

Willrich Family Foundation  
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Bulletin # 2 - RSVP

## *Willrich Family Reunion May 22-23-24, 2009*

*Make your reservations now to attend the  
2009 Willrich Family Reunion  
at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange, Texas.*



*See our web page at <http://www.willrichfamily-usa.org>*

*Pray for good weather!*



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The Willrich Family Reunion will be held **May 22-23-24, 2009**, at Camp Lone Star, La Grange Texas. A map is on a following page, showing all the landmarks and places where events are happening. **DO NOT LOSE IT.** The Camp is on Camp Lone Star Road, just south of the Colorado River bridge on Highway 77, very near Monument Hill. The road runs east from 77, then turns to the south at the end. Near the end of the road, continue straight past the Office to the Johnson Retreat Center. If you are staying elsewhere, try to carpool if possible, to conserve on parking. A packet will be waiting for you at Camp, or at the Executive Inn if you are staying there. We will put up signs and streamers around the countryside, and will include a cellphone list and another map in your packet, for all you cityslickers who get lost on country roads. There is a problem with reception, however. Feel free to ask any of the locals where to go. Actually, text-messaging works when reception is weak.

**RSVP:** A Response form is included with this Bulletin. If you already sent in your money, or running short on time, you can fax it in, so we will have the names for nametags and other information. We have to give a meal count by Wednesday, May 20, so please send in the form ASAP. We welcome walk-ins, late-comers and procrastinators, as you are part of every family, but we don't necessarily have to **FEED** you.

**FAMILY DUES:** We are receiving a good response on the Family Dues (Seed Money). The suggested amount is \$10, but some people are sending in more, which is a big help, as the economy is hurting many people. It has made it possible to reduce some of the charges, and hopefully we won't go broke. PLEASE be sure we have correct information on all your family, including email addresses and cell phone numbers. Send information to WillrichFamilyUSA@yahoo.com (Note: no dash in the Yahoo address.) or fax to 713-526-3503.

We are taking donations for the **Vetternschaft** (our German Willrich cousins), which we will send to them in Euros, to help defray their costs for mailings. On the Vetternschaft table, we will have information about the Reunion in Germany next year. We hope to be able to send a group from Texas to attend. The Vetternschaft website is <http://www.wilrich-willrich.de>.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** We still have a few rooms at Camp. RSVP ASAP, or we will give the rooms to others. There are still some reserved rooms at the Executive Inn (979-968-2600), at the \$60 rate. If that fills up, try the Best Western (979-968-6800), on Hwy 71 Loop near Hwy 77. The May date greatly improved our chances of getting rooms. No bikers or antique dealers!

**FRIDAY NIGHT:** Dinner on Friday night is on your own, but you need to check in first, to get your linens, etc. We will have a list of restaurants, or you may bring food to the Camp and eat there, or we may order pizza. If you are staying at Camp Lone Star, 4 meals are included: breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast. We will be setting up displays starting about 5:00 PM on Friday. Each family line will have a table for photos and memorabilia, so please bring what you have. We will have some plastic sleeves, but it would be best if you bring your photos and documents in protective covers. Also, please label them as to who they are, and who they belong to, in case you forget them. Nancy Brown will be scanning photos and documents for the Willrich book. If you could write down some family memories, or interview elderly family members, we would like to have these for the book. If you have videos of previous Willrich Family Reunions, or taped interviews with elderly family members, we will have equipment to play them and to record them to DVD.

The Schencks will have the old house, Mount Eliza, open on Saturday. Other historic family homes shown on the map are only for your information, and are not open for viewing. Jerry and Tonnie Willrich's home and the Itsy Bitsy Burro Company will be open also. Please warn your children not to disturb the new baby donkeys and their mamas. Visitation times for all these will be in your packet.

A list of "lost cousins" is on the back of the response form. If you know a current address or email address, please send it to us, and also let them know they are lost. Forward this bulletin to them, if you know their email address.

A panoramic photo will be taken at Mount Eliza (the Willrich/Schenck house) at 2:30 on Saturday by Herndon Loudermilk Panoramic Photography of San Antonio. You can

pay \$25 to the photographer, Slade Loudermilk, to have it mailed to you later. He also has a \$30 package that includes a small panoramic and a calendar.

We will again have some Willrich STUFF to sell: T-shirts (\$13 & \$15), aprons (\$20), cloissonne pins (\$10), photos of the family crest (framed or unframed), SMALL line drawings of Mt. Eliza (The large ones are all gone.), history papers, etc.

**WILLRICH FAMILY FOUNDATION BOARD:** We need volunteers to represent each family line on the Board of Directors of the Willrich Family Foundation. This is not a difficult job, and is mostly advisory, unless you choose to do more. If you are interested, attend the meeting on Friday night and/or the History Committee meeting on Saturday morning.

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

(An updated one will be in your packet.)

