



**August Braeutigam<sup>1</sup>**



**Nellie Braeutigam<sup>2</sup>**

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### **Johann August Braeutigam**

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**Born:** 25 November 1851 in Grape Creek, Gillespie County, Texas.

**Baptized:** 1 February, 1852 at the Vereins-Kirche, Fredericksburg, Gillespie County, Texas.

**Married:** 3 October, 1874 in Marysville, California.

**Died:** 13 August, 1916 in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

**Buried:** 14 August, 1916 at Glen Rest Cemetery in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

**Nellie Haddock**

**Born:** 7 August, 1857 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

**Baptized:**

**Died:** 13 August, 1942 in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

**Buried:** 15 August, 1942 at Glen Rest Cemetery in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

Johann August Braeutigam was born the 25th of November in 1851 at Drie Kricken, Texas<sup>3</sup>. August was baptized at the Vereins-Kirche in Fredericksburg on the 1st of February 1852<sup>4</sup>. August attended the Grape Creek School and later the Luckenbach School. August's name is found among the pupils from 1860 to 1870 when Hermann Topperwein was the teacher. The schools of

that day were very crude buildings with home made tables and benches. Very few books and a shortage of pencils and slates were common. Thus most of the learning was done orally and taught in the German language.

In 1870, the Braeutigam family sold the homestead at Luckenbach and move just outside of Fredericksburg at the abandoned Ft. Martin Scott. By this time August was 18 years old and probably helped his father in the building of the new home.

August had mastered the art of horseshoeing, wheelwright and blacksmith so he was asked to go on the long cattle drives to the north. August probably left on a cattle drive with Sam and Tom Johnson<sup>5</sup>. August found the trail driving life not to his liking and along with another man was given two horses and they went west. They passed through the Black Hills of North Dakota, the big blue skies of Montana and finally to Sacramento, California.

Upon arrival in Sacramento he hung up his saddle and pistol, then left a note on his pistol stating that whoever wanted it could claim it. Although he was an expert marksman he had no desire to keep his pistol and was through with his adventure. He bought a blacksmith shop in a small place known as Gridley Station. It was here in California where August met his future wife, Nellie Haddock. They were married in Marysville,

California on 3 October, 1874.

Nellie was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haddock of England. The Haddock's left England with two small boys to come to America and eventually to California where some of the relatives were settled at Marysville, California. In Chicago, one of the boys became ill and died. By that time it was too late for Mrs. Haddock to travel as she was pregnant with Nellie. Nellie was born August 7, 1857 in Chicago, Illinois. Because of the hardship of travel with a new baby, the Haddocks returned to the East Coast, went to Panama, crossed the Isthmus on a small trolley or train and went up the Pacific coast to settle at Gridley Station near Marysville. Nellie grew up as one of the thirteen children that were born to Rosetta Holt of London, England and Robert Haddock of Durham, England.

August and Nellie's only child, Annie, was born on August 25, 1875 at Gridley Station, California.

In 1877, the August Braeutigam's moved to Comanche, Texas where he established a large rock blacksmith shop. The remains of what is left are still to be found at Comanche.



**Tin Type photo of August Braeutigam<sup>6</sup>**

From Comanche they moved to Laredo, Texas where August owned a grocery store. After five years, they moved to Fredericksburg, Texas, where he inherited 44 acres from his father east of the Baron's Creek at a point where the old San Antonio Road and Austin

Highway fork. In September of 1884, August established another blacksmith shop called the "Tool Box" on this land.

In 1885, August moved his family to Kerrville, Texas. Emil Braeutigam, his younger brother, became the owner of the "Tool Box". In Kerrville, August opened another blacksmith shop on Water Street. The August Braeutigam's lived next door to his Blacksmith Shop and Mr. L. A. Schreiner and Mr. A. C. Schreiner lived across the street. The Braeutigams would live at this address for the next thirty years while operating the blacksmith shop for another twenty years.

