# The von Rosenberg Family of Texas



# NEWSLETTER



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# 2019 REUNION - JULY 19-21, 2019 AT CAMP LONE STAR IN LA GRANGE, TEXAS

Greetings Family! The 78th annual reunion of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas will be happening this coming Summer on July 19th through July 21st. As was agreed to by the family at last year's reunion, we will again be meeting at Camp Lone Star just outside La Grange, Texas. Registration form and schedule will be presented with the spring 2019 newsletter. Please plan on attending, as we want and encourage as many of our fellow von Rosenberg relations to come and enjoy the reunion.

# REUNION MINUTES, 7/14/18

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the 77<sup>th</sup> Reunion of The von Rosenberg Family of Texas, July 14, 2018

- 1. Call to order by Wayne Scholz, President at 1:10PM of the 79<sup>th</sup> year of the association.
- 2. Welcome to the 77th reunion of the Family (started 1939 with a few years off during WWII).
- 3. The pledge of alliance to the American flag was led by the President.
- 4. The President highlighted three significant passing in the family: Glen von Rosenberg, James Cartwright both of Branch VII and Maurice "Butch" Granville of Branch III.
- Officers:

Wayne Scholz, President, Branch V
Will von Rosenberg IV, Vice President, Branch I
Karl von Rosenberg, Treasurer, Branch VII
Carol Campbell, Secretary, Branch V

6. Introduction of all attendees by Branch.

84 total attendees, 76 Camp Lone Star Overnight Guests, 2 Day Visitors

Branch I - 16
Branch II - 0
Branch III - 1
Branch IV - 5
Branch V - 12

# FAMILY OFFICERS 2017-2019:

#### Presiden

Wayne A. Scholz (Branch V - Amanda Karoline) wascholz@tx.rr.com

#### Vice-President

Will von Rosenberg, IV (Branch I - Carl Wilhelm) willvonr@gmail.com

#### Secretary

Carol Campbell (Branch V - Amanda Karoline) ccamp08@sbcglobal.net

#### Treasurer

Conner Bechtol (Branch VII - Carl Walter) conner.bechtol@gmail.com

<u>Family Historian Chairperson</u> Jon Todd "JT" Koenig (Branch IV - Carl Eugen)

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# REUNION MINUTES, (CONTINUED)

- 7. Motion to dispense with reading of last year's minutes was made, seconded and passed.
- 8. Old Business Wayne brought a printed list of the email addresses he keeps for the newsletter to let everyone review, edit and add missing relatives.
- 9. New Business
  - A. Thank you to everyone (approx 20) who attended the Golf Tournament at Colovista.
  - B. Karl vR reported on the state of the Family Association's bank account. Start of reunion \$4,269.
    - Expenses: Rent for climate controlled storage at A Prime Self Storage, 1618 E Texas Hwy 71, La Grange 78945, (Karl vR, Neale R Rabensburg and JT Todd have the lock combination) for two pallets of books \$85/month = \$1,020/yr.

\$15/month fee for bank account (\$180/yr)

\$120/yr for vR website

\$1,320/yr total expenses

- C. Wayne & Lynn Scholz donated \$500 for vR family expenses and challenge a family to match or 5 families to donate \$100.
- D. Wayne spoke about the von Rosenberg family genealogy website vonrosenberg-family.org. Anyone can view but to edit must request user name thru website and Robert Barritt, who maintains the website, only he can grant. It was suggested that one or a few from each branch keep their branch updated on the website.
- E. The silent auction is being held to help with the family expenses, Frances stated that it will close at 8pm Sat.
- F. Lynn Scholz started a discussion about a possible change to the reunion format of one night. Others joined in but the decision was to keep for 2 nights as people always have the option of only coming for the day or just one night. People from further away enjoy being able to stay for 2 nights.
- G. The 2019 reunion was voted to occur again at Camp Lone Star the weekend of July 19-21, 2019
- H. Another topic of discussion was that parents of younger kids need more activities to do with their kids. Volunteers are needed to take charge of an event for kids next year.

Please email Wayne at <a href="wascholz@tx.rr.com">wascholz@tx.rr.com</a> to volunteer to head up an event. Some activities that we have had in the past are archery, tug of war, water balloons, scavenger hunt, etc. Ideas are welcomed.

There will be an agenda for kids next year.

I. Oldest Attendee: Clois Green, age 98, born 9/22/1919

Youngest Attendee: Dario Tapia, age 2 weeks

Attendee who traveled the farthest: Julia Perry Green Halvorson & family traveled from Germany.

