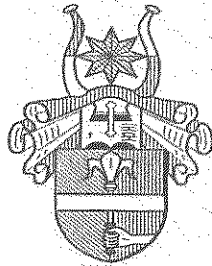


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*We wish you Merry Christmas,
health, luck and contentment for 2006*

*In the name of the cousinship
cousin Volkmar and Gisela Willrich*

The chairman tells

Hello, dear cousins,

the South of the USA made world-wide headlines for weeks because of the disastrous typhoons „Katharina“, and „Rita“, especially in the federal states around New Orleans, and in Houston/Texas. To us as members of the Wilrich/Willrich clan the connection to the population in these regions is very intensive. The descendants of the ancestor Georg Karl Wilrich out of Uelzen, emigrated 1847 into Texas. His son Georg Wilhelm followed him in 1854 and after him a lot of other relatives later on. A list of emigrants was listed up in the family news no. 21 on page 15. Among these also are the brothers of cousin Helene Homann-Willrich, author of the „family-history“: Leopold Willrich emigrated 1869 in the age of 14, Gebhard Willrich emigrated 1871 in the age of 18, and Carl Willrich emigrated 1872 in the age of 16. Helene herself is also listed up, returned 1890 to Germany, as you may read in the „Geschlechterbuch“. All together in the 19th century more than 5 million German emigrated into North America among a numerous number of emigrated out of other European nations, especially English, Irish, Polands, Italians. Today the 6th American should have German roots. The emigration got by industrialization in England, by crop failures. So many people got very hungry and became poor, and passed away. So it was clear that through the enticing letters and news of emigrants and through professional advertiser of shipping companies raised their hopes. It was not only the commercial aspect to emigrate. When Georg Karl in the age of 48 emigrated into Texas, he worked as advocate in a higher administrative court at Uelzen and so he got relative rich. But cousin Helene wrote, that his legal profession was not so as he wished. Since 1838 he was the third time married and he had little children. The 15th child Louis and his 16th child Luise were borne 1848 and 1849 in Texas. The mother of Georg Karl, Margarethe passed away 1841, his father passed away 1831. With his great family it must have been very narrow in his house, and so he tried to go to America to have a part of the abundance of land and job.

Other reasons of emigration were to push off somebody. So Helene's brother Carl Willrich wrote about his brother Leopold: he was pushed off by his guardians for his quarrelsome nature and temperament. So his mother was helpless with such a lot of children at the hands. He was sent to the brother of pastor Borchers in Missouri. Also his brother Gebhard was sent to Missouri, because it was not enough money for his life; so in Germany he had got his school examinations, so he had better to stay in Germany. About himself he wrote that it was easy for his guardians to send him too to America. All of us should have been elder.

After the new correspondence with cousin Sue Lawson in Houston/Texas in their executive committee at Oct. 07/08 in Berlin we planned to strengthen the contacts to our relatives in USA. So cousin Peter-Th. Wilrich will at the family-reunion in 2007 organize a group travel to New York and Texas. Within these news you may read about it. I hope this group travel will find your interest and is to be realized.

With family greetings
Your Volkmar

Berlin always is worth visit

Family reunion 2006, September 22 to 24

This we have said within our Spring edition and we decided the date within the meeting of the executive committee 2005, the October 7 to 8.

Thanks to the organization of cousin Marion Radtke and cousin Jürgen Radtke we are able to inform you about the program only with reservation.

Within the „SORAT Hotel Humboldt-Mühle in Berlin-Tegel“, An der Mühle 5-9, bedrooms may be reserved. The family meeting and the family get-together will happen there. If you are able to use look at world wide web: www.sorat-hotels.com.



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We had also thought for members with a smaller budget especially for the youth. For these members bedrooms may be reserved within „Hotel Bongard“ in Berlin-Reinickendorf, Holzhauser Str. 180. This hotel will be find too in world wide web: www.hotelpensiongribnitz.de. You will find nice pitures of these hotels.



