

## THE 1975 REUNION

## THE WAY IT WAS

Date: Sunday, July 20th, 1975.

Time: Register 10:00 a.m.

Place: VFW Hall in Round Top, Texas.

You and your family are invited to the 1975 Reunion of the VON ROSENBERG FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS, the 34th such Reunion, the 36th year of the Assoc., the 109th year after Peter Carl's death, and the 11th year since a Family Reunion has been held in Round Top, the official headquarters of our Association.

## THE REUNION THEME: "THE WAY IT WAS"

The moment may be temporary, but the memory forever. As the program at the Reunion this year, we'll be taking a tour; "Ah, yes, we all become tourists."

You will visit a place called Henkel Square a cluster of old buildings which have been beautifully restored so you can see "THE WAY IT WAS."

You will stand graveside at the grave of our Pioneer Mother, Amanda Fallier, who was the second wife of Peter Carl von Rosenberg.

You will come to realize exactly how it feels to physically set foot on Nassau Plantation, the place from where everything else was to follow.

You will visit the old Rifle Association building where so many past Reunions were held.

AND, you'll enjoy The Winedale Inn Museum where you will see many relics and tools from the past, observe the arts of soap-making, syrup-making, and other crafts used in the 19th century.

Yes, when you finish this tour, you'll definitely have a better knowledge of THE WAY IT WAS in the days of early settlers and our own past family members; you will be able to see how it IS today many years later. I made this tour personally a couple of weeks ago and was very impressed. If you have seen these places already, you will enjoy them again because of the memories which should pop back into your mind; if you or your children have not seen them, you should, because these sites are the anchor-spots of the von Rosenberg Family heritage and the subjects most often asked about by the youngsters.

We will have the services of two well-informed Historians with us on the tour who will explain to us fully the historic significance of what we are looking at or where we are at the time. One will be Mr. Lonn Taylor, director of the Winedale Inn Museum at Round Top and the other will be a gentleman named Mr. Frytag (sp.?) who is very well versed in Round Top history. You can be guaranteed these two Historians know what they are talking about. Lonn Taylor addressed us last year you will recall and did a beautiful job.

Baby-sitters will be available to take care of the very young during the tour.

You are asked to register Sunday, July 20th, 10:00 a.m. at the <sup>American Legion</sup> VFW Hall in Round Top, one mile east of Round Top on Highway #237 and bring food, service, and cold

drinks if desired. Coffee, tea, and ice will be furnished. We will register, visit a short while, eat, hold the shortest business meeting (I hope) in history, and then begin the tour. After the tour, we will reassemble at the VFW Hall for refreshments, pick up our left over food, if any, and adjourn. The Hall is air-conditioned, by the way.

SOCIAL EVENING

By popular demand, we will again hold a social evening the night before the Reunion. This will be held Saturday night, July 19th, 1975, 7:30 p.m., at the VFW Hall in LA GRANGE. We will again enjoy Bar-B-Que, refreshments, and visiting. With everything on a "Dutch" basis, charges will be \$4.00 for adult plates; \$3.00 for a child's plate. Beverages are separate.

The VFW Hall in La Grange is located in Fayette County Fair Park just above the Colorado River about 1 1/2 miles north of La Grange on Highway #77. Ask anyone for directions. The view overlooking the Colorado River at night time makes for a delightful setting to launch our Family Reunion. PLEASE NOTICE: Both the Reunion and the Social Evening will be held in VFW Halls. For the sake of clarity, let me repeat: the Reunion will be in Round Top; the Social Evening will be in La Grange. Please don't get yourself confused.

