

The Braeutigam News

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Lochte-Gold Marry Saturday in Holy Ghost

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Sophie A. Gold and David L. Lochte were married Saturday, Jan. 18, at 3 p.m. in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church with Rev. James Bouzard and Rev. Charles Ager officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gold. She is a 1984 graduate of Fredericksburg High School, and is self employed as a pastry chef.

Mr. and Mrs. F.C. Lochte are the parents of the groom. He is a 1983 graduate of FHS, and is employed in the family business, Lochte Eggs.

Arrangements of lavender and white mixed flowers were place on the altar.

Mrs. John McClusky played traditional nuptial music on the organ. Mark Niles of San Antonio accompanied himself on the guitar and sang "The Wedding Song".

For her wedding, the bride wore a candlelight denier gown created by her mother. The gown featured leg-o-mutton sleeves and a fitted princess-style bodice covered in Norman rose lace. The full waltz-length skirt fell to the scalloped edge of her ankle-high lace-up boots.

In her hair, she wore a lace bow centered with a antique pearl brooch worn at the nape of her neck. She carried a nosegay of silk lavender alstroemeria, white forget-me-nots, pearl stems and purple potpourri sachets.

She also wore an antique locket and matching bracelet belonging to her fraternal grandmother, the late Sophie Braeutigam Gold.

Twila Nightingale of Bulverde was her sister's matron of honor. Stephanie Wallace and Pamela Wallace, cousins and foster children of the bride, were the junior bridesmaid and flower girl, respectively.

The matron of honor wore a solid purple dress, while the junior bridesmaid wore a purple print dress. The flower girl wore purple print party pants. All three outfits featured large white line wrap-around collars on double-breasted bodices.

Michael Lochte of San Antonio was his brother's best man. Stephan Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harper of Bulverde, was the junior groomsman.

Serving as ushers were Kevin Engel and Raymond Gold, Jr.

A reception and buffet dinner followed at the American Legion Hall.

The hall was decorated with lavender and purple bells, bows and flowers with ferns and ivy scattered throughout.

The bride created both wedding cakes. The three-tier peach chiffon bride's cake was iced in almond creme and decorated with lavender silk flowers. A bride and groom ornament used on the groom's parent's cake was used.

The two-tiered chocolate groom's cake was iced in chocolate creme and topped with pecans. A John Deere tractor and ceramic pig topped the cake.

Following a wedding trip to Port O'Connor, the couple is making their home south of Fredericksburg.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents on Friday, Jan. 17, at Andy's Diner.

David locates help in Germany

David Braeutigam has located a person in Germany that both speaks English and will do some searching for him! While he was reading messages on an electronic bulletin board (CompuServe™) he notice one that mentioned the individual lived in Hamburg, Germany. Dave sent him (Christoph Dernbach) an

electronic message to see if he would help locate Braeutigams in Germany. It ends up that Christoph is from the Kaltenlengsfeld area (but on the old West German side) and lived there for 18 years. Christoph has since gone to Kaltenlengsfeld and talked to a Hans and Alfred Bräutigam. Christoph offered to translate a letter for David to Hans and from Hans to David!

David did receive the photographs and the translated letter recently. Attached is the original letter and the translation.

Little Known Braeutigam Facts

Did you know that Johann Wolfgang Braeutigam had two sisters? His oldest sister was named Anna Elise Braeutigam. She married August Schoenewolf in Germany and they had three children. August apparently died in Germany and she married Valentin Hopf in Fredericksburg. They had two children. The grandson of August and Anna Schoenewolf was Frank van der Stucken--the famous Germany Composer around the turn of the century. The other sister was Eva Elise Braeutigam. She was married to Caspar Marschall and they had nine children.

Braeutigam Relatives in the News!

A new book was recently published--*Coming to Terms The German Hill Country of Texas*. It was photographed by Wendy Watriss and Fred Baldwin and the Essay is by Lawrence Goodwyn. On page 49 of this book is a photograph of Clara Luckenbach.

The book is a collection of photographs taken in the German Hill County area during the late 1970s.

Runnels Relatives Found

David Braeutigam has located some of the Runnel's descendants. He has talked to a Mrs. Howard of San Marcos, Texas. Her husband was the son of Walter and Bessie Howard. She has already updated her portion of the family

history by sending David a letter telling about their life.

David has also located the Swift family. Arthur Swift and Cora Runnels were married in 1904 and had 8 children. David was talking to Vivian Geyer Drake in Austin, Texas and Vivian mentioned that she thought some Swifts lived in Uvalde, Texas. David found the Swifts in Uvalde through a nationwide computerized phonebook. It seems the Swifts also wrote a family history about twenty years ago. They are sending David a copy so he may transfer some of it to the new Braeutigam History. David will also contact the rest of the Swift family for updates, etc.

