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### **SATTLER POST OFFICE**

A FOUNDING COLONIST IN NEW BRAUNFELS,  
WILHELM (WILLIAM) SATTLER LATER MADE  
HIS HOME IN THIS AREA OF COMAL COUNTY  
AND APPLIED FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT FOR MAIL SERVICE. THE SATTLER  
POST OFFICE WAS GRANTED IN 1856, WITH  
WILLIAM'S SON HENRY AS FIRST POSTMASTER.  
ORIGINALLY LOCATED IN THE SATTLER HOUSE,  
IT SOON WAS RELOCATED TO THIS CABIN, ONE  
OF THREE BUILT ON THE FAMILY HOMESTEAD.  
CONSTRUCTED OF NATIVE JUNIPER LOGS  
HELD TOGETHER WITH SIMPLE SADDLE NOTCHING  
AND CHINKING OF STRAW AND CALICHE MUD,  
THE CABIN LAST HOUSED THE SATTLER POST  
OFFICE IN 1880.

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FIRST SATTLER POST OFFICETEXAS HISTORICAL BUILDING

By

L K Walker

The first Sattler post office, a log cabin still in existence in Comal County, bears the name of Texas pioneer Wilhelm Martin Sattler.

Wilhelm Sattler emigrated from Germany with Prince Solms<sup>1</sup> and came to Texas when Texas was still an independent republic.<sup>2</sup> Prince Solms had his engineer survey the New Braunfels township and lay it out into lots. These were numbered and a public drawing for the lots was held in April of 1845. Wilhelm drew lot number 230 thus becoming one of the founders of New Braunfels, Texas.<sup>3</sup>

The following year Mr Sattler and his family homesteaded land on the Guadalupe River seventeen miles northwest of New Braunfels. As soon as Texas became a state he contracted with the United States government to establish the first postal system in the area.<sup>4</sup> Initially he operated the post office from his home but as soon as it was feasible he built the log cabin which became the first Sattler post office building.

In addition to creating the Sattler postal system Wilhelm Sattler was a bookbinder, a judge, and a member of the Texas Land Commissioner's office in Austin. He built three log cabins within a few hundred feet of his large two story home. As a judge he held court in one of the log cabins. Family

history tells of prisoners being brought on horseback to his court.<sup>5</sup> A second log cabin was used as his office and the third became the first Sattler post office. The first two log cabins no longer exist. However, the post office still exists at its original location and is in very good condition. Mr Sattler's home burned in 1925. It was rebuilt on the same spot and is now occupied by a great, great, great grandson. The home, now modernized, still contains some of the charred timbers from the original home.

The log cabin post office is located about one hundred feet from the site of Mr Sattler's home which is on what is now the L K Walker ranch.<sup>6</sup> L K Walker is a great, great grandson of Wilhelm Sattler and the property has been in the family without a break for more than 150 years.

The cabin dimensions are twelve by fourteen feet and it has one window. Down through the years some of the chinking between the logs crumbled or flaked off. It was patched some twenty years ago using essentially the same formula as the original; i.e., straw, native caliche, etc. The logs are all original native ashe juniper (cedar) and have not been disturbed. It is not known whether the roof is original or not but it is at least sixty years old with cactus growing on top.

Historical records are inexact as to who was the very first Sattler postmaster. Wilhelm Sattler was unquestionably an early postmaster during at least two periods. Oscar Haas' "History of New Braunfels and Comal County, Texas, 1844-1946"

lists Henry Sattler as the first appointed postmaster in 1856.<sup>7</sup> Henry (Heinrich) Sattler was Wilhelm's son. He was a Civil War veteran who died on his trip home from the war. He is also listed as a Confederate Sattler postmaster in 1862.<sup>8</sup> It is possible that Wilhelm Sattler in addition to being a postal contractor also acted as an unofficial postmaster prior to 1856 as the earliest entry in the original post office journal is 1849.<sup>9</sup> The log cabin is without doubt the first Sattler post office building.

Wilhelm Sattler of the von Sattler family and son of a German baron was highly educated. He spoke and wrote fluently in German and English as well as possibly other languages. The original official Sattler post office journal is in his handwriting in English. The journal escaped the 1925 fire and is in the possession of L K Walker. Mail was brought by stage coach from Austin and San Antonio to the Sattler post office from where it was redistributed by horseback to various small branch post offices. The journal shows that these included Cranes Mill, Smithson's Valley, Spring Branch, Twin Sisters and others.<sup>10</sup> One of the last entries in the journal refers to a coffin for Mr Sattler who died May 10, 1880.<sup>11</sup>

Upon Mr Sattler's death the post office was moved about four miles to a general store in what is now known as the village of Sattler which derived its name from Wilhelm Sattler. He and his family are buried in the family cemetery about 150 yards east of the post office cabin.

The Sattler history including the postal system is covered very extensively in Mr Alton J Rawe's "History of Sattler and Mountain Valley School, Comal County, Texas". The 320 page book is extremely well documented with a vast array of references. Any attempt to duplicate Mr Rahe's fine work would serve no purpose. The aim of this application and narrative instead is to focus attention on the structure itself, --the log cabin.

The Sattler log cabin is one of the relatively few remaining physical vestiges of an important period in Texas history. It is unique in that it remains located in the exact location where it was originally built, never having been moved. The cabin is central not only to the immediate Sattler area but to a wide expanse of communities throughout the hill country including New Braunfels. The cabin is directly related to the independent republic of Texas, the civil war, the founding of New Braunfels, the founding of Sattler, Texas, and the creation of the first postal system. It is symbolic of the important contribution Wilhelm Sattler made to early Texas history. It is vital that the heritage which this historic structure represents be preserved for future generations.

