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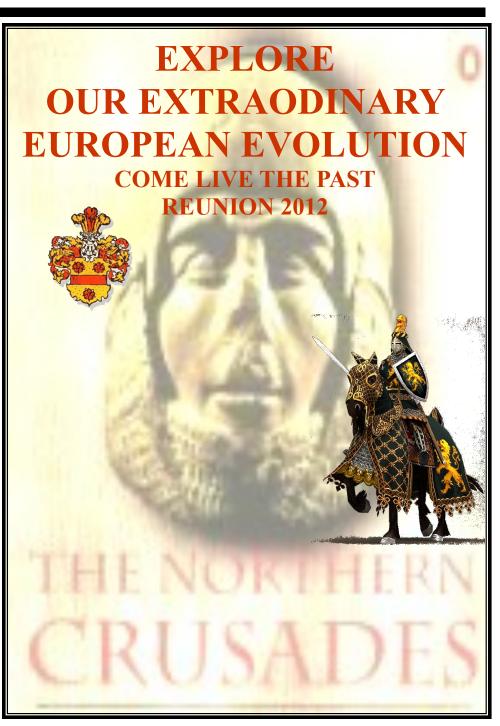
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The von Rosenberg Family of Texas Archives Acquires Branch I and III Historical Documents

### BY NEALE RABENSBURG

Over the course of the past nine months, Neale Rabensburg has been able to

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assemble а collection of late 19th and early 20th Century documents including letters of correspondence, business ledgpersonal ers, and financial statements and receipts, miscellaneous business documents including wills & deeds, etc. that

had been the property of Judge Frederick C. von Rosenberg and his father William von Rosenberg of Austin, Texas, Branch I. In a separate acquisition, a 19th Century business letter of correspondence dated December 1, "CJ" Carl Johannes von 1886 from Rosenberg, Branch III, as proprietor of the von Rosenberg Company in Ehlinger, Texas (prior to its move to La Grange) was also acquired in recent months. These several hundred documents will be assembled and recorded before being donated to the von Rosenberg Family of Texas Collection at the Fayette Library and Heritage Museum & Archives in La Grange, Texas.

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### BY NEALE RABENSBURG

With the recent sale of Henkel Square in Round Top, Texas to commercial developers, the fate of the artifacts, relics,



furniture and implements that were housed in the many historic structures including the Z a p p - v o n R o s e n b e r g House remain unclear and up to specula-

tion. The group of concerned citizens, who mustered in May of 2011 to voice concern with the change of direction for Henkel Square to one of a commercial establishment of retail shops and businesses, were informed by the developers that the interior contents of the homes and other structures were to be preserved in a "museum" and housed in or near a new pavilion that was to become a focal point of the revised master planned community of historic buildings.

The Board and Historians of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas took the lead in the debate with the developers over the dramatic alterations to Henkel Square and more particularly to the demolition of interior and exterior walls of the Zapp-von Rosenberg House. Our vR officers were able to thwart much of the planned additions and modifications to the exterior of the Zapp-von Rosenberg House, but its interior walls including its furnishings were removed.

Descendants of Branch IV have a genuine interest in the interior contents of

The von Rosenberg Family of Texas Manages to Secure Branch IV Artifact & Return It to Rightful Descendants

> the Zapp-von Rosenberg House since a number of the items had reportedly been donated by Branch IV family members in years past. One item of note was the parlor organ that was supposed to have been played by Anna Henriette Sack-von Roeder von Rosenberg, wife of Carl Eugen von Rosenberg, eldest son of Peter Carl and Amanda Fallier von Rosenberg.

> The whereabouts and the preservation of the interior contents of the Zapp-von Rosenberg House has been a subject of discussion on more that one occasion with the developers. At least one Branch IV descendant has offered to buy back known von Rosenberg donated items. Neale Rabensburg has maintained a dialogue with the developers throughout 2011 and did learn during the summer that most of the furnishings and artifacts that had been a part of Henkel Square are no longer to be housed in a museum as previously informed but rather auctioned some time during the spring of 2012.

> In a gesture of cooperation, the developers did offer the vR Family the aforementioned parlor organ at no cost. Billye Beth Baker, vR Historian and Branch IV descendant, and Neale Rabensburg made the effort this summer to pick up the organ in Round Top and haul it back to La Grange where it was stored for a short time before being transferred to Jon Todd "JT" Koenig, vR Historian and Branch IV descendant.

