

# The Braeutigam News

A Newsletter for the Descendants of John Wolfgang and Christine Kensing Braeutigam  
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## Little Known Braeutigam Facts

Do you know what Braeutigam means in German. First you must know the correct spelling in Germany is Bräutigam. The 'ä' translates to 'ae' in the United States. In the German dictionary Bräutigam is defined as: (bride) groom; (*dated; Verbloter*) fiancé, betrothed (*old*), husband-to-be).

Most Bräutigams who came to the United States just kept the spelling: Brautigam. There are very few who changed it to Braeutigam. The Richard Valentin Brautigam family (the Braeutigams that moved to Jewett, Texas from Fredericksburg in the early 1900s) dropped the 'e' in their last name.

## Mrs. Robert Krueger Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post

Mrs. Robert Krueger, 89, nee Viola Ann Braeutigam, died at the Rice residence in Cleveland, TX, at 9:55 a.m., on Monday, Nov. 9, 1992.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m., in the Beckmann Funeral Home, with the Rev. Rick Waters officiating. Interment was in the City Cemetery.

She was a native of Gillespie County and was born on May 20, 1903, the daughter of Henry Braeutigam and Clara Gold Braeutigam. She married Robert F. Krueger on Feb. 24, 1937, in Houston and he preceded her in death in January 1986.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and David Rice of Cleveland, TX; six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; a brother, Raymond Braeutigam of Fredericksburg; and three sisters-in-law' Mrs. Raymond Braeutigam; Lilly, Mrs. Edwin Braeutigam, both of Fredericksburg; and Olivia, Mrs. Harold Braeutigam of Seguin.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by brothers, Egon, Edwin and Harold Braeutigam and sisters, Mrs. Hortense Foy and Mrs. Ollie Nichols.

Pallbearers were Robert Rice, Franklin Rice Sr., James Tapp, Carl Manthey, Jim Parkman and Don Braeutigam.

**Editor's note:** the correct wedding date for Mr. Robert Krueger and Viola Braeutigam is February 24, 1939 and it took place at Highland Park Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas. This information is from the Fredericksburg Standard, March 2, 1939.

## Mr. Edgar Durst Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post

Edgar (Durstie) Durst, 87, died on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993, in Knopp Nursing Home No. 1.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m., in the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Rick Waters and Rev. Jerry Somers officiating. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Marilyn Jenkins was the organist for the services, Dr. Rolle Blondeau, the vocal soloist, and the Arion Male Choir, under the direction of Mark Hierholzer, sang.

Prior to the services, his body lay in state in the chapel of the Schaetter Funeral Home and in the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church.

Durst was a native of Gillespie and was born on Oct. 30, 1906, the son of Henry Durst and Sophia Metzger Durst. He married Eleanor Brodie on Feb. 18, 1939, in Castell, and she survives.

He attended the Palo Alto School and various automotive training courses through the Ford Motor Company. He was an automobile mechanic, a heavy equipment repairman and for

many years worked for the City of Fredericksburg.

Durst was member of the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, the oldest living member of the Fredericksburg Social Turn Verein and a member of the Arion Male Choir and the Order of the Sons of Hermann.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two brothers, a sister and their spouses; Louis Durst, Eugene and Elsie Durst, and Gertrude and Eddie Kott, all of Fredericksburg; and a sister-in-law, Jewell Durst of San Antonio.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Andrew (Andy) Durst, and a sister, Myrtle, who died in infancy.

Memorials may be made to the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church or to the charity of choice.

Pallbearers were Wilburn Meier, Dick Steuwe, Neil Durst, James Wahrmund, Larry Brown and Geary Newman.

### **Mr. John H. Braeutigam Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post**

John Henry Braeutigam, 67, died on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1994, at his residence in Fredericksburg.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Mary's Catholic Church at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, with Reverends Patrick Marron and Paul Appel officiating. Mrs. C.L. Weinheimer was the organist and Rhonda Schaeffer, the vocalist. Entombment was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Mausoleum.

A vigil service at 7 p.m., Thursday, by Rev. Charles Smith, followed with a rosary service by the Rev. Mr. Kenn Knopp were held in the Schaeffer Funeral Home Chapel where his body lay in state prior to the services.

He was born in Fredericksburg on May 29, 1926, the son of Walter and Cora Olfers Braeutigam. He married Rita Kammlah in Fredericksburg on May 30, 1948, and she survives.

Braeutigam served in the U.S. Army from Feb. 23, 1946, until Aug. 22, 1947, earning the American Theater Ribbon, the Meritorious Unit Award and the World War II Victory Ribbon.

He was a partner in Stehling Bros., Men's Store, retiring after selling the business in 1990.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Paulette Braeutigam of Austin; his mother, Mrs. Walter Braeutigam of Fredericksburg; three brothers and their spouses, Franklin (Buddy) and Ida Braeutigam of Fredericksburg, Frederick (Fritz) and Ann Braeutigam of Temple, and Jerry and Jenny Braeutigam of Austin; and a sister and brother-in-law, Agnes and George Mains of Kerrville.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's School Endowment Fund, Heart of the Hills Hospice, the American Cancer Society or to the charity of choice.

