

# *vonRosenberg Newsletter*

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## *The German Free School Dedicates Marker*

**T**he German Free School, located in Austin, Texas and home of the German Texan Historical Society celebrated the unveiling and dedication of its very own Texas Historical Marker, Saturday April 27, 2001. Descendants of the school's first students were invited to attend. Among them included the descendants of Branch I's Carl Wilhelm vonRosenberg. William, as he was known, was very involved in the school. In 1857 gave the land and \$1000 in gold toward the construction of the building.

After the dedication of the historical marker, the seventh annual MAIFEST celebration was held in the garden of the school. The celebration included authentic German food, cold beverages, beer, festive music, and lots of fun activities for the whole family. Also, a silent auction and a dance floor were added for this year's celebration. The school is located at 507 East 10th Street, Austin, Texas.

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## Odds and Ends

### .Vol III

Remember you can still order copies of the new Volume III of the vonRosenberg Family of Texas from our treasurer. If you have any corrections or additions to Volume III, please forward them to the historian. At some point, we will publish an addendum with corrections. Also, any suggestions of libraries, organizations, or historical societies that you feel should have a copy in their collection would be greatly appreciated. Please send the name of the institution and mailing address directly to the historian.

### New Website

After an extensive search for a new location for a website, our webmaster has finally located one that he likes. Check it out at: <http://thevonrosenbergs.tripod.com>

### Branch Chairman

There was a discussion held at the last reunion about each branch having a chairman in order to help the secretary and historian keep our records more up-to-date. Please give some thought to this as it will be discussed again at the reunion. The new secretary needs all the help he can get.

### Silent Auction

Just another reminder to bring something to share at the silent auction. It can be crafted or purchased. The silent auction is a means of helping fund the treasury. Funds are limited at the present time due to the publication of Volume III.

### LaGrange Public Library

The LaGrange, Texas, Public Library has a temperature sensitive room designed for family records, books, etc. If you have vonRosenberg records, books, letters, etc., the library will receive and document these items so they can be available for anyone to research and study. If you need someone to pick up your records, please contact Jo vonRosenberg, 367 Broughton Dr., Waco, Texas 76712; 254/772-4990.  
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## Meerscheidt House in La Grange

Neale Rabensburg has purchased a house in La Grange that once belonged to the Meerscheidt family. See the article in the last newsletter for all the details. Neale will be conducting a tour to show the house to family members on the Saturday of the reunion after breakfast. If the weather permits, we will gather around 10:15-10:30 am in the front yard of the Meerscheidt House, under the Texas Historical Plaque, for a brief history lesson of the property's chain of title and its von Rosenberg/Meerscheidt connection. A tour of the inside of the house will follow. The property is located at 458 N. Monroe in the middle of town in the historic district. From Camp Lone Star, take Highway 77 north into town. At the intersection of Bus. 71 (Travis Street) with Highway 77 turn right and head east for about three blocks. Turn left on N. Monroe and proceed north for about 3 1/2 blocks (cross the railroad tracks) to 458 N. Monroe and the Meerscheidt House. The property is located on the east side of the street (on the right, if you didn't bring your compass, or it's cloudy and you can't find the sun).

## Updates

### Births

Josephine Leigh Murillo, born July 5, 2001

### Marriages

Benjamin Max Muller  
Married Kathleen Hakes July 14, 2001

Kelly Trenckmann  
Married Nathan Dean Black July 7, 2001

Christopher Foster married Heidi Truelove, June 9, 2001

### Deaths

James Alvin Dinwiddie  
Died Feb 17, 2002

Metta Virginia Tomlinson  
Lansdale died Oct. 31, 2001

Eugenia Elizabeth Paloucek  
(Adams) Died Oct. 31, 2001

Barbara Helen Davis Engel  
"Bobbie" Schenck died Jan 11, 2002.

Please help us keep our records up to date by reporting new information to our secretary. The new secretary is Karl vonRosenberg. His mailing address is 1028 Cheyenne Trail, Hewitt, Texas 76643. Karl would also like to take this opportunity to apologize for the lousy job he did as secretary this past year, and to promise a much better job in the future. Upcoming newsletters will be done in a timely manner. Thank you for your patience.

## *Schedule of Events*

### Friday

Check-in after 3:00 p.m.  
Visiting and Recreation are the fare  
Supper is on your own  
At 7:00 p.m. bring your snacks and  
share in a potluck snack fest.

### Saturday

8:00 a.m.  
Breakfast  
Display Artifacts

9:00 a.m.  
Swimming  
Silent Auction Begins  
Tour of Meerscheidt House in La-  
Grange

12:00 Noon  
Lunch

1:00 p.m.  
Business Meeting

2:30 p.m.  
Swimming

5:30 p.m.  
Supper

8:00 p.m.  
Talent Show  
(very loosely defined)

Silent Auction concludes

### Sunday

8:00 am  
Breakfast

10:00 a.m.  
Memorial Service and Devotional

12:00 Noon  
Lunch

1:00 p.m.  
Pack vehicles and head home

## *Cost*

The cost at Camp Lone Star is reasonable and compares favorably with any other manner of financing your reunion expenses. The cost is pro-rated and is determined by your arrival time.

Please get your reservation in as soon as possible for rooms at Camp Lone Star. If you cannot come all weekend, come early Saturday to take part in our day trips and the afternoon's activities.

The best price is a package price: Spend the full 2 1/2 days and you'll get 5 full meals, 2 nights lodging, plus full use of all facilities for approximately \$94.50 per adult (18 years and older); about \$61.20 per youth (ages 8 to 17); children age 7 and under are free.

If you come part of the time: \$30 per night (\$20 for 8-17). Meals, \$15 per meal, which includes a mandatory facility use charge; \$10 for youth). Facility use charge includes a meal plus the use of the facility as well as use of any accommodations such as swimming, volleyball, basketball, hot tub, etc.

**RVs and campers are not recommended since there is no place set aside to park them.**

For questions contact:

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### *Directions to Camp Lone Star*

At the outskirts of LaGrange, on Hwy 77 South heading to Victoria, is a bridge crossing the Colorado River. About 150 yards from the south end of the bridge is a sign for Camp Lone Star. Turn east on that road and follow it in about two miles to the camp.

## Von Rosenberg Family of Texas

**153 years since Peter Carl's arrival in Texas**

**61st Reunion**

**136 years since Peter Carl's death**

**20th consecutive year at Camp Lone Star**



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*The vonRosenberg Family of Texas*

**CELEBRATING**

**153 YEARS IN TEXAS**

*It's reunion time again!*

*July 12 -14, 2002*

*Camp Lone Star La Grange, Texas*