

The Ehlers Family

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Introduction

The Ehlers family came to the United States from Germany and settled primarily around LaGrange, Texas, a German community just to the southeast of Austin, Texas.

My sister, Martha de Noailles Sharpe, married into the Ehlers family. Her husband was Victor Marcus Ehlers, Jr. This is the story of his family.

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Descendants of Frederick Joachim Caspay Ehlers

Generation No. 1

1. FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY¹ EHLERS was born Feb 19, 1819 in Schleswig Holstein, Germany, and died Sep 17, 1872 in Schleswig Holstein, Germany. He married CAROLYN ELISE ENGEL Dec 04, 1850 in Warin Meaklenburgh-Schwerin, Germany. She was born Jan 30, 1830 in Schleswig Holstein, Germany, and died Mar 26, 1899 in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas.

More About FREDERICH EHLERS and CAROLYN ENGEL:
Marriage: Dec 04, 1850, Warin Meaklenburgh-Schwerin, Germany

Children of FREDERICH EHLERS and CAROLYN ENGEL are:

- i. FREDERICK² EHLERS, b. 1851, Schleswig Holstein, Germany; d. Apr 29, 1920, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas.
- ii. JOHN EHLERS, b. 1853, Schleswig Holstein, Germany; d. Jan 08, 1921, Texas.
- iii. JOHANN EHLERS, b. 1854.
2. iv. HUGO EHLERS, b. Oct 25, 1856, Schleswig Holstein, Germany; d. Dec 06, 1932, Houston, Harris County, Texas.
3. v. WILLAIM EHLERS, b. Sep 03, 1858, Schleswig Holstein, Germany; d. Mar 02, 1943, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas.
4. vi. EMILIE EHLERS, b. Aug 06, 1864, Schleswig Holstein, Germany; d. 1933.

Generation No. 2

2. HUGO² EHLERS (*FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY*¹) was born Oct 25, 1856 in Schleswig Holstein, Germany, and died Dec 06, 1932 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He married AGATHE SLADCZYK Feb 14, 1884 in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, daughter of CARL SLADCZYK and ROSALIE NAVARATH. She was born Feb 07, 1863 in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, and died Apr 24, 1960 in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas.

More About HUGO EHLERS:

Burial: LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas

Immigration: 1875, From Germany¹

Lived at: Jan 31, 1920, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas²

Naturalization: 1884, Qualified for United States Citizenship by Naturalization³

Occupation: Jan 31, 1920, Farmer⁴

Property: Jan 31, 1920, Home owned, free and clear of any mortgage⁵

Notes for AGATHE SLADCZYK:

Agathe was born the same year as was S. H. Kress (7/23/1863 - 9/22/1955), the American retail businessman and art collector that founded the variety store, Kress' (often called the five and ten cent stores).

Source: <http://www.britannica.com/eb/article?tocId=9046233>

More About AGATHE SLADCZYK:

Lived at: Jan 31, 1920, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas⁶

More About HUGO EHLERS and AGATHE SLADCZYK:

Marriage: Feb 14, 1884, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas

Children of HUGO EHLERS and AGATHE SLADCZYK are:

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 - i. VICTOR MARCUS³ EHLERS, SR., b. Nov 24, 1884, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas; d. Mar 20, 1959, Austin, Travis County, Texas.
 - ii. HAROLD E. EHLERS, b. Apr 29, 1886, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas; d. Apr 30, 1886, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas.

More About HAROLD E. EHLERS:

Died 2: Lived only one day.

- iii. FRITZ E. EHLERS, b. Jun 29, 1887, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas; d. Jul 03, 1887, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas.
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 - iv. WALTER JACK EHLERS, b. Jun 19, 1888, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas; d. Apr 16, 1969, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas.
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 - v. HELMUTH JAMES EHLERS, b. Jan 08, 1899, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas; d. Oct 10, 1962, Houston, Harris County, Texas.
 - vi. OLGA EHLERS, b. Nov 04, 1890, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas; d. Nov 22, 1959, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas; m. MICHAEL F. GRANVILLE, 1926, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas.

More About MICHAEL GRANVILLE and OLGA EHLERS:

Marriage: 1926, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas

- vii. HUGO JAMES EHLERS, b. Aug 13, 1893, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas; d. Oct 10, 1918, World War I - Argone Battle, France.

Notes for HUGO JAMES EHLERS:

Hugo was born the same year that Jimmy Durante (2/10/1893 - 1/29/1980), the American comedian and entertainer was born.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0002051/>

He was born the same year Omar Bradley (2/12/1893 - 4/8/1981), the American general, 1st chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was born in Clark, Missouri.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omar_Bradley

8.
 - viii. ALFRED ROBERT EHLERS, b. Jan 01, 1896, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas;

- 9. ix. d. Apr 08, 1973, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas.
WERNER JACK EHLERS, b. Sep 29, 1902, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas;
d. Dec 03, 1987, San Benito, Cameron County, Texas.
- 10. x. LESLIE EHLERS, b. Mar 17, 1907, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas; d. Nov
06, 1992, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas.

3. WILLAIM² EHLERS (*FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY*¹) was born Sep 03, 1858 in Schleswig Holstein, Germany, and died Mar 02, 1943 in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas. He married BERTHA SLADCZYK, daughter of CARL SLADCZYK and ROSALIE NAVARATH. She was born 1858, and died 1950.

Children of WILLAIM EHLERS and BERTHA SLADCZYK are:

- i. CHARLOTTE³ EHLERS, b. 1878; d. 1969.
- ii. MINNA EHLERS, b. 1880; m. PRIMM.

Notes for MINNA EHLERS:

The year that Minna was born, Douglas MacArthur , the American general who achieved acclaim as a grand strategist in World War II and in Korea , was born.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_MacArthur

- iii. POWELL EHLERS, b. 1885.
- iv. ELIZABETH EHLERS, b. 1887.
- v. HARRIET EHLERS, b. 1890; d. 1965; m. BARRY.
- vi. MARTHA EHLERS, b. 1891.
- vii. FRITZ EHLERS, b. 1894.

Notes for FRITZ EHLERS:

The year that Fritz was born, Norman Rockwell (2/3/1894 - 11/8/1978), the American illustrator, was born.

Source: http://www.illustration-house.com/bios/rockwell_bio.html

- viii. ERNEST A. EHLERS, b. 1896; d. 1967.

4. EMILIE² EHLERS (*FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY*¹) was born Aug 06, 1864 in Schleswig Holstein, Germany, and died 1933. She married HENRY JOSEPH SLADCZYK, son of CARL SLADCZYK and ROSALIE NAVARATH. He was born 1856, and died 1944.

