

FERDINAND DOHMANN FAMILY



Ferdinand c1894

Ferdinand August Dohmann was the third child and the last son born to Werner F. and Anna Dorbritz Dohmann. He was born in Weesatche, TX on September 23, 1879. Ferdinand was baptized on June 18, 1882 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ander, TX, the same day that his brother Otto and sister Otilie were baptized.^[21] Ferdinand's full name as recorded in his baptism record was Ferdinand Emil August but he was always known as Ferdinand A. or F. A. Dohmann. His sponsors were August Dohmann, Emilia Franke geb. Zahn, Wilhelm Albrecht, and Emma Dohmann geb. Fromme.^{42}

As a young man between the ages of 16 and 19, Ferdinand helped his father and brothers, Werner A. and Otto, deliver the mail from Weesatche to Goliad by way of Weser. In the winter time, probably the most important stop was at Willie Bruns' store in Weser to reheat the bricks that were placed on the buggy's floorboard to keep their feet warm.¹

At the age of 23, F.A. married Gertrude A. Reitz, born March 1, 1880 in Weesatche the daughter of Joseph and Augusta Gerlich Reitz. They were married on January 27, 1903 in Goliad by the Justice of the Peace. They would live on a farm owned by F.A.'s father Werner F. just across the Hog Creek from the old Christian Cemetery. The Christian Church was supposedly located on the corner of the F.A. Dohmann property previously, but no evidence exists to this day. Most likely any remains were removed when the Hollowman Road was built; however, several cemetery markers still exist.

Ferdinand and Gertrude had three children. Laura Anna born April 25, 1909, Melvin Werner born July 1, 1914, and Edgar Richard born January 21, 1918.

Ferdinand was an accomplished musician and played in the Evergreen/Weser Brass Band.^[12] Ferdinand also played the fiddle, a skill which both of his sons also learned. Although Ferdinand and both of his sons had a natural ear for music, this talent was only passed along to one grandchild, Doug Dohmann, Melvin's oldest son.

1. Information from Laura Foerster.

Ferdinand's son Edgar tells the following story: In the winter of 1926 (to the best of his recollection), when he was about 4 years old, there was a severe ice storm with very cold weather. There was a little snow which froze and some rain which also froze leaving the whole ground with a thick, hard sheet of ice. Ali Fromme, a neighbor and good friend of Ferdinand, walked over to visit them one day during the freeze. After a while, Ali and Ferdinand went outside to the barn and got the sled that they used for hauling hogs when they butchered. They pulled the sled up to the top of a little hill and used pump rods to punch through the ice for traction. At the top of the hill, one would get on the sled and the other gave it a push and they slid down the hill.

Ferdinand and Ali took turns sliding down various little hills until Ali took a bad turn into a prickly pear patch. As the sled plowed through the frozen prickly pears, Ali fell to his back and threw his legs up in the air to protect his face and upper body but his bottom and thighs got filled with thorns. Ferdinand helped him into the house where Ali laid across a table while Ferdinand pulled the thorns out of him one at a time. Edgar thought this sight was quite funny and came into the room laughing. Ferdinand yelled at him and told him to leave but before he did, Edgar used his thumb to press on one of the thorns in Ali's bottom which made him yell and jump. Ferdinand then literally ran him out of the room.

Edgar also tells the story about the year Ferdinand had an excellent cotton crop and Ali Fromme came over to help them pick the cotton. Ali had a habit of not wearing shorts under his overalls and if they had a tear, you could see part of his bottom. Edgar was picking a single row between Ali and his father who were each picking two rows. Ferdinand and Ali were up ahead but Edgar saw a hole in the rear of Ali's overalls so he started picking real fast to catch up to Ali. Once he caught up to Ali, he took a cotton boll and, after picking the cotton out of it, poked Ali in the rear through that hole in his overalls. Of course he yelled and jumped and Edgar got real tickled after which he caught hell from his dad. Edgar said that he gave old Ike (nickname for Ali) the dickens every time he came over to visit them and that it was a wonder he kept coming back to see them.

Ferdinand made his own beer and grape wine every year. On more than one occasion, Edgar and Melvin would sneak into the storehouse where the beer and wine was kept to sample it. Ferdinand expected to use the beer and wine whenever they had company for a big birthday celebration.



Sometimes when he went to get the beer and wine from the storehouse for a celebration, there would not be enough because Edgar and Melvin had made too many visits to the store house.

