

*“Make your plans to attend ‘Reunion 2013’, July 19th-21st. Enjoy Saturday morning’s ‘City & Cemetery Tour’ & that afternoon’s ‘Champagne/Dessert Reception’ & the premiere play ‘The Reunion’”*

# The von Rosenberg Family of Texas



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# The Granville Family

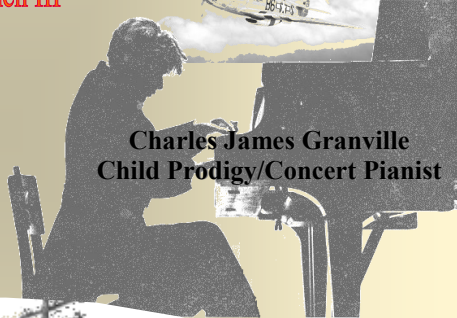
## "A Rise to Greatness Amid Tragedy"





Chester Wooten Granville  
Outstanding Athlete UT  
Ace Pilot/War Hero



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**Refreshments,  
Music & Dance  
Saturday Night**

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## The 2013 Reunion



**BY NEALE RABENSBURG**

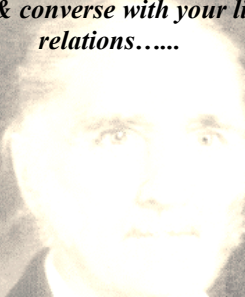
It is time again to make your plans to attend the 71th Reunion of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas, which will be held again at beautiful Camp Lone Star near La Grange, Texas on July 19-21, 2013 (Friday-Sunday).



This summer's gathering will mark the 31st consecutive year that the vR Family has held its annual reunion at Camp Lone Star, which is an ideal facility and location for family retreats and weekend events such as ours.

If you have not been to a vR Reunion lately, you will not want to miss this one, which will offer a variety of entertainment options including a spectacular Champagne/ Dessert Reception and a play entitled "The Reunion". The Reception and play will follow Saturday afternoon's Business Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring personal family collections including photos, docu-

**REUNION 2013**  
*Greet & converse with your living relations.....*



*.....but also commingle with the dead including Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg himself during Saturday morning's City & Cemetery Tour & again during the afternoon's play, "The Reunion". You will be amazed!*

ments and artifacts and place them on display beside existing vR Family archival items.

Family Historians will be available to assist and advise family members on how to take proper care and catalog personal collections. Explanation of von Rosenberg family documents and artifacts on display during the History Fair will be conducted by vR Historians.

Make your room reservations now. Registrations forms for Camp Lone Star nightly room packages and meal options are attached to this newsletter, or you can download/print a copy of the same by going online to the von Rosenberg Family of Texas website at [www.vonrosenbergfamilyoftexas.com](http://www.vonrosenbergfamilyoftexas.com). The deadline for the receipt of room registration forms is by Tuesday, July 2, 2013.

For those of you, who prefer to stay in local hostleries, the following are recommended:

- Best Western, 600 E. State Hwy 71 Bypass, La Grange (979-968-6800)
- Hampton Inn, 1624 W. State Hwy Business 71, La Grange (979-968-4900)
- Brendan Manor Bed & Breakfast, 345 E. Travis Street, La Grange (Toll Free 1-866-658-1100)

### Daily/Nightly Schedule of Reunion Events

**July 19, 2013, Friday Afternoon Golf Tournament *A Main Event Item!!***

- Time: To be announced
- Location: To be announced
- Organizer: Bill von Rosenberg
- Contact Information:  
email: [billvr1229@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billvr1229@sbcglobal.net)

**Check-in Time at Camp Lone Star**

- Time: After 5:00 pm
- Location: The Johnson Retreat Center at Camp Lone Star, La Grange, Texas.

