

The von Rosenberg Family of Texas



NEWSLETTER



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NEW FAMILY WEBPAGE ESTABLISHED

The von Rosenberg Family of Texas has a new website!

Shortly after the 2013 reunion, newly elected President and Vice-President, JT Koenig and Gloria Miele, conferred with cousin and Branch V Historian, Robert Barritt to discuss the state of the non-functioning Family website (www.vonrosenbergfamily.com), and the decision was made to decommission it and start fresh with a new website so as to provide for greater control and flexibility for future expansion.

The new website can be found online at any one of three urls including:

www.vonrosenberg-family.org

www.vonrosenberg-family.net

www.vonrosenberg-family.com

The goal with the new website to allow for more interaction with the Family Association; provide for more expansive infor-

mation relative to the Family's history, and to give broader access to the growing genealogical data being gathered by our various Branch Historians.

While the website is still under construction, we encourage all family members to check it out and to continue to visit the site as it is updated.



NEW FACEBOOK PAGE ESTABLISHED

In addition to the new web presence which our new website provides, a new and improved Facebook page has also been created which will allow those Family members who utilize social media to connect with each other and be aware of events which the Associa-

tion will be putting on, such as our annual Family Reunion, which will be taking place at Camp Lone Star in La Grange, Texas the weekend of July 18th, 2014.

Additionally, the new Facebook page will have information, photographs and

documents relating to the Family's history in both Texas as well as their Prussian homelands.

You can access the new Facebook page at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/vonrosenbergfamilyoftexas>

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VON ROSENBERG STAMMTAFEL RESTORED & DIGITIZED

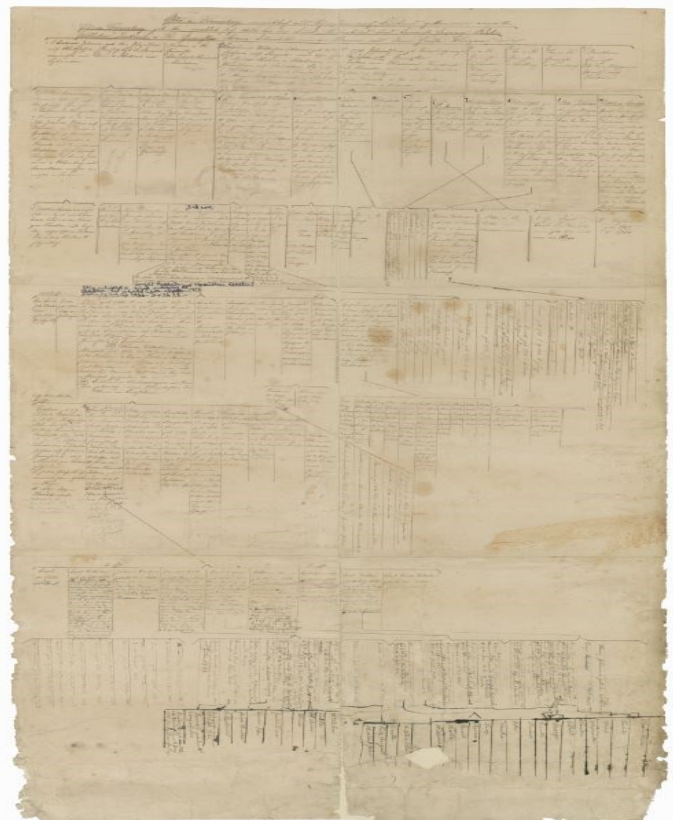
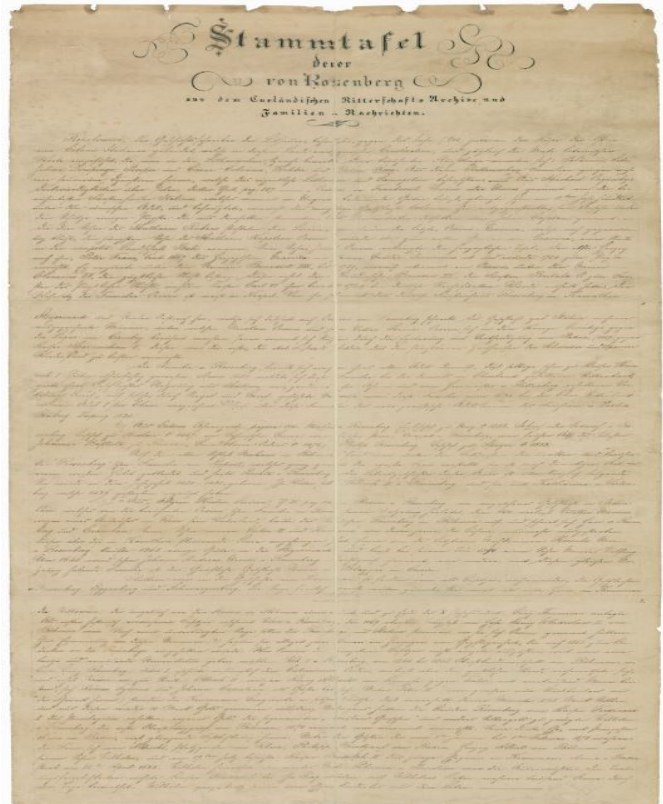
As many of you know, the von Rosenberg family traces its roots back to what was East Prussia (Ostpreussen) in 1849 when the Family emigrated to Texas. However, before it was East Prussia, the region was known as the Duchy of Kurland, and before that the area was controlled by the Deutscher Orden, or the Teutonic Knights, of which our von Rosenberg ancestors were a part.

