



Signature of Johann Valentin Bräutigam<sup>1</sup>

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**Married:** 31 January, 1815.

**Died:** about January 1846 in Indianola, Calhoun County, Texas.

**Buried:** about January 1846 in Indianola, Calhoun County, Texas.

### Maria Elisabeth Pfeifer

**Born:** 16 December, 1795 in Kaltenlengsfeld, Germany.

**Baptized:**

**Died:** about December 1870 in Gillespie County, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

**Buried:** about December 1870 in Luckenbach, Gillespie County, Texas.<sup>3</sup>

Johann Valentin Bräutigam was born 26 January, 1791 in Kaltenlengsfeld, Germany. Kaltenlengsfeld is between Fulda and Meiningen just northeast of Frankfurt. Valentin was married to Maria Elisabeth Pfeifer on 31 January, 1815.

Valentin's family decided to immigrate to the Republic of Texas in 1845. He signed an immigration contract with the *Verein zum Schutz deutscher Einwanderer in Texas* on 25 September, 1845 at the Port of Bremen in Germany<sup>4</sup>. This contract provided Valentin's family:

- 1) free transportation (by ship) and food to the port of disembarkation, as well as free land transportation from the port of disembarkation to the colony itself in wagons and tents of the Verein, and also to provide a dwelling house at about 60 florins.
- 2) 320 acres of land free to each family and 160 acres to each single male person over 17 years of age.
- 3) procurement and provision of all utensils and materials for agriculture and livelihood at the lowest price from the storehouse and the Verein.
- 4) establishment of churches, schools, and hospitals, apothecary, a means of communication, as well as construction of navigable rivers, and especially an overall

provision for the welfare of the immigrants who had placed their trust in the Verein.<sup>5</sup>



Seal of the Verein<sup>6</sup>

The Bräutigams boarded the ship *Johann Dethardt*<sup>7</sup> on October 7 and set sail from Bremen, Germany on October 9, 1845<sup>8</sup>. The ship was captained by Captain Lüdering<sup>9</sup>. They reached the North Sea on the 12th of October with a gale blowing that caused many of the passengers to become seasick. After five days on the North Sea, the small ship passed the English Channel.

By the 21st of October the ship had reached the Atlantic Ocean. On the 21st of November they reached the West Indies. Finally on the 7th of December they sighted the island of Galveston<sup>10</sup>.

Because of the number of immigrants already on Galveston, the passengers of the *Johann Dethardt* had to stay on the ship until the 23rd of December. Valentin, his son Wolfgang Bräutigam, and Anton Bräutigam (unknown relation, age 30) were officially signed in at the Immigration office on 12 January, 1846 in Galveston.<sup>11</sup>

Valentin's family was finally transported several hundred miles in smaller boats to the Verein port of Carlshaven (later called Indianola) at Port Lavaca in Matagorda Bay. Matagorda Bay was not deep enough for the larger ships bringing the immigrants from Germany.

At Carlshaven, arrangements were made by the Verein with a Houston transportation company to transport the immigrants by wagons and carts to New Braunfels. War had just broken out with Texas and Mexico and the Verein could not match the price the United States Army paid for the wagons.

So over four thousand colonists waited for months at Carlshaven. An unusual amount of rain and unsanitary conditions for the immigrants caused many to come down with yellow fever. Valentin Bräutigam would lose his life here.

