

Otto Henry Braeutigam

Otto Henry Braeutigam ---- August 8, 1864 to February 6, 1944

Married: June 18, 1887

Minna Stoffers ----- November 29, 1868 to November 12, 1947

Children:

Alma ----- May 24, 1888 to

John Wolfgang ----- September 19, 1889 to May 10, 1952

Minna Bertha --- January 10, 1891 to September 24, 1968

Anna Alvina ----- January 9, 1893 to

Felix A. ----- June 20, 1894 to

Fritz H. ----- February 12, 1896 to

Charlie E. ----- October 17, 1897 to May 1, 1964

Emmie A. ----- October 1, 1899 to January 13, 1928

Erna ----- May 7, 1902 to

Otto Louis ----- February 16, 1905 to January 16, 1966

Alice Laura ----- April 21, 1907 to

Otto Henry Braeutigam

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Born: August 8, 1864

Died: February 6, 1944

Married: June 18, 1887

To: Minna Stoffers

Born: November 29, 1868

Died: November 12, 1947

A. Alma Braeutigam

Born: May 24, 1888

Died:

Married: May 12, 1910

To: Benno Luckenbach

Born: March 15, 1883

Died: February 25, 1962

1. Clara Luckenbach

Born: December 22, 1910

Died:

2. Alex J. Luckenbach

Born: November 10, 1912

Died:

Married: March 1, 1947

To: Betty Jean Minton

Born: February 17, 1917

Died:

3. Benno F. Luckenbach

Born: December 29, 1914

Died:

4. Christine Luckenbach

Born: November 17, 1917

Died:

Married: February 24, 1937

To: Adolf Boerner

Born: November 11, 1913

Died:

a. Genevieve Boerner

Born: September 25, 1938

Died:

Married: September 15, 1962

To: Capt. John C. McCaffery

Born: July 9, 1937

Died:

(1) Sean Patrick

Born: September 11, 1963

Died:

(2) Lisa

Born: January 19, 1965

Died:

5. Staff Sgt. Elgin Julius Luckenbach

Born: January 14, 1921

Died: April 16, 1944 in action in World War II

B. John Wolfgang Braeutigam
Born: September 19, 1889
Died: May 10, 1952
Married: May 22, 1912
To: Katie Ethel Burrier
Born: October 20, 1894
Died:
Divorced

1. Hugo Woodrow Braeutigam
Born: February 17, 1913
Died:
Married: April 11, 1941
To: Adele Tidwell
Born: December 6, 1916
Died:
Divorced
Second Marriage: Ann Charlotte
Born: March 23, 1916
Married: June 17, 1960

2. Adah Ethel Braeutigam
Born: October 1, 1914
Died:
Married: July 21, 1935
To: William Thomas Binford
Born: October 29, 1905
Died: May 12, 1956

a. Katherine Elizabeth Binford
Born: February 6, 1938
Died:
Married: January 1, 1958
To: J. A. Nelson
Born: September 7, 1935
Died:
Divorced
(1) Juliene Nelson
Born: September 23, 1958
Died:
(2) Alan Nelson
Born: April 12, 1961
Died:
Second Marriage: November 15, 1966
To: Robert Parker
Born: January 26, 1930

b. Annelle Binford
Born: March 7, 1945
Died:
Married: June 1, 1961
To: Charles Ed Apple
Born: December 21, 1943
Died:
(1) LeAnne Apple
Born: March 24, 1962
Died:
(2) Charles Edward Apple
Born: September 6, 1967

Adah's Second Marriage: June 1, 1958
To: Alvis Garland Carter
Born: September 3, 1918

c. Stepson: Micheal David Carter
Born: November 3, 1945
Died:
Married: Sherrian Tarleton

3. Frances Vernell Braeutigam
Born: May 23, 1916
Died:
Married: November 14, 1942
To: Gordon Sylvester Mitchell
Born: March 1, 1907
Died:

a. La Nelle Faye Mitchell
Born: October 8, 1943
Died:
Married: August 4, 1967
To: Shirlaw C. Thomas
Born: February 16, 1937
Died:

- (1) William Craig Thomas
Born: January 3, 1959
Died: July 31, 1968
- (2) Kimberly Christine
Born: December 30, 1960
Died:
- (3) Todd Christopher
Born: August 16, 1963

b. Marilyn Kay Mitchell
Born: December 23, 1945
Died:
Married: February 14, 1964
To: James Howard Ellis
Born: September 29, 1942
Died:

- (1) Colleen Marie
Born: July 27, 1964
Died:
- (2) Christine Renee
Born: April 22, 1967
Died:

c. Gordon Sylvester Mitchell, Jr.
Born: July 19, 1948
Died:
Married: August 18, 1968
To: Bonni Lee Helgesen
Born: July 6, 1948
Died:

- (1) April Sharlene
Born: March 29, 1969
Died:

4. John Wolfgang Braeutigam, Jr.
Born: May 20, 1918
Died:
Married: June 5, 1942
To: Ruth Brannies
Born: January 1, 1919

a. John Wolfgang III
Born: August 15, 1943
Died:
Married: August 5, 1967
To: Judith Shumaker
Born: July 21, 1946
Died:

b. Glenn Micheal
Born: April 3, 1947
Died:

5. Richard Marion Braeutigam
Born: April 27, 1920
Died:
Married: July 16, 1946
To: Jennie Skobeleff
Born: March 12, 1919
Died:

a. Julia Tresea Skobeleff
Born: June 25, 1938
Died:
Married: March 5, 1956
To: Dale Dewayne Jensen
Born: October 6, 1926
Died:

(1) Terry
Born: May 7, 1957
Died:

(2) Jerry
Born: April 14, 1958
Died:

b. Shirley Mary Skobeleff
Born: January 15, 1943
Died:
Married: January 19, 1961
To: Kieth Hawkins
Born: May 30, 1938
Died:

(1) Lorrie Hawkins
Born: March 12, 1962
Died:

(2) Cindy Hawkins
Born: March 30, 1964
Died:

c. Richard Marion Braeutigam, Jr.
Born: February 17, 1948
Died:
Married: September 19, 1968
To: Rene Lillian Clement
Born: August 28, 1949
Died:

(1) Richard Marion III
Born: March 22, 1969
Died:

John Wolfgang Braeutigam, Sr. remarried on March 6, 1943
To: Mamie Schaper
Born: March 10, 1899
Died: September 24, 1969

- C. Minna Bertha Braeutigam
Born: January 10, 1891
Died: September 24, 1968
Married: January 3, 1931
To: James Wood
Born: June 12, 1891
Died:
Divorced
1. Jimmie Wood Wilson, adopted son
Born: December 23, 1923
Died:
- D. Anna Alvina (Annie) Braeutigam
Born: January 9, 1893
Died:
- E. Felix A. Braeutigam
Born: June 20, 1894
Died:
Married: August 21, 1917
To: Elsie Herbort
Born: October 26, 1898
Died:
1. Shelton Ernst Braeutigam
Born: February 10, 1918
Died:
Married: November 13, 1960
To: Neoma Wallace
Born: September 1, 1918
Died:
- F. Fritz H. Braeutigam
Born: February 12, 1896
Died:
Married: January 14, 1924
To: Auguste Meier
Born: May 3, 1897
Died:
1. Lillian Braeutigam
Born: October 27, 1924
Died:
Married: May 19, 1946
To: Stanley Wisseman
Born: December 13, 1923
Died:
- a. Linda Elaine Wisseman
Born: March 19, 1948
Died:
- b. Gail Diane Wisseman
Born: May 26, 1950
Died:
- c. Beverly Sue Wisseman
Born: October 8, 1940
Died:

G. Charlie E. Braeutigam

Born: October 17, 1897

Died: May 1, 1964

Married: October 11, 1923

To: Clara E. Crenwelge

Born: December 23, 1903

Died: April 18, 1968

1. Adeline Vera Braeutigam

Born: July 16, 1925

Died:

Married: December 27, 1941

To: Perry Woodson McClelland, Sr.

Born: October 27, 1918

Died:

a. Perry Wiley McClelland

Born: February 3, 1944

Died:

Married: October 11, 1964

To: Sharon Kay Shimmel

Born: January 4, 1944

Died:

(1) Monte Lee McClelland

Born: June 26, 1965

Died:

(2) Lisa Marie

Born: August 14, 1968

Died:

b. Charlie William McClelland

Born: July 12, 1946

Died:

Married: March 2, 1968

To: Nancy Ann Newman

Born: September 4, 1947

Died:

(1) Traci Deane McClelland

Born: May 24, 1969

Died:

2. Mary Jane Braeutigam

Born: August 22, 1929

Died:

Married: October 6, 1945

To: Hubert Bernhard Geiser

Born: January 25, 1920

Divorced

a. James Harold Geiser

Born: August 7, 1946

Died:

b. Gerald Charles Geiser

Born: August 6, 1949

Died:

Mary Jane Braeutigam Geiser

Remarried: January 21, 1962

To: Lloyd A. Johnson

Born: March 5, 1917

Died:

3. Dorthy Lee Braeutigam
Born: May 18, 1932
Died:
Married: December 19, 1953
To: Joseph Seible, Jr.
Born: March 2, 1929
Died:
4. Gloria Victoria Braeutigam
Born: September 9, 1933
Died:
Married: February 18, 1950
To: Charlie Raymond Klein
Born: June 27, 1927
Died:
a. Vickie Jane Klein
Born: September 1, 1950
Died:
Married: May 14, 1966
To: Lowrie A. Bickford
Born: November 9, 1945
Died:
(1) Tinawae Ann Bickford
Born: July 3, 1966
b. Roger Charles Klein
Born: January 7, 1952
Died:
c. Cheryl Ann Klein
Born: June 19, 1956
Died:
5. Virginia Mae Braeutigam
Born: July 27, 1936
Died:
Married: September 18, 1954
To: Raymond Frank Hummer
Born: December 17, 1931
Divorced
Remarried: June 21, 1957
To: George Konstantin Beratlis
Born: July 3, 1926
Divorced
a. Gregory Konstantin Beratlis
Born: July 27, 1958
Died:
b. Yancy George Beratlis
Born: July 21, 1959
Died:
Remarried: October 7, 1967
To: Richard Lee Predix
Born: May 10, 1931
Died:
a. Riki Michelle Predix
Born: January 28, 1969
Died:

H. Emmie A. Braeutigam

Born: October 1, 1899

Died: January 13, 1928

Married: July 26, 1923

To: Monroe Wahl

Born: December 7, 1897

Died: July 8, 1966

I. Erna Braeutigam

Born: May 7, 1902

Died:

Married: May 10, 1923

To: Edgar Crenwelge

Born: February 1, 1902

Died:

1. Marvln H. Crenwelge

Born: December 26, 1923

Died: October 1, 1960

Married: September 16, 1945

To: Peggy Barrington

Born: May 27, 1923

Died:

a. Joy Crenwelge

Born: September 21, 1946

Died:

Married: May 8, 1963

To: James D. Marrett

Born: September 12, 1939

(1) Suzette Marrett

Born: December 26, 1964

Died:

Divorced James D. Marrett

Remarried: July 1, 1967

To: Frank Blissenbach

Born: December 9, 1945

Died:

(1) Raquel Blissenbach

Born: March 7, 1969

2. Dayton P. Crenwelge

Born: April 13, 1934

Died:

Married: June 6, 1954

To: Kathleen G. Geistweidt

Born: May 21, 1935

Died:

a. Terri Ann Crenwelge

Born: May 26, 1959

Died:

b. Dennis Ron Crenwelge

Born: May 20, 1960

Died:

J. Otto Louis Braeutigam
Born: February 16, 1905
Died: January 16, 1966
Married: October 14, 1931
To: Lydia Helen Metzger
Born: December 15, 1904
Died:

1. James Oliver Braeutigam
Born: May 10, 1933
Died:

2. Carolyn Rose Braeutigam
Born: January 18, 1936
Died:
Married: June 28, 1958
To: Curtis Alden Eckhardt
Born: November 9, 1935
Died:

a. Carrie Gail Eckhardt
Born: April 7, 1959
Died:

b. Tammie Sue Eckhardt
Born: January 15, 1961
Died:

c. Tracey Lynn Eckhardt
Born: September 28, 1962
Died:

d. Carl Allen Eckhardt
Born: September 19, 1963
Died:

e. Carla Alane Eckhardt
Born: September 19, 1963
Died:

f. Terri Kay Eckhardt
Born: July 7, 1965
Died:

g. Connie Jo Eckhardt
Born: March 31, 1968
Died:

3. Alice Faye Braeutigam
Born: April 25, 1937
Died:
Married: February 27, 1960
To: Gene Gorham
Born: July 28, 1936
Died:

a. Gwen Gorham
Born: August 19, 1960
Died:

b. Clay Gorham
Born: February 17, 1967
Died:

4. Doris Gertrude Braeutigam
Born: October 16, 1938
Died:
Married: March 5, 1960
 To: Tommie F. Holmes
 Born: December 26, 1935
 Died:
- a. John Thomas Holmes
 Born: September 26, 1961
 Died:
 Married:
- b. Jennifer Lydia Holmes
 Born: November 12, 1962
 Died:
 Married:
- c. Julie Ann Holmes
 Born: August 9, 1968
 Died:
 Married:

K. Alice Laura Braeutigam
Born: April 21, 1907
Died:
Married: December 5, 1931
To: Paul U. Sauer
Born: June 12, 1905
Died:

1. Marjorie Ann Sauer
Born: August 30, 1932
Died:
Married: June 27, 1954
To: George Dwight Garretson
Born: June 11, 1927
Died:
a. Susan Rene Garretson
Born: January 4, 1960
Died:
b. Stacey Leigh Garretson
Born: May 14, 1964
Died:

2. Stanley Paul Sauer
Born: February 27, 1937
Died:
Married: September 7, 1957
To: Virginia Koennecke
Born: December 20, 1936
Died:
a. Stephanie Ann Sauer
Born: August 13, 1958
Died:
b. Lori Jan Sauer
Born: January 24, 1961
Died:
c. Sharon Sue Sauer
Born: September 3, 1964
Died:

3. Eileen Elizabeth Sauer
Born: February 27, 1945
Died:
Married: September 3, 1966
To: Gary Brodbeck
Born: June 14, 1945.
Died:
a. Michelle Lee
Born: October 2, 1968
Died:

Otto Henry Braeutigam

Otto Henry Braeutigam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johann Wolfgang Braeutigam was born August 8, 1864 on his parents home place at Drei Kricken, now known as Luckenbach. He was a tiny infant weighing only 2½ pounds, but with the tender care of his mother he survived. He had to overcome every childhood disease but grew into a slender, handsome man.

He lived at Luckenbach until 1870, when his father bought the land upon which was located the abandoned United States army post, Fort Martin Scott. Otto grew up participating in the development of the place into an entertainment center known as "Braeutigam's Garten". He received his education in Fredericksburg, mastering the three R's and as a youngman, his father sent him to his brother August, who was a blacksmith in Comanche County, to learn the art of blacksmithing. This type of work did not entice him or perhaps he missed the more exciting life at Fredericksburg, so he soon returned home to become a farmer.

At the age of 20 he became deathly sick with typhoid fever but was at the stage of convalescence, sitting on the doorstep for the first time, when the tragic and untimely death of his father occurred on September 3, 1884. After recuperating from his illness and shock, he was a great help to his mother during these trying days.

Several years passed and Otto H. decided to shift on his own. He became attracted to Minna Stoffers, the daughter of Fritz and Minna Cramm Stoffers, during the years when the Stoffers had taken care of the concessions at the gala festivities held throughout the years at "Braeutigam's Garten". They were married on June 18, 1887.