As members of the Deutscher Orden, the members' ancestry had to be proven to the time period in which the original Knights came from various parts of what is today Germany (as well as other parts of modern-day Europe including Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, the Netherlands, France and even Scotland) to take part in which was known as the Northern Crusades which began around the year 1200. The von Rosenbergs, like all the other noble families of the Baltic were no different and had to prove their ancestry to that time period, and the way in which they did this was to provide the Ritterschaften with a family tree or Stammtafel which traced their lineage back to a time in which the Teutonic Knights held sway in the region. It is believed that the records used were copied by the Family before it emigrated to Texas in 1849.

The original of this copy made in 1849 was donated to the Family some years ago, however as you might imagine, it was in a fairly decrepit state.

At the Reunion in 2012 it was decided to utilize Association funds to have this rare and valuable gem of our family's history professionally restored so as to save it for future generations, and cousins Art Green and Darlyn Cartwright, with the generous assistance of Glenn and Jo von Rosenberg, were kind enough to oversee this project, and I am happy to announce that the restoration was an unequivocal success! The document is now fully restored with a linen backing and is as clear and legible as the day on which it was created. It is believed that either or both Peter Carl and/or Carl Wilhelm were the drafters whose exceptional penmanship laid down the Family's ancestry tracing back (at that time) nine generations from Peter Carl's children to their 6th Great-Grandfather, Otto von Rosenberg born about 1572 on the von Rosenberg's second estate known as Klein Garrosen in what is today Latvia, but what was then known as Kurland as well as Livland, generally.

Since the restoration, the Stammtafel was carefully digitized so as to reach an even broader audience and it is the hope of the Association to make printed color copies available for purchase by interested Family members who would like to have a copy of this extraordinary document for themselves.



TREASURE TROVE OF BRANCH IV PHOTOS REDISCOVERED

Recently a cache of photographs and documentation related to Branch IV (Carl Eugen) was rediscovered during a visit with cousin, Jimmy Dolezal, by Historians, JT Koenig and Billye Beth Baker in La Grange.