In March of 1939, Gertrude became ill and was taken to the Yorktown Hospital. After suffering from pneumonia for four weeks, she passed away at the age of 59 on March 17, 1939. Her daughter Laura, who was married to John Otto Foerster, soon moved her family to the F. A. Dohmann home place to care for her father and operate the family farm. Laura still lives on the farm, although the original house was destroyed by fire.

Laura and John Foerster had seven children, several of whom now live on their home place. Melvin married Lizzie Belle Reaves and they had five children. Edgar married Florine Seiler and they had two children and one of their sons, Leon Dohmann, now lives on the portion of the F. A. Dohmann home place that Edgar inherited.

In his later years, Ferdinand enjoyed sitting on the porch whittling, chewing tobacco, and watching it rain. He always kept peppermint stick candy in his room to give to his visitor's children. He lived to the age of 89 years and passed away on June 2, 1969. It is interesting to note that on the day of his funeral, Weesatche had the biggest thunderstorm the area had seen in many months.

Ferdinand and Gertrude are both buried in St. Andrew's Lutheran Cemetery, Weesatche, TX.

LAURA DOHMANN & JOHN OTTO FOERSTER FAMILY



First Generation

1. Laura Anna Augusta Dohmann was born on 25 Apr 1909 in Weesatche, TX. On 20 Jun 1931 when Laura was 21, she married John Otto (Johnny) Foerster son of Otto Foerster and Katherine Horny in Goliad, TX. He was born on 3 Sep 1906 near Sarco Creek in Goliad County.

After their marriage, Johnny and Laura would themselves start a family farm in the Sarco Creek area. They had four children, Hubert Allan, Creston Lamar, Edgar Joe, and Valerie Jean.

After Laura's mother died in 1939 from pneumonia, the family moved to Laura's father's farm in Weesatche to care for her father and operate his farm. Johnny also worked as a carpenter, building houses and farm buildings. For a few years during the 1940's and '50's Johnny ran a feed mill in Weesatche across from the Hermann Son's building near the creek bridge. Some of the concrete footings are still visible. The difficulty of managing a business and running a farm forced him to close the mill and return to farming.

After moving to Weesatche, Johnny and Laura would have three more children, Waldine Gertrude, Gerald John, and Daniel Warren. After spending all week working on the farm, Johnny would take the boys on weekend fishing trips to the river or hunting on the farm.

Johnny also had a passion for baseball and spent hours listening to games on the radio. For several years he was also the manager of a local Little League baseball team.

Johnny died on June 20, 1985 at the age of 78 after a short illness in a Victoria Hospital. Adding to Laura's grief was the fact that the day John died was also their 54th wedding anniversary. He was buried on 22 Jun 1985 in the Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Goliad.

Laura and Johnny had the following children:

- 2 i. Hubert "Allan" (1931-)
- 3 ii. Creston Lamar (1933-)
- 4 iii. Edgar "Joe" (1935-)
- 5 iv. Valerie Jean (1936-)
- 6 v. Waldine Gertrude (1938-)
- 7 vi. Gerald John (1941-)
- 8 vii. Daniel Warren (1946-)

Second Generation

2. Hubert "Allan" Foerster was born on 29 Dec 1931 in Sarco, TX. Allan was baptized in Goliad TX and worked as a Mechanic at the Union Carbide Chemical Plant in Seadrift, TX.

On 6 Feb 1956 when Allan was 24, he married Mary Frances Kandler, daughter of Frank Kandler & Elizabeth Havrda, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Victoria, TX. She was born on 18 Apr 1936 in Victoria, TX and worked as a Bookkeeper at Victoria Bank & Trust.

They had one child:

9 i. Darwin Allan (1958-)

3. Creston Lamar Foerster was born on 5 Sep 1933 in Goliad, TX. He was a Maintenance Technician for the Texas Highway Department in Goliad, TX.

On 25 Jan 1958 when Creston was 24, he married Mildred "Janet" Heibel, daughter of Henry Heibel and Mildred Payne. Janet was born on 24 Oct 1938 in Victoria, TX. She worked at the First National Bank of Goliad in Goliad, TX.

They had the following children:

10 i. Timothy Andrew (1958-)

11 ii. Tamera Faye (1960-)

12 iii. Tracey Lamar (1963-)

4. Edgar "Joe" Foerster was born on 4 Feb 1935 in Goliad, TX. He was an Engineer for the Texas Highway Department in Goliad, TX.

On 19 Jul 1959 when Joe was 24, he married Verda Mae Podsim, daughter of Albert Podsim & Vera Serna Geffert. She was born on 12 Jun 1937 in Yorktown, TX.