Milton Pampell, August's grandson, recalls the days when as a young boy he would watch his grandfather at work. Milton was given a small leather apron to wear and never was allowed to come in to shop without shoes on in order to protect him from the sparks while forging the iron and the cinders that might be found on the ground.

Mr. B. L. Enderle remembers well when he grew up in Kerrville how the freight wagons would stop at the Braeutigam blacksmith shop. "Mr. Braeutigam, a beloved gentleman would service and repair the wagons while a hired hand would shoe the horses."

August Braeutigam was elected as a long term alderman for the newly incorporated city of Kerrville for the years 1890 - 1893.<sup>7</sup>

August was troubled with a diseased heart but was fairly active during his retirement. He passed away on August 13, 1916. He was laid to rest in Glen Rest Cemetery with both Bishop Johnston of the Episcopal Church and Reverend Schleifer of the Lutheran Church officiating. August was a Lutheran, being baptized at the Vereins-Kirche in Fredericksburg, Texas. Nellie was an Episcopalian. Religious harmony was exemplified during their forty years of married life.

### **Children:**

Annie Braeutigam 25 August, 1875 - 11 September, 1932.

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#### **Annie Braeutigam**

**Born:** 25 August, 1875 in Gridley Station, California.

**Baptized:**

**Died:** 11 September, 1932 in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

**Buried:** 12 September, 1932 at Glen Rest Cemetery in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

#### **John Lee Pampell**

**Born:** 8 February, 1871, Brenham, Washington County, Texas.

**Baptized:**

**Married:** 15 November, 1892 in Kerrville, Kerr County,

Texas.

**Died:** 14 November, 1958 in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

**Buried:** 15 November, 1958 at Glen Rest Cemetery in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.



**Annie Braeutigam Pampell<sup>8</sup>**

Annie Braeutigam was born at Gridley Station, California on the 25th of August, 1875. She was the only child of August and Nellie Braeutigam. At the age of one, her family moved from California to Comanche, Texas. At the age of five the family moved to Laredo, Texas where Annie attended the Laredo Seminary. After living in Laredo for five years, the family moved to Fredericksburg. Here Annie received much of her education at the Vereins-Kirche, the public school of Fredericksburg. At the age of ten or eleven the family moved to Kerrville, Texas. In Kerrville, Annie attended school at the Union Church and at the Wilson home on Jefferson Street. After the age of eleven, Annie attended St. Mary's Hall in San Antonio, Texas where she learned music and art. She took painting lessons from Miss Scott (Mrs. Irving) a sister to Mrs. A. C. Schreiner. Her first painting was a snow scene at the age of 13.

Annie was confirmed into the Episcopal Church and was actively associated with the guilds and other church societies. Annie worked heartily with others to bring about the erection of the new edifice at the

Episcopal Church in Kerrville. Annie would later write the history of St. Peter's Church in Kerrville.<sup>9</sup>

Annie was married to John Lee Pampell on 15 November, 1892 in the home of her parents at the early hour of 5 a.m. Reverend J. A. Antrim, Rector of St. Peter Church, officiated. The young couple took the 5:40 a.m. train for a bridal tour of the principal cities of the state. Upon their return, the couple occupied the cottage erected by her father, August Braeutigam.

John L. Pampell chose Kerrville because of his ill health, "Destiny played a hand in my decision to select Kerrville as a permanent residence through ill health. After leaving Brenham, Texas, and arriving in Kerrville, July the fourth 1890, the first friend I made was Dick Renschel, who gave me a welcome and an introduction into the hospitable home of his brother, H. Renschel.

"I accepted a position as "express messenger" on San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad about four years after the coming of the railroad into this section of the country and also gave me my first experience of earning a livelihood after departing from the sheltering arms of my father and his mercantile business in Brenham. I was impressed, at first by the sight, of the beautiful hills, the fine Guadalupe River and the splendid class of people who were found, not carrying six shooters nor lacking in their welcome to a stranger. The town was a thriving village of about 1,500 people. Capt. Schreiner's store, his residence, the St. Charles Hotel, and Dr. Parson's livery stable, with the dance hall above, were the chief buildings except the court house and the Union Church, where all the denominations worshipped.

