

# FIFTH WIELAND REUNION

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## The Wieland Trek to America

In the town of Anhalt-Dessau, Germany, lived a man named Heinrich Wieland. He was the father of the Wieland brothers and sister who later came to America. Martin Wieland was born first, but his mother died. Heinrich remarried and Hermine, Albert and Fritz were born to the second mother.

While still young Martin Wieland came to the United States from Anhalt-Dessau, Germany, in 1854. He came on a sailboat and landed at Galveston after a voyage of eleven weeks. From Galveston he traveled to Austin by ox team and wagon, a trip of 14 days.

He settled in Travis County about twelve miles north of Austin. Later they named this community Dessau in memory of their homeland. Martin Wieland lived in a tent while his room was under construction. It was one fieldstone room, plastered over, measuring 18' by 20' and the walls were 18 inches thick.

No positive information is available for the arrival of the two brothers and one sister in America who came to live with Martin. From other events that are known it is estimated that Martin sent for Albert, Fritz and Hermine in approximately 1866 or 1867. Together they lived in the one room and helped Martin with the land and Hermine was the housekeeper.

In time the three brothers and sister were married and set up separate homes:

- 1.) Martin married Carlina Bastian Blumentritt March 28, 1877,
- 2.) Albert married Minnie Boldebuck February 5, 1880,
- 3.) Hermine married Henry Lisso January 29, 1871,
- 4.) Fritz married Miss Meyer no date available.

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