The visit with Jimmy took place this past May at the behest of Billye Beth, who had a notion that the Dolezals may have some pictures of Georg Weyand, who was the man who purchased the Nassau Plantation homestead from Peter Carl von Rosenberg when he sold the property before he moved into Round Top in his later years. Georg Weyand's daughter, Emma "Emmie" Weyand had married Peter Carl's grandson, Alex Eugen von Rosenberg, the second son of Carl Eugen and Dorchen von Rosenberg, and thus is an ancestor of all of Alex Eugen's descendants.

Jimmy Dolezal is the son of Henry Dolezal and Doris Jurasek who was Alex Eugen's granddaughter via his own daughter, Louise Lina von Rosenberg. His home is located just outside of La Grange on the way to Giddings on land which had been Alex Eugen and Emma's after they moved into La Grange from Round Top around 1901.

Upon arriving at Jimmy's, a large plastic bin was presented to Billye Beth and JT by Jimmy and as they started going through the contents it soon became apparent that there was much more to the Dolezal's collection than was previously thought.

Among the collection were pictures, not only of Georg Weyand, but also of Carl Eugen and his family at home in Round Top, Alex Eugen's homes in Round Top and in La Grange, as well as many pictures of Alex Eugen and his family, and of his merchandise business in La Grange which many of us had never seen before.

Additionally, an original copy of Das Silberne Buch der Familie Sack (Dorchen Sack von Rosenberg's family) was found which included hand-written notes on Carl Eugen's family, most likely in Dorchen's own hand.

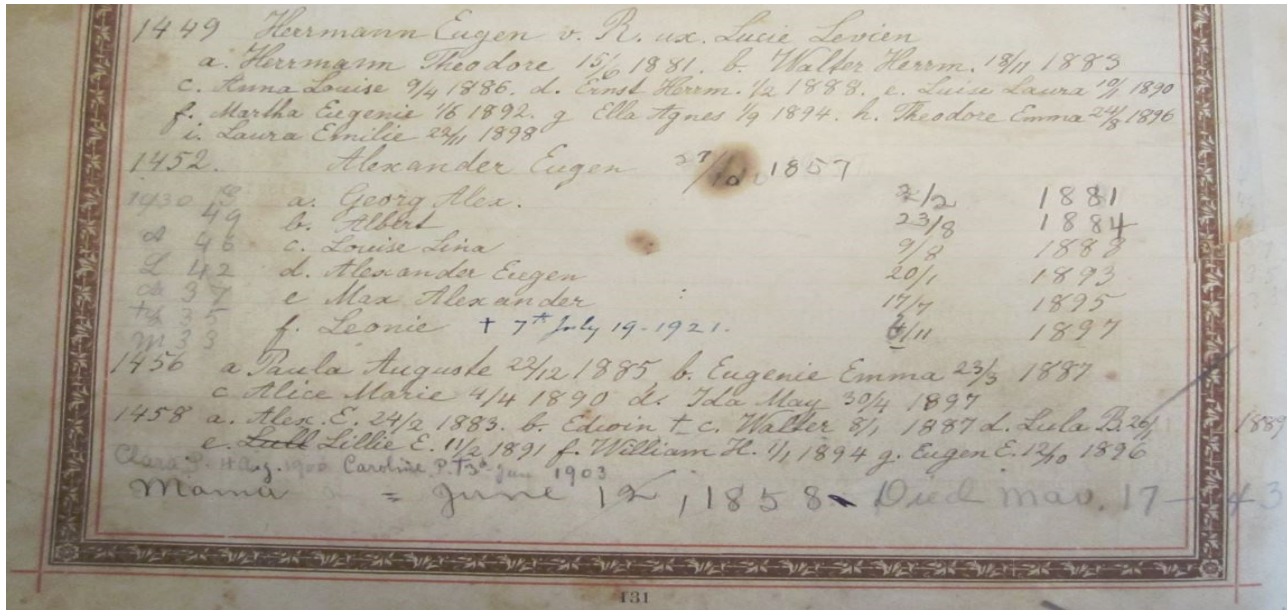
Clearly, Alex Eugen and Emma's daughter Louise (Jimmy Dolezal's grandmother) had been the collector of the family and thankfully so, as the pictures have now been preserved for all the future generations.

