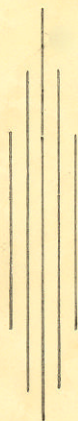


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ADAM AND WILHELMINA ECKHARDT



## HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE ECKHARDT FAMILY

Great excitement reigned in various sections of Germany during the years of 1830 to 1850, as glamorous reports came to the people telling of the wonders of this land of America and of the State of Texas. Many families packed their belongings and ventured to this new country to find relief from the oppression felt in Germany.

One German Nobleman, Prince Carl Solms-Braunfels, who was a first cousin of Queen Victoria of England and of Emperor William I of Germany, and a stepson of King George I of Hannover, was appointed Commissioner General of the colony which was to settle in Texas. Accordingly the first of these immigrants came over with the Hamburg Ship "Herschel" and landed in Galveston, Texas, in November, 1844. They were transported to New Braunfels by oxen and ox-carts, and from there they moved on to another grant of land in and around the present town of Fredericksburg.

Prince Solms left these colonists after each had been given a tract of land for his own, and returned to Germany. His successor was John O. Meusebach, who worked tirelessly to help these colonists get settled and make a home for themselves in this wilderness.

John O. Meusebach appointed a Mr. Bene to help direct an expedition of thirty-six men from New Braunfels to open a temporary road to the newly picked site on the north side of the Pedernales River. For shelter they tried to build a log cabin, but before it was completed they ran out of food and had to go back to New Braunfels.

On April 23, 1846, a procession of twenty ox wagons and two-wheel carts proceeded to the present site of Fredericksburg. These carts and wagons were loaded with one hundred twenty men, women and children and their belongings including eight United States soldiers.

Their last camping grounds before they were to arrive at their destination was about five miles from Fredericksburg on the Pedernales River. Here one of the members shot a big bear which was a big excitement for all and made everyone happy for now they knew a feast was in store.



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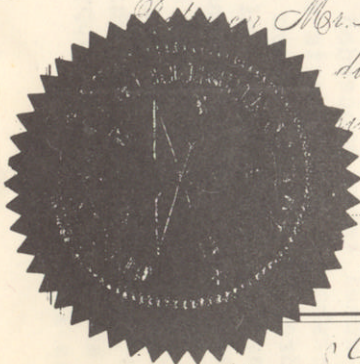
To any Judge of the County or District Court, Ordained Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace, in and for said County,

Greeting :

You are Hereby Authorized to Solemnize the

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RITES OF MATRIMONY,

*Between* Mr. Adam Eckhardt and Wif. Minna Habernicht and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County, within thirty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

Witness my official Signature and Seal of office, at office in *Fredricksburg* this *3.* day of *February* A. D. 187*7*.

*H. Biersemaale*

Deputy.

Clerk Co. Court *Gillespie Co.*

*Ch. Troch,* hereby certify, that on the *6.* day of *Febe* A. D. 187*7* I united in Marriage *Adam Eckhardt* and *Minna Habernicht* the parties above named.

Witness my Hand, this *6.* day of *Febe* A. D. 187*7*.

*Ch. Troch, Minister of the Gospel.*



This trip from New Braunfels to the present site of Fredericksburg lasted sixteen days. They arrived on Friday evening, May 8, 1846 where there was no sign of civilization except that unfinished log cabin. All was a dense forest of trees and brush.

Fredericksburg was named in honor of Prince Frederick from Prussia who was a member of an association protecting German immigrants going to Texas.

Heinrich Eckhardt, who was born June 13, 1821 in Herrzogtum Nassau in Amtdielanburg in Steinbruk, Germany was among these first colonists.

Regina Zimmer Gold, who was born September 29, 1820 in der Rhineprovince Greis Simmern in Gluthenbach, Germany, and who was left a widow with two small sons, Peter Gold, Jr., and Jacob Gold, Jr., and an expectant mother, was married to Heinrich Eckhardt shortly after the arrival of little Adam. He was then baptized Eckhardt. Accordingly, Adam Eckhardt should have carried the name Gold.

Heinrich Eckhardt and his wife, Regina, made their home about two miles out of Fredericksburg where they were engaged in farming. Heinrich died at the age of seventy-nine years in 1900. His wife died several years earlier.

Adam Eckhardt was born October 29, 1852 in Fredericksburg, Texas, and was married to Miss Wilhelmina Habenicht February 6, 1877. Wilhelmina was born August 6, 1852, a daughter of Heinrich and Johanna Herbort Habenicht.

Adam and Wilhelmina built their first home in the Rheingold settlement on the North Grape Creek. It was made of logs from the surrounding woods and lime and mud was daubed between the logs to keep out the cold and rain. Here they lived for twelve years and were blessed with six children. By this time more room was needed for the family. A nice two story rock house was built in 1889 with two rooms and hall downstairs and two rooms upstairs, still using the old log cabin for kitchen and dining room. As the family grew larger and her aged father Habenicht came to live with them an additional long kitchen was added to the north side. This is now the home of his youngest son, Oswald Eckhardt.

Besides being a well known farmer, Adam Eckhardt



was a good musician. He owned a good accordian and could play it well. Young folks would often gather in their log cabin for a night of dancing, while he sat in a corner playing his accordian until one or two o'clock in the morning. Favorite numbers such as waltzes, polkas, schottishes, square dances and Herr Schmid were played. The concluding numbers were always "Home Sweet Home" and "Zum Kehr Aus", which everyone danced with his date. The sweetest music that Grandfather Eckhardt made was when Isaac Wiley, a neighbor, came on rainy days with his violin wrapped in a flour sack. He would play "Arkansas Traveler" on his violin while Grandfather Eckhardt took two knitting needles and would play the accompaniment on the same violin. A few wisecracks that can be recalled are that Wiley would ask, "Why don't you put a roof on this house?" Grandpa would answer, "When it rains, I can't and when it doesn't rain I don't need it." Another one was, "How did your potatoes turn out?" The reply was, "They didn't turn out I had to dig them out." Albert, Hugo and Oswald were also good accordian players when they grew to manhood. Reinhold learned to play the violin while teaching school so he could teach his pupils singing.

The Eckhardts had nine children, five boys and four girls. The children were Amalia, born November 3, 1877 and died December 11, 1898; Albert, born July 28, 1879 and died January 23, 1951; Lina, (Mrs. John Gardner), born May 11, 1881; Emil, born October 2, 1883 and died June 10, 1918; Reinhold, born October 28, 1885; Hugo, born December 7, 1887 and died June 27, 1954; Meta, (Mrs. Alfred Heimann), born March 14, 1891 and died April 30, 1950; Emilie, (Mrs. Toby Willms), born January 30, 1893; and Oswald, born November 6, 1896.

Grief came to the happy family January 9, 1905 when Grandmother Eckhardt passed away suddenly. She had been in a good humor all morning and had talked fluently with visitors and her husband. At the dinner table she gave the blessing and as soon as she had said the word "Amen" she fell back. A heart attack had ended her life. She had reached the age of fifty-two years. She was buried in the City Cemetery at Fredericksburg by Rev. Zettner.

The oldest girl being married and the smallest





HOGO, ALBERT, META, LINA, EMILIE, REINHOLD, OSWALD



child only nine years old made it quite a burden for the other girls to carry on the household tasks. Being brave and willing they always managed to prepare the meals, did the washing and ironing and helped with all other chores that had to be done around the farm homes in that day and time.

On May 10th, 1913, Grandfather Eckhardt passed away at his home at the age of sixty years, six months, and thirteen days, after an illness of three weeks. His remains were also brought to Fredericksburg and buried next to his wife by Rev. Schliesser.





THE ECKHARDT HOMESTEAD



State of Texas  
County of Bexar To any person authorised by law to  
celebrate the Rites of Matrimony.

Be it known that I the undersigned  
Deputy Clerk of County Court of said County by virtue of  
the power vested in me by law do hereby grant license  
to any legally authorised person to join in matrimony  
Henry Habernicht and Johani Harbart both of lawful  
age and residents of this County

Witness my hand and the seal of  
said County this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January  
A.D. 1848

Geo. Van Nip Deputy Clerk C.C.



## THE HEINRICH HABENICHT FAMILY

Heinrich Habenicht was born in Gronau, Hannover, Germany on March 10, 1825. At the age of 20, he came with an organization of young men and women to America. They arrived at Indianola, Texas in 1845 and from here went to New Braunfels. In April 1846, a number of these immigrants started out to establish a new community on the Pedernales River. They arrived and settled at the present site of Fredericksburg on May 8, 1846.

On January 8, 1848, Heinrich Habenicht and Johanna Herbort were married. Incidentally, they had to go to San Antonio to get their marriage license as Fredericksburg was at that time in Bexar County; Gillespie County was established later. Johanna Herbort was born in Germany and as a young woman came to Fredericksburg.

They purchased a farm at Luckenbach, Texas where he engaged in farming and hauling of freight by oxen. They had five children; Christian, Elizabeth, Wilhemina, one child died at an early age while the father was away hauling freight, and the mother died in childbirth with the fifth child.

The hardships were indeed great. Christian, as a small boy was stolen by the Indians, but was released within a few days and returned safely home.

They had been married six years when the mother died. The surviving children were cared for in the home of an uncle, Conrad Herbort.

On April 13, 1854, Heinrich Habenicht and Johanna Schultzer were married. This marriage was of short duration when she too died and the father was again left with his three small children.

On October 14, 1860, Heinrich Habenicht and Mrs. Johanna Kosotaska were married. To this union two children were born, Bertha and Rudolph. Mrs. Kosotaska had three children by a former marriage who were adopted into the family. They were Emma, Ernestine and Johanna. Grandmother Habenicht, as she was known to the children of Wilhelmina Eckhardt, died in 1890.