They had the following children:

13 i. Pamela Kay (1964-)

14 ii. Kurt Trent (1974-)

5. Valerie Jean Foerster was born on 1 Oct 1936 in Goliad, TX. Valerie was a Cook for the Meyersville School Food Service in Meyersville, TX.

On 1 Feb 1958 when Valerie was 21, she married Ervin Eugene Kainer, son of Emil Kainer & Justina Klevar. Ervin was born on 26 Feb 1932 in Hallettsville, TX. Ervin was a Maintenance Technician for Transcontinental Gas & Pipeline in Victoria, TX. Ervin died in Victoria, TX on 25 Sep 1994 at age 62. He was buried on 28 Sep 1994 in Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery in Meyersville, TX.

They had the following children:

- 15 i. Rebecca Ann (1959-)
- 16 ii. Wanda Kay (1961-)
- 17 iii. Robert Eugene (1965-)

6. Waldine Gertrude Foerster was born on 31 Jul 1938 in Goliad, TX. She was a Waitress and Food Service employee.

On 15 Feb 1958 when Waldine was 19, she first married James Paul Peterson. They later divorced.

They had the following children:

- 18 i. Phil James (1959-1959)
- 19 ii. Jeffery Dwayne (1960-)

Waldine second married Dwayne Jacobs, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ander, TX. He was born on 9 Dec 1935 in Goliad, TX. Dwayne died in Goliad, TX on 26 May 1996 at age 60. They were divorced at the time.

Waldine third married Harry Gumberts, in the Justice of the Peace office in Victoria, TX. They later divorced.

Waldine fourth married Donnie Heine.

7. Gerald John Foerster was born on 30 Oct 1941 in Goliad, TX. He was a Railcar Inspector.

On 15 Jan 1966 when Gerald was 24, he married Dorothy Carol Ruschhaupt, daughter of John Ruschhaupt (1914-1979) & Lucille E. Seiler (1919-), in Goliad, TX. Dorothy was born on 16 Dec 1946 in Victoria, TX. Dorothy was baptized in Mar 1947. She worked at the Goliad School Business Office in Goliad, TX.

They had the following children:

- 20 i. Kimberly Dawn (1968-)
- 21 ii. Kandyace Dail (1970-)

8. Daniel Warren Foerster was born on 25 Jan 1946 in Goliad, TX. He worked as a Maintenance Technician for Goliad County in Weesatche, TX and was a Rancher. Danny never married but continued to live on the home place to take care of his mother in her elder years.

Third Generation

9. Darwin Allan Foerster was born on 2 Apr 1958 in Citizen's Memorial Hospital in Victoria, TX. Darwin was baptized in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Victoria, TX on 26 Apr 1958. His godparents were Creston and Janet Foerster. Darwin graduated from Victoria High School and Victoria College where he earned an Associate in Arts Degree in Drafting Technology. He worked as a Mechanical Draftsman at Victoria Machine Works in Victoria, TX and later as a Chemical Process Operator for the E. I. DuPont plant in Victoria.

On 18 Jul 1998 when Darwin was 40, he married Dawn Louise Dentler, daughter of Werner Fritz Dentler (1927-1987) & Verline Joyce Mehnert (1933-), in the Holy Family Catholic Church, Victoria, TX. Dawn was born on 11 Jan 1953 in Victoria, TX and was baptized in Zion Lutheran Church in Mission Valley, TX on 8 Feb 1953. She was a School Teacher.

Dawn was previously married to Raymond Vardell Carter, Jr. and later to Albert Gloor, Jr.

Dawn had the following children:

- i. Genevieve Dawn Carter (11 Aug 1977 -)
- ii. Scarlett Rachelle Carter (24 Aug 1978 -)
- iii. Sarah Aileen Joyce Carter (1 Jun 1980 -)

Scarlett Rachelle Carter married Chad Ellwood Rangnow on 12 Sep 1998 in Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Victoria, TX.

10. Timothy Andrew Foerster was born on 29 Nov 1958 in Goliad, TX. He was a Maintenance Technician for Transcontinental Gas & Pipeline in Victoria TX.

On 24 May 1980 when Timothy was 21, he married Janet Elaine Kemp, daughter of Richard Kemp & Martha Jewel Teague, in Central Church of Christ in Victoria, TX. She was born on 28 Jan 1961 in Victoria, TX.

They had the following children:

- 22 i. Trista Lynn (1984-)
- 23 ii. Scott Paul (1986-)

11. Tamera Faye Foerster was born on 14 Jan 1960.

On 8 Aug 1981 when Tamera was 21, she married Steven Wayne Schulze in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Goliad, TX.