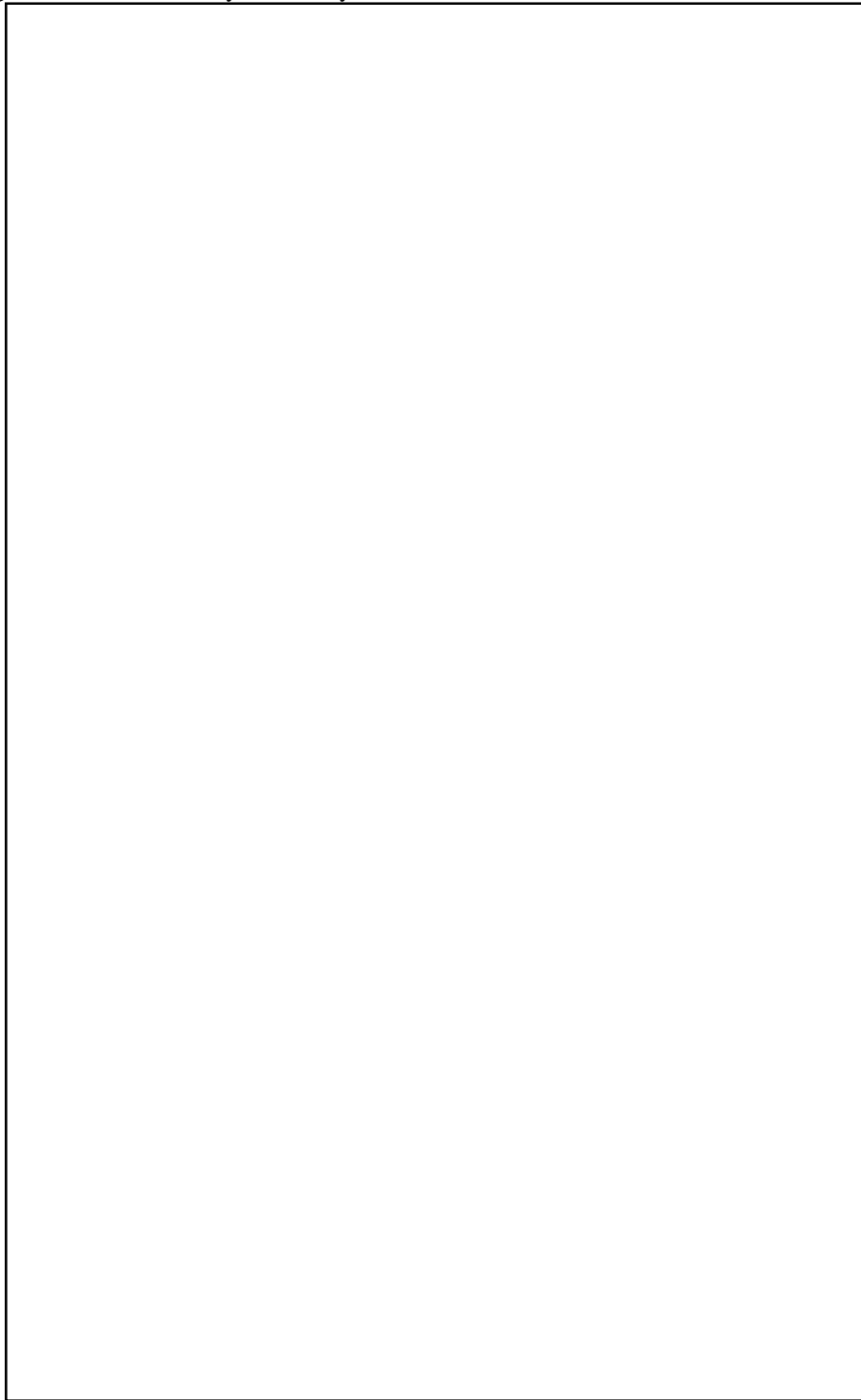
There were no sidewalks worth speaking of and we had to cling to upright cedar pickets fencing in rainy weather to keep from bogging in the mud. Water was hauled in barrels and delivered to consumers at 10¢ a barrel, but the flowers grew and blossomed as profusely for the energetic gardeners as they do today with the greater abundance of water that we now have. It was not uncommon to see hauling done by oxen, daily trudging along. Cows from private homes were driven to the pastures to graze around the town, night and morning, in substantial herds through the streets.