Heinrich Habenicht, who in his later years made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Eckhardt, died on August 9, 1903 at the age of 78.





AMALIA ECKHARDT

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Amalia Eckhardt, the first child of Adam and Wilhelmenia Habenicht Eckhardt, was born on November 3, 1877 at Rheingold. She attended the Rheingold School.

She was baptized on December 26, 1877 and confirmed on March 30, 1890 in the Bethany Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg.

On December 11, 1898, Amalia Eckhardt died at the age of 21 years.





ALBERT AND BARBARA ECKHARDT

THE ALBERT ECKHARDT FAMILY

Albert L. Eckhardt, the second child of Adam and Wilhelmina Habenicht Eckhardt, was born July 28, 1879 at Rheingold. He attended the Rheingold school and later attended Texas A & M College for one year.

In his early years he was engaged in farming and later worked in a blacksmith shop for several years. Later he was employed as a store clerk, bank clerk, insurance agent and salesman.

He was a member of the Lutheran Church at Maxwell, Texas. He was a Mason in Johnson City, Texas.

On June 6, 1932, Albert L. Eckhardt and Barbara V. Bauer were married in St. John's Lutheran Church at Maxwell by Rev. Max Heinrich.

In January 1951, Albert Eckhardt died from Lukemia. He was buried in the City Cemetery at Fredericksburg with Rev. Krueger of Cibolo officiating.



Barbara V. Bauer Eckhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Vater, was born on June 13, 1898 at Edenkoben, Germany. She came from Germany in 1910 to make her home with her father's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bauer at Pilot Point, Texas. She was legally adopted by them and was educated by them to become a public school teacher. She attended school at Edenkoben, Germany, Pilot Point Elementary and High School at Pilot Point, Texas, Teachers College at Denton, Texas and Teachers College at San Marcos, Texas.

She has taught school for 33 years, ten years at Post Oak, three years at Sandy, three years at Staples and thirteen years at Schertz-Cibolo in Cibolo and Schertz, Texas.

She has been a member of the Methodist Church since her childhood. She is a member of the Texas Teachers Association and Eastern Star.

Her address is Box 46, Schertz, Texas.





### JOHN AND LINA GARDNER

#### THE JOHN GARDNER FAMILY

Lina Bertha Eckhardt Gardner, the third child of Adam and Wilhelmina Eckhardt, was born on May 11, 1881 at Rheingold. She attended school at Rheingold.

On June 18, 1902, Lina Bertha Eckhardt and John Charles Gardner were married at Rheingold by Rev Kuemmel. To this union five children were born: Egon, Wera, Hedwig, Gilbert and Victor. They lived at Rheingold, Johnson City and Stonewall. Mrs. Gardner was a member of the Stonewall Home Demonstration Club.

They were members of the Bethany Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Gardner is now making her home with her daughter at 315 Van Ness, San Antonio, Texas.

John Charles Gardner, son of Louis and Madelena Gardner, was born at Rheingold on January 17, 1880. He attended school at Rheingold.



He was engaged in farming in the Rheingold community, later moving to Johnson City where he engaged in Ranching. Later he moved to Stonewall where he operated his farm.

He was a member of the United Spanish War Veterans, Eugene J. Hernandez Camp No. 1, San Antonio, Texas; member of Albert Singing Club and member of the Rheingold Brass Band.

On August 21, 1899, he enlisted in the army and served in the Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection. He took part in the Battle of San Jacinto, P.I. November 11 and Tagnadan Pass P.I. December 4, 1899, engagements at San Fabian, P.I. November 7, 1899, San Jose, P.I. December 7, 1899, Bangued, P.I. October 6, 1900, Quentin, P.I., October 25, 1900, Tagipas, P.I. December 8, 1900, Wheaton's expedition to Lingoyen Gulf Luzon, November 5 to 26, 1899, Logan's expedition to Santo Toman, P.I., November 8, 1899, Young's operation in N.W. Luzon November 27, 1899 to January 9, 1900. He received an honorable discharge from Company I, 33rd Infantry, U.S.A. on April 17, 1901.

On October 26, 1947, Mr. Gardner passed away suddenly of cerebral hemorrhage. He was buried on October 29, 1947 in the City Cemetery at Fredericksburg by Rev. G. A. Poehlmann.

Egon A. Gardner, first child of John and Lina Eckhardt Gardner, was born at Rheingold on September 23, 1903. He attended school at Rheingold, Fredericksburg, Johnson City and Stonewall and in later years attended Bremerton High Night School, Long Beach, California; Santa Anna Night School, Santa Anna, California and University Southern California extension courses at Santa Anna, California.

In his early years he did farming and ranching at Rheingold, Johnson City and Stonewall. On September 9, 1930 he enlisted in the Navy and served on the U.S.S. Lexington. While in the Navy he sailed over 250,000 nautical miles and visited such interesting places as Panama, Hawaiian Islands, Canada, Tobago Islands and several cities in Mexico. He also attended the Worlds Fair at San Diego, Cali-



fornia and the World's Fair at San Francisco, California.

On November 20, 1935, Egon Gardner and Helen A. Mangold were married in St. Johns Lutheran Church at Orange, California by Rev. Bode. They made their home at Santa Anna, California, later lived in Vallejo for five years. Egon worked as machinist at U.S. Naval Shipyard, Mare Island, California; U.S. Naval Blimp Base, Santa Anna, California; U.S. Naval Yard, Long Beach, California; and he is now growing oranges and is also machinist supervisor at U.S. Marine Air Base, El Toro, Santa Anna.

To this union three children were born, Clinton John, Shirley Ann and Carol Jean.

Egon was a member of the Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg and Stonewall and later he and his family were members of the Lutheran Church at Vallejo and are now members of St. Johns Lutheran Church at Orange, California.

Mrs. Helen A. Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mangold, was born on October 29, 1911 at Santa Anna, California. She attended Parochial School in Orange, High School in Tustin and Orange County Business College at Santa Anna.

She has lived on the old homestead all of her life with the exception of five years when they lived at Vallejo, California. Her children are the third generation to live at the present home.

Their address is 1601 East 17th, Santa Anna, California.

Clinton John Gardner, first child of Egon and Helen Gardner, was born on October 24, 1936 in Orange, California. He attended Tustin Elementary School and graduated from Tustin Union School, Tustin, California. He later attended Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, California and is presently attending University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho. This past year he was elected president of his Fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, of which he served as Treasurer the previous year.

Upon graduation from the 8th grade, he received the American Legion Award and upon graduation from



High School, he received the Elks Leading Knight Award. He was appointed an alternate for Naval Academy and passed the N.R.O.T.C. examination.

Shirley Ann Gardner, second child of Egon and Helen Gardner, was born on January 28, 1938 in Orange, California. She attended Tustin Elementary School and graduated from Tustin High School at Tustin, California. She won a four year scholarship to the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. She is presently attending the University of California at Los Angeles and is studying Medical Research.

Carol Jean Gardner, third child of Egon and Helen Gardner, was born on February 14, 1946 at Santa Anna, California. She attended Tustin Grammar School and is now attending Tustin Intermediate School at Tustin, California.

Mrs. Wera Gardner Nesselhauf, the second child of John and Lina Eckhardt Gardner, was born on October 16, 1907 at Rheingold. She attended Buffalo School, Johnson City; Junction School near Stonewall and the Stonewall School.

She was baptized by Rev. G. J. Ida on December 8, 1907, sponsors were Ottilie Herber, Meta Eckhardt, Felix Eckhardt and Emil Eckhardt. She was confirmed in Fredericksburg on April 9, 1922 by Rev. K. Konzack.

From 1921 to 1939 she worked as a governess and did domestic work, later was employed at Kelly Field as parachute rigger for two years and parachute inspector for three years.

On September 22, 1945, Wera Meta Gardner and Felix A. Nesselhauf were married in St. Johns Lutheran Church at San Antonio by Rev. Vernon Mohr. To this union one son, Howard, was born.

She is a member of the Beethoven Damen Choir.

They are members of the St. Johns Lutheran Church of San Antonio. Mrs. Nesselhauf was formerly a member of Bethany Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg. She is a member of Women of the Church Circle #5 and on October 3, 1955 was presented the Women's Missionary Federation, American Lutheran Church Life



Membership pin for her work in Circle #5.

Their present address is 322 Bailey Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Felix A. Nesselhauf, son of Leo and Louise Nesselhauf, was born at Boerne, Texas on July 10, 1899. He attended the Boerne School at Boerne; Collegeville School at Collegeville, Arkansas; #15 Smith School, #6 Lamar School, #7 Avenue B School and Brackenridge High School at San Antonio, Texas.

He has been repairing and servicing automobiles since 1917 with the exception of three years when he was civil service employee at Kelly Field and Tinker Field, Oklahoma City.

He was baptized on June 1, 1938 and confirmed on June 12, 1938.

He is a member of the Beethoven Club.

Howard Victor Nesselhauf, son of Felix and Wera Nesselhauf, was born on February 12, 1948 at San Antonio, Texas. He was baptized on April 11, 1948 by Rev. Vernon Mohr with Hedwig McClaugherty, Helen Nesselhauf, Victor Gardner and Austin Whittle as sponsors.

He attended St. Paul's Lutheran School, Highland Park Lutheran School and Christian Day School. He has been a member of the Sunday School since he was two years old and has had a perfect attendance record for almost 7 years. He is also a member of St. John's Junior Choir.