If you or other members of your family branches have similar collections of old photographs or documents, we encourage you to let your Branch historian know so that copies can be made and preserved as well, as one of the goals of the Association is to maintain an overall collection of such artifacts and relics and provide a new organized collection of them via an electronic version to make the history of the von Rosenberg Family readily available to anyone who has an interest in their personal family history.

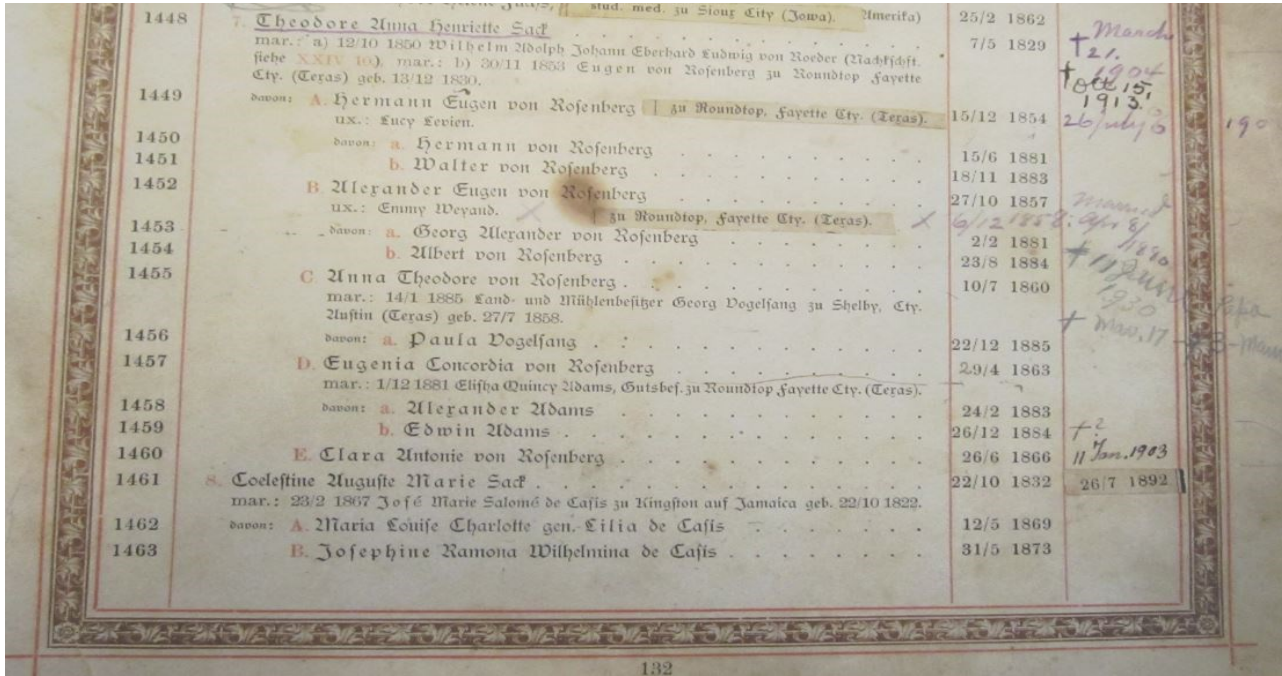


Picture of Dorchen Sack and Carl Eugen von Rosenberg at home in Round Top around 1865. This home still exists as a storage facility behind the two story home located at the corner of Von Rosenberg and Mill Streets which would later become Alex Eugen and Emma von Rosenberg's home in Round Top.

