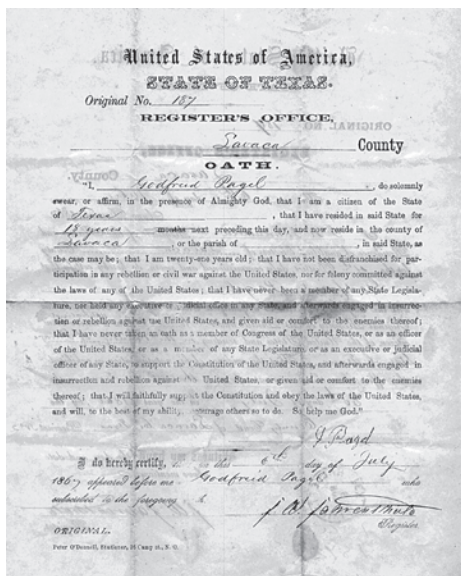


# The Pagel Family Times

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Gottfried Pagel's 1867 Oath of Allegiance

## KEEPING OUR FAMILY HEIRLOOMS INTACT

This spring the library in Hallettsville sponsored a workshop about preservation and restoration techniques for family artifacts.

The preservation experts had quite a few tips that all of us should follow.

### Care and Storage

Family documents and photographs should never be kept in attics, garages, or basements, because heat and dampness increase paper's rate of decay. Try to protect them from insect damage.

### Photographs

Whenever possible, label your photographs on the back with a soft pencil. Ink may transfer to other photographs if they are stacked. Keep photos in boxes or albums in a dark, dry location. Do not use albums with "magnetic" self-stick pages. Photo corner mounts are safest for attaching photos in albums. Framed photographs should be kept out of bright light. If possible, display copies of old photographs instead of originals.

## 2008 PAGEL FAMILY REUNION

The Henry Ellis Pagel family will host the 2008 Pagel Family Reunion on Saturday, July 12th from 11 a. m. until 3 p. m. at Goerke's Country Tavern 1901 Weil Road, Marion, Texas

The restaurant is between New Braunfels and San Antonio and we'll be in their party room. See enclosed note regarding directions.

Our lunch will include brisket, sausage, potato salad, beans, cole slaw and tea or lemonade at \$10 per plate, \$5 for children under 10. Please r.s.v.p. as soon as possible by e-mail to rhondapagel@earthlink.net, call Rhonda at (210) 667-9491, or return the enclosed form.

We'll have lots of family heritage displays and a scanner on hand if you'd like to share your old photos.

Please consider bringing something interesting for our silent auction!

This newsletter is later than usual and we apologize for the short notice. The location we planned upon went out of business two weeks ago and Rhonda Pagel has scrambled to get us a new meeting place! Regardless, Goerke's barbecue in Marion gets rave reviews and, besides that, we're hoping that everyone automatically marks the second Saturday in July on their calendars for our annual reunion. You know we look forward to seeing everyone!

*How much of our family heritage has already been thrown away by relatives who didn't want "those old things" or didn't know any of the people in "those old pictures"?*

### Preserve Our Heritage

Each of us should begin to plan for what will happen to family heirlooms when we are no longer here.

Unfortunately there have been instances in our Pagel family where the person cleaning out their parents' home

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## IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Herbert Herman Albert  
Maynette Eckermann Heinsohn  
Percy C. (Mike) Heinsohn  
Dorothy Roeber Holmes  
Lois Driver Kubena  
Joseph Taylor Morgan  
Alberta Fisbeck Mueller  
William Kirk Pagel  
William Lee Pagel  
Dorothy Reaves Pagel  
Audrey Hale Peterson  
Francis Xammes Smith

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has not understood the historical value of family relics and tossed them out without checking with siblings or other relatives. Take the time to consider the historical value to later generations. Even old letters and postcards have become treasures. To be safe, get originals scanned now and keep copies in a separate location.

Please don't throw away old portrait photographs, even when they aren't identified. If you don't know the people pictured and don't want the photo, give it to another relative or a library or museum. Contact Pagel family historian, Rox Ann Johnson, for help identifying your photos or if you need suggestions for finding them a good home.

## New Pagel Cemetery Assn. at Willow Springs

The Pagel Cemetery Association was formed at Willow Springs last October to provide for upkeep of that Fayette County cemetery. This active cemetery is the final resting place for Johanna Zorn Pagel, Fr. Wilhelm Pagel and numerous descendants. Bylaws were adopted, a Board of Directors was elected, and application has been made for non-profit status.

The association will meet annually at the cemetery on the second Saturday in October at 1 p. m. All descendants of those buried there are encouraged to attend. Contributions for the cemetery's upkeep may be sent to Rosemary Heinsohn, 324 Parkhill St., Huntsville, TX 77340. A few of the spiral-bound *Pagel Cemetery at Willow Springs* histories are still available from the association for \$15, plus shipping. Copies will also be on hand at the Pagel Family Reunion.

This issue of *The Pagel Family Times* was edited by Rox Ann 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, e-mail roxannjohnson@sbcglobal.net. Please notify us of family births, deaths, and marriages.

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*Pagel cousins helped tame the brush out at Pagel Settlement Cemetery last winter.*

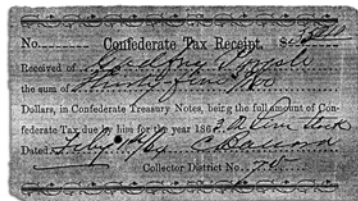
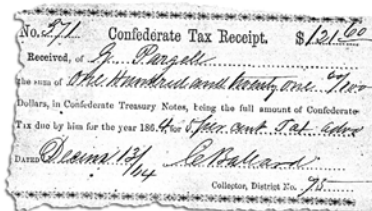
## PAGEL SETTLEMENT CEMETERY RESTORATION

Gottfried Pagel, our family patriarch, was laid to rest in the Pagel Settlement Cemetery in 1873. This very early community cemetery lies on either side of CR 134 off FM 530, about six miles southeast of Hallettsville. The first known burial there occurred in 1858, soon after the Pagels moved to Lavaca County.

In 1875 Ernst Pagel, William Kirchner, and August Timm each donated a portion of their property, 9 acres in all, to the Lutheran Church for a church, school, parsonage, and cemetery. A traditional church and parsonage were never built and the school was moved in 1923, leaving the cemetery as the sole reminder of Pagel Settlement. As memories of the fifty or so buried there faded away, the cemetery was neglected and began to disappear into the underbrush.

We discussed the cemetery's sad state at the 2007 family reunion and decided to take action. After two long, hard workdays last winter, approximately thirty descendants of the Einkauf, Rother, Meyer, Pagel, Rickaway and Ullrich families brought back the beauty of the cemetery's setting. Many thanks go to the following Pagel cousins who took part: Danny, Darren, Rhonda, David, Henry, and Glenn Pagel; Debbie Rettko; Janis and Merle Richardson; Bob Zumwalt; and Rox Ann Johnson. We'll show our before and after photos at the reunion.

We are planning to meet again next winter to keep the brush in check and begin to repair some of the fenced enclosures. We are also in the process of applying for a Historic Texas Cemetery designation for the site. Please contact Rox Ann Johnson at (512) 250-8424 if you can supply photos or information about the cemetery and Pagel Settlement or if you would like to participate in the next clean-up.



Our cousin, Clay Maeckel, has generously provided space on his server to the Pagel Family Reunion for our web site. The site includes many old photos, our family history and family tree, old Pagel homes, the three Pagel cemeteries, reunion information and photographs from recent reunions.

Check it out to see what's new!

[www.pagelfamily.org](http://www.pagelfamily.org)