*ort for La Grange - Am. Legion at Round Top*

MOTELS

For those planning to attend the Social Evening, please make your own reservations at the following motels, if desired: (Come see your Secretary in the Cottonwood Inn when you check in)

1st choice (largest & newest) Cottonwood Inn Motel & Restaurant  
Hwy. 71 East La Grange, Texas 78945 Phone: 968-3175  
2 persons, 1 bed--14.00/2 persons, 2 beds--16.00/Family Room, 3 dbls & couch 21.00

2nd choice-The Oak Motel 227 S. Jefferson La Grange, Tx. 78945 Phone: 968-3133.  
2 persons, 1 bed--10.30 2 persons, 2 beds--11.00 3 persons, 2 beds--12.50  
4 persons, 2 beds--13.50

3rd choice-Carter Motel 243 Ellinger Rd. La Grange, Tx. 78945 Phone: 968-3247.  
1 person, 1 bed--7.73 2 persons, 1 bed--9.27 3 persons, 2 beds--11.86  
6 persons, 3 beds--15.45

THE GRAVE OF PETER CARL

The grave of Peter Carl von Rosenberg can be seen in what is known as "The Old Cemetery" in La Grange located at the corner of Hwy. 71W and N. College St., across the street from Bon-Ton's Restaurant. Please walk in the N. College St. entrance, go to what looks like an old fashion band-stand, and go about another 100 yards a little to the left of this round structure and you should find the grave. Because time and distance prohibits us from including his grave in the tour, you are asked to visit it on your own time either before or after the Reunion. This should be a "MUST" on your Reunion trip.

IN A NUTSHELL:

As a suggestion, you might plan your Reunion trip this year as follows:

Saturday, July 19th:

1. Arrive in La Grange. Check into Motel by 7:00 p.m.
2. 7:30 p.m.--Social Evening at the VFW Hall in La Grange.
3. Return to Motel.

Sunday, July 20th:

1. Arise--breakfast, if desired.
2. Check out of Motel.
3. 9:00 a.m.--visit Peter Carl's grave in La Grange.
4. 9:30 a.m.--depart La Grange. *American Legion*
5. 10:00 a.m.--register at Reunion, FWW Hall in Round Top, 20 miles from La Gr.
6. Reunion and Tour.
7. 4:00 p.m. (approx.) adjourn.
8. 5:00 p.m. depart for home.

#### TO THE HOSTS

Words cannot express the gratitude and plaudits deserved by Sam & Eunice von Rosenberg and Milton Max & Lucille von Rosenberg of La Grange for the work they have already done as co-hosts for this years' Reunion in Round Top. They and their committee have put forth many productive hours and slowly eliminated the problems of detail consequent to putting on a Family Reunion. They've done their work well and they've done it on time as you will see when you arrive. They also have charge of the Social Evening. You folks in San Antonio hosting the Reunion in 1976 and you members in Austin hosting the 1977 will have "A Tough Act To Follow."

#### SPEAKING OF 1976

The 1976 Reunion will be held in the city of San Antonio as part of that city's centennial celebration. The date and place will either be announced at this year's Reunion or in a future Newsletter. In 1977, we go to Austin.

#### DONATIONS

Like death and taxes, I must inform it is time again for your annual \$5.00 donation or more to the 1975-76 Family Operating Fund. Those attending the Reunion may contribute theirs at that time; those who cannot attend are requested to mail their contribution to the Secretary, Phil Meerscheidt, 6301 Ranchester #62, Houston, Texas, 77036, beginning immediately please. If you haven't paid for 1974-75 yet, you are invited to do so. WE NEED IT!

In addition to those who donated at last years' Reunion and which were contained in the Sept. 1974 Newsletter, the following member donations are acknowledged:

Don Albin	Ft. Collins, Colorado	5.00
Mrs. Victor Bouillon	Seattle, Wash.	5.00
Gilbert Clifton	Christmas Valley, Oregon	5.00
H. E. Crowson, Jr.	El Paso, Texas	5.00
E. W. Hellmuth	San Antonio, Texas	5.00
Gus R. Hellmuth	Dallas, Texas	5.00
Jim Helmke	Seguin, Texas	5.00
Stanley Helmke	San Antonio, Texas	5.00
John S. Miller, Sr.	Torrance, California	5.00
John Socha	Sun City, Arizona	5.00
Mrs. E. L. Sutherland	Uvalde, Texas	5.00
Newton F. Walker	El Paso, Texas	5.00
Dr. William J. Wingo	Birmingham, Alabama	5.00

#### THE TYPEWRITER

Your contributions have enabled us, among other things, to finally purchase a decent typewriter for the use of not only the present but future Secretaries. The typewriter is a rebuilt IBM, Model B, cost \$250.00, and will be passed on from Sec. to Sec. in future years. What you are reading is a product of it. 3 Cheers!

