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BRANCH #8 Charles W. von Rosenberg My Precious Mother,

I still have not received your answer to my last letter; I hope you received it. Now I must write you again. Beloved, dear Mother, your wishes and oh, what happiness I anticipated, are fulfilled. I have found a helpmate! Destiny brought her to me. I am happy, too happy. Sunday I celebrated my betrothal to Miss Lina von Rosenberg. You will be astonished, you will say "so soon"? but you will be happy as I completely am. I can't hold back any tears; oh, if you were here that I, with you, could cry with joy in the arms of my Lina.

How did it really happen? Nothing, nothing else has so enchanted me as the pure innocence of her character, so artless, so true! Can you possibly resent how she loves me so; oh, so much? In the beginning I didn't try to win her; I never flattered her. I didn't want to fall in love unless I was strongly brought there to. Certainly it frightened me off, even now, that I can not offer her anything and she, if not rich (I don't know that) still lives at home in circumstances which I can't provide. The world long knew what I didn't yet know, that my frequent visits were no longer pleasant; so I wanted to hold back but found that I could not. I became useless to the world, I couldn't do anything. On the prairies near her and on the roads that lead from her home here, my poor horse felt my inner restlessness. Finally I wrote her and entrusted the letter to her brother-in-law, whom I had learned sometime ago to esteem and value. He tested me first and for a long time, almost without hope, drew me out. Then Saturday, I received a letter from her mother which told me nothing and yet everything.

It's a wonder my horse is still alive. I flew there pale and confused, not knowing what I said to her parents until the mother led me to Lina in another room. I said a few words; she was silent and trembling, she lay in my arms. I can't tell you more than when we came to our senses, we found we were alone. Now I shall ride with her through the woods and over the prairies to present ourselves to our relatives and friends. Oh! Europe, where studied behavior and stilled ettiquette shatter the nicest dreams may not offer this joy. The Father has presented us 10 acres of land and next week I shall begin to establish quite near them, our future paradise, if I can think of anything but the present. The parents have set the marriage two years in the future. I know this is too long. To be sure, I have to acquire, to work, until I can say "Now your Lina is secure." But how I shall work, though she won't let me over do myself.

Beloved mother, since I can't see you, send us your blessing, call her your child and love her more, much more than you love me, for she is my angel.

Adieu, adieu, I must go to her soon!

Your happy Arthur.

HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

Did you read the letter on page 1 carefully? Did you notice the date? Recognize the characters? Get the gist? If not, let me "splain you."

The letter was written by a man named Arthur Meerscheidt to his mother in Germany informing her of his marriage plans to one Amanda Karoline von Rosenberg, a union which was to result in what we know to be Branch V of our Family. (Vol. I, p. 113)

The significance of the letter is that it is one of the Meerscheidt and von Rosenberg letters found in the University of Texas archives in Austin by our President Ray von Rosenberg of Taft last summer, some 400 in all, which he gave to Charles W. von Rosenberg for translation from German into English. Charles W. and Anna Campbell of San Antonio have worked long and hard translating them and are mostly finished but not quite ready to turn them loose yet.

These letters will be the next major project undertaken by this Family; we will probably prepare them into a book of letters and make them available to all who desire them. Please stand by for further information.

THE1975 REUNION REVISITED

(The Way it Was!)

The 34th Reunion was held at the V.F.W. Hall in Round Top, Texas, on July 20 with 148 members attending. Registration began at 10 a.m. followed by a picnic basket style luncheon at noon. A short business meeting conducted by the President, Leo Meerscheidt III, was held at 1 p.m. Robert Hein gave the treasurer's report; Phil Meerscheidt, secretary, some statistics of past Reunions; and Glenn von Rosenberg conducted a memorial service.

New officers were elected and the site of the 1976 Reunion will be in San Antonio. The oldest member attending was Mrs. Anna Campbell of San Antonio, the youngest was Staci von Rosenberg of Dallas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick von Rosenberg, and the persons coming the longest distance to attend was the family of Jesse James Meerscheidt of Santiago, Chile.

