

The Braeutigam News

A Newsletter for the Descendants of John Wolfgang and Christine Kensing Braeutigam
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1990 Emil Braeutigam Reunion

The 2nd Annual Emil Braeutigam Family Reunion was held again at the LBJ State Park in Stonewall, Texas on August 18, 1990.

The Reunion started at 2 PM and continued until approximately 7 PM that night. From 2 PM until 5 PM people checked in at the registration desk, looked over old photographs and talked to old friends.

Photographs of all the families present started at 5 PM and this year an attempt was made to photograph everyone present at the Reunion with a special wide angle camera brought for that purpose.

Dinner was served after the pictures were taken. Jerry Braeutigam gave the opening prayer. After the dinner, there was a business meeting to give out awards and discuss the plans of future reunions. The Youngest family member present went to Paige Hoffman, who was 12 days old, the Oldest family member present was Harry Eckhardt at 89 years old, and the farthest to travel went to Michael Braeutigam who is from El Paso.

There was discussion of opening the reunion to all of the Braeutigams for the upcoming reunion. After discussion it was decided that a vote should be taken and it was 29 'against' and 2 'for' a John Wolfgang Braeutigam Reunion (this is Emil Braeutigam's father). It was decided that we should continue this way for at least another year or two and then vote again. It was also decided to continue having the

Reunion on the 3rd Saturday of August. So make your plans now for 1991!

Officers were elected to plan the 3rd Annual Emil Braeutigam Family Reunion. Those officers are Margaret Mueller, Donald Eckhardt, David Braeutigam, and Karl Braeutigam. David Braeutigam will be getting with those fellow officers to start the initial plans for next year.

Andreas Braeutigam Located

David Braeutigam recently purchased the *Kirchen-Buch* at the Vereins Kirche in Fredericksburg during his last visit. This is a translation of the Church Records Book of the Vereins-Kirche from 1849-1870 by Ella Gold. This book contains baptisms, marriages, deaths, and confirmations done at the Vereins-Kirche during the early years of Fredericksburg.

David has been looking for several Braeutigam's that came over with the Vereins in the early 1840s but has not been able to locate where they ended up in Texas. David found the name Andreas Bräutigam listed as a witness to a baptism for the Heinrich Donecker family in Fredericksburg on November 2, 1851. He also found that on Sunday Palmarum in 1852 Andreas Bräutigam was confirmed, but Andreas' name does not show up anywhere else in the book.

David has found Andreas' name listed as coming over to Texas on the *Garrone* in the early 1845s. The book did not list where he ended up, but this book shows he ended up in Fredericksburg.

This book also gives invaluable information since it does list the witnesses of the baptisms, which many times are the people the child is named for. It also list the baptism date for the majority of the children born to John Wolfgang and Christine Braeutigam.

Photographs Needed of the Original 8 Families

I need to start collecting copies of any family portraits of the original eight families of John Wolfgang and Christine Kensing Braeutigam. I would like to have the Father and Mother listed below with as many children as possible to be present in the photograph.

I know for the Emil and Anna Braeutigam family I have only seen Emil, Anna and three children so far in a picture together. I think having more photographs would make an excellent addition to a future edition of the Braeutigam Family History. Below is a list of families that I need to get started:

1. August and Nellie Braeutigam
2. Charles and Anna Schuchardt
3. Richard and Bertha Braeutigam
4. Hardin and Emma Runnels
5. Otto and Minna Braeutigam
6. Emil and Anna Braeutigam
7. William and Christine Corby
8. Henry and Clara Braeutigam

So please contact me at the address at the beginning of this newsletter if you have any photographs that could be used in the future edition. I will be happy to reimburse you for any expense.

Original Braeutigam Homestead Monument in Planning Stage

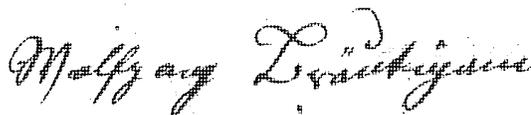
Christine Boerner, of Luckenbach Texas, is interested in putting up a monument/historical marker to mark the original homestead of the Braeutigams, which is located in the Luckenbach area. Adolph and Christine Boerner along with Christine's sister, Clara Luckenbach, live near the original Braeutigam homestead of the early 1850's. John Wolfgang and Christina Braeutigam raised most of their children here before moving to the old Ft. Martin Scott location in 1870.

You may contact Christine Boerner at the following address if you would like more information:

Christine Boerner
HC 13 Box 41
Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Little Known Braeutigam Facts

Below is a copy of Wolfgang Braeutigam's signature as it appeared on the petition to form Gillespie County signed back in 1847. Note the difference of the 'W' which looks like an 'M' in Wolfgang and the 'B' in Bräutigam that looks like an 'L'. I have been told that is because of the old German script! The only way I found this out was his name is because of a translation someone else did in a book I purchased. John Wolfgang later changes the way he signs his name in some other documents I have.



Remember to Mail me information to be printed in this newsletter. I will be happy to share graduations, marriages, births, new addresses, etc., to all of the rest of the clan. Just mail them to me at the address at the beginning of this newsletter. I hope to be printing more of these newsletters--maybe quarterly if I receive enough information to pass on.