> The make on the organ is an Estey. It is a "parlor" reed organ, and was probably made during the 1890's. Estey was the largest manufacturer of organs in the United States. The company was in existence for about one hundred years and headquartered in Brattleboro, Vermont.



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## Martha Meerscheidt's Classical Sheet Music Collection Donated to the Round Top Festival Institute, Round Top, Texas



Martha C. Meerschiedt **First Historian** The von Rosenberg Family of Texas

### BY NEALE RABENSBURG

Pamela Ann Meerscheidt, representing the Philip A. Meerscheidt family, and Neale Rabensburg, as President of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas, jointly donated Martha Meerscheidt's collection of classical sheet music to the Round Top Festival Institute in Round Top, Texas. The extensive collection of music numbering approximately 300 pieces, was published and/or copyrighted primarily during the time period of 1913 to 1927. The music represents many of the world's greatest composers including but not limited to Bach, Beethoven and Liszt.

In advance of the official donation, Neale Rabensburg and Billye Beth Baker had met on September 21, 2011 with Institute representatives, James Dick, Founder and Artistic Director, Lamar Lentz, Curator, and Pat Johnson, Assistant Curator, who were all thrilled with the prospect of receiving the

"Collection". The following week, Pamela Meerscheidt and Neale Rabensburg, met in Round Top for the execution of the donation agreement. A tour of the campus and facilities was afforded to the donors before departure. It was learned later that three days were required by Assistant Curator, Pat Johnson, to fully catalogue the material.

Martha Meerscheidt's sheet music collection had first been offered to the Fayette Library and Heritage Museum & Archives in La Grange, Texas; however, it was decided by both representatives of the Library and the von Rosenberg Family that it was more appropriate for this music collection to go to a music society where it would be available for study and display. Should the Institute ever cease to exist, the sheet music would revert to the members of the Philip A. Meerscheidt family or if not to them, then to the von Rosenberg Family of Texas Archives.

## The Historic Zapp-von Rosenberg House, Round Top, Texas The Fight to Preserve Its Identity



The Zapp-von Rosenberg House cc: 1910

### **BY NEALE RABENSBURG**

The historic Zapp-von Rosenberg house located in Henkel Square, Round Top, Texas suddenly came under attack two months prior to this past summer's reunion,

restored 19th Century structures had been sold to private individual(s) for the purpose of transforming the German village from its present museum status to that of a commercial establishment of retail shops and businesses.

The Zapp-von Rosenberg House had been an important ancestral home to the descendants of Branch IV. It is thought to have also been built for Peter Carl and Amanda von Rosenberg when they made their move to Round Top from Farm Nassau prior to the Civil War. When word reached vR descendants that the contents of the house had been removed and that much of the interior as well as some of the exterior walls had been demolished, the Board of the vR Family and its Historians sprang into action and challenged the

when it was announced that the complex of new owner(s) and governing powers within the Round Top community with the direction that they were taking towards the destruction of an important historical element of the Round Top community. Over the course of the next few weeks, the von Rosenberg Family was able to muster the support of the Fayette County Historical Commission, the Round Top Historical Society, the German Texas Heritage Society, a Fayette County Judge official as well as many concerned individuals. The efforts by the von Rosenberg Family of Texas managed to thwart much of the proposed changes to the exterior of the house and preserve its original historical character. However, its change of use from a Turn to Zapp-von Rosenberg House

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## Validating Our European Legends "We're OK to 1511, but Earlier Remains Elusive"

#### BY NEALE RABENSBURG

At next summer's reunion, another sible above ground. history fair and champagne reception is planned. However, instead of limiting our tries are presently teeming with people who historical coverage at that event to the first carry the von Rosenberg surname. However, three generations of von Rosenberg descen- the known living descendants of the Bohedants in Texas as was presented at the 2011 mian/Moravian royals, view any of these in-Reunion, our Historians will be asked to go cluding our own to be imposters or, at the back into time, perhaps as much as a thousand years, to provide insight not only into von Rosenberg surnames that originated elseour Balticum roots (Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania) but also with our much earlier central European origins as depicted in our Legends. It would be quite an accomplishpublished Legends.