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### Directions to Camp Lone Star

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### "Deep in the Heart of Texas"

**This Year's Theme For The Silent Auction & Raffle**

**Starts: July 20th Saturday 9:00 am  
Ends: July 21st Sunday 9:00 am**

**Please Bring Meaningful Items To Help Offset Reunion Expenses**

### Nightly Room Package Rates & Meals at Camp Lone Star

The costs associated with Camp Lone Star for both nightly room rates (which include meals) and individual meals for daytime visitors, are both reasonable and comparable to other venues in the region. Nightly room stays are offered in either one or two-night packages with adult and youth rates applying. For a two-night stay, which includes five meals, an

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**City & Cemetery Tour,  
Champagne/Dessert  
Reception & the  
Play "The Reunion"  
Are Saturday  
*Main Event Items***



**BY NEALE RABENBURG**

**City & Cemetery Tour**

**Saturday Morning 9:45-11:15 AM**

This year's Saturday morning tour will take members on a driving delight through the City of La Grange to see former business and home site locations of a number of our von Rosenberg ancestors. See among others the exact spot where Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg was living at the time of his death in 1866. Visit the site where the huge C. J. von Rosenberg mansion and tennis courts once stood. Walk the sidewalk on the south side of the Town Square in front of the famous von Rosenberg Store of 1890. Complete the morning tour at the "old" Meerscheidt-von Rosenberg family plot in the Old City Cemetery & witness Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg along with other relations rise from their respective graves!!!. (Peter Carl and group will continue "The Reunion" of the dead back at Camp Lone Star later that afternoon following the Champagne/Dessert Reception.)

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**Directions to  
Camp Lone Star**

**Arriving from La Grange**

Take State Hwy 77 south out of La Grange towards Schulenburg. Immediately after crossing over the Colorado River bridge that exits La Grange, turn left (east) onto Camp Lone Star Road.

**Arriving from Schulenburg/I-10**

Take State Hwy 77 north from Schulenburg to La Grange (about 17 miles). As you reduce your speed while descending into La Grange from the "Bluff", you will encounter a number of highway "S curves" on that approach. As you reach the bottom of the "Bluff" and before you cross the Colorado River bridge into La Grange, make a hard right (east) onto Camp Lone Star Road.

**Camp Lone Star Road to Retreat Center**

Camp Lone Star Road meanders for about two miles as a tree-shaded lane to the entrance at Camp Lone Star. Once inside the camp grounds, stay to the right on the main road and proceed past the Camp Office but do not stop. A short distance past the office will be a parking area to your left camouflaged by a forest of trees. Turn here into the parking lot via one of two entrances.

Once parked, take the concrete sidewalk that follows the hillside down to the Johnson Retreat Center. The entrance door from the parking lot is an unceremonious approach into the Center. The first room to be encountered inside is likewise uneventful and houses Ping-pong tables. Proceed straight ahead through a doorway into a hallway that leads back to the Assembly Room where you will find "Registration and Reception". For a detailed map of Camp Lone Star, go to the Camp's website at: [www.lomt.com](http://www.lomt.com).

**Refreshments, Music & Dance**

**Saturday PM Until Midnight  
Polka, Rock & Refreshments**

**Nightly Room Package  
Rates & Meals at  
Camp Lone Star**

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adult package is \$117.00 (18 years and above). The youth package (17 years and younger) is less at \$93.25. Children (5 years and under), who are accompanied by their parents stay and eat for free. For a one-night stay, which includes three meals, an adult package is \$78.00 and the youth package is \$63.75.

For those, who come to attend day and/or night time activities but not to spend the night at Camp Lone Star will only be charged for the price of the meals they consume. Prices for adult meals (10 years & older) are \$10.00/meal. Children between the ages of 6 & 9 years pay \$8.00/meal. Children 5 years and under eat for free. However, overhead donations will gladly be accepted by our Treasurer to help offset other expenses subsidized by the Reunion.

Please feel free to participate in any of the many activities planned for the Reunion weekend especially those occurring on Saturday including but not limited to the morning historic tour to the Texas Quilt Museum", the Business Meeting that follows lunch and the afternoon's Champagne/Dessert Reception and History Fair. A second Dessert Party with beverage is planned immediately follows supper Saturday evening. Dessert Party, which follows supper, and Saturday evening's music and dance jamboree in the large dining hall.

Please get your room reservations and meal requests back to us as soon as possible on the attached Room and Meal Registration Forms.

For more details, please contact David von Rosenberg, Vice President, at: Email: [david.vonrosenberg@ge.com](mailto:david.vonrosenberg@ge.com).

**Special Notes**

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

For other questions, contact Camp Lone Star at PO Box 8, La Grange, Texas 78445 or phone (979) 247-4703.