## FOOTNOTES

1. There have been many newspaper and magazine articles featuring the Sattler history and post office. As an example, one of the latest articles dated August 22, 2001, is shown as Attachment No. 1.
2. A commemorative certificate from the Texas State Genealogical Society dated February 15, 1997, certifies that Wilhelm Martin Sattler did in fact reside in Texas prior to February 19, 1846, when the Republic of Texas officially became the state of Texas. A copy of the certificate is shown as Attachment No. 2.
3. Oscar Haas' "History of New Braunfels and Comal County, Texas 1844-1946" is cited in the bibliography. Wilhelm Sattler is listed as a founder of New Braunfels, Texas, on pages 49 and 51. Excerpts are shown as Attachment No. 3.
4. Alton J Rahe's "History of Sattler and Mountain Valley School, Comal County, Texas" is cited in the bibliography. Sattler's postal contract with the United States government is discussed in detail in Mr Rahe's chapter 4.
5. Starting in 1976 Mr Herb Skoog of a local radio station in New Braunfels started a program called "Reflections" during which he conducted hour-long live interviews with people in the community who had first-hand knowledge of historical events in and around New Braunfels. On March 25, 1979, he interviewed Wilhelm Sattler's great granddaughter, Lenora Walker, who died in 1992 at age 96. During the interview she related a number of family historical events. A tape of that broadcast is available at the Sophienburg Museum in New Braunfels which sponsored the program, and a tape is also in the possession of Mrs Walker's son, Lt Colonel (ret) L K Walker, Canyon Lake, Texas.
6. Maps of the post office location are shown as Attachments No. 4 and No. 5. Brad Walker, a direct descendant of Mr Sattler, now lives in a home rebuilt on the site of the original Sattler home approximately one hundred feet from the post office. His address is 271 Point Creek Road, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133. The site is approximately 1/10 mile from the intersection of Point Creek Road and Cannan Road. The intersection is 7/10 mile from FM-306. Cannan Road intersects with FM-306 approximately 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles from interstate highway IH-35.
7. Oscar Haas' "History of New Braunfels and Comal County" lists Sattler postmasters on page 133. An excerpt is shown as Attachment No. 6.
8. Mr Haas' history book lists Confederate post offices and postmasters in Comal County on page 309. An excerpt is shown as Attachment No. 7.

FOOTNOTES - (Continued)

9. The earliest entry in Wilhelm Sattler's post office journal is 1849. An excerpt from that journal is shown as Attachment No. 8.
10. An excerpt from the post office journal shows some of the small branch post offices served by horseback from the Sattler post office. This is shown as Attachment No. 9.
11. One of the final entries in the Sattler post office journal refers to a coffin for Mr Sattler who died in 1880. An excerpt from the journal is shown as Attachment No. 10.

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New Braunfels, Texas 78130-0160.

"Reflections" radio program in New Braunfels, Texas, beginning  
in 1976. Interviews with local people familiar with historic  
events in and around New Braunfels and Comal County.

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# Treasures of Canyon Lake

## Comal County

A SPECIAL SECTION OF THE CANYON LAKE TIMES GUARDIAN

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### SURVIVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF CANYON DAM

Not far from Canyon City by way of FM 306

or South Access Road is Sattler, one of the fastest growing communities among the German-rooted settlements in the region. It is named for its founder, Wilhelm M. Sattler, who emigrated from Germany with Prince Solms. The area reminded the men of their homeland.

According to Texas Monthly's book, "Hill Country," Sattler also has been known as "Mountain Valley" and "Walhalla," a German word for heaven.

A lot of Walhalla now lies beneath Canyon Lake.

Sattler was postmaster of the hamlet from 1850 to 1880. He also was a bookbinder, a judge and a member of the Land Commissioner's Office in Austin. Sattler and his wife, Sophia, homesteaded land north of what is now FM 306, bordering on the Guadalupe River in 1846.

Sattler village is now a bustling mix of residential and mercantile development. FM 2673, what amounts to Sattler's main street, recently was resurfaced and improved for eight miles into Sattler's sister city, Startzville.

"Main Street" in Sattler offers two banks, a post office, a funeral home, commercial shopping strips and Tye Preston Memorial Library.

Also defining Sattler's community role are the Mountain Valley Elementary and Intermediate schools, located a block off the main road. A reputable source of information on this topic can be found in Alton J. Rahe's "History of Sattler and Mountain Valley School in Comal County, Texas."

Sattler provides the crossroads — connecting FM 306 and Startzville, as well as River Road and Canyon Dam — at the stop light on FM 2673. A turn toward the northwest will take you up South Access Road, which is a particularly enjoyable drive when the wildflowers are blooming in the spring. The road leads to Overlook Park, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers improvement that opens up to a dramatic view of Canyon Lake and its 4,410-foot-long pedestrian walkway across the dam.

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# Texas First Families

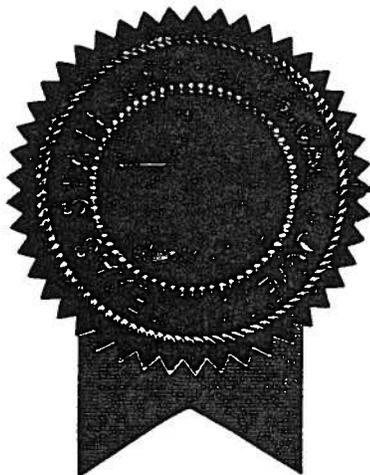
This Commemorative Certificate Is Presented To

**Lt. Colonel Ludwell K. Walker**

A Descendant Of

**Wilhelm Martin Sattler**

Who Resided in Texas or Served The Republic of Texas  
before February 19, 1846 when The Republic of Texas  
Officially Became The State of Texas



*Certified by the*  
Texas State Genealogical Society

15 February 1997

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Wanda L. Donaldson, Vice-President

## NEW BRAUNFELS FOUNDING COLONISTS

Prince Solms had Engineer Nicolaus Zink survey the township and lay it out into lots. The latter were numbered and a public drawing for the lots was held in April of 1845. The list of the settlers who then drew numbered paper slips from a hat can **rightfully be proclaimed as being the founders of New Braunfels.** The names listed alphabetically are preceded by the number of the lot which each drew. Some had funds and purchased available lots.