Otto had acquired some 120 acres from his mother out of the Survey No. 34 and Survey No. 36 but lived part time with her until their log house was finished consisting of a large room with a (Boten) loft. Two young bachelors namely Fritz Cramm, a half brother to Mrs. Fritz Stoffers who was quite a character and John Keller who came over to America from Switzerland and who always lent a helping hand to those in need, helped hew the logs and build the house. This same Keller never married and made his home with Otto and Minna Braeutigam after middle age. John Keller loved people and especially children. He would often walk to Fredericksburg, visit with his friends such as A. Walter, jeweler, the Otto Evers, etc. He would take them some pecans, sausages and they in turn, like Mrs. Evers, would bake him a flour sack full of cookies at Christmas to take along to Otto's family. To patronize Walter, the jeweler, and make Otto's children happy, he would give them beautiful rings and watches for special occasions like Confirmation and birthdays.

As Otto became neighbor to Richard, the brothers bought more land from some other members of the family. In 1909 his brother Richard decided to move on and purchased a section of land in Leon County. So he sold his land in Gillespie County to Otto; thus his acreage rose to 250 acres more or less. After many years his acreage decreased when he sold some 40 acres to brother Emil, and 70 acres to his son Felix in 1926.

Otto Henry Braeutigam

Otto's property had the Pedernales River as boundary on the south side with flourishing pecan trees on it's banks, and enough flat land for fields. To put land into cultivation required hard work since it had to be done by hand with the ax, grubbing hoe and plenty sweat of the brow. The river provided both food and pleasure. Fish and squirrels were in abundance and so were pecans if there wasn't a crop failure. To fish, swim and shoot squirrels provided pleasure and pastimes to growing boys. To walk to the river to fish, swim and ride the boat, was enjoyable entertainment for relatives and friends that came to visit. Now and then blackberries were picked along the banks of the river from the boat giving some of the children a boat ride in the process.

Otto and Minna were quite effecient in providing food for the family and friends. They always had a large flock of chickens and turkeys, a pen of hogs and a herd of milk cows. These kept the family well nourished and supplied enough food for those in need, as some of the surplus such as eggs, butter, cheese and turkeys could be sold to people in town. These activities required many chores; every member had his jobs, it kept everyone busy and therefore served as good discipline for energetic growing children.

On his farm, his crops consisted of cotton, corn, wheat, barley, rye and watermelons. The watermelons were raised in a sandy field where Bull Nettles also were found in abundance. Often teenagers who saw the watermelons growing by the roadside would return at moonlight nights to swipe some watermelons. After they touched these hairy stinging plants, they soon left the field and wouldn't so easily forget where they had been.

His favorite crop was cotton since he had the help of his family to chop and pick it. One year his family picked 54 bales, while help from town picked a few bales to harvest the crop. That same year Minna, his wife, prepared 17 turkeys and baked 4 loaves of bread twice a day, not mentioning the other food preparations for the three meals a day.

Early settlers prospered because they were honest, industrious, and thrifty. So after Otto's family prospered, he invested his money by purchasing the sturdy rock building on Lot 185 next to the Nimitz Hotel, on San Saba street, from Bertha Nauwald in 1913. In the early years of ownership, the building at one time housed the "Goggins Music Company", the "Gordons Shoe Store", a General Merchandise Store, and several groceries stores including his own grocery business operated by his son J. W. Braeutigam. The property extended the entire length of the block. On the lower end of the block was a barn and stable for horses, but later the lot housed a pottery factory. It was equipped with a large kiln to bake the red clay pots. However, the project was of short duration. After Otto Henry's demise the property was sold.

On October 28, 1916, he purchased 440 acres of ranch land from Jacob Jung. This property was later bought by his youngest son Otto Louis.

Otto Henry Braeutigam

An interesting and profitable project on the Otto H. Braeutigam land on the Pedernales was the leasing of 31 acres of land as a gravel pit to Hearn Sand and Gravel Company; the plot supplied the gravel for macadamizing the stretch of highway known as the old San Antonio Road. Later the gravel business was handled by his own sons - Felix, Fritz, and Otto. They furnished the gravel for the Llano highway and in many ways where gravel was used.

During the year from 1912 to 1913 we saw progress in the county brought right to their front door, when S. A. F. & N. Railroad Company bought 10.21 acres of land extending from the Pedernales River to the other end of his land for the purpose of building a railroad track for this railroad company. Daily this train was seen coming and going with baggage, flat and passenger cars. For thirty years Gillespie County profitably ran the services of the railroad when truck service took away most of their business. A tall railroad bridge crossed the Pedernales and it was quite a thrill to walk the bridge except, when the Braeutigam children who attended the Meusebach Creek School had to walk across the bridge when the river had a rise. It was a horrible sight to see large logs and trees and heavy torrents of water pounce against the posts of the bridge, but by using the bridge they gained another day of school. Walking the railroad track was enjoyed by many young crowds who would stroll down the track as far as the river and walk back to Fredericksburg. Often the section hands left their hand cars on the track and daring young people would get on, pump it up and down the track and have fun doing so. This was creating entertainment which the young people had to do in those days. Even travelers would come by way of the track, stop at the house for a drink of water while others would ask for a bite to eat.

Otto Henry was a good father, respected by his family, and quite content to spend most of his leisure time at home. He enjoyed singing with his family, taught them all how to dance and often all of us danced in the long hallway to the music of a harmonica. He belonged to Farmers Verein, Sang Vereins, and Turner Verein where a community Christmas was observed for the entire family. Furthermore his family enjoyed having friends and relatives for Sunday dinners or afternoon visits. Playing cards was regarded as a good pastime. The visit with the grandparents both at The Camp and Stoffers on main street were something to look forward to.

He was greatly interested in his community and school, serving as Trustee for 11 years in succession and never saying "no" to any civic responsibility. He could be seen riding his white horse from house to house urging the people to pledge their time and money for school improvement, Red Cross Drives, etc. The school closing programs and picnics required a lot of Otto's and other parents help for Shade Arbors made of cut brush were common in their days but everybody looked forward to these all day celebrations.

Otto Henry Braeutigam

As age advanced, the family sold their home place to A. O. Beoning, and retired to the dwelling section of his Nauwald building in Fredericksburg. Here he lived a retired life with his wife and daughter Annie until his demise on February 6, 1944. Soon afterwards his wife Minna sold the property on main street and bought a small house in South Heights Addition where she lived until she passed on November 12, 1947. The house was then given to Annie but she began to stay with her brothers and sisters families.

Otto and Minna Braeutigam were life long members of the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and all of their eleven children were baptized and confirmed in the same church, many of them still are faithful members.

Alma Lina Braeutigam

Alma Lina Braeutigam was the oldest child of Otto Henry and Minna Stoffers Braeutigam. She was born May 24, 1888 at Fredericksburg, Texas at her grand parents home Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Stoffers on Main Street and was baptized in 1901 in her parents home by Pastor Glatszle of Zion Lutheran Church.

She entered Meusebach Creek School at the age of seven and attended seven years. She was confirmed in 1903 in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church.

Alma was a member of Fredericksburg Social Club in which she took dancing at the Reinbach Hall on the second floor on Main Street.

Meeting her fiance at a July 4 celebration and dance in Fredericksburg at the age of 18 years. She married Benno B. Luckenbach on May 12, 1910 age 22 years. The young couple moved to Luckenbach, Texas, building a new home next to the home at which they reside now, the former August Schoenewolf place a nephew of Johann W. Braeutigam.

At the age of 15 years Alma took one lesson in pattern drafting at Mrs. Adolph Weber and from this became a talented seamstress, sewing all the clothing for her parents family and the Emil Braeutigam family.

Alma, like her husband, enjoyed keeping herself occupied. Being blessed with five children her life was filled with gardening, sewing, housekeeping, cooking and baking, churning butter, raising chickens and turkey. She still is active at the age of 82, making her famous Koch Keese and baking the bread her family so enjoys.

Alma is a member of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and all of her family were baptized and confirmed there.

When Alma and Benno were married 50 years on May 12, 1960 they celebrated with a barbecue dinner at Engels Hall at Luckenbach, Texas in June of that year.

On April 16, 1944, Benno and Alma lost their youngest son, Elgin. He served in World War II with the 5th Air Force in Pacific Theatre.

Benno and Alma's homestead which they bought in 1912 is now owned by their oldest child and daughter Clara with whom Alma is living along with Clara's brother Benno.

Benno B. Luckenbach, husband of Alma and second son of Julius August and Clara Foerster Luckenbach was born March 15, 1883 at Albert, Texas. A few years later he moved to the homestead of his grandfather, Jacob Luckenbach at Luckenbach, Texas. When he was six years old his mother died, leaving his older brother Eugene 8 years, Alex 4 years, and sister Adele 18 months old.

Eugene and Benno remained to live with their father and Alex and Adele were taken to Boerne, Texas to live with their grandparents Jacob and Justina Luckenbach.

His elementary education was at Luckenbach School and he attended Fredericksburg High School in 1900 having as class mates and comrades Kurt and Felix Keidel, Admiral Chester Nimitz with whom many a game of marbles was played. Moving back to Luckenbach in 1902, he became a member of Luckenbach Froshin Gesange Verein which his grandfather Alex ander Foerster organized. The club closed during both World War I and II. Benno joined the Arion Mens Choir of Fredericksburg in 1945 and was an active member until his death in 1962, singing second Tenor. He also was a member of Luckenbach and Grapetown Schitzenverein for many years, winning many prize and pots in the shooting.

Alma Lina Braeutigam

He was a civic leader in the Luckenbach community, serving on the board of trustees of the Luckenbach School. He also was presiding judge of the elections held in the community. He was a teamster hauling freight from San Antonio and Comfort, Texas to Fredericksburg and Luckenbach in which most the men played a major roll. Benno and his brother Eugene also had a butcher route for many years, killing their own cattle and selling the meat in adjoining communities of Luckenbach.

Benno was a stock farmer and rancher raising goats, sheep and cattle.

He, with Alma as a devoted wife and mother of his family, was quite successful and had an art in seeding and tilling his soil at the right time. They succeeded in buying two more properties which was part of the Julius Luckenbach Ranch and the Henry Deckert homestead. He was often sought out as confidant and advisor by his friends and neighbors in the Luckenbach community.

Clara Anna Louise Luckenbach

Miss Clara Anna Louise Luckenbach, oldest child of Benno and Alma Braeutigam Luckenbach, was born December 22, 1910 at Luckenbach, Texas in her parents home.

She received her grammar school education in a one room school at Luckenbach. This was a trip by foot every morning and evening with her brothers and sister and neighboring children of two miles, excepting once in a while when weather was too severe, they would travel by horse and buggy. After seven years in Luckenbach School she attended her 8th grade in Fredericksburg High School in 1927. With the passing of her Aunt Emmie Wahl, she had no place to room and board and was not able to attend school any longer.

Clara was baptized and confirmed in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church of which she is a member.

She is a talented ranch woman, having learned her father's skills well. In December of 1968 she fell heir and owner of the Benno and Alma Luckenbach homestead. She is managing all of the former Ben B. Luckenbach Ranch properties of Alex Luckenbach and Christine Boerner Ranches. Clara does all of the feeding and tending to the cattle, sheep and goats. With her fondness of animals she is never alone, always has her dogs with her. Her brother-in-law Adolph Boerner works her farm.

During the summer months, as a child, the frequent visits of her cousins and relatives are well remembered. These were special occasions, especially when her Aunt Minna Wood of Houston, Texas would come every summer and there would be a family get together at the Opa Otto Braeutigam homestead.

Clara was named after her grandmother Clara Foerster Luckenbach and her God mothers Anna Graeutigam and Louise Schaeffer. She is the oldest grandchild of Otto and Minna Stoffers Braeutigam.

Clara staying at home with her parents, enjoyed the frequent visits of her only niece Genevieve Boerner. Genevieve spent summer vacations at the ranch and farm and Clara would teach her the love for animals and the great outdoors.

Now in August of 1970, Genevieve came home with her two children Sean and Lisa McCaffrey from Baltimore, Maryland to enjoy the same pleasures that Genevieve had as a child with her Oma and Tante Clara and Uncle Benno at the old homestead.

Alex J. Luckenbach

Alex J. Luckenbach, the oldest son of Benno B. and Alma Braeutigam Luckenbach, was born October 10, 1912, at the country home of his parents on the former August Schoenewolf place. August Schoenewolf was a nephew of Alex's great grandfather Johann Wolfgang Braeutigam.

He received his grammar school education in a one teacher school at Luckenbach, Texas. This was a trip of 2 miles by foot every morning and evening--with the brothers and sisters and neighboring children. When the weather was too cold or wet, they would go by shanksmare (horse and buggy).

After grammar school, he attended Fredericksburg High School, but dropped out after his Sophomore year. The call of farm and ranch work was more important in those days--especially the size of the place he was reared on.

In June of 1938 he left home and attended Draughon's Business College, San Antonio, Texas, majoring in Business Administration--a course then being the identical course taught at Columbia University of New York. After graduating in May of 1940 he took up public accounting as his profession or vocation. At the same time he also held a Civil Service position for 1½ years as Chief of Air Corp Order & Contract Section--2nd shift at Kelly Field until his enlistment into the Army Air Force. Alex also took special and mail order course in forestry and border patrol and mailman, passing Civil Service examinations in all of these, but none paying enough to make him his livelihood.

He enlisted in the Army Air Force June 9, 1942 at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. His basic training was taken at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, where per chance a distant cousin, Joe Jordon, was S/Sgt. in charge of all of our activities and training in that Post. After 4 weeks training, he was shipped out to Camp Young, Indio, California, landing there July 10, 1942 and became permanently attached to the 338th Aviation Engineer Battalion Headquarters Company. Training all summer and fall, he was sent to a number of Service Schools and mastered Judo, Commando and Ranger training--becoming an instructor of those--at the same time learning how to operate heavy equipment such as bulldozers, draglines, heavy trucks, rollers and all of the fighting equipment--also being an instructor on the rifle and machine Gun ranges.

On February 2, 1943 he sailed with his outfit from Pittsburg, California across the Pacific to Australia and New Zealand and was fortunate to stop at both for refueling and letting submarine danger pass for a week. Next came a stop and duty of 10 days at Bombay, India and finally arriving at Port Said, Suez Canal, Egypt, March 26, 1943.

He was stationed at Camp Huckstep, Cairo, Egypt for 2 months and then moved up to Benghazi, Libya.

Being in the Engineer Section (the heart of operations) he did the surveying and layout work of building a 5000 foot runway and airfield for the B 32 heavy bombers. This specific mission was the knockout of Hitlers oil and the ploesti refineries and oilfields in Roumania.

Leaving North Africa and arriving in Taranto, Italy December 15, 1943, he spent his career all up and down, over and across Italy building emergency and entire air strips for bombers fighters - plus a few hospitals thrown in.

He received his honorable discharge September 24, 1945 at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas with a Good Conduct Medal - 3 Bronze

Alex J. Luckenbach

Stars---Far East, Middle East European Theatre Ribbons.

On October 15, 1945 he went back to public accounting for 5 months and then into corporation accounting where he was and has been engaged in up to the present time.

March 1, 1947 he married Betty Jean Minton, of Chicago, Illinois, a union of which no children were born.

On July 15, 1947 he and his wife moved to Chicago and have lived there since. He was engaged in the auto industry, International Harvester and presently in an industrial paint factory.

Another avocation that started November 1, 1959 as a hunting and weekend pleasure, became a Christmas tree plantation. Nine years later, totaling 180 acres and 75000 growing Scotch pine trees, which are now becoming marketable. This property is located at Howard City, Michigan.

In December of 1968 he fell heir to a 350 acre ranch, stocked with cattle and sheep, located at Luckenbach, Texas.

His net worth consists of the afore mentioned properties with 20,000 paid up life insurance, some deposits in savings and loan and a few government bonds. There are no liabilities.

Melodrama: Comes some of the enjoyable parts of life that I treasure yet today. When summer came and as kids, Woodie, Iddie, Sister, Sonny and Richie (cousins of Alex's) would come to spend time with us. We felt toward them like brothers and sisters and that has really never changed in his mind. We had some rip snorting times in sports, dancing, fishing, swimming and hunting.

