

# The Pagel Family Times

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## THE PAGELS IN TEXAS



**Fritz and Fredericka Pagel  
Ladewig**

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

Louise "Fredericka" Pagel was born on December 31, 1841, the fifth of nine children. Her parents were Gottfried and Friedrike Dieckow Pagel who lived in the village of Kortenhagen near Stettin in Pomerania. Three more children had arrived by the time the family boarded the *Bessilian* on September 2, 1850 in Hamburg. Ten weeks later they arrived at Galveston and Fredericka Pagel spent her ninth birthday in a new country.

The family traveled from Galveston to Willow Springs in Fayette County where her father purchased farmland. A ninth child was born there in 1853, but Fredericka's mother died soon afterwards. When Fredericka was thirteen Gottfried remarried, giving her both a new mother and an older step-sister. In 1858 Gottfried Pagel bought land south of Hallettsville in Lavaca County. Two of his children had married by this time, but the others all moved to what would be called "Pagel Settlement."

Some time between 1860 and 1866, Fredericka married Friedrich (Fritz) Ladewig, a former neighbor from Willow Springs. He was fourteen years her senior, born on November 8, 1827 in Birnbaum, Posen. The couple's first child, Wilhelmine, was born in 1866 somewhere in the vicinity of Frelsburg which is in Colorado County. By 1870, Fritz and Fredericka had another child and were listed in the

census as living at Willow Springs with his parents, Christian (or possibly Friedrich) and Dorothea Janske Ladewig, and younger brother, August. Fritz was listed as the head of the household, his farmland valued at \$1400 and personal estate valued at \$300.

By 1873, Fritz and Fredericka had moved to Breslau north of Hallettsville where other members of the Ladewig family farmed and owned a gin. Their family eventually grew to include eight children:

1. Wilhelmine Mathilde (Mattie), born December 23, 1866, married first a Mr. Stuart (or Steward) and then a Mr. Coats. She lived in San Antonio.

2. Friedrich Wilhelm Carl (27 Jul 1868 - 10 Nov 1873) was known as Charles and died at Breslau at the age of five.

3. Louise Emilie, born September 27, 1871, was baptized by Frelsburg's Lutheran pastor at five weeks of age. She

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## 2001 PAGEL FAMILY REUNION

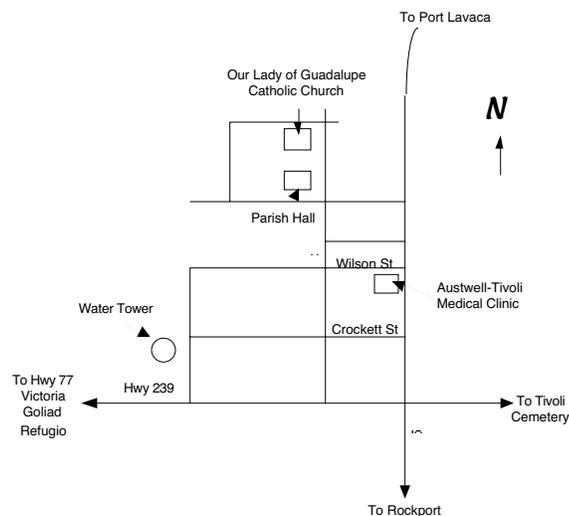
**12:00 noon on Sunday, July 8  
at St. Katherine's Parish Hall  
of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
in Tivoli, Texas**

*We're pleased to accept Frank and Marilyn Pagel's invitation to hold the reunion in Tivoli. Frank and Marilyn are treating us to barbecue, but last year's attendees agreed that each family should bring a covered vegetable dish or dessert (with serving utensil). Contributions for our silent auction are welcome.*

*This is always a good opportunity to get those old photographs identified! Compare your photographs to those in our Pagel Family notebooks. We will have a scanner on hand to duplicate any photos that are brought in.*

