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Broesche Family Cemetery [2004]

Latitude 30° 12' 58" - Longitude 96° 36' 40"

The burial site is located on private property in a densely wooded area near Kerr Creek, north of Burton near Engelbrecht Rd.

Seven (7) Tombstones with limited markings were located and researched. It seems that this site was used by the Broesche and Eberhardt Families until St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Rehburg was organized in 1870. Those related family members who died after 1870 are buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

The Broesche Family:

Three Broesche brothers, Wilhelm, Henry, and Frederich, left Hanover with their families and arrived in Galveston on October 15, 1846. On the journey to Washington County, they stopped in Buckhorn in Austin County; later that year, they arrived in Washington County. Here they purchased property in the McCain League in the Union Hill community.

The oldest brother, Wilhelm, was born December 7, 1810, and married Fredericka Wilkening. Together, they had three children:

- (1) Squire William C., born February 4, 1840, married Barbara Anna Hoffmann, died July 14, 1928, buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Rehburg.
- (2) Henry A., born November 24, 1842, married 1st Sophie Bremer, 2nd Emily Fuchs, died April 8, 1932.
- (3) A daughter who died during their stay in Buckhorn.

Wilhelm's wife, Fredericka, contracted malaria, died and is buried in Buckhorn. Wilhelm then continued on to Washington County. After arriving in Union Hill, Wilhelm married Caroline Homeyer on November 18, 1847. This union was blessed with five children:

- (1) Gustav was born November 22, 1848, married Mary Turner, and died October 3, 1927. He is buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Rehburg.
- (2) Caroline was born circa 1851, and probably died between 1860 and 1870, possibly buried in this cemetery.
- (3) Minnie was born March 21, 1853, married William Turner, died June 26, 1921, and is buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Rehburg
- (4) Mary was born July 9, 1855, married Christian Giesenschlag, died April 17, 1917, and is buried in Giesenschlag Cemetery in Burleson County.
- (5) Annie was born circa July 1863 and married H. E. Smith of Burleson County.

Wilhelm Broesche died February 2, 1866 and may be buried in this cemetery. Caroline (Homeyer) Broesche died January 1, 1913, and is buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Rehburg.

The second brother, Henry, was born circa 1814 and married Caroline Wilkening, born circa 1815. Their children were:

(1) Henry, born circa 1834,

(2) William, born August 10, 1839, died

November 9, 1914, buried in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery in Rehburg,

(3) Caroline, born March 23, 1843, married Henry Korthauer, died April 24, 1931, buried in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery in Rehburg,

(4) Frederica, born circa 1846,

(5) Emily, born circa 1848,

(6) S. (initial only), born circa 1848.

Henry and Caroline probably died in 1868 and 1864, respectively. Both are presumed to be buried in this cemetery.

The third brother, Frederich, was born March 5, 1817. He married Dorathea Homeyer who was born January 6, 1819. They had the following children:

(1) William, born circa 1847,

(2) Emily, born circa 1849.

Frederich died March 5, 1891, and Dora died April 5, 1901. They are both buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Rehburg.

The Eberhardt Family:

In 1860, William, born circa 1795, and Margaret, born circa 1793, were living in Washington County, with the family of Henry Eberhardt, who was probably their son. They are no longer found in 1870, so presumably they died by that time. They may both be buried in this cemetery.

Henry Eberhardt was born February 12, 1829, in Hanover, Germany. On April 1, 1850 in Washington County, Texas, he married Sophie Buck, born circa 1825. They had the following children:

(1) William, born circa 1850,

(2) Henry, born December 18, 1852, married Mary Fischer, died August 12, 1940, buried in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery in Rehburg,

(3) Mary, born circa 1855,

(4) Caroline, born circa 1861, and

(5) Mina, born circa 1864.

Sophie probably died in 1867, and is presumed to be buried in this cemetery. Henry then married Maria Dauch in December 1867. Their children were:

- (1) Gustav, born circa 1869,
- (2) Frederich, born circa 1870,
- (3) Adolph, born circa 1872, and
- (4) Fredericke, born circa 1874.

Henry died January 17, 1874, and is buried in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery in Rehburg. His widow, Maria/Mary then married Louis Dokel on January 7, 1875. Her third marriage was to Christopher Pohls/Poehls on April 7, 1876.

Sources: Family Search Record Search, Texas Deaths 1890-1976, <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#p=collectionDetails;t=searchable;c=1320964>, accessed July 20, 2009; History of Burton, Vol. I , by Annie Maud Knittel Avis, 1974; History of Burton, Vol. II, by Annie Maud Knittel Avis, Henington Publishing Company, Wolfe City, Texas, 1985; Washington County Genealogical Society Cemetery Project; Washington County Texas Deed Records; Washington County Texas Marriage Records; U. S. Federal Census.

Probable Burial List:

(Since no tombstones had full names, all of the identifications are assumptions based on research of the Broesche and Eberhardt Family history. Information used for these conclusions is within the history sources given above. Italics indicate possible burials.)

C. B., b. 1815, d. 1864. Broesche, Caroline (Wilkening), b. 1815, d. 1864, wife of Henry Broesche.

C. B., no dates. Broesche, Caroline , b. ca. 1851, d. ca. 1860-1870, dau of William and Caroline (Homeyer) Broesche.

H. B., b. 1814, d. 1868. Broesche, Henry, b. 1814, d. 1868, husband of Caroline (Wilkening) Broesche.

W. B., no dates. Broesche, Wilhelm, b. Dec 7, 1810, d. Feb 2, 1866, husband of 1st Fredericka Wilkening and 2nd Caroline Homeyer.

M. E., no dates. Eberhardt, Margaret b. ca. 1793, d. ca. 1860-1870, wife of William Eberhardt, mother of Henry Eberhardt.

S. E., b. 1825, d. 1867. Eberhardt, Sophie (Buck), b. 1825, d. 1867, wife of Henry Eberhardt.

W. E., no dates. Eberhardt, William, born ca. 1795, d. ca. 1860-1870, husband of Margaret Eberhardt, father of Henry Eberhardt.