He always remembers when his grandparents, aunts and uncles came to visit or they visited them on special occasions, as Alex had lots of love for his folks and relatives---something that too little is left in this changing world today.

Marvin, Hooly, Lillian, Margie, Stanley, Dayton, Eileen, Adeline, Mary Jane, Gloria, Dorothy, Virginia, James, Carolyn, Alice, and Doris were other cousins, some of which were much younger and living away from Gillespie County so he did not have the chance to enjoy the close feeling that he had with Uncle Wolfgang's children. Nevertheless, at family reunions the 28 grand children were quite a party in themselves and were the pride and joy of our grandfather and grandmother Braeutigan.

Special events were the Christmas' with the grandparents, the weddings of the aunts and uncles and often the anniversaries like the golden wedding of our grandparents not forgetting the observing of the birthdays in the families. And he also had many enjoyable Christmas's in Chicago.

The times when the uncles would come hunting was always a thrill for him for many times they were doing more target shooting and swapping tall tales than killing the "big ones."

The time of his return to Texas, the ancestral heritage, will depend upon coming events in the Big City which right now does not look so nice, being infected by the new breed who are way to far left and trained communists. The small towns and the rural areas are fast becoming infected but perhaps living on his ranch at Luckenbach would be a more peaceful place to retire.

Benno Felix Luckenbach

Benno Felix Luckenbach, second son of Benno B. and Alma Braeutigam Luckenbach was born December 29, 1914 in the country home of his parents on the former August Schoenewolf place who was a nephew of his great grandfather Johann Wolfgang Braeutigam.

Benno received his grammar school education in a one teacher school at Luckenbach, Texas. This was a trip by foot every morning and evening with his brothers and sisters and neighboring children of 2 miles, excepting once in a while when the weather was to cold or wet they would go by horse and buggy and last 2 years Dad would take us by car. Mrs. August Hopf would also take us at times in her car, since she took Ruby and Frank to school.

After grammar school he attended Fredericksburg High School but dropped out after his sophomore year. The call of farm and ranch work was more important in those days, especially the size of the place that he was reared on.

Benno, being interested in the out doors, has made a good rancher and farmer. During his teens he was active in trapping, hunting and fishing of which hunting and fishing remained one of his activities. Also active in baseball, he played with three different clubs - Luckenbach, Stonewall and Fredericksburg Giants for twenty years. He also was an active member of Frohsinn Singing Club of Luckenbach.

Benno is not married and makes his home with his mother and sister, Clara.

He was baptized and confirmed in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg of which he is a member.

He owns the Henry Deckert homestead of which was one of the Benno B. Luckenbach properties. He fell heir to this many years ago.

Benno, like Clara and Alex, also remembers the good times they had with their Oma and Opa Braeutigam and aunts and uncles when they would get together for Christmas and New Year, in fact often every Sunday was enjoyed by grandmother's big dinners or his mother's dinners for they would visit often. Woodie, Iddie, Sister, Sonny and Richie, their cousins, would come to spend time with them during the summer and became very close since they were their own age. Benno remembers all of our other cousins from family gatherings at Grandfather and Grandmother Braeutigam's home and farm. He was extremely fond of children and would be seen carrying the youngsters around to entertain them.

Christine Minna Luckenbach

Christine Minna Luckenbach Boerner was the fourth child of Benno and Alma Braeutigam Luckenbach. Having her great grandmother Braeutigam and her Grandmother Braeutigam name sake, she was born November 17, 1916 in Luckenbach at the Luckenbach homestead.

Christine (Tinie) had her elementary education at Luckenbach School, a one teacher school. It was a tiresome long trip, trailing along with her brothers and sisters and neighbors to school. After 7 years of schooling at Luckenbach, Christine attended Fredericksburg High School in 1930-1931. Likewise as her brothers and sister the call of the farm and ranch work was more important in those days.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg.

Dancing was enjoyed on weekends at Engels Dance Hall at Luckenbach and surrounding communities. She enjoyed the baseball games of

Christine Minna Luckenbach Boerner

Luckenbach and surrounding communities in which her brothers played baseball and meeting her fiance Adolph Boerner.

Adolph and Christine were married on February 24, 1937 in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church by Pastor Arthur Koerner. Her parents having the old fashion wedding and reception in their home with a turkey dinner. A chivari tendered by friends of the community and another chivari in the Sisterdale community was a "must" in those days. The young couple bought and moved to a ranch and farm in Sisterdale.

On September 25, 1938, Christine and Adolph were blessed with their only child, Genevieve Ellen Boerner McCaffrey.

In November of 1939 Adolph and Christine sold their property and moved to Comfort, Texas for a year and was employed by his uncle, Julius Lindner Feed Store.

In November of 1940 they moved to San Antonio, Texas at 115 Woodlief Street and in 1947 built and moved to their present home at 226 Sherwood Drive in San Antonio. Adolph built their home.

Christine always took an active part in church and P.T.A. and band parents activities during her daughter's elementary and high school days. After Genevieve graduated in 1956, she found her home lonely without Genevieve and her friends.

On October 5, 1956 she became a full time sales person at Joskes of Texas for 7 months selling in the stationery department and then was transferred to the handbag department and is still in same.

In December of 1968 she fell heir and owner of a 350 acre ranch stocked with cattle and sheep in Luckenbach, Texas.

The fondest memories of life that Tinie treasures today are the many visits to her grandparents home and being together with her Aunts and uncles. She remembers the big dinners that grandmother and her mother had; and most of all the aunts and uncles weddings and the many summer vacations her cousins spent with them.

Adolph Boerner was born November 11, 1913 at Althenheim at Comfort, Texas. When he was one year old his parents sold their property to Herman Sons and it became a home for the aged. His parents Charles Sr. and Gretchen Lindner Boerner bought a farm at Sisterdale on the Guadalupe River.

He had his elementary education at Sisterdale and Wasp Creek Schools making a 3 mile trip on horseback every morning and evening.

His childhood days were enjoyed by fishing and hunting on the Guadalupe River and also helping his parents on their farm and dairy in which he and his older brother would haul the milk to Waring, Texas every morning on a wagon and later they made the trip by truck. Farming is still one of Adolph's pleasures. He is now farming his sister-in-law Clara Luckenbach's farm.

His parents owned a thrashing machine which was used to thrash their small grain and for neighbors in the community. Also had their own blacksmith shop of which Adolph helped his father repair tools and equipment such as tractors and cultivators, etc.

Adolph worked hard in the field and at noon would practice baseball pitching with his younger brother Charles, Jr. as catcher. They made an excellent team for the Sisterdale Baseball Club.

Adolph was a charter member of the Farmers Boys Baseball League, consisting of 6 communities - Sisterdale, Luckenbach, Cain City, Meusebach Creek, Reingold, Stonewall and for a while Scipp Baseball Club belonged to the league.

After Adolph moved to San Antonio, he was employed at Metzger Dairies, Carpenter with Clay Dishmann building ranch homes in Blanco and Wimberly, Texas. In 1942 he was employed at Duncan Field which

Adolph Boerner

presently is Kelly Field in the flight test dept. Leaving Kelly Field he went to work at Coopolmer Corp. which then was a defense project and owned by Sears Roebuck and which later sold to Armstrong Tire Test Fleet of which Adolph had 19 years service as a diesel mechanic. Armstrong moved to Pecos, Texas in April of 1961 but Adolph decided not to go with them. He is now self employed as a general contractor in building, etc.

Adolph and Christine are at their ranch most every weekend. Also having frequent visits of their daughter and family, John better known as Skip and Geneviève and two children Sean and Lisa McCaffrey.

Elgin Julius Luckenbach

Elgin Julius Luckenbach, the youngest son of Benno B. and Alma Braeutigam Luckenbach was born January 14, 1921 at the country home of his parents on the former August Schoenewolf place.

Elgin received his elementary education in a one teacher school at Luckenbach. This meant a long and often treacherous trip of 2 miles. After elementary school he attended Fredericksburg High School from 1934 to 1938. In June of 1938 he and his brother Alex left home to attend Draughons Business College at San Antonio. Majoring in Business Administration, he graduated in May of 1940 and he was placed with a Civil Service position for 1½ years at Duncan Field now Kelly Field in the Personnel Office. Elgin and Alex made their home with their sister and brother-in-law, Christine and Adolph Boerner, while working at Kelly Field.

He and his brother Alex enlisted in the Army Air Force on June 9, 1942 at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. His basic training was taken at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas where a distant cousin Joe Jordan was a Sgt. in charge of all his activities and training in the post. After 4 weeks training he was sent to Greenville A.F.B., South Carolina for Flight Engineer Training and then sent to Boise, Idaho to Gunnery School Training. Completing this training made S/Sgt as Flight Engineer out of him. While in flight training he made cross country flights. Flying by Houston he made a phone call to his Aunt Minna Wood.

After a 2 week furlough at home in June of 1943 he was sent to the Pacific Theatre (first to Hawai and then to New Guinea. He and his group had flown 56 missions using B 25 Bombers. Since the bombing range was too far the B 25 Bomber could no longer be used and B 29 Bombers were used. The group had flown only for 3 days with B 29 Bombers. On April 16, 1944 after they had completed their mission bombing Hollandia and on their return met with a typhoon. The entire Squadron was lost with the exception of 2 men, who were rescued on the hills of New Guinea.

Elgin was missing in action for 2 years and was officially pronounced dead on February 25, 1946.

He had been decorated with The Air Medal, The Distinguished Flying Cross, 3 Citations, 3 Silver Stars.

Elgin was to return to the U. S. in August of 1944 and had planned marriage with Miss Alice Henke of Fredericksburg, Texas.

Personal History
of
Genevieve E. Boerner McCaffrey

Genevieve Ellen Boerner, the only child of Christine Luckenbach Boerner and Adolph Boerner, was born on September 25, 1938, in Luckenbach, Texas, on the farm of her Oma and Opa Luckenbach, which was originally the old August Schoenewolf homestead.

Her childhood was one of living close to the earth. Being an only grandchild, her Opa Luckenbach took her with him most everywhere he went. She rode a horse before she was barely able to walk; a few years later, she would ride behind her Opa with her arms around his waist as he hummed and whistled his favorite melodies of distant years or the past week's Saengerfest practice. Always underfoot, she watched her Oma Luckenbach knead the bread dough and begged for the first warm crust out of the oven.

There were summers of harvest--wasp and scorpion stings which were treated with vinegar and soda and bound with salt pork overnight. The watermelon and cantalope were always plentiful along with the bountiful vegetables in her Oma's garden--many times a turnip would be missing in the neatly planted rows. There was a mulberry tree to climb and hide in when dishes had to be dried, but purple tongue and feet soon told of the hiding place. The animals all were her playmates--little kittens, chicks, turkeys, lambs, ducks, dogs, calves--whatever could be found on a farm and ranch--even a pet deer by the name of Millie. In the heat of a summer afternoon, her Tante Clara would cross the Grape Creek with Genevieve to catch a string of fish for the evening meal. And on Saturday nights, she learned to dance at the old Engel Hall with friends of her own age, still all quite young. There were evenings of story telling by her Opa on the front porch, of finding a special summer star. And then came the winters of deer hunting and of Christmas--potbellied stoves giving off the scent of orange peels while she learned her alphabet and numbers.

Genevieve attended Mt. Calvary Lutheran School in San Antonio her first and second grades. As her father, Adolph, neared completion of the home in which he and Christine still live, she was transferred to Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. Ballet, tap dance, and acrobatics were soon given up in preference to piano lessons which became an integral part of her life. Education always being stressed as very important in her particular German family, she was a successful student. Attending Thomas A. Edison High School, the usual extracurricular activities ran a close second to her academic endeavors. She played a flute in the high school band and became a majorette, a position which she later forfeited to become editor of the high school yearbook her senior year. The "busy-ness" of her teen years left little time to be spent on the farm and ranch.

After graduation from high school in 1956 Genevieve entered Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, with a major in Biological Sciences and minor in Chemistry. During those college years, she served as a dormitory counselor and president along with a few other minor offices on campus. Life-long friends were made in college, a few of which whose paths she would again cross in the future. After graduating in May of 1959 with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Woman's University, she became a research technician in the Biochemistry

Genevieve E. Boerner McCaffrey

Department of Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas. She found research a slow-rewarding field and later entered medical technology training in the clinical pathology laboratories of St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. She became a registered medical technologist in July of 1962. During those years in Dallas, her circle of friends included many whose homes were far from Texas. She met, however, a brother of a friend whose home was Dallas. John Charles McCaffrey, known to most everyone as Skip, was the fourth of fourteen children. Having recently lost his father, two brothers and one sister, he took the responsibility of helping his mother and unmarried younger brothers and sisters through those first months following the deaths in the family. He had been attending St. Mary's University in San Antonio when the accident occurred. He re-entered the United States Army and was accepted for Officer's Candidate School. He had previously served three years in the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, after graduation from Jesuit High School, Dallas, Texas.

Skip and Genevieve were married September 15, 1962, in Dallas, Texas; she remained in Dallas while he completed Officer's Candidate School and the Ranger School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Sean Patrick, their son, was born September 11, 1963. Having a touch of "wanderlust", a lifetime of travel was in store for Genevieve and her husband.

During the time Skip was stationed on Governor's Island, New York, a daughter, Lisa, was born to the McCaffreys, on the 19th of January, 1965. He received orders for service in Viet Nam, and Genevieve and the youngsters returned to San Antonio to wait for his return. During that time, she took them to the country as much as possible so that they, too, could learn to appreciate the out of doors as she had as a child. Skip returned safely as a Captain and was assigned to Ft. Hood, Texas, where he was selected to be an Aide-de-Camp to the Fourth Army Commander at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, receiving the Army Commendation medal. Again, the circumstances were such that both Sean and Lisa had the opportunity to grow closer to their grandparents both in Dallas and San Antonio and to fish and roam about the farm of their great-grandmother Luckenbach. Their father was again sent to Viet Nam for a second tour of duty, and they remained in San Antonio. He returned in September of 1969 having been awarded the Silver Star, the Soldier's Medal, two Bronze Stars with "V" device, and the Air Medal. His orders took the family to Ft. Holabird, Maryland, where he is attending the Advanced Officers' Course of Military Intelligence.

Genevieve is active in PTA work and the Officers' Wives Group in addition to a homemaker's daily routine. The children, of course, are her major source of activity. Skip is quite involved with his school work and will soon be promoted to Major as well as being given the opportunity to complete his degree at the University of Omaha within the next year, hopefully. He relaxes with a weekly game of golf yet still finds time for his family. Sean and Lisa are both extroverts, Lisa's current interest being ballet, and Sean's interests ranging from fishing to baseball, basketball, swimming and sports in general. Sean is doing above average work in the first grade; Lisa is in nursery school and will enter Kindergarten next fall. Both are looking forward to their trip home this summer to visit grandparents and their country home.

John Wolfgang Braeutigam

John Wolfgang Braeutigam, (Wolfgang) oldest son of Otto Henry and Minna Stoffers Braeutigam, was born on September 19, 1889, on the homestead of his parents. He was the first child born in this one-room log cabin with a loft; his older sister Alma was born during the time they lived with Grandma Christine Braeutigam.

Wolfgang spent his childhood in this log cabin on the land bought by his father from the original 640 acre estate of Johann Wolfgang and Christine Kensing Braeutigam. His playmates were the cousins from the Uncle Richards, Uncle Emils, with an occasional visit with relatives and friends in Fredericksburg, Doss and relatives near town.