His hobby is swimming and playing the piano. He passed all tests in the American National Red Cross class in a month as a beginner in swimming.

Hedwig Lina Gardner McClaugherty, the third child of John and Lina Gardner, was born at Rheingold on September 26, 1909. She attended the Buffalo School at Johnson City, Junction School near Stonewall and the Stonewall School.

She was baptized on November 13, 1909 by Rev. G. J. Ida with the following sponsors: Mrs. Lina Herber, Mrs. Anna Eckhardt, Reinhold Eckhardt and Karl Mohr. She was confirmed on April 9, 1922 by Rev. K. Konzack in Bethany Lutheran Church.



In 1929 she started working in San Antonio as a governess. In June, 1936, she was employed at Fort Sam Houston Post Quartermaster Laundry and in June, 1942, was transferred to Kelly Field, Texas in the Woodwing Section as Aircraft Woodworker and later as Pantograph Operator (Engraving) in the Machine Shop. She resigned in November, 1952. During the war she took two short courses on Maintenance and repairs of airplanes at Beech Aircraft Service School, Wichita, Kansas and Forest Product Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin.

On June 18, 1933, Hedwig Lina Gardner and Pvt. Carl William Nitsch were married by Rev. Theo. M. Haag. Mr. Nitsch was born in Morse, Wisconsin on July 28, 1902 and was an airplane Mechanic in the 68th Service Squadron. He died April 27, 1940 and was buried in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

On December 31, 1947, Hedwig Nitsch and Gilbert Walter McClaugherty were married at Seguin, Texas by Justice of Peace Herbert Forshage. They are members of the St. John's Lutheran Church of San Antonio.

They live at 315 Van Ness, San Antonio, Texas.

Gilbert Walter McClaugherty, son of Lewis Cleon and Helen McClaugherty, was born at York Creek, Texas on November 17, 1901 and at age of 6 moved with his parents to San Antonio. He attended John J. Pershing and Main Avenue High School in San Antonio.

He was employed by Civil Service Commission, Post Quartermaster Laundry, Fort Sam Houston, Texas as Laundry Superintendent. He retired September 1951 after 31 years of service.

On September 29, 1919, Gilbert McClaugherty and Erna Kappelmann were married in Boerne, Texas. They were separated in October 1940.

He entered the United States Army on October 8, 1942 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas and served for 24 months in the Central Pacific Area. He was discharged at Fort Bliss, Texas on June 15, 1944.

He has a life time membership at the Turner Club in San Antonio.



Gilbert John Gardner, the fourth child of John and Lina Eckhardt Gardner was born on May 20, 1913 in the Rheingold Community. He attended the Buffalo School near Johnson City, Junction School near Stonewall, Stonewall School and the Fredericksburg High School.

He was engaged in farming near Stonewall and also operated the threshing machine during the summer months. He is now employed by the Seiberling Test Fleet in Fredericksburg.

He was a member of the Albert Singing Club and the Stonewall Band.

Victor T. Gardner, the fifth child of John C. and Lina Eckhardt Gardner, was born on July 7, 1922 at Stonewall, Texas. He attended the Stonewall Elementary School and graduated from Fredericksburg High School. He later graduated from the University of Texas receiving his BBA Degree.

Victor taught school for several years. During World War II, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served at various bases in the States and served with the occupation troops in Germany. During the Korean War, he also served at various bases in the States and later he and his family were stationed in Newfoundland. He is presently employed by Civil Aeronautics in Fort Worth as Staff Assistant to Regional Administrator.

He is a member of the P.T.A. and Toastmasters International.

On September 3, 1948, Victor T. Gardner and Ima Faye Timmons were married in the Presbyterian Church at Dallas by Rev. Thos. F. Gallaher. To this union four children were born; Robert, Ann, David and Janet.

They attend the St. Paul Lutheran Church at Fort Worth and they are both members of the Adult Bible Class.

Their present address is 3824 Oaklawn Drive, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Ima Faye Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Timmons, was born at Elbert, Texas on July 23, 1927. She attended Elbert Elementary School



and graduated from Throckmorton High School, later graduated from the University of Texas Receiving her BBA Degree.

She worked as a secretary and is a member of the P.T.A.

Robert Victor Gardner, the first child of Victor and Ima Faye Gardner, was born on November 24, 1949 at Olney, Texas. He is attending the Crestwood Elementary School at Fort Worth.

Carol Ann Gardner, the second child of Victor and Ima Faye Gardner, was born at Olney, Texas on May 22, 1951.

David Warren Gardner, the third child of Victor and Ima Faye Gardner, was born at Stephenville, Newfoundland on December 17, 1954.

Janet Gardner, the fourth child of Victor and Ima Faye Gardner, was born at Fort Worth, Texas on October 3, 1956.





EMIL AND ANNA ECKHARDT

THE EMIL ECKHARDT FAMILY

Emil R. Eckhardt, the fourth child of Adam and Wilhelmenia Habenicht Eckhardt, was born on October 2, 1883 at Rheingold. He attended school at Rheingold.

He was engaged in farming and ranching in the Rheingold and Hye communities.

On October 24, 1904 Emil R. Eckhardt and Anna Althaus were married in St. Paul Lutheran Church at Cave Creek by Rev. C. Ermish. To this union seven children were born; Herman, Marvin, Ralph Udo, Nora, Alfred, Edgar and Emil.

They were members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church at Cave Creek.

Emil R. Eckhardt died of pneumonia on June 10, 1918 and was buried in the Cave Creek Cemetery with Rev. E. Hannemann officiating.



Mrs. Anna Althaus Eckhardt Clemens, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Althaus, was born on May 12, 1887 at Rheingold. She attended school at Rheingold.

On October 12, 1957, Anna Althaus Eckhardt Clemens passed away. She was buried on October 13, 1957 in the Cave Creek Cemetery with Rev. O. Lindenberg officiating.

Herman Eckhardt, the first child of Emil R. and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born on April 10, 1906 at Rheingold. He attended school at Rheingold and Junction.

He has been engaged in farming and ranching in Hye, Fredericksburg, Albert and presently in the Stonewall community.

On January 14, 1934 Herman Eckhardt and Olivia Immel were married in the Trinity Lutheran Church at Stonewall by Rev. P. Leonhard. To this union two children were born, Roland and Florine.

The are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church at Stonewall, Texas. Herman served as Councilman from 1942 to 1948.

Their present address is Route 1, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Mrs. Olivia Eckhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Immel, was born on April 4, 1905 at Hye. She attended school at Towhead.

She is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church Ladies Aid and served as Treasurer from 1944 to 1948.

Roland Eckhardt, the first child of Herman and Olivia Immel Eckhardt, was born on November 2, 1935 at Fredericksburg. He attended school at Albert, Stonewall and graduated from the Fredericksburg High School. He later attended school at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served a few years in Hawaii and is now back in the States.

Florine Eckhardt, the second child of Herman and Olivia Immel Eckhardt, was born on November 26,



1937 at Fredericksburg. She attended school at Albert, Stonewall and Fredericksburg High School. After graduation from Fredericksburg High School she attended Nixon Clay Business College at Austin. She was employed as a secretary in Austin.

On January 28, 1957, Florine Eckhardt and John D. Mitchell, Jr. were married in the St. Martins Lutheran Church in Austin by Rev. Donald Saylor. To this union one child, John David Mitchell III, was born on December 19, 1957 in Corpus Christi.

Their address is 7300 Albert Road, Austin, Texas.

John D. Mitchell, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell was born on May 25, 1935 at Port Arthur, Texas. He attended Austin High School and St. Edwards University at Austin. He was employed as salesman, real estate and insurance, in Austin and Corpus Christi. He is presently employed as president of the Oil, Gas and Mineral Development Corporation at Austin.

He served in the United States Navy on the U. S.S. Witek DD848, U.S.S. Power DD832 and U.S.S. Hancock which was sunk in Soula during the Korean Conflict.

His hobbies are hunting and fishing, in particular hunting with bow and arrow.

Marvin Eckhardt, the second child of Emil and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born on August 14, 1907 at Rheingold. He attended school at Rheingold and later attended the Junction School close to the Albert Church.

As a boy, Marvin lived on a farm and ranch at Rheingold and later on a farm and ranch about three miles north of Hye. After he was older he worked on different ranches in Gillespie County.

On October 5, 1930, Marvin Eckhardt and Alma Herbort were married in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg by Rev. Arthur Koerner. After their marriage they moved to a farm and ranch south of Fredericksburg where they are still making their home. To this union two children were born, Marveleen and Wilburn.

They are members of the Holy Ghost Lutheran



Church in Fredericksburg.

Their address is Route 2, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Mrs. Alma Eckhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Herbort, was born on September 25, 1912 at Fredericksburg. She attended school in Fredericksburg. She has lived on a farm and ranch near Fredericksburg nearly all of her life.

Marveleen Eckhardt Buie, the first child of Marvin and Alma Herbort Eckhardt, was born at Fredericksburg on February 9, 1935. She attended school at Fredericksburg for seven years and at Comfort for five years. After graduation from high school, she worked for Western Auto Store in Fredericksburg for about one and one-half years.

On October 1, 1955 Marveleen Eckhardt and Gantner Buie were married at the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg. Since their marriage they have lived on a farm and ranch in Llano County. To this union one child, Brenda Sue, was born on September 14, 1957.

They are members of the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg.

Their address is Fredericksburg Route, Llano, Texas.

Gantner Buie, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Buie, was born in Llano, Texas on September 23, 1929. He attended Legion Valley School in Llano County for two years and Llano School for ten years. Since his graduation from high school he has been engaged in farming and ranching.