Rations at Sea <sup>12</sup>	
Sunday	Friday
Plum Soup	Pea Soup
1/2 lb. beef	1/2 lb. pork
Meal pudding	Sauerkraut or green beans
Monday	Saturday
Pea soup	Green pea soup
1/2 lb. pork	1/2 lb. beef
Thick rice with syrup	Lentils or beans
Tuesday	Weekly rations for each
adult	
Barley soup	4 oz. coffee
1/2 lb. beef	2 oz. tea
Lentils or beans	8 oz. sugar
	16 oz. butter
Wednesday	5 lb. bread
Navy bean soup	1/4 bottle wine
1/2 lb. beef	Further, for each adult
Sauerkraut or green beans	1 1/2 hogshead drinking water
Thursday	30-40 lbs. potatoes, according to season
Plum soup	Salt, mustard, pepper, vinegar, medicines
1/2 lb. beef	
Meal pudding	

In March the immigrants set out for a long, miserable one hundred fifty mile march to New Braunfels. Many immigrants had to leave prized possessions at the coast.<sup>13</sup> They followed the Guadalupe River closely through the counties of Calhoun, Victoria, Dewitt, Gonzales, Comal and Gillespie as far as the Llano River basin, a part of the Fisher-Miller Grant.

Maria and Wolfgang would arrive in Fredericksburg probably late 1846 or early 1847.<sup>14</sup> Maria, Wolfgang, Valentin Hopf, Caspar Marschall, and George Anschutz all had town lots on Creek and Ufer Streets.<sup>15</sup> The town lots were assigned in 1847.<sup>16</sup>

In 1850 Maria and Wolfgang along with Wolfgang's new bride, Christine Kensing Braeutigam, were living with the Valentine Hopf family.<sup>17</sup> Also living there were August, Sofia and Christiana Schoenewolf. These are Anna Elise Braeutigam Hopf's children by here earlier marriage to August Schoenewolf. Also listed in the

census is Valentine and Anna Hopf's new daughter, Christina.

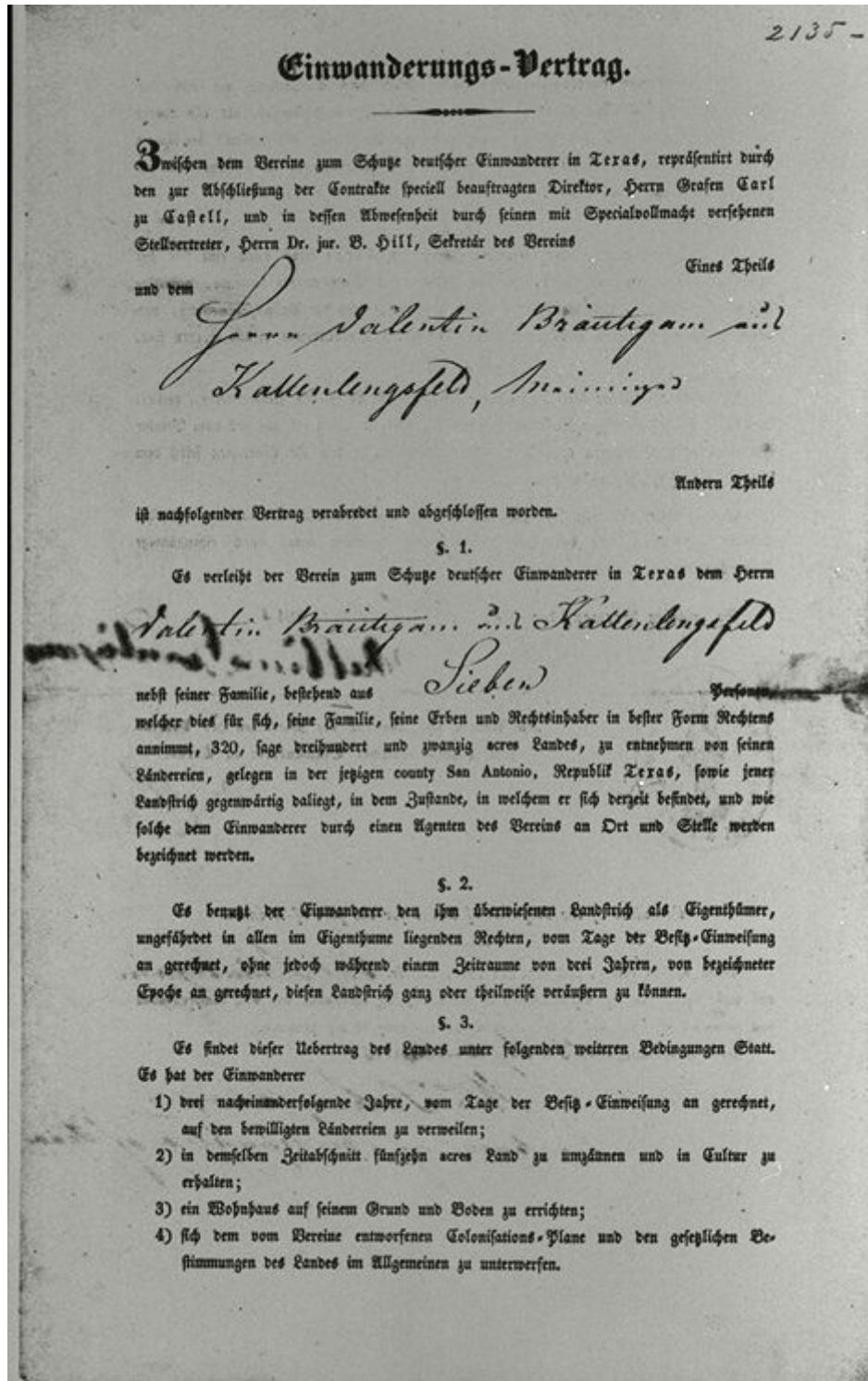
By 1860 Maria was still listed as living with the Valentin Hopf family<sup>18</sup>. Maria would die in December of 1870 and was probably buried on the Braeutigam home in Luckenbach, Texas.<sup>19</sup>