David has contacted the Baldwin family. Tom Baldwin and Leola Runnels were married in 1910 and had three children. David has contacted a relative to Tom and Leola's only son, Tom, Jr. She lives in Wyoming and will help David with the Baldwin family history.

David is now trying to locate the James and Bertha Jennie Forsyth (or is it Forsythe) family. Can anyone help with this family?

David is also looking for the Doss Butler and Lillie Runnels Butler family members. He has talked to Doss Butler, Jr. (from a different mother--after Lillie died Doss, Sr. married a Corby family member) but Doss, Jr. could not remember anything about them. The names of the children are: Margaret Butler--born in 1914 and Maurice Butler--born in 1917. Maurice had two children by Francis Ricks-Elizabeth and Robert Butler. Maurice also had a son, Maurice, Jr., by another marriage. Any help would be appreciated.

David is looking for the families of Albert S. and Annie G. Smith. They had one son named Hampton and lived in Topeka, Kansas. When and where was Albert Smith born and when did he die. Also what happened to Hampton Smith? David has hired a researcher in Topeka to help with this family, but any more information will be appreciated.

David has visited Don and May Belle Beasley's daughter, Florence Beasley Pugh, who just happens to also live in Arlington, Texas! David has loaned her the Braeutigam History

(from 1970) for her to read. She is very interested in helping update the Runnels family.

Remember the smallest amount of information can sometimes be very helpful. Just by remembering that *some of the Swifts might live in Uvalde*, that whole family has been located!

Richard Brautigam Family Reunion

May 29-31 of 1992 will be the Richard and Bertha Brautigam family reunion in Cushing, Texas. Relatives from all over the country plan on flying out for this reunion which is held every other year.

Contact Marge Womack at 1012 Mobile, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70605 or phone her at 318-477-7203 for more information.

Emil Braeutigam Family Reunion

October 3rd of 1992 will be the Annual Emil Braeutigam family reunion at LBJ State Park in Stonewall, Texas. Due to prior reservations taken for the weekend of the 10th, the Emil Braeutigam reunion has been moved up to the 3rd.

Tentative plans call for it to begin about 3 pm with supper around 5 or 6 pm. We will still provide plasticware, ice, tea, coffee, plates, napkins, etc. All food must be brought by the families to eat.

Call David Braeutigam for further information at 817-652-2952.

H. E. Runnels, Indian War Veteran, Passes

(San Marcos Record, March 30, 1934)

Hardin E. Runnels, 85, Indian war veteran and for 52 years an honored citizen of San Marcos, died at his home, 217 East Hutchison Street, at 12:05 (noon) Thursday, March 29, 1934. He had been in bad health for over a year and his immediate illness had continued for several weeks.

Mr. Runnels was born August 8, 1849 at Brookridge, Va, and came to Texas when quite

young. In his early manhood he served in Company B, Eighth Regiment of Calvary, most of his service being in connection with the suppression of Indian raids on the frontier and he could give many interesting and thrilling experiences which transpired during this period. He retired from active business here some fifteen years ago.

He was married at Fredericksburg October 19, 1880 to Miss Emma Braeutigam, to which union was born nine girls. Of these two are dead, Mrs. Lillie Butler and Mrs. Leola Baldwin. Those surviving are, Mrs. Jas. Forsythe, Forest Hill, La.; Mrs. Howard Swift, Uvalde; Mrs. A. S. Smith, Topeka, Kan.; Mrs. Fred Geyer, San Antonio; Mrs. Garnett Smith, Lucas, Ky; Mrs. Walter Howard and Mrs. Don Beasley, San Marcos.

Funeral Services will be at the home at 3:30 p.m., Friday with interment in the city cemetery.

Marktplatz Brick for Christine K. Braeutigam

David Braeutigam has received several checks from family members to provide a brick for the Fredericksburg Marktplatz. David thanks those who wanted to contribute to this worthwhile project. David will go ahead and send a check in for the brick. Now Johann Wolfgang Braeutigam and his wife Christine Kensing Braeutigam will have their names on the bricks at the new Marktplatz in downtown Fredericksburg.

Founders Day in Fredericksburg

May 6, 1992 was the 146 birthday of the founding of Fredericksburg. To celebrate this year and the coming years, the Gillespie County Historical Society has decided to honor several of the original families of Gillespie County. This year the Braeutigam family was one of the ten families honored.

Several members of the family brought pictures and family treasures to display the history of the Braeutigam family. David W.

Braeutigam gave a five minute talk on the Braeutigam history to about 300 guests at the Founders Day Celebration in the social hall of the old Methodist Church.