

# The Braeutigam News

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## 1991 Emil Braeutigam Reunion

The 3rd Annual Emil Braeutigam Family Reunion was held at the LBJ State Park in Stonewall, Texas on August 17, 1991. Approximately 60 people attended this year.

The oldest in attendance for Henry Eckhardt at 90 years old and the farthest to travel went to Buddy Braeutigam from Sante Fe, New Mexico. Buddy also was married that morning to Ida Jenicek of San Antonio in the Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Texas. Welcome to the Braeutigam family, Ida!

A meeting was held toward the end of the Reunion and it was decided to have the Reunion on the second Saturday of October for 1992. The reunion will still be at the LBJ State Park in Stonewall, Texas starting at about 3 PM in the afternoon. The same format of families bringing the food and donations for the rental of the park site, ice tea plates, etc. will be used.

## Raymond Braeutigam 50th Anniversary

(FBG Standard-Radio Post, Dec 4, 1991)

Raymond and Irene Braeutigam were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception, dinner and dance Saturday, Nov. 30, at the American Legion Hall.

The festivities were hosted by the couples children and grandchildren, Charles and Raynette Kuenemann, Karl and Kari, of Tyler.

The anniversary cake was a three-tier confection trimmed with gold bows. The bride and groom figurine on the top tier was the same on used on their wedding cake 50 years ago.

Bells and gold and white bows decorated the entrance to the hall. The guest tables were decorated with heart-shaped wooden candleholders, ivy and gold ribbon.

Arrangements of yellow and gold flowers adorned the head and cake tables. Bells,

garlands and gold bows were suspended behind the head table.

Rev. Arnold Schlueter led a short devotional. A scripture reading from I Corinthians was read by the couple's grandson, and their granddaughter sang a song.

Mr. and Mrs. Braeutigam were married Nov. 12, 1941 in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church by Rev. Otto Lindenberg. He is the son of Henry and Clara Gold Braeutigam, while Mrs. Braeutigam is the former Irene Baag, daughter of Frank and Ida Schmidt Baag.

Their wedding attendants were Pryor and Dora Eckhardt Mogford, the late Egon Braeutigam and the late Lorene Willms York.

Mr. and Mrs. Braeutigam reside in the Rocky Hill community where they are engaged in ranching and raising peaches. They are members of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church.

## Lots of Braeutigam photographs

A recent visit with John and Sue Foy of Bryan, Texas resulted in numerous photographs that will be used in the new Braeutigam Family History. Included in this find are photographs of several members of the Schuchard family, a family portrait of the H.E. Runnels family, several photos of the Runnels girls, a photo of the four Corby boys, a photo of Wolfgang Braeutigam (1889-1952), and a photo of the Henry Braeutigam family in front of the home at Ft. Martin Scott around 1908. Just about every family was represented in this treasure chest of photographs.

## Texas Monthly Guidebook

The latest issue of Texas Monthly Guidebooks--Hill Country Completely Revised 3rd Edition mentions John W. Braeutigam and the Ft. Martin Scott History.

After purchasing the 1st edition in the mid 1980s David W. Braeutigam wrote the author a letter to suggest adding the Braeutigam history with the Ft. Martin Scott section. Apparently the author took his advice and it is almost word for word in the latest edition.

This is also a great guidebook for the weekend trips to the Hill Country. It gives great detail on places to visit, etc.

## **Need info on August Braeutigam and Pampells of Kerrville, Texas**

David Braeutigam is trying to finish up research on the August Braeutigam family that lived in Kerrville, Texas. August and his wife, Nellie, had one daughter-Anna who married John Pampell. They had one son-Milton who married Louise Purdue. This family has all passed away with no photographs handed down to other families. I am trying to locate more photographs of the August Braeutigam's and his blacksmith shop in Kerrville. Also photographs of the Pampells and the drugstore they owned. Any other information that you may pass along would also be helpful so that we may complete their family history.

Please send information to David Braeutigam on what you remember of this family.

## **More Braeutigam photographs**

David Braeutigam recently talked to a Mr. James Schuchard of Lubbock, Texas and obtained photographs of Mr. Schuchard's grandparents--Charles Schuchard and Anna Braeutigam Schuchard taken around 1875. He also let David borrow a photograph of Anna's older brother August Braeutigam that is a tin-type photo! These are excellent additions to the Braeutigam history.