Lot No.	Name	Lot No.	Name
91.	Albrecht, Blasienz	20.	Breilipper, Joh. Heinrich
169.	Arnold, Johann	33.	Bremer, Heinrich Christian
76.	Arnold, Peter	201.	Brockhuysen, Carl
16.	Assel, Hermann von	101.	Bruns, Friedrich
31.	Baldus, Johann	67.	Burg, Peter
26.	Bauer, Alexis von	185.	Bussmann, Daniel
38.	Bellmer, Carl	163.	Caspary, Johann
146.	Bellmer, Carl	225.	Catholic Congregation
212.	Bene, Ludwig	252.	Catholic Congregation
139.	Benfer, Georg	253.	Catholic Congregation
95.	Benner, Adolph	280.	Catholic Congregation
68.	Bevenroth, Heinrich	39.	Claren, Oscar von
28.	Boeckel, Christian	25.	Coll, Jean Jaques von
156.	Boettscher, August	272.	Dresel, Gustavus
279.	Both, Johann	178.	Eikel, Andreas
133.	Bothmer, Heinrich	60.	Elmendorf, Carl
175.	Bracht, Viktor	104.	Engel, Christian
176.	Bracht, Viktor	171.	Ernst, E.
179.	Bracht, Viktor	58.	Ervendberg, Ludwig Cachand
180.	Bracht, Viktor	159.	Fechte, Gustav van der
152.	Brasche, Heinrich	117.	Feick, Casper
153.	Brasche, Heinrich	52.	Fey, Valentin
13.	Brecher, Jacob	69.	First Protestant Congregation

### FOUNDING COLONISTS

Lot No.	Name	Lot No.	Name
137.	Remer, Dr. Wilhelm	101.	Simon, Ferdinand
120.	Remmler, Gabriel	168.	Simon, Sylvester
129.	Rennert, Julius	186.	Spangenberg, Christoph
160.	Rennert, Julius	296.	Spiegs, Hermann
88.	Reuter, Wilhelm	53.	Staats, Johann
12.	Rieck, Johannes	45.	Startz, Johann
64.	Riedel, Anton	85.	Stertzing, Theodor
47.	Riedel, Nicolaus	162.	Stertzing, Theodor
55.	Roege, Heinrich	90.	Stock, Carl
9.	Roseer, Heinrich	5.	Stock, Peter
89.	Russer, Alois	151.	Syring, Christian
74.	Rust, Christian	6.	Tausch, Friedrich
271.	Sacherer, Gabriel	7.	Thiel, Christian
294.	Salziger, Jacob	136.	Thielepape, Justus G.
182.	Salziger, Johann Gottlieb	1.	Thomae, Carl Wilhelm
295.	Sander, Mathias	281.	Tolle, Christoph
211.	Sartor, Alexander	?	Tolle, George Friedrich
213.	Sartor, Alexander	137.	Ullrich, George
275.	Sartor, Alexander	150.	Untermochlen, Friedrich
214.	Sartor, Carl	273.	Voelcker, Heinrich
230.	Sattler, Wilhelm	274.	Voelcker, Heinrich
82.	Sauerborn, Andreas	59.	Voelcker, Julius
235.	Schaaf, Heinrich	65.	Vogel, Ludwig
103.	Schaefer, Carl	183.	Vogt, Adam
35.	Schaefer, Christian	46.	Wedemeyer, Adolph von
116.	Schaefer, Heinrich	108.	Weil, Philipp
99.	Schaefer, Philipp	174.	Weinert, August
227.	Schelper, Heinrich	173.	Weinert, Reinhard
228.	Schelper, Heinrich	2.	Wengeroth, Johann
106.	Schertz, Joseph	157.	Wenzel, George
110.	Schertz, Joseph	158.	Wenzel, Ignatz
200.	Schertz, Sabastian	8.	Werstorfer, Joseph
40.	Schlichting, Friedrich	164.	Wetzel, Wilhelm
70.	Schmidt, Leonard	23.	Weyel, Adolph
66.	Schmitz, Edward	78.	Weyel, Jacob
268.	Schmitz, Jacob	231.	Wiedenfeld, Theodor
61.	Schmitz, Jacob	232.	Wiedenfeld, Wilhelm
170.	Schneider, Johann	135.	Willke, Ludwig
229.	Schoene, Heinrich	128.	Willke, Hermann
127.	Schulmeyer, Valentin	57.	Winkler, Peter
54.	Schulze, Johann Heinrich	92.	Wrede, Joachim F. A.
167.	Schwab, Thomas	49.	Wuest, Johann Adam
130.	Seele, Hermann	32.	Zink, Nicolaus
121.	Siebert, Carl Heinrich	142.	Zuercher, Nicolaus
87.	Siehn, E.	115.	Zuschlag, Heinrich

CHAPTER 4

SATTLER COMMUNITY POSTAL SERVICE  
 UNITED STATES MAIL CONTRACTOR - WILHELM SATTLER

As stated in Chapter 2, Wilhelm (William) Sattler was a contractor for the United States Mail service from 1856 until his death in 1880. In this chapter we will delve into his activities as a contractor. First, we will examine adjacent pages from Mr. Sattler's account with the "Post Office Department at Washington".<sup>1</sup>

On the left top of the page we see that Mr. Sattler was a mail contractor. He writes:

*For transporting the U. S. Mail on Route Number 31149 from New Braunfels by Sattler's, Crane's Mill, Smithson's Valley, Spring Branch, Twin Sisters to Blanco once a week for \$650 per annum.*

For the third quarter, July 1 through September 30, 1875, he was to receive \$162.50, or one-fourth of \$650 from the U. S. Government.

On the top of the right side of the page are listed the total moneys received from the six post offices during the third quarter of 1875.<sup>2</sup> Immediately we see that the Sattler Post Office brought in the least amount of money and Blanco, the most. On page 16 is a sum-

mary of income for each of the post offices from seven available quarters—one quarter in 1875, four quarters of 1876 and two from 1878.