**Children:**

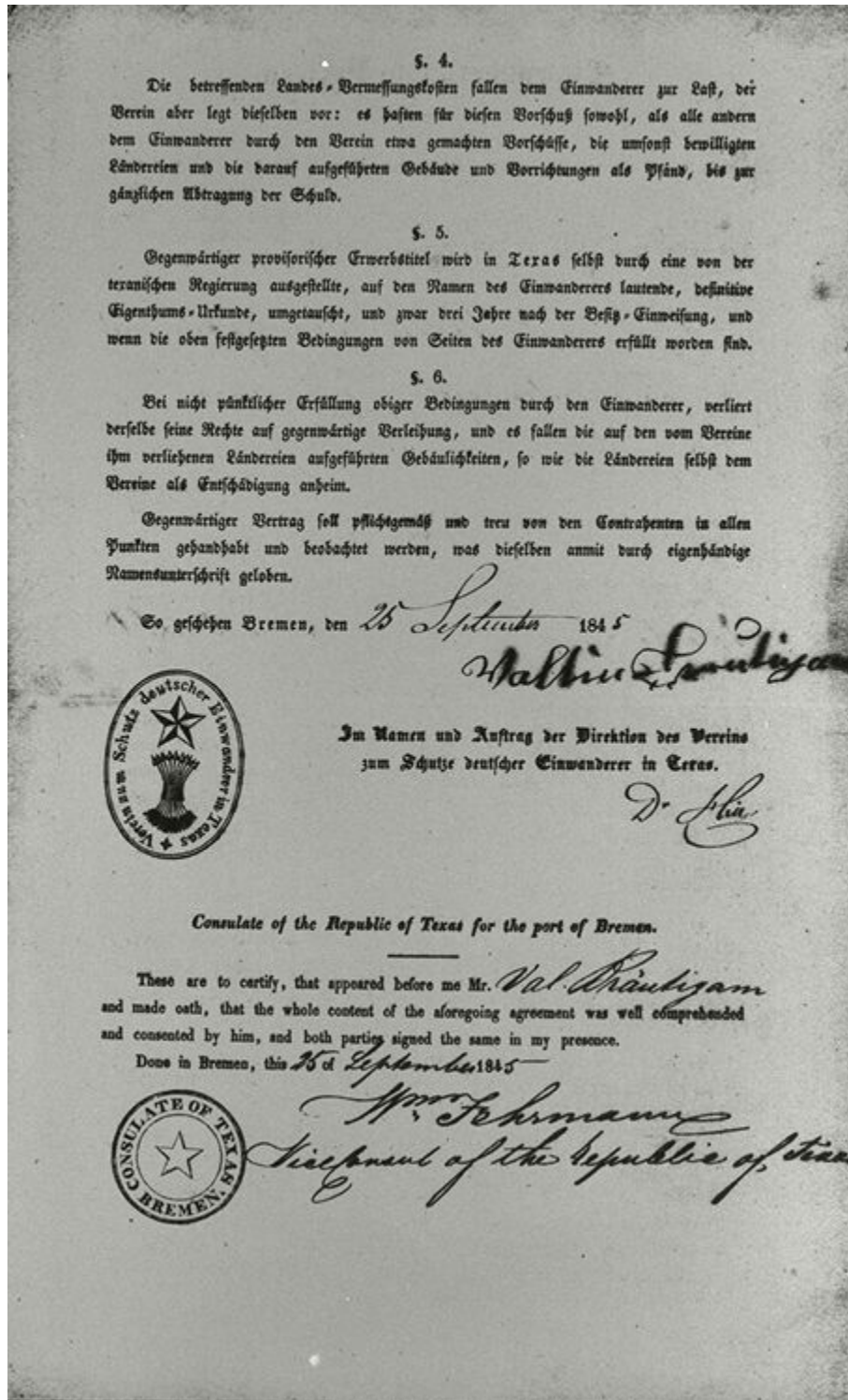
Anna Elise Braeutigam 1815 - 1 July, 1898.

