grandmother made from the wool samples. The quilts are still to be found as heirlooms in some of the families. He also had been a well liked barber and was the first to install public bath in connection with barber shop. Later he was called upon to be Sanitation Director for the city of San Marcos and the S W T S T College grounds.

Since San Marcos was the home of Southwest Texas Teachers College Emma (Mrs. Runnels) became interested in operating a Room and Boarding House for girl students of the college. By this time, she had practically raised her nine daughters. They remodeled their home into a two storied house and Emma became a beloved house mother to some 20 girls.

On March 9, 1886, the third daughter named Lillie joined the Runnels family. As she grew to womanhood, she met and became betrothed to Doss Butler on October 20, 1910. Doss was born on March 7, 1886. Sadness befell the Runnels family when they had to give up Lillie who died October 6, 1918. Doss, her husband was left to take care of a son Maurice born to them on January 5, 1917 and a daughter Margaret Elizabeth born on February 17, 1914 at Granger, Texas. He moved to San Marcos where relatives could be of assistance.

In the fall of the same year, the Runnels lost another daughter Leola on October 26, 1918. Leola was fourth daughter of Emma and Hardin Runnels and was born on March 24, 1888. She was educated and grew up in San Marcos. She met Tom S. Baldwin to whom she was married January 15, 1910. Three children were born to this union; a son and two daughters. The children were brought up by their aunt and have become quite distant to the Runnels family. The son Tom S., Jr. often visited with his cousin Fritz.

After Jennie, Cora, Lillie, Leola and Annie's departure there were only four daughters surviving.

The oldest of the surviving daughters is Bessie E., born in San Marcos on September 18, 1892, she was fortunate to live in a city where good education was right at hand. Having met Walter Howard of San Marcos she was married on February 18, 1914. They were blessed

with two sons. She is the only daughter that stayed in San Marcos, following in the footsteps of her mother by having success with her apartments for the college students. She has become quite successful and lives in a nice home filled with many pieces of antique furniture. Since she and her husband also refinished furniture they had the opportunity to learn of nice old furniture and therefore purchased it for nominal prices. They are now living a retired life.

The seventh daughter Florence Pearl Runnels was born on July 12, 1894 in San Marcos, Texas. She received her early public school education in San Marcos. Having met Frederick William Geyer who was born in San Antonio on July 13, 1889, she was married on December 21, 1910. They lived in San Marcos and Dallas before establishing their permanent home in San Antonio. He was a welder plumber and carpenter by trade and was a volunteer fireman in San Marcos.

Although both are in poor health they both have had a very prosperous and long happy married life. His parents were German pioneers.

They were blessed with three children; namely, Vivien Louise born June 30, 1912; Herman Rudolf born July 26, 1914 and Louis William born December 21, 1916. Vivien Geyer attended Burnett elementary school and graduated from Brackenridge High School. She married Cecil LeRoy Drake who was born May 2, 1907. They were married August 5, 1936. Two children were born to this union; Jimmy LeRoy born August 15, 1938 and Nelva Grace born July 31, 1942. Cecil LeRoy was a graduate from A & M College, College Station, Texas. He spent many hours teaching as soil conservation supervisor in Arizona, New Mexico, and at Ballenger, San Angelo, Austin, Fredericksburg, and Bandera, Texas. Later they made their home on a ranch near Georgetown where they had enjoyed life until he became afflicted with Parkinson disease from which he is slowly recovering.

Rudolf Herman, second child of Florence and Fred Geyer, was born July 26, 1914 at San Marcos, Texas. When he was five years of age his parents moved to San Antonio after having lived in Dallas. He received his elementary public school education in San Antonio attending Page Junior High School and graduating from Main Avenue High. He furthered his education by taking all types of courses in business.

He was drafted into the civil service during World War II.

On October 30, 1936 he was married to Nelva Irene Mills who was born on May 30, 1916. To this union were born the following children: Jerry Allen and John Wayne.

During Herman's life he has been Vice and purchasing agent for Ed Frederick Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Incorporated, operated a service station, was in the appliance and distributing business, jewelry business; did welding, was an architect and plumber, even farmed and ranched. At present he has moved to a place close to Fredericksburg where he is applying his skills to remodeling a dance hall into spacious living quarters for his family. His wife is Anita Lucille Parr. She was born March 8, 1910.

At present he is an agent for electrical appliances for Fredericksburg, Austin and a vast section of south and east Texas, traveling as much as 1800 miles during the week. His work has carried him to many places of the United States and to South America and Canada.

The third son of Florence and Fred Geyer was Louis William born December 21, 1916. He attended the same schools as Herman. He

became a plumber by trade, also did carpenter work with picture frames as a specialty. He is employed at the Civil Service Navy Yard in New Port, R. I.

On May 25, 1943 Louis William was married to Eileen Marie Shreenan who was born on December 22, 1921. They were blessed with four children. Twin girls were born to them on July 30, 1945 and were christened Carole Ann and Susan Ann. A third daughter was born on August 19, 1949, named Diane Marie and a fourth daughter. Catherline was born on January 9, 1951.

The second youngest daughter Adeline G. Runnels was born to Emma Braeutigam Runnels and Hardin Runnels on January 17, 1898. She grew up and was educated in San Marcos. She was married to J. Garret Smith on June 21, 1921. Two boys and two girls were born to this union and Adeline's family reside in Gashan, Indiana.

The youngest daughter of Emma and Hardin Runnels was born May 1, 1900 and perhaps therefore was christened May Belle. She too was educated and reared in San Marcos. She married Don Beasley on July 22, 1924. Her husband was in ill health for several years with May nursing him until his demise. Two daughters were born to May of which one has passed on. May resides in Arlington, Texas.

Emma Braeutigam Runnels died on February 4, 1932 after having lived a happy and useful life. Her husband lived until March 29, 1934.