Pallbearers were Kevin Braeutigam, Jimmy Dieringer, Bobby Poncik, Kash Morrow, Clayton Behrends and Ronnie Olfers.

### **Fredericksburg area has new Area Code**

Fredericksburg and much of the area of central and south Texas (including Kerrville and San Antonio) will convert to the 210 area code effective November 1, 1992. From November 1, 1992, until May 2, 1993, calls to telephone numbers in the new 210 area code will automatically be connected, even if the 512 area code is dialed. The additional lead time will give callers an opportunity to become used to dialing the new area code.

### **More Braeutigams in the US**

David Braeutigam has located several other Braeutigam families in the US. One large family is from the St. Clair, Illinois region. David has located a member of that family that will soon be sharing information to see if we have family ties back to Germany!

David also sends newsletters to the Braeutigam in Tomball, Texas and to a Braeutigam in Washington State. Just recently he contacted a Braeutigam in Canada. This gentleman told David that his family is from Eiffel, Germany (next to the Belgium border). He is interested in the Braeutigam history and

hopefully we can all share information. Maybe we can tie all these families together.

### **Forsyth family located**

The Forsyth family has finally been located. The Forsyth family is the family of the oldest daughter of Hardin and Emma Braeutigam Runnels of San Marcos, Texas. The last known area for the Forsyths was the Lake Charles, LA area, so David Braeutigam called the Lake Charles library to search for the obituaries of the Forsyth family. Within a week he had all but one of the seven children's obituaries, the last being in 1986. David obtained the phone number of Coleman Forsyth's daughter in Lake Charles and gave her a call. She agreed to help fill some missing information on that portion of the Runnels family.

### **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.

### **Richard Brautigam Family Reunion-1992**

The Richard and Bertha Brautigam family reunion was held in Nacogdoches and Cushing, Texas on the weekend of May 29-31, 1992. Approximately 25 relatives from as far away as Florida and California attended the reunion.

Friday evening was spent at a local Mexican food restaurant in Nacogdoches, Texas. Saturday morning was scheduled for free time and later everyone gathered on the motel's patio for a catered lunch. Saturday evening was spent at another local restaurant in Nacogdoches known for their home cooking. Sunday morning approximately 15 relatives went to Cushing to attend church with Bertha Swearingen. A nice lunch was enjoyed at Bertha's home in Cushing

afterwards. Many relatives spent the rest of the afternoon visiting with one another.

The next scheduled Richard and Bertha Brautigam family reunion is scheduled for May 1994.

### **Richard Brautigam Family Reunion-1994**

No information on this reunion at press time.

### **Emil Braeutigam Family Reunion-1992**

October 3rd of 1992 was the date of the Annual Emil Braeutigam family reunion at LBJ State Park in Stonewall, Texas.

### **Emil Braeutigam Family Reunion-1993**

September 25, 1993 was the date for the 1993 Emil Braeutigam family reunion. It will be held again at the LBJ State Park in Stonewall, Texas.

Everyone brought their own covered dish, so everyone got to sample some delicious cooking. Approximately 50-60 people attended so there was a good variety of food to choose from.

The awards for the oldest in attendance went to Cora Braeutigam, the farthest to travel went to Jana Braeutigam (Joe Braeutigam's daughter-she wanted the trophy!) and the youngest in attendance was Logan Eckhardt at 6 months old (the son of Byron and Theresa Eckhardt).

### **Emil Braeutigam Family Reunion-1994**

October 22, 1994 is the time for the 1994 Emil Braeutigam family reunion. It will be held again at the LBJ State Park in Stonewall, Texas. Please bring a covered dish for your family. Coffee, tea, paper plates, paper towels, ice, cups, and plastic utensils will be provided.

Contact Jerry Braeutigam at 512-444-8706, Fritz Braeutigam at 817-939-8019 or

David Braeutigam at 817-276-0736 for any additional information.

## **The Pampell Opera House**

(Texas Historical Marker)

Originally a frame structure, this building was completed about 1895. It housed the M. V. Gregory Hotel and store when local merchant John L. Pampell (1871-1958) bought the site in 1901. He converted the second floor into a 450-seat auditorium and used the ground floor for the manufacture and sale of candy, ice cream, and carbonated drinks. The Pampell Opera House became a popular site for plays, concerts, traveling acts, and various civic functions, but by the 1920s movies began replacing the live shows. Traces of the opera house are still evident inside the building.

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**Editor's note:** John L. Pampell married Annie Braeutigam (of the August Braeutigam family) in 1892 in Kerrville, Texas. John and Annie had only one child, Milton Pampell. Milton married Lillie Pardue and they had no children. Milton passed away in 1974 and Lucille passes away in 1987.

## **More Pampell Information**

David Braeutigam recently received a letter packed with photographs, documents and misc information on the August Braeutigam family.

Lucille Pardue Pampell's brother (Don Pardue) still lives in Ft. Worth and recently came across several photographs of the family, the wedding certificate of John Pampell and Anne Braeutigam dated 15 November 1892. He mailed them all to David and said he was welcome to keep them all!

These items will really add to the history of the Braeutigams and the Pampells.