Eva Elisa Braeutigam 28 April, 1819 - 17 December, 1906.

Johann Wolfgang Braeutigam 17 March, 1829 - 3 September 1884.



Verein Contract for Johann Valentin Bräutigam (front)<sup>20</sup>



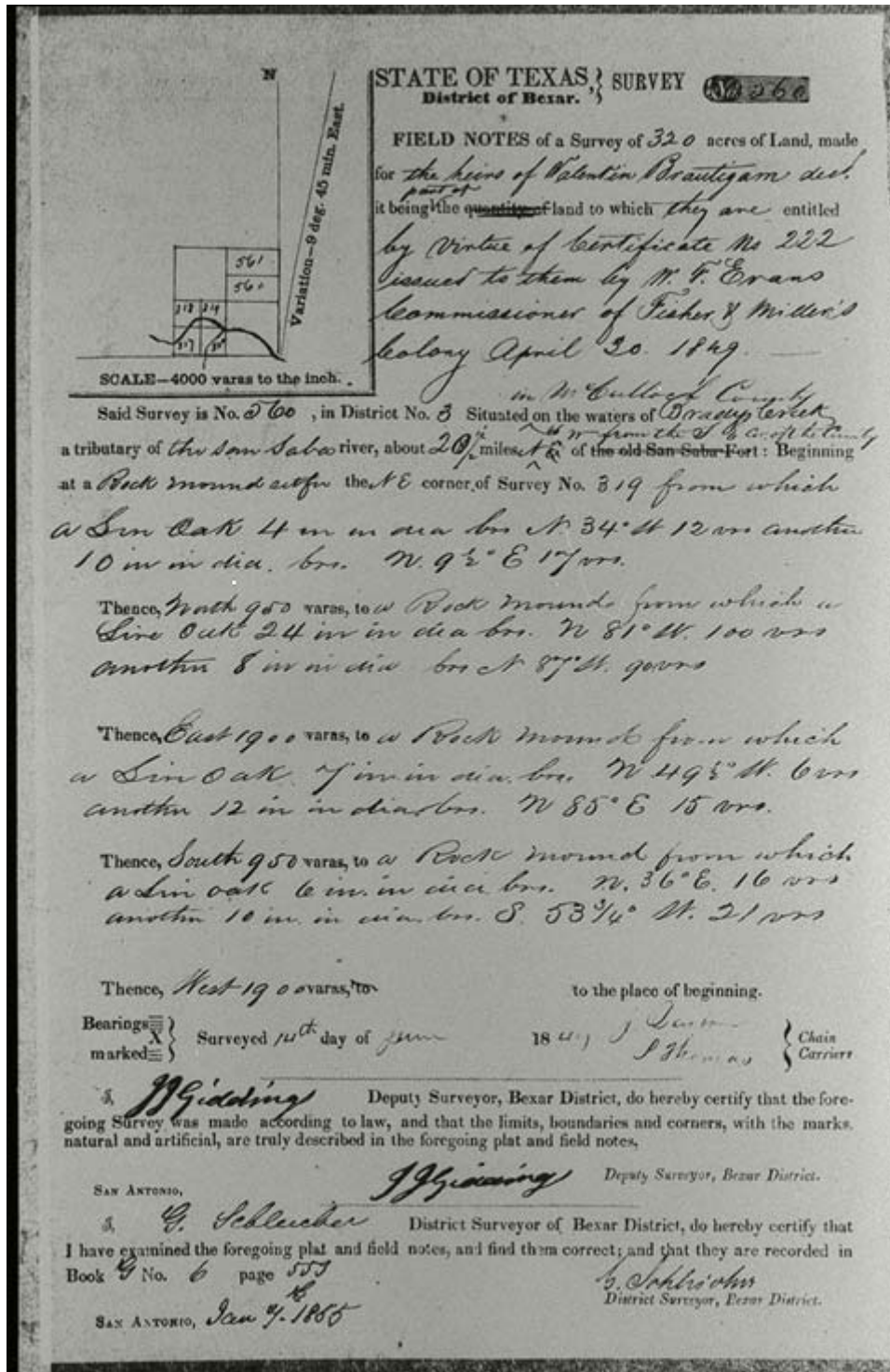
Verein Contract for Johann Valentin Bräutigam (back)

List of Emigrants who arrived here fr. Brig  
Johann Dethardt, landing etc from Bremen for the  
German Emigration Company, and who are hereby  
entered at the State Department of Texas as settlers  
and the grant ceded to them by Act of Fisher to B.  
Wittler under date Washington Oct 4. 1843, trans-  
ferred to said Company as per Contract of 24th of June  
1844 and extended as per Joint Resolution of the 9th Congress  
of 29 Jan'y 1845.

