

The breezes taste of apple peel, the air is full of smells to feel; ripe fruits, old footballs, burning brush; new books, erasers, chalk, and such. AH! FALL.

Fall is upon us in full regalia; pollution, inflation, and memorabilia. DOWN, FALL!

While modern psychiatry has contributed enormously to mental health in this country, there's still a lot to be said for the reopening of school. YEA! FALL.

Trying times? Yes, indeed! The automobile did away with horses. Now it is working on the rest of us. And speaking of meat, the meat situation has become so acute it is rumored President Ford is thinking of appointing a new cabinet member, a Secretary of Steak! WIND--FALL!

#### THE 1974 REUNION

The 1974 Reunion in Rosenberg sparkled with glitter in all its entirety. One hundred and seven happy people converged on the Knights of Columbus Hall and you could feel the enthusiasm and momentum bristling in the air. It was like thunder bowling a strike.

After the Reunion prayer and a fine meal, we pledged allegiance to the flag and sang "America." Hostess Dorothy Neese gave a welcome speech and was answered by Russell Campbell of San Antonio with the visitor's response. After self introductions, the minutes were read as was the treasurer's report. Edgar R. von Rosenberg of San Angelo was the eldest member attending at age 92, Leah Meredith Meerscheidt of San Antonio, the youngest, and the entire membership from San Angelo traveled the greatest distance to attend. Maggie von Rosenberg, wife of Edgar, received the prize. The death and birth report was noted after which the new by-laws were adopted. The Secretary spoke on the mailing list and the 1975, 1976, and 1977 Reunion sites were voted upon. Mr. Lonn Taylor, of the Winedale Inn Museum of Round Top, gave the major address followed by Historian Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas who spoke briefly on the formation of Vol. II. Gifts of appreciation were presented to all Branch Chairmen and Charles W., who received a plaque, for their efforts on Vol. II. After thanking hostess Dorothy Neese, the meeting was adjourned and Vol. II was distributed to those present. It was truly a first-class meeting in a first-class meeting place. Our thanks go to Dorothy Neese and her husband, Urban Earl Neese, for making our visit such an enjoyable one.

A social evening was held the night before the Reunion at "The Trading Post" in Booth, Texas, and a whopping 56 members arrived and enjoyed good barbecue and fellowship. Many expressed a desire this function be continued in the future.

#### THE NEXT REUNIONS

The 1974 Reunion members voted the next three Reunions as follows:

1975-----Round Top  
 1976-----San Antonio  
 1977-----Austin

Sam E. von Rosenberg and Milton Max von Rosenberg, both of La Grange, are appointed co-chairmen of the host committee for the next Reunion. It will be held Sunday, July 20, 1975, at the VFW Hall in Round Top, Texas. Details on this, as well as another social the night before, will be sent you in future Newsletters. Please make your plans now to be with us in Round Top. Put in for your vacation dates immediately so that you can have first choice on them and assure your attendance at the Reunion on July 20, 1975, in Round Top.

PAST REUNIONS

Are you interested in attendance figures at Past Reunions? I was, and I compiled this list for you. Missing years are caused by either the war years when there were no Reunions, or by Secretaries who omitted attendance figures in their minutes, or because minutes are missing altogether:

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

What do you think? Proud of what you see? Not me! It took Vol. II in 1974, Vol. I in 1949, a war to get over with by 1946, and the actual beginning of our Association in 1939 to have our four largest years in attendance. We cannot form a new Family Record book every year, we cannot end a war every year, and we certainly can't have any more beginnings of the Association every year in order to have a good attendance at our Reunions. We must find other reasons to attend.

OUR FRIEND, MR. LONN TAYLOR

Lonn Taylor, director of the Winedale Inn Museum, was our speaker at the 1974 Reunion in Rosenberg. In his speech, he described for us what it was like in Texas during the 1840's and 1850's. His information came directly from letters and diaries of the period. This presentation truly took us back through the years and made us feel, at least for a little while, what Peter Carl and his family must have experienced.