DNA results of Texas born vR male roots. descendants may indicate origins in Europe that could give credence to ties with certain family lineage back to 1511 in the Balticum regions. However, the difficulty of linking with Johann von Rosenberg married to Anna ourselves with the royal z Rozmberk family von Blomberg. To go back even further and of Bohemia and Moravia that once ruled the establish a link to central Europe continues to region, which is now a part of the Czech Re- remain evasive. Much study has already been publics, is the absence of living male counter- accomplished in this direction by Arthur von parts. The z Rozmberk (von Rosenberg) Dy- Rosenberg, Ray von Rosenberg and Jon Todd nasty officially died out four hundred years ago. Therein lies the problem. The European evidence needed is buried in royal crypts that by one of the "royals", who descends from are hundreds of years old. To gain access the central European z Rozmberks. He has would mostly likely require permission from been helpful by providing us with descendant government state officials, the Catholic charts and forwarding our own research mate-Church, local authorities and known descen- rial to European genealogists. Unfortunately, dants. A better approach would be to find there have been no breakthroughs to date.

## DNA material in a known relic that is acces-

Germany and other European counvery least, people who are descendants with where with no ties to central Europe. This, of course, goes in the face of one or more of our ment to finally validate our central European

We are already able to prove our "JT" Koenig.

The Family was recently contacted

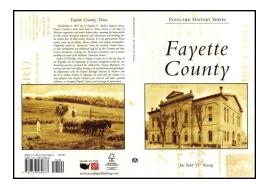
## **An Opportunity Lost?**

### **BY NEALE RABENSBURG**

In November Neale Rabensburg received an invitation to attend a "Gala" sponsored by the Texas Czech Heritage and ing each one hundred years for the past four Cultural Center of La Grange, Texas. The "Gala" was a semi-formal affair with the Ambassador of the Czech Republics to the United States in Washington, D. C. as one of obtain any help with the aforementioned. An the invited and attending guests. Neale saw audience with the Ambassador in La Grange an opportunity to speak with the Ambassador never presented itself, however, a letter is about past attempts to gain access to genea- planned to his office in Washington, D.C.

logical data that would aid in the process of links to the ancient royal z Rozmberks (von Rosenbergs) and also with possible future attempts to obtain comparison DNA data from those buried hundreds of years ago. Since the Europeans have been commemorathundred years the passing of the royal z Rozmberk name from existence in central Europe, it will obviously be an uphill battle to

Jon Todd "JT" Koenig **Releases His New Post Card History Book** "Fayette County"



### **BY NEALE RABENSBURG**

Von Rosenberg Family of Texas Historian, Jon Todd "JT" Koenig, flew the distance from Washington State to Texas in October 2011 to release his newly completed book on the history of Fayette County as depicted in vintage post cards of the region. JT chose the Arnim Museum of Flatonia and the Fayette Library and Heritage Museum and Archives in La Grange, Texas to formally release his new book with a signing event and reception at each location.

The Arnim Museum book signing, which was scheduled for Thursday evening, October 6, 2011, attracted perhaps the largest crowd where well over one hundred copies were sold with the entire proceeds going to the Museum. The following afternoon, the La Grange book signing event was held with all monies collected going to the Fayette Library. Congratulations to JT on the success of his well written and beautifully illustrated publication. Word comes that there is another book in the works.

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## The President's Message

Dear Cousins,

Another year is coming to a conclusion with its final phase celebrating the Texas was also a headliner during the Holiday Season. Family of Texas and myself wish you and of the opposition against the change of yours the very best during this joyous use and the partial demolition of our antime of the year.

unite during the Holidays, but sometimes Square in Round Top, Texas, Several vR the assembly can be painful when there is officers including myself led the fight to a loss of a special loved one. We honor at preserve this historic property, which is this time those family members, who have featured in many of our family publicapassed both recently and in prior years. tions. Four front page articles and one The sadness, which is experienced with editorial of Fayette County's leading the passing of loved ones, is often offset newspaper, the Fayette County Record, with the announcements of new births, recorded this event and the von therefore, as befitting the season, we also Rosenberg Family of Texas' direct incelebrate our new arrivals, which help to volvement for the preservation of the exfill the voids left by our deceased, imme- terior of this home and at least one of its diate family members as well as our dis- personal contents. tant forbearers