He, like all the Braeutigams, received their grammar grade public school education at Meusebach Creek School. Mr. Louis Brodie their teacher, regarded the Braeutigam cousins as having a fairly brilliant mind and encouraged them to take the teachers examination and all of them passed and became teachers. Wolfgang was one of these cousins. So at an early age, Wolfgang began teaching a seven grade school at Lower South Grape Creek on the Austin Highway. He taught this school for two years. He had to travel on horseback, a distance too far to travel every day, so he would go to his boarding place at the Karl Schaeffers on Monday mornings and return home on Fridays. Due to the inconvenience, he ascertained the idea of taking a business course to have a job in town, instead of teaching. After a year's training, (before he had finished his course) he was encouraged by F. J. Maier to do the bookkeeping for the Burrier-Maier General Merchandise and Grocery Store. He boarded at his Fritz Stoffers grandparents. Due to lack of room and the illness of Grandmother, he began to stay with the Alfred Schaeffers, who lived in Julius Schuchard's house around the corner from the Burrier-Maier Store, only a short walking distance.

While working here, he met his future wife Katie Ethel Burrier whom he was married to in the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Fredericksburg, by Pastor W. D. Wiemers, on May 22, 1912. They spent their first year in the house on Main Street. It was a beautiful new house with a Bay Window Style, built by Franz Stein Lumber Company for renting purposes. The house has since been torn down and replaced by Phillips 66 Service Station. Katie Burrier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burrier, was born October 20, 1894.

While living on Main Street, their first child was born on February 17, 1913 named Hugo Woodrow. When they saw the convenience of living next to her parents, the Richard Burriers, they moved next door to them into the Wittiab Place and lived there for several years.

Since the dwelling section of the Nauwald Place next to Nimitz Hotel, which his father owned, was now vacant, Wolfgang was encouraged to move to this place. While living here, their oldest daughter was born on October 1, 1914 named Adah Ethel. Two years later their third child, a second daughter, Frances Vernell, was born on May 23, 1916.

After many years of bookkeeping and clerking at the Burrier and Maier Business Concerns, he had enough experience to establish a business of his own. He established the "Braeutigam's Cash Grocery". He also built a house of their own on an installment plan on Creek Street in the Langerhans Addition. At this new house, their first home of their own, their two younger sons were born; namely, John Wolfgang, Jr. born on May 20, 1918 and Richard Marion on April 27, 1920. His business flourished while Katie's health and status as

a helpmate decreased; so the family became separated. Wolfgang after years of trying had to sell his business and the house and began working his father's farm and ranch, the former Jacob Jung place; whereas the children were taken in for a while with the Burrier grandparents. Grandfather Braeutigam in desperation and love for his grandchildren finally took his wagon and brought the children out to his and Grandmother Braeutigam's place to live. The children received their early education staying with their Aunts and Uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Wahl and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Crenwelge, who lived in Fredericksburg at the time and were close enough to the public school for them to walk to school. Katie made her home with her sisters and in and out of the hospital in San Antonio.

Later as the children were able to help keep house and were going to high school, Wolfgang set up housekeeping with his children. Wolfgang's father updated the front of the Nauwald Building, established a Moreran Mercantile Store with Wolfgang and F. J. Maier as managers. During these years he finally was granted his divorce after living with his ill fortune during his younger years. In March 6, 1943 he was married to Mamie Schaper with whom he lived a quiet life until his end. She was born on March 10, 1899 daughter of Frank and Adele Pape Schaper. He stayed in this business until his father's demise when the property was sold and the business was liquidated. Having been an experienced and well liked sales clerk, he soon accepted a job as clerk for Schroeders Brothers, where he worked until his lingering kidney ailment took him away on May 10, 1952. He was buried in the city cemetery. Mamie lived until September 24, 1969, and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Klaerner Hickmann, a grandson Roger L. Klaerner and a great grandson Gregory Scott Klaerner.

Perhaps it can be stated that Wolfgang "missed his boat" for he was quite intelligent, a linguist speaking three languages fluently and a diplomat in dealing with people. His daughter Ada states that her father never raised his voice, speaking softly but firmly when disciplining the family. He encouraged his children to try to be prepared for life although his adversities kept him from educating them. His children were blessed with the better things in life. He was baptized together with several brothers and sisters (quite common in those days) and was confirmed in 1903 at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church.

He was quite entertaining in telling jokes and imitating people. He loved music, making the harmonica really come alive. He enjoyed good Mexican music, as in those early days good Mexican bands would play for festivities in Fredericksburg. He was very kind to the helpless and the poor. Since he had mastered the Spanish language, many of the Latin Americans came to him for help with their troubles since there was no language barrier between them. He quite frequently had to be an interpreter in court.

Katie Ethel Burrier is in the rest home in San Antonio, Texas.

During the years of the twenties he belonged to the Volunteer Fire Department and was Fire Chief for several years.

In 1930 and again in 1940 he was Census Enumerator.

In short, Wolfgang led a diversified life. He was a teacher, rancher, farmer, merchant, salesman, clerk and businessman.

Hugo Woodrow Braeutigam

Hugo Woodrow Braeutigam, oldest child of John Wolfgang and Katie Burrier Braeutigam, was born in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Braeutigam, in Fredericksburg, Texas on February 17, 1913.

A vivid memory of his early childhood, was the sight of an airplane which made a forced landing on the outskirts of Fredericksburg in 1918 or 19. He ran for about one mile from home to see what impressed him as a great flying object or monster. Shortly afterwards he saw another airplane fly over town so he climbed a windmill to see the plane until it was out of sight. His first ride in an automobile when he was four years old and the sight of an airplane were truly unforgettable experiences for him.

Running away from home with the ice deliveryman but returning home safely, with at least 50 or more people searching for him, surmising that he might have drowned, was indeed a stunt a child would enjoy doing.

Some of the unpleasant experiences were when he had to put up with sicknesses such as measles, diphtheria, pneumonia, whooping cough and a severe infection from a cat bite. In 1969 he was in a head on collision on his sales travels, broke and fractured bones but survived and recuperated within several months.

Visits with the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto H. Braeutigam, out on the farm were most enjoyable, especially, when we met with many relatives on occasions like birthdays, weddings, Christmas, etc.; for a full day of fun, food and visiting.

His first day in school in the Fredericksburg Public Schools in September of 1920, accompanied by his mother, was a happy but a frightening occasion. His first grade teacher was Amanda Grote, later Mrs. Albert Dittmar. Sports was his favorite school endeavor and past time. At the age of 14, he entered five events in the Junior Division of the Gillespie County Field and Track Meet and won five first places by winning five blue ribbons plus the prizes donated by the merchants to winners of the meet. During his high school years he was quite busy participating in the majority of sports offered; especially basket ball, baseball and track. He would devour the daily sports columns on the major baseball leagues. During his high school days from 1927 to 1931, he was a member of the German Club, Glee Club, Advertising Manager of the Mesa Yearbook Staff, Vice President of the Senior Class.

He graduated from the Fredericksburg High School in 1931. After leaving high school, his first job was as clerk for his father in The Modern Mercantile Company. He enjoyed working in the food business chiefly in the sales division and chose this work as his career. "Wanderlust" took him to San Antonio in December of 1932 where he was employed by the Frosted Milk Corporation with offices on South Alamo Street. After working for three months he was promoted to manager of Store # 2 on Broadway. After being employed by this corporation he was approached by Hom--Ond Food Stores to become a clerk and checker and was soon promoted to assistant manager of the Broadway store on Alamo Heights. Being employed here for two years, he made a sudden decision to go back to school where upon he entered Draughons Business College, graduating in 1937. He re-entered the food business as grocery salesman in the retail and institutional field for the San Antonio Wholesale Grocery Company, later called The Bird Shankee Corporation. In the fall he was ready for a change and moved to Dallas. There he was employed by the John Sexton & Co. as their first salesman in their Texas Branch with headquarters in Chicago.

Hugo Woodrow Braeutigam

In the meantime he was married to Adele Tidwell on April 11, 1941 who was born December 6, 1916 and reared in Greenville, Texas. Later they were divorced.

He was drafted into the U. S. Army in 1941 and released in the fall of the same year by an act of Congress releasing men of 28 years of age and older.

Upon his return, he was assigned to his first Sexton Route in northeast Texas, and two years later the Dallas city route and later the Beaumont - Port Arthur - Galveston territory. He worked this part of Texas approximately two years and it was on this route that John Sexton & Company promoted him to district sales manager - a position he held for ten years. His region at one time extended from west Texas to California, being kept busy working with ten salesmen over this vast region. He had the opportunity of seeing a lot of beautiful U. S. A. scenery since his territory included Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Kansas and California.

In the year 1956 misfortune struck when his doctor diagnosed his throat trouble as cancer of the larynx. A laryngectomy was performed on May 2, 1956 which resulted in the complete loss of his voice. This, of course, was a terrible blow as his voice meant so much as an important instrument in his daily sales work. Feeling very discouraged and dispondent for at least six months, he spent two months with his sister Vernell and brother-in-law, the Gordon S. Mitchell's of Sepulveda, California, convalescing. He is a Methodist by faith and prayed many times that good Lord would eventually restore his voice. He became a member of the Lost Chord Club and served as secretary from 1958 to 1959.

On June 17, 1960 he was married to Charlotte Ann Montiguque of New Orleans, Louisiana in St. Paul Methodist Church of Houston, Texas.

He refused to give up and returned to work four months after his serious throat operation. Within four to six months he taught himself to speak fairly well by using the esophageal speech. After working in the Sexton office approximately two and one half years,

he returned to selling with his home in Houston, Texas. He was transferred to the Corpus Christi territory in April of 1962 and is still working this route and is at home on 3402 Ocean Drive (2).

In 1967 he won an award and plaque which reads as follows: "In recognition of outstanding Performances in Sales, Excellent Service To Customers Strong Promotional Effort and Consistant Participation In Company Programs---Hugo W. Braeutigam Is Hearby Appointed Member of the John Sexton Honor Society." In 1966 and 1967 as recognition for certain sales performances, he received a letter, a beautiful diamond ring and a wrist watch.

A recent letter from the Branch Manager, Mr. Tom Butler, of the Dallas, Texas Branch states:

1. You received a sizable Gross Profit Award
2. You had won for the sixth straight year in Yearly Achievement Award and would receive a Gold Blazer.
3. The All American Holiday Award for Region 12-A also went to Woody Braeutigam.
4. You also received a New 1970 Galaxie as your company car at a very appropriate time.

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He Stated:

"These are truly outstanding accomplishments for a fellow who has had more than his share of adversity!" It takes a lot of things to become a successful Sexton Salesman and to last through just the normal amount of problems. But with all the extensive testing and training we go through attempting to further the abilities as well as rewards for our sales force, one ingredient still can't be measured - courage. It can't be predetermined. Only time can tell, and time certainly has proven that you, Woody Braeutigam, possess that most important ingredient - courage. Congratulations---

Hugo W. Braeutigam will soon round out thirty years of service with John Sexton and Company (Wholesale Manufacturing Grocers). He has enjoyed every year of it but plans to retire after another ~~eight to ten years.~~

His favorite hobbies are coin collecting, Music, cards, sports, reading and love for plants and trees. He hopes to someday retire to the fine section of Texas that his forefathers had settled upon and have a small orchard to pass the time during his retirement years.

Adah Ethel Braeutigam

Adah Ethel Braeutigam, the second child of John Wolfgang Sr. and Katie Ethel Burrier Braeutigam, was born October 1, 1914 in Fredericksburg, Texas. The home in which she was born was the old Nauwald home next door to the Nimitz Hotel on Main Street. Upon application for a birth certificate in 1941, Mr. Joe Schaetter from across the street signed an affidavit to this effect as records showed she was delivered by a midwife. The family consisted of Hugo Woodrow, herself, Frances Vernell, John Wolfgang, Jr. and Richard Marion. To her family she was "Iddie", the name being attached by her brother Woodie.

Many wonderful relatives contributed to raising her as her mother's health wasn't the strongest. Her ideal was Aunt Emmie Braeutigam Wahl, as she was born on her birthday, October 1. This dear soul died on January 13, 1928 and Adah felt as if she had lost a second mother.

Her best friend was Ruby Ransleben Langhennig with whom she started to school in 1920 and continued this friendship through the eleven years of school, both graduating from Fredericksburg High School in 1933.

On November 6, 1931 she was christened by Reverend Gammenthalrr of the Southern Methodist Church. Her Godmother being her Aunt Alice, Mrs. Paul Sauer and Godfather was her uncle Charlie Braeutigam. She has been a member of the Methodist religion ever since.

On July 1, 1932 she entered Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. The next year the school closed and she was transferred to Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas. On July 1, 1935 she graduated and became a Registered Nurse.

On July 21, 1935 she became the wife of William Thomas Binford of Dallas. He was known to everyone as Bill Binford. Their first child was born on February 6, 1938 - a daughter named Katherine Elizabeth. On March 7, 1945 their second child was born, another daughter named Annelle.

On May 10, 1952 dear father John Wolfgang Braeutigam and the daughters "Opa" passed away. On May 12, 1956 her husband Bill Binford died very suddenly from a heart attack. He had served 21 years of law enforcement under Sherrieff R. A. "Smoot" Schmidt and Bill Decker.

On June 1, 1958 she married Alvin G. Carter of Dallas. Micheal David Carter became her stepson. Her second husband Alvis, better known as Jack, is a flight dispatcher for Braniff Airways.

Raising three children gave her the privilege of serving the Parent Teacher Association for 20 years and the honor of a life membership. A greater privilege was serving the Methodist church for thirty years as teacher in the children's department.

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Her oldest daughter Katherine is married to Reuben Chambers of Dallas. She is a graduate of the Caruth School of Dentistry. She is a dental hygienist. She has two children namely: Juliene Nelson born September 23, 1958 and a son Alan William Nelson born April 12, 1961.

Annelle the youngest daughter is married to Charles Edward Apple of Dallas. They have two children: LeAnne born March 24, 1962 and a son born September 6, 1967. Annelle is a radio-ologist tecknoligest and is a graduate of Baylor Hospital.

Her stepson Micheal David is married to Sherrion Tarrllon. They are both graduates of Texas Technical College of Lubbock, Texas. Mike is in the Marine Reserves.

Adah has given thirteen years of service to the Democratic Party; ten of these serving as Precinct Chairman.

Frances Vernell Braeutigam

Frances Vernell Braeutigam, third child of John Wolfgang and Katie Burrier Braeutigam, was born May 23, 1916, in a small town of Fredericksburg, Texas. Here she received her public school education in full graduating in 1933.

After spending a year at home working in her father's store, she decided to enter nursing school and graduated from Parkland Hospital School of Nursing in 1937. She worked as a nurse in an eye, ear, nose and throat clinic for 2½ years, then became a member of the Stewardess Corps of American Airlines in November of 1939, flying over most of the United States for three years. She met Gordon Sylvester Mitchell early in 1942 and married him on November 14, 1942.

Gordon Sylvester Mitchell was born in Los Angeles, California on March 1, 1907. He graduated from Hollywood High School in 1925 and attended California Institute of Technology for 3 years in Pasadena. He first held technical positions with the Sound Departments of Universal and Tiffany - Stahl Studios, subsequently becoming Manager of the Research Council of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. For several years previous to World War II, he was Executive Assistant to Darryl F. Zanuck, Vice President of 20th Century Fox Studios. He was called to active duty as a Captain in the Signal Corps, United States Army in November of 1942, subsequently serving 1½ years in the South Pacific. After discharge from active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1945, Vernell and Gordon settled down in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles, California, where they have resided since. In the interim years Gordon produced educational and commercial films and became active in land management.

Three children were born to Frances Vernell and Gordon S. Mitchell, namely: La Nelle Faye, born October 8, 1943 at Alexandria, Louisiana while her father was stationed at Camp Livingston, Louisiana during World War II. She attended schools in Los Angeles, California majoring in accounting. She married Shirlaw Cochran Thomas on August 4, 1967. Shirlaw Cochran Thomas was born February 6, 1937 in Lehi, Utah. He attended schools in Utah. He served in the United States Army between 1953 and 1959 and is currently sales representative for Presto Chemical Co., Sherlaw had three children by a former marriage, namely: William Craig Thomas, born January 3, 1959, but deceased on July 31, 1968 of accidental strangulation, Kimberly Christine Thomas born December 30, 1960 and Todd Christopher Thomas, born August 18, 1963.