2006, Friday Sept. 22 the day of arrival. The executive committee will gether at 15 o'clock for the meeting of this year. The receipt of the guests is planned at 18 o'clock, the common dinner will happen at 19.30 o'clock.

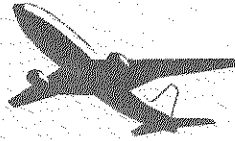
Saturday morning cousin Marion Radtke and cousin Jürgen Radtke will try to get a visit within the government in the Bundesrat or in the Bundestag (Reichstag). Cousin Peter-Th. Wilrich will organize the dinner. The sightseeing tour may be done by ship on the chanal. Being not so interesting for children and the youth cousin Marion Radtke will organize a special program for them, for that read page for kids and youth. Befor the dinner at 20 o'clock we will have the family meeting from 18 to 20 o'clock.

The Sunday morning we hope to have nice weather to get a ship tour on the Tegeler See with a common dinner to end the reunion.

We wish to the organizers success in the planning.

Who is interested in a

group tour to New York and Texas



in connection with the family reunion of our cousins in USA in Spring 2007?

Within our meeting of the committee, we discussed the possibility of the participation at this reunion, because till now only a few of us were there. Though a group tour is to be organized by cousin Peter-Th. Wilrich. His idea:

Time: End of March, beginning of April 2007 (in that time the family reunion is planned).

Length: 2 weeks, one week New York, after that one week Houston/Texas

Accommodation: Middleclass hotel in New York in the center of Manhattan (Street 44 to 48), within Texas different hotels or motels. For these he will fetch coupons.



Program for New York:

Walking through Lower Manhattan (Times Square, Broadway, Fifth Avenue, Empire State Building, UNO, Greenwich Village, Wall Street, Southern tip of Manhattan, Staten Island Ferry).

Walk through Upper Manhattan (Rockefeller Center, Central Park, MoMa, Guggenheim Museum).

Visitation of a musical or opera within the Metropolitan Opera.

Program for Texas:

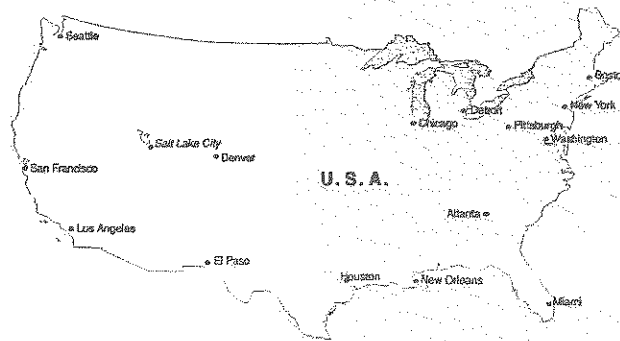
Participation in the family reunion in or near La Grange.

Walking at the Old Market Square and visit of the Space Center in Houston.

Drive to Golf of Mexiko and to Galveston.

Drive to San Antonio, may be to New Braunfels or Austin.

For that we will lease cars or minibus at the airport for one week
(for the number of participants).



Costs (calculated of today + 10%):

Flight	600 €
Hotel New York: 7 nights in double bedroom	560 €
Hotel/Motel in Texas: 7 nights in double bedroom	280 €
Flying transfer New York	30 €
Car or minibus in Texas	130 €
Alltogether	1600 €

Additional costs of meal (inclus. Breakfast) 500 €. Other additional costs for shuttle flights within Germany. Costs for the musicals and Met, for dinner in good restaurants (in New York it is very expensive).

Who does not sleep within a double bed room has to pay twice of the price, for in USA price of hotels is equal for one or for two persons. Cousin Peter-Th. thinks of the price may be for this trip of about 2000 to 2500 € per person.

To et knowledge for more planning, cousin Peter-Th. asks for enrollment without obligation by callnumber 030-7735490, or fax 030-7735798, or E-mail under wilrich@wiwiss.fu-berlin.de or by letter: adress Promenadenstr. 16A, 12207 Berlin.