Special guests were Mrs. Charles Bybee, who told the group about her work at Henkel Square, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Freytag. Mr Freytag spoke about the early history of Fayette County and its early settlers. A high point of the day was a visit to Henkel Square and Winedale Inn Museum where Mr. Lonn Taylor told of the interesting work being done there. Also pointed out in the tour was the Rifle Ass'n. building, where many past Reunions had been held, early pioneer Mother Amanda Fallier von Rosenberg's grave, and the site of the Nassau Plantation.

Would you believe 76 members showed up at the "fun night" before the Reunion, a greater number than at most Reunions? Sam and Milton Max von Rosenberg and their committee folks put on a wonderful evening for us. The bar-b-que was out of this world and the committee deserves a great round of "toasts." The beer was cold!

ATTENDANCE (horseshoes, anyone?)

We came EVER so close in 1975. This year we recorded our 2nd largest attendance in Association history, 148 compared to the founding year 1939 of 153. "Give me Five." Only five short but we'll break it next year during bicentennial, won't we? Following are the complete attendance stats sine 1939:

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The Association expresses it's gratitude to three fine persons who honored us at the 1975 Reunion as speakers:

- Mr. Walter P. Freytag, 473 Ellinger Road, La Grange, Texas, 78945, Chairman of the Fayette County Historical Commission. At the conclusion of his fine speech, Charles W. von Rosenberg, our Historian, presented a copy of our Vol. II to Mr. Freytag to be placed permanently in the Fayette County Historical Commission.
- Mrs. Charles L. Bybee, Box 82, Round Top, Texas, 78954. She not only spoke to us about the formation of Henkel Square, but allowed us to visit it free of charge. Henkel Square is a beautiful plot of ground with many restored buildings and beautiful furniture from the past. This was a real treat and if you haven't had the opportunity to visit Henkel Square, you should do so some time.
- Mr. Lonn Taylor, Dir. of Winedale Inn Museum, Div. of the University of Texas, Box 11, Round Top, Texas, 78954. Mr. Taylor was our principal speaker at the 1974 Reunion in Rosenberg and spoke to us again this year, but this time on his "own grounds" when we toured Winedale Inn Museum.

Mr. Freytag, Mrs. Bybee, and Mr. Taylor contributed outstanding services, gratis, during our Reunion and we offer them our greatest thanks. Their enthusiasm and knowledge of history inspires hope for us in the future. Why don't you write a short thank-you note to them and express your feelings. They would appreciate it.

MORE THANKS

(Well Done!)

The Association offers its deep felt thanks to the host committee members of the 1975 Reunion held in Round Top and the Social Evening in La Grange. Chairpersons Sam E. & Eunice von Rosenberg and Milton Max von Rosenberg spent many (and Lucille) fruitful hours in planning and organizing their host committees which resulted in a flawless performance at both activities. Lack of space prohibits defining each committeeman's contribution but their names certainly deserve mentioning:

Dan von Rosenberg, La Grange

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Dolezal, La Grange

Mr. & Mrs. Will Moore, La Grange

Dr. & Mrs. Bruno Ybarra, Austin

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Hunter, Stafford

Lester von Rosenberg, La Grange

Mr. and Mrs. A.L. von Rosenberg, Arlington

Mr. & Mrs. Harold von Rosenberg, Austin Karl von Rosenberg, Denver, Colorado

Eric von Rosenberg, Arlington

Mrs. Edgar von Rosenberg, La Grange

Mrs. Alex von Rosenberg, La Grange

Mr. & Mrs. Homer Eck, La Grange

C. W. (Ted) von Rosenberg, Arlington

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

The 1975 Reunion elected the following officers to lead the Association during the next two years. Write to them if you have any questions or comments:

Vice-Pres. Secretary: Treasurer:	Ray von Rosenberg Frederick A. von Rosenberg II Phil Meerscheidt Robert Hein	Box 241 8863 Larchwood 6301 Ranchester #62 413 Ridgemont	Dallas Houston	77036
	Charles W. von Rosenberg	-	San Antonio	
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MUCH OVATION

The 1975 Reunion rendered a standing ovation to out-going President Leo Meerscheidt III for the fine job he did in leading the Family through the past two years. Those years will be remembered as the "Years of Vol. II." Thank you, Leo III.