Notice that the post office is referred to as Sattler's Post Office in Willam's account. The same was true for Crane's Mill and Smithson's Valley. In fact, on Peter Smith's application for postmaster in 1873, it was still written as Sattler's Post Office. Over time the apostrophes were dropped and the 's' was dropped from Sattler.

In one entry of Mr. Sattler's ledger, he writes, "Postage 3 letters 0.15." This suggests that it

*Gl. Post Office Department at Washington*

*For transporting the U. S. Mail on Route No 31149, from N. B. Coles by Sattler's, Crane's Mill, Smithson's Valley, Spring Branch, and Twin Sisters to Blanco once a week for \$650. pr. Annum - commenced July 1st 1875.*

*Third Quarter, from 1st July to 30th Sept. 1875 = \$162.50*

*Recd. by Promiss - see next page 55.32*

*Balance due to Government 107.18*

*Tausch notified \$50.39*

*Coles " 5.43*

*Tausch recd. Oct 13 50.39*

*SD memo for \$60 (specie) 1/2 pay of the 22.80*

*5 Quicksilver, 20 in specie 44.80*

*Nov. Cash pd. in specie \$10.00*

*mid Nov. 1/2 pay of the 22.80*

*Nov. 2.00 memo paid for note 88.90*

*Nov 11.75*

*Balance due 11.75*

*Received 3rd Quarter to wit:*

1. by Charles Postge Sattler's P.O.	\$ 43
2. by A. Engel Crane's Mills P.O.	4.32
3. Charles Olmrich Smithson's Valley P.O.	1.69
4. H. V. Speck Spring Branch P.O.	84
5. Henry Brimmer Twin Sisters P.O.	4.84
6. John M. Camp and Blanco P.O.	43.90
	<u>\$ 55.32</u>

*Recd. for Mail, Draft No 4810 on Austin's Report No 5941 - dated Nov 4/75 To H B Kinney P.M. at Austin, Tex. - for \$106.63*

*Draft 200 to E. Selig Nov. 17/75 \$102.50*

<sup>1</sup> William Martin Sattler's post office journal. Special thanks to Lt. Col. L. K. Walker, great-great-grandson of William, for sharing this information.  
<sup>2</sup> Records from the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington D.C. agree with Mr. Sattler's list of postmasters.

WILLIAM SATTLER'S ACCOUNT WITH "POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON"

Post Office	Average	Income	
		Minimum	Maximum
Sattler	0.62	0.10	1.38
Cranes Mill	5.69	4.14	8.99
Smithsons Valley	2.81	0.96	5.04
Spring Branch	5.05	0.72	14.01
Twin Sisters	13.38	2.80	27.92
Blanco	42.78	36.00	49.00

cost 5 cents to mail a letter. At that rate, the Sattler Post Office handled about 12 letters per quarter during those years or one letter per week. Is it low participation in the use of the postal service or is it a reflection of the sparseness of families living in the general community twenty years after the establishment of the post office? In 1880, Mr. Sattler estimated 30 to 40 families living in the settlement.<sup>3</sup> Perhaps it is a reflection of both sparseness of population and participation.

On the left side of Mr. Sattler's ledger we see where he subtracts the \$55.82 income from the \$162.50 for a balance of \$106.68 "due the contractor" from the U. S. Government. The government must have paid Mr. Sattler through the postmaster, H. B. Kinney, in Austin with check #5941, dated 4 November 1875, one month after the quarter ended (recorded on right side of page). Mr. Sattler sold his draft to Ernst Scherff<sup>4</sup> on 17 November 1875, almost two weeks later. Another entry in the ledger shows where a draft was sold to Mr. Scherff for 98 cents on the dollar.

Finally, a look at the bottom left of the page from Mr. Sattler's ledger. This portion reflects the bartering between Mr. Sattler and the mail rider, C. Tausch. Mr. Tausch's pay was \$90.00 per quarter. It appears that Mr. Tausch was

given most of the money from the post offices and that he owed Mr. Sattler for 5 bushels of corn, half of \$44.00 for a mare, etc. Hence the balance of only \$1.70.

Other mail riders mentioned in the ledger were: Henry Jonas, W. D. McAnaney, Chas. Nowotny, Christian Zwahlen, David Rube (Ruby), and Adolph Jonas. Several times the mail rider signed his name in Mr. Sattler's ledger verifying that the recorded figures were correct. Occasionally, an

entry reflects non-payment to the rider because the mail was not delivered on a given week. For example, "Deduction for a failure made by the mail rider Henry Jonas for failing to arrive at Fredericksburg April 13, 1859 of \$6.74."<sup>5</sup>

Mr. Sattler also paid Capt. J. L. McCrocklin, living in Blanco, for "Boarding mail rider and feeding extra mule from Nov. 29th 1858 to Feb. 1st 1859, say, 8 weeks, per week \$3.00, including everything \$24.00." This charge must have been based on one night per week. The charge is very much in line with the \$1.50 hotel and \$1.00 per horse that Mr. Roemer paid when he spent a night in New Braunfels in 1846.<sup>6</sup>

In reading Mr. Sattler's ledger one soon realizes that he was a contractor of at least two mail routes.<sup>7</sup> In further checking in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Mr. Sattler's name appeared on the following two routes:<sup>8</sup>

1. Route from Seguin to Fredericksburg  
(Accepted 7 May 1856)

by Bonita

Sattler's (Est. 16 Sept. 1856)

Clemen's

Twin Sisters (Est. 24 Sept. 1856)

Crain's Mill (Est. Oct. 1857)

Hind's (Brazonia Co.)

Walroope's

Hodges's Mill (Est. Nov. 1856)

Schedule: Leave Seguin Monday at 6 AM  
Arrive Fredericksburg Wednesday 12 M  
Leave Fredericksburg Wednesday 1 AM  
Arrive Seguin Friday 7 PM

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Sattler's application for postmaster in 1880.

<sup>4</sup> Ernst Scherff was the owner of a general merchant store that later became Eiband and Fischer. (Page 319, Oscar Haas book).