#### FRIDAY EVENING, May 22:

5:00 PM Begin setting up displays; eat dinner (self-provided) at Camp or a restaurant.  
9:00 PM Business meeting of the Willrich Family Foundation Board of Directors

#### SATURDAY May 23:

8:00 AM Breakfast (for those staying at Camp)  
9:00 - 12:00 Supervised activities at Camp, including swimming, canoeing, games, etc.  
10:00 AM Meeting of the History Committee  
12:00 Noon Lunch at Camp Lone Star  
2:30 Panoramic photo at Mt. Eliza. Please arrive by 2:00. Carpool; potty-stop before coming.  
5:30 PM Dinner at Camp Lone Star, with brief business meeting to elect officers; Line dancing may follow, if we have time before the campfire.  
8:00 PM CAMPFIRE with singing.

#### SUNDAY MORNING, May 24:

8:00 AM Breakfast (for those staying at Camp)  
10:30AM MEMORIAL SERVICE AT MONUMENT HILL  
We will be honoring those who have passed away since the last Reunion. We will call the roll, and family members and those who were close to the honorees will answer "Here!" for them. (Aggies know this as the Aggie Muster.) Please notify us of cousins to be honored, and their dates of death, so we can put it on the program. A guided tour of the Kreische House and the Brewery ruins will follow, for those who wish to explore the Park. The Park is a part of the land that was deeded to Kreische, a stonemason, by Georg Carl Willrich, in payment for the stone work on Mt. Eliza. Georg Carl gave permission for the burial of the remains of members of the Mier Expedition. Later the monument was built to honor them. Friends of Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery (501c3) is in need of funds for Park upkeep and improvements.

**Contacts: Reunion Chairman Sue Lawson 713-526-6400, NEW email [sue@lawsonproperties.com](mailto:sue@lawsonproperties.com), cell 713-249-0887. Family updates: Rob & Nancy Brown; [robbylbrn@aol.com](mailto:robbylbrn@aol.com). President: Marilyn Penland, 979-245-3823, [abp.jr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abp.jr@sbcglobal.net);**

See our awesome web page: [www.WillrichFamily-USA.org](http://www.WillrichFamily-USA.org)

Mail or FAX 713-526-3503 Please respond ASAP, as we need a meal count by Tuesday, May 19. Walk-ins are welcome, but might only get potato chips and cookies. Make checks to Willrich Family Foundation. We are not equipped to take credit cards.

**Willrich Family Reunion Payments for Family of** \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cellphone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Staying at: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Ages of Participants &amp; number for each level of participation</b>	<b>Ages 0-6 Free: How many?</b>	<b>Ages 7-17 Youths</b>	<b>Ages 18-64 Adults</b>	<b>Over 65 Seniors</b>	<b>Total coming</b>	<b>Costs</b>
<b>Staying at Camp overnight: 2 nights, 4 meals, Day*</b>	___@NC	___@\$65	___@\$100	___@\$95		
<b>Day*, Lunch &amp; Dinner</b>	___@NC	___@\$20	___@\$35	___@\$25		
<b>Day* &amp; 1 meal Dinner OR Lunch (circle)</b>	___@NC	___@\$12	___@\$25	___@\$15		
<b>Day* Only</b>	___@NC	___@\$5	___@\$10	___@\$5		
<b>Reunion Total</b>						\$
<b>Family Dues \$10** (More is appreciated)</b>						\$
<b>Vetternschaft dues \$10*** (if you wish to join)</b>						\$
<b>Less Credits for prior payments</b>						\$
<b>Amount to send</b>						\$

\*"Day" is the facility use fee and includes all activities. It is included in the Overnight charge.

\*\*Family Dues provides seed money for the Reunions, and is used for expenses, subsidies, and to maintain the website.

\*\*\*The Vetternschaft des Geschlechtes Wilrich-Willrich is the Willrich "cousinship" in Germany. They send a newsletter, have a website, maintain the family archives, and hold a Familientag(Reunion) in Germany in even-numbered years. We are collecting in dollars, to be sent in Euros to the Vetternschaft Treasurer.

See the Tentative schedule for activity times.

**Print all names below, for name tags. Give ages of children. (We want to recognize our new members.)**

Here is the slate of officers and directors that will be voted on at the meeting Saturday afternoon. Others may be nominated from the floor, or by email to Marilyn Penland, President. (Family Line is indicated.)

President Joseph Willrich (OW)  
 Vice President Ted Gebhardt, Jr. (K)  
 Secretary Marilyn Penland (H)  
 Treasurer Sue Lawson (OW)  
 Chaplain \*  
 Committees:  
 Genealogy Nancy and Rob Brown (H)  
 George Huebner (H)  
 History Stanley Cernosek (H)  
 Cemetery Alice Clarke (K)  
 Reunion 2011 \*  
 Nominating \*  
 \* Unfilled positions, volunteers needed.

