South Central Texas Germans

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Adam EDIT - add children Wendel

*Mar 1, 1843 - †Feb 11, 1911

Father: Henry Wendel (*1815 - †1864)

Mother: Anna Elizabeth Kuemmel (*1818 - †1883)

Siblings: Maria Wendel (*1849 - †1894)

Friedrich Wendel (*1850/1851 - †1851)

Fritz Wendel (*1852 - †1870) Martha Wendel (*1854 - †1920) Oswald Wendel (*1855/1857 - †1855) John Oswald Wendel (*1858 - †1938) Lorenz Wendel (*1860 - †1947) Mathilda Wendel (*1862 - †1925)

Wives: Elizabeth Reider (*1850 - †1895)

Carolina Gross (*1859 - †1942)

Birth: Mar 1, 1843

Altemorschen, Schwalm-Eder, Germany

Emigration: ¹⁾ Apr 20, 1859

Bremen, Germany

Immigration: Jun 5, 1859

Galveston, Texas, USA

Residence: 1861

Fredericksburg, TX

Wedding: Dec 27, 1869

Fredericksburg, TX (Elizabeth Reider)

Wedding: Dec 3, 1900

Fredericksburg, TX (Carolina Gross)

Death: Feb 11, 1911

Fredericksburg, TX

Notes: a) Religion: Lutheran

1) Bark Iris

Friedrich Wendel

*between 1850 and 1851 - †after 1851

Father: Henry Wendel (*1815 - †1864)

Mother: Anna Elizabeth Kuemmel (*1818 - †1883)

Siblings: Adam Wendel (*1843 - †1911)

Maria Wendel (*1849 - †1894) Fritz Wendel (*1852 - †1870) Martha Wendel (*1854 - †1920) Oswald Wendel (*1855/1857 - †1855) John Oswald Wendel (*1858 - †1938) Lorenz Wendel (*1860 - †1947) Mathilda Wendel (*1862 - †1925)

Birth: between 1850 and 1851

Altemorschen, Schwalm-Eder, Germany

Death: 1) after 1851

Altemorschen, Schwalm-Eder, Germany

Note: 1) Died in infancy

Fritz Wendel

*Dec 2, 1852 - †Dec 10, 1870

Father: Henry Wendel (*1815 - †1864)

Mother: Anna Elizabeth Kuemmel (*1818 - †1883)

Siblings: Adam Wendel (*1843 - †1911)

Maria Wendel (*1849 - †1894)

Friedrich Wendel (*1850/1851 - †1851)

Martha Wendel (*1854 - †1920) Oswald Wendel (*1855/1857 - †1855) John Oswald Wendel (*1858 - †1938) Lorenz Wendel (*1860 - †1947) Mathilda Wendel (*1862 - †1925)

Birth: Dec 2, 1852

Emigration: 1) Apr 20, 1859

Bremen, Germany

Immigration: Jun 5, 1859

Galveston, Texas, USA

Death: Dec 10, 1870

Note: 1) Bark Iris

Henry Wendel

*Oct 29, 1815 - †Jun 27, 1864

Father: ???

Mother: ???

Wife: Anna Elizabeth Kuemmel (*1818 - †1883)

Children: Adam Wendel (*1843 - †1911) Maria Wendel (*1849 - †1894)

Friedrich Wendel (*1850/1851 - †1851)

Fritz Wendel (*1852 - †1870) Martha Wendel (*1854 - †1920) Oswald Wendel (*1855/1857 - †1855) John Oswald Wendel (*1858 - †1938)

Lorenz Wendel (*1860 - †1947) Mathilda Wendel (*1862 - †1925)

Birth: 1) Oct 29, 1815

Fulda, Kuerhessen, Germany

Wedding: ²⁾ Altemorschen, Schwalm-Eder, Germany

(Anna Elizabeth Kuemmel)

Emigration: ³⁾ Apr 20, 1859

Bremen, Germany

Immigration: Jun 5, 1859

Galveston, Texas, USA

Residence: 1861

Fredericksburg, TX

Death: 4) Jun 27, 1864

Notes: 1) District of Heimbach

2) Municipality of Morschen

3) Bark Iris

⁴⁾ Englehart Weber's family Cemetery on the Perdenales River

John Oswald EDIT - add children Wendel

*Jan 28, 1858 - †Dec 31, 1938

Father: Henry Wendel (*1815 - †1864)