<sup>5</sup> William Sattler Ledger, D. E. Smith Collection (1855-1932), Texas State Archives, Austin, Texas

<sup>6</sup> Ferdinand Roemer, *Roemer's Texas, 1845-1847*, Library Binding Co., Waco, Texas 1967, p. 133.

<sup>7</sup> William Sattler Ledger, Smith (D. E. Collection 1855-1932), Texas State Archives, Austin, Texas.

<sup>8</sup> Thanks to Mark Rahe for finding this information at NARA in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Sattler was one of six contractors for this route at \$700 per annum.

These community names from NARA do not exactly agree with those used by Mr. Sattler; however, there is a difference of twenty years between them.

2. Route from Austin to Sisterdale  
(Accepted 25 April 1857)

by Kapp's Mills

Cannonville (Est. 28 Aug. 1857)  
(Hays County)

Pittsburg

Middleton

Curiah

New Pittsburg (Est. 26 Sept. 1857)  
(Comal Co.)

Schedule: Leave Austin Monday 6 AM

Arrive Sisterdale Tuesday 7 PM

Leave Sisterdale Wednesday 6 AM

Arrive Austin Thursday 7 PM

Mr. Sattler was one of seven contractors for this route at \$700 per annum.

Mr. Sattler was involved in two routes of U. S. Mail Service. This might explain why he had accounts with at least seven mail riders. See the end of this chapter for details of a contract between William Sattler and Henry Jonas, the mail-carrier on the route from Seguin to Fredericksburg.

## POSTMASTERS AND LOCATIONS

### FIRST POSTMASTER

Who was the first postmaster in Sattler? Several articles on the community and family of Sattler state that Wilhelm Sattler was the first postmaster.<sup>9 10 11</sup> The general understanding of the people in the community was that Wilhelm was the first to serve in that capacity. However, according to Mr. Haas's book, Henry Sattler was appointed the first postmaster in Sattler on 16 September 1856.<sup>12</sup> So who is right, the community's general understanding or Mr. Haas?

Heinrich (Henry) Sattler was the oldest of four children born to William and Sophia, nee Hildebrandt, Sattler. According to the 1860

census, he was born circa 1843. This means that Henry would have been 23 years old in 1856. Two or three other Henry Sattlers were located in Comal County, but age/residence would not allow any of them to be the postmaster at Sattler in 1856.

A listing from NARA shows in a very neat handwriting that Henry Sattler was the first postmaster of Sattler from 16 September 1856 until 9 November 1866. A copy of every available postmaster application was requested from the archives. Unfortunately, the 1856 application was not available to check whether there was a transcription error from the application to the NARA listing, or whether a Henry Sattler really did make an application.

William Sattler very carefully recorded all of his business transactions in a ledger.<sup>13</sup> One of his accounts reads as follows: "Post Office Department at Washington City, with W. Sattler, contractor." Here he recorded the receipt of 53 cents from "H. W. Sattler P. M. at Sattler" (among receipts from other post offices) for the quarter ending 31 March 1859. Finally, William Sattler's hand writing acknowledges that Henry Sattler was the postmaster at Sattler in 1859. This gives us support to believe the records at NARA that Henry Sattler was the first recorded postmaster at Sattler. We say "the first recorded postmaster" because the postmasters most likely did not have much activity when the income was only 53 cents per quarter.

Oscar Haas also states that Henry Sattler was appointed the Confederate Postmaster of Sattler on 6 March 1862.<sup>14</sup>

The post office was temporarily discontinued in November of 1866.<sup>15</sup> This coincides with the general time of Henry's death. The family

<sup>9</sup> Carol Depaolo, *The Sattler Story - Our Beginnings*, manuscript, no date. Located at Tye Preston Memorial Library, Sattler, Texas.

<sup>10</sup> Oscar Haas, "The Story of Sattler, Texas", *New Braunfels Herald*, 24 August 1948.

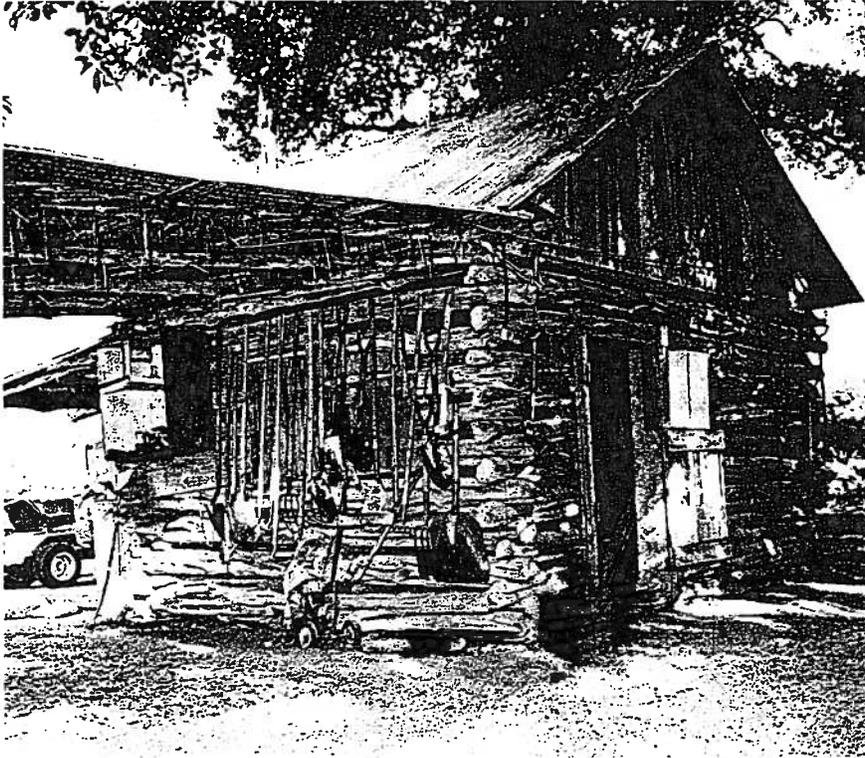
<sup>11</sup> Ruby Rust, seventh grade student at Mountain Valley in 1929, "The History of Mountain Valley," part of six installments printed in *New Braunfels Herald* by Oscar Haas as "Story of Sattler, Texas", August 1948.