Marilyn Kay, born December 23, 1945, in Los Angeles was the second child of Vernell and Gordon Mitchell. She received her education in Los Angeles. On February 14, 1964, she was married to James Howard Ellis. James Howard Ellis was born in Los Angeles on September 29, 1942, and attended school here. They reside in Los Angeles and he is currently a pipe fitter foreman. Two girls were born to Marilyn and James - Colleen Marie on July 27, 1964 and Christine Renee on April 22, 1967.

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Gordon Sylvester Mitchell, Jr. born July 19, 1948. He attended schools in Los Angeles and served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1968, including 13 months in Korea. After discharge from the service, he married Bonni Lee Helgeson on August 18, 1968. Bonni Lee Helgeson was born in Water, South Dakota, on July 6, 1948. They are currently residing in Los Angeles, California, and Gordon, Jr. is an Apprentice Meatcutter with Alpa Beta Markets. They have one daughter, April Charlene, born on April 29, 1969.

John Wolfgang Braeutigam, Jr.

Born May 20, 1918, the fourth child of John Wolfgang, Sr. and Katy Burrier Braeutigam, in Fredericksburg, Texas. Attended Fredericksburg Public School and graduated from Fredericksburg High School on May 21, 1935.

As a youngster in Fredericksburg, John, Jr. was better known to his family and friends as "Sonny". During the summer months, while school was not in session, John, Jr. spent time with his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Otto H. Braeutigam, on their farm in the Muesebach community adjacent to the Pedernales River. It was in this river that John learned to swim and accompanied his Grandpa Otto on many fishing trips. Fishing at night was most hazzardous at times with only a kerosene lantern to use as light. John, Jr. remembers on one occasion when his grandpa asked him to pull a string of fish out of the water and John found the entire string of fish swallowed by a large water moccasin snake. Also, on another occassion John brushed against a large wasp nest and was stung by numerous wasps on the face which created such swelling and edema of the face that John, Jr. could not see out of his eyes for several days afterwards. Some of John's more pleasant moments were spent with Grandpa Braeutigam when he and his kid brother, Richie, would sit on Grandpa's knee late in the evenings in front of the house watching millions of stars in the big clear sky and singing old German songs along with Grandpa. John says that no one could ever forget the weekend family gatherings at Grandpa & Grandma's place with all the wholesome food like the big layer cakes, koch-Kase, home-stuffed sausage, canned fruits, preserves, and vegetables out of the garden. John, Jr. vividly recalls the day-to-day chores of Grandma Braeutigam and Aunt Annie Braeutigam in the dawn-to-dusk toil of the kitchen with the old wood cook stove; the wood box next to the stove where young "Sonny" and his brother Richie would sit and watch them fry the eggs, bake the bread, and cook the big containers full of good old home made soup. Grandpa, having a hard time masticating the crust on the bread, would slice off the crust and soak it in his coffee and call it "Mudsa". "Mudsa" became quite a delicacy with young John and Richie. "Eier Brote", presently known as French Toast, was one of Grandma's favorites for breakfast. Aged and smelly Hand-Kase was another of Grandma's delicacies. During his "growing up" years, John, Jr. spent summers also with his many uncles and aunts.

After graduating from high school, John, Jr. hitched a ride with Mr. Leon Basse, who was then running an old Reo truck between Fredericksburg and San Antonio, to San Antonio where he made application for enlistment into the U. S. Navy. John passed the rigid physical and written examination, the only one out of 18 applicants. One of the other applicants taking the exam with John was Louis "Sam" Sembritsky, a classmate of John's. Louis was rejected because of underweight; the next time Louis took the examination John encouraged him to eat a dozen bananas just prior to being weighed; however, that still wasn't enough to qualify him for acceptance. John, after waiting a year, was called to duty and shipped to San Diego, California for recruit training as an

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apprentice seaman at \$21.00 per month, \$3.00 more per month than what the Army was paying, and big pay in the eyes of a country boy from Texas during the depression. After learning the ropes at the Naval Training Station, John was assigned for duty aboard the U. S. Fleet Flagship, U. S. S. Pennsylvania, the largest battleship in the Navy. The U. S. Fleet was then anchored at San Pedro, California and was under the command of Admiral Joseph "Goatee" Reeves, a large tall officer with a gray beard. John, Jr.'s first shipboard assignment was duty on the starboard side of the quarterdeck which consisted of furbishing the rails of the hatch leading to the Admiral's quarters. When John, Jr. first saw this majestic looking Admiral with all the gold and regalia on his uniform approaching the hatch, John froze and was nudged out of the hatchway by the Admiral's maring orderly. Admiral Reeves was later relieved by Admiral Arthur J. Hepburn, an ammiable naval officer who would converse with John on occasions.

After a few months on the quarterdeck, John became acquainted with the ship's junior surgeon, Lt. J. R. Sayers, a native of Commerce, Texas. Dr. Sayers encouraged John to transfer from deck division to hospital division, and John became a sickbay striker for several months. After satisfactory service in the sickbay, the senior surgeon, Commander Smith, recommended John's transfer to the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School at San Diego, California for 17 week course in pharmacy and hospital work. After graduating from Corps School, John was promoted to Hospital Apprentice and assigned to Ward duty at the U. S. N. Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. After serving as flagship of the U. S. Neutrality Patrol operating out of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba ---keeping the sealanes close to Continental U. S. clear of ships of billigerent nations carrying contraband. John was aboard the Cruiser Omaha in the port of Kingston, Jamaica when four British Cruisers steamed into Kingston harbor directly from doing battle with the German Pocket Battleship, Graf Spee, in Montevideo Harbor. John recalls how battered and shot up these British Cruisers looked after anchoring only a short distance from the Omaha. John still remembers the names of these ships; the H. M. S. Exeter, HMS Achilles, HMS Ajax, HMS Orion. It was interesting for John to listen to the British sailors ashore describing the week long battle with this ferocious German Raider of the South Atlantic; comparing the four British cruisers to four hound dogs chasing a grisley bear--the dogs just barely staying out of reach of the bear's deathly swing. The cruisers finally cornered the Pocket Battleship in Montevideo Harbor where, from lack of fuel and supplies, the German skipper and crew scuttled their ship.

With all of Europe at war and the gradual U. S. embargo on Japanese trading, John decided to remain in the Navy for another four years. He reenlisted in the summer of 1940 and was shipped to the U. S. Pacific Fleet which was then anchored and operating out of Pearl Harbor, T. H. At Pearl Harbor John served aboard the Destroyer Tenders U. S. S. Whitney and U. S. S. Altair. Shortly before the infamous Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, the U. S. S. Altair, with John aboard, set sail for Panama and the open Atlantic.

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The Altair dropped anchor in Hamilton, Bermuda where she did repair work to both British and U. S. warships. It was during the early months of 1942 that John could readily see what damage the German Submarines were doing to allied shipping in the Atlantic. Bermuda was the rendezvous port for large armadas of allied merchant ships, and the German Submarine Commanders were well aware of this; there U-boats were constantly lurking in and out of the waters surrounding Bermuda. In April of 1942, John was transferred aboard a U. S. Attack Transport destined for Norfolk, Virginia. The Attack Transport was the A. P. # 13 with a black cat as its mascot. Because of constant German submarine attacks between Hamilton and Norfolk, the A. P. # 13 was finally forced to detour its course and ended up in Boston instead of Norfolk. John left the A. P. # 13 at Boston and was ordered to serve on the staff of the Commandant of the 7th Naval Dist. at Key West, Fla. On June 5, 1942 in Miami, John married his high school sweetheart, Miss Ruth Cora Brannies, in the Trinity Methodist Church, the Rev. Doctor Robt. L. Allen officiating.

In July 1942, John entered the U. S. Naval Medical School at Bethesda, Md., graduating the following May 1943. Besides learning clinical medical technique, John learned a few things about Super-Politics since he was in close contact with politicians who came to Bethesda for treatment. John recalls the day he stood in front of President Franklin D. Roosevelt when the President motored to Bethesda to commission and inaugurate the U. S. Naval Medical Center on Wisconsin Blvd. just across the street from the U. S. Public Health Service Center. Also, John helped do clinical tests on men like the late Senators Tom Connally, Vandenberg, Barkley, and Sec. of State Cordell Hull. John also had the pleasure of talking to the Captain Otto Nimitz, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz's younger brother, and doing tests on him while a patient at Bethesda.

After leaving Bethesda, John was transferred to the Charleston, S. C. Navy Yard, where he set up a clinical laboratory. After Charleston, John was transferred to Norfolk, Va. where he helped set up Medical and Hospital Commando Units for the European theatre of War. In the fall of 1943, John was shipped to the Southwest Pacific where he was on duty with Naval Medical Units of Navy Sea Bees, First Marine Division, Fleet Hospitals, Mobile Hospitals in the Solomon Islands.

It was in the Solomon Island campaign where John met a few men from Fredericksburg; namely, George Grobe and Marvin Crenwelge. Marvin, John's cousin, was a patient at one of the hospitals (John was assigned to); John saw the big hospital transport plane bring Marvin in to the landing strip located adjacent to the hospital; he even recognized Marvin when he walked off the plane. Before leaving Pearl Harbor in 1941, John visited with Ensign Winfred Berg aboard the U. S. S. Indianapolis, Fireman 1/c Emil Schlaudt aboard the U. S. S. Pensacola (Emil was killed later on when the Pensacola was sunk in the Solomon Island Campaign), Yeoman Martin Bruns aboard the U. S. S. Arizona (Martin was one of

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few survivors from the Arizona). Quincy Kothmann, Boatswain Mate, aboard the U. S. S. Henley; Rudy Keihne, Seaman, who was in port on the Aircraft Carrier Lexington; Louis Wahrmond, Seaman, aboard a Navy tugboat operating in Pearl Harbor. Another Fredericksburg boy, the late Monroe Houy, was stationed aboard the U. S. S. Pennsylvania as a Marine when John was on the Pennsylvania. Ed Hagel of Fredericksburg was with John when the latter was stationed at Navy Hospital in Philadelphia. The late Elgin Luckenbach, John's cousin from Luckenbach, corresponded with John while the two were on duty in the Southwest Pacific.

After cessation of hostilities in the Pacific, John returned to the U. S. where he helped plan and build the U. S. Naval Hospital in Houston, Texas. This hospital was later sold to the Veterans Administration. When John returned from the Pacific War, he saw his 2 year old son, John W. III, for the first time.

On November 19, 1947, John was retired from the Naval Service with the rank of commissioned warrant by reason of disabilities incurred in the line of duty. John attended the University of Houston two years after retiring from the Navy. He then went into the hearing aid business in Houston, and sold his business in 1965 and bought a small farm 3 miles from Fredericksburg, Texas where he is now engaged in raising peaches. His wife, the former Ruth Cora Brannies, was born in Riesel, Texas, January 1, 1919. She is a graduate of Southwestern University (Cum Laude) and Sigma Chi Honorary Society. Ruth is a teacher.

John and Ruth have two sons; John W. III born August 15, 1943, Glenn M. Born April 3, 1947. Both sons were born in Houston; both graduated from John Reagan Senior High School. John W. III is teacher in Vail, Colorado, married to Miss Judy Shumacher (1967) of Woodland, California; Judy is graduate of College of The Holy Names, Oakland, California. Glenn is a pipeline construction worker and not married as of this date April 1970.

(If this is not printed before this summer - we may (by the grace of God) add a John IV.)

As of August 5, 1970, John W. Braeutigam III and Judy Shumacher Braeutigam are the proud parents of a baby boy named John Edward Braeutigam.

Richard M. Braeutigam

Richard Marion Braeutigam, the youngest of the five children of John Wolfgang Braeutigam and Katie Burrier Braeutigam, was born on April 27, 1920.

Due to the illness of his mother, Richie spent a great part of his youth with his grandparents. He received his education in the public school of Fredericksburg and graduated from high school in May of 1937. While in school he participated in all sports activities, such as baseball, track, tennis and basketball.

After graduating from Fredericksburg High School he joined the U. S. Navy on July 9, 1937. He retired from the Navy in 1958 after being a Veteran of two Wars; World War II and the Korean Conflict.

On July 16, 1946, he was married to Jennie T. Skobeleff in Bel Air, Maryland. To this union was born one son, Richard Jr. in Boston, Massachusetts on February 17, 1948. Richard Marion, Jr. was married to Rene Lillian Clement on September 19, 1968, and they have a son named Richard Marion III.

After retiring from the Naval Service, Richard was employed as a Maint Foreman at Rohr Corp in 1959 and at present time still is a Maint Foreman at Rohr Corp., Chula Vista, California.

Richard and his wife have bought a place on the outskirts of Fredericksburg, where they come to spend their vacation and plan to retire to some day.

Richard became a member of the Methodist as a young boy when he still lived in Fredericksburg. He now is a member of the chamber of commerce of Fredericksburg, which shows that his thoughts still lean toward his home town.

Richard's hobbies are hunting, fishing, and traveling. His wife is a good homemaker, loves to garden and preserves fruits and vegetables, and has good talent for painting.

Minna Bertha Braeutigam

Minna Bertha Braeutigam was born on January 10, 1891, the second daughter and third child of Otto and Minna Stoffers Braeutigam. By the time she was 16 the family had grown to eleven children. As was the rule in a big family, the older ones in the family always helped raise the younger ones. Children detest this but some how we respected her as a mother; she would take the lead in so many of the tasks and coax the rest of us on. Although she was fond of her family, and father not being able to pay more then \$1 a day for cotton picking, etc. she tried to raise her status by graduating with honors from Dubrey Business College. Sister Emma also took the course, so when they had finished there were no jobs to be found in Fredericksburg. They wanted to inquire about a job in San Antonio; took their first train ride to the big city, and found themselves in a business where Spanish was the predominating language, so their trip was in vain. The family being good friends of the Nimitz, she accepted a job as cook for the Hotel. Later she and Emmie tried taking in sewing at fathers "Nauwald Building". It was a good location and a profitable business but nerve wrecking work. Next she tried taking a course in millinery with Clara Danz in Dallas and found work there for a year. By chance, she was approached by her cousin Nellie Corby, to supervise the kitchen and girls on duty at one of the Foods Cottages at Bellaire School for Girls at Houston. She accepted and was employed for many years until she met James Wood, a mechanic in a garage at Bellaire. They were married on January 3, 1931. With her life savings she built a brick duplex apartment in Houston. With a great struggle she managed to build up a nice business of her own.

When her health failed, she was encouraged to come to Fredericksburg to be near her family. She was in and out of the hospital and rest home until she suddenly passed on, September 24, 1968. With all her trials in life, she always had a wonderful sense of humor, was broadminded, loved her family and was very optimistic, saying that the good things in life outweigh the pain and evil of life.

Annie Alvina Braeutigam

Annie Alvina Braeutigam, fourth child of Otto Henry and Minna Stoffers Braeutigam, was born on January 9, 1893.

At the early age of two and one half years she had the misfortune of going into convulsions and was unconscious for a day and a night. Dr. Keidel sat with her all night and when she came to, she was paralyzed on her left side and perhaps brain damaged. The doctor diagnosed it as a convulsion or cramp from a piece of watermelon rind which had lodged in her stomach and wasn't able to digest. The doctor advised hot baths for her paralysis and with her mother's patience and effort, she was able in time to use her left side again but kept a limp in her walk and weakness in her left arm and hand.

Going to school was quite a task because of the distance and her weakness. After a few years of schooling she broke out with boils all over and that put an end to her education, which handicapped her for life.

At the age of 31, she became a victim of epileptic attacks or seizures. One would probably regard her as a victim of circumstance, a fault of no one in particular, but handicapped since she lacks education. Thanks to radio and television to pass her time, since she is unable to work at her age of 77, and her inability to move about with ease.