My first small business place was an 'Ice Cream Parlor and Confectionery,' where the present wool warehouse now stands, which I opened six months after my arrival, with the small amount of \$600 of my own earnings. The cows would leisurely pass my establishment, and help themselves to a cabbage or a bunch of bananas, and continue on their way.

The town was literally filled with tourists and health-seekers that had already learned of this splendid health resort. There were people from all parts of the globe. When the new wool warehouse was erected, I was moved to a building where the post office is now located, and in 1899, I purchased and removed to my third and present location where the property was then known as the 'Gregory Hotel.'

Many pleasant recollections remain in my memory of my first friends, mingle with the sadness for the lost and forgotten former citizens, who helped to make Kerrville the thriving and successful city of today.

Favorite pleasures and pastimes were camp meetings, barbecues, picnics, old-fashioned dances where real fiddlers played the music and the hat was passed for pay.



**October 1939 advertisement for Pampell's Drugstore in the Kerrville Times**

The old-fashioned boarding house flourished, and pie was not a rarity at breakfast and ladies' trains trailed down the dusty streets of yesterday.

One of the most popular diversions was horse racing for which the public would come miles to witness. Large sums of money would be bet by the owners. These races were held in what is know as the Tivy Flats, where a number of modern homes now stand. The river was alive with fish and the woods full of deer and turkey and it was no unusual thing to hear coyotes yelp around the little city. Pecans were yours for the picking and I have seen wagon loads brought in by ranchmen and farmers. The best offer from buyers would be perhaps two cents per pound. Cord wood sold for \$1.50 a cord and chickens were two for 25 cents, and nice frying-size chickens could be bought for 10 cents each. Wild honey and venison were peddled on the streets."<sup>10</sup>

John L. Pampell purchase the lot and building which was know as the Gregory Hotel and Store in May 1901. One month later he began remodeling the second floor of this building, making it into an opera house which would seat 450 people. The seats were wooden folding chairs which could be removed for dances and other activities not requiring seats. A stage was built at the south end of the building on the side nearest to the river. The outside stairway remained, however, and an inside stairway was built so the theater patrons could go to the first floor of the building for cold drinks, candy and ice cream during intermission and at the close of the performances. Candy, ice cream, and soda water were made in the building by Mr. Pampell.

The remodeled building was ready for the first production in March, 1902, seven months after it had been purchased by John L. Pampell.

Opening of the Pampell Opera House was on March 10, 1902, at which time, Mr. Samuel Sieger, advertised at one of the greatest Mandolin players the world has ever know, appeared in concert. Admission to the concert was 50¢, and to the grand ball, 25¢ per couple.

In 1904, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Pampell attended the World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri, and while there purchased tables and chairs, a fountain and other furniture for the candy and cold drink part of the first floor of the Opera House. When the fountain was installed the outward appearance of the building was changed, as stucco was placed on the outer walls, and additional windows added.