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## Daily/Nightly Schedule of Reunion Events

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### July 19, 2013, Friday Evening

#### Supper

- No meal is provided on Friday night by the Camp Lone Star kitchen. Bring your own snacks, meals and beverages and plan to share with others. However, a keg of beer is provided, but keg donations will also be accepted.

#### Games, Movies, Music, Dominos, Cards & Conversation

- Time: 5:00 pm until Midnight
- Location: Assembly Room & living areas at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.

### July 20, 2013, Saturday Morning

#### Breakfast

- Time: 8:00-9:00 am
- Location: Cafeteria & main dining room at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.
- Costs: \$10.00/person (10 years & older); \$8:00/person (6-9 years); \$0.00 (5 & under eat for free). Meal costs apply to those who come just for the day. (Meals are included with nightly stay packages)

#### Silent Auction *A Main Event Item!!*

- Time: Starts 9:00 am (concludes Sunday morning)
- Theme: ""
- Location: Assembly Room at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.

#### Morning Tour "City & Cemetery Tour"

*A Main Event Item!!*

- Time: 9:45 am
- Location: 140 W. Colorado St. in La Grange
- Special Instructions: Meet in the Assembly Room at the Johnson Retreat Center of Camp Lone Star no later than 9:45 am for auto departure to La Grange.
- Special Note: See detailed explanation of City & Cemetery Tour on Page 3.

### July 20, 2013, Saturday Afternoon

#### Lunch

- Time: 12:00-1:00 pm
- Location: Main Dining Room at Johnson

Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star

- Costs: \$10.00/person (10 years & older); \$8:00/person (6-9 years); \$0.00 (5 & under eat for free). Meal costs apply to those who come just for the day. (Meals are included with nightly stay packages.)

#### Business Meeting *A Main Event Item!!*

- Time: Starts promptly at 1:00 pm and adjourns at 2:00 pm
- Location: Assembly Room at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star

#### Champagne/Dessert Reception &

#### Play "The Reunion"

*Main Event Items!!*

- Time: 2:15-5:15 PM
- Location: Assembly Room, Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star
- Special Note: See explanation of History Fair & Reception on Page 7.



#### Swimming

- Time: 2:15 -5:15 pm
- Location: Camp Lone Star outdoor pool located south of the Johnson Retreat Center
- Special Note: Lifeguards on duty during the posted times. Parents must accompany children when lifeguard is not present.

### July 20, 2013, Saturday Evening

#### Supper

- Time: 5:30-6:30 pm
- Location: Main Dining Room at Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star
- Costs: \$10.00/person (10 years & older); \$8:00/person (6-9 years); \$0.00 (5 & under eat for free). Meal costs apply to those who come just for the day. (Meals are included with nightly stay packages.)

#### Dessert, Music & Dance Parties

*Main Event Items!!*

- Time: 6:30 pm-Midnight
- Location: Large Dining Hall at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.
- Special Note: Dessert Party & "Austin Polka Band" follows supper. Cooper Bechtol as the "DJ" performs from 7:30 pm until midnight.

#### Games, Movies, Music, Dominos, Cards &

#### Conversation

- Time: 6:30 pm until Midnight
- Location: Assembly Room & living areas at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.

### July 21, 2013, Sunday Morning

#### Breakfast

- Time: 8:00-9:00 am
- Location: Cafeteria & main dining room at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star
- Costs: \$10.00/person (10 years & older); \$8:00/person (6-9 years); \$0.00 (5 & under eat for free). Meal cost apply to those who come just for the day. (Meals are included with nightly stay packages.)

#### Silent Auction Conclusion

*A Main Event Item!!*

- Time: 9:00 am
- Location: Assembly Room at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.

#### Devotional *A Main Event Item!!*

- Time: 10:00 -11:00 am
- Location: Assembly Room at Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.

### July 21, 2013, Sunday Afternoon

#### Lunch

- Time: 12:00-1:00 pm
- Location: Main Dining Room at Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star
- Costs: \$10.00/person (10 years & older); \$8:00/person (6-9 years); \$0.00 (5 & under eat for free). Meal costs apply to those who come just for the day. (Meals are included with nightly stay packages.)

#### Departure

- Checkout: Immediately following lunch or by 2:00 pm.