Family events

I am happy to have only pleasant news in this edition.

Wedding:

2005, June 11 at Gießen

Dr. Urs Schiefer and Anja Schiefer, neé Wilrich

We wish to the couples luck and blessing.

Born was:

2004, February 25

Lucas Julian

Dr. Urs Schiefer and Anja Schiefer, neé Wilrich (parents)
Prof. Dr. Peter-Th. and Dr. Birgit Wilrich (grandparents)

2005, April 30

Lotta Margarete

Mirell and Olaf Düvel, neé Wirth (parents)
Zara-Marlene (sister)
Ines and Ewald Wirth (grandparents)



We wish them for their ways of life health and contentment and to their families lots of delight together with them.

Cousin Frohlind Willrich celebrated her 80 birthday

To celebrate the 80 anniversary is cause enough to get together friends and relations. So thought cousin Frohlind and a great number of guests from far away and from nearby followed her invitation at the July 16 in 2005 at Markkleeberg near Leipzig.

The get together began in the early afternoon with music at the Auenkirche in Markkleeberg-Ost, arranged by Frohlind (playing the organ) and her friends (playing flute, violin, and Cello). The femal pastor in heartily words praised her involvement from music at home with her parents, and singing in the chorus, as in university church of Leipzig, to playing organ in the church.

As in walking in a drugstore and care for the family music was her way of life.

After church the guests assembled in a nearby restaurent „Möncherei“ with coffee and cakes and in the evening with buffett.

So the happy hours passed very quickly.

Flowers and congratulations of the clan cousin Volkmar Willrich conveyed.

The close family members came together the next day at „Cospudener See“, well known to the family clan at the meeting in September 2002 on the bus-trip in the South of Leipzig with stopping here.

We wish to cousin Frohlind health and good luck in the following years.

Volkmar Willrich

A top quality product gets 70

Our cousin secretary, Gisela Willrich, Hannover celebrated her birthday

1935. A top quality year. With a humorous and spirited speech telling a lot of varieties in the life of her mother Gisela, daughter Uta successfully contributed her birthday party.

Gisela invited her guests in the well known Hotel „Hennies“ in Hannover-Altwarmbüchen in 2005, October 05. By sunny autumnal weather she greeted punctual at 11.30 o'clock with a glass champagne, and she welcomed her about 30 guests from nearby and from far away.

In order of the family clan the brothers Jürgen Willrich, Braunschweig, and Klaus Willrich, Hameln delivered the congratulations also in the name and in deputizing the chairman Volkmar Willrich, Wiesbaden.

An important matter to Gisela – as she told in her welcoming speech – to celebrate this 70 anniversary in a greater circle. A lot of years with ups and downs of live, with 14 operations and after a pulmonary embolism, she always got the strength of standing up. As you could see here.

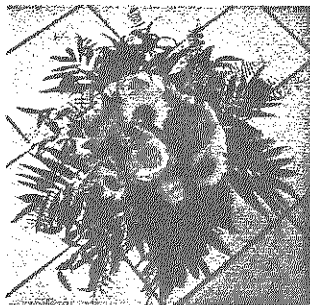
At the celebration day nobody could see the strains behind her. She expressed her confidence and named her birthday as thank to God, for getting health and to have got together persons, who had have their special positions in her life, and who had participated her way of life.

Around dinner and afternoon coffee and with convivial conversation between and with the guests, how time flew. It must be said the floral decoration of the tables out of autumn flowers was arranged by cousin Klaus Willrich, especially wanted by cousin Gisela.

A nice day – nobody of the circle and especially cousin Gisela will forget – therefor and also in the name of all the guests I say thanks.

Dear beloved Gisela we wish you a lot of energy, health, and good luck, to have further a long time in the circle of your beloved.