J. Announcements:

Ellyn Scholz & Brent Lizakowski are engaged to be married in January 2019.

Thank you to Roger & Ross vR for cooking the brisket and sausage for Saturday dinner.

Nettie brought a card for people to sign to give to Ray vR who is in a nursing home.

Another card for Sharon Roquemore's mother who is ill: Sherrie Lytton, Branch V.

10. Robert Barritt (not present) asked Art Green to speak about the Surname von Rosenberg project DNA testing on FamilyTreeDNA.com. The Y-DNA (paternal) is the most powerful DNA tool for genealogical purposes. What we refer to as "The Blue Book" is the translated diary of the pioneer mother, Amanda Fallier-von Rosenberg. It is the translation of German scroll which was the complete lineage of the Ur Adel (ancient nobility) from the archives in East Prussia and gave each son of their emigrating family a handwritten scroll encased in a hand-made metal

tube. This book extends the history of only one line, that of Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg who brought the scroll to Texas. This book contains the record of the 1<sup>st</sup> three generations in Texas.

There are 5 legends about where the family originated.

Legend I Italy
Legend II France
Legend III Prague

Legend IV Bohemia is the westernmost and largest historical region of the Czech

<u>lands</u> in the present-day <u>Czech Republic</u>

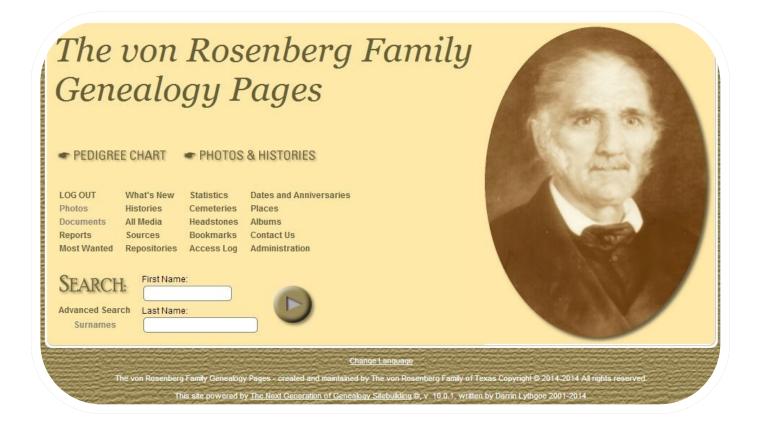
Legend V Authentic Lineage – Kurland (now Lithuania)

Peter Carl's father, Otto von Rosenberg, migrated from Sweden to Kurland in 1500, note Sweden was very different than today. The purpose of the DNA surname testing is to identify which legend is true and where we are from. It could also be used to prove some as untrue.

#### ONLINE FAMILY TREE

As you know from past newsletters, the family maintains a von Rosenberg Family of Texas website (www.vonrosenberg-family.org). This website includes all past newsletters as well as an online interactive family tree. This website is designed to serve as our repository for family data such as births, deaths, marriages, and the like.

If you have updates you want to be included in the online tree, please make sure to bring all the necessary data with you to the reunion so that the Family Branch Historians can help in updating the online database.





# The von Rosenberg Family of Texas Family Notices



### **PASSINGS**

- <u>Glenn Arthur von Rosenberg</u>, son of Arthur Julius and Edna Lydia von Rosenberg, passed away on 7 May 2018 at the age of 84 in Waco, Texas. Glenn was married to Jo von Rosenberg Branch VII [Arthur Julius von Rosenberg > Walter Albert von Rosenberg > Carl August Walter von Rosenberg > Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg]
- James Andrew Cartwright passed away on 8 May 2018 at the age of 33 in Austin, Texas. James was never married. James was the son of James Andrew Cartwright and Darlyn Cartwright of Branch VII, other family members: Claten and Gretchen Bechtol, Emery and Knox; Cooper Bechtol, Liam; Taylor Cartwright; Conner and Lila Bechtol; Carolina Cartwright; and Jo von Rosenberg [James Andrew Cartwright > Glenn Arthur von Rosenberg > Arthur Julius von Rosenberg > Walter Albert von Rosenberg > Carl August Walter von Rosenberg > Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg]
- Maurice "Butch" Granville passed away at the age of 102 in Camden, Knox, Maine. "Butch" was a member of Branch III [Dorothea Hulda Grandville nee von Rosenberg > Carl Johannes von Rosenberg > Johannes Carl von Rosenberg > Peter Carl von Rosenberg]. Additional commentary from Neale Rabensburg, VR historian: Maurice's grandfather, Carl Johannes von Rosenberg, was probably the wealthiest in Fayette County and owned perhaps the largest mansion in La Grange. Maurice himself went onto to greatest and became the CEO and Chairman of the Board of Mobil Oil Corporation for the US and world. His brother was a renown concert pianist in the halls of Europe and his younger brother an outstanding student and athlete at the University of Texas at Austin. This brother was a Commander of Mustang fighter escort planes over Europe and was killed on his return over water to the British Isles during WWII.