Children of EMILIE EHLERS and HENRY SLADCZYK are:

- i. ELISE³ SLADCZYK, b. 1882; d. 1973; m. BERRY.
- ii. ANNE SLADCZYK, b. 1884; d. 1976; m. MELCHER.
- iii. VICTOR H. SLADCZYK, b. 1886; d. 1956; m. HEDWIG SCHMIDT; d. Abt. 1980.
- iv. ALMA SLADCZYK, b. 1890.

Notes for ALMA SLADCZYK:

Alma was born the same year as was born Vyacheslav M. Molotov (2/25/1890 - 11/8/1986), the Russian statesman and foreign minister, after whom the later-to-be-famous Molotov Cocktail explosive devise used in political riots was named.

Source:

http://www.answers.com/main/ntquery;jsessionid=170s9pgsdg7be?method=4&dsid=2222&dekey=Molotov+cocktail&gwp=8&curtab=2222_1&sbid=lc04b&linktext=Molotov%20cocktail&linktext=Molotov%20cocktail

Generation No. 3

5. VICTOR MARCUS³ EHLERS, SR. (*HUGO*², *FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY*¹) was born Nov 24, 1884 in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, and died Mar 20, 1959 in Austin, Travis County, Texas. He married EDITH A. AMBERG. She was born in Texas, and died Apr 01, 1964 in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Notes for VICTOR MARCUS EHLERS, SR.:

Daddy E, as he was affectionately known by the family, was a sanitation engineer of somewhat quite renown. His career was with the Texas Department of Health, for which he was its Director in his senior professional years. He authored a textbook on sanitation engineering which was used widely at the University of Texas and other schools of engineering. He was one of the most influential engineers advocating the use of Chlorine treatment for public water supplies.

His expertise was sought widely, including much work in South America. It was while down there in the 1950's that he was in an air plane crash. His survival was fine, with one exception. His injuries left him with a permanent inability to taste or smell anything. The chief draw back for this was not to have any interest in eating. He ate only for "fuel" and could not enjoy what all of the rest of us around him could enjoy in the process of dining.

More About VICTOR MARCUS EHLERS, SR.:

Graduated: 1905, University of Texas A&M

Children of VICTOR EHLERS and EDITH AMBERG are:

- i. EDITH⁴ EHLERS.
11. ii. VICTOR MARCUS EHLERS, JR., b. May 25, 1923; d. Apr 26, 1985, Austin, Travis County, Texas,.

- iii. REV. EMMIT EHLERS, b. Aug 29, 1918; d. Jun 1987, Quitman, Georgia; m. MARIE.

More About REV. EMMIT EHLERS:
Occupation: Presbyterian Chaplain

- iv. MARIAN EHLERS.

6. WALTER JACK³ EHLERS (*HUGO*², *FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY*¹) was born Jun 19, 1888 in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, and died Apr 16, 1969 in Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas. He married VERNA EUGENE. She died 1969.

Child of WALTER EHLERS and VERNA EUGENE is:

- i. WALTER JACK⁴ EHLERS, JR..

7. HELMUTH JAMES³ EHLERS (*HUGO*², *FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY*¹) was born Jan 08, 1899 in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, and died Oct 10, 1962 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He married EMMERENGE TRUAENS. She died 1996.

Children of HELMUTH EHLERS and EMMERENGE TRUAENS are:

- i. SUZANNE⁴ EHLERS, m. PARKER.
- ii. JACQUELINE EHLERS, m. GOSS.

8. ALFRED ROBERT³ EHLERS (*HUGO*², *FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY*¹) was born Jan 01, 1896 in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, and died Apr 08, 1973 in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas. He married EXA MEINEKE. She was born 1901, and died 1963.

Notes for ALFRED ROBERT EHLERS:

Alfred was born the very same day as was J. Edgar Hoover, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1924-1972.

Children of ALFRED EHLERS and EXA MEINEKE are:

- i. ALFRED ROBERT⁴ EHLERS, JR., b. 1923; d. 1945.
- ii. MARJORIE VIRGINIA EHLERS, b. 1926; d. 1980.
- 12. iii. JEAN BABETTE EHLERS, b. 1932.

9. WERNER JACK³ EHLERS (*HUGO*², *FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY*¹) was born Sep 29, 1902 in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, and died Dec 03, 1987 in San Benito, Cameron County, Texas. He married (1) MAUDE HARRIS. She died 1983. He married (3) SUE MOORE 1931.

Notes for WERNER JACK EHLERS:

Werner was born the same day as Miguel Aleman (9/29/1902 - 5/14/1983), who was the Mexican president (1946-52).

Source:

http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/encyclopedia/m/mi/miguel_alem%C3%A1n_vald%C3%A9s.htm

Werner was born the year Charles A. Lindbergh was born. Lindbergh was the American aviator who became the first man to fly the Atlantic solo nonstop from the United States to Europe.

Source:<http://www.acepilots.com/lindbergh.html>

More About WERNER JACK EHLERS:

Lived at: Jan 31, 1920, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas⁶

Marriage Notes for WERNER EHLERS and SUE MOORE:

They were married the same year as when Schick Inc. marketed the first electric razor on March 18, 1831.

Source:<http://www.quikshave.com/timeline.htm>

More About WERNER EHLERS and SUE MOORE:

Marriage: 1931

Child of WERNER EHLERS and SUE MOORE is:

- i. DARBY JEANNE⁴ EHLERS.

10. LESLIE³ EHLERS (*HUGO*², *FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY*¹) was born Mar 17, 1907 in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, and died Nov 06, 1992 in New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas. He married LOTTIE LEE EHLINGER Jun 03, 1930. She was born 1907.

Notes for LESLIE EHLERS:

In the year that Leslie was born, James Michener (2/3/1907 - 10/16/1997), the American novelist/short story writer, was born. Michener died at an advanced age while living in Austin, Travis County, Texas. He was a Presbyterian and served the University of Texas.

Source:<http://www.achievement.org/autodoc/page/mic0bio-1>

More About LESLIE EHLERS:

Lived at: Jan 31, 1920, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas⁶

More About LESLIE EHLERS and LOTTIE EHLINGER:

Marriage: Jun 03, 1930

Children of LESLIE EHLERS and LOTTIE EHLINGER are:

- i. JO ANN⁴ EHLERS, b. Sep 29, 1931; m. RICHARD LEE ROBINETTE; b. Jan 03, 1929.

Notes for JO ANN EHLERS:

Joann was born on the very same day as was Anita Ekberg, a young lady destined to become a widely known and admired film actress.

Source:

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20040929.html?th>

Notes for RICHARD LEE ROBINETTE:

In 1998, Richard was awarded the prestigious patriot medal of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (TXSAR).

Richard was President of the TXSAR, when I met him on June 22, 2004 as we attended the wedding of my great nephew, Matthew Scott Reeves in Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas. Richard subsequently provided for me most of the genealogical information recorded in my database for the Ehlers family from its early immigration to current status.