## OFFICERS

New officers will be elected at the 1975 Reunion in Round Top. We will elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian to serve the Assoc. through the year 1977. If you aspire to become an officer of this Family, let your intentions be made known to the Secretary. Your name will be forwarded to the nominating committee soon to be appointed.

## FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Vice-President Ray von Rosenberg of Taft, Texas, reports: "The information I have found at the University of Texas consists of some more von Rosenberg letters which I have given to Historian Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas. Some of these he has translated. We are trying for another printing of the LETTERS at some future date. With the new letters, the book will be twice the size of the first 2 editions. I also found 300 typed pages of Meerscheidt letters which I hope we can someday get translated. I have not as yet been able to get a full copy of these. I hope to do this during the summer of 1975. This will cost some \$30.00 to \$50.00."

## FROM THE TREASURER

Treasurer Robert Hein of San Antonio reports: "A balance of \$110.00 in our book fund, all book loans have been paid back except loans from Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas whom we owe \$1,040.00 and Henry and Paula Hein of San Antonio to whom we owe \$776.00.

The Operating Fund shows a balance currently of \$204.33 which is getting too low for comfort. Members should strive to get their \$5.00 donations in for 1975-76 so we can continue to operate normally. Those who haven't paid for 1974-75 are asked to do so immediately."

## FROM THE HISTORIAN

Historian Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas reports: "Browsing in the University Library in Austin, Ray von Rosenberg located a number of German letters of Amanda von Rosenberg, the Arthur Meerscheidts, and Augusta Soergel (sister of Amanda). These tell of the families' experiences subsequent to those in "Familie Froelich" which were made available by Walter Wupperman's translation. The Historian is laboriously and slowly working on translating them. (Anyone willing to help with translating, please let him know).

Also, Emily Habermacher called to attention a book written by a member of a family making the trip from Germany to Galveston on the same voyage with the Family. The reaction of that family differs in some regards from Amanda's. (Flach: A Yankee in German America, published by Naylor Company, San Antonio, Texas).

Though reported errata in Vol. II have been printed, the Historian would welcome receiving any others noted but not yet reported. A few misprints of ordinary English words were not included in the errata sheet as they were obvious.

The Historian gratefully acknowledges the plaque presented him for his efforts in preparing Vol. II."

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN, BRANCH I

Alfred Wupperman, Chairman of Branch I, reports the following address changes:

Jerry Brooks Hale	1307 August Drive	Austin, Tex.	78753
Calvin Cowher	903 Triola, Apt. #2	Houston, Tex.	77036
Samuel Dean Riddell	Rt. 2 Box 194, Sharon Rd.	Saidiville, Ky.	40370
James E. Montgomery	1505 Blackbird Drive	West Columbia, S. C.	29169

Helen Walker, Chairman of Branch II, sent her operating fund donation, and reports she hears very good comments from her branch members on the work of Vol. II and the Newsletters.

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN, BRANCH III

Charles W. von Rosenberg, Chairman of Branch III, reports the death of Mrs. Hilton O. (Monte) von Rosenberg (see "Deaths" this Newsletter), that he toured the world between Jan. 20 and April 13, 1975, and an address change:

Dr. & Mrs. Robert W. Hartmann 735 North East Ave. Oak Park, Ill. 60302.

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN, BRANCH IV

Dorothy Neese, Chairman of Branch IV, and last years' gracious Reunion host, thanks the Assoc. for the happy Reunion meeting held in Rosenberg, compliments Vol. II, particularly the hard-back cover, cheers the Newsletters, thanks the Assoc. for the nice letter opener given her in token of her work on Vol. II, and says she hopes this years' Reunion will be larger and better than last year. (Si.)

