

# The von Rosenberg Family of Texas



## NEWSLETTER



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### 2014 REUNION - JULY 18-20, 2014 AT CAMP LONE STAR IN LA GRANGE, TEXAS

Greetings Family! The 73rd annual reunion of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas will again be happening this coming Summer on July 18th through July 20th. 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. A registration form for those of you who wish to attend can be found at the back of this newsletter. Please plan on attending, as we want and encourage as many of our fellow von Rosenberg relations to come and enjoy the festivities.

### NEW FAMILY WEBSITE UPDATED

Did you know that the new von Rosenberg Family of Texas website ([www.vonrosenberg-family.org](http://www.vonrosenberg-family.org)) has been updated to include all known past newsletters as well as a new online interactive family tree?

Our most recent Past-President, Neale Rabensburg, had compiled almost all the past newsletters sent out by the Family Association over the past seventy-five years, and this Spring, JT Koenig, our current President scanned all of those past newsletters and with the aid of our Branch V co-historian, Robert Barritt, uploaded all of these documents to the family website. Why is this important? Because valuable and interesting data can be gleaned from these past newsletters.

Case in point; JT Koenig recently was contacted by a Mr. Klaus Besemann, who insisted that he was a member of the family, however JT could not figure out how he was related and Mr. Besemann did not know the exact relationship. He did however know for certain that his father, Eberhard Franz Besemann, had visited the family reunions in the 1990s, and that somehow the Besemanns were related to the von Rosenbergs. Using this scant information, JT reviewed the past newsletters and found in the June 1991 edition, where it was mentioned that Eberhard Besemann had attended the 1990 reunion, as well as others prior to that date, and that he was from the Froelich family. This snippet of information steered JT to look at the old *Familie Froelich* book by Reinhold Froelich, wherein he found the connection! Klaus is indeed related to the von Rosenbergs; by blood to those descended from Peter Carl and his first wife, Johanna Froelich, and by marriage to those who are descended from Peter Carl's second wife, Amanda Fallier. His lineage is now listed in the online tree; Klaus Besemann > Eberhard Franz Besemann (1923-2003) > Franz Otto Gustav Besemann (1894-1977) > Lina Anna Elvira Froelich (1857-?) married Franz Karl Gustav Besemann > Heinrich Gustav Victor Froelich (1813-1878) > George Froelich (1772-1816) brother to Christoph Froelich, Jr. (Johanna Froelich's father). Check the newsletters out and see what you discover!

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## NEW FAMILY WEBSITE UPDATED, CONTINUED

As mentioned on the previous page, the family website also now has a fully functioning online family tree, which can be reached directly from the website. This resource will allow anyone with internet access to be able to explore their von Rosenberg ancestry and, as there are currently no plans to publish an updated genealogy book (the last one was published in 2001 and is current only up through 1999), this online tree will serve as the repository of family additions since that time (as well as for anyone who was missed or was incorrectly reflected in the 2001 publication). All one has to do is contact one of the administrators of the website (JT Koenig, Gloria Miele or Robert Barritt) via the contact button therein and request access via log-in (so as to see living people). Without this log-in access, you will be limited to seeing only deceased individuals. You can also contact any one of these three people to have information about you or your family updated. Several of you have already done so.

The hope is to also add the past reunion minutes to the website, as these too have a great deal of valuable and informative data which members of the family may find interesting. Look for these in the coming months.



**The von Rosenberg Family** *Descendants of Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg*  
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A nearly complete collection of Reunion newsletters is posted here. Please note that some reunion years had only one newsletter while others had two.

- [73rd Reunion Nov 2013.pdf](#)
- [72nd Reunion May 2013.pdf](#)
- [72nd Reunion Dec 2012.pdf](#)
- [71st Reunion Apr 2012.pdf](#)
- [71st Reunion Nov 2011.pdf](#)
- [70th Reunion Apr 2011.pdf](#)
- [70th Reunion Dec 2010.pdf](#)
- [69th Reunion May 2010.pdf](#)
- [69th Reunion Dec 2009.pdf](#)
- [68th Reunion May 2009.pdf](#)
- [68th Reunion Nov 2008.pdf](#)
- [67th Reunion May 2008.pdf](#)
- [67th Reunion Nov 2007.pdf](#)

## The von Rosenberg Family Genealogy Pages

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Surnames





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## UNDISCOVERED GEMS ABOUND IN UNEXCEPTED PLACES

Did you know that our family's history could be lurking just under your nose and you didn't even know it! That's what recently happened to President, JT Koenig, when he was visiting his local history center in his hometown of Austin. On a visit he made to the Austin History Center he was making to research some matter for his role as Board member of the Texas German Heritage Society he came across a number of listings for von Rosenbergs. Knowing that numerous members of Branch I (Carl Wilhelm) had made Austin their home, he asked to see the files for these listings wherein he found file after file and box after box of original von Rosenberg letters, photographs, notebooks, journals and drawings, some of which are shown below.