In 2004-2005, he was honored to be elected as a National Trustee of the Sons of the American Revolution. His home chapter is in New Braunfels, Texas, known as the William Hightower Chapter.

His e-mail to me on September 12, 2005 told about his chairing as Vice President General the 115th Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution. He certainly is a contributor of leadership in a highly valued manner for our nation's history, the Sons of the American Revolution as an organization, and for our family.

These SAR honors are cited on the web site of the Texas Society:
www.txssar.org

More About RICHARD LEE ROBINETTE:

S.A.R: 2002, Was Vice President of the Texas Society of The Sons of the American Revolution

ii. KAY EHLERS.

Generation No. 4

11. VICTOR MARCUS⁴ EHLERS, JR. (*VICTOR MARCUS³, HUGO², FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY¹*) was born May 25, 1923, and died Apr 26, 1985 in Austin, Travis County, Texas,. He married MARTHA DE NOAILLES SHARPE Sep 06, 1947 in Central Park Presbyterian Church, Houston, Harris County, Texas. It later became Trinity Presbyterian Church, daughter of DWIGHT SHARPE and MARTHA CHAPMAN. She was born Sep 07, 1927 in Larado, Webb County, Texas, and died Jan 17, 2002 in Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas.

Notes for VICTOR MARCUS EHLERS, JR.:

Vic was born the same day as was born Alicia de Larrocha, Pianist.

Source: <http://freespace.virgin.net/christa.phelps/larrocha.htm>

Six days later, famous movie and TV actor, Clint Eastwood, was born.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050531.html?th&emc=th>

Vic grew up in Austin, Travis County, Texas, and was in a prominent Austin family. His father headed the Texas Department of Health for many years, and was a friend of governors and other political personalities. Vic graduated from Austin High School.

He served in the Navy during World War II in the Pacific theater. Post war times brought him back home to Austin and to enroll at the University of Texas. It was the the fellowship of the Westminster Fellowship at University Presbyterian Church that he met his wife to be. Providentially, it was that church where their second daughter, Nancy, served in her first call as an Associate Pastor.

Vic and his friends instantly won the acceptance and admiration of Martha's family as they visited Houston where her family then resided. Vic was a fine young man, richly approved by her parents, and his 1946 Ford convertible won the heart of Martha's 8 year old brother (this writer!).

They were married at the Central Park Presbyterian Church in Houston, which then was situated in the 6900 block of Sherman Avenue in east Houston, near the shipyards. Martha's father officiated at the wedding. Vic took his bride off to a lovely cabin at the Bastrop State Park in central Texas.

Vic's major in college, both for his bachelor's degree and his master's, was in the School of Social Work. He was in the first class at the University of Texas School of Social Work that awarded a master's degree. Actually, some years later when their first daughter, Lynne, achieved her master's degree, the school recognized them with honor at an academic banquet

as the first parent/child combination to acquire a master's degree there.

Vic's initial work was as a juvenile delinquency officer in moving around from Houston to Tyler to Bryan. He was called to Austin as Director of the Austin Community Council, January 1, 1959 (usually known in later years as the United Fund). Vic was the first executive director of the War on Poverty when the Community Council, as a delegate agency, brought this federal program to Travis County in 1965. The "Austin American Statesman" carried an article July 4, 1969 about Vic's announced resignation to take place September 1. He was to serve as an Assistant Professor on the faculty of the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Texas, an announcement made public by Dr. Jack Otis, Dean of the School of Social Work. . He was on the staff of the Texas State Department of Health when he died of cancer. He was an Evaluation Specialist for the Research & Demonstration Division of the Office of Research, Demonstration and Evaluation of the Texas Department of Human Resources in the John H. Winters Human Services Center! What a title! No wonder people think government is complicated!

His church life was always active and responsible where ever they lived. He became the Elder of most renown, serving several terms, a reputation earned in the eyes of the members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Austin.

One story of God's provision at the end of his life had to do with the employee life insurance policy with the State of Texas, his last employer. The policy extended life insurance only 60 days beyond when all illness and vacation leave was exhausted and technically he became unable to continue work as an employee. His graduation to heaven occurred on that very last day of policy effectiveness! God's providence is wonderful and without bounds! Martha recieved as his widow \$60,000 more than she had thought was due her in life insurance proceeds.

Vic was a dedicated and sensitive husband and father. He was always thoughtful and enjoyed vigorous debate and discussion over social and political issues (usually the same things). He was a life-long Democratic Party adherent, and work in its liberal side throughout the years. In later years, he did seem to take on some more conservative views, but he would not have wanted to admit that publicly (in this writer's opinion).

More About VICTOR MARCUS EHLERS, JR.:

Cause of Death: Prostate Cancer

Elder: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas

Graduated 1: 1949, University of Texas, Bachelors degree in Government

Graduated 2: 1941, Austin High School, Austin, Travis Couty, Texas

Graduated 3: 1952, University of Texas, Masters degree, School of Social Work

Medical Information: Physical was Dr. Richard Chopp, board certified in Urology from Sloan-Kettering Tumor Institute in New York ⁷

Social Security Number: 466-07-7892

Notes for MARTHA DE NOAILLES SHARPE:

The 1927 year of Martha's birth was a whirlwind year for the nation. Frank Billings Kellogg, U.S. Secretary of State, proposed a pact for reunification of the world powers to conclude the loose strings remaining from World War I. It was finally agreed to the following year and became known as the Kellogg-Briand Pact. His accomplishments with that pact earned him the 1929 Nobel Peace Prize. Frank is Martha's sixth cousin, twice removed.

It also was the year Ernest Hemingway wrote his "Men without Women" short stories, Franz Kafka wrote "Amerika," Upton Sinclair wrote "Oil" and Sinclair Lewis wrote "Elmer Gantry." The theater world was stunned with the first talkie movie, "The Jazz Singer," starring Al Jolson. That exciting introduction to audio thrill began with the curtain raising to an empty dark screen, the audience embracing a stillness of silence, which was shattered with the golden-throated voice of Al Jolson saying from the blank screen, "You ain't heard nothing yet!"

For the musical lovers, Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II wrote "Show Boat." Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart wrote "A Connecticut Yankee." The popular songs for 1927 were "Old Man River," "My Blue Heaven," "Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella" and "Blue Skies."

And Charles Lindbergh flew into the history books of eternity with his non-stop trans-Atlantic flight to France.