## **Little Known Braeutigam Facts**

Did you know that when the Valentin Braeutigam family first came over to Texas in 1845, that part of the 'package deal' was that

Valentin would get 640 acres of land? 320 acres of land would go to the Fischer and Miller who arranged the immigration and the rest would go to Valentin as long as he settled on the land in 5 years and farmed the land. This land was located in the southeast corner of McCullough county. Since Valentin Braeutigam died at Indianola, the land passed onto his heirs. The Braeutigams never settled on this land. It was full of Comanche Indians, so Valentin's wife, Maria Braeutigam traded the land for a saddle.

David Braeutigam has located this document at the Texas State Archives in Austin, Texas. He has a copy of the surveyor notes with detailed drawings and locations of boundaries of the land.

## **Need those family histories!**

David has already started work on the latest issue of the Braeutigam Family History. This means he needs the relatives to start writing about themselves. He would like to have a book published by the end of 1992, so you better start writing. It will take a while to sort and type them all into the computer. You may also send your histories on a computer disk (3.5 inch preferred) to David if you have a computer. Please also send a family picture (4 x 5 or similar size is OK) of each family. Please name each family member in the photograph.

Below are some hints on the format that is to be used in the new book.

1. When writing about a family--write it as if you are a person outside of the family (for example do not write that I did this etc).
2. When referring to an aunt or Grandparent--do not use nicknames, unless referenced at the beginning of the story. It makes it confusing, because your aunt might be my second cousin and I would be confused on who you are referring to. Instead of writing Aunt Tilly--write Mathilda *or* you may first write Aunt Tilly (Mathilda Braeutigam Kott) and then you may write Aunt Tilly afterwards.
3. Persons with multiple marriages, we need as much information on the ex-spouses as possible. If you had children by this ex-spouse, then we definitely need birth date and place, baptismal

date and place (not needed if unable to find), marriage date and place, death date and place, burial date and place. I would also like the parents' names of the spouse also. Please include the maiden name of the spouses' mother. This might not be important to you anymore but it is important to the children of these two people. Marriages that ended in divorce with no children, you may skip the major information, but a marriage date and place would be the minimum information needed. If no birthdate etc. can be found then that is OK.

4. If you do not feel you can write about yourself or your family, just send me as many facts as possible and I will write it for you. I will send it back to you for your approval before printing.

Remember any corrections or additions to the first Braeutigam Family History should also be made as soon as possible. Send all replies to the address on the front page.

## **Marktplatz News**

Well, after trying to get some of the relatives to pay for a Johann Wolfgang Braeutigam brick for the Marktplatz one of the relatives steps forward and pays for it all! He would like to remain unknown until a later date. David did receive some money for the brick for Wolfgang, and now he would like to put that money for a brick for Wolfgang's wife-Christine Kensing Braeutigam. Typically a check for \$10 or \$15 is the typical gift. Make the checks payable to David Braeutigam and he will then pay the \$150 for a brick as soon as there is enough money.

## **David attends Genealogy Symposium**

David Braeutigam recently attended a genealogy symposium in Dallas recently. He learned several ways to prepare a family history for publication and even obtained a few genealogical publishers' names and addresses. The speaker has published several family histories and brought them in for examination. David now feels that we may put many **more** photographs in the family history without

making the book too expensive. So if there are family photographs you feel **must** go into the new family history, please forward a copy of the photograph to David Braeutigam. Any originals can not be returned until after the printing of the book.

## **Richard Brautigam Reunion in 1992**

The Richard Brautigam Family Reunion will be held again in 1992. Richard Valentin Andreas Braeutigam was the fifth child born to Johann Wolfgang Braeutigam and Christine Kensing Braeutigam. Richard was born on 3 December, 1859 in the Grape Creek area of Gillespie County (what is known as Luckenbach today). He was baptized on 21 September, 1860 at the Vereins-Kirche in Fredericksburg, Texas. Baptismal witnesses were Valentin Hopf and Andreas Marschall (Wolfgang Braeutigam's brother-in-laws).

The reunion will be held in May 1992 in Cushing, Texas. Please contact David Braeutigam for more information early in 1992 as he should have all the information by then.

## **Old copies of The Braeutigam News are available**

Several people have asked for past issues of The Braeutigam News. I will be happy to mail out as many past issues as you would like. Please just send a dollar or two to cover the postage.

## **Trip to Germany planned!**

Dennis Braeutigam and Don Brautigam (both of California) are planning on a trip to Germany in the Spring of 1992. Both plan on meeting in Germany to trace our ancestors back to the home town of Kaltenlengsfeld. If you look on a detailed map of Germany, you can first locate Frankfurt, then go northeast to Fulda and then east to Meinengen. Kaltenlengsfeld is just west of Meinengen, just inside the old border of East Germany.