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN, BRANCH V

Florence Helmke, Chairman of Branch V, reports the death of little Tacey Michelle Maulden (see "Deaths" this Newsletter), that she appeared on radio station KWED in Seguin, Texas, where she spoke on our Family History on the program "For the Ladies."

The Leo Meerscheidts, Jr. drove their son's car, Rives, to New Orleans in Jan., 1975, where it was shipped to him and his family. They are stationed at Hahn AFB, Germany. Their daughter, Rosa Lee Foster and husband, Michael, are stationed in Colorado Springs, Colorado till 1978 as her husband is attending the Air Force Academy there.

*see correction in subsequent Newsletter*

Anna Campbell had as her Christmas guest her son, Forrest, from New Jersey. Forrest's oldest son, Steve, will be married in June, 1975. Lois Carnes went on a cruise from Los Angeles, Calif. down to Acapulco, Mexico on a Christmas vacation.

Florence announces these changes of address:

Michael D. Foster	Qtrs. 4703-D	USAF Academy	Colorado Springs, Col.	80840
Rives M. Meerscheidt	P.S.C. Box 2427		APO New York, N. Y.	09109
James W. Shock	4431 Sunnyvale		San Antonio, Tex.	78217

## DEATHS

Tacey Michelle Maulden, age 2, Sept. 29, 1974, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Luther Ron Maulden of San Antonio. The maternal grand parents are Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Lee. Mrs. Lee, the former Maxine Meerscheidt and great grand mother is Cora Meerscheidt.

Jean James Meerscheidt, age 7, son of Jesse James and Sheri Meerscheidt, in Santiago, Chile, March, 1975. Buried in Aransas Pass, Texas. Jesse James is the brother of the Family Sec. Phil Meerscheidt, the son of Alexander & Anna Meerscheidt of Rockport, Texas, who were little Jean's grand parents. He died from suffocation of his own fluids.

Mrs. Hilton O. (Monte) von Rosenberg, Jan. 30, 1975, in Hallettsville, Texas. Monte was Charles W. von Rosenberg's sister-in-law.

There are still many of you who have not yet ordered your copies of Vol. II, the new Family History book released at the Reunion in 1974. They are still available. You can get your copies at the Reunion in Round Top at \$12.00 per copy or if you wish them mailed, send a check made out to "The Von Rosenberg Family" in the amount of \$13.00 per copy and mail to: Robert Hein, Treasurer, 413 Ridgemoor, San Antonio, Texas, 78209. This volume is very well done and required years of work to compile it; no Family Member should be without this handy reference.

## IN CLOSING

You are urged sincerely to be in attendance both at the Social Evening on July 19 and the Reunion itself on July 20. We'd like to see 300 members there and really have a Reunion experience because the tour itself will be something you will long remember; we also need to take advantage of the splendid work, plans, and preparation made by Sam & Milton von Rosenberg. Their work should be compensated for by a large attendance. **HEED THIS:** Make sure you gas up your car in a larger city like La Grange or Brenham or someplace before going on to Round Top for the Reunion because the Sunday I was there, no gas stations were open.

## THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL

Please! Please! Please! Fill in the form below, clip it, and return it to me, the Secretary, by July 5th, 1975. If you're coming, say so. If you're not, say so, cause it's very imperative we know exactly how many of us will be present. The Social Evening Bar-B-Que will be catered and we intend to order exactly as many plates as these filled-in forms indicate. You will be ordering your food by filling in the form; no form, no food consequently. Likewise, if you say you're coming, please be there because your food will be ordered. There's no sense in someone else having to pay for it because you didn't show up. Let's all cooperate by returning this form to the Secretary;

Cut here and return to: Phil Meerscheidt, 6301 Ranchester #62, Houston, Tx. 77036

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

How many in your immediate family will be at the Reunion on July 20? \_\_\_\_\_

How many will attend the Social Evening in La Grange, Tx. July 19? \_\_\_\_\_

Please order for us the following no. of Bar-B-Que plates: adults \_\_\_\_\_ child's \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

THIS NEWSLETTER RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Phil Meerscheidt

Family Secretary