

APPENDIX D
GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Wipprecht

Rudolph Wipprecht, a noted linguist and educator, was born on May 24, 1824 at either Nebra, Prussia. A graduate of the University of Jena, Wipprecht was a language scholar proficient in many languages, including Spanish. He later worked for the Prussian customs service, but left Germany during the political turmoil of the late 1840s. Arriving at Galveston in December 1849, Wipprecht settled at either Indianola or Seguin in the fall of 1850. On November 25, 1854 he married Julia Kapp in Kendall County, Texas and the couple is known to have had four children: Ida (d. 1942), Paul (1858–1943), Walter (1864–1951), and Elsbeth (1873–1940). During the Civil War, Rudolph served as an enrolling officer and following its end moved his family to New Braunfels and worked as a school principal. Wipprecht became well known for his Spanish translations, some of which remain in the Texas State Library, including a document which may be the oldest from the missions of Texas. Rudolph and his family moved to Brazos County sometime in the 1880s, about the time that Walter was attending the Agricultural and Mechanical College, when in June 1883 Rudolph was elected as professor of languages, a position he held until 1891. His death, in Seguin on May 5, 1892, was deemed a suicide.¹

Less is known Julia Kapp Wipprecht. Genealogy records from the Ernst Christian Kapp—Ida Sophie Conradine Kappell family indicate that she was born in 1839 in Germany, which supports evidence found on the 1850 U.S. population census for Comal County, Texas. Julia, age ten, is listed as the daughter of Ernest and Ether Kapp from Germany. Her father, reportedly from Minden, Prussia was known as an educator and author of several philosophical works. In 1895, after the death of her husband, Rudolph, Julia became a charter member of the Mutual Improvement Circle, which later became The Woman's Club of Bryan. Julia Kapp Wipprecht died in Bryan on September 6, 1919 and was buried in the Bryan City Cemetery.²

Jenkins

George W. Jenkins, Sr., also known as Captain G.W. Jenkins, was a distinguished serviceman of the Crimean War. His mother died while bearing him, and his father, a lawyer, apprenticed him at a young age to a contractor. He married Mary Ann Newby in London, England on July 16, 1859, and emigrated to the United States in January 1873.³

¹ WIPPRECHT, RUDOLPH, The Handbook of Texas Online Web Site: <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/WW/fwi69.html> (retrieved November 20, 2008); While Frank W. A. Johnson contends that Rudolph's birth occurred in Rudelstadt, both the Handbook of Texas and U.S. Passport Application no. 15459—Carl Rudolph Wipprecht state that it was Nebra, Prussia; Johnson, Frank W. A., *History of Texas and Texans, Volume IV* (Chicago, IL: The American Historical Society, 1914), 2016; Again, while the Handbook of Texas argues for Indianola, Johnson states Seguin for Rudolph Wipprecht's initial settlement; Hatcher, Mattie Austin, "Descriptions of the Tejas or Asinai Indians 1691-1722," *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, vol. 30(3), 206-19; Smith, Robert F., "Agricultural and Mechanical College," *United States Bureau of Education, Circular of Information*, vol. 1, series 84 (Washington, DC: GPO, 1903), 288-305; Obituary—"Rudolph Wipprecht," *Galveston Daily News* (May 6, 1892), 5; *Texas Death Index 1903-2000*, Ancestry Web Site: <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com> (retrieved October 7, 2009).

² Johnson, *History of Texas*, 2016; Madeley, Edward, "Lodges and Civic Organizations," in *Brazos County History: Rich-Past – Bright Future*, ed. Glenna Fourman Brundidge (Bryan, TX: Family History Foundation, 1986), 176; *Dr. Ernst Christian KAPP and Ida Sophie Conradine KAPPELL* (2008). Retrieved November 12, 2008 from Diana's Genealogical Web Site: <http://www.dgmweb.net/genealogy/FGS/K/KappErnstChristian-IdaSophieConradineKappell.shtml> (retrieved November 12, 2008); *The Brazos County Texas Cemeteries: List of Persons Interred in Brazos County, Texas to 1988*, comp. Brazos Genealogical Association (Nacogdoches: Ericson Books, 1997), 272.

³ Obituary, "Capt. G. W. Jenkins Dead" *Bryan Morning Eagle*, (September 8, 1904), 3.