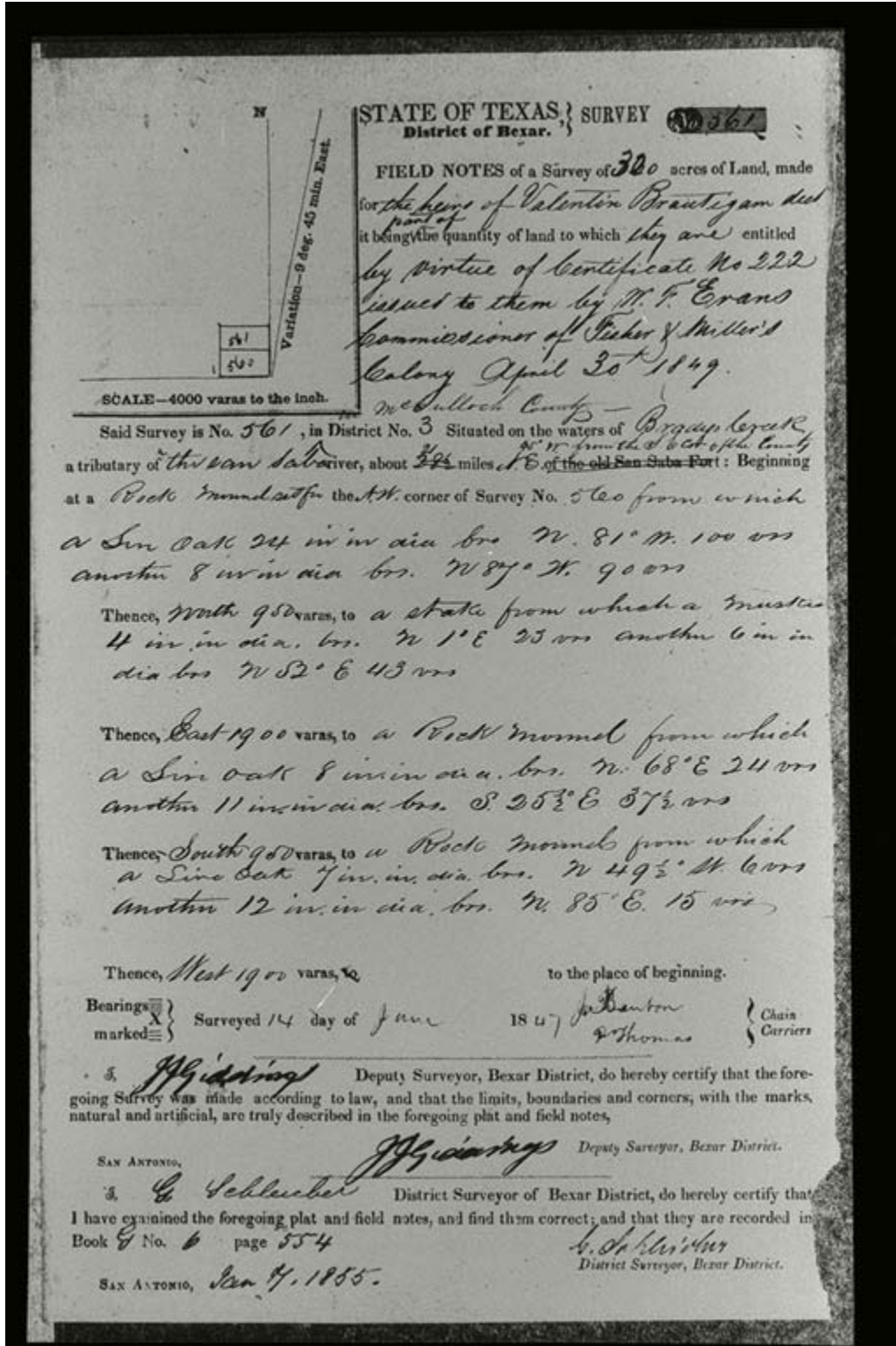
Names	(TX) Native Country	Occupation	whether family or single man	Age
1 Hry Dethardt	Germany	farmer	wife & children	
2 John Dethardt	D	D	single	22
3 Hry Dethardt	D	D	single	21
4 John Klumpp	D	D	wife & child	
5 Jakob Klumpp	D	D	single	24
6 Anton Klumpp	D	D	single	22
7 Chr Klumpp	D	D	single	18
8 Philip Hottel	D	D	single	
9 John Ewald	D	D	single	29
10 Louis Bachmann	D	D	wife & child	
11 Chr Rother	D	D	single	28
12 Louis Bachmann	D	D	single	18
13 Conrad Ewald	D	D	wife	
14 Georg Reinhard	D	D	wife & child	
15 Hry Rodenbach	D	D	wife & child	
16 Valentin Brautigam	D	D	wife & child	
17 Anton Brautigam	D	D	single	30
18 Wolfgang Brautigam	D	D	single	17
19 Jacob Jung	D	D	wife & child	
20 Jacob Solthard	D	D	wife & child	
21 Susanna Gotthard	D	D	single	25
22 Ernst Gotthard	D	D	single	19
23 carried over				

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List of Emigrants who arrived at Galveston on Johann Dethardt<sup>21</sup>