**Dessert, Music & Dance**  
**Saturday Night until Midnight**  
Featuring the "Austin Polka Band" &  
"Cooper Bechtol" as the "DJ"  
plus Tasty Desserts & Beverages



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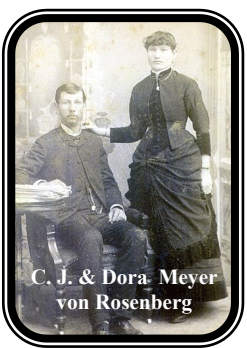
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### **The Granville Family** The von Rosenberg Family of Texas Branch III “A Rise to Greatness Amid Tragedy”

BY: CAROLYN HEINSOLHN  
(Some Editing by Neale Rabensburg)

All four children of the Maurice Granville, Sr. family, who lived in La Grange for over twenty years in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, excelled in every aspect of their lives. Their story begins with Maurice Frederick Granville, Sr., who was born on March 13, 1888 in Bellville, Texas, the son of James Benjamin and Hulda Schenk Granville. Austin County was the first Texas home of the original Granville immigrants, who descended from old English-Norman roots. In 1905, Maurice Granville, Sr. moved to Kerrville, Texas, because of his mother's declining health and need for a drier climate.

Sometime prior to 1910, Maurice Granville, Sr. met his future wife,



C. J. & Dora Meyer  
von Rosenberg

Dorothea (Dora) Hulda von Rosenberg, the daughter of Carl Johannes (C.J.) and Dora Meyer von Rosenberg, well-known citizens of La Grange. Dora Hulda von Rosenberg

was born 1888 in Ellinger, Texas, where her parents were living at the time.

Maurice Granville, Sr. and Dora Hulda von Rosenberg knew one another through common relatives in Bellville, Texas. Maurice's mother, Hulda Schenk Granville, was a sister to Dora Hulda's Aunt Lizette Schenk von Rosenberg, who was married to her father's younger



Lizette Schenk  
von Rosenberg

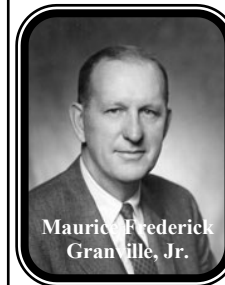
brother, Otto von Rosenberg. Maurice Granville, Sr. and Dora Hulda von Rosenberg, thus, had a common aunt and uncle through marriage. In fact, after Maurice's mother died, Otto and Lizette von Rosenberg reared Maurice's youngest sister, Bessie, who was their niece.

Maurice Granville, Sr. and Dora Hulda von Rosenberg were married in the First Presbyterian Church in La Grange by Rev. John H. Green on March 16, 1910. Initially, they lived in Kerrville, where Maurice, Sr. worked for the Schreiner enterprises, but Dora Hulda disliked the weather there, so they soon returned to La Grange. Maurice, Sr. then went to work for his father-in-law, C. J. von Rosenberg, eventually becoming the manager of the La Grange Cotton and Oil Manufacturing Company. He was quite resourceful in his endeavors and helped the company prosper.

Maurice, Sr. and Dora Hulda's first child, Charles James Granville, was born on January 23, 1911 in La Grange. Since folk and classical music had figured in the lives of the Granville family, Charles had an innate musical ability. He began studying piano at an early age and soon was recognized as a child prodigy in music. After a year at Baylor College, he went to Germany and Switzerland to study with renowned teachers. In the late 1930s, he had to flee Paris, where he was beginning to perform in concerts, due to the impending German occupation. He traveled through Portugal and went to Morocco, where he taught piano in a boy's school. In 1940 he returned to New York and then on to Los Angeles, where he received a degree in music from the University of Califor-

nia. In addition, he excelled in foreign languages, speaking fluent German, French and Spanish. He also studied Portuguese and Italian. Eventually, he moved to Austin, where he was recognized as an outstanding concert pianist, who especially loved to perform the works of Chopin, Liszt, Beethoven and Brahms. Charles died in 1991 and is buried next to his mother in the La Grange City Cemetery near his von Rosenberg grandparents.

Maurice Frederick Granville, Jr., the second son of Maurice, Sr. and Dora Hulda, was born in La Grange on October 26, 1915. He soon began demonstrating his academic strengths and leadership skills. During high school in La Grange in 1931, he received the Distinguished Eagle Scout



Maurice Frederick  
Granville, Jr.