<sup>12</sup> Oscar Haas, *History of New Braunfels and Comal County, Texas 1844-1946*. The Steck Company, Austin, Texas, 1968, p. 133.

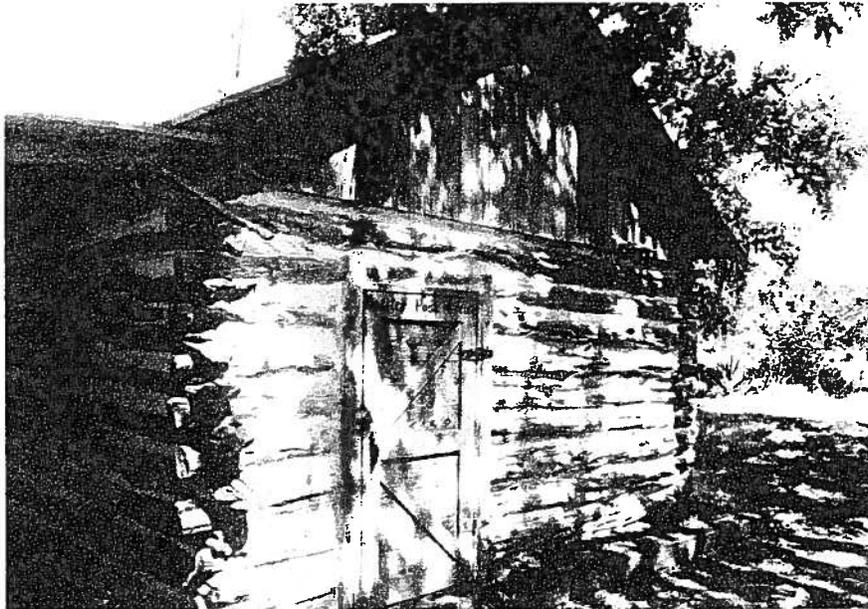
<sup>13</sup> William Sattler Ledger, Smith (D. E. Collection 1855-1932), Texas State Archives, Austin, Texas.

<sup>14</sup> Oscar Haas, *History of New Braunfels and Comal County, Texas 1844-1946*. The Steck Company, 1968, p. 309.

<sup>15</sup> NARA records in Washington D. C.



*SATTLER'S FIRST POST OFFICE. THIS LOG BUILDING WAS PART OF A THREE-CABIN COMPLEX THAT INCLUDED WILLIAM SATTLER'S BOOKBINDERY AND COURT. THE WALLS OF THE POST OFFICE BUILDING WERE LATER RECHINKED, AND IT IS STILL STANDING TODAY, AS SHOWN ON BELOW.*



has no exact death date since Henry died on his way home from the Civil War. He tended to a sick friend while on the return trip and later died from the same disease.

recognition by having the community carry his name.

The post office was reestablished in June of 1867 when William Sattler became postmaster. It was again discontinued in September of 1868 and reestablished in April of 1870 when Peter Smith became postmaster.<sup>16</sup>

The Sattler Post Office was located in several places throughout its approximate 86 years of existence (1856-1942). Initially it was located in a separate log building on the William Sattler property. This log building is still standing today.

From all indications Henry served as the first postmaster at the first location. Henry most likely lived at home until he was married in 1860. However, based on the almost daily entries in Mr. Sattler's ledger with Henry, they could not have lived very far apart, if not in the same house, after Henry married. The people of the community most likely did not know who the registered postmaster was. If any postal activity would be noticed by the community it would be that of Wilhelm. He was a part of the mail service from 1856 until his death in 1880, a period of 24 years. As mentioned before, Henry served in the Civil War and died soon afterwards. Thus, this young man in his 20s could have been associated with the mail service for 6 to 8 years.

It is most fitting that Wilhelm Sattler who devoted so many years to the postal service, as Star Route contractor and later postmaster, should receive his

<sup>16</sup> Ibid.



EARLIER AND LATER PICTURES OF WILLIAM SATTLER (THANKS TO L. K. WALKER, GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON OF WILLIAM

SUBSEQUENT POSTMASTERS

According to the NARA records, the post office was reestablished in June of 1867 and William (Wilhelm) Sattler was named postmaster. He served until April of 1870 when Peter Smith took over until March of 1873. Charles Baetge served from 1873 until May of 1880. In 1880, William Sattler signed his second term as postmaster on 12 April 1880 and died on 10 May 1880. William Sattler served as postmaster for a total of about three years. For the next five years (1880-1885), Henry Weil served as the postmaster in the community.

According to Ruby Rust, the post office was moved from the Sattler homestead to John Marschall's property in December of 1885 where he served as postmaster until May of 1900. This move of about three miles brought the post office into the middle of the Mountain Valley Community, right behind the original Mountain Valley School. In 1900, Peter Nowotny, Jr. became the postmaster and it was moved to the "Emil Guenther Store" location where Peter was the owner and operator of the general merchandise store until August of 1906. From 1906 until 1910, Bruno Pape, William Posey and Hugh Liesman served as postmasters in the same location for approximately eighteen, fifteen, and twenty months, respectively.

Occasionally it is written in the literature that the local merchant also served as postmaster in the community. The dates for the different postmasters mentioned in this chapter do not necessarily agree with dates that they served as local merchants, as we will see in Chapter 5. NARA records show that Henry Weil was postmaster from 1880 until 1885, at which time John Marschall took over until 1900. It appears that Mr. Weil served as postmaster and merchant starting in 1880. However, this does not agree with Ruby Rust's statement that the post office was moved from the Sattler premise to Mr. Marschall's place and later to the Emil Guenther Store. Her statement implies that Mr. Weil served as postmaster while the post office was on the Sattler premise, which is hard to believe when he was a merchant in the Mountain

**Post Office Department,**  
OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT U. S. GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C. *March 30, 1880*

Step: Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for a post office at \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_

at which you are recommended for postmaster, he requires that the blanks in the following statement be filled, and the questions carefully and correctly answered, verified by your signature, certified by a sworn local postmaster, and returned to this Department, addressed to me. The contractor should be informed as to the possibility of supplying it, and also as to the increase of distance. If the proposed office is not on any route now under contract, it can only be established as a "Special Office," to be supplied without expense to the Department unless there are exceptions.