Field Notes of a Survey of 320 acres of Land made for the heirs of Valentin Bräutigam<sup>22</sup>



Field Notes of a Survey of 320 acres of Land made for the heirs of Valentin Bräutigam<sup>23</sup>

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LE 2.—Persons who Died during the Year ending 1st June, 1870, in  
 ty of Gillespie, State of Texas, enumerated by me, Rudolph Rung, Ass't Ma

Name of every person who died during the year ending June 1, 1870, whose place of abode at the time of death was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.					Place of Birth, naming the State or Territory of the U. S., or the country, if of foreign birth.	PARENTAGE.		The Month in which the person died.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade.	Disease or Cause of Death.
	Age last birthday, or under five years, give months and days.	Sex.	Color.	Married (M) or Single (S).	Widowed (W) or Never Married (N).		Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
<u>Child</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>		<u>Texas</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>August</u>		<u>Convulsion</u>	
<u>Russmann Christ</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Nassau</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Warrant</u>	<u>Inflammation of</u>	
<u>Sister George</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Hannover</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Blacksmith</u>	<u>Typhoid Fever</u>	
<u>Danger B</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Hannover</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Physician</u>	<u>Typhoid Fever</u>	
<u>August Heiser</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Jan'y</u>	<u>Shoemaker</u>	<u>Consumption of</u>	
<u>Sehnas Carl</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Prussia</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Dropsy in</u>	
<u>Heiser</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Texas</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Jan'y</u>		<u>Convulsion</u>	
<u>Carstner Christ</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Saxony</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	
<u>Georgert Emma</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>F</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>Hesse</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>July</u>		<u>Inflammation</u>	
<u>Schupp's Scham</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>Prussia</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Consumption of</u>	
<u>Keller Louise</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>F</u>			<u>Texas</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>July</u>		<u>Inflammation of</u>	
<u>Mueller Johanna</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>F</u>			<u>"</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>March</u>		<u>Inflammation of</u>	
<u>Strong John</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Virginia</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Novemb</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Scarlet fever</u>	
<u>Hopwood Sophia</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>F</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Prussia</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Jan'y</u>	<u>Washing woman</u>	<u>Consumption of</u>	
<u>Brautigan Mary</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>F</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>Saxony</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Dec.</u>		<u>Typhoid Fever</u>	
<u>Kappeler Bruno</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Prussia</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Wright</u>	<u>Scarlet fever</u>	
<u>Heiser Edie</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>F</u>			<u>Texas</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Jan'y</u>		<u>Convulsion</u>	
<u>Conrad's Marg</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>F</u>			<u>"</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Typhoid Fever</u>	
<u>Emma Maria</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>F</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>Hesse</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Sept</u>		<u>Inflammation</u>	
<u>Heiser Scham</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Nassau</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	
<u>Keith Anton</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Inflammation</u>	
<u>Kreil Wm</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Jan'y</u>	<u>Physician</u>	<u>Typhoid Fever</u>	
<u>Walter Adam</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>M</u>			<u>Texas</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>July</u>		<u>Convulsion</u>	
<u>Brockhoff Michl</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>Prussia</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Leucorrhoea</u>	
<u>Young Arthur</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>M</u>			<u>Texas</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Jan'y</u>		<u>Inflammation of</u>	
<u>Nixon Christ</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>M</u>			<u>Texas</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Sept</u>		<u>Convulsion</u>	
<u>Frans Christ</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>M</u>			<u>"</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Dec</u>		<u>Convulsion</u>	
<u>Olle Heiser</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Hannover</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Chronic Rhe</u>	
<u>Starks Christ</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Raiser</u>	<u>Consumption of</u>	

No. of deaths, 29 (No. of white males, 20 No. of black males, — No. of mulatto males, — No. of married, 14 Total foreign born, —  
 No. of white females, 28 No. of black females, — No. of mulatto females, — No. of widowed, 7

REMARKS: Identify that the foregoing list of returns was made according to law & instructions  
Rudolph Rung  
Asst. Marshal

Marie Braeutigam record of death in Gillespie County in 1870 due to typhoid<sup>24</sup>



<sup>1</sup>German Immigration Contract, Texas General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

<sup>2</sup>Texas 1870 Mortality Schedule, Ronald Vern Jackson, Dallas Public Library.

