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FOLLOWING THE ROUTE

Dale and Marjorie von Rosenberg paid a visit to Galveston to retrace the route the pioneer family took from there to Nassau.

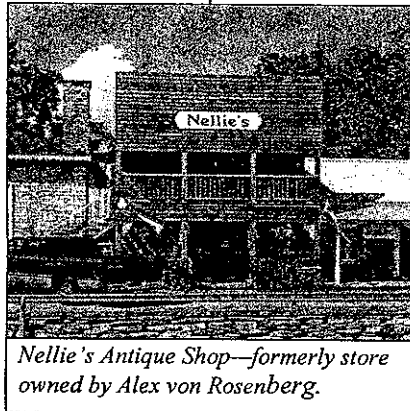
Dale presented a slide show Saturday afternoon and provided us with a written report as well. The report outlines a day trip beginning on State Highway 3005 proceeding west with detailed directions that are easy to follow.

The report also included the daily itinerary from December 6 to January 19 when they arrived in Felipe. Dale has spent much time searching out unusual or little known facts about the von Rosenberg family that have helped make their lives even more of a reality.

150th Anniversary Reunion takes a look at the past

The 1999 annual family reunion of the von Rosenbergs of Texas celebrated the 150th anniversary of Peter Carl and his family arriving in Texas aboard the Franziska. Special activities to commemorate the event were well-planned and executed by Vice

President Ann Juraneck. Saturday morning started with group photos before going to Round Top for a tour of Hinkel Square. Three von Rosenberg houses have been restored and were open to us. Just down the street is the building that used to be the store belonging to Alex von Rosenberg. It is now called Nellie's Antique Shop.



Nellie's Antique Shop—formerly store owned by Alex von Rosenberg.

We left Round Top and traveled about 8 miles out of town to the site of Nassau Plantation. The current owner of the land graciously consented to let

us on the property.

Two of the original barns used by the family are still standing.

The owner has built his house

on the underpinnings of the original foundation. The old cistern is still used by him and his family. Not far from the barns is an old family cemetery called "Weyand Cemetery."

Side trips included visiting the Richter Cemetery outside of Round Top where Amanda is buried and the La Grange Cemetery where Peter Carl is buried.

Volume III nearing the final stages

The long-awaited update of the family history commonly known as Volume III, is in its final stages of completion.

Recently, Historian Ann Barnes met in Waco with Jo von Rosenberg, Nettie Green, and Ray von Rosenberg at Jo's home where about 50 to 60 hours of work was done in a four day period. The database is currently just under 2500 names. Of those, it was determined that over 400 people are in Generation 5. Of those in Generation 5, fewer than 100 biographical sketches have been received. Biographical sketches in Volume II or the Red Book, were for fourth generation descendants of Peter Carl. Included with this newsletter is a complete list by branch of the sketches still needed. This newsletter will be the last plea for biographies. Let's not leave anyone out.

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Saturday's Events

Former Historian Ray von Rosenberg was one of the featured speakers at the business meeting. Ray has done extensive research on Memel. He is also working on extending the von Rosenberg line back further by using what knowledge has been recorded thus far and expanding on it. He has compiled his findings in a notebook which also includes photos and other documentation that presented to the family to keep with the rest of the family artifacts. He also had a display of some family heirlooms which included a sword from the Civil War and several different branding irons.

Jim Kearny, a local resident and historian in turn presented a lengthy and informative report about the Nassau Plantation. Jim is currently working on a book about Nassau which he hopes to publish soon. He has obtained copies of original deeds and other court documents that tell the story of Nassau and how the family came to obtain and lose the land.

It was time again for the election of new officers:

Now serving are:

President — Wayne Scholz
Vice President — Pam Peters
Secretary — Daryl Green
Treasurer — Bill von Rosenberg
Historian — Ann Barnes

Yes, you read correctly. After serving for many years as the Association's secretary, Wayne decided it was time to change hats and take on some new challenges. He was given a hearty thanks for a job well done as he turned his job over to Daryl.