They had the following children:

- 24 i. Travis Daniel (1984-)
- 25 ii. Tyler Wayne (1986-)

12. Tracey Lamar Foerster was born on 27 Aug 1963 in Goliad, TX.

On 8 Sep 1984 when Tracey Lamar was 21, he married Sharon Lynn Wendel, daughter of Fred Arlen Wendel (1936-) & Burma Lee Hazel

16. Wanda Kay Kainer was born on 13 Jun 1961 and was baptized in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Victoria, TX on 2 Jul 1961.

On 5 Jul 1980 when Wanda was 19, she first married Michael Osterloh in Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Meyersville, TX. They were later divorced.

They had the following children:

- 31 i. Brandie Marie (1981-)
- 32 ii. Amanda Nicole (1986-)

Wanda Kay second married Joab Pina in 1991. They were later divorced in 1995.

17. Robert Eugene Kainer was born on 7 Nov 1965 and was baptized on 16 Nov 1965. He was a Dairy Worker.

On 14 Sep 1991 when Robert was 25, he married Cynthia Ann Schulle, daughter of Erwin C. Schulle and Neldie Sinast, in Meyersville., TX. She was born on 20 Apr 1962. Cynthia had the following children from a previous marriage to Brian Sager:

- i. John Sager
- ii. Tiffany Sager

18. Phil James Peterson was born on 23 Sep 1959 and died on 24 Sep 1959. He was buried in the Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Goliad, TX.

19. Jeffery Dwayne Peterson was born on 23 Aug 1960. He was a Welder, Ranch Worker, and Oilfield Worker.

Jeffery married Susan Campbell. They were divorced.

They had one child:

- 33 i. Shayne Matthew Peterson (1991-)

20. Kimberly Dawn Foerster was born on 13 Feb 1968 in Refugio, TX. She was baptized in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Goliad, TX in Mar 1968. She was an Employee of HEB Food Stores in Corpus Christi, TX and later in Victoria, TX.

On 20 Jun 1998 when Kimberly was 30, she married Carl Edward Shockley, son of Noy R. Shockley and Betty Finger in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Goliad, TX. Kimberly and Carl selected June 20 for their wedding day because that was also the wedding day of her grandparents, John and Laura Foerster. Carl worked for the City of Victoria.

They had one child:

34 i. Carly Erin (1999-)

21. Kandyace Dail Foerster was born on 17 Feb 1970 in Victoria, TX. Kandyace was baptized in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Goliad, TX in Mar 1970. She was an Area Manager for Bealls Department Store in Corpus Christi, TX and later was a school teacher in Goliad, TX.

Fourth Generation

22. Trista Lynn Foerster was born on 9 Feb 1984 in Victoria, TX.

23. Scott Paul Foerster was born on 22 Aug 1986 in Victoria, TX.

24. Travis Daniel Schulze was born on 26 Jan 1984.

25. Tyler Wayne Schulze was born on 30 Aug 1986.

26. Wendel Lamar Foerster was born on 15 Jun 1986 in Victoria, TX.

27. Corey Blaine Foerster was born on 20 Sep 1989 in Victoria, TX.
28. Klent Aaron Foerster was born on 16 Sep 1991.
29. Heather Kate Mokwa was born on 6 Nov 1987 in Goliad, TX.
30. Jonathon Roy Mokwa was born on 8 Oct 1992 in Cuero, TX.
31. Brandie Marie Osterloh was born on 9 Oct 1981 in Victoria, TX.
32. Amanda Nicole Osterloh was born on 7 Jul 1986 in Bay City, TX.
33. Shayne Matthew Peterson was born on 25 Mar 1991 in Cuero, TX.
34. Carly Erin Shockley was born on 30 Apr 1999 in Citizens Hospital in Victoria, TX.

MELVIN DOHMANN & LIZZY BELLE REAVES FAMILY

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First Generation

1. Melvin Werner Otto Dohmann was born on 1 Jul 1914 in Weesatche, TX. He was an Auto Mechanic. Melvin died in Victoria, TX on 31 Jul 1970 at the age of 56. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Victoria, TX.

On 12 Oct 1940 when Melvin was 26, he married Lizzie Belle Reaves, daughter of William Ernest Reaves & Josephine Goss. Lizzie was born on

10 Jun 1919 in Goliad, TX. She was a Waitress for most of her adult life. Lizzie died in Victoria, TX on 5 Oct 1997 at the age of 78. She was buried on 7 Oct 1997 in the Nursery Cemetery in Nursery, TX. Melvin & Lizzie were divorced.

