

# The Pagel Family Times

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## CHARLES & JOHANNA PAGEL'S FAMILY

Born in the village of Kortenhagen in Pomerania, Carl Friedrich (or Charles) Pagel immigrated with his parents and seven brothers and sisters on *The Brazilian* in 1850 when he was fourteen years old. The family settled at Willow Springs in Fayette County, where his mother died some time after the birth of his youngest brother, Julius. Charles' father remarried in 1855 and, in about 1859, most of the family relocated to Lavaca County near Hallettsville to a place that became known as "Pagel Settlement." There Charles married Johanna Kuehne in 1861.

Born in Calbe, Prussia, Johanna immigrated with her parents around 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 nineteen, she and Charles lived at Pagel Settlement for ten years, then moved to a farm three miles northwest of Hallettsville.

The Pagels built a home north of Hallettsville in 1872. There was a front porch and central hall and stairway. The original kitchen was a separate building, but a kitchen was later added in the rear. Johanna's father, Friedrich Kuehne, taught school in the attic of the house. (Her mother had previously died, while Charles and Johanna lived at Pagel Settlement.) The front room to the right downstairs featured a stenciled leaf and berry pattern around the ceiling and a painted wainscoting that imitated fine paneling. Dot Waldrip, a Kuehne family descendant, believes that these were the work of Johanna's sister-in-law's family, the Melchiors, who are known for their stenciled artwork in homes in the Round Top area of Fayette County.

Charles and Johanna had fourteen children, five boys and nine girls. All

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## 2018 PAGEL FAMILY REUNION

The Hallettsville cousins invite you to join them  
on Saturday, July 14th, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.  
at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The church is on the corner of East 4th (Hwy 90A) & S. Dowling Streets in Hallettsville. Map at [www.pagelfamily.org](http://www.pagelfamily.org)

Our catered lunch will be served at noon and will include dessert. It is \$15 per plate, free for children under 12. Please r.s.v.p. to Glenn Pagel by Friday, July 6th. Please return the enclosed form along with your check. If you get in a bind at the last moment, you may phone (361) 798-2182 or e-mail [gpagel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gpagel@sbcglobal.net) and pay at the reunion.

At the Fellowship Hall, we'll have lots of family heritage displays and a scanner if you'd like to share your old photos or memorabilia.

Please consider bringing something interesting for our silent auction.

Bring the children and teens! Besides our usual balloons, the church has a playground and we will set up a video game area.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

## TWO MORE PAGEL CEMETERIES RECOGNIZED AS HISTORIC TEXAS CEMETERIES

We're excited to announce that the Charles Pagel Family Cemetery, north of Hallettsville, and the Pagel Settlement Cemetery, southeast of Hallettsville, have both been designated as Historic Texas Cemeteries in the last few months. This designation paves the way for historical markers at both sites, like the Pagel Cemetery at Willow Springs.

The Charles Pagel Cemetery is the burial place of Charles and Johanna (Kuehne) Pagel and lies on property they bought in 1872. A number of their children and grandchildren are also buried there.

The Pagel Settlement Cemetery is the burial place of our family patriarch, Gottfried Pagel, who brought his family to Texas in 1850. After residing in Fayette County, Gottfried brought most of his children to the area five miles southeast of Hallettsville that became known as the Pagel Settlement. Gottfried was buried on his property in 1871. The cemetery contains property donated by the Pagel, Timm, and Kirchner families.



## IN REMEMBRANCE

This issue of *The Pagel Family Times* is dedicated to the memory of those who have passed away since last year's newsletter was printed:

Carol Darden Fish  
Katherine Rhea "Katie" Pagel Jacob  
Alan Adlof Pagel  
Maurine Kuhlman Pagel  
Michael Joseph Pagel  
Paula Koch Schultz

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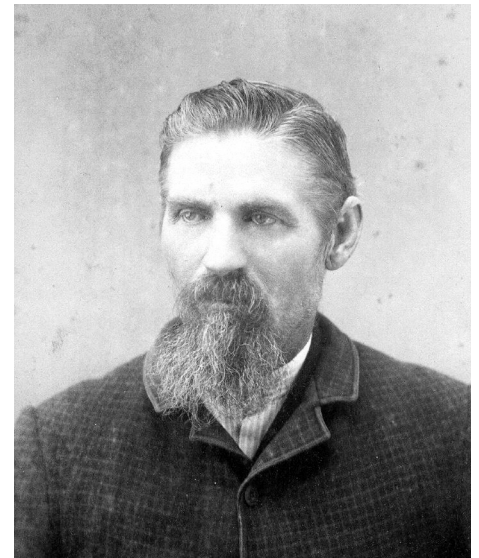
of their sons were given the first name, Charles, and all of their daughters were given the first name, Johanna. Most of the children were known by their second names. Additionally, in 1889 Charles and Johanna took in the children of his brother, Friedrich Samuel or Fritz, after the deaths of their parents. The two youngest children, Emma and Julius, were only five and two years old at the time, so they spent most of their childhood with their uncle and aunt. Additionally, Johanna's father lived with them until his death in 1896 and a grandson, Arthur Kessler, also lived with them for a while. It was a crowded household, but the two older daughters had left home, married and had children of their own before Johanna gave birth to her two youngest children.

Most of the older children were baptized by the pastor of the Sublime Ev. Lutheran Church.

Charles became a very prosperous farmer. 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 Pagel donated one acre of land for the Brown School. This was in addition to the acre donated by Bernard Brown in 1894. It was one mile north of St. Mary's on Brown's School Road, now CR 198.

Charles Pagel died at age sixty-seven of "palsy". According to his obituary, his last seven years were difficult, with strokes and a nervous disorder making him an invalid. Johanna lived there two more years after her husband's death in



Johanna (Kuehne) and Carl Friedrich "Charles" Pagel

1903, then moved to Hallettsville where she died in 1925 at age eighty-one

Charles' farm still remains in the family and it is even the full time residence of a few of our cousins. The Pagel's house is still standing, but it is no longer habitable. The old Charles Pagel Family Cemetery lies on the same property.

Of Gottfried Pagel's children, Charles had the largest family and his branch is still the largest of the Gottfried Pagel family. His fourteen children were:

1. Friedricka (25 Feb 1863 - 17 Sep 1942), who married Rudolph Henkel. When he was killed in an accident, 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. He had no children of his own.

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

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 Kohleffel 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) Dorthea (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), who married Joseph Mohrmann and lived in Houston.

There are far more than seven hundred descendants of Charles and Johanna's fourteen children.

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