Source: "Time Tables of History," Bernard Grun, pages 490-493

On the very day of Martha's birth, TV pioneer Philo T. Farnsworth succeeded in transmitting an image through purely electronic means by using a device called an image dissector.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20040907.html?th>

Martha was born on the 394th birthday of English Queen Elizabeth I, daughter of King Henry VIII and his second of six wives, Anne Boleyn. Martha's sister was Elizabeth Anne. Anne Beelyn's sister, Mary, married William Cary, who would be Elizabeth's uncle. William Cary is Martha's 20th cousin, 13 times removed on our mother's side of the family. On our father's side, he is the seventh cousin, five times removed of Edward Southworth, the first husband of Alice Carpenter, Martha's eighth great grandmother on our father's side. Alice's second husband was of historical significance, being William Bradford, the Goerner of Plymouth Colony in the New World for 33 of the first 35 years after their 1620 arrival on the Mayflower.

William is the second great grandfather of Herbert Pelham, the very first Treasurer of Harvard College in the English Colonies about 1643.

Martha was born in Laredo, Texas where her father was in his first pastorate as a Presbyterian Minister. It was the First Presbyterian Church.

Martha's middle name, de Noailles, is a strangely beautiful middle name found in this very

non-French family. The source of it really is a mystery. However, oral tradition has it that the name was taken from a friend of the family. The name appears as the middle name for Martha's grandmother, Mattie de Noailles Simons Sharpe, as well as in her second great grandmother, Anastasia (Fannie) de Noailles Lafayette Hewlett. If the friend of the family story is correct, the friend was probably that of the parents of Fannie, who were Lemuel Green Hewlett and Rebecca J. Harvey, the parents living in Hopkins County, Kentucky at the time of the birth of Anastasia de Noailles Lafayette Hewlett (Fannie) and all of her six siblings.

Before Martha was three, the family moved to Little Rock, Arkansas in 1929. Her father's call to his third pastorate was to Ballinger, Texas, 1935. These were the depths of the depression days, yet God's providence continued to give adequate sustenance for the family, including having a maid to help with the children and domestic chores of the home and for what was expected of a pastor's home.

By 1941, when the children were three in number, the family moved to Houston, Texas. Martha faired well in school, graduating from San Jacinto High School as Magna Cum Laude. Her academic acumen brought her entrance to Rice Institute, a school of great renown in academics. After a year there, her desire to branch out in life led her to the University of Texas at Austin, the school from which both of her parents had graduated.

It was at Austin that Martha met Victor Marcus Ehlers, Jr. in the context of activities at the Westminster Student Fellowship at the University Presbyterian Church. Vic had completed military service in World War II, and the young couple wanted to marry and get on with life, even before graduation, which they did. What brought me, Martha's little brother, to accepting Vic on to the scene dating her was his bright shiny Ford Coupe convertible! Boy, was it classy. Martha was a member of the Phi Mu Sorority Alumnae and participated in its activities most of her life.

Martha's father conducted the marriage ceremony, which was a significant social occasion at the family's home church. The rehearsal party was hosted by Aunt Edna Dawson, who lived near a matter of several blocks from the Sharpe's.

She was a life long Presbyterian, serving in later years as an ordained Elder. She participated in her church's life where ever she lived, such as in Sunday School, Presbyterian Women, etc. She was a member of the Mothers' Club of Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Gamma Delta Sororities, and served on the Panhellenic Council. Her love for history was lived out somewhat in her activities as a Docent at the LBJ Library in Austin.

Martha enjoyed domestic engineering, raising her two daughters, both of whom were very talented girls. Martha was widowed over fifteen years. She experienced dementia and coming to live with Nancy's family was necessitated. They lovingly took care of her through the home and through several institutions. She lived back home for much of the last year of her life, though it may have been a couple of years since family members had been able to exchange meaningful conversation. One thing the family did learn was the singing of old time hymns brought a response of seeming gratitude to her, and so we sang a lot for Martha. She really could not be aware that her daughter, Lynne, succumbed from cancer three months before Martha died.

Her going home service was a celebration of a Christian life with many family and friends together. The woman conducting the service, the Rev. Ms. Kelly Chadwick, was a family friend. I gave a eulogy about her. The service was held at the Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home in Austin.

More About MARTHA DE NOAILLES SHARPE:

Burial: Jan 25, 2002, Austin Memorial Park, Austin, Travis County, Texas

Funeral: Jan 25, 2002, Rev. Kelly Chadwick officiated in service at the Weed Corley-Fish Funeral Home Chapel, 3125 North Lamar Street.

HS Graduation: Jun 1944, San Jacinto High School, Houston, Harris County, Texas

Medical Information: Suffered from dementia. Bedridden last 3 or 4 years of life. Died in her sleep @ 4:30 AM

More About VICTOR EHLERS and MARTHA SHARPE:

Marriage: Sep 06, 1947, Central Park Presbyterian Church, Houston, Harris County, Texas. It later became Trinity Presbyterian Church

Children of VICTOR EHLERS and MARTHA SHARPE are:

13. i. MARTHA LYNNE⁵ EHLERS, b. Dec 30, 1950, Austin, Travis County, Texas, Seaton Hospital, 2601 Rio Grande; d. Oct 20, 2001, Warner Robbins, Georgia.
14. ii. NANCY LEA EHLERS, b. Feb 26, 1956, Bryan, Texas at St. Joseph's Hospital.

12. JEAN BABETTE⁴ EHLERS (*ALFRED ROBERT³, HUGO², FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY¹*) was born 1932. She married REV. BERT TIPPIT.

Children of JEAN EHLERS and BERT TIPPIT are:

15. i. SHALMIR AGAR⁵ TIPPIT, b. Oct 18, 1961.
- ii. SYDNEY TIPPIT.

Generation No. 5

13. MARTHA LYNNE⁵ EHLERS (*VICTOR MARCUS⁴, VICTOR MARCUS³, HUGO², FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY¹*) was born Dec 30, 1950 in Austin, Travis County, Texas, Seaton Hospital, 2601 Rio Grande, and died Oct 20, 2001 in Warner Robbins, Georgia. She married DR. FOSTER SCOTT BRIN in Austin, Texas, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He was born May 23, 1948.

Notes for MARTHA LYNNE EHLERS:

Lynne was a student at the University of Texas, School of Social Work, and garnered both her bachelors and her masters degree there. She always seemed to be fun loving, yet quiet and reserved. It was my pleasant surprise to see her father cite her in his letter to us of July 6, 1969 that Lynne was just finishing a run of "Guys and Dolls." She was in a group that was performing at Zilker Park Hillside Theater there in Austin, Texas. Lynne was on the stage and

set design crew at age 18.

Lynne was the first student to receive a masters degree from the Graduate School of Social Work of the University of Texas whose parent had also received such degree. To add to the unusual nature of that feat, they both received their masters degrees together at the same ceremony! Her father, Vic, had been in the first class at the graduate school that began awarding masters degrees in social work.

