

HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

Did you read the letter on page 1 carefully? Did you notice the date? Recognize the characters? Get the gist? If not, let me "splain you."

The letter was written by a man named Arthur Meerscheidt to his mother in Germany informing her of his marriage plans to one Amanda Karoline von Rosenberg, a union which was to result in what we know to be Branch V of our Family. (Vol. I, p. 113)

The significance of the letter is that it is one of the Meerscheidt and von Rosenberg letters found in the University of Texas archives in Austin by our President Ray von Rosenberg of Taft last summer, some 400 in all, which he gave to Charles W. von Rosenberg for translation from German into English. Charles W. and Anna Campbell of San Antonio have worked long and hard translating them and are mostly finished but not quite ready to turn them loose yet.

These letters will be the next major project undertaken by this Family; we will probably prepare them into a book of letters and make them available to all who desire them. Please stand by for further information.



THE 1975 REUNION REVISITED

(The Way it Was!)

The 34th Reunion was held at the V.F.W. Hall in Round Top, Texas, on July 20 with 148 members attending. Registration began at 10 a.m. followed by a picnic basket style luncheon at noon. A short business meeting conducted by the President, Leo Meerscheidt III, was held at 1 p.m. Robert Hein gave the treasurer's report; Phil Meerscheidt, secretary, some statistics of past Reunions; and Glenn von Rosenberg conducted a memorial service.

New officers were elected and the site of the 1976 Reunion will be in San Antonio. The oldest member attending was Mrs. Anna Campbell of San Antonio, the youngest was Staci von Rosenberg of Dallas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick von Rosenberg, and the persons coming the longest distance to attend was the family of Jesse James Meerscheidt of Santiago, Chile.

Special guests were Mrs. Charles Bybee, who told the group about her work at Henkel Square, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Freytag. Mr Freytag spoke about the early history of Fayette County and its early settlers. A high point of the day was a visit to Henkel Square and Winedale Inn Museum where Mr. Lonn Taylor told of the interesting work being done there. Also pointed out in the tour was the Rifle Ass'n. building, where many past Reunions had been held, early pioneer Mother Amanda Fallier von Rosenberg's grave, and the site of the Nassau-Plantation.

Would you believe 76 members showed up at the "fun night" before the Reunion, a greater number than at most Reunions? Sam and Milton Max von Rosenberg and their committee folks put on a wonderful evening for us. The bar-b-que was out of this world and the committee deserves a great round of "toasts." The beer was cold!

ATTENDANCE

(horseshoes, anyone?)

We came EVER so close in 1975. This year we recorded our 2nd largest attendance in Association history, 148 compared to the founding year 1939 of 153. "Give me Five." Only five short but we'll break it next year during bicentennial, won't we? Following are the complete attendance stats sine 1939:

1939--153	1952--60	1958--49	1971-- 23
1946--127	1953--77	1960--50	1972-- 82
1948-- 90	1954--71	1962--61	1973-- 82
1949--143	1955--88	1963--35	1974--107
1950--101	1956--45	1965--88	1975--148
1951-- 98	1957--63	1970--45	