Wilburn Eckhardt, the second child of Marvin and Alma Herbort Eckhardt, was born on December 16, 1941 in Fredericksburg. He attended Fredericksburg school for one year and is now attending school in Comfort, Texas.

Ralph Udo Eckhardt, the third child of Emil and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born on February 21, 1909 at Rheingold. He attended the Junction,



Stonewall and Cave Creek Schools. In 1929 he attended San Antonio Business College. He worked in San Antonio as baker and drug clerk and later in show business. On January 12, 1934 he went to New Orleans, Louisiana and worked as Mixologist and Manager of Night Clubs.

He served in the United States Navy from March 21, 1944 to December 10, 1945 as Ship's cook and baker.

He is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

On February 14, 1936, Ralph Udo Eckhardt and Peggy June Branch were married in the First Baptist Church of New Orleans by Rev. Grey.

Their address is 1608 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. Peggy June Eckhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Branch, was born on September 19, 1913 at Hammond, Louisiana. She attended South Eastern school. She was employed as a nurse in Hammond and New Orleans.

She is a member of First Baptist Church in New Orleans.

Mrs. Nora Eckhardt Schlueter, fourth child of Emil and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born on December 25, 1910 at Rheingold. She attended school at Junction and at Cave Creek in Gillespie County.

On December 9, 1928, Nora Eckhardt and Erwin Schlueter were married in Trinity Lutheran Church at Albert by Rev. Paul Leonard. To this union one son, Roy, was born.

They are members of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in San Antonio.

Their address is Route 5, Box 499, San Antonio 11, Texas.

Erwin Schlueter, son of Emil and Hulda Schlueter, was born at Cave Creek on December 15, 1905. He attended school at Cave Creek. He was engaged in farming and ranching in Gillespie County, later moving to San Antonio where he is engaged as a farmer.



Roy Emil Schlueter, son of Erwin and Nora Eckhardt Schlueter, was born on November 1, 1931 at Cave Creek. He attended South San Antonio Schools.

He is presently employed by Pearl Brewing Company in San Antonio.

He is a member of Fraternal Order of Police in Aztec, New Mexico.

On May 16, 1952, Roy Emil Schlueter and Mattie Greene were married in Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Eden, Wyoming by Rev. Edward Jeffries. To This union two children were born; Connie Jean and Cheryl Ann. Roy and Mattie were divorced and in 1959 he and Carolyn Patteson were married.

They are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church in San Antonio.

Their present address is 651 McLaughlin Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Mattie Schlueter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Greene, was born on November 27, 1934 at Vernal, Utah. She attended Valley Grade and High School at Eden Valley, Wyoming.

She was employed as bookkeeper at Alamo National Bank of San Antonio, Texas.

Connie Jean Schlueter, first child of Roy and Mattie Greene Schlueter, was born on April 2, 1953 at Farmington, New Mexico.

Cheryl Ann Schlueter, second child of Roy and Mattie Greene Schlueter, was born on July 12, 1955 at San Antonio, Texas.

Alfred Eckhardt, the fifth child of Emil and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born on September 22, 1912 at Rheingold. He attended the Junction School in Gillespie County. He has been engaged in farming in Gillespie County.

On July 3, 1940, Alfred Eckhardt and Elisa Priess were married in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg by Rev. O. Lindenberg. To this union four children were born; Gerlene, Charles, Helen and Gladys Jean. They are members of the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg.



Their present address is Kerr Route, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Mrs. Elisa Eckhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Priess, was born on December 27, 1919 at Fredericksburg. She attended school at Luckenbach.

Gerlene Eckhardt, the first child of Alfred and Elisa Priess Eckhardt, was born on October 18, 1940 at Fredericksburg. She attended the Wrede School.

On September 20, 1958, Gerlene Eckhardt and John Merlin Davis were married in the St. Pauls Lutheran Church at Mason. To this union one son, Kirby Lee, was born.

John Merlin Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, was born on March 25, 1937 at Brady. He attended school at Pontotoc and Mason. He is a member of the Baptist Church and is presently employed at Market Produce in Fredericksburg.

Kirby Lee Davis, son of John Davis and Gerlene Eckhardt Davis, was born on December 31, 1958 in Fredericksburg.

Charles Eckhardt, the second child of Alfred and Elisa Priess Eckhardt, was born on August 1, 1945 at Fredericksburg. He is attending the Wrede School.

Helen Eckhardt, the third child of Alfred and Elisa Priess Eckhardt, was born on February 1, 1947 at Fredericksburg, Texas. She is attending the Wrede School.

Gladys Jean Eckhardt, the fourth child of Alfred and Elisa Priess Eckhardt, was born on June 12, 1957 at Fredericksburg.

Edgar Eckhardt, the sixth child of Emil and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born on July 21, 1914. He died on September 30, 1917 and was buried in the



Cave Creek Cemetery with Rev. E. Hannemann officiating.

Emil R. C. Eckhardt, the seventh child of Emil and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born on March 19, 1916 at Rheingold. He attended school at Cave Creek. He is farming the Cave Creek Community and working at Market Produce in Fredericksburg. He is a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church at Cave Creek.

His address is Route 1, Fredericksburg, Texas.





REINHOLD AND LENORA ECKHARDT

THE REINHOLD ECKHARDT FAMILY

Reinhold Henry Eckhardt, the fifth child of Adam and Wilhelmina Habenicht Eckhardt, was born on October 28, 1885 at Rheingold. He attended school at Rheingold. Later, at the age of 18, he attended the Sam Houston Normal Institute at Huntsville, Texas for two years, 1904 to 1906.

He taught in the public schools of this county for eight years, three years at Meusebach and five years at Rheingold..

In 1914 he took the Rural Mail Carrier examination and was successful in being appointed as rural mail carrier on November 2, 1914. He went through many hardships as his route had to be made by horse and buggy and the roads were not always too favorable. His worst days were in the autumn when the farmers hauled their cotton to market and they usually did this when their fields were too wet to work. This caravan of wagons, which sometimes were from eight to fifteen, caused the



ruts in the road to become deeper and deeper and there were times when he had to cross the road with his horse and buggy from one side to the other to keep from getting in the deep ruts. However when he did slide into the ruts he always had an extra trace chain to help him out. During the rainy seasons the rivers also gave him some trouble, he many times crossed the river by standing on his buggy and holding the mail pouch on his shoulders so that the mail would not get wet. The landings on the other side were not always the point where he had intended to go.

In later years the roads and equipment were greatly improved. He served all the routes out of Fredericksburg, he started with route one, later transferred to route two, then to route four and later routes three and four were consolidated. On October 31, 1956, he retired after completing 41 years of service. He received a Citation from Postmaster General Arthur E. Sommerfield which was read by Postmaster Robert W. Klingelhoef and reads in part as follows: "Honorary Recognition is accorded Reinhold H. Eckhardt for meritorious accomplishment and devotion to duty in the course of an honorable career in the United States Postal Service".

He now spends much of his time on his ranch at the head of North Grape Creek.

On September 12, 1886, his parents had him baptized in the Lutheran faith. On April 8, 1900, he was confirmed in the Bethany Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg in which he has been a life long member. For many years he was councilman and at one time vice-president of the congregation. He was instrumental in having the church moved to the new location. He was very active in the new church building program and was treasurer of the building fund for many years. When the building fund had grown to such an amount that the building of the new church could be undertaken he was appointed chairman of the building committee. The greatest joy of his life was when the new church was completed and dedicated on August 18, 1954.

Reinhold was also very fond of singing. In 1903 he joined the Rheingold Liederkrantz and when he moved to Fredericksburg he joined the Arion in which he has



been a life long member and served as secretary, vice-president and president. On October 10, 1954, he was elected honorary delegate to all meetings of the Texanischer Gebirgs Saengerbundes for helping to promote the German songs in Texas. He was also a member of Bethany Mens Choir for over 35 years.

On August 17, 1911, Reinhold H. Eckhardt and Lenora Clara Grobe were married in the Albert Lutheran Church by Rev. Max Heinrich. To this union four children were born: Dora, Reuben, Margaret and Kermit. After their marriage they lived at Rheingold for three years and in the summer of 1914 moved to their present address, 516 St. Marys Street, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Mrs. Lenora Eckhardt, daughter of Wm. and Clara Jacoby Grobe was born on January 17, 1892 in the Cave Creek Community. At the age of two she moved with her parents to a farm at Stonewall. She attended the Stonewall School. She was baptized in the Lutheran Church at Cave Creek and confirmed in the Albert Lutheran Church on April 23, 1905 by Rev. Max Heinrich.

Mrs. Dora Eckhardt Mogford, the first child of Reinhold and Lenora Grobe Eckhardt, was born on January 17, 1914 at Rheingold, Texas. She attended the Fredericksburg Public School and graduated from Fredericksburg High School in May 1931.

She was employed at Dooley's Store in Fredericksburg as sales clerk from October 1931 to June 1935. In June 1935 she was employed by Schroeder Bros. in Fredericksburg, she worked here until January 1944. From 1935 to 1942 she also had part-time employment in the ticket office at the Palace Theatre. In July 1944 while her husband was overseas she accepted a civil service position at San Antonio General Depot as typist, file clerk and clerk-typist. She resigned this position in April 1947 to make her home in Fredericksburg. From October 1948 to November 1951 she was employed as sales clerk at Kendall-Hodges Department Store.