Rosenberg Family of Texas was, in my twice re-creation and demonstration of the opinion, both momentous and noteworthy "Champagne Reception and History as a Reunion. The vR Family held one of Fair" held at the 2011 Reunion. The its most celebrated reunions in recent "History Fair" has been set up, displayed years this past summer with three days of and explained on two separate occasions fun and well planned events. Memorable following the 2011 Reunion. One of from the 2011 Reunion was the Saturday these was held during the August 2011 morning "Grave Witching" demonstra- meeting of the Fayette County Genealogition at the La Grange Old and New cal Society and the other during the Octo-Cemeteries, the "Champagne Reception and History Fair" and the Saturday evening "Dessert

### Party and Country Rock Band and Dance" that spanned four hours.

The von Rosenberg Family of The von Rosenberg month of May 2011 when it became part cestral home, the historic Zapp-von Immediate family members often Rosenberg House located at Henkel

Also, noteworthy for the von The year 2011 for the von Rosenberg Family of Texas has been the Saturday afternoon ber 2011 Favette County Family History Turn to President's Message

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## Email: addresses Please! "A Phased Transition"

Over the next several years, The von Rosenberg Family of Texas will begin communicating more and more with its membership via the Internet, that is, the Family website at www.vonrosenbergfamily.com and the email addresses of individual members.

For those of you, who wish to receive Newsletters via conventional postal services, we will only institute a change with your permission and after the receipt of an email address. Otherwise, you will continue to receive Reunion information the old fashioned way via "snail" mail.

With the change to email addresses, you will, of course, be responsible to keep us updated for any email address modifications as well as for postal mail address changes.

We hope that you will enjoy the transition to electronic mail and will appreciate the upgrades that will be made to our Family website so that you receive faster and more detailed information. Besides a source for Reunion information and reservations, the website is also being expanded to make it a prime source for the promotion and sale of our official von Rosenberg Family of Texas publications, CD's and personal accessory items.

If you wish to be placed on our email mailing list, you can contact, Pati Dukett, Secretary, at patisue17@yahoo.com. Please include a statement saying that you want to receive all Turn to Email: addresses, Please! on Page 7

## Deep Roots and Strong Branches of The von Rosenberg Family of Texas

Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg ••••••• Johanna Dorothea Froelich —— Carl Wilhelm (Active) Branch I Johanna Carolina (1st Marriage) Branch II (Active) Johannes Carl Branch III (Active) ▶ Carl Eugen Amanda Fallier -Branch IV (Active) (2nd Marriage) Amanda Karoline Branch V (Active) Carl Alexander Branch VI (Extinct) Carl August Walter Branch VII (Active)



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## **MINUTES 2011 REUNION BUSINESS MEETING, SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2011 CAMP LONE STAR, LA GRANGE, TEXAS**

### **BY PATI MEERSCHEIDT DUKETT**

Neale Rabensburg, President, called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm, July 16, 2011, at Camp Lone Star's Johnson Retreat Center near La Grange, Texas. Officers present were, President, Neale Rabensburg; Vice -President, David von Rosenberg; Treasurer, Forrest Campbell; and Secretary-Elect, Pati Meerscheidt Dukett. It was noted that the 2011 Reunion marked the 29<sup>th</sup> year at Camp Lone Star and was the  $70^{\text{th}}$  reunion held since 1939. Neale welcomed all members and stated the 2011 Reunion gave particular attention to our young members by having two music bands but also noted that all would undoubtedly enjoy the afternoon's History Fair and Champagne Reception that would immediately follow the Business Meeting. David von Rosenberg, Vice-President, noted that there were eight-five registered members at this reunion.

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The History Fair and Champagne Reception was to follow the Business Meeting between 2:15-5:15 pm.

The Silent Auction, which had commenced that morning, would continue until Sunday morning. A raffle of vR publications and a special handmade quilt by Ann Barnes would be also be held.

The Dessert Reception and Austin Polka Band would follow the evening meal at 6:30 pm. The Austin band was scheduled to play for an hour. (Jo von Rosenberg & Darlene Cartwright were to serve as hostesses for the reception.)

The Country & Western Rock Band, "Southbound 955", was scheduled to strike up at 7:30 pm and would be playing until 10:30 pm Saturday night.