When she was young and able she was quite capable of helping her mother to perform the household duties for such a large family; both would not have to search for work. When anything was lost or misplaced, it was Annie who would have the patience to find it. Making the many beds for the family (with the unruly feather beds in the winter) and sweeping the entire house was without doubt her daily task. The forgotten tasks of having the boys shoes polished and ready for them when it came time for them to wear them, and many such chores, she would do these without being told. For everyone in the family, she would do these unnoticed kindnesses; often her younger sisters and even the brothers would express their confidential secrets to her first for she wasn't near so ready to discipline as some of the others.

By the grace of God, she has reached the age of 77 years and who knows she may be happier in her own way of life than many who can hardly keep up with the many responsibilities of the modern way of life. She now makes her home with her three remaining sisters, although she had stayed with others of the family, in years past.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and is still a member of the same church.

Felix Adolf Braeutigam

Felix Adolf Braeutigam, second oldest son of Otto and Minna Stoffers Braeutigam, was born on June 20, 1894. Felix received his education at the Meusebach Creek Public School. Felix was a lively, energetic person, always wanting to do things that gave him a thrill. He loved to break or train horses, climb the highest pecan tree, play baseball and always longed to become an engineer of a railroad. His dreams did not materialize, instead he stayed on the farm to help support and raise the family of his parents.

On August 21, 1917, he was married to Else Francis Herbort who was born on October 26, 1898, the daughter of Ernst and Franciska Feller Herbort. On September 5, 1917, he was drafted into the army and served at Camp Travis in San Antonio. He served in the Medical Corps, and has remarked how ill equipped they were to house sick soldiers. Communicable diseases often developed into an epidemic. Smallpox vaccinations were made compulsory for the first time during World War I. It was during the war that the whole family except Father contracted the mumps from one of the boys in the service who came home on a furlough. A sad but interesting site and for father and mother a chore since they seldom acquired the aid of a doctor.

The following year their son Shelton was born and Else developed pneumonia. She found it difficult to recover and gain strength, so Felix was given his discharge from the army. They lived in Leon Springs for another year. It was at this time that Felix bought a part of his fathers estate, the place previously owned by Uncle Richard Braeutigam. In later years they remodeled the old house into a comfortable modern home and have lived there for 51 years. His is the only place that is still in possession by a Braeutigam, from the 640 acres that the grandparents had bought in the pioneer days.

Felix and his family have made their living by hard work and moderate living, by farming, stock raising and pecan crops. His southern boundary of the place is the Pedernales River where pecan trees flourish but do not always produce a crop every year.

Felix and Elsa are active members of the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and have begun to live a retired life in their comfortable country home.

Shelton Ernst Braeutigam

Shelton, the only child of Felix and Else Herbort Braeutigam, was born at his grandparents home on Bear Creek, on February 10, 1918.

He received his education at the same Meusebach Creek School that his father attended. Since his preference for life being the outdoors, he did not further his education, although his parents had hoped he would some day become a doctor; instead he became a good farmer and rancher for his parents and neighbors.

He, like the Richard Braeutigam's, lived close to the Pedernales River and had the privilege to enjoy swimming, fishing and boating at any time he desired.

He was quite the center of attraction from both sides of the family as there were few babies around. As a youngster, he crossed the cotton field many a time to visit his grandparents, (who lived not far from their home), to take messages, perhaps eat a piece of Koch Kaese Brot (cheese bread) and as he grew up he came to help where help was needed.

In 1951 he became interested in construction work. Up to the present day he has been employed by different construction companies at San Antonio, Austin, Abilene, Ft. Worth, San Saba and Valley Mills as a construction foreman. During 1960 he became acquainted with Neoma Wallace of Comanche, who was born on September 1, 1918. They were married on November 13, 1960, and have made their home in Comanche where they own a farm and ranch with a large pecan grove on it. Shelton continues to work with the construction companies and occasionally comes home to his lonely parents, who miss him considerably, to visit and help when they need him.

Fritz Braeutigam

Fritz Braeutigam, the third son of Otto and Minna Stoffers Braeutigam, was born on February 12, 1896. He finished his school at Meusebach Creek and spent his youth on the farm until he was drafted into the service of World War I, on September 19, 1917. After his discharge on June 20, 1919, he came back to live on the farm and ranch, since his father had by then bought more land for his boys to settle upon.

By 1924 he decided to settle down to family life and was married to Augusta Meier on January 14. Augusta was born on May 3, 1897 at Luckenbach, Texas. After their marriage, they made their home on a ranch bought from Ben Houy upon which they built a new house, about five miles south of Fredericksburg. Later they sold this land and bought the old Henke place with the Pedernales River as boundary on the north side. This is now the home of their daughter Lillian.

Fritz was a good farmer and manager, and prospered by buying real estate, improving the property and reselling the same with a profit. He at one time owned the Grona Estate, a place near Camp Stanley, a ranch at Post Oak, the Louis Kott Ranch at Bear Creek, Max Kuenemann Place, and a section of the Henke Estate. At present the son-in-law and daughter have taken the responsibility of running the remaining 1200 acres while Fritz and Augusta have retired and live in Fredericksburg, but still go out to the places to lend a helping hand.

Fritz loves hunting and fishing and when he can't be found at home, he is at either the Bear Creek Place or at the Pedernales River, hunting or fishing. Fritz and Auguste are both active in the American Legion Post and Auxilliary. They are members of the Bethany Lutheran church and Auguste is an active member of the Women of the Church Organization.

Lillian, the only child of Fritz and Augusta Meier Braeutigam, was born October 27, 1924. She attended the Wrede School and Fredericksburg High School from which she graduated in 1941. She attended Durham's Business College the following year and was employed by a life insurance company in San Antonio in 1942. From 1943 to 1947 she worked for the Fredericksburg National Bank. While attending school in San Antonio, she met Stanley Wisseman to whom she was married on May 19, 1946 in Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Texas. Stanley was born December 13, 1923 in the Hilda Community the son of Emil and Anna Wendel Wisseman. He attended the Grit Community School and graduated from the Mason High School in 1941. After graduating he attended Durham's Business College in San Antonio and upon completion he was employed by Petty Geophysical Engineering Company of San Antonio. In March of 1943 he entered the army and was assigned to a field artillery battalion in Camp Roberts, California. In November of 1943 his battalion was sent to Sidney, Australia. The following two years were spent in and around New Guinea and the Phillippine Islands. He received his honorable discharge in December of 1945, and lived in Mason until his marriage to Lillian when they moved into their newly built home in Fredericksburg, Texas.

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During the early years of marriage he worked as a mechanic and for a number of years was employed by mapping companies in the area. For the past 15 years he has been farming and ranching near Fredericksburg.

Lillian and Stanley Wisseman have three daughters. Linda was born March 19, 1948, attended the Fredericksburg Public schools and graduated from high school in 1966. She was a member of the band student council and National Honor Society. She attended the University of Texas and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969. Her major is mathematics and her minor chemistry. She started her first year of teaching in the Pflugerville School System in 1969.

Gail was born May 26, 1950, also in Fredericksburg. She attended the Fredericksburg Public School and graduated from high school in 1968. She was a band member, four year student council member and National Honor Society. She was listed in Who's Who among American High School Students and winner of the American Legion Medal. Gail and Linda were both recipients of the "I Dare You Award" at graduation. Gail is attending the University of Texas and majoring in Pharmacy.

Beverly added much joy to the family when she arrived October 8, 1960, ten years after Gail was born. She is a third grader and looks forward to competing with her sisters.

(The following article was written from an interview with Fritz Braeutigam, on his experiences during his service in World War I.)

Fritz was drafted into the Service on September 19, 1917, and started his six weeks training at Camp Travis in San Antonio, Texas. He was placed in the Combat Infantry # 144, Company D. of the famed 36th Division. He was then transferred to Camp Bowie at Ft. Worth, where his training continued until July of 1918. From here he started the 14 day trip by train to Hoboken, New Jersey where they boarded the ship "Washington", crossed the Atlantic and arrived at Brest, France in 11 days. Again he boarded a train for three days travel to Fiançay, France where he remained for several more weeks of training. By now it was August, and he was ready for front line duty, serving as a sniper, in the Battle of the Meuse-Argonne, France. They had to walk about 100 miles with their 70 pound pack including bedding, cooking utensils, ammunition, shovel and ax. They were followed by the kitchen. During the six weeks on the front they had to dig holes 3 feet deep to sleep in. They were supplied with a raincoat and an overcoat which had to serve for their bedding. Sleeping was miserable with a continuous rain and 40 degree temperature. They could travel only at night in the dark, for white gravel road, 6 feet wide, was the only light to be followed. The last three nights they walked through the pastures since the roads were being shelled by the enemy, the Germans. The 26 days on the front were long and strenuous for the enemy was shelling them day and night. The last 3 days on the front they lived on water, tobacco and good will, determination and faith.

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This fight was on an opening across a canal which the German fought hard for, in order to keep it. On the 13th of October the enemy stronghold started retreating only after Fritz was wounded in his leg with a shrapnel around 5 p m. He received first aid that night and the next day he was taken to the Old Orleans Hospital by a Red Cross Aid Truck where he stayed six weeks. From there he went to a replacement camp at Le-Mans, France for two weeks. He then joined his company in Malone, France and remained here.

He volunteered to work in the kitchen for three months after he had six weeks cooking training.

On April 2, 1919 in La-Mann, France he was cited for bravery and was presented the Croix de Guerre, from General John Pershing. The Croix de Guerre is a French Military Award for heroism in battle. A Lieutenant and Fritz were the only soldiers of his group to receive this honor.

Finally in the latter part in May of 1919, the long awaited homeward journey started with the sailing on an old German freighter which was used as a passenger ship. In 14 days he reached Hoboken, New Jersey again, and then returned to Ft. Worth where he received his discharge on June 20, 1919. From Ft. Worth he went by train to San Antonio and from San Antonio he attempted to come by train to Fredericksburg but for the terrific rain and flooding, the train stalled. Since the railroad track passed over the length of his father's property he decided to walk home on the railroad track. What a rejoicing it was when one of the family spotted him walking on the track for he was regarded as a hero of the family, coming home safe from a terrible war.

Charlie E. Braeutigam

Charlie Emil Braeutigam, second youngest son of Otto Henry and Minna Stoffers Braeutigam, was born on October 17, 1897. Charlie walked several miles each day to receive his public school education at Meusebach Creek School. He was an easy going type of person, and had to take many hard knocks from his big brothers. After having farmed and ranched with his father, he decided to settle down to a life of his own. He had by this time met Clara Crenwelge, a beautiful girl from Cherry Springs. On October 11, 1923 he and Clara became united in marriage and made their home on the Henry Henhe place on the south side of the Pedernales River. This tract of land was some six miles up the river from his father's place. Otto H. had visioned that this place might make a good home place for his sons Fritz and Charlie. In those days, since parents did not spend much money on educating their children, they instead gave them a tract of land, a span of horses, a plow, wagon, hogs, chickens, etc. and perhaps a thousand dollars in the bank to start out on their own in life, this was the way Otto Henry helped to get his sons started. In the early going Charlie and Clara were beset with bad luck from tornados which wrecked his buildings and crops. Charlie traded the farm for a smaller place from his brother Fritz, also about this time Clara began having health problems with one operation after another; also, her second daughter had Eczema, which forced them to sell the farm and move into town. They bought a home and Confectionary, this was during the depression and it was very hard to raise a family and make ends meet. Charlie worked hard at many jobs and brought up a fine family of five girls. The whole family were very close and always worked together with love and understanding through many hard times. In 1951 Charlie left Texas for California to see his oldest daughter Adeline and her husband, an Army career soldier. Charlie found a good job in Oakland, California with the Oakland Maintenance Company and brought the rest of his family to join him approximately three months after he arrived in California. Charlie and Clara bought a nice home and had 13 wonderful years with their daughters and son-in-laws and grandchildren. On their days off from work Charlie and Clara went fishing and spent most of their spare time with the children and families. Charlie and Clara's daughters are all married and live within a ten mile radius of each other and there they intend to stay.

Adeline married Perry McClelland on December 27, 1941 and they have two sons. Jane has two sons from her first marriage. She married Lloyd Johnson on January 21, 1960. Dorothy married Joseph Seible on December 19, 1953 and they have no children. Gloria married Charlie Klein on February 18, 1951 and they are blessed with three children. Virginia has two sons by a former marriage. She married Richard Predix on October 7, 1967 and they have one daughter,

Charlie passed away May 1, 1964 from a coronary. He is dearly missed as a very wonderful father, and fishing partner to his son-in-laws who thought the world and all of him. Clara passed away April 18, 1968 after a long and painful illness. She is sorely missed as a wonderful mother and companion to her son-in-laws who enjoyed teasing her and visa versa. May God's blessings be with them both for in our hearts they can never be replaced.

Adeline Vera Braeutigam McClelland

Adeline Vera Braeutigam McClelland, oldest daughter of Charlie and Clara Crenwelge Braeutigam was born on July 16, 1925 at Fredericksburg, Texas. She received her education at Meusebach Creek School and Fredericksburg Public School. She was married to Perry Woodson McClelland, Sr. who was born on October 27, 1918 at Potean, Oklahoma and was serving in the armed forces when he became acquainted with Adeline. They were married on December 27, 1941 at Kerrville, Texas.

Two sons were born to Adeline and Perry. The oldest is Perry Wiley born on February 3, 1944 at Fredericksburg. He was only a young boy living in Japan when his father was stationed there during 1947. Perry Jr. was married in Hayward, California to Sharon Kay Shimmel of St. Helena California who was born on January 4, 1944. They were blessed with two children: Monte Lee born June 26, 1965 and Lisa Marie born August 14, 1968.

There second son Charlie William was born at Waco, Texas on July 12, 1946. He was married March 2, 1968 to Nancy Ann Newman on September 4, 1947.

Traci Deane Was born to Charlie William and Nancy Ann McClelland on May 24, 1969.

The grand daughters of Adeline and Perry Sr. are the first girls to be born to the McClelland family in 47 years.

Perry Sr. as a Serviceman fought in Germany and happened to see a corner stone with the name Braeutigam on it while they moved through Aachen Germany. It hurt him so to think that his wife was a Braeutigam and to see the demolished property of his wife's relatives.

After serving in Germany he was stationed in Japan and later he again was stationed in Germany. During his stay in Japan and Germany, Adeline and son made their home with him. After their return to the states he was stationed at various army posts up to as far as the state of Washington and California. They now reside at Hayward, California. Adeline has a responsible position as manager of a cafe and Perry serves on the Security Police Force having been on night duty for 8 years. He has worked for the government for 30 years. He has worked so now he plans to retire within ten years.

Mary Jane Braeutigam

Mary Jane, second oldest daughter of Charlie and Clara Crenwelge Braeutigam was born on August 22, 1929 in Fredericksburg, Texas. She received her public school education at Meusebach Creek School and Fredericksburg Public School.

On October 6, 1945 she was married to Hubert B. Geiser from Bluffton, Minnesota who was born on January 25, 1920. Two sons were born to this union: James Harold born at Fredericksburg on August 7, 1946 and Gerald Charles born on August 6, 1949.

James was in a serious accident from which he was paralyzed in his legs but with an education he was able to hold a responsible position with the Pacific State Steel Corp., as a Technical Draftsman. Gerald Charles was drafted into the service and left for Vietnam on December 2, 1969 and as of now he serves as a Medic in the Army.

After living in California for years with her sons, she was married to Lloyd A. Johnson on January 21, 1962. Lloyd was born on March 5, 1917. They reside in San Leandro, California.

Dorothy Lee Braeutigam

Dorothy Braeutigam, third daughter of Charlie and Clara Crenwelge Braeutigam, was born May 18, 1932 at Fredericksburg, Texas.

She attended school and lived in Fredericksburg with her parents until 1951 when she moved to California.