Professionally, she was a social worker, and pursued her career in quite a number of locations, mostly in Texas and in Georgia. Before her marriage, she worked and lived a while in Dallas in the 1970's. She joined Highland Park Presbyterian Church where I would be employed after she moved on. She lived in the same apartments on Northwest Highway, between Preston Road and Hillcrest, where at various times our children lived, Tiffany and Todd, as well as where Suzanne and I lived before moving out to our current ranch.

While working in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, she met Foster Scott Brin, a medical student at the time. They married and gave issue to one child, Andrew. Lynne had several bouts with cancer over the years. She died two months short of her 50th birthday.

More About MARTHA LYNNE EHLERS:

Baptised by: 1952, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (grandfather)

Burial: Oct 24, 2001, Warner Robbins, GA

Cause of Death: Cancer

Christian Commitment: May 12, 1972, Lay Renewal @ St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas

Funeral: Oct 24, 2001, Trinity United Methodist Church, Warner Robbins, GA

Medical Information: Lynne faced several cancers for more than a decade.

Occupation: Professional Social Worker

Notes for DR. FOSTER SCOTT BRIN:

More About DR. FOSTER SCOTT BRIN:

From: Florida

Practiced: Psychiatry

More About FOSTER BRIN and MARTHA EHLERS:

Marriage: Austin, Texas, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Child of MARTHA EHLERS and FOSTER BRIN is:

- i. ANDREW VICTOR⁶ BRIN, b. Jul 08, 1989.

Notes for ANDREW VICTOR BRIN:

Andrew is a young man sensitive to the arts. By the time he hit teenage years, he was an accomplished musician, able to play several instruments, and had

mastered the electronic keyboard. He had responsibility thrust upon him early as his mother passed away to the church triumphant when Andrew was 12. He is a mature young man with much potential to soar to great heights of accomplishment.

14. NANCY LEA⁵ EHLERS (*VICTOR MARCUS⁴, VICTOR MARCUS³, HUGO², FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY¹*) was born Feb 26, 1956 in Bryan, Texas at St. Joseph's Hospital. She married KEVIN GRADY REEVES Jun 11, 1977 in Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Austin, Travis County, Texas. He was born Jan 14, 1956 in Augsburg, Germany.

Notes for NANCY LEA EHLERS:

Nancy was born the year that the Lerner and Loewe musical "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway on March 15, 1956. That musical went on to become the longest running Broadway musical in its day, ending in June of 1962. It so happened that I was in New York City on business and attended the very last showing of that long run.

Source:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/My_Fair_Lady

Nancy started off life with the family really holding our breaths. When she was two days old, emergency surgeons removed her right kidney that was polycystic, which means there were multiple tumors, causing the kidney to be the size of a grapefruit. She also had liver and heart problems. Her Mom, Martha, prayed that if God would just save her precious baby, she would dedicate her to full time Christian service. Martha did not share that information until the day Nancy was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament. Her frail little body fought back for survival and, through much prayer and excellent medical care, she survived to be the outstanding woman leader she is today.

Nancy is a sixth generation Texan! Her Mom was born in Laredo, her grandmother Martha Dixon Chapman Shape was born in Lufkin, her great grandmother Margaret Lavina Abney was born in Lufkin, her great, great grandmother Martha Jane Dixon was born in San Augustine, and lastly to her great, great, great grandfather Judge Felix Benedict Dixon, an Ohio born man who took an oath of immigration into the Republic of Texas in May of 1841.

Most of her growing up years were in Austin, Travis County, Texas where she graduated from elementary school, Junior high, high school and the University of Texas with a degree in Education. Their home for most of those years was at 3003 Skylark Drive in the Northwest part of Austin, near Anderson Lane and Shoal Creek. The family was active members of the Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church on Koenig Lane, a constituent congregation of the United Presbyterian Church USA (Northern Presbyterian Church) before the 1983 denominational reunion with the Presbyterian Church in the US (Southern Presbyterian Church). It was there that she married her high school sweetheart, Kevin Reeves.

She and Kevin raised three fine children. Her qualifications in education and her desire to serve in the church led her to be a dollar-a-year type staff member of her home church, in effect, serving like a director of Christian education. That experience evolved into her

becoming a full time student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary there in Austin. She graduated from seminary and accepted a call as an Associate Pastor at the University Presbyterian Church. This was so providential in God's Kingdom, for it was the church where her parents met, as students at the University of Texas, way back in 1945.

A time came after a few years of service at the University Church, when the Senior Pastor took a call elsewhere and Nancy took that occasion to depart that staff and begin exploring into the possibility for a new church development out in the suburb where she and her family then lived, Round Rock, just over the Travis County line into Williamson County. From her early days in seminary, Nancy felt a passion for evangelism. During her time at University Presbyterian Church, she explored her gifts in this area, finally stepping out in faith to start a new congregation reaching out to the unchurched folks of Round Rock. This is a historic county in our family, as it is the county where my Ohio born grandfather and great uncle first settled in the late 1800's.

Mission Presbytery, the regional church authority of which she was a member as a pastor, did not have funds for her vision, nor were their particular goals for new church development focused in that area. Actually a new church in Southeast Round Rock had been part of a 10 year plan approximately a decade prior to this. When Nancy talked with the Church Development Division of the Presbytery, they were excited about her dream of reaching the unchurched, but did not have any funds. So the Presbytery gave her permission to try and see what happened. Within six months, the presbytery had recognized them as a "fellowship" and in another year they were a "new church development."

It began in their home and around the neighborhood swimming pools. For a long time, their worship time was Sunday evenings only, as the constituency was one that mostly spent weekends at one of the nearby lakes and did not come back into town till Sunday evening. Next they worshipped under a pavilion in a neighborhood park. Next they rented a house close to downtown Round Rock. Finally they purchased several acres on what was to become a strategic corner property on Gattis School Road. The property had a house on it where they worshipped for several years. The church finally was recognized by Mission Presbytery as an organized congregation and it was chartered in services in 1999. It was my privilege to participate as a member of the Presbytery Commission that conducted the chartering worship service. I read the scripture for the service. They erected the first section of their building program in 2003.

Just after the turn of the century, their church won a large prize as the most outstanding new church development in the PCUSA denomination that year, as judged by the General Assembly at its annual legislative meeting. The prize was something on the order of \$40,000. The new small and growing congregation was truly jubilant!

Nancy is passionate in her ministry and has won the hearts of a very loving congregation at Grace Presbyterian Church. You can get a glimpse of her personality through her greeting published on the church's web site:

"Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church! We are a young congregation that was chartered by Mission Presbytery in October of 1999. With a vision 'to create a joyful community of faith that welcomes all people to share their faith and doubts while celebrating

the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, study and service,' we have encouraged one another to discover and use their unique God-given gifts. The year 2003 has been an exciting one for our church family as we have been constructing our new facility. In November we completed the first stage, a multipurpose building to be used for worship, education, and fellowship activities. But not only have we been building a physical church home, we have been building a church family. Our congregation enthusiastically gathers for mission outreach projects, while also meeting to study the scriptures and discover their message for us today. Each week on Sunday we come together to worship God and celebrate the countless ways in which we have been blessed. Whether you are a lifelong Presbyterian, someone new to the Christian walk, or someone who is exploring their faith and doubts, we encourage you to visit us in our new building. We would love for you to join us as we grow in our life of faith here in Round Rock."