## **Births**

- <u>Dario Tapia</u> was born May 2018.
- <u>Silas Harden</u> was born February 13, 2018 to parents Jeremiah and Jessica Harden nee Becker. Grandparents are Michael and Patricia Becker of Rockdale, Texas.
- <u>Lucy Ann Becker</u> was born January 1, 2018 to parents Benjamin and Whitney Becker of Mobile, Alabama. Grandparents are Michael and Patricia Becker of Rockdale, Texas.

## WEDDINGS

• None reported.

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

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

#### **BRANCH HISTORIANS**

CHILDREN OF PETER CARL JOHANN VON ROSENBERG & JOHANNA DOROTHEA FROELICH

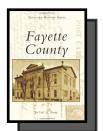
- Carl Hermann von Rosenberg (line extinct 1827)
- Branch I: Carl Wilhelm von Rosenberg & Auguste Franziska Anders Historian, <u>Arthur von Rosenberg</u>
- Branch II: Johanna Carolina von Rosenberg & Herman Gustav Hellmuth Historian, need volunteer
- Branch III: Johannes Carl (Charley) von Rosenberg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

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

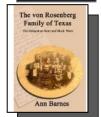
- Branch IV: Carl Eugen von Rosenberg & Theodora Anna Henriette Sack Co-Historian, <u>Billye Beth Baker</u>
   Co-Historian, <u>JT Koenig</u>
- Branch V: Amanda Caroline von Rosenberg & Arthur Carl Meerscheidt Co-Historian, <u>Neale Rabensburg</u> Co-Historian, <u>Robert Barritt</u>
- Branch VI: Carl Alexander von Rosenberg (line extinct 1864)
   Historian, Neale Rabensburg
- Branch VII: Carl Walter von Rosenberg & Franziska Elisabeth Spengler (Sörgel) Co-Historian, <u>Art Green</u>
   Co-Historian, <u>Gloria Miele</u>
- 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)

Books below are available at http://www.amazon.com/



Fayette County by Jon Todd Koenig



The von Rosenberg Family of Texas by Ann



The von Rosenberg Family of Texas; the Civil War Years by Ann Barnes



Four Flags, a Novel by Ray von Rosenberg



Broken Star, a Novel by Ray von Rosenberg

#### Gifts that Keep on Giving!!!



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





The von Rosenberg Family of Texas, 1949 \$5.00 plus shipping



The von Rosenberg Family Record, 1974 Volume II \$13.50 plus shipping



The von Rosenberg Family
Of Texas, 1999
Volume III
\$25.00 plus shipping



Von Rosenberg Family of Texas Cookbook, 1993 \$14.95 plus shipping



Ancestral Voices, The Letters of the von Rosenberg and Meerscheidt Families (1844-1897), 1978 \$25.00 plus shipping



Emigration of the von Rosenbergs to Texas 1849, 1976 Third Edition \$6.50 plus shipping



The Froelich Familie (East Prussia) 2005 \$15.00 plus shipping



Fayette County, 2011 By Jon Todd Koenig \$22.00 plus Tax (Contact Library, La Grange, Texas for Availability/Purchase (979) 968-3765)



The von Rosenberg Family of
Texas, The Emigration Story and Much
More, 2012
By Ann Barnes
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T-Shirts (Sizes & color vary) \$15.00 plus shipping



CD Photos von Rosenberg Family \$15.00 plus shipping

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Please feel free to make purchases of the any of the above at the upcoming Family Reunion, where we will have a table set-up for the sole purpose of selling family reunion items. These sales help offset the costs of the Reunion and ensure that we can continue to have such events well into the future. For the LANDS' END STOREFRONT CTRL + CLICK to FOLLOW LINK: http://ocs.landsend.com/cd/frontdoor?store\_name=vonRosenberg\_Family\_of\_Texas&store\_type=3