This discovery got him thinking about what else might be out there that has been forgotten about, and as he suspected there is quite a lot of information and history to be found if you just know where to look for it. Some of the places which currently hold von Rosenberg and related family data are:

- **Fayette Heritage Museum & Archives** located at 855 S. Jefferson St., La Grange, Texas 78945; this is the "designated" repository for the von Rosenberg Family of Texas, and is where it is planned the remaining artifacts and documents will go.
- **Austin History Center** located at 810 Guadalupe St., Austin, Texas 78701; holds a great deal of data, ephemera and photographs mainly from Branch I.
- **Texas Collection Library at Baylor University** located at the Carroll Library Building on the Baylor Campus, Waco, Texas 76798; holds a mint condition copy of the *Familie Froelich* book.
- **Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas** located at 2300 Red River St., Austin, Texas 78712; holds numerous files and collections relating to the von Rosenberg and allied families including the letters used and transcribed by Biesele.
- **German Texas Heritage Society** located at 507 East 10th St., Austin, Texas 78768; holds a tatty copy of *Familie Froelich*, as well as numerous books and records regarding the von Rosenberg and allied families.
- **Institute of Texan Cultures** located at 801 César E. Chavez Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78233
- **Clayton Library Center** located at 5300 Caroline St, Houston, TX 77004
- **Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** located at 35 NW Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; holds numerous records including church and family tree records from past centuries
- **Deutsch-Baltische Genealogische Gesellschaft e.V. (DBGG)** located at Herdweg 79, D-64285 Darmstadt, Germany; holds files on many allied noble families including von Stempel, Froelich as well as von Rosenberg data.
- **Herder-Institut e.V.** located at Gisonenweg 5, 35037 Marburg, Germany; holds records relating to the family from the medieval period



Picture of Carl Wilhelm von Rosenberg's journal and notebook dated 1836 in which he wrote poems and prayers. This was found in the collection at the Austin History Center.

**UNDISCOVERED GEMS ABOUND IN UNEXCEPTED PLACES, CONTINUED**



Watercolor Paintings by Walter Wupperman, husband to Else von Rosenberg of Branch I (Carl Wilhelm) showing scenes from Germany (Top) and Texas (Bottom) found in the Wupperman Collection at the Briscoe Center.



Hugo, Paul and Robert Hornberger, sons of Anna von Rosenberg Hornberger and William Christian Hornberger, from Branch In (Carl Wilhelm) found in an album of pictures in the Hornberger collection at the Austin History Center, along with numerous other photographs.

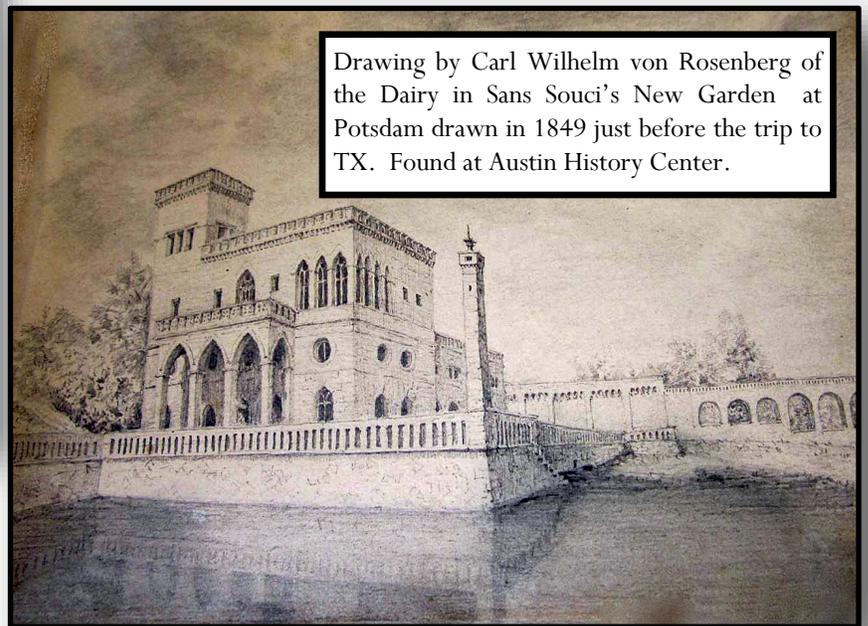
UNDISCOVERED GEMS ABOUND IN UNEXCEPTED PLACES, CONTINUED



