

THE OTTO HEGAR FAMILY

Otto Hegar was born November 6, 1821 in Germany (Darmstadt), the son of August Hegar and Karslire (?) Stutzer Hegar.¹ He sailed on the COLCHIS which left Antwerp September 1, 1846 and landed in Galveston, Texas on October 29, 1846.² On the ship coming over he met Miss Sophia Wilhelmina Hessig,³ born February 8, 1829,¹ and they were married in Harris County, Texas on November 16, 1847.⁴

His profession in Germany is unknown but he was a well educated man. His brothers in Germany were Professors and Physicians. Mr. and Mrs. Hegar settled in a part of Harris County which later became a part of Waller County.⁵ At least 77½ acres of this land is in the Sam'l McCarley Survey⁶ and his grand daughter, Mrs. Emma Lee (Effie) Hegar Tucker now owns it. Mr. Hegar farmed this land until the time of his death.

Mr. Hegar served in Company A, 17th Infantry Brigade of Texas, stationed at Camp San Jacinto near Huntsville. He enlisted August 10, 1863 from Grimes County.⁷

He died on October 9, 1886,¹ and is buried in the Hegar Cemetery in Waller County. Mrs. Hegar died on April 13, 1904, and also is buried in Hegar Cemetery.

They probably would not have met had they stayed in Germany since Mrs. Hegar's Father was of the Clergy and was considered in a lower class than Mr. Hegar's family.³

Genealogy of the Hegar Family

FIRST GENERATION: Otto Hegar, b. November 6, 1821 in Germany; m. Sophia Wilhelmina Hessig November 16, 1847 in Harris County, Texas; d. October 9,

1. Family Tree, compiled in Germany and in the possession of Mrs. Henrietta Hegar Wood
2. A NEW LAND BECKONED, German Immigration to Texas, 1844-1847--compiled and edited by Chester Williams and Ethel Handor Geue
3. Family tradition
4. Harris County Texas Marriage Records 1837-1865
5. U.S. Census Rolls 1850, Harris County, Texas
6. Land Deed in possession of Mrs. Emma Lee (Effie) Hegar Tucker
7. Microfilm, Confederate Soldiers from Texas--Clayton Library, Houston, Texas

1886 in Waller County, Texas; buried Hegar Cemetery, Waller County.

Sophia Wilhelmina(Hessig) Hegar, b. February 8, 1829 in Germany;
d. April 13, 1904 in Waller County, Texas; buried Hegar Cemetery,
Waller County.

SECOND GENERATION: August Hegar, b. September 28, 1856 in Harris County, Texas was a
farmer and rancher; m. Katharin Bauer December 23, 1880; d.
December 7, 1949 in Houston, Harris County, Texas; buried
Roberts Cemetery, Harris County

Carl Alfred Hegar, b. August 6, 1859 in Harris County, Texas was
a farmer; m. Helen Lloyd September 9, 1882; d. in 1946; buried
Hegar Cemetery, Waller County

Julia Emma Hegar, b. December 21, 1861 in Harris County, Texas;
never married; d. November 24, 1877 in Waller County, Texas;
buried Hegar Cemetery, Waller County.

Otto George Hegar, b. August 24, 1863 in Harris County, Texas was a
farmer, General store owner in Waller County, Post Master of
Hegar Post Office, established in 1899, until August 9, 1909.
(The Post Office was discontinued April 15, 1925.) Later was
Post Master at Tomball, Harris County, Texas for 30 years; m.
Alice Page January 20, 1887 in Waller County, Texas; d. July 1954
in Galveston, Texas; buried Hegar Cemetery, Waller County.

THIRD GENERATION: Alfred Hegar, b. August 29, 1882. was a clerk in the Harris County
Clerk's Office under a Mr. Jones; d. February 16, 1909; buried
Roberts Cemetery, Harris County

Bertha Hegar, b. August 27, 1885; m. August Fehlau ; d. February
27, 1967; buried Roberts Cemetery, Harris County

Mary Hegar, b. February 10, 1888; m. Bynum Kriegel

Ella Hegar, b. August 29, 1891; d. July 13, 1900; buried

Roberts Cemetery, Harris County

Henrietta Hegar, b. June 12, 1894; was a seamstress; m. H. Mort Wood

August Hegar, b. March 28, 1894; d. October 21, 1895; buried Hegar Cemetery

Helen Hegar, b. October 22, 1887; m. John Page December 24, 1903;

d. March 28, 1964 in Houston, Harris County, Texas; buried Hegar

Cemetery, Waller County

Mina (Edna?) Hegar, b. March 9, 1890; m. John Wallingford June 27,

1909; d. in 1955; buried Fields Store Cemetery, Waller County

Sally Hegar, b. January 16, 1892 was a Teacher and seamstress; m.

Charles Williamson

Madelyn Hegar, b. February 10, 1901 was an office Clerk

Emma Lee (Effie) Hegar, b. January 14, 1888 was a Teacher; m. Joshua

Johnson Tucker December 26, 1912 in Tomball, Harris County, Texas

Katie Alice Hegar, b. June 20, 1891; d. September 17, 1900; buried

Hegar Cemetery, Waller County

Bertha May Hegar, b. October 3, 1895; d. November 17, 1908; buried

Hegar Cemetery, Waller County

Alma Hegar, b. March 24, 1906 was a Teacher