

MUELLER FAMILY HISTORY

The Christian Mueller, Sr. and William Mueller families are recorded as members of the original settlers of the Klein area of North Harris County. They came to this country from Germany during hard times and helped to develop our community and our nation. The preservation and honoring of the Heritage of the first settlers of the Klein community has been enhanced by the foresight of the Klein ISD Board of Trustees and School Administrators through the naming of the schools for those families.

The naming of Mueller Elementary School continues this proud heritage.

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William Mueller was born July 26, 1846 in Germany and emigrated to Klein in 1870. William married Albertina Mittelstadt in 1879 and they built a home near FM 2920 and Gosling Road. They were farmers and ranchers owning approximately 98 acres that they purchased for \$275 in 1875. All their children attended the Klein school which was known as the French School located on Spring-Stuebner. William and Albertina had eight children, Marie, Friedrich, John, Anton, August, Theresa, William Gustave, and Gustave Mueller. William Gustave and his wife eventually purchased the William Mueller homestead. William died in 1922.

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Christian Mueller, Sr. was born July 9, 1837 in Feudinggen, Germany. He was one of seven children and married Catherine Dietrich while in Germany. In 1881, Christian Mueller came to the Klein area with his eight children, Karoline, Elisabeth, Catharine, Christian Jr., Friederich, Wilhelm, Adolf and Heinrich Mueller. His wife passed away prior to Christian's emigration from Germany. The Christian Mueller family joined the community in the Klein area working with the land and the local resources. The children grew up in the cultural richness of the German heritage. Christian Mueller died in 1914 and is buried in the Klein Lutheran Church Cemetery.

The Mueller families continue to live in the Klein community supporting the quality educational opportunities which find their foundation in the early German settlers.