The Winedale Inn Museum is located just two miles from Round Top, Texas, and is on land directly next to the old Nassau Plantation. The Museum is as interesting a place to visit as can be found in the state of Texas. A number of houses and buildings have been restored and furnished. There are also live demonstrations of soap making, syrup making, and other nineteenth century crafts. Since the Reunion will be held in Round Top in 1975, everyone can plan a visit to the Winedale Inn. Lonn Taylor will be there to show you around and some of his friendliness and enthusiasm is bound to rub off. You will go away knowing a great deal more about early Texas and the von Rosenbergs.

Not only did Lonn Taylor share his expert knowledge with us, but he also donated his speaker's fee to our book fund, a most gentlemanly gesture.

Thank you very much, Mr. Lonn Taylor, and if we can ever return the favor, let us know how. We owe you a great deal and sincerely hope you will join us again at our 1975 Family Reunion in Round Top.

KNOW YOUR CURRENT OFFICERS

President	Leo Meerscheidt III	San Antonio
Vice-President	Ray von Rosenberg	Taft
Secretary	Phil Meerscheidt	Houston
Treasurer	Robert Hein	San Antonio
Historian	Charles W. von Rosenberg	Dallas

RETIRED

Dr. James A. Dinwiddie, Ph.D., retired from Exxon in Baytown, Texas, Sept. 1973, after 34 years service, and is now a piano tuner in Baytown. Congratulations, Jim.

I am confident those of you who have read your copy of Vol. II are quite pleased with it. While this is well and good, there are still a few details we must cover in this Newsletter to bring Vol. II to its proper conclusion.

First, did you send in a down-payment and not receive your copy? If so, you need to remit the difference between what you sent and the figure \$13.00 which will pay you up in full. The following list shows those who were in this boat as of Aug. 6, 1974. The figure in the right column represents what you HAVE SENT IN. Please send the difference between that figure and \$13.00 to: Robert Hein, 413 Ridgemont, San Antonio, Texas, 78209, to insure speedy delivery of your book:

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Julie Wingo	Houston	10.00

Second, Charles W. von Rosenberg says some copies of Vol. II have been reported with blank, missing, smudged, or mis-placed pages. In order to make a settlement with the printer and replace the faulty copies, notify: Charles W. von Rosenberg, 2717 Oxford Terrace #6217, Dallas, Texas, 75205. He will let you know as soon as possible how to make the exchange for a good copy. Also, those who have detected errors in spelling, dates, places, etc., please let him know and tell him what page numbers. These matters can and must be settled by Nov. 1, 1974, according to the printer. If you know of anything wrong with your copy, let Charles W. know as quickly as possible.

Third, you may still order new copies of Vol. II if you haven't already done so. Vol. II would make an ideal Christmas gift for your loved ones for by autographing it personally, your memory would be recorded forever with the person who receives it. You may order Vol. II from: Robert Hein, Treasurer, 413 Ridgemont, San Antonio, Texas, 78209. Please enclose checks made out to: "The von Rosenberg Family" in the amount of \$13.00 per copy you desire.

Fourth, we all need to write letters of appreciation to Charles W. von Rosenberg, our Historian, and all the Branch Chairmen who did all the work in compiling Vol. II. They Are:

Branch 1 Alfred Wupperman	Branch 5 Florence Helmke
Branch 2 Helen Walker	Branch 7 H. Clark von Rosenberg
Branch 3 Charles W. von Rosenberg	Branch 8 Charles W. v R
Branch 4 Dorothy Neese	

These folks deserve all the appreciation we can give them; they did a fine job.

S T O R K S

James W. Booth, Jr.-----son of James and Brigette Booth of Colorado Springs,  
Colorado. Born April 30, 1974.

April Ray Booth-----daughter of Daniel and Deborah Booth of San Antonio.  
Born May 20, 1974.