Jürgen Willrich



This are flowers from the clan

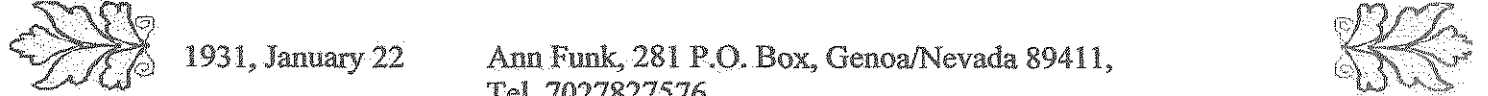


Birthdays from 50th



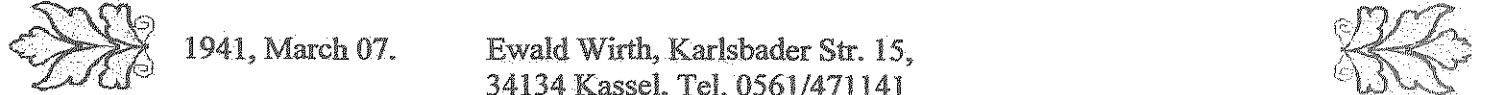
1931, January 05

Dr. Hans Willrich, Garnstr. 59, 47918 Tönisvorst 1,
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1931, January 22

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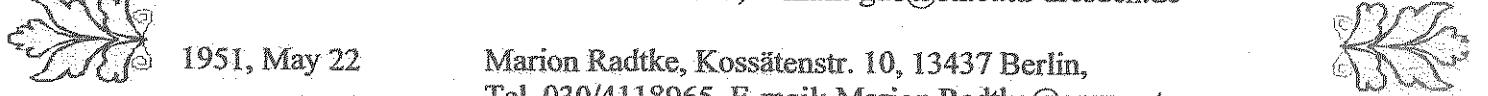
1941, March 07.

Ewald Wirth, Karlsbader Str. 15,
34134 Kassel, Tel. 0561/471141



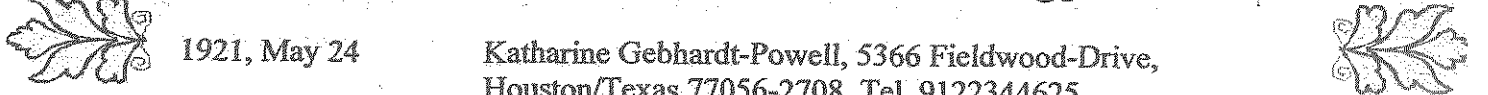
1941, March 15

Prof. Dr. Henry Güldner, Wölkauer Str. 5,
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1951, May 22

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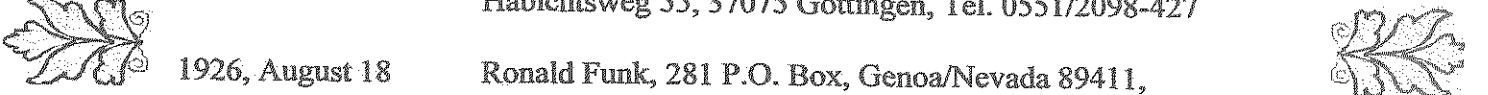
1921, May 24

Katharine Gebhardt-Powell, 5366 Fieldwood-Drive,
Houston/Texas 77056-2708, Tel. 9122344625
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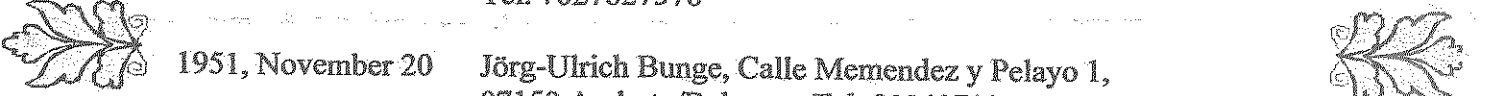
1926, July 02

Hildegunde Willrich, Stift Am Klausberg,
Habichtsweg 55, 37075 Göttingen, Tel. 0551/2098-427