They had the following children:

- 2 i. Marjorie “Nell” (1941-)
- 3 ii. William “Douglas” (1944-)
- 4 iii. Linda Gail (~1947-)
- 5 iv. Melvin “Ronald” (Ron) (Twin) (1949-)
- 6 v. Ernest “Donald” (Don) (Twin) (1949-)
- 7 vi. Theresa (1961-)

Second Generation

2. Marjorie “Nell” Dohmann was born on 17 Jul 1941. Her baptism sponsors were Edgar & Florine Dohmann. Nell has worked as a Waitress and Cook in several restaurants and cafes.

On 4 Dec 1956 when Nell was 15, she first married Walter Henry Hollaway, the son of Eugene Hollaway and Delma Hail. Walter was a Tool Pusher in the oil field industry. They later divorced.

Nell and Walter had the following children:

- 8 i. Deborah N. (1958-)
- 9 ii. Sharon Gail (1960-)
- 10 iii. Walter Henry Jr. (Bubba) (1964-)

Nell second married a Gandy. This was a common law marriage and they had the following children:

- 11 i. Donna Audrey (1975-)
- 12 ii. Melvin Douglas (1977-)

Nell third married Ronald Eilers, the son of Larry and Doreen Eilers. Ronald was born on 2 Dec 1937 and was a Welder. They later divorced and Ronald died on 14 Jun 1990.

3. William “Douglas” Dohmann was born in Dec 1944. He first married Annie Davis. They later divorced but had one child:

13 i. William Douglas II

Douglas second married a woman named Jean and they later divorced.

Douglas third married Samantha Arhelger. This was a common law marriage.

6. Linda Gail Dohmann first married a man named Woods who was a Truck Driver.

They had the following children:

14 i. Robert L.

15 ii. Marjorie L. (Margie)

16 iii. Liz Marie

17 iv. Linda M.

Linda second married Bill Geaslin who is a Truck Driver. Linda also became a Truck Driver after her marriage to Bill Geaslin. Bill was also previously married and had two children from this earlier marriage.

5. Melvin “Ronald” (Ron) Dohmann was born on 19 Apr 1949 in Goliad, TX.

On 14 Oct 1972 when Ron was 23, he married Dianna Pahel, daughter of Donald Evan Pahel (1925-) & Betty D. Makin (1927-), in St. Petersburg, FL Dianna was born on 5 Oct 1948 in Johnstown, PA.

They had the following children:

- 18 i. Ronald Evan (Ronnie) (1973-)
- 19 ii. Donald Allen (Donnie) (1979-)
- 20 iii. Christopher Lee (Chris) (1979-)

6. Ernest “Donald” (Don) Dohmann was born on 19 Apr 1949 in Goliad, TX. Don was a Chef, a profession he has practiced for over 29 years.

7. Theresa was born while Melvin and Lizzie were separated before their divorce was finalized. Due to severe financial difficulties, she was given up for adoption shortly after birth. Theresa was adopted by Basil and Rita Parkinson and her name was legally changed from Dohmann to Parkinson.

Theresa married Ronnie McGee, the son of Lee McGee and Emma Bartosh. This was a common law marriage and Theresa had one previous child:

- 21 i. Matthew Wayne (1980-)

Third Generation

8. Deborah N. Hollaway was born on 2 Oct 1958. Like her mother, she worked as a Waitress. Deborah married Bucky S. Malone about 1977.

Deborah and Bucky later divorced but they had the following children:

- 22 i. Michael J. (1978-)
- 23 ii. Kenneth Allen (1980)

9. Sharon Gail Hollaway was born on 20 Jun 1960. She married Russell Guy Johnson on 28 May 1988 in Victoria, TX. Russell and Sharon lived in Austin, TX where Russell was Self Employed and Sharon was an Assistant Manager for Diamond Shamrock.

10. Walter Henry (Bubba) Hollaway Jr. was born in 26 Jun 1964. Bubba married Amy Clark Davis on 20 Apr 1995.

11. Donna Gandy has been married 3 times: first to a Garret, then to a Guerrero, and finally to a Walter. Each marriage has ended in divorce but Donna had the following children from these marriages:

- 24 i. Ronni Deneen Garrett (1993-)
- 25 ii. Emily Lamar Guerrero (1995-)
- 26 iii. Tyler Ray Walter (1998-)

12. Melvin Douglas Gandy was born on 19 Feb 1977

13. William Douglas Dohmann II.

14. Robert L. Woods.

15. Marjorie L. (Margie) Woods.

16. Liz Marie Woods.

17. Linda M. Woods.

18. Ronald Evan (Ronnie) Dohmann was born on 26 Jul 1973 in Waco, TX. On 6 Nov 1993 when Ronnie was 20, he married Angela (Anji) Stokes, in Rocky Mt., NC.