Nancy is more than just the pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church. Kevin and all three of their children have had some much to do with various kinds of participation and leadership for the development of that congregation that I think of them as the pastoring family for the church. She has carried on another fine chapter of Christian commitment that so often has appeared in our family lineage and to which I am blessed to give emphasis.

Now that her children are essentially out of the nest (one is married, two are well on in college), she is living her transportation dream by driving a two-seater Audi TT foreign sports car convertible! It's a special sight to see in the church parking lot!

More About NANCY LEA EHLERS:

Baptised by: 1956, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (grandfather)

Christian Commitment: May 12, 1972, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas @ a Lay Renewal

Weighed: Feb 26, 1956, 8 lb., 5 oz - 20 inches long

Notes for KEVIN GRADY REEVES:

Kevin was born in Augsburg, Germany, son of a career military man. They retired to Austin, Travis County, Texas as Kevin entered high school. Nancy and Kevin met when Kevin's family joined St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and they soon began dating.

Kevin owns a glass and roofing company in Round Rock. He is very active at Grace Presbyterian where he is an Elder and he plays the bass guitar in the praise band. He has also taught Disciple Bible Study and various classes for kids of all ages. He also serves on the Emmaus board for their area, often working on Walk to Emmaus Teams.

Marriage Notes for NANCY EHLERS and KEVIN REEVES:

They were married the year the TV mini-series "Roots," based on the Alex Haley novel, began airing on ABC. It is of my interest that Mr. Haley was in the United States Coast Guard, stationed in New York City during World War II as a clerk typist. His next desk co-

worker was Andrew Albert Jumper, later to become my brother-in-law who married my sister, Elizabeth Anne Sharpe Jumper. Elizabeth was Nancy's aunt, who unfortunately was deceased by the time of this marriage.

Source:<http://www.kirjasto.sci.fi/ahaley.htm>

More About KEVIN REEVES and NANCY EHLERS:

Marriage: Jun 11, 1977, Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Austin, Travis County, Texas

Children of NANCY EHLERS and KEVIN REEVES are:

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 - i. MATTHEW SCOTT⁶ REEVES, b. May 15, 1980, Austin, Travis County, Texas.
 - ii. CHRISTOPHER THOMAS REEVES⁸, b. Sep 11, 1982⁸; m. SARAH ALEXIS SHANEY, Jul 02, 2005, First Presbyterian Church, 104 South Twelfth Street, McAllen, Hildago County, Texas; b. May 01, 1984⁹.

Notes for CHRISTOPHER THOMAS REEVES:

Christopher's first notable profile in the public domain was the selection of him for a photograph promoting information about the Texas Drivers License Division to be on posters all over the state! This was in 1984 when Christopher was two years old. This is documented in his father's letter of April 25, 1984 generally sent to all the family for the purposes of updating them on Vic's cancer situation.

Christopher is a seventh generation Texan. In 2005, he graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, Travis County, Texas in Computer Science. He worked part time designing web pages and doing programing for a gaming resource company.

Just prior to his marriage. Chris landed a job in the computer industry that will enable them to live in the Austin area for now.

Chris' courtship of Sarah went back a little more than three years before their wedding. He was giving leadership in a Conference Planning Committee at the Presbyterian Conference Center in the Hill Country of Texas in Kerr County, known as Mo Ranch. It so happened that Sarah was a member of that planning team as well, and apparently they later made more plans than just for the conference!

More About CHRISTOPHER THOMAS REEVES:

Graduated: May 25, 2001, Round Rock High School

More About SARAH ALEXIS SHANEY:

Drivers License: Aug 26, 2002, Texas # 019164173 renewed this date⁹

Lived at: Aug 02, 2002, 816 BC Avenue, McAllen, Hildago County, Texas⁹

Marriage Notes for CHRISTOPHER REEVES and SARAH SHANEY:

Their 6:00 PM wedding on July 2, 2005 was at the First Presbyterian Church of McAllen, Texas, 104 South Twelfth Street, Sarah's home town. A reception immediately followed at the Monarch Ballroom in the Country Inn & Suites, 1921 South Tenth Street. However, due to some noted participants in the service being delayed arriving, the service actually began about 6:30 PM.

It was the honor and privilege for Suzanne and me to attend the wedding and reception. Chris' Mom, the Rev. Mrs. Nancy Lea Ehlers Reeves, officiated the wedding ceremony. The centerpiece candle at the front of the church where the wedding party gathered was burning in loving memory of Gaylen, Sarah's father, who had graduated to heaven about three years earlier. The candle was appropriately lighted by Pat, Gaylen's loving wife.

The service was bi-lingual. Every few phrases were repeated by as translator into Spanish. Why? Sarah's family is primarily from Mexico. In fact, her Mom, Pat, has only been a U.S. Citizen less than a decade. A number of their large family attending spoke no English. So, it truly was an international affair.

Music for the church service was provided by the guest musicians from Mexico City. They also provided the music for the reception.

This seven member musician team was astounding in its vigor and joyful enthusiasm they created among the wedding guests. The lead female singer is a cousin of Sarah's Mom. The band started music by 8 PM and went with only two very brief breaks till midnight! The Latin flavor was so invigorating that the wonderful inter-generational spirit of family love and joy was outstanding. Even Suzanne and I were seen prancing around on the dance floor, wearing the wild party hats and other decorations provided by the band for the party goers to wear. It was so much fun!

More About CHRISTOPHER REEVES and SARAH SHANEY:

Marriage: Jul 02, 2005, First Presbyterian Church, 104 South Twelfth Street, McAllen, Hildago County, Texas

- iii. VICTORIA LEA REEVES, b. Aug 10, 1985.

Notes for VICTORIA LEA REEVES:

Vicky is named for her grandfather Victor Marcus Ehlers, Jr. She graduated from High School in Round Rouck, Williamson County, Texas and attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, the oldest continuously operating

school of higher education in Texas. She is a seventh generation Texan.

In 2004, Vicky is a sophomore at Southwestern University in Georgetown, studying Psychology. She also is an elected Elder on the Session at Grace Presbyterian Church in Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas. Her officer leadership responsibilities include being the Moderator of the Children's Ministry Team.