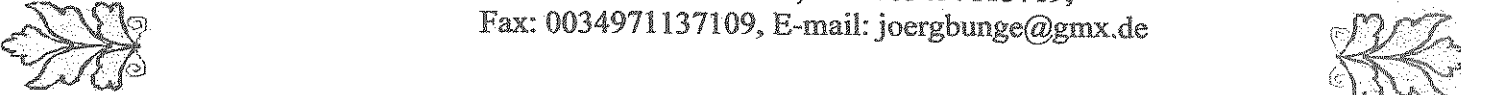
1926, August 18

Ronald Funk, 281 P.O. Box, Genoa/Nevada 89411,
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1951, November 20

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World-shaking events

Since the edition of the family news in April 2005 a lot of world-shaking events happened worth to be reported. The typhons „Katharina“, and „Rita“, and „Wilma“ devastated great parts of the South of the USA. When „Rita“ endangered Texas shurely many worried thoughts were with our relatives.

Also the destructive earthquake in Pakistan with thousands of dead and more who had to die now in the winter time without warm house and clothes and by hunger.

All these events will be historical.

I decided to report of religiose events of the year: First of all happened the choice of the pope.



1978, Oct. 16 Karol Wojtyla was chosen the first not Italian pope since 1522 with the name Johannes Paul.

In Rome he passed away in the age of 84 in 2005, April 02 after a long illness. The greatest memorial ceremony of the present time attended about 300.000 devout persons in and in front of the cathedral St. Peter in Rome within statesman of 138 countries, and on other places of the town about 4 millions people.

2005, Monday the April 18, 115 cardinals were in conclave to select the new pope. Entitled to vote were the highest dignitaries of the Catholic Church younger than 80 years, they were 117 of about 183 worldwide. Chosen was the one who got two third of the voices of all the gathered. The German cardinal Joseph Ratzinger active in the Curia in the congregation of dogma in Rome was in the position as favourite.

2005, April 19, white smoke was seen upon the Sistine Chappel and the enormous bells of St. Peter Church were ringing. On the balcony of the Vatican the new pope Benedict XVI was to be seen – Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. All the gathered persons on the place cheered him. Congratulations were sent him from allabout of the world, but also critical voices could be heard. A lot of persons had hoped to get a reformational pope, as in conflicts of termination of pregnancy, birth control, women in office of the church, and dialog with other religions. We have to wait for the future and we wish him a lot of wisdom.

His first trip abroad 2005, Pope Benedict reached Köln for the World Youth Day in August 18. Here the young people received him enthusiastically.

Jubilation in Köln – grief in Taizé, in the French Burgundy. Within the Evening Prayer within the great church the Protestant monk, prior, and founder of the meeting-place of Taizé. Here each year tenths of thousands of young people of the diverse religions came together camping. Meanwhile the songs of these meetings will be sung worldwide as „ubi caritas et amor, ibi deus est“. Ecumenical movement was his life.

The special atmosphere of such meetings on the St. Peter's Place in Rome, or in Köln, or in Taizé or as I learned in Hannover at the 30th German Evangelical Church Day 2005, May 25-29, is nearly indescribable. You had to be there. In spite of the crowd of people, there should have been get together about 1,2 million of people out of 87 countries, the being with each other was helpful, kind and without crush. In bus or tram you could see always cheerful, kind faces.

The Theme: „If your child will ask you tomorrow“ did work within me, especially for our family clan. Saying to my granddaughter, I would like to write my memories, she instant said: „May I read it?“ A indication for this generation to get knowledg of our way of life, and of what we learned. In these news are lines of Helene Homann's diary. Also are existing memories of Anna Willrich, and of Professor Hugo Willrich, also are interesting the following generations. This doing is rewarding. Short curricula, vitae cousin Dieter Lange will comprime within the genealogical table.

The most impressed happening in the beginning of the Church Days was the concert of the 30 bells of the 6 churches in the city and the 370.000 people with candles sitting in circles or walking in the streets of the city without any car driving.