On March 8, 1914 Dora was baptized in the Cave Creek Lutheran Church with Albert Eckhardt, Louis Bonn, Anna Grobe and Mrs. Toby Willms as sponsors. On April 1, 1928 she was confirmed by Rev. K. Konzack in Bethany



Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg.

On January 15, 1944, Dora Eckhardt and Ike T. P. Mogford were married in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. G. A. Poehlmann. To this union one daughter, Joyce Kay, was born. They are members of the Bethany Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg.

Their home is at 302 East Travis Street, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Ike T. Pryor Mogford, son of Henry and Meta Kusenberger Mogford, was born on October 20, 1908 in the Rocky Hill Community in Gillespie County. He attended the Rocky Hill School and later the Veterans Vocational School at Fredericksburg. He lived on the farm at Rocky Hill with his parents until March 1942 at which time he entered Military Service. After his discharge from service in June 1946, he accepted a position as collector of advertisements with the San Antonio Express Publishing Company of San Antonio. In April 1947, he accepted a position as sales clerk with the National Home and Auto Store in Fredericksburg and in May 1953 he accepted a position as sales clerk with Crenwelge Food Market in Fredericksburg where he is presently employed.

On December 8, 1946 he received his certificate of confirmation from Rev. A. L. Wolff and Rev. V. A. Mohr at St. Johns Lutheran Church in which he became a member.

On March 17, 1942, Pryor entered military service and was placed in the 90th Inf. Division. He was stationed at Camp Barkley, Abilene, Texas; Camp Stoneman, California; and Fort Dix, New Jersey. On March 22, 1944 he left the States for England. On June 8, 1944, the 358th Inf. Regiment of the 90th Division of which Pryor was a member moved on the beachhead into France. While on combat duty in France he was wounded twice, first on July 3, gunshot wound on his head and second on November 11, 1944 when he lost two fingers. He was flown back to England where he spent two months in the hospital. On February 9, 1945, he returned to the States. On October 3, 1945, he received his honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He was awarded three Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon, Combat Inf. Badge and was entitled to wear the



European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign  
Ribbon with Bronze Star.

Joyce Kay Mogford, daughter of Pryor and Dora Eckhardt Mogford, was born on May 21, 1952 in Fredericksburg. She attended the Annette Duval School of Dancing from September 1955 to January 1956; later attended the Peggy Ann School of Dancing in Kerrville for one year and is now attending the Mickey Crenwelge School of Dancing. In April, 1958 she won first prize in a talent show in Mason in the pre-school division with her song and tap dance. She has appeared in numerous recitals. She attended the 1957-1958 term of Kindergarten.

Joyce was baptized in the Bethany Lutheran Church on July 27, 1952 by Rev. G. A. Poehlmann with Reuben Feuge, Reuben Eckhardt, Mrs. Albert Palafox and Mrs. A. G. Halloway as sponsors. She is attending Bethany Lutheran Sunday School.

Reuben H. Eckhardt, the second child of Reinhold and Lenora Grobe Eckhardt, was born at Fredericksburg on March 13, 1916. He attended school at Fredericksburg, graduating from Fredericksburg High School in 1932. He later attended Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1937.

After graduation from college he accepted a position as principal and teacher at the Willow City Independent School. After teaching for three years he resigned and accepted a position with Fred Mathisen and Fredericksburg Savings and Loan Association. In 1941 he accepted a position as government auditor at the North American Aviation Plant at Dallas.

On April 3, 1942, Reuben enlisted in the United States Air Force. In April 1943, after being stationed at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, primary school at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, basic and advanced flying school at Waco, Texas, he received his wings as pilot and commissioned as second Lieutenant. In October 1943, after receiving training as a B-17 pilot at Pyote and Dalhart, Texas, he was transferred to England. On December 30, 1943 while flying his third mission over



Germany, his plane was hit by a shell from an enemy aircraft, the crew was forced to bail out over Northern France. With the assistance of the underground he made his way through enemy territory back to England. After returning to the states in April 1944, he instructed pilots in B-17 bombers at Roswell, New Mexico and later was Civilian Personnel Officer at Fort Worth. He is still an active member of the Air Force Reserve and on January 1, 1956 was promoted to the rank of Major.

After his discharge from the Air Force on March 3, 1946, he opened the National Home and Auto Store in Fredericksburg. Later he accepted a position as teacher in the Veteran's Vocational School night classes. In February 1953, he accepted a position as office manager with Fred Mathisen and Fredericksburg Savings and Loan Association of which he is Secretary-Treasurer. On January 1, 1957, Alton Klier and Reuben purchased the Fred Mathisen Insurance Agency.

On October 11, 1952, Reuben Eckhardt and Irene Bergmann Holcomb were married in the St. John's Lutheran Church of Boerne by Rev. Theo. Winter. They are members of the Bethany Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg. To this union three children were born: Rodney Blane, Steve Duane and Denise Elaine.

They are making their home at 705 North Elk Street, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Mrs. Irene Eckhardt, daughter of Louis and Ida Minnich Bergmann, was born on October 14, 1925 at Boerne. She attended the Boerne School and graduated from Boerne High School in 1943. While in grade school she was a piano student and in later years was pianist for the Boerne Choral Club. While in high school she played saxophone in the High School Band.

After graduation she attended Draughan's Business College in San Antonio and later accepted a position with the H. L. Davis Insurance Company at San Antonio where she was employed for seven years.

Rodney Blane Eckhardt, the first child of Reuben and Irene Bergmann Eckhardt, was born on June 22, 1954. He was baptized in the Bethany Lutheran Church September 26, 1954 by Rev. G. A. Poehlmann with Mrs. Pryor Mog-



ford, Kermit Eckhardt, Edgar Bergmann and Mrs. Elmer Bergmann as sponsors. He is attending Bethany Lutheran Sunday School.

Steve Duane Eckhardt, the second child of Reuben and Irene Bergmann Eckhardt was born on September 5, 1957. He was baptized in the Bethany Lutheran Church on May 4, 1958 by Rev. H. F. Treptow with Mrs. Albert Palafox, Mrs. Edgar Bergmann, Pryor Mogford and Walter Bergmann as sponsors.

Denise Elaine Eckhardt, the third child of Reuben and Irene Bergmann Eckhardt was born on November 29, 1958. She was baptized on July 19, 1959 in the Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. H. F. Treptow with Mrs. Walter Bergmann, Mrs. Kermit Eckhardt, Albert Palafox and Elmer Bergmann as sponsors.

Mrs. Margaret Eckhardt Palafox, the third child of Reinhold H. and Lenora Grobe Eckhardt, was born on November 27, 1922 in Fredericksburg. She attended the Fredericksburg Public School and graduated from Fredericksburg High School. She later attended Draughan's Business College in San Antonio. She was employed by Office of Censorship in San Antonio from March 1942 to October 1944 and at Brook Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas from July 1947 to July 1951.

On September 18, 1944, Margaret Eckhardt and Albert Palafox were married at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg by Rev. G. A. Poehlmann. They are members of Hope Lutheran Church in San Antonio. To this union four children were born: Sharon Annette, Gary Wayne, Karen Lynette and Cheryl Jannette.

They lived at 714 Viendo Street, San Antonio until January 1953 at which time they moved to 3820 Rice Blvd. Houston, Texas. On October 13, 1957 they moved back to San Antonio and are making their home at 115 Northaven Drive.

Albert Palafox, son of Joe and Clara Palafox, was born on November 14, 1916 in San Antonio. He attended Bowie #9 School, Washington Irving Junior School and graduated from San Antonio Tech. Later he attended San Antonio College and graduated from South Texas Col-



lege of Law in Houston in September 1957.

He was employed by Office of Censorship, Quartermaster at Kelly Field and Brooks Field, Guardian Title Company in San Antonio, Stewart Title Company at Houston. He is now Vice-President of Texas Title Guaranty Company of San Antonio.

Sharon Annette Palafox, first child of Albert and Margaret Eckhardt Palafox, was born on November 30, 1945 in San Antonio. She attended school at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School in San Antonio, West University Elementary School in Houston and is now attending Longfellow Junior High School in San Antonio. She is taking piano, accordion and organ lessons.

Sharon attends Hope Lutheran Sunday School.

Gary Wayne Palafox, second child of Albert and Margaret Eckhardt Palafox, was born on December 26, 1951 in San Antonio. He attends Hope Lutheran Sunday School.

Karen Lynette Palafox, third child of Albert and Margaret Eckhardt Palafox, was born on August 26, 1951 in Houston. She attends Hope Lutheran Sunday School. She is taking dancing lessons at the Doris Aceli Theatrical School.

Cheryl Jannette Palafox, fourth child of Albert and Margaret Eckhardt Palafox, was born on March 29, 1957 in Houston.

Kermit R. Eckhardt, the fourth child of Reinhold and Lenora Grobe Eckhardt, was born on November 26, 1926 in Fredericksburg. He attended the Fredericksburg Public School, graduating from Fredericksburg High School in 1943. He was baptized and confirmed in the Bethany Lutheran Church.

In 1946, he entered the United States Army. He served as military policeman in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre of operation from June 1946 to January 1947 with the 51st Military Police Battalion. He was a member of a team that patrolled the dock area and in time of disturbances directed traffic in the area.



After his discharge from the army he was employed by the Texas Company wholesale warehouse at Fredericksburg. In 1959 he became a partner in the Reeh Butane Company of Harper. He lives on his farm and ranch, the former Ernest Althaus place, which he also operates.