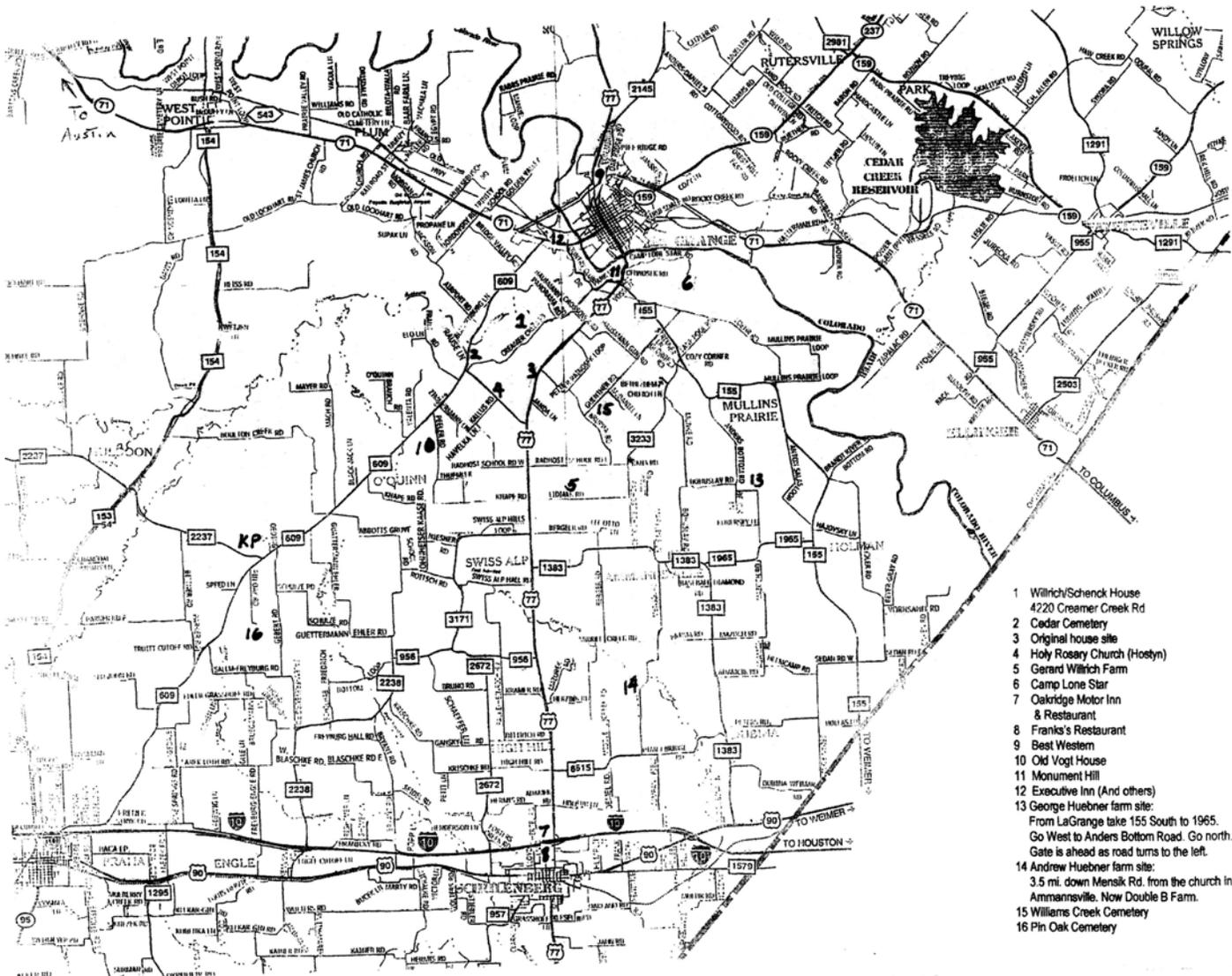
**LOST COUSINS:**

The following had mail/email returned. Please send this Bulletin to them, so they can come, and send corrections to us at [WillrichFamilyUSA@yahoo.com](mailto:WillrichFamilyUSA@yahoo.com).

Mrs. Ed Drago  
 Mike Gohlke  
 George Gideon  
 Doug Green  
 Clifford Harvey  
 John & Sue Jockusch  
 Matt Lawhon  
 Barry O'Roark  
 Shannon O'Roark  
 Melissa Willrich Siebert (email)  
 Christopher Sterling (email)  
 George Willrich  
 Greg Willrich  
 Paul Willrich  
 Brian Yates  
 We really need your email address!

**Directors:**

Garland Bauch (D)  
 Sandy Otto (V)  
 Katherine Powell (K)  
 Gene Vogt (V)  
 Candace Cooper (CW)  
 Volkmar Willrich (GAW, Vetterschaft)  
 Peter Theodor Willrich (Vetterschaft)



- 1 Willrich/Schenck House  
4220 Creamer Creek Rd
- 2 Cedar Cemetery
- 3 Original house site
- 4 Holy Rosary Church (Hostyn)
- 5 Garard Willrich Farm
- 6 Camp Lone Star
- 7 Oakridge Motor Inn  
& Restaurant
- 8 Franks's Restaurant
- 9 Best Western
- 10 Old Vogt House
- 11 Monument Hill
- 12 Executive Inn (And others)
- 13 George Huebner farm site:  
From LaGrange take 155 South to 1965.  
Go West to Anders Bottom Road. Go north.  
Gate is ahead as road turns to the left.
- 14 Andrew Huebner farm site:  
3.5 mi. down Mensik Rd. from the church in  
Ammannville. Now Double B Farm.
- 15 Williams Creek Cemetery
- 16 Pin Oak Cemetery