

# The Pagel Family Times

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## THE PAGELS IN TEXAS

### Carl Friedrich and Johanna Kuehne Pagel

*This is the third in a series of biographies of our earliest Texas Pagels.*

Carl Friedrich (or Charles) Pagel was born in Kortenhausen in Pomerania on May 3, 1836. He was the second oldest child of Gottfried and Friedrike (Dikow) Pagel. The Pagels brought their family of eight children to Texas aboard the "Brasilian" in 1850. They settled in Fayette County near what is now Willow Springs, but Friedrike died soon after a ninth child was born in 1853. In about 1858 Gottfried Pagel, his second wife Johanna, and most of his children moved to Lavaca County to a place south of Hallettsville that became known as "Pagel Settlement." On August 8, 1861 when he was twenty-five, Charles married Johanna Kuehne.

Johanna Furchtegott Kuehne was born in Prussia at Calbe on October 31, 1843, the daughter of Heinrich Kuehne. She immigrated with her parents in about 1850 through Galveston. The family settled first in La Grange where they lived for seven years before coming to Lavaca County, settling on the Sandies south of Hallettsville. After her marriage at age 19 she and Charles lived at Pagel Settlement for ten years, then moved to the farm three miles northwest of Hallettsville.

Charles and Johanna had fourteen children. They gave each of their sons the first name "Charles" and each of their daughters the first name "Johanna." Most of the children were known by their second names. They were:

1. Friedricka (25 Feb 1863 - 17 Sep 1942) who married Rudolph Henkel. When he died she married August Afflerbach and they farmed near Monthalia.

2. Theodore (26 May 1864 - 29 Dec 1944) who married Alvine Timm Miller late in life and lived in Hallettsville.

3. Elizabeth (Lizzie) (11 Sep 1865 - 17 Jun 1941) who married James Earl Haeusler (Heisler) and farmed near Hallettsville.

The 1998  
Pagel Family Reunion  
will be held Sunday, July 12 at 11 a.m.  
at Wied Hall between Hallettsville & Shiner



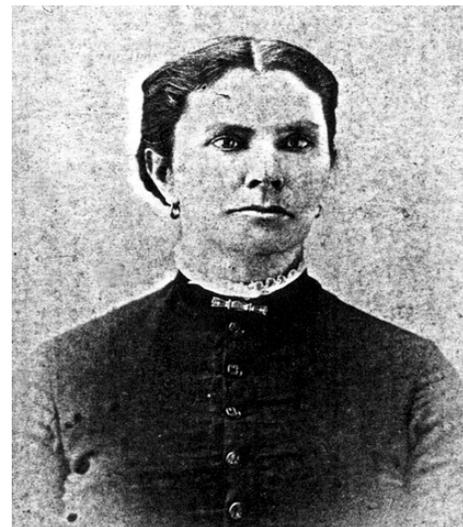
To get to Wied Hall from Hallettsville, take Hwy 90A and drive approximately six miles toward Shiner. It is a large white dance hall on the left side of the road.

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 always a good opportunity to get those old photographs identified.



Carl Friedrich (Charles) Pagel



Johanna Kuehne Pagel

tsville.

4. Mary (22 Dec 1866 - 28 Jan 1896) who married William F. Kessler, but died before her only child was a year old.

5. Christine (Tina) (27 Feb 1868 - 13 Jan 1960) who married Charles F. Roeber and farmed near Hallettsville.

6. Godfrey (Gus) (18 Apr 1869 - 20 Jan 1940) who married Annie Brocker and farmed near Hallettsville.

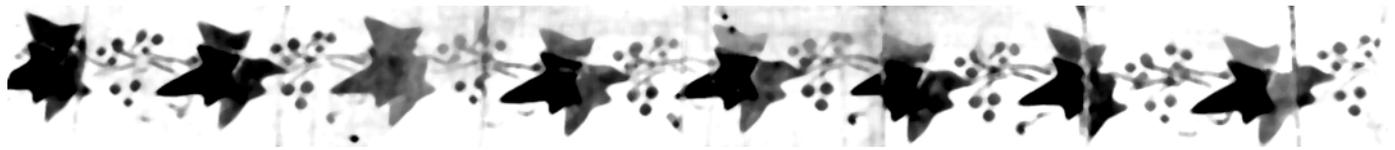
7. Ernest (20 Mar 1871 - 28 Jun 1951) who married Emelia Bertha Kohlef-  
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## In Remembrance

This issue of *The Pagel Family Times* is dedicated to the memory of Arnold B. Thigpen who passed away in the last year.