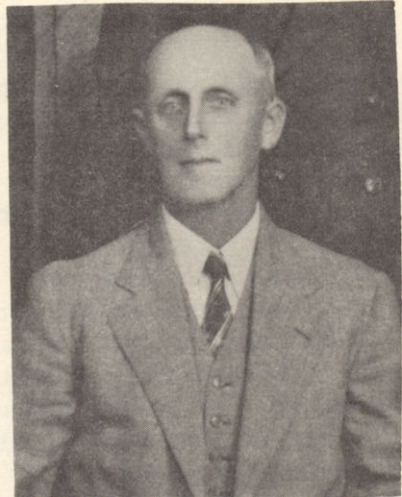
On July 31, 1954, Kermit Eckhardt and Irene Ketron were married in the Edison Street Methodist Church at Fredericksburg by Rev. George Ricker. To this union one daughter, Dana Marie, was born on May 6, 1957 in Fredericksburg.

Their address is Route 1, Box 133, Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Irene Eckhardt, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Ketron, was born on August 8, 1930 at Fredericksburg. She attended the Cherry Mountain School and graduated from Fredericksburg High School. She was later employed by the United Telephone Company.

She is a member of Edison Street Methodist Church at Fredericksburg.





HUGO AND MARIE ECKHARDT

#### THE HUGO ECKHARDT FAMILY

Hugo A. Eckhardt, the sixth child of Adam and Wilhelmina Eckhardt, was born on December 7, 1887 at Rheingold. He attended the Rheingold School and later attended Draughans Business College.

He was at first an automobile dealer, having dealership for the Overland car in Fredericksburg. He was later engaged in farming and ranching in the Postoak Community, at Stonewall and then later at Harper. They later moved to Fredericksburg where he was employed at Lochte Storage and Commission Company.

He was baptized on December 26, 1887 in the Bethany Lutheran Church and confirmed on April 6, 1902 in the Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. J. Kuemmel.

Hugo was a member of the Rheingold Band, Rheingold Liederkrantz and later a member of the Arion Maennerchor of Fredericksburg.

On February 17, 1920, Hugo A. Eckhardt and Marie



Clara Feuge were married at Bethany Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg by Rev. K. Konzack. To this union seven children were born: Harvey, Elgin, Wesley, Alton, Melvin, Opal and Hubert.

On June 27, 1954, Hugo Eckhardt passed away suddenly of an heart attack. He was buried in the City Cemetery at Fredericksburg with Rev. G. A. Poehlmann officiating.

Mrs. Marie Clara Eckhardt, daughter of Henry and Johanna Lindig Feuge, Sr., was born on April 17, 1895 in the Kleinfrankreich Community. She attended the Kleinfrankreich School.

She was baptized on October 11, 1895 in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. W. Steinmann and confirmed on April 12, 1908 in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. G. I. Ide.

Her present address is Route 2, Fredericksburg.

Harvey Albert Eckhardt, the first child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on October 12, 1920 at Fredericksburg. He attended the Post Oak School in Blanco County and later the Lower South Grape Creek School in Gillespie County.

In his early years he farmed in Blanco and Gillespie County and in 1940 started the carpentry trade in San Antonio. At present he is a building contractor in partnership with his brothers.

On February 15, 1942, Harvey Eckhardt and Martina Jacoby were married in Bethany Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg by Rev. Theo. M. Haag. To this union four children were born: Shirley, Cletus, Sylvia and Dennis.

Harvey and Martina are members of the Edison High School P.T.A., Woodrow Wilson P.T.A. and Fredericksburg Reunion Association of San Antonio of which Harvey is a Trustee.

They are members of the St. Johns Lutheran Church.

Their present address is 1423 Pasadena, San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Martina Eckhardt, daughter of Edmund and Bertha Peese Jacoby, was born on January 28, 1922 in the Nebgen Community in Gillespie County. She attended



the Nebgen School.

Shirley Marie Eckhardt, the first child of Harvey and Martina Jacoby Eckhardt, was born November 17, 1942 in San Antonio. She attended Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and is now attending Thomas Edison High School. While in Woodrow Wilson Elementary School she was President from 1954 to 1955 of the Woodrow Wilson Service Club which is connected with the San Antonio Safety Council.

Cletus Harvey Eckhardt, the second child of Harvey and Martina Jacoby Eckhardt, was born on February 2, 1944 in San Antonio. He is attending Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and in 1955 to 1956 was Captain in the Street Patrol in the Woodrow Wilson Service Club.

Sylvia Bertha Eckhardt, the third child of Harvey and Martina Jacoby Eckhardt, was born on April 29, 1945 in San Antonio. She is attending the Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and served as Parliamentarian and Secretary of the Woodrow Wilson Service Club Street Patrol.

Dennis Lee Eckhardt, the fourth child of Harvey and Martina Jacoby Eckhardt, was born on August 22, 1950 in San Antonio. He is attending the Woodrow Wilson Elementary School.

Elgin R. Eckhardt, the second child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on April 8, 1923 at Mohair, Texas. He attended school at Post Oak in Blanco County. Before entering military service he was a farmer in the Post Oak and Nebgen Communities. After his discharge he joined the building contractor partnership with his brothers with which he is still associated.

On January 25, 1943, he entered the United States Army and was assigned to the 1285th Combat Engineers. He saw duty in England, Belgium, Holland, Germany, France and Africa. He received his discharge on February 2, 1946.

Elgin was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church



in Fredericksburg, he and his family are now members of the St. Johns Lutheran Church in San Antonio.

On May 30, 1947, Elgin R. Eckhardt and Estella Duecker were married in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg by Rev. O. Lindenberg. To this union one son was born, Larry Allen.

Elgin and Estella are members of the Fredericksburg Reunion Association of San Antonio.

They are making their home at 122 Vaughn Place in San Antonio.

Mrs. Estella Eckhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Duecker was born on August 10, 1927 in Fredericksburg. She attended school at Rheingold, Nebgen and Stonewall.

She is a member of the Maverick School P.T.A. in San Antonio.

Larry Allan Eckhardt, son of Elgin and Estella Duecker Eckhardt, was born April 25, 1949 in San Antonio. He is attending Maverick Elementary School in San Antonio.

Wesley J. Eckhardt, the third child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on May 9, 1924 in the Post Oak Community in Blanco County. He attended school at Post Oak, Lower South Grape Creek and Stonewall High School. As a youth he farmed in the Post Oak and Stonewall Communities. After his discharge from military service he joined the building contractor partnership with his brothers with which he is still associated.

Wesley served three years with the United States Army in the 75th Infantry Division, 289th Reg. He served eighteen months in the ETO seeing action in three major battles. Upon his discharge he had the rank of Staff Sergeant.

On September 26, 1948, Wesley Eckhardt and Loreen Duecker were married in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg by Rev. O. Lindenberg. Two children were born to this union, Bonnie Jane and Steven Wesley.

They are members of the St. Johns Lutheran Church in San Antonio. Wesley and Loreen are members of the Fredericksburg Reunion Association of San Antonio.



They are making their home at 603 Freiling Drive, San Antonio.

Mrs. Loreen Eckhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Duecker, was born on September 14, 1928 at Rheingold, Texas. She attended the Nebgen School and St. Marys High School at Fredericksburg. She was a School Teacher for two years in the Nebgen School. She was a member of the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg.

She is a member of the Greenlawn Garden Club in San Antonio.

Bonnie Jane Eckhardt, daughter of Wesley and Loreen Duecker Eckhardt, was born on November 4, 1952 in San Antonio. She is a member of the St. Johns Lutheran Church Sunday School.

Steven Wesley Eckhardt, son of Wesley and Loreen Duecker Eckhardt, was born on February 3, 1959 in San Antonio.

Alton O. Eckhardt, the fourth child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on August 29, 1926 in Blanco County. He attended the school at Post Oak and later the Stonewall High School.

In his early years he did farm and ranch work. On January 8, 1949 he enlisted in the United States Air Force at Austin, Texas. He received his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio and was then transferred to Chanute Field, Illinois, for technical training. In August 1949 he completed his training here and was then transferred to Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage, Alaska. Here he was assigned to the 54th Troop Carrier Squadron, which had participated in the Berlin Air Lift prior to being moved to Alaska. He was stationed here about 24 months during which time he was promoted to Staff Sergeant. On November 15, 1951 he was reassigned to the 26th Air Division at Roslyn, Long Island, New York where he served as Organization Supply Supervisor for a period of four years. In August 1955, he was promoted to Technical Sergeant. On December 1, 1955, he was assigned to an Inspector Generals Office with the 37th Air Division at Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin where he is serving as a Supply Inspector.



On June 1, 1957, Alton O. Eckhardt and Jacqueline T. Blau were married in St. Lukes Catholic Church at Plain, Wisconsin by Rev. Clement W. Haines. To this union two children were born, Laurie Jean and Gregg Alton. They are members of the Catholic Church, Truax Field Air Force Base.

Mrs. Jacqueline T. Eckhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Blau, was born on October 15, 1937 at Plain, Wisconsin. She attended the St. Luke Grade and High School at Plain, Wisconsin.

She was employed as Secretary at Ray-O-Vac Company at Madison.

They are now residing at 2106 Center Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin.

Laurie Jean Eckhardt, first child of Alton and Jacqueline Blau Eckhardt, was born on May 8, 1958.

Gregg Alton Eckhardt, second child of Alton and Jacqueline Blau Eckhardt, was born on June 11, 1959.

Melvin Toby Eckhardt, the fifth child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on September 23, 1929 at Post Oak. He attended the Post Oak and Nebgen School and in 1947 graduated from the Harper High School.

After ranching in the Harper area, he was employed by his brothers of San Antonio as carpenter.

He was confirmed on May 28, 1944 in the Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. G. A. Poehlmann.