Award and later was a member of Tau Beta Pi, an Engineering Honor Society, while attending the University of Texas. After graduating from UT in 1937 with a BS in chemical engineering, he worked in the petrochemical industry in Houston. He then moved to New York City to work for The Texas Corporation, which became Texaco, Inc. in 1959.

In January 1945, Maurice, Jr. married Janet L. Knotts in Falmouth, Maine. She was born in 1921 in Washburn, Washington. Their daughter, Carol McCoy (Blyberg) was born in 1946 in Bronxville, New York, followed by their son, Frederick Lloyd, who was born in 1951 in Camden, New Jersey. At some point, Maurice, Jr. did graduate studies in the School of Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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### ***“The Granville Family”*** ***(Continued from Page 5)***

In 1971, Maurice Granville, Jr. was named CEO and Chairman of the Board of Texaco, Inc. However, the 1970's were a troubled time for Texaco due to the Arab-Israeli War, the OPEC embargo, the nationalization of foreign oil assets in many overseas nations, federal price controls and other restrictions, all of which resulted in a major decrease in the net income for the Company.

In 1975, Maurice, Jr. was the recipient of the Distinguished University of Texas Alumni Award. In 1976, he again climbed to the top of another pinnacle when he became an officer for the Federal Reserve Bank along with Alan Pifer, President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York; David Rockefeller, Chairman of the Board of the Chase Manhattan Group and J. Henry Schroder, Director of Schroder Banking Corporation of New York, Lloyd's Bank of London and Rolls Royce. Maurice, Jr. also received the John Rogers Award from the Institute of Energy Law in 1978. He retired from his illustrious petrochemical career in 1980 to live in his homes in Rockport, Maine and Key Largo, Florida.

His younger brother, Chester Wooten Granville, born on October 2, 1918 in La Grange, was also a high achiever, who excelled academically as well as in sports, which included tennis and basketball while attending Austin High School and the University of Texas. While at Austin High, he held several offices in the debate society and was named to the National Honor Society. At U.T. he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon; the Cowboys; the T Association; intramurals champion in basketball, tennis and badminton; a basketball letterman; and the captain-elect of his team during his senior year. One of his confer-

ence basketball teammates was Denton Cooley, who eventually became a world-renown cardiologist in Houston. They both played to a record crowd in Madison Square Garden in New York City in 1940, winning the conference championship. Robert Kleberg, Jr. from the King Ranch family was a fellow member of the Cowboys, an honorary service organization, and Joe P. Hart, who later was an attorney in La Grange, was a fellow member of the T Association, which included the lettermen from all of the varsity athletic teams.

On July 26, 1941, Chester married Dorothy Jane “Dottie” Farmer, who was born in 1921 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Dottie was a fellow student at Austin High School and then attended the Texas State College for Women in Denton, Texas and the University of Texas.

At the beginning of the U.S. involvement in World War II, Chester enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served as a First Lieutenant in the 435<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron Division. He flew P38 and P51 fighter planes in Europe as a squadron leader. On his last flight, knowing that his plane was defective, he did not turn back even though he was flying through a terrible storm. He did not return to the home field in England and was presumed lost over the Irish Sea. He was listed as missing in action on September 14, 1944. His name and the dates of his birth and death are inscribed on the back of his von Rosenberg grandparents' tombstone in the La Grange City Cemetery, as well as on the tablets of the Missing at Cambridge American Cemetery in Cambridge, England. He was awarded an Air Medal with three Oak Clusters.

Rosalind, the youngest child and only daughter of Maurice, Sr. and Dora, was born in La Grange on September 30, 1925. When Rosalind was eight years

old, the Granvilles moved to Austin so that the three youngest children could have the advantages of better educational opportunities. Rosalind also attended Austin High School and the University of Texas, where she met her future husband, Randall K. Lowry, who was born in 1924 in Iowa. He was a decorated pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps, having also served in Europe in World War II. She married Randall in July 1946 in Austin. Randall resumed his college studies and graduated from U.T. in 1949 and began his career with Sylvania Electronics in 1950 in New York City.