While working at a cafe she met Joe Seible, Jr. On December 19, 1953, They were married and have made their home at San Leandro, California. They enjoy living in California but Joe says it rains considerably and some of the houses up in the hills are sliding down, so he thanks God their house is on flat ground.

Joe is a head Shipping Clerk at a paint company. He was born in California and except for army service, California has always been his home. Dorothy has been a good housewife and has not cared to be out in the business world since her marriage..

Gloria Victoria Braeutigam

Gloria Victoria joined the family on September 9, 1933 at Fredericksburg, Texas. She received most of her education in Fredericksburg Public School. Having met Charlie Raymond Klein who was born June 27, 1927 and was holding a responsible position at Stehling Brothers, they were married on February 18, 1950. During the fifties they moved to California to join the family of Braeutigams. They were blessed with three children: Vickie Jane born September 1, 1950; Roger Charles born January 7, 1952 and Cheryl Ann born June 19, 1956. Charlie Raymond does the same work he did in Fredericksburg that of cleaning and pressing. They are happily married and occasionally come to visit relatives and friends in Gillespie County Texas.

Virginia Mae Braeutigam

Virginia Mae, youngest daughter of Charlie and Clara Crenwelge Braeutigam was born on July 27, 1936. She received her public school education in Fredericksburg Public School but graduated from high school in Oakland California. She was blessed with three children; namely, Gregory Konstantin Beratlis born July 27, 1958; Yancy Georg Beratlis born July 21, 1959 and Riki Michelle Predix born January 28, 1969. She is presently married to Richard Lee Predix born May 10, 1961 and they reside in Hayward, California.

Emmie Amanda Braeutigam

Emmie Amanda Braeutigam was born on October 1, 1899, the fourth daughter of Otto Henry and Minna Stoffers Braeutigam. She finished Meusebach Creek grammar school with high honors. She also received a commercial certificate from Dubrey Business College in Fredericksburg, Texas.

She had high morals and all of the members of the family looked to her and respected her as a noble young lady. She was willing to do anything for her sisters and brothers to make them happy.

She was quite a seamstress, sewing for the family and teaching the younger sisters how to sew. She and sister Minna had a sewing shop in Fredericksburg, receiving more sewing customers than they could accommodate. Later she became a saleslady, first in her brother Wolfgang's grocery store, later in Burrier-Maier Dry Goods Store, and when she was married she worked for Schroeder Brothers several months of the year.

While she worked for her brother, she befriended Monroe Wahl who also was a clerk there. They were united in marriage on July 26, 1923. Emmie and Monroe had no children of their own but took in some of Wolfgang's children when they attended school in Fredericksburg. Her sister Alice stayed with them during her last year in high school.

Emmie and Monroe's marriage was of short duration. After five years, at the age of 28, she was taken from here after becoming ill with Typhoid Fever. Monroe and Emmie's family were deeply grieved to have lost such a young and beloved member of the family.

Monroe was born on December 7, 1897 in San Antonio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Wahl who was noted tailor in Fredericksburg. Monroe learned to be a postal clerk and worked in the Fredericksburg Post Office until his retirement. He passed on July 8, 1966.

Emmie and Monroe were married in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and were life long members of the same church.

Erna Ernestine Braeutigam

Erna Ernestine Braeutigam was born on May 7, 1902 at her parents home near Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended Meusebach Creek School and finished her education with the seventh grade. Then came time to be confirmed. She spent most of the week with her brother while attending instruction. After confirmation, she spent the years at home since there was more than enough work to be done. She met a handsome young man who worked in the Fredericksburg National Bank, to whom she was married on May 10, 1923. They made their home in Fredericksburg where he was employed at the bank for eleven years.

After the bank closed, he worked for ten years at the A.A.A. Office. During the depression and World War II things went from bad to worse. First they helped Edgar's father after his mother's death. While he was at his father's place he was approached by Elgin Kothmann, the owner of the Premier Hereford Ranch to become foreman of the ranch. This work he thoroughly enjoyed until the slump in the cattle market. Then Mr. Kothmann had to get back on the job himself and Edgar was laid off. He then had a chance to get back on the employment in Dallas in a hat factory; so he was employed there until he had a chance to work at Knopp Insurance Company, and both Erna and Edgar were happy to be back in Fredericksburg. He worked for Knopp until they needed assistance in the County Tax Assesors and Collectors Office. Due to his experience, the commisioners court voted to give Edgar the job. For the next 14 years he was employed as First Deputy at this office until his retirement in 1964.

After 43 years of public life, Edgar and Erna retired to their 160 acre place which they bought in 1948 at Hickory Creek in Llano County, Texas. There they are now enjoying fishing and hunting and just simply being away from it all. During all these years Erna has been a good housewife and mother, working occasionally at the Sewing Center and Pioneer Village.

They have been faithful members of the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and bringing up both of their sons in the same faith. They are thankful to God that He has brought them safely through Erna's three operations and Edgar's six operations and given them the strength to work to take care of all these misfortunes.

Marvin H., the oldest son, was born the day after Christmas in 1923. He attended Fredericksburg Public School and Draughons Business College, San Antonio, Texas.

In 1942, he joined the U. S. Navy and served in World War II, in the south Pacific area. There he became sick with malaria which impaired his health for many years. He received his medical discharge in 1948. In the meantime he met Peggy Barrington, whom he married at Pensacola, on September 16, 1945. She had been a Wave but got her discharge when Marvin was stationed at Washington, D.C. While they were stationed in Washington a daughter whom they named Joy, was born to them on September 21, 1946.

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They came to Fredericksburg, after his discharge in 1948, and lived there until 1955 when they moved to Panama City, Florida where he was employed at the International Paper Mills as bookkeeper until April of 1960 when his health failed and he had to go to the Veterans Hospital where after a lingering kidney ailment he passed away on October 1, 1960 at Montgomery, Alabama. He was buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetary, Panama City, Florida.

Their daughter Joy was married to James D. Marrett on May 8, 1963, having a daughter named Suzette born to them on December 26, 1964 in California. This marriage ended in divorce and she remarried July 1, 1968 to Frank Blissenbach and a daughter Racquel was born to them March 7, 1969.

Marvin's wife and daughter both live in Panama City. They belong to the Lutheran church.

Dayton Paul, the youngest of the two sons born to Edgar and Erna Braeutigam Crenwelge, was a very welcome addition to the family on April 13, 1934 after a pause of 10 years. He was the best little boy any parents could ask for.

There was almost too much of a difference in age for the brothers to be close. Dayton was a mere youngster of 8 when his brother Marvin joined the U. S. Navy.

Dayton attended the Public School at Fredericksburg, Texas. Before he finished high school, he had already worked himself into the Behrends Garage as a mechanic as a result of living just around the corner of the block from here.

While attending high school, he met his future wife, a ranch girl that came from Mason County. She had attended school at Doss and was transferred to Fredericksburg to finish high school. Kathleen was born May 21, 1935, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgan Geistweidt. On June 6, 1954, they were married at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Doss, Texas. They made their home in Fredericksburg where they built themselves a new home.

He had the service of the army facing him, so after patiently waiting he decided to volunteer in October of 1956 and served in Korea for overseas duty. While Dayton was serving in Korea, his wife worked as bookkeeper at the Behrends Garage where Dayton had been employed. Dayton received his honorable discharge in the fall of 1958 and was employed again by the Behrends Garage until he joined the staff of employees at Mooney Aircraft at Kerrville and is now inspector. Kathleen has been doing bookkeeping at Kramer Implement Company and the Gillespie County Auction Company.

They have a daughter Terri Ann, born on May 26, 1959 and a son Dennis Ron, born May 20, 1960. Both attend Sunday School regularly with their parents at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church where Dayton is active in the ALCM while Kathleen is active in the ALCW organization of the church.

Dayton is very fond of hunting and fishing and Kathleen is an immaculate housekeeper and talented with many crafts and arts.

Otto L. Braeutigam

Otto L. Braeutigam the tenth child and youngest son of Otto H. and Minna Stoffers Braeutigam, was born February 16, 1905 in the Meusebach Creek Community. He attended grade school in the same community. He and his sister Alice drove 4 miles to Fredericksburg with horse and buggy to attend high school.

He was baptized and confirmed in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. He was engaged in farming with his father until he was ready to go out on his own. He worked for the Texas Highway Department for 20 years mowing weeds along the side of the highway. The first years he worked with a team of horses and later with a tractor.

Otto also worked in the 36 acre gravel pit located on his father's land. At first he could hardly wait to handle a team of horses but later when he was old enough he learned that it was quite a difficult job. The gravel pit supplied the state with gravel for building the old San Antonio road at 5¢ a yard. The older brothers Felix, Fritz and Charlie received \$6.06 for a days work with a team of horses and wagon. Later the pit was leased by Hearn San and Gravel Company and managed by a man named McDowell who contracted the building of Llano highway and other roads. The boys were again employed with Otto joining them and later Shelton, Felix son, also helping.

On October 14, 1931 he was united in holy matrimony to Lydia Metzger who was born in Stonewall December 15, 1904. This union was blessed with one son and three daughters. They lived on the home place for five years and then purchased a small ranch from his father where he spent the rest of his days farming and ranching. He was also in the wood business delivering truck loads of blocks to Fredericksburg. He also combined for the public.

His main outside interest was hunting wild game.

He died of a severe heart attack on January 16, 1966 and is laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fredericksburg. His wife Lydia now resides in Fredericksburg.

James Oliver Braeutigam

James Oliver Braeutigam was born May 10, 1933. He graduated from St. Mary's School in 1952. He was winner of The American Legion Best Citizens Award. He received his B. S. Degree in Education and Mathematics from Texas A & M University in 1956. In 1957 he received his Masters in Education from A & M. He was a member of The Ross Volunteer Drill Team and a member of The Corps of Cadets. While in graduate school he was the recipient of a Teaching Fellowship from The Department of Mathematics. He served in the U. S. Army as Second Lieutenant and participated in the reserve program where he served as Commander of a Unit.

From 1958-1965 he was employed by The University of Texas as assistant manager of Men's Residence Halls. In 1965 he went to San Marcos to accept a position with Gary Job Corp Center. There he was named associate director of corpsmen life. He resigned in August of 1967 and lived with his mother 2 months. In November he accepted a position with Thickol Chemical Corporation in Clearfield, Utah as a Systems Analyst and Program Administrator with their Job Corps Program. In late 1968 he was named Systems Manager for a Labor Department Employment Program in Portland, Oregon. In 1969 he returned to The University of Texas as Director of Jester Halls,

James Oliver Braeutigam

a Co-Educational Academic - Dormitory Complex serving 3000 students. He is Counselor for Boys' State and has served for a number of years.

Carolyn Rose Braeutigam

Carolyn Rose Braeutigam was born January 18, 1936. She is a graduate of St. Mary's School. After graduation she worked as a sales clerk in a shoe store in Fredericksburg. Later she accepted a position with South Western Bell Telephone Company as accountant in San Antonio and Austin.

On June 28, 1958 she was married to Curtis Eckhardt born November 9, 1935. He is a graduate of Fredericksburg High School and has his Degree in Veterinary Medicine from Texas A & M University. He is co-owner of The Fredericksburg Veterinary Hospital. He also has a ranch in the Willow City Community where he raises cattle. Their family consists of 7 children, one son and six daughters (one set of twins a boy and a girl): Carrie Gail born April 7, 1959 in Bryan; Tammie Sue born January 15, 1961 in Fredericksburg; Tracy Lynn born September 28, 1962 in Fredericksburg; twins Carl Allen and Carla Alane born September 19, 1963 in Fredericksburg; Terri Kay born July 7, 1965 in Fredericksburg; and Connie Jo born March 31, 1968.

Alice Fay Braeutigam

Alice Fay Braeutigam born April 25, 1937 graduated from St. Marys in 1955. She completed a business course at Nixon Clay Business College at Austin. She worked as a secretary for Texas Automotive Dealer Association for two years. Later she served as a legal secretary for an Austin attorney. She also served as a legal secretary in the Texas Attorney Generals Office.

On February 27, 1960 she was married to Gene Gorham who was born July 28, 1936 in Austin. He has a degree in accounting from The University of Texas. They lived in Austin the first few years and later moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is employed as a Certified Public Accountant for Skelly Oil Company. His wife Alice is secretary for Texaco Oil Company.

They have two children: Gwen Gorham born August 19, 1960 in Austin and Clay Gorham born February 17, 1967 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Doris Gertrude Braeutigam

Doris Gertrude Braeutigam born October 16, 1938 graduated from St. Marys' School also. She worked as an accounting clerk for South Western Bell Telephone Company of Austin. Later she became a licensed beautician and worked for a beauty salon in Austin.

On March 5, 1960 she married Tomie S. Holmes of McCamey born December 26, 1935. He holds a degree in geology from The University of Texas. He is manager of Holmes Well Service, Inc. in McCamey.

They have three children: John Thomas born September 26, 1961; Jennifer Lydia born November 12, 1962 and Julie Ann born August 9, 1968. All were born in Iraan.

Alice Laura Braeutigam Sauer

Alice Laura Braeutigam, the youngest daughter of Otto and Minna Stoffers Braeutigam, was born on April 21, 1907. As the youngest of eleven children, she was petted, teased, yet loved and protected by the other ten members of the family. Everyone tried to teach her and by the time she was six years of age, she entered school with the little yellow "Playmates Primer" memorized and the first grade number work quite well mastered. She attended Meusebach Creek, a seven grade 'one teacher' school with the same teacher, Alfred C. Heimann, as her teacher for seven years. At the age of thirteen, her brother Otto L. and Alice drove to town with a horse and buggy to attend Fredericksburg High School. During her first year in high school, in January, she started confirmation instruction in the morning while taking classes in the afternoon. The following April she was confirmed in the Lutheran Faith. After she had finished the tenth grade, she did intense studying to pass thirteen subjects in two days of examination at the county courthouse for a teachers certificate. She passed the examination at the county courthouse in August and began building on a First Grade Certificate, which she had finished by the time she graduated from high school in May of 1924, having ranked second in the class. During the summer of the following year, when she was found in the cotton field with others in the family, she had news awaiting her when they returned to the house for lunch. Judge Hermann Usner, County Superintendent of Public Instruction, had phoned for her to accept an opening in the Primary Department of the Doss Independent School. They changed from two to a three teacher school. This was a year of adjustment for they had only a two room building, and the funds were low, so Miss Alice at the age of 17 had to teach in what was once the old church building with her playground in the churchyard and with a meager salary of \$65. It was an humble beginning but nevertheless a year of teaching experience. After being employed two more years as elementary teacher at Doss, Alice accepted a position at the Cave Creek one teacher School. It was closer to home, since she had no means of transportation of her own, but it was difficult to have so many classes and to teach the children correctly. So after two years when she was approached by the school board of Palo Alto two teacher school to become their principal of the school, she eagerly accepted the position since she thought she could accomplish more teaching four grades instead of seven. At Palo Alto School she gained experience in teaching high school subjects.

While she taught at Doss she had met Paul Sauer, whom she married on December 5, 1931. Paul was born on June 12, 1905 and finished Doss High School in 1923. As he had developed a deep interest in his community and loved the freedom of country living, his preference was to work with his father (who needed help) on the farm and ranch. He liked athletics in high school and became the pitcher of the Doss baseball team for many years.

Three children were born to this union, namely: Marjorie Ann, Stanley Paul, and Eileen Elizabeth.

After the oldest daughter, Marjorie Ann started to school, Paul was elected to the school board and served diligently for eighteen years. He took great interest in the Community Improvement Club and

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Annual Doss Fair. He has been an active member of the St. Peter Lutheran Church all his life and served the church as councilman for 14 years and in various other capacities.