More About VICTORIA LEA REEVES:

Entered: Aug 2003, Southwestern University in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

15. SHALMIR AGAR⁵ TIPPIT (*JEAN BABETTE⁴ EHLERS, ALFRED ROBERT³, HUGO², FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY¹*) was born Oct 18, 1961. She married RICHARD DANIEL JOHNSTON Nov 14, 2003 in at Arlington Hall at Lee Park on Lemmon & Turtle Creek in Dallas, Texas. He was born Apr 06, 1959 in Montana.

Notes for SHALMIR AGAR TIPPIT:

Shalmir is a first cousin, once removed to my brother-in-law, Victor Marcus Ehlers, Jr. Their common ancestors are Hugo Ehlers and Agathe Sladczyk, great grand parents and grand parents, respectively.

Shalmir's profession was that of an architectural artist doing design work. Her work was at HKS, a world recognized architectural firm that began in Dallas in 1939. It is my pleasure to get to know Shalmir since the 1990's, since she became a member of Highland Park Presbyterian Church where I serve on the staff.

More About SHALMIR AGAR TIPPIT:

Graduated: Texas A&M University

Occupation: Graphic artist in major architectural firm

Notes for RICHARD DANIEL JOHNSTON:

Richard was born the year that Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista, in 1959.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fidel_Castro

More About RICHARD DANIEL JOHNSTON:

Graduated: Texas A&M University

Grew Up: Sherman, Texas

Marriage Notes for SHALMIR TIPPIT and RICHARD JOHNSTON:

Suzanne and I attended this beautiful wedding where perhaps 200 or more elegant Dallas social scent guests and out of town family and friends attended. Our neice, the Rev. Mrs. Nancy Ehlers Reeves, officiated the wedding ceremony. Nancy and Shalmir are second cousins. Nancy is a daughter of my sister, Martha. Martha's husband, Vic, is a first cousin to Shlmir's mother. Their fathers were brothers.

More About RICHARD JOHNSTON and SHALMIR TIPPIT:

Marriage: Nov 14, 2003, at Arlington Hall at Lee Park on Lemmon & Turtle Creek in Dallas, Texas

Child of SHALMIR TIPPIT and RICHARD JOHNSTON is:

- i. EMORY⁶ JOHNSTON, b. Jan 05, 2005, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

Notes for EMORY JOHNSTON:

Emory was born January 5, 2005 at Baylor Medical Hospital in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, according to the e-mail message her mother sent me April 7, 2005.

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16. MATTHEW SCOTT⁶ REEVES (*NANCY LEA⁵ EHLERS, VICTOR MARCUS⁴, VICTOR MARCUS³, HUGO², FREDERICH JOACHIM CASPAY¹*) was born May 15, 1980 in Austin, Travis County, Texas. He married ELIZABETH KAY HENDERSON Jun 22, 2002 in Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas. She was born Feb 20, 1981.

Notes for MATTHEW SCOTT REEVES:

Matthew was the only one of his siblings or first cousins that his great grandfather, Dwight Alfred Sharpe, lived to see. Matthew is a seventh generation Texan.

His Mom was born in Brian, his grandmother Ehlers was born in Laredo, his great grandmother Martha Dixon Chapman Shape was born in Lufkin, his great, great grandmother Margaret Lavina Abney was born in Lufkin, his third great grandmother Martha Jane Dixon was born in San Augustine, and lastly to his fourth great grandfather Judge Felix Benedict Dixon, was an Ohio born man who took an oath of immigration into the Republic of Texas in May of 1841.

Matt works as a software developer for Hewlett Packard. He will complete his Masters in Computer Science this December, 2004. He and his wife Libby live in North Round Rock, along with their two dogs and turtle!

More About MATTHEW SCOTT REEVES:

Graduated: May 1999, Round Rock High School, Round Rock, Texas

Marriage Notes for MATTHEW REEVES and ELIZABETH HENDERSON:

Matthew's mother was the officiating pastor for their marriage. It was held at the Round Rock Presbyterian Church, as their home church, Grace Presbyterian, was not large enough to host this wedding. It is located at 4010 Sam Bass Road, a main thoroughfare named after the famed outlaw of that area from the 1800's legends.

The couple departed for the port of Galveston for a lovely honeymoon cruise. Their initial living quarters were in Leander, Texas on land with her parents, while both pursued further graduate education.

The wedding took place on the very day that Syndicated advice columnist Ann Landers died at age 83.

Source:

http://www.creators.com/Lifestyle_Shell.cfm?pg=statement.html&ColumnsName=alc

More About MATTHEW REEVES and ELIZABETH HENDERSON:

Marriage: Jun 22, 2002, Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas

Child of MATTHEW REEVES and ELIZABETH HENDERSON is:

- i. BENJAMIN CHRISTOPHER⁷ REEVES, b. Jun 17, 2005, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Notes for BENJAMIN CHRISTOPHER REEVES:

Early on the morning of Benjamin's birth, we received the following e-mail from his Grandmother Nancy Reeves:

"Benjamin Christopher Reeves was born at 12:47 a.m. on Friday, June 17 at North Austin Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Everyone is doing AWESOME!!! He was welcomed into the world at the hospital by Dad Matt, Grandparents Kevin and Nancy Reeves, David and Celeste Yeakley, Sam and Cheryl Henderson, Aunts and Uncles Chris Reeves, Vicky Reeves, Sarah Shaney, Matt Henderson and Alisha, Bryan Henderson, Jason Yeakley, and Celeste Shaney. It was a wonderful celebration!!! They expect to go home on Saturday. Praise God!!!! Grace and peace, Nancy Reeves"

Nancy, of course, is Benjamin's grandmother! She also is the Pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Round Rock. This is the first grandchild of Nancy & Kevin, and they are so proud! Fortunately for Suzanne and me, we were visiting with our son, Todd, in the Austin area, so we were able to visit little Benjamin later on in the day of his birth.

Benjamin represents the first great, grand nephew for Suzanne and me. He also represents the first member of our related family who becomes an eighth generation Texan! We are so pleased to be in the midst of such an historical person!

Additionally, we are pleased that Benjamin arrived on June 17th, as it is the 43rd anniversary of the date on which Suzanne and I met in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana back in 1962!

Truly, this day of birth is a great day for historical references. You might remember that today is the 281st birthday of Ann Rockenfeller. She is of the famous American family of the Rockefellers. She was the second cousin, once removed, of Johann Philip Rockefeller, the husband of Cartharina Sharp, who is Benjamin's sixth great grand aunt.

Many of you should remember England's King Edward I, known as "Longshanks," due to his great height. Today is his 766th birthday. He was portrayed, unfortunately in a bad light, in the Mel Gibson movie a few years ago, "Braveheart," the story of a little Scottish rebellion against England. Edward I is the last of the three generations of Kings that issued versions of the Magna Carta, the series of 17 such issuances that represented the first instances of human and civil rights appearing in official government papers. A copy of that is owned by the Perot Foundation here in America, and I am privileged to have a copy of it framed and hanging on the walls at home. King Edward is Benjamin's 12th cousin, 24 times removed through my Mother's family line. He also is, in my father's family line, the 11th great grandfather of the 1st husband of Alice Carpenter, Benjamin's eleven times great grandmother. In addition, King Edward I is the 24th great grandfather of our son-in-law, Steve O. Westmoreland, meaning that our daughter, Tiffany, married well into Royalty!