They had one child:

27 i. Jacob Evan (1996-)

19. Donald Allen (Donnie) Dohmann was born on 11 Jan 1979 in Freeport, TX.

20. Christopher Lee (Chris) Dohmann was born on 27 Nov 1979 in Freeport, TX.

21. Matthew Wayne Parkinson was born on 20 Dec 1980.

Fourth Generation

22. Michael J. Malone was born on 9 Sep 1978.

23. Kenneth Allen Malone was born on 22 Jul 1980.

24. Ronni Deneen Garrett was born on 17 Mar 1993.

25. Emily Lamar Guerrero was born on 27 Nov 1995.

26. Tyler Ray Walter was born on 10 Jul 1998.

27. Jacob Evan Dohmann was born on 16 Dec 1996 in Japan at a US Air Force Base.

EDGAR R. DOHMANN & FLORINE SEILER FAMILY

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First Generation

1. Edgar Richard Dohmann was born on 21 Jan 1918 in Weesatche, TX. Edgar was baptized in St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Weesatche, TX. His full name as recorded in his baptism record and birth certificate was Edgar Theodore Richard Dohmann but he always went by the name of Edgar Richard. He was named for his sponsors, Theodore Fromme and Richard Ressman.

On 26 Oct 1941 when Edgar was 23, he married Florine Emma Seiler, daughter of Alonzo Christian (A. C. or Pete) Seiler (1896-1968) & Frieda Emilie Augusta Haun (1900-1987) in St. John Ev. Lutheran Church in Meyersville, TX. The attendants at their wedding were Corinne Haun, Lee Roy Seiler, Newton Seiler, and LaRose Ideus. Florine was born on 19 Jan 1922 in Meyersville, TX and was baptized in St. John Ev. Lutheran Church in Meyersville, TX on 23 Apr 1922. Her sponsors were Sophie Seiler, Emma Ideus, Adolph Diebel, & Edwin Haun.

Edgar had worked as a Chauffeur for his great-aunt, Louise Dorbritz Albrecht prior to June of 1941 when he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He gave up his Chauffeur job and reported to Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio for his induction. As luck would have it, Edgar failed his physical because he had flatfeet and he was given a 4F medical discharge and thereby avoided active service during World War II. Edgar and Florine were married shortly after Edgar returned home from his brief military experience.

Edgar was primarily a Farmer & Rancher. He and Florine began their married life living and working on the Fritz & Lorene Weigmann farm near his father's home until it was sold to Pap Chance in 1945. He then found an opportunity to work as a Tenant Farmer and Sharecropper on the Westphal farm near Yorktown where they lived for the next 17 years. During this time, Edgar also worked from time to time at various stores in Yorktown, including Wolf's Grocery and the Farmer's Co-op Store. He also did some Carpentry work from time to time with his brother-in-law, Newton Seiler.

In 1962, Edgar and Florine purchased a store in Meyersville from Otto and Merle Rangnow and renamed it “Dohmann’s Place.” When they opened the store, LaRose Seiler suggested that they call it “Flo’s Inn.” Those immediate family members and friends who were in on the joke sometimes referred to the store by this nickname during its 17 years of operation. Dohmann’s Place was a community gathering place for Thursday night volleyball and dominoes for a number of years until the Meyersville Country Club was established. Edgar also obtained a Farm Bureau franchise for the store which allowed him to sell tires and batteries to Farm Bureau members. Edgar and Florine operated the store until their retirement on December 31, 1979.

Edgar loved to fish and would often drive to a coastal location like Bayside or Goose Creek to spend a night fishing and relaxing by a campfire. When his sons were old enough to join him, he would often take them along on these trips. On one memorable trip when he took his son, Edgar Lee, along, they were joined by two of his nephews (Edgar Joe and Creston Foerster) and a friend, Johnny Horny and his son John Robert. Edgar got quite upset when the group arrived at the bay and realized that Edgar Joe, who was supposed to bring the coffee pot, had forgotten it. Someone got the idea of boiling water in the frying pan and putting coffee grounds in it to make coffee. The coffee was rather strong and gritty but it did get everyone through the trip, still on speaking terms. This fishing trip has been the subject of many subsequent conversations at the Dohmann household throughout the years.

Edgar also loved baseball. As a youngster, he showed the skill and ability to play baseball at a high level. He was even encouraged to try out for professional baseball by his friend and mentor, Marvin Gudat of Weser, who himself played for the Cincinnati Reds and appeared in a World Series with Cincinnati. However, Edgar’s father would have none of that - he felt that Edgar’s presence on the farm was essential to the family and would not allow him to leave.

