

The Pagel Family Times

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The Pagels in Texas

The Pagel Family has been in Texas since 1850 when Gottfried and Friedrike Pagel and their family of eight children emigrated from Germany.

Their home had been Kordenhagen in the province of Pomerania (which is believed to be located within Poland's boundaries today). Gottfried Pagel was born in Kordenhagen on January 1, 1800 and became a carpenter there. His first wife was Friedrike Dikow who was born in about 1810. With the exception of their youngest son, all the Pagel children were also born in Prussia – probably all in Kordenhagen. In September 1850 the family, including five-month-old Ernest Pagel, boarded the "Brasilian" (or some records say "Bessilian") in Hamburg. (Victor Roeber was told that two daughters died on the ship before it reached Galveston that November.)

The family settled in southeastern Fayette County in the small German community of Willow Springs. In January 1852, Gottfried Pagel bought 144 acres out of the Miles League on Cummins Creek from F.E. Harwell and wife. He is listed on the 1851 Fayette County tax rolls as owning 144 acres worth \$288, two horses worth \$50, and a wagon and oxen worth \$65. In February 1853 he bought an additional forty-eight acres on the east bank of Cummins Creek from N. B. Breeding for ninety dollars. In April of that same year his last child, Julius, was born.

Gottfried and Friedrike Pagel are known to have had at least nine children:

1. Friedrich Wilhelm (William) (June 1834 - 21 October 1873) who married Magdalena Fritsche and farmed in Fayette County where he was also a merchant.

2. Carl Friedrich (Charles) (3 May 1836 - 14 December 1903) who married Johanna Furchtegott Kuehne and became a successful farmer and rancher in Lavaca County.

3. August (25 February 1838 - 21

January 1915) who married Louisa Spieckermann and lived in Lavaca and Jackson Counties. He was a farmer and ran a grist mill.

4. Caroline Wilhelmina (Minna) (20 February 1840 - 28 November 1936) who married Carl "Friedrich" Fischer, a Colorado County farmer.

5. Louise "Fredericka" (31 December 1841 - 2 November 1929) who married Frederick (Fritz) Ladewig and farmed in Lavaca County.

6. Friedrich Samuel (Fritz) (28 December 1844 - 30 November 1887) who married Helena Fehrenkamp and farmed in Lavaca County.

7. Emilie (6 April 1848 - 24 December 1912) who married William Appelt a wealthy Lavaca County farmer, rancher, and merchant. After Appelt died, she married Fredric "William" Schott just two years before her own death.

8. Ernst Franz (12 April 1850 - 7 April 1939) who married Annie Appelt and farmed in Lavaca and Refugio Counties.

9. Herman "Julius" (18 April 1853 - 19 March 1928) who married Anna Rother and lived with her in Lavaca and Jackson Counties, and briefly in Kendall County.

Friedrike died soon after Julius' birth and on April 15, 1855 Gottfried Pagel married Johanna Born Fritsche at Industry in Austin County. Johanna (or "Anna") was a recent emigrant from Lusatia. Newly

widowed, she had one daughter, Magdalena, who later married Gottfried's son, Wilhelm.

Gottfried Pagel became a naturalized U.S. Citizen in La Grange District Court on October 15, 1856. By 1857 his property had grown to include eight horses and fifty cattle. However, by the next year he, Anna, and most of his children had moved to Lavaca County near Hallettsville where he founded what was called the Pagel Settlement. He lived there until his death on August 8, 1873 at age 73. Anna returned to Fayette County to live with Magdalena and later a granddaughter until her own death in 1904.

Today we have records of 206 descendants from Wilhelm, 646 from Charles, 159 from August, 64 from Minna, 15 from Fredericka, 18 from Fritz, 146 from Emilie, 75 from Ernest, and 16 from Julius. We'd like to document all of our cousins and would appreciate your help completing the search.

In Memoriam

The Pagel Family Times is dedicated to the memory of those family members who have passed away in the last year:

Gladys Maeker Zimmermann Anders

Gladys Ryan Menking

Regina Etzler Pagel

Savanna Raabe

Donald Ward Roeber

Lucille Brumbelow Roeber Wallin

The 1996 Pagel Family Reunion

**will be held Sunday, July 14 at 11 a.m.
at the Hallettsville Garden and Cultural Center**

To get to the Garden Center (or Fink House), turn on Fink Drive off Hwy 77 on the north side of town at the city park.