Rosalind followed her husband in his career that took him from New York City to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where their two children, Tracy Alice (Martin) and Randall Keith, Jr. were born. They then lived in Pennsylvania, upstate New York and Connecticut. Rosalind became involved in many community activities wherever she lived. After Randall's retirement, they built a home in Horseshoe Bay near Marble Falls, Texas. Rosalind had previously pursued her interest in art and art history by taking up painting as a pastime. An accomplished golfer, Randall was a seven time champion at golf clubs in Oklahoma, New York and Texas. He died in 1995 and is also buried in the La Grange City Cemetery in the same plot with Dora and Charles Granville.

### ***Email: addresses Please!***

#### ***“A New Way to Communicate”***

**The von Rosenberg Family of Texas communicates w/ its members via email & the vR Family website at:**

**[www.vonrosenbergfamilyoftexas.com](http://www.vonrosenbergfamilyoftexas.com).**

**To make changes & additions, please contact Pati Dukett, Secretary, at [patisue17@gmail.com](mailto:patisue17@gmail.com). Info should include full name, Branch affiliation, email & postal mailing addresses.**



# Miscellaneous Matters



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*City & Cemetery Tour, Champagne/Dessert Reception & the Play "The Reunion"*  
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### Champagne/Dessert Reception

2:15-3:15 PM

Immediately following the Business Meeting, there will be a champagne and dessert reception for all visitors and especially those who plan to come just for the day on Saturday. Here in the main Assembly Room of the Johnson Retreat Center at Camp Lone Star you will be greeted and hopefully made to feel welcome by a host of others, who share a common bond of friendship and ancestry. We would encourage our daytime visitors to extend their stay so they will be able to attend Saturday afternoon's play "The Reunion" (3:30-4:40 pm) and dinner to follow (5:30-6:30 pm).

### Play "The Reunion"

3:30-4:30 PM

Immediately following the Champagne/Dessert Reception, the first presentation of the play "The Reunion" will commence in the Main Assembly Room starting at 3:30 pm. See Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg himself among many of his descendants buried at the Old City Cemetery. (The aforementioned dead will have been awakened by a myriad of footsteps over their graves earlier that day during the morning's City & Cemetery Tour.) The play will be a reunion of the dead, who were inadvertently awakened by a reunion of the living. Watch as each of the resurrected are reunited with other deceased loved ones. Try not to be aghast when various members of the dead try to make contact with the living audience.



## The President's Message

Dear Cousins,

I hope that you will make plans to attend this year's Reunion 2013, meet your vR relations and see the first presentation of the play "The Reunion" that follows Saturday afternoon's Champagne/Dessert Reception. This is my last term as President of the vR Family of Texas, and I hope that I have been able to keep the spirit of the Family alive. The vR Family of Texas is considered by a number of historians to be one of the most influential and important German families in central Texas.

Reunion 2013 will hold an election of its officers including the President and Vice-President positions, whose tenures will cease as a result of term limits. Those who wish to be a candidate for either of these positions should contact Bill von Rosenberg, Nominating Committee Chairman, at email: [billvr1229@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billvr1229@sbcglobal.net).

Roderick Henkel, who is a German citizen and a documented descendant of the z Rozmberk family (von Rosenberg) of Bohemia has recently suggested that our Texas vR men, who carry the vR surname, have their DNA tested so that our European origins can be determined. By doing so, we here in Texas will be in a better position to bend the ears of European genealogists.

I hope to see all of you in July.

Sincerely,

*Neale Rabensburg*, President

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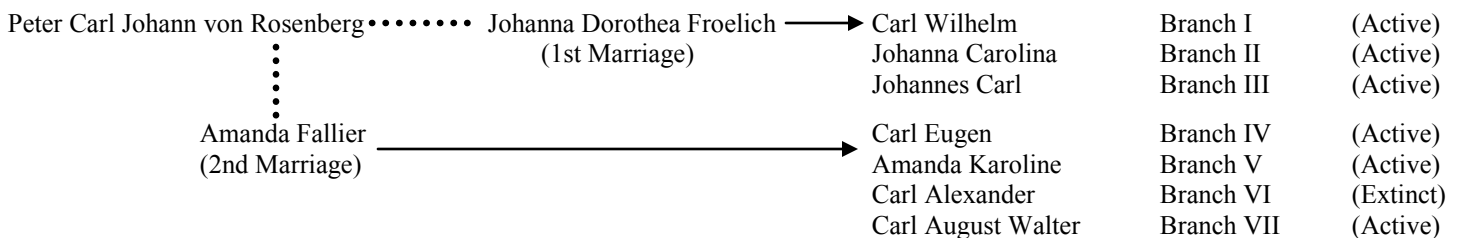
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# Notices & Novelties