It is with deepest regrets I announce the passing of Mrs. Paula Meerscheidt Hein on Nov. 23, 1975. She was involved in an automobile accident and succumbed one week later in a San Antonio hospital.

Paula, age 84, mother of our treasurer Robert Hein, and wife of the late Henry F. Hein who passed away June 22, 1975, was a member of St. Lutheran church of San Antonio; Woman's Club of San Antonio; State Assoc. of Texas Pioneers; local, state, and national pharmaceutical auxiliaries, Radiant Chapter 636 Order of Eastern Star; American Legion Aux., and San Antonio Rose Society.

But to our Family Association, she was a pillar of strength having much to do with founding the organization and keeping it striving ever forward. In reading through our minutes since 1939, Paula Hein's name appears in every one of them. She was very definitely Family orientated and was always involved with the Family work. She served as President and for many years as chairman of Branch V, was instrumental in compiling Vol. I and Vol. II, and it was by her insistance that I accepted the Secretarial position of this Family in 1971. Great she was and we will miss her deeply. Rest in peace, Paula Hein.

Funeral services were held Nov. 25, 1975, at St. John Lutheran church in San Antonio with the Rev. Arthur Holm and the Rev. Dr. Roald Braulick officiating; interment was in Mission Burial Park in San Antonio.

(see Vol. I, page 122 and Vol. II, pages 271 and 272)

Jackie Ann Miller, daughter of Pat and Mildred Miller, married Mr. Chris King, a naval Lt. and are living in Maryland. Jackie Ann is the grand-daughter of Jack and Mildred Shiner of El Paso, Texas.

THANKSGIVING

Upon receipt of this Newsletter we will again have celebrated as individuals, immediate family, and as a Family Association, another Thanksgiving Day. And I hope we can truthfully say that we did give thanks to our Maker and that it was not just another day in which we gorged our bodies with food. May it be said that we as Family Members filled our hearts with gratitude and Thanksgiving for our Family heritage, our momentum, and all the good things of life He has given us to enjoy. We sincerely hope you made your day truly a day of Thanksgiving in the spirit of those which our forefathers celebrated.

DEATHS

√Gregory Lee Thompson, May 21, 1974, in San Antonio, buried in Burnet cemetary, Burnet, Texas. Son of Mrs. Ewell L. (Brownie) Thompson of Marble Falls.

Mrs. Edward (Johanna von Rosenberg) Moss, Oct. 16, 1975, of La Grange.

√Paula Hein (see article at top of page)

These deaths were reported verbally at the '75 Reunion, details not available:

Charles Becker, Wall, Texas, May 16, 1975. which churle?

Henry F. Hein, San Antonio, age 87, past Family treasurer, June 22, 1975.

Mamie Scholz, La Grange, Feb. 2, 1975.

Phomas Luellen Eyres of Austin, Oct. 29, 1974.

Georgia Louise Eyres of Austin, June 22, 1975.

Mrs. George A. (Paula T.) von Rosenberg, May 21, 1975.

Mrs. Edith Adams, McCamey, Texas, late wife of Connie M. Adams, Jan. 14, 1975. Mrs. Emma von Rosenberg Ulrich, Jan. 26, 1975.

(Please inform me if there are more)

What comes after '75? '76! THAT'S THE SPIRIT! THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

We are pleased to announce, some seven months in advance, the 1976 Reunion will be held in the fine city of San Antonio on Sunday, July 18th. The site will be announced in a future Newsletter.

The San Antonio Host Committee is chaired by Leo and Sara Meerscheidt, Jr., 505 Antler, San Antonio, Texas, 78213. All San Antonio Family Members are urged to call Leo or Sara at 344-4977 and volunteer for Host Committee work.

