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Volume III Receives Praise

If you and your family are still among those who have not yet ordered Vol. III of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas, you are missing a great book to add to your family collection.

The 303 page book is fully indexed alphabetically and includes page numbers for easy reference. It is hard bound with a photograph of lace that was made by Amanda von Rosenberg. The introduction written by Ray von Rosenberg and Ann Barnes begins by telling us a little about the first reunion and how it was organized along with other family historical data. Information was compiled by family members including notes Phil Meerscheidt kept in his copy of Volume II. Information published previously in the first two volumes has been included along with corrections and additions to the vital records. Besides the latest in family information, biographical sketches of Generation 5, it also contains hundreds of photos that are in the custody of the historian. Photos include the pioneer father and Amanda, photos of each of the branch heads, many of Generation Three, and at the end of each chapter, many different kinds of photos including family, children, homesteads and other photos. We are very fortunate to have such an extensive collection of photos in our possession. This is truly a book you and your family will treasure for years to come.

Dale von Rosenberg

Long time family historian Dale von Rosenberg passed away July 2, 2002 in Georgetown, Texas, after a lengthy illness. Dale spent many long and untiring hours dedicated to helping preserve the von Rosenberg family history with his unique research which resulted in some interesting stories and trivia.

Dale attended the University of Texas where he received his doctorate. He has also published textbooks which are still used. Dale was also active in the Boy Scouts, church and community organizations. His great wealth of family knowledge is sure to be missed at our reunions.

Need Books?

Don't forget there are plenty of books available in the VR Family Store. These books are sure to be cherished family possessions and make excellent gifts. Just mail your check (payable to von Rosenberg Family of Texas) and wish list to Bill von Rosenberg, 11404 Antler Ln., Austin, TX 78726, and your books will be shipped promptly.

- Vol III \$25.00 (>1000 available)
- Vol II \$13.50
- Vol I \$16.00
- VR Cookbook . . . \$14.95 (>600 Available)
- Ancestral Voices . . \$20.00
- Emigration Booklet \$ 6.50

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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.

Updates

Branch I

Susan Dawn Udall
Married Andre Ironwing
Oct 5, 2002, in Mesa,
Arizona

Otto Marschner died
June 28, 2002, in Texas
City, Texas

Dale U. von Rosenberg
died July 2, 2002, in
Georgetown, Texas.

Branch III

Quincy V Miller died Jan
15, 2002. Buried in
Tahoma Nat'l Cemetery,
Kent, WA.

Branch V

Mary Lytton died May
28, 2002.

Nicky Glenn Rosencran
died June 18, 2001

Fredia (Dot) Meerscheidt
died Nov. 30, 2002.

Leo P. Meerscheidt, Jr.
died Dec. 30, 2002.

Branch VII

Caleb Callihan died June
4, 2002, in Arlington,
Texas.

Please help us keep our
records up to date by
reporting new
information to our
secretary. Thank you.

As a Reminder

Public libraries, historical societies, genealogy societies and family history centers are always grateful to receive published histories. Some of these organizations have very limited budgets and cannot afford to purchase all the books they would like to have. It has been suggested that family members consider donating a copy of Volume III to their local society or library in the memory of a loved one. We encourage all family members to donate a book on some loved one's behalf. As with other purchases of family books and memorabilia, send any checks to treasurer Bill von Rosenberg.

Call It

The Search for the Past

The von Rosenberg Pilgrimage

The Ultimate Family Vacation

or whatever you wish

The important thing to do is to join us on our **June 2003** adventure to

Kurland, East Prussia, Germany and Old Bohemia

in a 21 day search of von Rosenberg family history.

How many of the following can you identify?

Riga Jelgava (Mitau) Klaipeda (Memel) Eckitten Palanga Potsdam

Prague Cesky Krumnov Tabor Trebon Rozmberk Telc Jindrichuv

Prachatice The Amber Museum San Souci The Charles Bridge Wencelas

John Hus Hussites Vilem Petro Vok The White Lady

You will know and love them all by the time we finish our tour!

Jo, Glenn, and Ray have been there and will be along for this fabulous trip!

We have three vacation packages available for this trip.

Everyone going does not have to choose the same option.

Option 1: June 6-25, 2003 \$ 2395 if we have 30 participants
\$ 2550 if we have 20 participants

Option 2: June 6-15, 2003 \$ 1160 with 30 people and \$ 1230 with 20 people
Option 2 ends in Potsdam with a transfer to the airport in Berlin

Option 3: June 15-25, 2003 \$ 1545 with 30 people and \$ 1625 with 20 people
Option 3 begins June 15th with the one way transfer to Prague

Prices based on: per person sharing twin room, accommodations in 3 star hotels, portorage(1 piece per person), breakfast & dinner daily, and all tips.

Airfare not included. Aladdin Travel will book for us when we have the required 20 people.

\$ 500 down pymt. is due by **March 10, 2003.** Departure is from Dallas, TX then on to Frankfort and Riga. Travel in Europe is by bus and plane.

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*The von Rosenberg Family of Texas
 Reunion*

*Mark your calendars for
 Friday, July 11 -
 Sunday, July 13, 2003*

Camp Lone Star La Grange, Texas