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### Family Notices



#### In Memory of William Frederick von Rosenberg, Jr.

William "Bill" Frederick von Rosenberg, Jr. of Austin, Texas passed away on April 18, 2013 at the age of 90. He was born in Austin, Texas on November 8, 1922. He graduated from Austin High School in 1940. Bill was a fourth generation Austinite and a fifth generation Texan.

Bill married Betty Jo Brown in 1942 and had two sons, William Frederick von Rosenberg, III and Roger von Rosenberg. He later married Carol Jean Smith in 1972 and remained married to Carol until his death. He was in the Texas National Guard and worked for the Air Force as their Senior Aircraft Electrician. He opened his own business, Von Supply Company, which prospered for 40 years. He was involved in the Associated General Contractors of America, Optimist Club, Elks Club and the Masonic Lodge.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, William Frederick Von Rosenberg and Dessie May Holcomb von Rosenberg; his sister, Cherie Jo von Rosenberg Alexander; and his stepdaughter, Renee Atkinson.

Bill is survived by his wife Carol von Rosenberg; his son William Frederick von Rosenberg, III and his wife Susan von Rosenberg; his son Roger von Rosenberg and his wife Robin von Rosenberg; his stepson Scott Robinson; and his son-in-law Keith Atkinson. Bill is also survived by grandchildren Lesley Morris, Ross von Rosenberg, Lauren Vandiver, Will von Rosenberg, Luke Atkinson, Alexandria Atkinson, Sam Atkinson, and Isaac Atkinson. He is survived by his great grandchildren Nicholas Morris, Josie Murillo, Tyler Morris, and Johnny Vandiver.

Bill's life was celebrated on April 29, 2013, at Red River Church in Austin, TX with his son-in-law, Keith Atkinson, officiating.

### Novel Ideas at the Family Store

**Gifts that Keep on Giving!!!**  
Shop the Family Store Online At:  
[www.vonrosenbergfamilyoftexas.com](http://www.vonrosenbergfamilyoftexas.com)



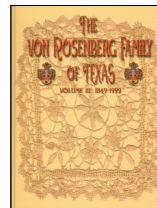
*"Books are eternal, but T-Shirts are nice too."*



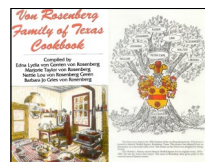
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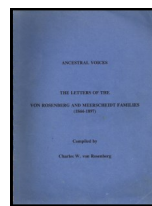
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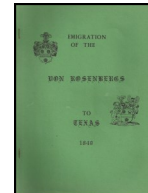
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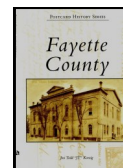
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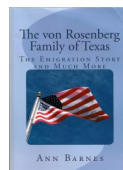
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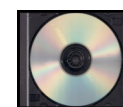
Fayette County, 2011  
By Jon Todd Koenig  
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The von Rosenberg Family of Texas, The Emigration Story and Much More, 2012  
By Ann Barnes  
\$15.99 plus Tax/Shipping  
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T-Shirts (Sizes & color vary)  
\$15.00 plus shipping  
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CD Photos von Rosenberg Family  
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#### In Memory of Carol Hornberger

January 5, 1954-March 11, 2013



Carol Wood Hornberger, 59, of Wilmington, NC, passed away from a sudden

illness on March 11, 2013. She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Stephen Hornberger, Branch I; her sisters, Patricia Scott and Rose Wood; her Niece, Emily A. Hornberger, MD; her Nephews, Jason Hornberger and Jacob "Jake" G. Hornberger; and Lucas Procopio; her Cousin Joe Procopio.





# Room Registration Form



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July 19-21, 2013

Camp Lone Star

La Grange, Texas

To make a room reservation for a one or two-night stay at the Johnson Retreat Center of Camp Lone Star near La Grange, Texas, please complete the requested information below and return to David von Rosenberg at Email: [david.vonrosenberg@ge.com](mailto:david.vonrosenberg@ge.com); Postal Address: 4604 View West, Austin, TX 78735 and/or FAX: (512) 443-3115. Should you need to speak directly to David, you can reach him by phone at (512) 587-7641.