Gisela Willrich

Postscript: This article is telling my feeling and thinking. It must not be shared with other.

Page for the youth and for the children

In view of our family reunion of our cousinship 2006, Sept. Saturday 23
All the kids we invite for an expedition into the world of technology within German
Museum of Technology of Berlin.

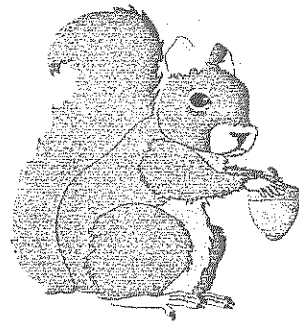
There you may get informations of shipping, aircraft and spaccraft, railways, mills,
smithy, and water-tower, telecommunication, chemistry for young people, and much
more to get knowledge about and to try out. (<http://www.dtm.de>)

For young grown up people is accordance with the number at the evening may be
planned cosy or exciting.

We are looking forward together with you to these days hoping to get your ok and to get
together a lot of you.

Your Marion Radtke and Steffi from Berlin

Have you known



the coat of the squirrel may be red, but also black brown? The peritoneum always is white. With his bushy tail it may hold on to branches, and springing to head in the direction. Mostly they will find their food in the treetops. Best to them taste nuts, fruits of the trees and berries, but also they eat insects, eggs of birds and mushrooms. In winter they have pantries in the trees or on the ground. They are building nests in German called „Kobel“. They are building a lot of them for playing or for refuge. Each year they will give birth to about 2 to 5 young. They will stay about 9 weeks with their mother in the nest. After than they will go around. In this time their mother will stay nearby to get them back, if there is any danger.

History

Extract of the chronicle of the Family Wilrich/Willrich from 1595 to 1930 of the chapter Uelzen and Bardowick, page 23 to 25

The worry about the upbringing of his sons weighed Wilhelm Christian often very hard, because with his low income which got not very higher in Uelzen to do more for their education by himself. His annual salary as mayer, senator, judicial authority summed 303 thaler and 6 groschen. So explain the letters pleaded hard with his 2nd son Georg, who was studying, to try to get a family scholarship. His brother Johann August and the son of his sister Friederike Keuffel, neé Willrich, did get this grant. But his letter was unsuccessful as another before.

Significant for the upright and frank character of Wilhelm Christian is a letter he wrote for his son Georg to mister Bostelmann, businessman at Lüneburg, looking for his daughter Gertrud as a wife. Lateron they married. Mister Bostelmann prosperous and respected at Lüneburg gave his consent to the wedding in 1822. This marriage was very lucky. They had 8 children. After the passing away of her and having little children, he married Elise Kuckuck, daughter of an officer.

His legal profession at Uelzen, where he now lived, was unsuccessful. The grandparents took pleasure in his changing to Uelzen. In 1847 he migrated into the USA together with his great family. Only his daughter Margarethe remained, because she was married with August Keuffel in August 1847, lateron officer of the district court and grandson of Friederike Willrich. With Elise Kuckuck Georg Willrich got 4 children, so he had had in the end 12 children. In Texas he bought a farm Bleff Settlement, Mount Elisa near Braunfels. Regrettable the connection to this family tribe was cut. I do know his youngest son Otto lived for a longer time in the house of his sister Margarete at Lüneburg.

When many years ago I lived at Dresden in my institute for girls, a German Texanian wrote to me, she would be very pleased to live within my institute. She had found noticed my name in the magazin „Daheim“ and having good friends with the same name she wished to come. And she came. From her I heard thar bearer of this name had got significant positions as officers, doctors, and had done a lot for cultural connections in the country. In this time I have got a letter of a descendant of Willrich out of Texas, who told to me the tribe he belonged to. Regrettably, I didn't answer this letter and didn't tell to him the tribe I belonged to.

Helene Homann-Willrich (1930)