THE 176 SOCIAL EVENING

(Cheers!)

The Social Evening has been so well received and attended the past two years, that it will be held again in 1976. It will be on Saturday night, July 17th, the night before the Reunion. We take great pleasure in announcing the San Antonio Host Committee has booked "La Villita" for this splendid occasion. La Villita is an historical focal point of San Antonio and will suit our purposes beautifully. We will meet and eat in La Villita then step right down to the romantic San Antonio river for an evening boat cruise.

A PEAL

(Yaw'll Come!)

You are encouraged to begin making your plans now to attend the Social Evening and Reunion on July 17 and 18, 1976. The GREAT bicentennial of this GREAT nation should be the GREAT year we break the GREAT record.

AN IDEA

Lois Carnes of San Antonio, a past Family President, has suggested that any of our Family members who dabble in interesting and portable hobbies bring them to the 1976 Reunion for display. She mentions that they do not have to be necessarily connected with history or our Family; they can be of any variety. Good idea!

THE COAT OF ARMS

(in living color)

Karl Farmer, non-Family member of Portland, Texas, hand-painted our coat of arms and did a beautiful job of it. Alex Meerscheidt of Rockport showed the painting at the '75 Reunion to an appreciative band of Family members. An Attempt to mass-produce the painting, for ordering purposes, has proved negative at this time. If a way is found to do it, we'll inform you about it. Thanks, Karl Farmer.

THE LETTERHEAD

(it's CLASS, man!)

Your attention is called to the new letterhead on page 1 of this Newsletter. It was created and accomplished by a friend of mine, Mr. Charles Terrance, for absolutely no charge. It is an expensive piece of work and a quality piece of work and it would be nice if some of you wrote him a thank-you letter for his free contribution to our Association. His address:

Mr. Charles Terrance Advertising Director Brook Mays Music Co. 5726 S. W. Freeway Houston, Texas 77027 It's time once again to send your annual 5.00 donation for the '75 - '76 operating budget. Please make your check payable to: "Von Rosenberg Family of Texas" and mail to: Phil Meerscheidt, 6301 Ranchester #62, Houston, Texas, 77036.

The following members made their donations at the 1975 Reunion or previously by mail. If you don't see your name below, please send yours today. All are in the amount of \$5.00 unless otherwise notated:

E. E. Adams, Belton Mrs. Allie Alexander, Austin John T. Baker, Victoria Mrs. Victor Bouillon, Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Charles Bissell, San Marcos Diane Brown, San Antonio Anna Campbell, San Antonio Forrest Campbell, San Antonio Oliver Campbell, San Antonio Russell Campbell, San Antonio Lois Carnes, San Antonio Kenneth F. Carter, Houston Henry Dolezal, La Grange Mark Jan Endicott, Buda Hal Fletcher, Dallas Fred Grinstead, Spring Louise R. Grinstead, Kerrville Emily Habermacher, Sealy Anson Hahn, Belton Mr. Frank Hamer, Jr., San Marcos Loretta Hammack, Kenedy Robert Hein, San Antonio Gus R. Hellmuth, Dallas Gary Hodge, Houston W. E. Hodge, Deer Park 10.00 Gilmore Hornberger, McAllen Robert S. Hunter, Stafford Mrs. Fred S. Jackson, Austin Edward H. Jenner, Tacoma, Wash. Ralph Kirkley, Austin Craig N. Lang, New Orleans, La. Russell Lang, Shreveport, La. Earl V. Lindsay, Titusville, Fla. Mrs. Q. C. Linnstaedter, Brenham Clarence Lundy, Pasadena, Calif. Oscar P. Lytton, Messilla Park, N.M. P. Alan Meerscheidt, Vallejo, Calif. Alexander Meerscheidt, Rockport Henry S. Meerscheidt, Menlo Park, Cal. Jesse James Meerscheidt, Wash. D. C. Leo Meerscheidt, Jr., San Antonio Phil Meerscheidt, Houston