<sup>3</sup>Maria Elisa Pfeifer Braeutigam and two of her grandchildren, Heinrich Braeutigam and Emma Braeutigam, were buried in a grave site at the Braeutigam Homestead, which was on property now owned by the Behrend's family. The graves were near a cultivated field behind the house in which the Braeutigams lived (no longer standing) and were accidentally plowed over many years ago. Letter to David W. Braeutigam from Genevieve McCaffrey.

<sup>4</sup>German Immigration Contract, Texas General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

<sup>5</sup>New Homes in a New Land, Ethel Geue.

<sup>6</sup>German Immigration Contract, Texas General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

<sup>7</sup>A New Land Beckoned, German Immigration to Texas 1844-1847, by Chester W. and Ethel H. Geue.

<sup>8</sup>Letter from Karl Koehler to his friend in Dortmund, Germany, February, 1846 reprinted in the Fredericksburg Standard, April 28, 1971.

<sup>9</sup>Pioneer's in God's Hills, Volume I, Gillespie County Historical Society, 1960.

<sup>10</sup>Letter from Karl Koehler to his friend in Dortmund, Germany, February, 1846 reprinted in the Fredericksburg Standard, April 28, 1971.

<sup>11</sup>Texas State Archives, Austin, Texas. NOTE: This sign-in list has penciled lightly at the top of the page--Jan 12 1846. Anton is also listed in Geue's book, *A New Land Beckoned*, as being a passenger on the Johann Dethardt in 1845. Anton's name does not appear in any other lists of German immigrants or making it to Fredericksburg.

<sup>12</sup>The German Texans, Glen Lich.

<sup>13</sup>New Homes in a New Land, Ethel Geue.

<sup>14</sup>The exact date is unknown. Wolfgang is on record for signing the petition to form Gillespie County in December of 1847.

<sup>15</sup>Valentin Hopf married Maria's daughter - Anna Elise. Caspar was married to Maria's other daughter - Eva Elise. George Anschutz was married to Cath. Braeutigam (do not know who this Braeutigam is. Name is from list in *A New Land Beckoned*, German Immigration to Texas, 1844-1847, Chester W. and Ethel H. Geue) *Pioneers in God's Hills*, Volume I, Gillespie County Historical Society, 1960.

<sup>16</sup>Town lots of Fredericksburg, *Pioneers in God's Hills*, Volume I, Gillespie County Historical Society, 1960. Translated from 600 town lots issued in Volume D, Gillespie County Court Record.

<sup>17</sup>Valentine is listed as a the head male and the head female is Auri P Hopf. Anna Elise Braeutigam is Valentin's wife--this could be a misprint. 1850 Census, *Pioneers in God's Hills*, Volume I, Gillespie County Historical Society, 1960.

<sup>18</sup>1860 Census, *Pioneers in God's Hills*, Volume II, Gillespie County Historical Society, 1974.

<sup>19</sup>Texas 1870 Mortality Schedule, Ronald Vern Jackson, Dallas Public Library. Also conversations with Christine Luckenbach Boerner and Clara Luckenbach.

<sup>20</sup>*Records of the German Emigration Company*, General Land Office of Texas, Austin, Texas.

<sup>21</sup>List of Emigrants-Texas State Archives, Austin, Texas

<sup>22</sup>Field Notes of Survey of Land, made for the heirs of Johann Valentin Bräutigam, General Land Office of Texas, Austin, Texas.

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<sup>24</sup>1870 Federal Census Mortality Schedule