When Paul and Alice were married his parents built them a new house on a five hundred acre ranch where they lived happily for nineteen years. Desiring to live closer to school and church Paul decided to buy the old home place. The old colonial house was torn down and remodeled into a modern three bedroom house. By now Marjorie Ann was ready for college, Stanley Paul was ready for High School and Eileen started to school at Doss. Moving to the home place eliminated two trips to Doss to get the children to school. Bus service was inadequate; only from the school house to Fredericksburg - the patrons had to bring their children to the Doss School.

Following the death of his Uncle Alfred Sauer, Paul bought his Uncle's property, as it was his wish for the place to be passed on in the Sauer family since the Sauers had acquired this land when they pioneered to Doss in 1859. With very little help he has been able to run all three places up to last year when he went into semi-retirement and leased part of his land to his oldest daughter and son-in-law. He has updated the house for the second time and with God's blessings they plan to stay living in Doss as long as possible.

During all these years Alice, has been a devoted wife and mother. She has been a public servant as a teacher for ten years and was quite frequently approached to further the civic work in the community. Her pet project was 4 H work and Home Demonstration Work. She was the first 4 H sponsor in Doss and served as leader for fifteen years. Early in her married life the county worked hard to establish home demonstration work. The Parent Teachers Association took the lead in interesting the women in the work, and Alice was asked to represent Doss at a meeting with the officers of the P. T. A. The work was started and Alice served the County Council and served local club in many capacities. When the work was discontinued and Alice saw the need for the youngsters and women out in the country, she took the initiative in contacting the District Agent, the A & M Extension Service. Petitions were circulated in the county and with enough signatures gained, they presented to the Commissioners Court whereupon the Court voted the work in again.

As a result of her deep interest in the work of Home Demonstration and her interest in teaching, she was nominated as a candidate for a member in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society which is an Honor Society for Women Educators. She has been a member since 1947.

In 1959 Alice substituted as a primary teacher for two years when the primary teacher had suddenly passed on.

Alice has been active with Paul in the Community Improvement Club work and the annual Doss Community Fair. She was the first woman to be approached to work for the Red Cross Drive in the Doss community. When the women gained the right to serve on the grand jury, Alice was selected as one of the three women to serve on the first grand jury to include women in Gillespie County.

Alice Laura Braeutigam Sauer

In Spring she enjoys working in her garden, raising and providing vegetables for her family and preserving, canning and deepfreezing for future use and for the Doss and Gillespie County Fair exhibits.

In her life she has been challenged and has tried to master many crafts and hobbies including: refinishing furniture, upholsering, re-caning chairs, decoupage, paper mache, seed flowers, seed and pod pictures, flower arranging of fresh and dried flowers, knitting, embroidery, quilting and sewing for the family.

In church, she has been active in attending regularly with Paul, sending the children to Sunday School and Luther League, teaching Sunday School and being sponsor to the Leaguers. She has by now served in every capacity as officer and committee worker of the Ladies Aid Society, next the Missionary Society, and now the Women of the Church.

For a year and one half and presently she has been busy in collecting information to compile a family history of the descendants of Johann Wolfgang Braeutigam and Christine Kensing Braeutigam.

Marjorie Ann Sauer Garretson

Marjorie Ann, the oldest daughter of Paul and Alice Braeutigam Sauer was born August 30, 1932 in Doss, Texas. She was an active, energetic child and showed an early interest in wanting to read and learn from the books her mother provided her. She started her education in September of 1938 at the Doss Public School.

From an early age she displayed a love for music, especially singing. The wide open spaces in the country afforded her with an excellent place to practice. Because of her interest in music, she started piano lessons at the age of nine. A few years later she began to study voice, which was her real interest. She studied with Sister Frances Joseph, instructor of music with St. Mary's High School. She performed in many recitals and at other functions in the immediate area including singing over KNAF and a San Antonio radio station. In May of 1949, Sister Frances Joseph presented her in her Senior Voice Recital at St. Joseph Hall in Fredericksburg.

During her high school years she was active in her church, St. Peter Lutheran Church at Doss, teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, singing in the choir, and playing the organ for church services. She was active in Luther League holding various offices in the organization.

In May of 1949 at the age of 16 she graduated from Fredericksburg High School third in a class of ninety six. She had attended Doss Public School eleven grades finishing with her Senior year in Fredericksburg.

In the fall of 1949 she enrolled in Our Lady of the Lake College, majoring in voice. After completing her freshman year, she transferred to Baylor University. While at Baylor she continued her major in voice and completed minors in piano, German, and elementary education. She maintained excellent grades and made the Dean's List each term. While at Baylor she was a member of Pi Alpha Lambda, and Mu Phi Epsilon, a professional music fraternity.

After having completed her junior year, she decided to teach school at Morris Ranch Public School in the fall of 1952 in order to assist financially with her education. She taught for two years, and during the second year she met George Dwight Garretson who was teaching Vocational Agriculture at Mason High School. They met in October of 1953 and were married June 27, 1954. They made their home in Mason until September 27 when George was called into the army. She remained in Mason until May, teaching piano and voice privately and serving as organist for St. Paul Lutheran Church. In May, she joined her husband who was then stationed in Chicago. They lived in the big, windy city for sixteen months. While there she worked for Kemper Insurance Company and he served as a meat inspector with the Veterinary Corps at Fifth Army Headquarters.

On June 27, 1956 George was discharged and they returned to Mason, Texas where he resumed his work as Vocational Agriculture teacher and she again taught piano and voice.

Marjorie Ann Sauer Garretson

On January 4, 1960 their home was blessed with the arrival of their first child, Susan Rene, who was born at Mason Memorial Hospital, Mason Texas.

In June of 1961 the Garretson family moved to Bryan. The reason for the move was that George had accepted the position of Beef Cattle Specialist with A & M University. While there he also continued work on his Master's Degree. They lived there for two years. During this time George had continued his side interest of being a livestock broker during the summer months. In July of 1963 they decided to go into business for themselves in Fredericksburg by buying an interest in the Gillespie Auction Company and continuing to develop his brokerage business. A year later they sold their Auction interest and organized their own business, Garretson Cattle Company. The business has grown along with the side interest of raising Registered Angus cattle.

On May 14, 1964 they welcomed the arrival of their second daughter, Stacey Leigh. She was born at Keidel Memorial Hospital, Fredericksburg, Texas.

On June 28, 1969 the Garretson family moved into their newly built home located in Fredericksburg on ten acres of land which was originally a land grant to the pioneer Weinheimer family. Presently George spends his time operating his business and serving as President of the Hill Country Angus Association. He has a vital interest in his children exhibiting their registered cattle in stock shows. This interest was spurred on with Susan's having the "Grand Champion" steer at the San Antonio Livestock Show in February of 1969. He has served as a member of the church council at Zion Lutheran Church. Marjorie is presently active in PTA, Women of the Church, Music Study Club, Teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, holding various offices and committee jobs. When her schedule permits she pursues her newest interest, oil painting. She encourages her children in their side interests of piano, dancing, scouting, and junior choir. She and her family enjoy their home, yard, and new garden projects. The love and appreciation for all these things are a result of having been brought up in a home with parents who always sought to improve themselves and their surroundings and to give their children the desire and opportunity to develop their talents and interests.

Biography of Stanley Paul Sauer

Stanley Paul Sauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sauer of Doss, Texas, was born on February 27, 1937 in Fredericksburg, Texas. He was born at the home of his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Braeutigam. The Braeutigam home was located adjacent to the Nimitz Hotel on Main Street.

His childhood days were spent on his parents farm and ranch five miles southwest of Doss. He holds many fond memories of childhood days on the ranch, including the daily chores, hunting eggs and often accidentally breaking a few, plowing and combining, baling hay, "rounding up" the sheep and goats, trying to keep up with Dad, bottle feeding orphan animals, hunting and fishing, in short, of the many activities and freedoms only a child reared in the country is privileged to enjoy. Of course the Sunday visits with Aunts and Uncles and cousins were always anxiously awaited. In his early teens the family moved to the homestead of his paternal grandparents, the Henry Sauer place, which his father had purchased.

As a youngster, he took a very keen interest in mathematics and the search for knowledge in general. He was able to read large numbers and could multiply and subtract numbers in the millions before entering school. His first nine years of schooling were at the Doss School, where two or three teachers managed to teach from nine to eleven grades. Since the assigned lessons were usually easily mastered, in his spare time he read every library and source book in the somewhat limited Doss School library. In 1952, he transferred to Fredericksburg High School, where he graduated in 1955 with a straight A average.

During his boyhood days his parents encouraged him to participate in community affairs, their encouragement was rewarded. He participated in 4-H Club activities, fed sheep lambs for stock shows, served on grass and wool judging teams, and served in various leadership posts in the Doss 4-H Club. He was proud to have been the First Place Individual at the Harper Wool and Mohair Show in 1952, in competition with 4-H and FFA Clubs from Gillespie and neighboring counties. He was a member of the Doss Boy Scout Troop #132, where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with Bronze and Silver Palms. The monthly "scout hikes" were always a pleasure and during the football season, the "ushering" trips to the University of Texas football games were quite an experience for a country kid. One memorable occasion was being honored with his mother, along with other scouts having achieved the Eagle rank, at the University of Texas halftime activities. In church related activities, Stanley was in the Doss Luther League. In the League, he served as President and later as delegate to the National Luther League Convention at A & M College at Bryan in 1954. He is a lifelong Lutheran and remains active in church activities.

In sports he played baseball at Fredericksburg High School with the "Hillbillies" and with the Doss Cyclones in the Farmer Boys League. He was a pitcher as his father had been. He also played football, lettering at center on the FHS team.

During his last two years in high school, he boarded with the County Agent, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stone. This was done in order that he might participate in sports activities, it being impractical

to drive the fifty mile round trip from Doss daily. While attending school, he worked part-time at the E.L. Nixon Service Station for the magnificent salary of fifty cents per hour.

In October 1955, Stanley entered the U. S. Army, being somewhat undecided regarding his course of college studies and not wanting to be subjected to the constant possibility of being drafted during his college career. His basic and advanced infantry training were at Ford Ord, California. After training, he was sent to Korea to serve with the 7th Infantry Division. The 18 day voyage from Seattle to Inchon, Korea on a troop ship was certainly a unique experience. While in Korea, he took several opportunities to visit in Japan. After 16 months in Korea, he returned to the States and was honorably discharged to return to civilian life. The tour of duty in the Army both stateside and overseas served to enhance his appreciation for our way of life and tremendous advantages in the U.S. and impressed upon him the advantages of obtaining a college education.

Upon returning from Korea, he married his high school sweetheart, Virginia Koennecke, on September 7, 1957 in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg. The newlyweds struck out for Lubbock, Texas after returning from their honeymoon, with most of their earthly belongings in the trunk and back seat of a 1950 Ford, sublimely confident that together they could surmount any obstacles which life might have to offer. Stanley entered Texas Technological College, School of Engineering, in the fall semester of 1957, remaining there until August 1959. During those two years, Virginia worked as a secretary at the Public Information Office on campus and Stanley worked for a Consulting Engineer beginning the summer of 1958. On August 13, 1958, their first daughter Stephanie Ann was born.

In September, 1959, they moved to Austin, Texas where Stanley entered the University of Texas, School of Engineering. Virginia worked at the University of Texas until January 1961 when their second daughter, Lori Jan, was born on January 24. Stanley began working for the U. S. Geological Survey in March 1960. He also served as a student assistant to several Professors, with duties mostly grading papers. During his last year of undergraduate studies, he worked 35 hours per week while carrying a full academic load. So with the help of his parents and in-laws, his wife, his own work, and a small scholarship from the Mosher Steel Company, he and his family were proud when he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in January 1962. Despite the requirements of having to support his family while an undergraduate, he graduated Magna Cum Laude, was ranked second in the School of Engineering, was an Engineering Fellow (upper 2.5 percent of Engineering School), served on the Student Council, and was elected to Tau Beta Pi and Chi Epsilon, national Engineering honor fraternities. Though it was often a struggle, he and his family were happy during his undergraduate years and certainly never wanted for plenty of good food due to their proximity to Doss and Cave Creek. These lean years gave him and his family a greater appreciation of the better years to come. Upon receiving his BS in CE, he remained with the U. S. Geological Survey in Austin, Texas as a hydraulic engineer.

In September 1962 he entered the Graduate School of the University of Texas with a University Fellowship, remaining with the Geological Survey on a part-time basis. Although he was working half-time, he managed to complete the requirements for a Master of Science in Civil Engineering degree in nine months, graduating in June 1963. His masters thesis was entitled "Multiple Correlation Estimates of Runoff as Affected by Areal Distribution of Rainfall." Following graduation, he resumed full-time employment with the Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, in Austin, remaining there until September 1966. During these three years, he headed several research studies and a ten-man field office and authored several technical reports. On September 3, 1964, he and Virginia were blessed with a third daughter, Sharon Sue.

Still questing additional knowledge, Stanley returned to graduate school at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado in September 1966. He attended this school for one year under a grant from his employer through the Government Employee's Training Act. Under this act, promising career employees of the government may be sent to graduate school for up to one year for advanced studies. After one year of school at CSU, Stanley returned to Austin, Texas to work toward a Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering at the University of Texas. While there, he worked on a project for the Geological Survey, the results were utilized for his doctoral dissertation. His dissertation was entitled "Methods of Evaluating the Effects of Upstream Flood Control Measures on Watershed Yield". On May 31, 1969, as his parents, wife, and three daughters proudly looked on, Stanley achieved a very important goal, receiving his Ph. D. Thereupon, he and his family moved to Fairfax, Virginia where he works in the Hydrologic Studies Section in the Headquarters office of the Geological Survey in Washington, D.C. This office provides technical support to Geological Survey offices located in each of the 50 United States and Puerto Rico.

Eileen Elizabeth Sauer Brodbeck

Eileen Elizabeth Sauer Brodbeck was born in Fredericksburg, Texas on February 27, 1945, the youngest child of Paul and Alice Braeutigam Sauer. She grew up in the little community of Doss northwest of Fredericksburg. She always enjoyed living in the country where life never seemed dull--especially for a child.

Fond memories of childhood include attending the two or three classroom school in Doss which she entered in 1951 along with three boy classmates. The Christmas plays, school closings, and community fairs were always exciting events. Living several miles from neighbors made youngsters eager to belong to clubs and organizations. She played the organ and piano for the Lutheran Church in Doss after taking initial lessons from her older sister, Marjorie, and later continuing lessons in Fredericksburg. She learned to sew at an early age with the help of her mother who was a 4-H leader. Eileen held various offices in the Doss 4-H Club and in the Luther League.

Journeying to Fredericksburg High School 23 miles by bus everyday was a big step from the tiny Doss School. Eileen was a busy girl in high school being a member of Future Teachers, Future Homemakers, German Club, Junior Historians and Pep Squad. At F. H. S. Eileen was a cheerleader, class favorite, homecoming queen and a member of the National Honor Society ranking fourth in her graduating class of 1963. During the spring and summer of 1963 she was among the trio that represented the Gillespie County Fair during the Diamond Jubilee year as a duchess.

In the fall of 1963, Eileen continued her education by entering Texas Lutheran College and later transferring to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. At S.W.T. she was selected as a member of Alpha Chi and Kappa Delta Pi - both scholastic honor societies. San Marcos became a home away from home. On September 3, 1966 she married Gary L. Brodbeck, her high school sweetheart, in St. Peter Lutheran Church in Doss. They lived in the college apartments during their senior year in San Marcos. In May 1967 Eileen received her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education, while her husband received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration specializing in accounting. They then made their home in San Antonio where Gary was employed as a Federal Examiner and Eileen as a third grade teacher. In October of 1968, the couple was blessed with a baby daughter, Michelle Lee.

At present Eileen is enjoying her role as a homemaker and mother, but hopes to return to teaching in future years. Her husband is a cost accountant at Kelly A.F.B. They enjoy visiting with their families in Doss and Fredericksburg. Wherever possible Eileen and her older brother Stanley get together on their birthday which is on the same day. She is thankful for her close knit family and for the opportunity to go "home" and take advantage of country living.