Use a separate form for each bedroom if you plan to reserve more than one room. Please note that room accommodations come pre-packaged with meals. Additional meals exceeding the meals allotted can be purchased by using the attached Meal Registration Form. **DO NOT SEND MONEY AT THIS TIME.** Personal checks and/or cash will be collected during check-in. Please give ample notice of any cancellations of room reservations or changes as to number and names of occupants. Thank you.

Your Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (Important)

**Available Room Rates (All Choices Are Bundled into a Packages Including Meals)**

Two-Night Adult Package Ages 18 & Above (Includes All (5) Meals).....	\$117.00/person
Two-Night Children Package Ages 6-17 (Includes All (5) Meals).....	\$93.25/person
One-Night Adult Package Ages 18 & Above (Includes 3 Meals).....	\$78.00/person
One-Night Children Package Ages 6-17 (Includes 3 Meals).....	\$63.75/person

**Note: Children Ages 5 & Under Who Are Accompanied by a Parent Stay & Eat for Free**

No. of Adults (18 years of age & older) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children (6-17 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children (5 years of age & under) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Nights (1 or 2) \_\_\_\_\_

If staying only 1 night, then which night? (Mark one only.)

Friday Night (July 20th) \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night (July 21st) \_\_\_\_\_

**Available Room Accommodations at the Johnson Retreat Center. (Mark one only.)\*\*\***

**North Wing** (10 Rooms Total) \_\_\_\_\_ A typical room in this area has a private bath & is furnished with one queen size bed and two singles. Each room, therefore, can accommodate as many as four people.

**South Wing** (10 Rooms Total) \_\_\_\_\_ A typical room in this area has a private bath & is furnished with three bunk beds. Each room, therefore, can accommodate as many as six people.

Estimated Date & Time of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of All Room Occupants: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Meal Registration Form



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## The 2013 Reunion



July 19-21, 2013

Camp Lone Star

La Grange, Texas

Use this form to register for meals at Camp Lone Star if you will be a day and/or evening visitor at this year's 2013 Reunion but do not need room accommodations. Also, use this form if you have room accommodations at Camp Lone Star but wish to exceed the allotted number of meals as provided by your nightly package. (Example: You have registered for a Saturday night stay that includes three meals, that is, Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast and Sunday lunch. However, you plan to arrive early on Saturday and want to eat lunch and possibly breakfast, which are not included. Use this form to register for Saturday breakfast and/or lunch.) Please complete the requested information and return to David von Rosenberg at Email: [david.vonrosenberg@ge.com](mailto:david.vonrosenberg@ge.com); Postal Address: 4604 View West, Austin, TX 78735 and/or FAX: (512) 443-3115. Should you need to speak directly to David, you can reach him by phone at (512) 587-7641. **DO NOT SEND MONEY AT THIS TIME.** Personal checks and/or cash will be collected during check-in. Thank you.

Your Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_.

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_.

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Important)

### Saturday, July 20, 2013

- **Breakfast 8:00-9:00 am** No. of People  
**\$10.00 /person**  
(10 years of age & older) \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$8.00/person**  
(6 to 9 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Eat for Free**  
(5 years of age & younger)
- **Lunch 12:00 Noon-1:00 pm**  
**\$10.00 /person**  
(10 years of age & older) \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$8.00/person**  
(6 to 9 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Eat for Free**  
(5 years of age & younger)
- **Supper 5:30-6:30 pm**  
**\$10.00 /person**  
(10 years of age & older) \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$8.00/person**  
Children (6 to 9 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Eat for Free**  
(5 years & younger)

### Sunday, July 21, 2013

- **Breakfast 8:00-9:00 am** No. of People  
**\$10.00 /person**  
(10 years of age & older) \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$8.00/person**  
Children (6 to 9 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Eat for Free**  
Younger Children  
(5 years & younger)
- **Lunch 12:00 Noon-1:00 pm**  
**\$10.00 /person**  
(10 years of age & older) \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$8.00/person**  
Children (6 to 9 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Eat for Free**  
(5 years & younger)