Art Green displayed an ancient family scroll that belonged to one of Peter Carl's sons, Walter von Rosenberg, Branch VII. Past Historian, Ray von Rosenberg, had been

the keeper of the this scroll for many years. Neale Rabensburg noted that originally there should have been five family scrolls, one for each surviving, adult male child of Peter Carl Discussion pursued on the process for vR. the restoration and display of this scroll and the costs involved. No decision was made. Neale Rabensburg stated that at least three of these family scrolls are known to still exist.

JT Koenig stated he has as a copy of the von Stempel family scroll - Peter Carl's wife's family - that dates back to 1411.

Arthur von Rosenberg gave a brief history of the von Rosenberg ancestry in the Baltic Sea region.

Neale Rabensburg announced that Ray von Rosenberg had celebrated his eightieth birthday this past summer in Temple, Texas. About eighty family, friends and former students were in attendance, including relatives not only from Ray's Branch VII, but also from Branches III, IV and V. People came from all over the State of Texas and as far away as New England and North Carolina. Neale Rabensburg, who was there, compared the party to a "pre-Reunion" of the von Rosenberg family.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

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### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Wayne Scholz, presented the slate of candidates for the 2011-2013 term: •

- President Neale Rabensburg
- V-President David von Rosenberg
- Pati Meerscheidt Dukett Secretary
- Treasurer Darlyn Cartwright

Glenn von Rosenberg moved to accept the nominees. The motions was seconded. Officer positions were voted on and passed unanimously. For banking purposes, Darlyn Cartwright would be added as a signature on the von Rosenberg Family bank ac-

count as soon as possible.

### **2010 REUNION MINUTES**

Neale Rabensburg noted that last year's 2010 Minutes were not available. Both he and Shirley Meerscheidt will attempt to reconstruct them for reading at a later date.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Forrest Campbell, Treasurer, read the Treasurer's report, and it was made a part of the Minutes. Forrest announced that he thoroughly enjoyed being the family Treasurer, but his many other obligations would not permit him to dedicate the time needed to be Treasurer any longer. He also stated that the book loans were paid off during his reign, which drew a round of applause. There was discussion about transitioning as many members as possible from hard copy mail-outs to emailing of the family newsletter. David von Rosenberg asked all members to stop by the Treasurer/Secretary table and update their information, to include their email address.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Shirley Meerscheidt moved that next vear's reunion be held at Camp Lone Star. It was seconded and the motion carried.

Glenn von Rosenberg stated the value of the family book inventory was an asset now that the book loans have been paid off. He presented a Book Inventory List which is made a part of the minutes. Glenn suggested Neale be reimbursed for the cost of the C&W band. Glenn also gave a special recognition to Neale for his hard work and great job of organizing the reunion, which drew a round of applause.

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## **President's Message**

(continued from Page 5) held at the Favette County Fair Grounds to a crowd of almost three hundred people, who came from as faraway as Houston, Austin, and Victoria. Feedback from the October Family History Fair attendees was not only positive, but a number considered it to be the highlight of that Fair. I was told by one that it was the most sophisticated, attractive and informative display. Attending the October Family History Fair were some of central Texas' leading historical societies, libraries, genealogical entities and museums. As a result of the October Fair, I have been invited by both the Victoria Genealogical Society and the Hallettsville Historical Museum to make the same presentation of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas to those two entities sometime during 2012.

The von Rosenberg Family of Texas has also been involved with a number of other activities and involvements including attempts to link our von Rosenberg Texas Family to the royal "z Rozmberk's" of Middle Age Bohemia and Moravia, which are now a part of the modern Czech Republics. At next year's reunion, plans are now being formulated to hold another History Fair, but this time on our European roots, which are both proven and hypothesized.

The 2012 Reunion should equal or better the 2011 Reunion. Make your plans now to attend next summer's extravaganza scheduled for July 20-22, 2012.

Sincerely, Neale Rabensburg

## Email: <u>addresses</u>, Please!

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future communications by email including Newsletters, and that you will continue to update the Family about any address changes (both email and postal mailing addresses) so that our records remain current. Thank you.

### Zapp-von Rosenberg House

*(continued from Page 3)* museum to a retail shop is already a reality, and the house's original interior contents along with those of the other buildings forming Henkel Square are scheduled for auction Spring 2012.

