

The Braeutigam News

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Braeutigam family photographs



Emil Braeutigam probably late 1880s

The Emil Braeutigam photograph is just one example of over 100 photographs and historical documents that David Braeutigam has collected over the past 6 years of Braeutigam research. He has recently put the photographs on a CD (compact disc) that allows for him to access the photographs from his computer.

David is already starting to collect more photographs and plans on having another CD made.

Shelton Braeutigam

(from the Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post, Wed., June 28, 1995)

Shelton Braeutigam, 77, of Comanche died on Sunday, June 25, 1995, in the Comanche Community Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 27, at 2:30 p.m., in the Hall and Chaney Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverends Raymond Jones and Gregg Moore officiating. Interment was in the Sipe Springs Cemetery at Sipe Springs.

Braeutigam was born on Feb. 10, 1918 in Fredericksburg, the son of Felix Adolph Braeutigam and Elsie Francis Herbolt Braeutigam. He married Neoma Wallace on Nov. 13, 1960 in the Stag Creek community near Comanche.

Braeutigam was a retired heavy equipment operator and had worked for highway contractors for many years. He retired in 1983.

He was a member of the Sidney Baptist Church, a member and leader of the Stag Creek Community Club and a board member of the Sipe Springs Cemetery Association.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother, Elsie Francis Braeutigam of Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Herman Geyer

(from the Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post, Wed., November 2, 1994)

Mrs. Herman Geyer, 84, nee Anita Lucille Parr, died on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 1994, in the Hill Country Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services were held on Monday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m., in Der Friedhof with the Rev. David Heidtke officiating. Beckmann Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She was born in Greene, Texas, on March 8, 1910, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parr. She married Herman Geyer in San Antonio in 1954 and he survives. She was a retired bookkeeper.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by the following children and their spouses: Beverly Ann and Bartel Morgan of Houston; Carrollyn and Raymond Deiml of Colorado Springs, CO; Jerry Allan and Rose Mary Geyer of Universal City, and John Wayne and Elizabeth Geyer of Columbus, OH.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Clifford Parr of

Ruston, LA; Chris McDonald of Marion, and Dorothy Nell Pierce of San Antonio.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Delbert Duncan.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the charity of choice.

Family Histories still needed

We still need to get your family histories updated or written and mailed to David W. Braeutigam at the address on the front of this newsletter. We would also like to include as many photographs as possible, so also think about the photograph(s) you would like to include.

Emil Braeutigam Family Reunion-1995

Forty people attended the Emil Braeutigam Family Reunion held October 21st at LBJ State Park in Stonewall, Texas.

The Reunion started at 3:00 p.m. with all the relatives visiting, looking over old photographs that Alice Gold brought and reviewing the family history being updated by David Braeutigam. David also showed a compact disc with 117 photos he has collected of the Braeutigam family he will use in the updated version of the family history. The meal was served at 5:00 p.m. with Margaret Mueller leading the prayer in which Harry Eckhardt was remembered. The families enjoyed two tables full of meat dishes, salads and delicious desserts.

The oldest person in attendance was Cora Braeutigam at 89 years old. The youngest in attendance was Justin Hoffman at four years old (the daughter of Kenneth and Patricia and the great-grandson of Otto and Antonie Braeutigam Eckhardt). The farthest to travel went to David and Tawnya Braeutigam of Arlington, Texas.

It was decided to hold the next Reunion during the last part of October 1996 at the same site and the same format. Buddy Braeutigam will reserve the same spot for next year. David Braeutigam and Kevin Braeutigam will be in

charge of notifying the families of the date for the Reunion next year.

Brian Oehler earns Law Degree

(from the Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post, Wed., June 21, 1995)

Texas Tech University School of Law awarded Brain T. Oehler the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence on May 13.

During his career at Texas Tech, Oehler, who is the grandson of Lillie Braeutigam, of Fredericksburg, and of Hulda Oehler, of Harper, received the 1992-1995 Texas Tech University Regents Scholarship.

In addition, he was a contributing writer and served on the editorial board of the *Texas Bank Lawyer* and he received the 1995 Texas Tech University School of Law Estate Planning Award for outstanding work in the area of estate planning.

Oehler is a 1988 honor graduate of Tivy High School and a 1992 graduate of Texas A&M University's College of Business Administration Honors Program with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

He is the son of Delbert and June Oehler of Kerrville.

Fredericksburg How did it get its name?

When Fredericksburg was founded in 1846 the spelling of the town was Friedrichsburg. It was name in honor of Prince Frederick of Prussia. His full name was Friedrich Wilhelm Ludwig of the House of Hohenzollern (Franconian name). He was born October 30, 1794, took part in the wars of liberation from Napoleon in 1813-1815, and then lived in Dusseldorf as a general of that cavalry until 1848. He was married in 1817 to Prinzessin Wilhelmina Luise van Anhalt-Bernburg (1799-1882), Prince Frederick died July 27, 1863, leaving his wife and two sons.

A copy of a lithograph of Prinz Frederick is on display in the Milam Hall of the Pioneer Memorial Library in Fredericksburg.