TREASURE TROVE OF BRANCH IV PHOTOS REDISCOVERED—CONT'D



Page from Das Silberne Buch der Familie Sack (known as the Silver Book) showing what is believed to be Dorchen's own hand-written entries on her children and grandchildren with Carl Eugen von Rosenberg.



Page from Das Silberne Buch der Familie Sack (known as the Silver Book) showing the printed entries on the children and grandchildren of Dorchen Sack and Carl Eugen von Rosenberg.

TREASURE TROVE OF BRANCH IV PHOTOS REDISCOVERED—CONT'D



Alex Eugen and Emma Weyand von Rosenberg in Rocky Mountains with youngest child, Leonie (left), Alex Eugen von Rosenberg family (left to right, Louise, Emma, George, Alex and Albert von Rosenberg).



Alex Eugen von Rosenberg home in Round Top (top)
 Alex Eugen von Rosenberg home in La Grange (bottom)

Georg Weyand
 Rosenberg & Jurasek Store in La Grange

NEW BRANCH III HISTORIAN ENLISTED!

Branch III has until recently been without a designated branch historian, after cousin Kay Ellen Walker stepped down, however it now has a new family member who has agreed to serve as the contact for the Branch which is that of Peter Carl's third son, Carl Johannes von Rosenberg (1826-1906) and his wife Julie Wilhelmine Christine Groos. Dr. Derrick Pitard, who teaches British Literature, History of Language, Latin, and College Writing at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania has agreed to serve in the role as Branch Historian. Dr. Pitard is a direct descendant of Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg via his mother, Chloe Lansdale, whose mother was Metta Tomlinson, whose mother was Alma Julie von Rosenberg, one of the Family's earliest Historians. We are pleased to have Dr. Pitard in this new role and welcome him to the Association!

BRANCH HISTORIANS

CHILDREN OF PETER CARL JOHANN VON ROSENBERG & JOHANNA DOROTHEA

FROELICH

- Carl Hermann von Rosenberg (line extinct 1827)
- Branch I: Carl Wilhelm von Rosenberg & Auguste Franziska Anders Historian, [Arthur von Rosenberg](#)
- Branch II: Johanna Carolina von Rosenberg & Herman Gustav Hellmuth Historian, [need volunteer](#)
- Branch III: Johannes Carl (Charley) von Rosenberg & Julie Wilhelmine Groos Historian, [Dr. Derrick Pitard](#)

Children of Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg & Amanda Henriette Louise Fallier

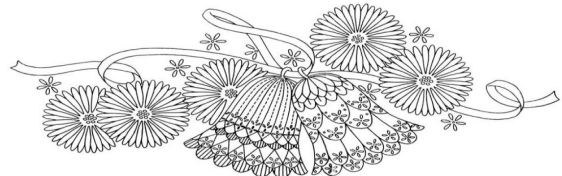
- Branch IV: Carl Eugen von Rosenberg & Theodora Anna Henriette Sack Co-Historian, [Billy Beth Baker](#)
Co-Historian, [JT Koenig](#)
- Branch V: Amanda Caroline von Rosenberg & Arthur Carl Meerscheidt Co-Historian, [Robert Barritt](#)
Co-Historian, [Neale Rabensburg](#)
- Branch VI: Carl Alexander von Rosenberg (line extinct 1864) Historian, [Neale Rabensburg](#)
- Branch VII: Carl Walter von Rosenberg & Franziska Elisabeth Spengler (Sörgel) co-Historian, [Art Green](#)
Co-Historian, [Gloria Miele](#)
- Branch VIII: Charlotte Wilhelmine Libussa Froelich & Herman Gustav Hellmuth Historian, [need volunteer](#)
- Carl Friederich Wilhelm von Rosenberg (Line Extinct 1844)

Historians Emeritus:

[Arthur von Rosenberg](#) (Branch I)
[Ray von Rosenberg](#) (Branch VII)
[Ann Barnes](#) (Branch I)