The Pampell Opera House was used for the graduation classes of Tivy High School in Kerrville, from 1902 through 1910. The seating capacity of 450 was the largest in Kerrville at that time. Mrs. Aimee Schmerbeck, daughter of Kerr County Judge W. G. Garrett (member of the Texas legislature in 1903) recalls her graduation exercises in the Opera House in 1903, when she gave the Salutatorian address. She also remembers attending Christmas parties there and hearing her mother discussed

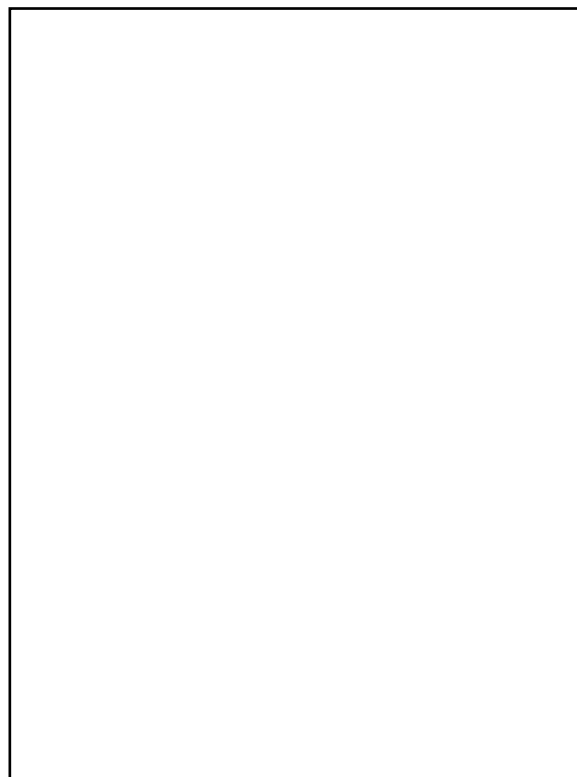
attending social events and concerts in the Opera House.

After 1910 interest in traveling shows, local talent, including local talent was declining. The Pampell Opera House exhibited almost entirely motion pictures.

In 1928 the building was remodeled, brick was placed on the outside walls, the floor of the Opera House was remodeled, and a decorative balcony was placed along the east wall. The stage was used as a storage area for the bottling works and candy factory.<sup>11</sup>

#### Children:

Milton Louis Pampell 14 November, 1898 - 26 May, 1974.



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##### **Milton Louis Pampell**

**Born:** 14 November, 1898, Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

**Baptized:** 30 April, 1899 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.<sup>12</sup>

**Married:** 27 September, 1921 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

**Died:** 26 May, 1974 in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

**Buried:** 28 May 1974 at Glen Rest Cemetery in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

### **Lucile Pardue**

**Born:** 7 August, 1907 at Memphis, Hall County, Texas.

**Baptized:** at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

**Died:** 8 September, 1987 in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

**Buried:** 9 September, 1987 at Glen Rest Cemetery in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

Milton Louis Pampell was born in Kerrville, Texas on 14 November, 1898. While Annie Pampell was pregnant with Milton, she worked on a silk patchwork quilt from May to November of 1898. This quilt is on display at the Schreiner Museum in Kerrville, Texas.<sup>13</sup>

As a youth, Milton was among the first in Kerrville to join Boy Scout Troop No. 1, formed in Kerrville in 1910, the first in the United States.<sup>14</sup>

Milton received his public school education at Tivy Public School in Kerrville. After one year of High School in Kerrville, Milton was sent to the San Antonio Academy, a private school, from which he graduated in 1919. During World War I he attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Milton later attended Draughons Business College in Galveston, Texas and after finishing his course he went into business with his father at the family business, Pampell's Drug Store. Milton's job at the store was the soda water and ice cream.

It was during the summer that Milton would meet Lucile Pardue over a limeade in the drugstore. Lucile would spend part of her vacation in Kerrville. It was at this time that Milton's father, John Pampell, encouraged Milton to ask Lucile for a date, because she was a nice looking girl.<sup>15</sup> They were married on September 27, 1921 in San Antonio, Texas.