Walker Field Crowson-----son of Harold and Nancy Crowson of El Paso, grandson of  
Dr. and Mrs. Newton F. Walker. Born July 6, 1974.

Kimberly Kristen Eyres-----daughter of Captain and Mrs. Thomas L. Eyres, Jr. of  
Sacramento, Calif. Born April 6, 1974.

Charles Reiter Hellmuth---son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen P. Hellmuth of Dallas.  
Born April 10, 1974.

Leslie Ruth von Rosenberg-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. von Rosenberg III of  
Austin. Born July 10, 1972.

Holly Jo Young-----daughter of Dr. Evan Charles and Lina Jo Young of Dayton,  
Ohio. Born April 16, 1974.

Jennifer Lynnette York----daughter of Gary Lynn and Patricia York of Atascadero,  
Cal. First grandchild of Marjorie Smith Dupree.  
Born May 29, 1974.

YES! TEACHER

Mrs. Beverli Elaine Helmke, wife of James R. Helmke, of Seguin, Texas, and daughter-in-law of Stanley and Florence Helmke of San Antonio (Florence is Chairman of Branch 5), received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Lutheran College of Seguin May 26, 1974, and has been assigned a teaching position at one of Seguin's Elementary schools for the fall of 1974. She is very pleased and happy.

MASONIC RESPONSE

From my inquest as to who are Masons in the family, this response:

Name:	City:	Lodge: No.
Charles G. Bissell (50 yr. pin) also: Ben Hur Shrine	San Marcos Austin	Hill City #456
Thomas L. Eyres, Sr. also: Ben Hur Shrine	Austin Austin	Bellmead #1329
Henry Hein (Past Master)	San Antonio	Vichy #1160
Ernest W. Hellmuth (50 yr. pin)	San Antonio	Bellville #223
Phil Meerscheidt	Houston	Gray #329
William M. Trenckmann	Montesano, Wash.	Wynooche #43

THANK YOU

Henry and Paula Hein of San Antonio loaned the Association \$1,000 at the very last moment to complete payment to the printer in Waco for the delivery of Vol. II. Thanks to them and all others who did likewise. Indeed, a close shave!

It is time again for another annual operating budget donation from everyone. Kindly send your 1974-75 donation of \$5.00 or more to: Phil Meerscheidt, Sec. 6301 Ranchester #62, Houston, Texas, 77036. Your donation will be recorded in my files and sent to Treasurer Robert Hein for deposit in our savings account.

The following members made their new donations at the 1974 Reunion in Rosenberg:

Eugene E. Adams	Belton	3.00
Carl W. Becker	Wall	5.00
Mr. Forrest S. Campbell	San Antonio	5.00
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Miss Eugenia Ann Wolf	Temple	5.00
Mr. Alfred O. Wupperman	Austin	5.00

#### DEATHS

These members are reported deceased since the 1973 Reunion:

Mrs. Jack (Alice Reutzel) Bessellieu	San Antonio	Aug. 26, 1973
Hilmar Fricke	Cat Spring	Dec. 30, 1973
Pam D. Grinstead	Kerrville	May 28, 1974
Herman G. Habermacher	Sealy	March 27, 1974
Ernest Hornberger	San Diego, Cal.	April 30, 1974
Lt. Col. W. C. Sneed	Sealy	May 25, 1974
Mrs. Dora Agnes von Rosenberg	Hamilton	Feb. 4, 1974
Joseph L. von Rosenberg, Sr.	Austin	July 4, 1973

(1974)

Our Vice-President, Ray von Rosenberg of Taft, Texas, is trying to complete the picture collection of our first three generations which was started by Alma Tomlinson. The following pictures are needed:

## Generation I:

Johanna Dorothea Froelich, the first wife of Peter Carl. This is an important one. Does anybody know anything about a picture of her?

Generation II is complete.

## Generation III:

## Wilhelm branch:

Arthur von Rosenberg and his wife, Mary Holland.