The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were both read and approved.

The historian's report included presenting a signature quilt with a block for each branch for family members to sign. It was reported that Ann is also in the process of cataloguing the photos in the family file to make available at future reunions. A rough draft of Volume III was handed out for additions and corrections.

Memel Today

by Jo von Rosenberg

The trip of a lifetime began by finding information about Magda Przyboejewska (48-22/627-2386) fax 48-22/675-7143 through Travel and Leisure. She secured Peter Golabk as our guide. His ability to speak five languages was invaluable. The day long drive from Warsaw was beautiful. We saw storks' nests perched on the tops of houses and electrical poles, a sight we have never seen in all our travels. The ever present Communist architecture was drab, but as we drove through the small towns we became aware of the beginning of a revival of building and of upbeat attitudes.

"In this age of disposable everything, we must be careful not to dispose of our past..."
Thomas Davies

General Store



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Vol I	___	\$16.00	\$ ___
Vol II	___	13.50	___
Ancestral Voices	___	20.00	___
Emigration Booklet	___	6.50	___
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More of Saturday Activities

Lithuania became independent from Communist Russia in 1989. Neighboring countries of Poland, Czech Republic and Hungary became members of NATO in 1999, but Lithuania is struggling to meet the GNP and financial criteria for membership.

Magda, our Polish guide, was very efficient in finding the Voversaite Baltic Sea Resort in Palanga, 10 miles from Klaipeda (Memel) which was on the Baltic Sea. It was very beautiful, but very cold and would be our residence for two nights.

Edward, our Russian and Lithuania guide took us to the research facilities in Klaipeda. After three research libraries we found the Geschechte des Kreises Memel (History of the Memel Area), a book written in 1918. As we explained our primary purpose, to find the Ekitten Estates, Peter and Edward insisted on maps along with pages of information copied from the book. The researchers were very cooperative and even with the language problem and our eagerness, they copied what we needed to find the land.

They would not allow us to pay them directly, but we made a contribution to the research facility.

The search began, and four hours later we felt confident we had, indeed, found the Eckitten Land. Words cannot describe the joy of walking across the spillway onto the land that today appears to be used for recreational purposes. As we walked the terrain, we found picnic areas and fishing piers. Beautiful trees in the center of the highest part, and where we presumed the home stood, was a breathtaking view. One could see the river, lake and surrounding flat farmland. Finding the marker with a definite place for the von Rosenberg Coat of Arms was without a doubt the high point of the day!

As we reflect on this marvelous experience, we would also like to share with you that the uncanny resemblance to the Nassau Plantation was overwhelming. The comparison is exciting for many reasons, but most of all because people seeking new places often seek areas that remind them of home. Eckitten and Nassau are extremely similar, except for the weather.

Glenn and Jo brought a photo album of their trip to share with everyone at the reunion. They also had some of the panoramic photos framed which were part of the silent auction.

For Your Information

Webmaster Danny Udall is in the process of moving. Therefore, the website will be down until he sets up his computer again. The site will be up and running again soon.

New T-shirts in the sweatshirt grey color with the family crest on the back and an insignia on the left breast are now available in all sizes. Price is \$10.

Artist Marjorie von Rosenberg presented a beautiful 5x7 oil painting of the ship Franziska which was also donated to the silent auction.

2000 Reunion

July 14th - 16th

The 2000 reunion will be held the weekend of July 14 - 16 at Camp Lone Star. Registration and fees will be included in the next newsletter. Mark your calendars now. Leave the videos and games at home and come join us. Get to know other family members. Hike, swim, fish, eat, and enjoy the grounds of Camp Lone Star.



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Next Newsletter

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Please check the previous newsletter "addresses needed list" and notify the secretary and historian of any changes. It is especially important at this time in order to give everyone the opportunity to be represented in Vol III.

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Attention Branch II
 Does anyone know how to get in touch with Pat Dupree, page 111 of Vol. II? Someone called the historian and said he was holding some family photos and memorabilia, but had lost touch with her. If anyone can help, please notify Ann