Benjamin was born on the 170th wedding anniversary of when Sarah Knox Taylor married Jefferson Davis. At the time of the marriage, Jefferson was in the U.S. Army under the command of Colonel Zachary Taylor. The Colonel went on to become President of the United States. Jefferson went on to become the Secretary of Defense for the United States before he joined the breakaway rebellion of the Southern States. He became President of the Confederate States of America. After the War Between the States, during his retirement years, Jefferson actually was offered the Presidency of Texas A&M University at the time when it was first being organized. He declined the honor and remained in retirement until his death. Jefferson is the Uncle of Benjamin's great, great, great great grand aunt, Susanna Elizabeth Davis, wife

of James Addison Abney of my mother's ancestry.

So, it should be with a great deal of historical pride and blessing that Benjamin joins this long line of historically significant events for having his birthday.

Endnotes

1. *Census*, 1920, LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, Justice Precinct #1, Enumeration District #52, Supervisor District #9, 4th Ward of the City, Sheet #17, Head of Household being Hugo Ehlers and the wife being Agathe Ehlers, immigration year cited.
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7. Ehlers, Jr., Victor Letter of April 25, 1984, General letter to many family members describing his cancer situation.
8. Sharpe, D. A., Personal knowledge at his birth.
9. Drivers License Records, Texas, www.publicdata.com .

Kinship of Frederich Joachim Caspay Ehlers

Name	Relationship with Frederich Ehlers	Civil	Canon
Amberg, Edith A.	Wife of the grandson		
Barry	Husband of the granddaughter		
Ben	4th great-grandson	VI	6
Berry	Husband of the granddaughter		
Brin, Andrew Victor	3rd great-grandson	V	5
Brin, Foster Scott	Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter		
Chris	3rd great-grandson	V	5
Ehlers, Alfred Robert	Grandson	II	2
Ehlers, Alfred Robert, Jr.	Great-grandson	III	3
Ehlers, Charlotte	Granddaughter	II	2
Ehlers, Darby Jeanne	Great-granddaughter	III	3
Ehlers, Edith	Great-granddaughter	III	3
Ehlers, Elizabeth	Granddaughter	II	2
Ehlers, Emilie	Daughter	I	1
Ehlers, Emmit	Great-grandson	III	3
Ehlers, Ernest A.	Grandson	II	2
Ehlers, Frederich Joachim Caspay	Self		0
Ehlers, Frederick	Son	I	1
Ehlers, Fritz	Grandson	II	2
Ehlers, Fritz E.	Grandson	II	2
Ehlers, Harold E.	Grandson	II	2
Ehlers, Harriet	Granddaughter	II	2
Ehlers, Helmuth James	Grandson	II	2
Ehlers, Hugo	Son	I	1
Ehlers, Hugo James	Grandson	II	2
Ehlers, Jacqueline	Great-granddaughter	III	3
Ehlers, Jean Babette	Great-granddaughter	III	3
Ehlers, Jo Ann	Great-granddaughter	III	3
Ehlers, Johann	Son	I	1
Ehlers, John	Son	I	1
Ehlers, Kay	Great-granddaughter	III	3
Ehlers, Leslie	Grandson	II	2
Ehlers, Marian	Great-granddaughter	III	3
Ehlers, Marjorie Virginia	Great-granddaughter	III	3
Ehlers, Martha	Granddaughter	II	2
Ehlers, Martha Lynne	2nd great-granddaughter	IV	4
Ehlers, Minna	Granddaughter	II	2
Ehlers, Nancy Lea	2nd great-granddaughter	IV	4
Ehlers, Olga	Granddaughter	II	2
Ehlers, Powell	Grandson	II	2
Ehlers, Suzanne	Great-granddaughter	III	3
Ehlers, Victor Marcus, Jr.	Great-grandson	III	3
Ehlers, Victor Marcus, Sr.	Grandson	II	2
Ehlers, Walter Jack	Grandson	II	2
Ehlers, Walter Jack, Jr.	Great-grandson	III	3
Ehlers, Werner Jack	Grandson	II	2
Ehlers, Willaim	Son	I	1
Ehlinger, Lottie Lee	Wife of the grandson		
Elsie	Wife		
Emilia	Daughter	I	1
Engel, Carolyn Elise	Wife		
Eugene, Verna	Wife of the grandson		
Fritz	Self		0

Name	Relationship with Frederich Ehlers	Civil	Canon
Goss	Husband of the great-granddaughter		
Granville, Michael F.	Husband of the granddaughter		
Harris, Maude	Wife of the grandson		
Henderson, Elizabeth Kay	Wife of the 3rd great-grandson		
Johnston, Emory	3rd great-granddaughter	V	5
Johnston, Richard Daniel	Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter		
Libby	Wife of the 3rd great-grandson		
Lynne	2nd great-granddaughter	IV	4
Marie	Wife of the great-grandson		
Matt	3rd great-grandson	V	5
Meineke, Exa	Wife of the grandson		
Melcher	Husband of the granddaughter		
Moore, Sue	Wife of the grandson		
Parker	Husband of the great-granddaughter		
Primm	Husband of the granddaughter		
Reeves, Benjamin Christopher	4th great-grandson	VI	6
Reeves, Christopher Thomas	3rd great-grandson	V	5
Reeves, Kevin Grady	Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter		
Reeves, Matthew Scott	3rd great-grandson	V	5
Reeves, Victoria Lea	3rd great-granddaughter	V	5
Robinette, Richard Lee	Husband of the great-granddaughter		
Schmidt, Hedwig	Wife of the grandson		
Scott	Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter		
Shaney, Sarah Alexis	Wife of the 3rd great-grandson		
Sharpe, Martha de Noailles	Wife of the great-grandson		
Sladczyk, Agathe	Daughter-in-law		
Sladczyk, Alma	Granddaughter	II	2
Sladczyk, Anne	Granddaughter	II	2
Sladczyk, Bertha	Daughter-in-law		
Sladczyk, Elise	Granddaughter	II	2
Sladczyk, Henry Joseph	Son-in-law		
Sladczyk, Victor H.	Grandson	II	2
Tippit, Bert	Husband of the great-granddaughter		
Tippit, Shalmir Agar	2nd great-granddaughter	IV	4
Tippit, Sydney	2nd great-granddaughter	IV	4
Truaens, Emmerence	Wife of the grandson		
Vic	Great-grandson	III	3
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