~~Laura von Rosenberg and her husband, George von Carlowitz.~~

Marie von Rosenberg, died early.

~~Frederick Charles von Rosenberg and his wife, Nina Stephens.~~

## Johanna branch:

~~Marie Demant, the first wife of Charles Frederick Hellmuth.~~

Frederick Hellmuth, died early.

Lina Hellmuth, died at age 24.

Anna Hellmuth, died early.

## Johannes branch:

Charlotte von Rosenberg, died at age 5.

~~William Carl von Rosenberg and his wife, Metta Drossman.~~

~~Wilhelmine von Rosenberg and her husband, William Sawyer.~~

Johannes von Rosenberg, died early.

Hans Julius von Rosenberg, died early.

## Eugen branch:

Herman Eugen von Rosenberg and his wife, Louise Levien.

Alexander Eugen von Rosenberg and his wife, Emma Weyand.

Anna Theodora von Rosenberg and her husband, George Vogelsang.

~~Eugenia Concordia von Rosenberg and her husband, Elisha Adams.~~

## Karoline branch:

Emma Meerscheidt, died early.

Arthur Meerscheidt, died at age 14.

Gerhard Meerscheidt, died early.

Lina and Walter Meerscheidt, twins who died early.

Henry Speckles, husband of Anna Meerscheidt.

Netti Graber, wife of Otto Meerscheidt.

*Louise Blumel, wife of May Meerscheidt*

## Libussa Froelich branch:

~~Rosa Hellmuth, died at age 25.~~

Otto Hellmuth, died early.

Clara Hellmuth, died at age 16.

~~Herman Gustav Hellmuth, died at age 74.~~

~~Ella Louise and her husband, George Alexander Young.~~

Although many of these died young, there is a chance someone somewhere may have a picture. If anyone has a photograph of any of these kinfolks, please contact Ray von Rosenberg, Box 241, Taft, Texas, 78390. All photos will be returned unharmed.

It would be great to have a full set of family pictures. Alma did a fantastic job of finding some fifty or more photos. Let's try to complete it. Everybody, LOOK AND SEE WHAT YOU HAVE.

Henry and Paula Hein, Robert and Nancy Hein, their daughter Lesa, and Nancy's mother, Mrs. Tieken, enjoyed a trip to Hawaii in April of 1974. Aloha!

THE BY-LAWS

The new by-laws were sent you in the Oct. 1973 Newsletter and were approved at the 1974 Reunion. Everything remains the same as in the old ones except now the Historian will be an elected officer instead of being appointed by the President; there is no Board of Directors anymore (the officers are now the Board); and the Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian can now serve any number of terms as long as they are re-elected every two years (there was a limit of two terms). The President and Vice-President are still limited to two terms of two years each.

1975 will be another election year and President Leo Meerscheidt III will appoint a nominating committee shortly. If you would like to be an officer of this Association, let your Secretary know and the information will be passed on to the nominating committee when it is appointed. We will elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian at the Reunion in 1975 at Round Top.

STARDOM

Harold (Hal) Fletcher of Dallas starred in a new movie, "Stepsisters," soon to be released and is currently co-starring in another film entitled "The Pitch." Wife Monte, whose stage name is Monte St. Clair, also has a role in "The Pitch."

WOULD THE REAL EDGAR AND MAGGIE PLEASE STAND UP?

Edgar R. and Maggie von Rosenberg attended the Reunion this year in Rosenberg. They came all the way from San Angelo, Texas, to do so. Edgar was born in Ellinger, Texas, on Sept. 15, 1881, and according to my figures, this makes him a robust, age 93 presently. I won't divulge Maggie's age, you'll have to dig that up for yourself. Easily the most heart-warming moment at the Reunion occurred when Edgar stood up and informed the entire assembly he was a member of Generation III, was proud of it, and that he was very glad to be there with us that day. He received two separate standing ovations. He looked very much in good health, was in top spirit, and had complete control of his situation. What a guy he is! What a gal that Maggie is, too! I've never seen such devotion. You folks can read all about Edgar and Maggie in Vol. I, pages 149 and 150. I suggest you do so because they both have had very interesting lives. Still are, thank you. See you in Round Top, Edgar and Maggie.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

PLEASE! If and when you change your address at the Post Office, please fill in a duplicate P.O. card and mail it to me. Mail returned to me with incorrect addresses is a waste of time and money. How 'bout your children age 18 or more? Are they on the mailing list?