Robert Mersinger, Columbus, Ohio John S. Miller, Sr., Torrance, Calif. Roger R. Miller, Sevierville, Tenn. William C. Moore, La Grange Ronald Schreiber, Marble Falls Vernon J. Shiner, El Paso Jay Stevens, San Jose, Calif. Mrs. Dorothy Tripanier, Torrance, Calif. A. L. von R., Arlington Alex von R., La Grange Arthur J. von R., Cameron Charles W. von R., Montrose, Colo. Charles W. von R., Dallas Ted von R., Arlington Dale U. von R., New Orleans, La. Dan von R., La Grange Dessie von R., Austin Edna von R., Austin Edgar H., Temple Edgar L., Houston Edgar Paul von R., La Grange Edgar R. von R., San Angelo Eric von R., Arlington Frances G. von R., Richmond, Va. Frederick von R. II, Dallas Glenn von R., Waco Gretchen von R., Ft. Worth Harold von R., Austin H. Clark von R., Houston Martin A. von R., Conroe Milton Max von R., La Grange Nannie von R., Austin Ray von R., Taft Roger von R., Austin Robert von R., Big Spring Sam E. von R., La Grange William F. von R., Austin William F. von R. III, Austin George W. Wharton, Jackson, Miss. William J. Wingo, Birmingham, Ala. Alfred Wupperman, Austin Thank you, one and all.

Rosalie Foster wishes to correct an error. Her husband, Michael, is not a student at the Air Force Academy as previously reported, he is stationed there in the Oral Surgery Clinic Hospital. Thank you, Rosalie, and please forgive.

Charles W. von Rosenberg, our Historian, had cataract surgery in July of 1975. He says instead of "The Eyes have it," just now it's "The Eyes have had it."

If you can, see cousin Hal Fletcher in "Everybody Loves Opal" starring Martha Raye.

PLEASE! If you change your address, let your Secretary know about it immediately. Drop me one of the P. O. address-change-cards when you go to the Post Office. We waste much money on returned letters simply because I'm not informed of your change of address. Don't forget me when you change your address.

In June of 1975, I went to the tedious trouble of cross-checking EVERY name in Vol. II against the names I have on the master mailing list. Guess what I found. A whopping figure of 200 names, age 18 or over, were missing from the mailing list. So I sent out appropriate letters to all their immediate parents asking for their addresses and even enclosed self-addressed, stamped, return envelopes.

My efforts were rewarded with responses on 116 of the missing addresses, and many thanks to all who responded, but 84 still have not sent me the addresses asked for.

Therefore, I am asking you to read through the following list of names and see if you know their <u>current</u> address and send them to me quickly. If some are still living with their parents, let me know it and who the parents are so I can account for them. I will continue to send only one Newsletter to each household but I do want everyone's name on the mailing list so that we'll know where we all are:

Michael Hoyt Adams William Myron & Valerie Adams John Christian Amberson Joseph H. & Rosemary Amberson, Jr. Joseph Harris Amberson III Mary Elaine Amberson Olga Katherine Amberson Robert Morgan Barrow Sharon Carlene Barrow Otto Hugo Becker Paula Kaye Bernhardt Richard Paul Bernhardt, Jr. Deborah Louise Booth Albert Bruce Campbell Betty Campbell Elmaran Campbell Jack Arnold Campbell Oscar M. & Patricia Causey William Robert Connelly Calvin & Charlotte Cowher Karen Kay Dittert Bobbie Jean Endicott Charles D. & Faye Evans Galen Duane & Shirley Evans Henry Dee Fitzgibbon, Jr. Henry Dee & Barbara Fitzgibbon Karen Dee Fitzgibbon Linda Lee Fitzgibbon Patricia Loraine Fitzgibbon Eugene Fricke Johnny Fricke June Lorie Fricke Karen Ann Fricke Lee Roy & Vera Fricke Michael Vanja Fricke Patricia Louise Fricke Thomas Lee Fricke Dr. Vernon Fricke