Painted drawings by Peter Carl's first wife, Johanna Dorothea Froelich (1797-1826) in her autograph notebook which was brought to Texas in 1849. It was found in the family collection at the Fayette Heritage Museum & Archives



Froelich Family Wappen (Coat of Arms) also found in the vRFoT Collection at the Fayette Archives



Drawing by Carl Wilhelm von Rosenberg of the Dairy in Sans Souci's New Garden at Potsdam drawn in 1849 just before the trip to TX. Found at Austin History Center.



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### Family Notices



#### BIRTH NOTICES

- JASE HAMENDE son of Scott Hamende, Jr. and Danielle Leigh von Rosenberg, born 6 Aug 2013 in Granger, Williamson County, Texas — Branch VII [Jase Hamende > Danielle von Rosenberg > Alvin Michael von Rosenberg > Alvin Walter von Rosenberg > Walter Albert von Rosenberg > Carl Walter von Rosenberg > Peter Carl]
- ALARIC REX WILSON son of Fredrick Bernard Wilson, III and Luciana Lucio, born 28 May 2013 — Branch VII [Alaric Rex Wilson > Fredrick Wilson, III > Shena Louise von Rosenberg > Alvin Walter von Rosenberg > Walter Albert von Rosenberg > Carl Walter von Rosenberg > Peter Carl]



#### MESSAGES

A Karen Harrison is trying to contact Jean von Rosenberg. Ms. Harrison contacted the vRFoT via Facebook through her friend Valerie Knuettel. She has lost Jean's contact information and wishes for Jean to call her, however she is legally blind and cannot find or track down Jean's contact information. It is believed that Jean is in fact Jean Ward von Rosenberg, wife of Edgar and mother to Kirk von Rosenberg. If you have her contact information, please provide this to JT Koenig who will pass it on to Ms. Harrison.

#### AWARDS & HONORS



- Justin James Peters has been accepted into and is attending Texas A&M's nuclear engineering program which only accepts roughly 200 applicants per semester. Branch V [Justin Peters > Pamela Meerscheidt > Phil Meerscheidt > Alexander Otto Meerschiedt > Paul Meerscheidt > Lina von Rosenberg > Peter Carl]
- Albert Karl von Rosenberg has been honored with the Department of the Interior's Superior Service Award for his outstanding contributions to the development, preservation, and protection of the resources of the National Park Service. Karl serves as the program manager for the Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration program at the Denver Service Center. Branch IV [Karl von Rosenberg > Albert Lee von Rosenberg > Albert Friedrich von Rosenberg > Alex Eugen von Rosenberg > Carl Eugen von Rosenberg > Peter Carl]



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## Gifts that Keep on Giving!!!

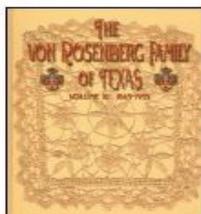
*"Books are eternal, but T-Shirts are nice too."*



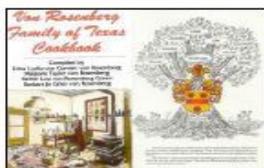
The von Rosenberg Family of Texas, 1949  
\$5.00 plus shipping



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



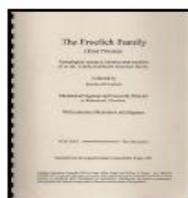
Von Rosenberg Family of Texas Cookbook, 1993  
\$14.95 plus shipping



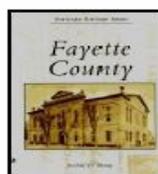
Ancestral Voices, The Letters of the von Rosenberg and Meerscheidt Families (1844-1897), 1978  
\$25.00 plus shipping



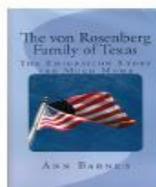
Emigration of the von Rosenbergs to Texas 1849, 1976 Third Edition  
\$6.50 plus shipping



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  
\$15.99 plus Tax/Shipping  
(Availability/Purchase Online @ [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com))



T-Shirts (Sizes & color vary)  
\$15.00 plus shipping



CD Photos von Rosenberg Family  
\$15.00 plus shipping

Please feel free to make purchases of the any of the above at the coming 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.



