

Agnes Helwig Bartsch

The Anton Bartsch and Agnes Helwig Bartsch family emigrated from Silesia, Prussia. Joseph Bartsch came by himself, he was only 18 years of age (Circa 1867). He remembered his father (Anton) taking him to the dock to get on the ship to come to America. He worked for the Price family. He saved money and sent enough to his family to send the next brother over. This was probably Frank who had been born in 1859. Joseph and Frank saved more money to send the rest of the family. By this time Anton was deceased. Agnes Helwig Bartsch, son Julius, and a daughter (unsure of the name. Alma Probst remembers her grandfather, Joseph Bartsch, called her "Annie Mutless". The story goes that she left home after living here awhile and never came back) came over together and lived at Rockne.

Note: Rev. Alois J. Goertz found two other Bartsch men in the marriage records of Bastrop County — Alfred Bartsch who married Julie Bode on July 1, 1868, and Johan Bartsch who married Mrs. Maria Kubitz on September 17, 1872. No more information was found for these two men.

Anton Bartsch (died in Prussia) married Agnes Helwig (01/14/1820 - 12/16/1905). She is buried in Sacred Heart Church Cemetery in Rockne. Her son, Frank (09/05/1859 - 09/05/1950) is also buried there.

I. Joseph

II. Julius

III. Frank

I. Joseph Bartsch 02/15/1849-01/02/1939 m 01/09/1875 to Catherine Goertz (04/22/1857 – 02/14/1911)

II. **Julius Bartsch*** (17 Oct 1863 – 2 Jan 1951) m. **Anna Wendrich Bartsch** (04/12/1865 – 10/07/1939) They are buried in St. Joseph's Chapel Cemetery near Solms, Texas. The cemetery is also known as 7 Mile Creek, 8 Mile Creek, Corbin, and Solms. It is located on FM 482 to the right from Hwy I-35 going to San Antonio.

- A. Frank H Bartsch (7/31/1888–12/27/957) never married, buried at St Joseph's Cemetery
- B. Martha J Bartsch (12/30/1896–03/19/1984) married 07/28/1914 to Albert Lehman (refer to Rockne "Red Book" for family tree)
- C. Paul Joseph Bartsch (1898–1922) married on 8/12/1919 to Veronica Sachsenmeyer (05/01/1899 02/06/1982) They are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery
- D. Pius Paul Bartsch (1902–1971) married on 11/30/1927 to Ella A Friesenhahn (1906-1978) They are buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery
- E. Alfred Bartsch (1907–1992)
- F. Ella Bartsch 08/02/1906 11/02/1982 married on 10/1926 to Charley Hoffman (09/27/1900 12/29/1974) (refer to Rockne "Red Book" for family tree)
- G. Herman Joseph Bartsch (1909–1968) 03/09/1909 08/08/1968; never married; St. Joseph's Cemetery

III. Frank Bartsch* (9/5/1859 - 09/05/1950) m 11/12/1883 to Bertha Rathman (1864-1901) (partial family tree in the Rockne "Red Book")

*Julius and Anna's children, Frank (Franz) and Maria attended school in Rockne from 1900 – 1904, before moving to the New Braunfels area.

*Julius' brother Frank "Franz" also had children attending school in Rockne. They were Clara, 1900 – 1902; Hedwig "Hettie", 1900-1903; Martha, 1902-1904.

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Dear Minnie:

Thank you for your letter, the historical newsletter and the Rockne dedication book. They were very intersting. I too enjoyed your visit and was so glad that I could help you find your Bartsch relatives. Again thanks for the delicious lunch!

The next day after you left, I immediately got on the phone and called Stella Sachsenmeyer Holtz, a niece of Veronica Sachsenmeyer Bartsch, who is very interested in the family genealogy. I asked her to please go through the boxes her mother had to see if she could find anything on Paul Bartsch. Two days later she called me and told me she thought she might have some information on two pages written in German, which she cannot read, but the outside of the letter had Paul J. Bartsch written on it and the address as New Braunfels, Texas so she figured this may have some information that may be of interest. She believes that the information was written by Paul's mother. Paul's mother, Anna died in 1939 and his father Julius in 1951.

With the help of my neighbor who is very good in reading the German script translated the letter as follows: Died Thursday, 28 December at 9:00 p.m., Paul Joseph Bartsch, 25 years old. On 09 August 1898 born in Germany, came to Texas at age of five years with parents. Married on 12 August 1919, a wife of three years, Veronica Sachsenmeyer. Funeral will be on Saturday A.M. 30 December with Father Wack presiding at the funeral to be held on the Catholic Cemetery at 8 mile creek. He left behind two daughters: Angela Louise Maria and Stella, his wife Veronica, Parents: JULIUS BARTSCH AND WIFE. Step-sister: Mrs. Gertrude Schroder, four brothers: Franz, Pius, Alfred and Herman Bartsch, four sisters: Frau Max Wendtland, Martha Lehmann, Gertrude and Adelheid Bartsch. This writing cleared up our big question. Now where the brother Alfred and the sisters mentioned above lived was not mentioned in the note.

Also have not run across their names anywhere that I can remember.





Photo on left - **St. Joseph Catholic Church** in Comal, Comal County, Texas.

Photo on right - **St. Joseph Cemetery, near Solms, TX**. The cemetery is also known as 7 Mile Creek, 8 Mile Creek, Corbin, and Solms. It is located on FM 482 to the right from Hwy I35 toward San Antonio.



Anna Wendrich Bartsch 04/12/1865 – 10/07/1939

Julius Bartsch 17 Oct 1863 – 2 Jan 1951





Frank H Bartsch
31 Jul 1888 – 27 Feb 1957

Texas PVT 34 CO 165 Depot Brigade WW I



Paul J Bartsch 9 Aug 1898 – 28 Dec 1922 Veronica A Sachsenmeyer Bartsch 1 May 1899 – 7 Feb 1982



Pius Paul Bartsch 8 Feb 1902 – 30 Sep 1971 Ella A Friesenhahn Bartsch 22 Nov 1906 – 4 Jun 1978



Herman Joseph Bartsch 23 Mar 1909 – 8 Aug 1968