

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We are pleased to bring our readers a nostalgic pictorial history of German culture in Texas. It was compiled by Prof. Glen Lich who teaches English at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. He is a member of the South Central Modern Language Association, the Texas Folklore Society, the Texas State Historical Association, and the American Association of Teachers of German. As a Reserve commissioned officer, he is presently assigned as Aide-de-Camp of Major General Otto E. Scherz, Texas Army National Guard.

Motivated by the fruitful possibility that genealogical investigation brings to light unexamined primary materials and unrecorded oral history of significance, Mr. Lich and his wife began conducting Texas-German genealogy workshops in 1971, while he was a graduate student in the Department of Germanic Languages at the University of Texas. With assistance of the Texas State Library and Archives, they taught two introductory genealogy courses in Austin the following year. His family archives contain records of the following German and Swiss families (the earliest date and origin of each line are enclosed in parentheses; an asterisk denotes armigerous families): *Lich (1550, Rabenau and Wetterau), *Nachtigall (1480, Kirchvers), Scholl (1720, Wilgersdorf and Oberrossbach), *Hoerner (1675, Heppenheim), *Giegerich (1346, Mömlingen), *Eisenhauer (1600, Weschnitz), Ahlemeyer (1740, Borgholzhausen), *Weber (1700, Sulzbach), Lanitz (1640, Ullersreuth and Frössen), *Woolfley (1560, Wangen im Allgau), Keller (1578, Glattfelden), *v. Laufen (Zürich), *v. Hofstetten (Zürich), *Brun (Zürich), Vogel (1540, Windlach-Stadel), *Rust (1659, Neustadt am Rübenberge), Schuchardt (1699, Vehra), Schelper (1720, Klein-Schneen), Rosenberg (1650, Amelsen and Göttingen), Rakebrandt (1500, Göttingen), and Damerau (1490, Göttingen).

Mr. Lich has published articles on the Texas-Germans, on local history, and on Unionism in Texas during the Civil War.

He is engaged now in research on regional ethnicity, cluster migration, and material folklore. He recently completed a study of the captive narrative in the literature of the Southwest, and he is presently working on a study of Gottfried Keller's historical novella *Ursula* and translations from the German of poetry and fiction by Harald Groehler of Cologne.

Professor Rainer Sell's article traces characteristic attitudes toward the German language as expressed in contributions to *Der Deutsche Pionier* (1869-87). They reflect an increasing awareness and appreciation of the German language as a key factor in the German-American struggle for identity. The study is complemented by an analysis and evaluation of the concept and major activities of Der Deutsche Pionier-Verein von Cincinnati which published the journal.

A condensed and slightly altered version of this article was presented as a paper during the 50th Anniversary Meeting of AATG at Cherry Hill, August 18-23, 1976.

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