We also need to remember the following people of whose deaths we learned at the 1997 Reunion:

Houston Albert  
El Marine Stickler Pagel  
James Pfeil



*Green and red stenciling near ceiling in parlor of Charles Pagel home*

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fel and farmed first near Hallettsville and later near Gonzales.

8. Johanna (6 Feb 1874 - 17 Mar 1874) an infant who is buried at the Charles Pagel Family Cemetery.

9. Henry ( 20 May 1876 - 10 Oct 1934) who married Ida Brocker (Annie's sister) and farmed near Hallettsville.

10. Johanna (Annie) Dortha (6 Feb 1878 - 8 May 1908) who never married and lived with her parents.

11. Emilie (25 Mar 1880 - 23 Apr 1932) who married Bert Peterson and farmed near Hallettsville.

12. Hilda (13 May 1882 - 15 Oct 1908) who married Edmund Menking and farmed near Hallettsville until her early death from diabetes complications.

13. Charles (Charlie) Friedrich (22 Apr 1884 - 30 Aug 1958) who married Hilda Wangemann and was a land man for oil companies around Hallettsville.

14. Eva (3 Apr 1886 - 29 May 1957)

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who married Joseph Mohrmann and lived in Houston.

Charles became a very prosperous farmer. In 1872 he built a two-and-a-half story wood-frame home with a separate kitchen and dining room. He was known to work his children very hard, but when they married the children were given new wardrobes, a team of horses, farming tools, and the right to live on one of his tenant farms. When his land was divided among the children each had his choice of farm, in descending order of birth.

Charles died on December 14, 1903 at the age of sixty-seven. Johanna lived on the farm two more years after her husband's death, then moved to Hallettsville with her three unmarried children. She died in 1925 at age eighty-one. Both are buried in the Charles Pagel Family Cemetery on their estate. Their home still stands nearby, but is no longer habitable.

There are still Pagel descendants who live on land originally in Charles' and Johanna's estate: Billie Mae Johnston, Donnie Pagel, Warren Lee Menking, Olga Roeber, and Virginia Greer. LeMont Menking also owns part of the original farm, but he does not live on it.

*Thanks go to Mary Menking and Victor Roeber for their input in the writing of this article. Some of the information was taken from Childhood Days, Wildwood Days written by Helen Zumwalt in 1975.*

## ATTENDANCE UP AT 1997 REUNION!

Attendance increased dramatically and all but one of the branches of the Pagel Family were represented at last year's reunion. Of Gottfried and Friedrike Pagels' nine children, only Emilie Appelt Schott was not represented. Descendants of Friedrich Wilhelm Pagel, Carl Friedrich (Charles) Pagel, August Pagel, Wilhelmine Fischer, Fredericka Ladewig, Friedrich Samuel (Fritz) Pagel, Ernest Pagel, and Julius Pagel all attended.

In addition we were joined by descendants of William and Emilie Pagel. We believe William may have been related to Gottfried Pagel.

### Help Wanted

Thank you, Janelle Rector and Alberta Mueller, for your help in adding over one hundred Fredericka Ladewig descendants to our family history.

Any of you can help in researching the Pagel Family in Texas or in Germany. For ideas on how you might help, please contact Rox Ann Johnson. You can also E-mail Rox Ann at roxannjohn@aol.com or phone 512-250-8424 to give updates on family births, deaths, and marriages. Address changes are also important.

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