Lucile was born in Memphis, Texas on August 7, 1902, the daughter of a San Antonio attorney, William Merritt Pardue. Lucile moved to San Antonio at the age of 5 with her family. She would graduate from Main Avenue High School in 1919 and later attended the College of Industrial Arts in Denton, Texas for two years.

After marriage, Milton and Lucile Pampell lived in a beautiful residential area on Virginia Drive. Many pieces of antique furniture from their parents and grandparents along with the beautiful paintings of Milton's mother were always seen in their home.

Milton was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Lucile had grown up in a family of Christian Scientists. She was not allowed to join the church until the age of 16, but Lucile did not want to join. After attending St. Peter's, she found she really enjoyed the people and would later join St. Peter's.<sup>16</sup>

During the 1920s the Pampell store became a pharmacy. Milton finally retired from the drugstore and

sold it to Robert Hood in 1968.

Milton was a member of Kerrville Masonic Lodge No. 697, AF&AM, the San Antonio Scottish Rite Bodies, the American Legion and a veteran of World War I. Milton was also a member of the board of directors of Hill Country Savings and Loan Association. He was a former director of Chas. Schreiner Bank. When Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital was being planned, Mr. Pampell was a member of the advisory board. Milton was also a city commissioner for the years 1928 - 1939.<sup>17</sup>

For many years they owned a ranch at Turtle Creek where they spent many relaxing hours hunting and fishing. They sold the property later in their live.

Milton and Lucile were active members of St. Peter Episcopal Church, the same church of their parents and grandparents. Lucile wrote the history of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and also made several large donations to the church. When Lucile passed on, she left \$10,000 to the church for upkeep and maintenance of the main church building and chapel. Lucile also set up the Lucile P. Pampell and Milton L. Pampell Endowed Scholarship Fund at Shreiner College in Kerrville. This scholarship provides financial aid for young men and women who reside in the Hill Country area.

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<sup>1</sup>Kerrville Daily Times, Hill Country, July 1976, Herbert E. Oehler, CPA

<sup>2</sup>Photo courtesy of John H. Foy, Bryan, Texas.

<sup>3</sup>Drie Kricken was later known as Grape Creek and later became known as Luckenbach.

<sup>4</sup>Witnesses to the baptism were Elisabeth Marschall and August Schönewolf. Kirchen-Buch, Church Record Book of the Vereins-Kirche, 1949-1870, A Translation by Ella A. Gold, Gillespie County Historical Society, 1986.

<sup>5</sup>Christine Luckenbach Boerner interview with David W. Braeutigam 29 March, 1992. Sam Johnson was the Grandfather of Lyndon B. Johnson.

<sup>6</sup>Photo courtesy of James H. Schuchard, Lubbock, Texas.

<sup>7</sup>Kerr County, Texas, 1856 - 1976, Clara Watkins.

<sup>8</sup>Photo courtesy of John H. Foy, Bryan, Texas.

<sup>9</sup>Interview with

<sup>10</sup>J. L. Pampell, Texas Families-Kerr County, Kerrville Public Library.

<sup>11</sup>The Pampell Opera House, Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas by Cecil R. Smith, Kerr County Historical Commission. Reproduced from the files of the Texas Historical Commission Local History Programs.

<sup>12</sup>St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Kerrville, Texas, Parish Registry #1 1894-1911, pg 104 of baptism record. Mr and Mrs Braeutigam were sponsors.

<sup>13</sup>This quilt was donated to the museum by Lucile Pampell. The card explaining the quilt says Annie used all the scraps, including neckties, to make this silk quilt.

<sup>14</sup>Funeral notice for Milton L. Pampell. Kerrville Daily Times, May 28, 1974.

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<sup>15</sup>Contact report with Lucile Pampell by Karen Kilgore and Mark Boyd , Shreiner College, 25 July, 1986.

<sup>16</sup>ibid.

<sup>17</sup>Kerr County, Texas, 1856 - 1976, Clara Watkins.