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Minutes of the last reunion

The 61st reunion of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas was held at beautiful Camp Lone Star in LaGrange, Texas on July 12, 13, & 14, 2002. For the 20th year in a row, the Camp provided excellent lodging, meals, recreation, and social environment for another terrific family reunion.

Saturday's events included a wonderful tour of the Meerscheidt House in LaGrange, given by new owner Neale Rabensburg (branch V). This Texas Historical Monument had been continuously owned/occupied by Neale's Meerscheidt/von Rosenberg ancestors from the time it was built in 1884 until 1955. Historical "Landmark" status was given the home in February, 1995. Mr. Rabensburg was able to purchase the home and bring it back into the family in August, 2001. Renovations and remodeling are scheduled. Congratulations and good luck!

Another exciting event held on Saturday was the annual business meeting. Family President Wayne Scholz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. sharp with The Pledge of Allegiance followed by a rousing welcome speech. After self introductions a Treasurer's Report was given by William F. (Bill) von Rosenberg of Austin. The Historians Report was given by Wayne Scholz in place of Historian Anne Barnes, who could not attend. After a Vol III/VR cookbook sales and inventory report was given by Glenn & Jo von Rosenberg of Waco, Allan McCormack of Texas Monthly magazine informed the family of a true murder mystery story he was working on concerning the great 19th century Detective William ("Judge") von Rosenberg Jr. Mr. McCormack expressed the need for any photos (especially ones of the "Judge" carrying his famous walking stick) ca.1884, or letters mentioning the investigation. "Baron" Ray von Rosenberg of Temple then followed with a wonderful presentation of his trip to Germany and the Czech Republic. Ray has played a major role in laying the groundwork for the upcoming von Rosenberg Family trip to Europe. This was followed by family achievement recognition. Greatest distance traveled to attend the reunion- Forrest Campbell and family of New Jersey; Oldest attending - Edna von Rosenberg of Cameron, Tx; Youngest - Josey Murillo of Austin. Recognition of all the family achievements mentioned at the reunion would add at least 6 more pages to this newsletter. Let's just say that God has blessed us with an incredibly great family!

Saturday evening brought us a talent show that would have impressed even the toughest Hollywood scout. There was singing and dancing that has never been seen and will probably never be seen again. In some cases this is a good thing. There was also lots of card games, dominoes, and overall just great fun and fellowship. The evening closed with an end to the Silent Auction, which is a great way to obtain hand made family treasures and help with fund raising at the same time.

After an excellent Camp Lone Star breakfast on Sunday morning, the annual Memorial/Worship service was held in the main meeting room. The Reunion came to an end after much more fellowship and another great lunch.