WEDDINGS

- MELISSA REED, daughter of Larry Arthur Reed and Margaret Jane Adams, married Chad Stanton Charles in San Antonio, Texas on 11 Oct 2013—Branch V [Melissa Reed > Larry Reed > Dorothy Scholz > Arthur Scholz > Louise Meerscheidt > Amanda Caroline von Rosenberg > Peter Carl /and Agnes Meerscheidt > Paul Meerscheidt > Amanda Caroline von Rosenberg > Peter Carl]
- SHIVAUN E. BEASOM, daughter of Samuel La Monte Beasom and Colleen Moran, married Donald James Netek, Jr. in Sandia, Texas on 12 Oct 2013—Branch V [Shivaun Beasom > Samuel Beasom > Barbara Scholz > Arthur Scholz > Louise Meerscheidt > Amanda Caroline von Rosenberg > Peter Carl /and Agnes Meerscheidt > Paul Meerscheidt > Amanda Caroline von Rosenberg > Peter Carl]
- MEGHAN ELIZABETH SULLIVAN, daughter of Susan Kaye King and James Richard Sullivan, married Phillip Jones in Houston, Texas on 3 Aug 2013—Branch V [Meghan Sullivan > Susan King > Marilyn Dyal > Evelyn Speckels > Gilbert Speckels > Anna Meerscheidt > Amanda Caroline von Rosenberg > Peter Carl]
- MADISON ANN DYAL, daughter of Hermann Ellis Dyal, Jr. and Carla Lee Fraser, married James Christopher Anderson in Round Mountain, Texas on 26 Oct 2013—Branch V [Madison Dyal > Herman Dyal, Jr. > Evelyn Speckels > Gilbert Speckels > Anna Meerscheidt > Amanda Caroline von Rosenberg > Peter Carl]





Family Notices



BIRTH NOTICES

- CHARLOTTE "CHARLEY" GRACE BAHRAMI daughter of Cyrus and Katie Bahrami, born 3 Oct 2013 in Houston, Harris County, Texas — Branch IV [Charlotte Bahrami > Cyrus Bahrami > Lucy Todd > Lois von Rosenberg > Albert von Rosenberg > Alex Eugen von Rosenberg > Carl Eugen von Rosenberg > Peter Carl]
- ELLIS JOSEPHINE HUNTER daughter of Brent Hunter and Katherine Parlette, born 20 Mar 2013 in Austin, Travis County, Texas — Branch IV [Ellis Hunter > Brent Hunter > Nancy von Rosenberg > Lester von Rosenberg > Albert von Rosenberg > Alex Eugen von Rosenberg > Carl Eugen von Rosenberg > Peter Carl]
- NATHANIEL DAVID SCOTT son of Jennifer Rinkle and Brian Scott, born 5 Apr 2013 — Branch V [Nathaniel Scott > Jennifer Rinkle > Paula Bernhardt > Bonnie Speckels > Gilbert Speckels > Anna Meerscheidt > Amanda Caroline von Rosenberg > Peter Carl]



UPCOMING LECTURES

- Past President, Neale Rabensburg, will be speaking in Round Top, Texas to the Round Top Area Historical Society on 25 Jan 2014. His presentation will discuss the von Rosenberg Family contributions in Texas of the first three generations of the Family, especially in Round Top and Fayette County. The lecture will take place in the Jaehne Pavilion on the Historical Society's campus behind the post office on Mill Street, in Round Top, and will start at 1:30pm.
- Current President, JT Koenig will give a presentation to the Fayette County Genealogical Society on various European genealogical research methods used in his personal research at the Fayette Heritage Museum & Archives in La Grange on 23 Nov 2013. The discussion will start at 10:00am and will take place in the FHMA's conference room on the first floor.

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ANNUAL REUNION—SAVE THE DATE!

WHEN: July 18th-20th, 2014

Where: [Camp Lone Star, La Grange, Texas](#)

Come Have Fun with the Family!