As a young adult, Edgar pursued an amateur career in fast pitch softball, first for Weesatche and later for Yorktown. He was a feared pitcher, excellent outfielder, and outstanding hitter. After he retired from fast pitch softball in his late 30’s, Edgar managed the Phillies Little League team in

Yorktown for several years. After a long day of working in the field, one of his favorite evening pastimes was to sit down and listen to a baseball game on the radio.

His son, Edgar Lee, managed to get tickets to the 1968 All Star game played in the Houston Astrodome. This gave Edgar a chance to see players like Mickey Mantle, Brooks Robinson, Willie Mays, Henry Aaron, and many others. The final score was 1-0 in favor of the National League on a run scored by Willie Mays in the bottom of the first inning.

Edgar also had a natural ear for music. He could play the fiddle and guitar and could even pick out simple melodies on a piano, all by ear. His athletic and musical ability skipped a generation though. Neither of his sons inherited either his athletic skills or his musical ability. However, his granddaughter, Karen Dohmann, made up for lost time being an outstanding athlete in cheerleading, diving, and gymnastics. She was also a first-chair flute player for 3 years while in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands in the Alvin school district before giving up band to concentrate on her athletics in high school. Karen also inherited her grandfather's natural ability to play the piano and organ without ever taking any lessons on those instruments.

Edgar and Florine loved to play dominoes and cards. For several years, while living on the Westphal farm, they belonged to a 12-couple "42" Club that played 6-Handed "42" each month. In their retirement, they joined the Meyersville Country Club and participated in weekly Bridge or domino games. Throughout their married life, Edgar and Florine have also been very active in various church organizations.

Edgar and Florine had the following children:

- 2 i. Edgar Lee (1945-)
- 3 ii. Leon David (1949-)

Recollections of Marvin Gudat

as told by Edgar R. Dohmann

When Edgar was about 3 or 4, Marvin was 17 (c 1923) and taught at the Evergreen School near their home in Weesatche, TX. Marvin was from Weser and stayed with Edgar's family during the school term. On Fridays after school, Marvin would walk back home in Weser across pastures between the Dohmann home and his home.

On Sunday evenings, Marvin would walk back to the Dohmann home. Edgar would look across their land to the neighbor's land (Anton Dohmann) watching for Marvin. When he saw Marvin coming, he would run out to meet him. Marvin would then put little Edgar on his shoulders and carry him back to the house.

Marvin stayed with the Dohmann's, paying room & board, during the school year. He would use the Dohmann's horse & buggy for transportation to & from school. Edgar's sister, Laura, attended school under Marvin Gudat. Edgar did not remember if his brother, Melvin, was old enough to attend school at that time or not.

Marvin taught school at Evergreen for a year then went to San Antonio to attend a baseball try-out camp. He was signed by the Cincinnati Reds and played for them the next year. That was the year that Cincinnati went to the World Series and played against the New York Yankees who had Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, and other heavyweights. The Yankees won the world series in 4 straight games. Marvin was a pitcher on the Reds team but did not actually get to pitch in the world series. He did get to pinch hit a few times but Edgar did not think that he ever got a hit in the series.

After the baseball season was over, Marvin came to visit the Dohmann's and was talking to Edgar's dad, Ferdinand, about how much money he earned. He laughed about making more money than he had ever seen in his life and Ferdinand asked him what he meant. Marvin said that he earned \$4,400 as his whole salary for the entire year but for the 4 games of the world series, he earned \$1,000 for each game and they didn't even win a single game.

Marvin was sent down to the Red's top farm team the next year but never made it back up to the major leagues. At the end of each season, he would come to Weesatche to spend a few days with the Dohmann's before he would go back home to Weser or to San Antonio to visit his mother who was then living there at that time.



Marvin's baseball career and life were cut short by a brain tumor. He is buried at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic cemetery in Meyersville, TX where several other members of his family are also buried. Marvin's tombstone features a picture of him in his Cincinnati Reds uniform.

Second Generation

2. Edgar Lee Dohmann was born on 31 Jul 1945 in Cuero, TX. He was baptized in St. John Ev. Lutheran Church in Meyersville, TX on 7 Oct 1945. His sponsors were his grandmother, Frieda Seiler, and his uncles, Lee Roy Seiler and Melvin Dohmann. He was baptized by Rev. E. L. Arhelger and he was named for his father (Edgar) and his sponsor uncle Lee Roy (Lee).