*To get to the Parish Hall from Hwy 35, turn west on Wilson Street. Go one block and turn right on Williams Street. The Parish Hall is two blocks ahead on the left.*

*Tivoli is thirty miles north of Rockport and thirty-five miles south of Victoria.*



## In Remembrance

This issue of *The Pagel Family Times* is dedicated to the memory of those who passed away in the last year:

Gertrude Eichblatt Appelt  
Millie Elstner Appelt  
Charles Joseph Elstner  
Russell Alexander Heinsohn  
Ruby Daniel Henkel  
Lauren Kate Janecka  
Cordelia Cherry Pagel  
Marlene Pagel  
Raymond William Petru  
Olga Kersten Reinke  
Madison Dale Saski  
Ernest Ewald Schultz  
Wayne Albert Schultz  
Milda Henkel Thigpen

At our 2000 reunion we also learned of the following deaths:

Recie Moore Pagel  
Mary Lee Elstner Strauss  
Annie Mae Pagel Wachtendorf

## The Pagels at Tivoli

Members of the Pagel family have lived in Tivoli since 1908 when Ernst and Anna Pagel bought a 320-acre farm there. Ernst was Gottfried Pagel's eighth child.

In *Refugio County History*, Zella Lois Pagel Darden wrote that the land was purchased from Preston Austin: "The land had to be cleared and crops planted. In the meantime, the lumber for the home was shipped by barge from Port Lavaca, across the Lavaca Bay and on to the Guadalupe River, then navigable, to *The Landing* which was just south of the present Highway 35 Bridge that spans the river. The family worked hard successfully establishing their home."

Ernst and Anna had eight children and quite a few of their descendants still live in the area around Tivoli and will be attending the 2001 Pagel Family Reunion. Come join us!



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died as a child and her burial place is unknown.

4. Emilie (22 Aug 1876 - 31 May 1957) married Henry Albert on March 2, 1892. Henry was born at Willow Springs. They farmed at Breslau and later Floresville.

5. William F. (22 Feb 1878 - Aug 1963) married Rhea Beal on June 1, 1903. They moved to Kingsville from Lavaca County in 1927 and lived there until their deaths.

6. Henry J. (8 Sep 1880 - 23 Mar 1965) married Emma Hackfeld and they lived in Lavaca County.

7. Alma (16 Apr 1882 - 15 Apr 1973) married Morris A. Strunk on October 31, 1906, but divorced him in 1920. She then married Dr. Gene Craven and lived in San Antonio.

8. Nathalie Helena (Tallie) (27 Jun 1885 - 8 Dec 1909) married her first cousin, Julius Appelt, on June 6, 1906, but died childless at age twenty-four.

Fritz and Fredericka Ladewig were divorced on October 3, 1903. In the 1910 census, Fritz was listed as living with Morris and Alma Strunk and their son. However, by 1920, Fritz and Fredericka were living with their son Henry, and grown granddaughter, Daisy Stuart. Alberta Mueller says her mother spoke of Fritz always being on the front porch when her family came to visit Fredericka. Fritz Ladewig died on September 29, 1921 at the age of ninety-three. Fredericka died at age eighty-seven on November 2, 1929. Of her eight siblings, she was survived only by her sister, Wilhelmine Fischer, and brother, Ernst. The La-

dewigs are buried at the Breslau Cemetery along with their children, Charles, Henry, and Nathalie.

*This little history could not have been written without the help of Alberta Fisbeck Mueller who shared information and the photographs of the Ladewigs' home. We have not yet located a photograph of the Ladewigs.*



*The Ladewigs lived in this house near Breslau which was constructed of stone with a wood frame second story and rear addition.*

## www.PagelFamily.org

Our cousin, Clay Maeckel, has generously lent both his expertise and space on his server to the Pagel Family Reunion for our new website.

Your family historian has had tremendous fun setting up the site and adding pages that include the family history, a family chart, old Pagel homes, cemeteries, and reunion information.

Check it out!