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Steinbach Cemetery [2009]

Latitude 30°16'11.3", Longitude 96°31'19.6"

Located on private property on Haack Lane west of Gay Hill.

John Steinbach was born February 3, 1836 in Bergheim, Kreis Melzungen, Hesse. When he arrived in Galveston, Texas, on November 26, 1866, on the bark, Weser, his home was shown as Hertfeld, Hessen Cassel. He was a farmer. On July 24, 1868, in Fayette County, John married Fredericka Kageler, daughter of Christian and Greta Fredericka (Norke) Kageler. The couple probably lived in the LaBahia/Carmine area. Fredericka died sometime between June 1, 1869 and the end of 1869. John and Fredericka had one child.

1. Wilhelmine, born June 1, 1869, died of a fever on May 31, 1886. She is buried in Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery in Washington County.

On January 21, 1870, John married Helene Rast/Rost in Washington County and they lived in the Mill Creek community and were members of the Greenvine Baptist Church. John's second wife only lived for a few short years after their marriage; she died January 18, 1875. John and Helene had two children:

1. Eduard was born July 5, 1871 and married Bertha Krause on December 27, 1900. Ed died November 18, 1950 and is buried in Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham.

2. Anton Louis Christian was born December 29, 1873, in Mill Creek and married (1) Annie Boeker on December 2, 1897, and (2) Lena Noerenberg on March 12, 1924. Louis died March 13, 1945 and is buried in Friedens Cemetery in Gay Hill.

Sophie Quebe, born October 7, 1848, daughter of Johann Heinrich and Marie Margarethe Engel (Melcher) Quebe, arrived in Galveston in 1871. Sophie worked as a maid for the Ehlert family in the Cedar Hill community of Washington County, earning \$3.00 a month. On August 4, 1875, she and John Steinbach were married in Washington County. John and Sophie had the following children:

1. Lydia was born June 10, 1876 in Berlin, Washington County, and married Fred C. Neinast on December 6, 1896. Lydia died July 18, 1926, and is buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Rehburg, Washington County.

2. Emma was born May 29, 1877, and married F. H. Quebe on December 6, 1900. She died September 21, 1963, and is buried in St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery in Prairie Hill, Washington County.

3. Alvina was born December 16, 1880, and married Albert H. Ehlert on December 26, 1901. Alvina died March 20, 1910 from burns when her dress caught on fire at the washpot. She is buried in St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery in Prairie Hill, Washington County.

4. Heinrich C. (twin), was born on August 24, 1884, and married Auguste Boeker on November 7, 1905. He died February 11, 1967, and is buried in Friedens Cemetery in Gay Hill, Washington County.

5. Mathilda, (twin), was born on August 24, 1884. She died July 6, 1887, and is buried in the Steinbach Cemetery at the homestead.

6. William was born January 2, 1886, and married Mary Kieke on March 12, 1924. He died October 26, 1968, and is buried in Friedens Cemetery in Gay Hill, Washington County.

7. Karl Otto (Charlie) was born October 26, 1888, and died February 8, 1895. He is buried in the Steinbach Cemetery at the homestead.

On November 2, 1884, Wilhelmine, Eduard, Louis, Lydia, Emma, Alwine, Heinrich, and Mathilda were all baptized in Salem Lutheran Church, so it is likely that the family was living in the Salem area and joined the Lutheran Church at that time. On January 5, 1887, John purchased 200 acres from Hermann and Louise Neinast near Gay Hill, and the Steinbach family soon became residents in northern Washington County. The first burial in the family cemetery was Matilda who died July 6 of that same year.

On September 13, 1903, John died of black jaundice. On April 26, 1937, Sophie Quebe Steinbach died from severe burns she received in an accident at home on February 2. John and Sophie are buried in the Steinbach Family Cemetery.

Sources: St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill Burial Records; Ship Passenger Lists; U. S. Census Records; Greenvine Baptist Church Minutes; Salem Lutheran Church Baptism and Burial records; Washington County, Texas, Marriage and Deed Records; Brenham Banner Press, various dates; Family Search Death Certificates.

Burials:

Neinast, Alvina, b. Dec 5, 1904, d. Dec 27, 1912, daughter of Fred C. & Lydia (Steinbach) Neinast. Find A Grave Memorial# 48289858, photo.

Steinbach, Charlie, b. Oct 26, 1888, d. Feb 8, 1895, son of John & Sophie (Quebe) Steinbach. Find A Grave Memorial# 48289862, photo.

Steinbach, John, b. Feb 3, 1836, in Bergheim, Kreis Melzungen, Hesse, d. Sep 13, 1903, husband of 1st Fredericka (Kageler) Steinbach,

2nd Helene (Rast/Rost) Steinbach, 3rd Sophie (Quebe) Steinbach. Find A Grave Memorial# 48289869, photo.

Steinbach, Mathilde, b. Aug 24, 1883, d. Jul 6, 1887, daughter of John & Sophie (Quebe) Steinbach. Find A Grave Memorial# 48289874, photo.

Steinbach, Sophia (Quebe), b. Oct 7, 1848, d. Apr 26, 1937, wife of John Steinbach, daughter of Johann Heinrich and Marie Margarethe Engel (Melcher) Quebe. Find A Grave Memorial# 48289880, photo.

Unknown baby boy. Find A Grave Memorial# 87363145