Be careful to designate the post offices by their true official names; and answer the subjoined questions fully and accurately, of the one will not be acted upon.

Very respectfully,  
JAMES N. TYNER,  
First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. William Sattler, who will please forward to him.  
care of the Postmaster at New Braunfels.

**STATEMENT.**

1. The proposed office to be called Sattler.

(The name of the candidate for postmaster should not be printed on the name of a post office. It is preferable to have some LOCAL or PERSONAL name, which must not be the name of any other office in the State, and you should aim to select a name not applicable to any office in the United States.)

It will be situated on the \_\_\_\_\_ quarter of Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of Comal State of Texas being the range from New Braunfels \_\_\_\_\_ miles from \_\_\_\_\_

It will be an annex route No. 31166 \_\_\_\_\_ miles from \_\_\_\_\_

The contractor's name is Charles Baetge \_\_\_\_\_

Will it be desirable to have a \_\_\_\_\_

If not, how far from, and on which side of \_\_\_\_\_

How much will a distance the level of the road over any such trip?—None at all

Where will the road have the proposed route to a \_\_\_\_\_

Where located the route will be \_\_\_\_\_

What post office will be left out by this change?—None

If not on any route, is a "Special Office" wanted?—Yes To be supplied from \_\_\_\_\_

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is New Braunfels on the west side \_\_\_\_\_

At a distance of about 3 miles, to a \_\_\_\_\_

The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is Comal Wells \_\_\_\_\_

At a distance of \_\_\_\_\_ miles, to a New Braunfels \_\_\_\_\_

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, not on this route, is Emil Guenther's Store \_\_\_\_\_

distance by the most direct road \_\_\_\_\_ miles, to a New Braunfels \_\_\_\_\_

The name of the nearest creek is Sattler Creek \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed office will be \_\_\_\_\_

If not a railroad, state on which side the office will be located \_\_\_\_\_

Is it in a village, name the number of inhabitants?—Yes \_\_\_\_\_

State the population of the proposed office, with mention of names of principal residents \_\_\_\_\_

State the population of the nearest village, with mention of names of principal residents \_\_\_\_\_

State the population of the nearest town, with mention of names of principal residents \_\_\_\_\_

State the population of the nearest city, with mention of names of principal residents \_\_\_\_\_

Other important \_\_\_\_\_

ALL WHICH I certify to be correct and true, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

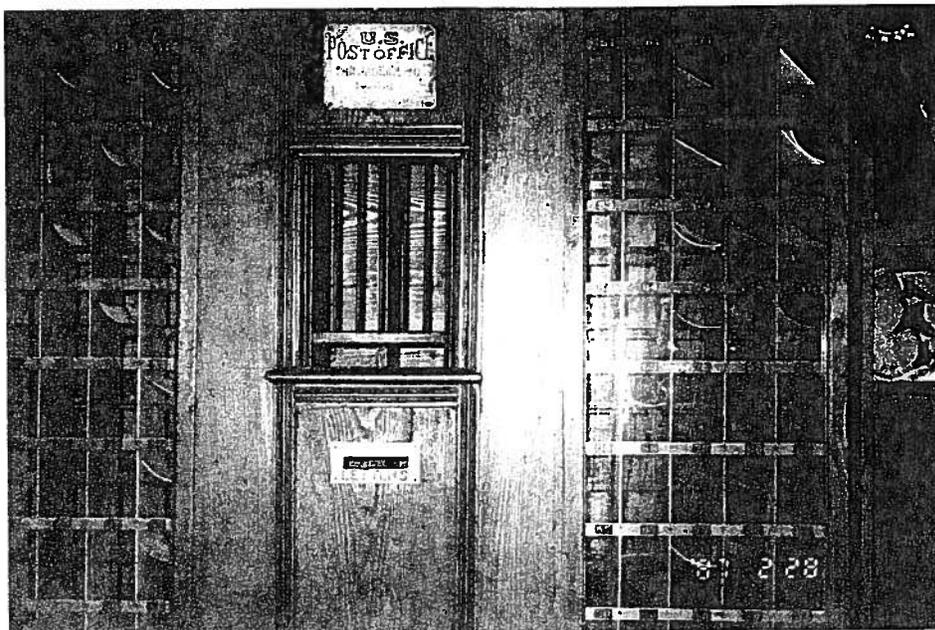
City of New Braunfels \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have examined the foregoing statement, and that it is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

William Sattler, Postmaster.  
Charles Baetge, Contractor.  
New Braunfels, Comal Co., Texas

(OVER.)

WILHELM SATTLER'S APPLICATION FOR POSTMASTER IN 1880.



SATTLER POST OFFICE BOXES- CURRENTLY LOCATED IN THE PIONEER VILLAGE AT AQUARENA SPRINGS IN SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. (THANKS TO MELBA ROTH FOR INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION OF THE POST OFFICE FURNISHINGS).



MR. EMIL GUENTHER SITTING ON A NAIL KEG IN THE SATTLER POST OFFICE. (THANKS TO MRS. ARNO (MARGARET) GUENTHER FOR THE PICTURE)

Valley community. On the other hand, Mr. Weil did serve as postmaster for three years (1892-1895) after he sold the store to Mr. Nowotny.

Finally, Emil Guenther served as postmaster from 1910 until December 1942, at which time the post office was closed and the community was served by a star route from Fischer Store.<sup>17</sup> Melba Roth remembers that after a considerable amount of correspondence, her mother, Erna, Mr. Guenther's daughter, finally managed to get an \$8.00 a month retirement for Mr. Guenther.