He is a member of two bowling leagues at the Herman Sons Lanes in San Antonio, Frost Bank Building and Tuesday Tophands in which he holds high records of all Class "C" bowlers.

His present address is 1618 Santa Monica Street, San Antonio.

Mrs. Opal Eckhardt Haufler, the sixth child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on October 12, 1931 at Johnson City. She attended Post Oak School and Nebgen School and graduated from Harper High School. Later she attended Draughan's Business



College and San Antonio Junior College. While attending Harper High School she was chosen Class Favorite of the Sophomore and Junior Class and FFA Sweetheart. She was Drum Major for three years and was Salutatorian of the Graduating Class of 1949.

She is a member of Bethany Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg and member of Louise Scheutze Lodge No. 3.

Her Major hobby is traveling, she has been over 42 states, Hawaii, Cuba, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Nassau, and the Bahamma Islands. While in Europe she was in England, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, France and Italy. While on her tour to Hawaii she was a candidate for "Miss Lurline-Voyage 161".

She is an outstanding softball player. She made the Outstanding Player Trophy Award of the Devine Softball Tournament in 1954 and made the All-Star Team as short-stop in the Hondo Tournament in 1955. She was chosen as a candidate from San Antonio for the "Miss Softball Contest" in Houston in 1957, and was awarded a wrist watch for runner-up, "Miss Softball USA".

On July 4, 1957 she appeared on television modeling a bride's dress.

Opal is a member of the Amatuer Bowling Association of Texas and bowls at the Herman Sons Alleys in San Antonio. She was awarded a trophy by the Women's International Bowling Congress for high average.

On September 1, 1957, Opal Hedwig Eckhardt and Alton Joe Haufler were married in Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg by Rev. G. A. Poehlmann.

They are living in their new home at 218 Renner Drive, San Antonio.

Alton Joe Haufler, son of Rudolph and Alice Haufler, was born on November 10, 1928 in Comfort, Texas. He attended Comfort Grammar School and graduated from Comfort High School. Later he attended Mechanical Engineer School, Perio, Illinois; Diesel Mechanics School, Schebeville, Illinois; and Automotive School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He



was employed by Haufler Implement Company, Comfort; Oliver Corporation, Dallas; Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio; and is presently employed by Express Publishing Company, San Antonio.

He entered the United States Army on July 9, 1951 at Fort Sam Houston. He received his basic training at Camp Gordon, Georgia and later served at the following places; Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; Ft. Bliss, Texas; Exercise Longhorn, Ft. Hood, Texas; Camp Polk, Louisiana; Ft. Belvoir, Virginia; Atomic Bomb Test Camp, Desert Rock, Nevada; and on July 9, 1953 received his honorable discharge at Ft. Polk, Louisiana, with rank of Sergeant in charge of Heavy Equipment. He received Good Conduct Medal, Expert Rifleman Badge, Sharpshooter and Machine Gun Medals.

Alton is a member of the Gaddis Methodist Church in Comfort.

He has traveled in 40 States and in Nassau. His hobby is bowling; he has received a trophy for high individual game in the Tuesday Tophand League in San Antonio and was also awarded an ABC Belt Buckle for most improved average in League 1957-1958.

Hubert Gilbert Eckhardt, the seventh child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on August 28, 1933 in Blanco County. He attended the Nebgen School and Harper High School.

He was engaged in farming and ranching at Harper and later as carpenter at San Antonio. At present he is employed in the mill and lumber yard at Scriveners, Inc.

He was baptized on October 22, 1933 and confirmed in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. Theo. M. Haag and is a member of this church at the present time.

Hubert is a member of Herman Sons Lodge No. 1 at San Antonio.

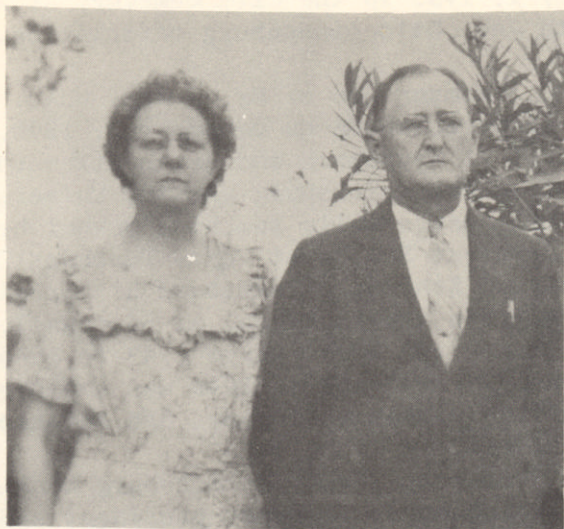
In 1953 he entered the United States Army and received his basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas. After 16 weeks he was transferred to Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, where he completed a 12 week course in Construction Engineering. From here he was transferred to Europe being stationed near Stuttgart,



Germany and later near Metz, France. While in Europe he toured Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy and Holland. He received his honorable discharge in 1955.

His address is Route 2, Fredericksburg, Texas.





ALFRED AND META HEIMANN

THE ALFRED HEIMANN FAMILY

Meta R. Eckhardt Heimann, the seventh child of Adam and Wilhelmenia Eckhardt, was born on March 14, 1891 at Rheingold. She attended school at Rheingold and was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg.

On August 12, 1913, Meta R. Eckhardt and Alfred C. Heimann were married in Bethany Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg by Rev. Hy. Schlieser. To this union two children were born, Raymond and Myrtle.

They were members of the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg and later transferred their membership to St. Johns Lutheran Church in San Antonio.

They lived at Gold, Meusebach, Morris Ranch, Fredericksburg, Doss and later made their home in San Antonio. Mrs. Heimann was a member of the Community Clubs at Morris Ranch and Doss and a member of the Ladies Aid in Fredericksburg.



On April 30, 1950, Mrs. Heimann passed away suddenly of acute indigestion and heart failure. She was buried on May 1, 1950 in the City Cemetery at Fredericksburg with Rev. Otto Lindenberg officiating.

Alfred C. Heimann son of Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Heimann was born in Fredericksburg on December 7, 1890. He attended school at Meusebach and later attended Summer Normal School at Fredericksburg and the University of Texas. In later years while teaching school he attended summer courses at Southwest Texas Teachers College at San Marcos and Schreiner Institute at Kerrville.

Alfred Heimann taught school at Stonewall, Meusebach, Morris Ranch and Doss. From 1943 to 1946 he was employed at Kelly Field and in 1946 was employed by Texas Prudential Insurance Company, San Antonio District. In 1957 he retired.

He is a member of the Fredericksburg Reunion Association of which he is a former president and a member of the Association of Texas Pioneers of San Antonio.

On May 5, 1956, Alfred C. Heimann and Helen Wilson were married in St. Johns Lutheran Church by Rev. John E. Meyer. Their present address is 548 Indiana Street, San Antonio.

Raymond A. Heimann, the first child of Alfred and Meta Eckhardt Heimann, was born on May 26, 1915 at Fredericksburg. He attended school at Meusebach and Fredericksburg, graduating from Fredericksburg High School. In later years he attended Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos and Schreiner Institute at Kerrville.

Raymond started as a school teacher, having taught at Kendalia, Sisterdale, Crabapple and Knopp School. He was later employed by the Post Exchange Service at Clovis, New Mexico; El Paso, Texas and Randolph Field, Texas. At present he is employed as Comptroller by Williams Drug Company of Waco, Texas.

While in the military service, Raymond served in the Signal Corps and Counterintelligence Corps. He was stationed in the Phillipines, Japan and Korea.

He was a member of the Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce at Clovis, New Mexico.



On August 19, 1939 Raymond A. Heimann and Eleanora Mary Bertha Armke were married in the First Protestant Church at New Braunfels, Texas by Rev. Edwin Berger. To this union two children were born, Marilyn Jane and David Ray. They are members of the Christ American Lutheran Church of Waco.

Their present address is 2412 Alexander Avenue, Waco, Texas.

Mrs. Eleanora Heimann, daughter of Ernst and Olga Armke, was born on December 26, 1920 at New Braunfels. She attended the Schertz Elementary and High School, graduating from New Braunfels High School. She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Schertz.

She is a member of the P.T.A.

Marilyn Jane Heimann, the first child of Raymond and Eleanora Heimann, was born on May 17, 1941 at New Braunfels. She attended the Schertz-Cibolo School; North Loop School at El Paso; Eugene Field School at Clovis New Mexico; North Junior School at Waco and is presently attending the Waco High School at Waco.

David Ray Heimann, the second child of Raymond and Eleanora Heimann, was born on March 22, 1943 at New Braunfels, Texas. He attended the Schertz-Cibolo Elementary School; North Loop School at El Paso; Eugene Field School at Clovis, New Mexico and is presently attending North Junior School at Waco.

Mrs. Myrtle Heimann Dittmar, the second child of Alfred C. and Meta Eckhardt Heimann was born on December 24, 1920 at Fredericksburg. She attended the Meusebach School for three years, Morris Ranch School for four years, and graduated from Fredericksburg High School. Later she attended summer courses at Schreiner Institute, Kerrville and Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos.

She was elementary teacher at Morris Ranch and at Doss Schools for a few years and later worked for the Office of Censorship in the Federal Building in San Antonio. She also worked for the San Antonio Light.



She was a member of the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg and served as secretary of the Luther League.

On March 16, 1946, Myrtle Heimann and Arnold Dittmar were married at the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg by Rev. O. Lindenberg. After their marriage they made their home in San Antonio. They have one daughter, Sherrie Denise.