There will be a noon covered dish luncheon. Please bring an entree, vegetable, bread, and / or dessert and the appropriate serving utensils.

An area will be set aside for learning about your family's history and we encourage you to bring photographs and keepsakes to display. This is a good opportunity to get those old photographs identified.

How Do You Say It?

Our cousins pronounce "Pagel" in a variety of ways. In Fayette County it's pronounced "Paw-gull", in Lavaca County it sounds like "Par-gull", and the city folks tend to say "Pay-gull."

Cecil Pagel has researched the etymology of the word "Pagel". He has found it to be of Hebrew origin meaning "the intervention of God". Cecil writes that the Jewish Encyclopedia and Who's Who in European Jewry both contain many entries of prominent Pagels.

Grossmama's Peach Pie

1-9" unbaked pie crust	3 eggs
6 or 7 ripe peaches	1/4 cup milk
1 1/2 cups sugar	margarine
1/4 cup flour	cinnamon

Peel peaches and slice into pie crust. Mix sugar and flour together. Sprinkle half over peaches. Mix eggs and milk together and add to remaining sugar mixture. Beat well. Pour over peaches. Dot with margarine, sprinkle on cinnamon. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes or until set.

This was one of Ella Adlof Pagel's recipes. Her granddaughter, Wanda Pagel Schloss, shares it from Warrensburg, NY where she bakes desserts for a local restaurant as a sideline.

This trial issue of *The Pagel Family Times* was edited by Rox Ann Albrecht Johnson, secretary / historian of the Pagel Family Reunion, who takes full responsibility for its content. Comments and questions may be directed to her at 11105 Scotland Well Drive, Austin, TX 78750-3607, (512) 250-8424. Notices of family births, deaths, and marriages are appreciated, as are address changes.

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† Preserve Our Cemeteries †

Did you know that there are three cemeteries in Lavaca and Fayette Counties that bear the Pagel name?

1. Our patriarch Gottfried Pagel and a granddaughter are buried at the Pagel Settlement Cemetery south of Hallettsville near Barnes Lake.

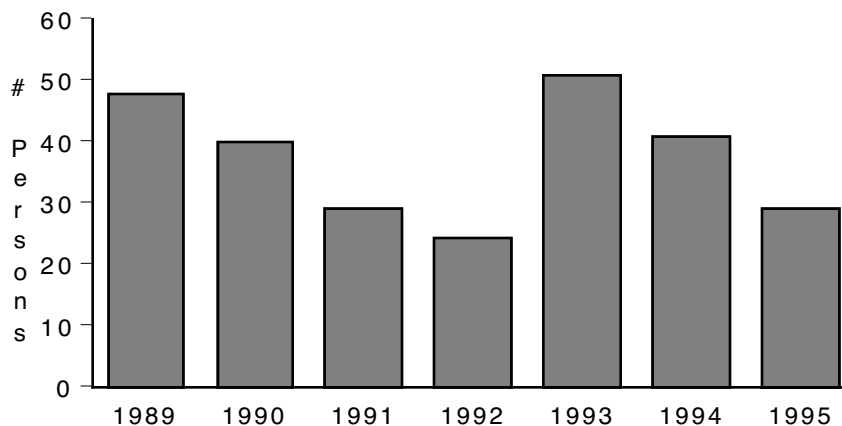
2. Members of the Carl Friedrich (or Charles) Pagel family are buried in the Pagel Family Cemetery on his estate in Lavaca County now owned by the Menkings. Traditionally, contributions have been collected at the Pagel Reunion for maintenance of this cemetery. However, recent low attendance has cut donations drastically.

3. Members of the Friedrich Wilhelm (or William) Pagel family are buried in the Pagel Cemetery at Willow

Springs in Fayette County. This is also the resting place of Johanna Pagel, Gottfried's second wife. We suspect that our matriarch, Friedrike Pagel, may also be buried there in an unmarked grave. This land was originally part of Gottfried Pagel's farm and was sold to his oldest son Wilhelm when Gottfried moved his family to Lavaca County. It is now looked after by Ted Heinsohn, 629 East Ninth, Houston, TX 77007-1721, (713) 265-3394. We know Ted would appreciate contributions for mowing expenses.

A heartfelt thanks is extended to all of the Pagels who have lovingly cared for these special places through the years.

Pagel Reunion Attendance



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