Mother: Anna Elizabeth Kuemmel (*1818 - †1883)

Siblings: Adam Wendel (*1843 - †1911)

Maria Wendel (*1849 - †1894)

Friedrich Wendel (*1850/1851 - †1851)

Fritz Wendel (*1852 - †1870) Martha Wendel (*1854 - †1920) Oswald Wendel (*1855/1857 - †1855) Lorenz Wendel (*1860 - †1947) Mathilda Wendel (*1862 - †1925)

Wife: Mary Rode (*1852 - †1914)

Birth: Jan 28, 1858

Bordeck Rhein Province, Germany

Emigration: ¹⁾ Apr 20, 1859

Bremen, Germany

Immigration: Jun 5, 1859

Galveston, Texas, USA

Residence: 1861

Fredericksburg, TX

Wedding: Feb 13, 1879

(Mary Rode)

Death: Dec 31, 1938

Cherry Springs, TX, USA

Notes: a) Religion: Lutheran

1) Bark Iris

Lorenz EDIT - add children, check harper cemetery Wendel

*Jun 11, 1860 - †Feb 11, 1947

Father: Henry Wendel (*1815 - †1864)

Mother: Anna Elizabeth Kuemmel (*1818 - †1883)

Siblings: Adam Wendel (*1843 - †1911)

Maria Wendel (*1849 - †1894)

Friedrich Wendel (*1850/1851 - †1851)

Fritz Wendel (*1852 - †1870) Martha Wendel (*1854 - †1920) Oswald Wendel (*1855/1857 - †1855) John Oswald Wendel (*1858 - †1938) Mathilda Wendel (*1862 - †1925)

Wife: Minna Anderegg (*1862 - †1942)

Birth: Jun 11, 1860

Dewitt County, TX, USA

Residence: 1861

Fredericksburg, TX

Wedding: 1) Nov 1, 1883

Cave Creek, TX, USA (Minna Anderegg)

Death: 2) Feb 11, 1947

Harper, TX, USA

Notes: a) Religion: Lutheran

1) Rev. D. Rode presiding.

²⁾ Harper Cemetery. Buried by Rev. M. C. Hoermann of St. James Lutheran Church.

Maria EDIT - add children Wendel

*c. 1849 - †May 2, 1894

Father: Henry Wendel (*1815 - †1864)

Mother: Anna Elizabeth Kuemmel (*1818 - †1883)

Siblings: Adam Wendel (*1843 - †1911)

Friedrich Wendel (*1850/1851 - †1851)

Fritz Wendel (*1852 - †1870) Martha Wendel (*1854 - †1920) Oswald Wendel (*1855/1857 - †1855) John Oswald Wendel (*1858 - †1938) Lorenz Wendel (*1860 - †1947) Mathilda Wendel (*1862 - †1925)

Husband: Adolf Quindel (*1842 - †1899)

Birth: 1) c. 1849

Hessen Darmstruck, Germany

Emigration: ²⁾ Apr 20, 1859

Bremen, Germany

Immigration: Jun 5, 1859

Galveston, Texas, USA

Residence: 1861

Fredericksburg, TX

Wedding: c. 1867

Fredericksburg, TX (Adolf Quindel)

Death: 3) May 2, 1894

Cave Creek, TX, USA

Cause of death: long illness

Notes: a) Religion: Lutheran

¹⁾ Birth year based on age at arrival in Galveston on Jun. 5, 1859, listed as 10 years old.

2) Bark Iris

3) Cave Creek Cemetery

Martha EDIT - add children Wendel

*Jan 12, 1854 - †Feb 1, 1920

Father: Henry Wendel (*1815 - †1864)

Mother: Anna Elizabeth Kuemmel (*1818 - †1883)

Siblings: Adam Wendel (*1843 - †1911)

Maria Wendel (*1849 - †1894)

Friedrich Wendel (*1850/1851 - †1851)

Fritz Wendel (*1852 - †1870)

Oswald Wendel (*1855/1857 - †1855) John Oswald Wendel (*1858 - †1938) Lorenz Wendel (*1860 - †1947) Mathilda Wendel (*1862 - †1925)

Husband: August Klett (*1837 - †1916)