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## Reunion Details



Highlights of the 2014 Reunion will be:

- Golf Tournament @ Lost Pines resort in Bastrop on Friday, July 18th. Tee-time set for 12:00noon, however this is subject to change. Contact Drew Cartwright or Bill von Rosenberg for details. Bill's email is [billvr1229@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billvr1229@sbcglobal.net)
- Framed copy of the von Rosenberg Stammtafel shown in last Fall's newsletter to be auctioned off as part of the silent auction
- Prizes will be awarded during the Business meeting for the family member who traveled the farthest, for the youngest family member in attendance, for the oldest family member in attendance, the couple married the longest, and for the oldest member of the branch best represented.
- Three historical presentations, each of short duration, will be given by Cynthia Thornton, Neale Rabensburg and JT Koenig. Ms. Thornton will discuss her new book, *The Times of Round Top*, which discusses in great detail many of our von Rosenberg ancestors. Neale will give a PowerPoint presentation on some of the more interesting homes of the von Rosenbergs and allied families. JT will give a brief presentation on the maternal lines of Peter Carl including those of his mother, Maria Wilhelmine von Stempel.
- A wine and cheese reception after the presentations
- Saturday night will feature something new; an outdoor Bar-B-Q and brew fest put on by von Rosenberg family members. Camp Lone Star will provide sides only. Cooper Bechtol will play DJ for anyone who wishes to kick up their heels.
- Sunday, following the devotional service and brunch, the Fayette Heritage Museum & Archives will have the entire von Rosenberg Family collection on display in their research room upstairs for viewing as family members leave for home.

Friday 7/18/2014	Saturday 7/19/2014	Sunday 7/20/2014
8:00am	Coffee & Pastries @ Camp Lonestar	Coffee & Pastries @ Camp Lonestar
8:30am		
9:00am	Check-in Day Visitors @ Camp Lonestar	
9:30am		Devotional Service @ Camp Lonestar
10:00am	Silent Auction Begins @ Camp Lonestar	
10:30am	Saturday Brunch @ Camp Lonestar	Sunday Brunch @ Camp Lonestar
11:00am		
11:30am	Business Meeting @ Camp Lonestar	Check-out for Overnight Guests @ Camp Lonestar
12:00am	Golf Tournament @ Lost Pines Resort in Bastrop	
12:30am		
1:00pm		Von Rosenberg Family of Texas
1:30pm	Presentations @ Camp Lonestar incl.; Neale's on homes, JT's on maternal lines and Cynthia Thornton's new book	Collection Presentation @ FHMA in La Grange
2:00pm	German Wine & Cheese Reception @ Camp Lonestar and History Fair	
2:30pm		
3:00pm		
3:30pm		
4:00pm	Games, Cards, Dominoes, Movies & Visiting @ Camp Lonestar	
4:30pm		
5:00pm	Bar-B-Q and Brews outside @ Camp Lonestar (weather permitting)	
5:30pm	Check-in for Overnight Guests @ Camp Lonestar	
6:00pm	Pot Luck Dinner @ Camp Lonestar	
6:30pm		
7:00pm	Karaoke DJ & Dancing @ Camp Lonestar	
7:30pm	Games, Cards, Dominoes, Movies & Visiting @ Camp Lonestar	



# Registration Form



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# The 2014 Reunion



July 18-20, 2014

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 Darlyn Cartwright at Email: darlyncartwright@gmail.com; Postal Address: 7805 Comfort Cove, Austin, TX 78731. Should you need to speak to Darlyn, you can call her at (512) 708-0100. You may also coordinate Camp Lone Star stays by emailing Gloria Miele at gymiele@gmail.com or by calling her at (210) 241-1436. **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. Please give ample notice of any cancellations of room reservations or changes as to number and names of occupants.

For those family members who are not staying overnight at Camp Lone Star, we ask that you register as well using this form if possible. Day visitors are asked to pay \$10.00 at check-in for each day they attend to help defray the cost of the facilities rental. As part of this fee, lite breakfast and brunch will be included. **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)

No. of **Day Visitors Only** for Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

No. of **Day Visitors Only** for Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Available Room Rates (All Choices Are Bundled into a Packages Including Meals; lite breakfasts / brunches/ sides on Saturday night)

Two-Night Adult Package Ages 18 & Above.....\$117.00/person

Two-Night Children Package Ages 6-17.....\$93.25/person

One-Night Adult Package Ages 18 & Above.....\$78.00/person

One-Night Children Package Ages 6-17.....\$63.75/person

**Note: Children Ages 5 & Under Who Are Accompanied by a Parent Stay, Visit & 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 18th) \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night (July 19h) \_\_\_\_\_

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 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 can accommodate as many as six people.

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

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