Wayne Fricke Weldon Fricke Randy & Susan J. Hall Frank A. & Ruth Ann Hamer III Hurley & Kristina Hayden Jack Ernest & Lou Anna Hellmuth William D. & Carolyn Howell Ann Elizabeth Hunt John Christopher & Mary Hunt William C. Hunt II Chellie Louise Jackson William & Suzanne Jones Nancy Lee Lamberth Richard Carlton Linnstaedter Ronald Ernest Linnstaedter Randall Keith Lowry, Jr. Tracy Alice Lowry Charles Snow Lytton Emily Ann Lytton Bobby Rae & Betty Malovets William Howard Malovets Elizabeth Marie Montgomery James Burford Montgomery Donald Rabensburg Juanell Rabensburg Kenneth & Susan Ruddick Donald & Linda Sablatura Jerry Scholz Patricia Ann Scholz Charles & Patricia Simmons Walter Eugene & Dorothy Simms, Jr. Gilbert Allen Speckels Gilbert Otto & Margaret Speckels, Jr. Jack Lee Speckles Janet Speckels Jay George Stevens Stephen R. Stevens Stanley & Dallas Ann Udall

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Gloria Lucinda Urrutia
Laurie Ann von Rosenberg
Joseph Carl & Jo Ann Wiggins
Nancy Lee Wiggins

Richard Lee Wilson Kathy Diane Wilson Charles Dale Woodward Timothy L. & Linda Zierke

"THE "DAUGHTERS" HAVE IT:"

Juanita Albin, wife of Don Albin of Ft. Collins, Colo., presented a copy of Vol. II to the "Daughters of the Republic of Texas" at the Alamo in San Antonio in July of 1975. The Daughters now have both our books on file. Thank you, Juanita.

BIRTHS

(Fly, Stork!)

√ Laura Elizabeth Babbitt, born April 6, 1975, to Harry L. and Mary M. Babbit, Jr., 3331 Vandiver Dr., Marietta, Georgia, 30060.

William Allen Booth, born July 10, 1975. Further details unavailable.

- √John Scott Fry, born Jan. 2, 1975, son of John and Victoria Fry of Plano, Texas. Grandparents are Gus and Kathryn Hellmuth of Dallas.
- √ Kathryn Louise Giles, born April 28, 1975, daughter of Fleetwood and Jackie Giles
 of Austin, Texas. Grandparents are Gus & Kathryn Hellmuth of Dallas. Again:
- Fric Hinman Reed, born Oct. 10, 1975, son of Ralph D. & Connie Reed of Houston. Grandparents are Frank & Dorothy Reed of San Antonio.
- Chrystle Lee Thompson, born Oct. 19, 1973, daughter of Mrs. Gregory (Donna) Thompson of Burnet, Texas. Grandmother is Mrs. Ewell (Louise) Thompson of Marble Falls, Texas.
- √ Bonnie Susan Lindsay, daughter of Earl Lindsay of Titusville, Fla., married Mr. Ollie Jerome Carrow May 25, 1975. They reside at: 8 S. DeLeon Ave., Titusville, Florida, 32780. Welcome aboard, Ollie, and congratulations to you both.

VOL. II

(The Red Book)

We wish to remind you copies of Vol. II of the Family book are still available and can be obtained by mailing a check in the amount of \$13.00 to Robert Hein, 413 Ridgemont, San Antonio, Texas, 78209. This meaningful work makes for an ideal gift at Christmas time, birthdays, weddings, or anniversaries. I know many of our members like to keep their volumes up-to-date by adding deaths, births, and marriages as announced in the Newsletters. Please make sure you have plenty of copies on hand. What a graduation gift! Order today!

Hear the latest Aggie joke? 31 to 6.

(20 to 10 wasn't)

THE RECORD CONTINUES

(A bunch of work!)

This issue of the Newsletter, as usual, was mailed to another record number of households: 457! Where do all the people come from?

We have had another good year with the Family and we look forward to 1976. I wish each of you a very merry Christmas and a happy, meaningful New Year.

This Newsletter submitted by:
Phil Meerscheidt
Family Secretary