Birth: Jan 12, 1854

Hessen-Kassel, Germany

Emigration: ¹⁾ Apr 20, 1859

Bremen, Germany

Immigration: Jun 5, 1859

Galveston, Texas, USA

Wedding: Feb 15, 1871

(August Klett)

Death: Feb 1, 1920

Cave Creek, TX, USA

Note: 1) Bark Iris

Mathilda Wendel

*Aug 18, 1862 - †Jun 19, 1925

Father: Henry Wendel (*1815 - †1864)

Mother: Anna Elizabeth Kuemmel (*1818 - †1883)

Siblings: Adam Wendel (*1843 - †1911)

Maria Wendel (*1849 - †1894)

Friedrich Wendel (*1850/1851 - †1851)

Fritz Wendel (*1852 - †1870) Martha Wendel (*1854 - †1920) Oswald Wendel (*1855/1857 - †1855) John Oswald Wendel (*1858 - †1938) Lorenz Wendel (*1860 - †1947)

Husband: Elias Rode (*? - †?)

Children: Rebecka Rode (*1882 - †1961)

Sarah Rode (*1886 - †1957) Seth Rode (*1887 - †1965) Sem Rode (*1892 - †?) Enos Rode (*1894 - †?) Regu A. Rode (*1895 - †?) Thirza Rode (*1898 - †?) Elam Rode (*1899 - †1900) Aaron Louis Rode (*1901 - †?)

Obed Rode (*1903 - †?) Eli Rode (*1904 - †?)

Birth: 1) Aug 18, 1862

Wedding: Jun 30, 1881

(Elias Rode)

Death: Jun 19, 1925

Notes:

^{a)} Mathilde Wendel was born August 18, 1862 near the Pedernales river on what was later the August Rabke place. She did not get much formal education but was able to read and write and loved and respected her teacher, Mr. Larsen. She spent her childhood days in the Pedernales area. Her father died when she was 2 years old. They were a poor family and every one had to work. For a while she made her home with her sister Martha Klett and her brother Adam. Later she went to Loyal Valley and worked for the Henry Keyser family. There she met Elias Rode and married him in her 18th year on June 30, 1881. She was able later to take care of her mother who died in her home.

Her name will never be found in a history book but her children will always remember her as a friendly and hospitable person. No matter then some one came to their home one of the first questions her husband would ask was "Have you eaten?" She did not have a refrigerator or ice box, but she cheerfully got her frying pan and prepared some ham or bacon and eggs, if there were no left-overs. And having ten children there were seldom any left-overs. There was always a room for one more at the table and no one was ever refused an over night lodging. In her early years she was a cheerful person and liked to sing.

Mathilda Wendel was married to Elias Rode on June 30, 1881. Eleven children blessed this union. They

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are Rebecka, Sarah, Seth, Sem, Enos, Regu, Thirza, Elam, Aaron, Obed and Eli.

When World War I came and two of her sons, Enos and Regu had to go into the army it cast a dark shadow over her life. By then she also had an "open leg" which was very painful. She spent the greater part of her last years in her rocking chair, by the window in her bedroom, next to the kitchen, where most of the family activities were. She had her sore leg propped up on another chair and her Starks "Gebet Buch" (Prayer Book) within reach on a little table next to her. She was never idle. She darned, patched, made button holes and knitted, and even sewed little garments by hand for her little grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

It was a sad day in the lives of her family when they laid her to rest two months before her 63rd birthday. She dies June 19, 1925 and was laid to rest in the family cemetery near the place where she lived all of her married life.

¹⁾ Near the Pedernales River on what was later the August Rabke place.

Oswald Wendel

*between 1855 and 1857 - †after 1855

Father: Henry Wendel (*1815 - †1864)

Mother: Anna Elizabeth Kuemmel (*1818 - †1883)

Siblings: Adam Wendel (*1843 - †1911)

Maria Wendel (*1849 - †1894)

Friedrich Wendel (*1850/1851 - †1851)

Fritz Wendel (*1852 - †1870) Martha Wendel (*1854 - †1920) John Oswald Wendel (*1858 - †1938) Lorenz Wendel (*1860 - †1947) Mathilda Wendel (*1862 - †1925)

Birth: between 1855 and 1857

Altemorschen, Schwalm-Eder, Germany

Death: 1) after 1855

Altemorschen, Schwalm-Eder, Germany

Note: 1) Died in infancy