The vR Family was fortunate to be able to retain one personal item from the Zapp-von Rosenberg House at no cost. The item in question was the late 19th Century parlor reed organ that had been played by Anna Henriette Sack-von Roeder von wife of Carl Eugen von Rosenberg. Rosenberg, eldest son of Peter Carl and Amanda Fallier von Rosenberg. The organ was picked up this summer by Billye Beth Baker and Neale Rabensburg and hauled back to La Grange. It is now in the safe hands of Jon Todd Koenig, a Branch IV descendant.

Members of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas, who made a significant contribution towards the exterior preservation of the Zapp-von Rosenberg House were as follows:

- Neale Rabensburg, President
- Billye Beth Baker, Historian
- Jon Todd "JT" Koenig, Historian
- Kay Ellen Walker, Historian
- Rebeca Todd Koenig, Branch IV Descendant
- Harold von Rosenberg, Branch IV Descendant

Others outside the vR Family, who volunteered there time and influence were as follows:

- Linda Dennis, President Fayette County Historical Commission
- Judge Ed Janecka, Fayette County Judge
- Cynthia Thornton, Author & Educator



## **2011 Reunion Minutes**

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Muller family members, Beula and Max, traveled the greatest distance from Washington State. They won their choice of a von Rosenberg publication.

President Neale Rabensburg closed the 2011 Reunion Business Meeting at 2:05 pm, Saturday, July 16, 2011. **Note:** (The vR Publication and T-Shirt Inventory List and the Treasurer's Report, which are a part of the 2011 Minutes, are not shown in this Newsletter.)

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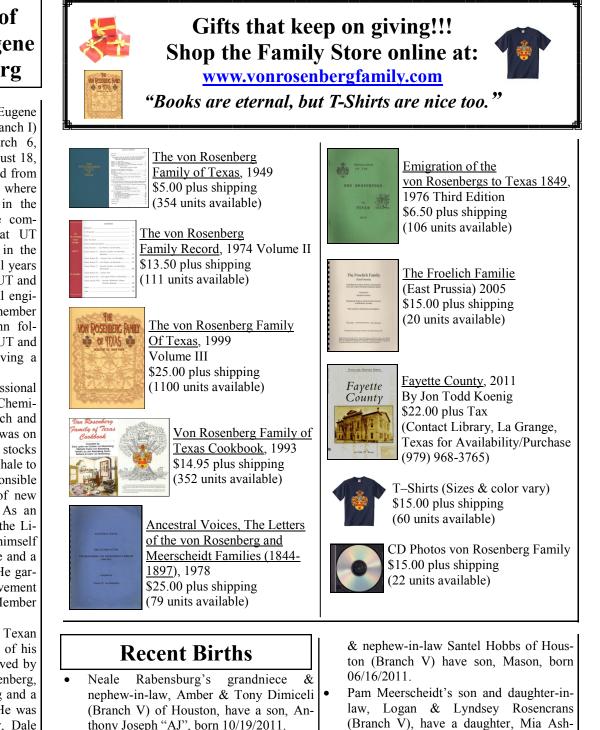
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thony Joseph "AJ", born 10/19/2011.

Neale Rabensburg's grandniece, Kristin

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## Novel Ideas at the Family Store



lauren, born 09/15/2011.



**Family Notices** 



Hermann "Von" Eugene von Rosenberg (Branch I) was born on March 6, 1926 and died August 18, 2011. He graduated from Austin HS in 1943 where he played cornet in the Maroon Band. He completed one year at UT

Austin before serving two years in the United States Navy during the final years of World War II. He returned to UT and obtained a B.S. degree in chemical engineering in 1949. He was also a member of the Longhorn Band. Hermann followed with graduate work at both UT and the University of Delaware receiving a PhD in 1955.

Hermann spent his professional life in Baytown, Texas as a Dr. of Chemical Engineering for Exxon Research and Engineering Company. His focus was on the catalytic cracking of petroleum stocks and on the conversion of coal and shale to distillate fuels. He was also responsible for the design and construction of new facilities at the Baytown Labs. As an avid member & past president of the Lions Club, Hermann distinguished himself as a champion of the less fortunate and a leader of "like minded" fellows. He garnered many awards for high achievement including the coveted Honorary Member for Life award.

Hermann was a devout Texan and loved the heritage and legacy of his great Longhorn State. He is survived by his devoted wife, Annelle von Rosenberg, his brother Charles von Rosenberg and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Dale Ursini von Rosenberg.