Edgar Lee graduated from Yorktown High School in 1963 and attended Draughon's School of Electronics in San Antonio for a year. Following his basic electronics training, he earned a First Class FCC Radiotelephone License which enabled him to work at radio station KNAL in Victoria, TX as a Technician and Announcer. While working at KNAL, he attended Victoria College and operated Dohmann Radio & TV Repair from his parent's home in Meyersville.

On 27 Jul 1974 when Leon was 25, he married Mary Jo Loos, daughter of Joe Loos and Nadine Pauley, in Northside Baptist Church, Victoria, TX. Mary Jo was born on 7 Dec 1952 and was a School Teacher and Florist. Mary Jo died from cancer at their home near Mission Valley, TX on 13 May 1990 at the age of 37. She was buried in St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Meyersville, TX. Leon and Mary Jo did not have any children.

Leon has since built a home on the farm that his father inherited from Ferdinand Dohmann near Weesatche. He enjoys fishing and hunting and also raises cattle at both of his ranches in Weesatche and Meyersville.

Third Generation

4. Karen LeAnn Dohmann was born on 2 Nov 1978 in the Clear Lake area of Houston, TX. She was baptized in Faith Lutheran Church, Dickinson, TX on 4 Mar 1979. Her sponsors were Leon & Mary Jo Dohmann and Wayne Naumann.

Karen graduated from Alvin High School in 1997 and attended her father's alma mater, the University of Houston, where she was an All-American Cheerleader. While attending the University of Houston, she also taught cheerleading at the University Cheer gymnasium in Houston and taught summer cheerleading camps for the National Cheerleading Association.

5. Ryan Lyle Dohmann was born on 24 Nov 1982 in the Clear Lake area of Houston, TX. Ryan was baptized in Faith Lutheran Church, Dickinson, TX on 17 Apr 1983. His sponsors were Leon & Mary Jo Dohmann and Wayne Naumann.

Ryan loves basketball and the Houston Rockets and has also become a UH basketball fan since Clyde Drexler became their head coach.



Ferdinand & Gertrude Wedding 1903



Gertrude Baby Picture 1880



Melvin & Laura c1917



Edgar & Melvin 1925



Laura, Ferdinand, & Edgar 1957



Gertrude's Funeral 1939
 Ferdinand, Melvin, Laura, & Edgar



Edgar & Florine Wedding 1941
 Lizzie (Reaves), Margie Nell, Melvin,
 Ferdinand, Lee Roy Seiler, Edgar,
 Newton Seiler, Florine, Frieda (Haun),
 and A.C. (Pete) Seiler



Ferdinand's 78th Birthday 1957
 Gerald, John Otto, Creston, Waldine, Edgar Joe,
 Laura, Danny, Ferdinand, Edgar Lee,
 Florine, Leon, and Edgar



Ferdinand's 80th Birthday 1959



Edgar, Laura, & Melvin c1921



Edgar & Melvin c1921



Edgar Lee Dohmann, Daniel Foerster,
& Douglas Dohmann c1950



Douglas Dohmann c1952



Edgar & Florine Wedding 1941



Edgar & Florine 1944



Leon & Mary Jo Wedding 1974



Edgar Lee & Janis Wedding 1972



Edgar Lee at Dohmann's Place in Meyersville, TX



Edgar & Florine Dohmann with the "Beer Can Pyramid" at the closing party for Dohmann's Place 31 Dec 1979



Mary Jo & Ryan Dohmann
1983



Douglas & Nell Dohmann
c1947



Valerie, Gerald, & Waldine
Foerster c1945



Edgar Dohmann with his first car, a 1934 Chevy



Florine Dohmann with her chickens
on "The Weigmann Place" c1942



Edgar Dohmann with his Three Mule Power "Tractor"



Weesatche Woodmen of the World - 1940

Rear l-r: Melvin Dohmann, unknown, Mehnert?, Edgar Dohmann, Alonzo Luedeke
Front l-r: unknown, Chris Marthiljohni, unknown, Pap Chance, Ferdinand Dohmann, Joe Wuench



Weser Brass Band - early 1900's

l-r: Willie Albrecht, Johnny Arnold, Sam Pfenninger, Anton Albrecht,
Ferdinand Dohmann, William Loest, Frank Gudat, Ben Arnecke,
Werner Dohmann, Ben Arnold, Eddie Boehl, & Henry Arnecke



John Foerster & Laura Dohmann
 Wedding 1931



Karen Dohmann at NCA National
 Competition in Daytona Beach, FL 1998



Donald & Ronald Dohmann 1949



Grandchildren of Melvin & Lizzie Dohmann
 (names & date unavailable)