They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio. They are members of the Christian Fellowship Group of which Myrtle served as Secretary and Vice-President and Arnold served as Vice-President. Arnold also served as Vice-President of Circle IX.

They are members of the Optimist Club of South San Antonio, Myrtle having served as Secretary and Vice-President and Arnold having served as Vice-President, Treasurer and President.

Their present address is 427 Dwight Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

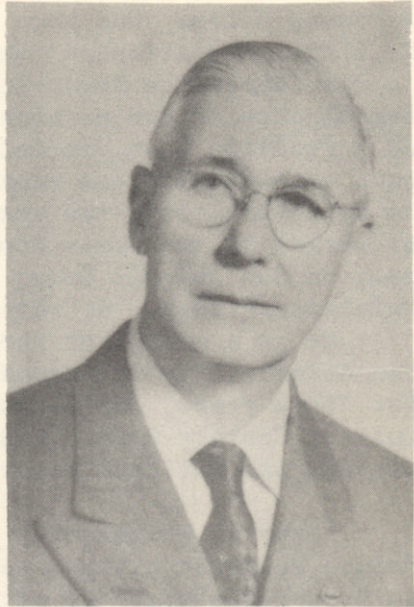
Arnold Dittmar, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dittmar, was born at Doss, Texas on March 9, 1920. He attended school at Doss and graduated from Fredericksburg High School. After graduation he attended Seguin Lutheran College. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Doss.

While Arnold lived in Doss he was engaged in farming and ranching and after he received his discharge from military service he was employed by Friedrich Refrigeration in San Antonio. For the past 10 years he has been owner of South San Cleaners and Men's Store in San Antonio.

On May 26, 1943 he entered the United States Air Force as foreman of Sheet Metal Repair. He served overseas in England, France and Germany and received his discharge in February, 1946 as Master Sergeant.

Sherrie Denise Dittmar was born on October 31, 1952 in San Antonio. She has been a member of the Nursery Class at St. John's Lutheran Church for several years and attended Kindergarten for one year.





#### TOBY AND EMILIE WILLMS

#### THE TOBY WILLMS FAMILY

Emilie Eckhardt Willms, the eighth child of Adam and Wilhelmina Habenicht Eckhardt, was born at Rheingold on January 30, 1893. She attended school at Rheingold.

On February 4, 1914 Emilie Eckhardt and Tobias Emil Willms were married in Fredericksburg at Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. H. Schliesser. To this union two children were born, Leroy Tobias and Lorene Emilie.

After living in Fredericksburg for three years they moved to San Antonio where they are still making their home. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church of San Antonio.

Mrs. Willms is a member of Beethoven Damen Chor and the Fredericksburg Reunion Association of San Antonio.

They are presently living at 107 Muriel Avenue in San Antonio.



Tobias Emil Willms, son of Gottlieb and Bertha Wahrmund Willms, was born in Fredericksburg on May 25, 1891. He attended school in Fredericksburg.

He worked in Fredericksburg for four years doing blacksmith and machine work, after this he accepted a position with San Antonio Machine & Supply Company as machinist and repair man, a position which he held for thirty-two years. For the next eight years he worked in the Press Room, Express Publishing Company in San Antonio being in charge of Machinist and Maintenance work. He retired on October 1, 1956.

He is a member of the Beethoven Maennerchor of San Antonio, having served on the Board of Directors for three years, San Antonio Machine & Supply Company Quarter Century Club, Fredericksburg Reunion Association and National Association of Power Engineers.

Leroy T. Willms, the first child of Tobias and Emilie Eckhardt Willms, was born on January 2, 1917 in Fredericksburg. He attended Los Angeles Heights Elementary School and graduated from Edison High School.

He worked as draftsman for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, San Antonio, from 1936 to 1937 and from 1937 to 1940 worked for Texas Ice and Fuel Company at Houston, Texas. After his discharge from service he was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and is at present Exchange Repairman.

Leroy entered the United States Army in 1940 in the 36th Division, 143rd Infantry, 3rd Battalion Headquarters Company. He spent 29 months overseas in the Battalion Wire & Radio Section. He was in the invasion of Italy, landing at Salerno on D day. After fighting in Italy, he was in the invasion of Southern France in 1944 and ended fighting at the edge of Munich in 1945. He received his discharge on August 8, 1945.

On September 2, 1945, Leroy Willms and Olinda Strackbein were married in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Doss by Rev. Burnotte. To this union three daughters were born; Diane Olinda, Gaelyn Alene and Lynette Evon.

They are members of the St. John's Lutheran



Church of San Antonio.

They are members of the Fredericksburg Reunion Association of San Antonio.

Their present address is 1213 Bandera Highway in San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Olinda Willms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Strackbein, was born on April 15, 1919 at Doss. She attended school at Doss.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Doss and served as Secretary of the Luther League. She is Secretary-Treasurer of St. John's Lutheran Church Circle #8 and Cradle Roll Workers in San Antonio.

She is a member of the Doss Improvement Club at Doss and the Woodlawn Hills PTA of which she is Treasurer.

Diane Olinda Willms, the first child of Leroy and Olinda Willms, was born on November 26, 1946 in San Antonio, Texas. She is attending Woodlawn Hills School and St. John's Lutheran Sunday School and is a member of the children's choir.

Gaelyn Alene Willms, the second child of Leroy and Olinda Willms, was born on March 29, 1948 in San Antonio. She is attending Woodlawn Hills School and the St. John's Lutheran Sunday School and is also a member of the children's choir.

Lynette Evon Willms, the third child of Leroy and Olinda Willms, was born on September 20, 1951 in San Antonio. She is attending St. John's Lutheran Sunday School.

Lorene Emilie Willms York, the second child of Tobias and Emilie Eckhardt Willms, was born on January 20, 1920 in San Antonio. She attended Los Angeles Heights Elementary School (Benjamin Franklin) and graduated from Edison High School.

On June 15, 1940, Lorene Emilie Willms and William Walter York were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio by Rev. A. L. Wolff. To this union three children were born; King William,



Nancy Gayle and Toby Wayne. Toby Wayne was stillborn on December 1, 1955 and was buried in Sunset Memorial Park with Rev. Vernon Mohr officiating.

They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio.

Their present address is 320 Jackson-Keller Road.

William Walter York, son of Wayne A. and Della Brod York, was born March 31, 1916 in San Antonio. He attended St. Ann's Catholic School, Los Angeles Heights Elementary (Benjamin Franklin), Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and graduated from Edison High School.

He was employed by Gulf Oil Company as Service Station Attendant and later at Fair-Maid Bakery. He is presently employed by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as chief switchman.

He is a member of the Y.M.C.A. and Patterson Masonic Lodge.

King William York, the first child of William Walter and Lorene Willms York, was born on June 28, 1945 in San Antonio. He attended Benjamin Franklin Elementary School and recently graduated from this school. He is attending St. John's Lutheran Sunday School and is a member of the Junior Choir at St. John's Lutheran Church and is a member of the Sunday School Baseball League. He is also a member of the Y.M.C.A. and Cub Scouts.

Nancy Gayle York, the second child of William W. and Lorene Willms York, was born on June 11, 1953 in San Antonio. She is attending St. John's Lutheran Sunday School. She has taken several years dancing lessons.





OSWALD AND ERNESTINE ECKHARDT

THE OSWALD ECKHARDT FAMILY

Oswald F. Eckhardt, the ninth child of Adam and Wilhelmina Eckhardt, was born on November 6, 1896 at Rheingold. He attended school at Rheingold and helped work the family farm which he later bought and is still making his home.

On December 23, 1919, Oswald Eckhardt and Ernestine Duecker were married at the St. Paul Lutheran Church at Cave Creek by Rev. Emil A. F. Hannemann.

They are making their home on the old Eckhardt homestead where they are engaged in stock farming. They are members of the Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg.

Their present address is Route 1, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Mrs. Ernestine Eckhardt, daughter of Reinhold



and Amalia Doell Duecker, was born March 19, 1899 at Rheingold. She attended Nebgen and Rheingold Schools.

Amelia W. Dennis, daughter of Oswald and Ernestine Eckhardt, was born at Rheingold on July 3, 1921. She attended school at Rheingold and later attended Draughan's Business College at San Antonio. She was later employed as bookkeeper and payroll supervisor.

On June 27, 1948, Amelia Eckhardt and Ray Dennis were married at San Antonio in the St. John's Lutheran Church by Rev. Mohr. To this union two daughters were born; Patricia Ann and Carolyn Jean. They made their home in San Antonio, later moving to Austin.

They were members of the St. John's Lutheran Church at San Antonio and are now members of the First English Lutheran Church at Austin.

Amelia is a member of the Austin Auxiliary of Life Underwriters.

Their present address is 5706 Shoalwood, Austin, Texas.

Ray Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dennis, was born on December 18, 1922 at Ranger, Texas. He attended school at Ranger, Rotan, South Bend and Crane. Before entering the United States Air Force he was a rancher. After his discharge from the service he was employed as a salesman in San Antonio, later being transferred to Austin. He is now employed by American General Life Insurance Company as life underwriter.

He is a member of the Austin Restaurant Association of which he served as Secretary-Treasurer and served on the Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Texas Life Underwriters Association and the Austin Civilian Club.

Patricia Ann Dennis, the first child of Ray and Amelia Eckhardt Dennis, was born on March 27, 1951 in Austin. She is attending Gullett School in Austin. She is also attending a dancing school where she takes tap, ballet and acrobatic dancing.



Carolyn Jean Dennis, the second child of Ray  
and Amelia Eckhardt Dennis, was born on October 24,  
1956 in Austin.



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