PAST NEWSLETTERS

I have a very limited number of past Newsletters still available. If you desire one of them, let your Secretary know. As long as the supply holds out, I will send them first to members who never received any because they were not on the mailing list at the time, and to all others on a first-come, first-serve basis as I receive the requests. If I can't fill your order, please try to understand. There are not very many left of each issue.

Alex Meerscheidt of Rockport just bought a Chrysler cabin cruiser. Want to go out? This Newsletter went to 423 households, and as usual, is a new record.

AN ASSOCIATION IS BORN  
MINUTES OF THE FIRST REUNION  
ROUND TOP, TEXAS      MAY 7, 1939

The first Reunion of the direct descendants of Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg (1794-1866) took place this day at the Hall of the Round Top Rifle Club in Round Top, Fayette County. (Ernst Emmerich, President).

11-12 a.m.--arrival of guests and "getting acquainted."

12- 1 p.m.--lunch brought by all members individually.

1- 2 p.m.--Welcome address by Herbert von Rosenberg of San Antonio, Texas, who greeted all members and thanked Mr. Wupperman for getting the Reunion together. Also stated this was the birthday of two prominent members-- Otto von Rosenberg of Hallettsville and Charles von Rosenberg of Houston

Next was the report by Walter Wupperman on how he came to be interested in the matter of von Rosenberg family history, drawing a parallel between it and the history of his own family and stating the various purposes of their regular gatherings in the old country.

Recounted the record of pamphlets of translations of great grandmother Amanda's letters which was sold to members and suggesting the working-up of a complete family history in the future. Stated that application for copyright on the pamphlet was turned down by the Washington, D. C. copyright office and the reasons why. Mr. Wupperman continued stating how and why this Reunion was called to take place at Round Top. Stated the location of the original Nassau farm about 8 miles east; called attention to Miss Martha Meerscheidt's collection of letters, photographs, and family tree; showed 3 souvenirs collected by the committee on locating the old Nassau farm and finished up calling for a permanent organization.

This latter was effected by electing for Chairman for the next twelve months Mr. Herbert von Rosenberg, San Antonio; Vice-Chairman Herman von Rosenberg, Houston; Secretary Walter Wupperman, Austin (by acclamation); Treasurer Herman von Rosenberg, Austin; Chairman and Custodian of family history, Miss Martha Meerscheidt, San Antonio; Committee for date and place of next Reunion, Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson of Houston, Texas. It was decided to hold the next Reunion at La Grange, Texas.

A free-will offering for defraying expenses incident to the next meeting brought \$15.60. Mr. Herbert von Rosenberg took two group pictures. Mr. Fred Reutzel was appointed as Chairman to look into the advisability of incorporating the von Rosenberg Family Reunion Organization.

Signed,  
Walter Wupperman, Secretary

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3. If your Vol. II copy has flaws, write to Charles W. von Rosenberg. Page 3.
4. Write a letter of appreciation to Charles W. and your Branch Chairman. Page 3.
5. Send \$5.00 or more 1974-75 budget donation to Phil Meerscheidt. Page 5.
6. If you know of any changes of address, write Phil Meerscheidt. Page 7.
7. Order copies of past Newsletters from Phil Meerscheidt. Page 7.
8. If you have the pictures requested, send them to Ray von Rosenberg. Page 6.
9. Remember, this Newsletter is respectfully submitted by:

Phil Meerscheidt  
Family Secretary