Why was the Sattler Post Office closed after serving the community for 86 years? One possible reason for closing the post office was because the U. S. Corp. of Engineers thought of building the Canyon Dam at a site below Sattler, and that the complete valley, post office included, would be under water. It is difficult for one to believe that the postal service would have taken such prompt action in closing the post office when the plans were not that definite. The NARA records simply show Mr. Emil Guenther as having retired in December of 1942. At this time Mr. Guenther was 69 years of age.

According to Mr. Baetge, initially the mail was delivered by horse-back from New Braunfels north over the Bear Creek area to the Guadalupe River at Buffalo Springs and then into the valley of Sattler. After the *Marienthal-Fischer Road* was improved, the mail was brought to Sattler by carrier in a horse-drawn two wheel gig, making the trip to Sattler on one day and returning the next.<sup>18</sup> Erwin Pantermuehl remembers when mail was delivered to the post office

<sup>17</sup> Post office name was changed from Fischer Store to Fischer on 1 October 1950.

<sup>18</sup> Roland Baetge, *The Baetge Family History and Descendant Charts*, 1975. Unpublished manuscript.

in Sattler three days a week—Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Of course, everybody had to go to the post office (Emil Guenther Store) to pick up their mail.<sup>19</sup>

From 1913 through 1916, the mail was delivered from New Braunfels to Cranes Mill. The buggy or gig left New Braunfels at seven in the morning and returned at four in the afternoon. Six round trips were made every week. Sattler received its mail from Cranes Mill. At first, Rudolph Jonas was the carrier for this route. Later he was replaced by Oskar Stahlschmidt.<sup>20</sup>

### MAIL RIDER CONTRACT

The following information on a U. S. Mail rider was obtained from an article in the *New Braunfels Herald* by Oscar Haas.<sup>21</sup> Mr. Haas was presented by Mr. and Mrs. John Huffman a photostat copy<sup>22</sup> of the Heinrich (Henry) Jonas<sup>23</sup> contract. The contract stated that Jonas, at age 18, was to carry the United States Mail from Seguin to Fredericksburg and back once a week.

Wording of the Heinrich Jonas contract is as follows:

*State of Texas, County of Travis: The Article of Contract made the 27th day of September 1858 between William Sattler of Travis County, contractor on Mailroute No. 8581, and Henry Jonas of Blanco County.*

*Witnessed: That whereas Henry Jonas has been employed as mail-carrier for transporting the U. S. Mail on Route No. 8581, from Seguin, Texas, by Bonita, Sattler's, Crains Mills, Hodges Mills and Twin Sisters to Fredericksburg, and back once a week at \$125 for every three months service commencing the 1st day of October 1858 and ending the 1st day of July 1859 - in all, 9 months - Now therefore, the said Henry Jonas and his sureties do jointly and severally undertake, covenant and agree with William Sattler, and do bind themselves.*

*First. To carry said mail within the time fixed in the schedule of departures and arrivals - and so carry until said schedule is altered by the Postmaster General, and then to carry according to said altered schedule.*

*Second. To carry said mail in a safe and secure manner free from wet or other injury, under a oil cloth or bear skin.*

*Third. To take the mail and every part of it from, and deliver it to each post office on the route, or, that may hereafter be established on the route and into the post offices at the ends of the route, and into the post offices at the place at which the carrier stops at night, if there is one kept, and if no office is there kept, to lock it up in some secure place at the risk of the carrier.*

*It is hereby stipulated and agreed by the carrier and his sureties, that in all cases there is to be a forfeiture of the pay of a trip when the trip is not run also for any failures or neglect on the part of the carrier - and all such fines and deductions made by the Department will be accounted to the carrier and his sureties.*

This contract was written before the Civil War. During the Civil War years the South had no United States Mail Service. After the Civil War, a younger brother, Adolph, the youngest of the seven children, was the U. S. Mail Carrier along the same route.

<sup>19</sup> Unpublished history of Sattler by Erwin Pantermuehl, 1996.

<sup>20</sup> Official Postmaster's Account and Record Book, 4th Class, for Post office at Cranes Mill, State of Texas, April 1913 through March 1916. August W. Engel, postmaster.

<sup>21</sup> Oscar Haas, "Jonas Carried Mail at Age 18" *New Braunfels Herald*, 3B, Thursday, December 11, 1975.

<sup>22</sup> Mr. Huffman was a Jonas descendent.

<sup>23</sup> Heinrich Jonas, born in 1841 in Milersdorf, Potsdam, Brandenburg, Germany, was the sixth of seven children who in 1852 came to Texas with his parents Michael Friedrich and Christine Sophie Albrecht Jonas.

## **Sattler Community** **First One Hundred Years**

There were several other titles associated with this community before it became known as **Sattler**. There is good evidence that the central part of the community was once known as **Mountain Valley**. The Mountain Valley School was established in 1874 and in 1905 the Mountain Valley Cemetery was founded. In the very early years the name **Marienthal** (Marie's Valley) was perhaps used to identify the community. Initially, the farmland below Canyon Dam was known as **Boehm land** (Land of the Bohemians); however, in later years it became known as **Hidden Valley**.

The first post office was established in 1856 by Mr. William **Sattler** and was located near his home about two miles north-northeast from the Mountain Valley community. Mr. Sattler was a United States Mail Contractor. His son, Henry, served as the first postmaster of the community. Later Peter Smith, Charles Baetge, and William Sattler served as postmasters at the Sattler home site or in their homes. Records show that Mr. Henry Weil was postmaster from 1880 until 1885. After this, Mr. Carl Marschall served as postmaster in his home from 1885 until 1900.

Mr. Peter Nowotny, Jr. was the postmaster from 1900 until 1906. From all indications this was the start of the storeowner also serving as the postmaster in the community. The post office was now more centrally located for the community members to pick up their mail. The community soon took on the name of Sattler since this was where Sattler's post office was located and all correspondence carried the name Sattler. Mountain Valley never had a post office.

Most of the business and social activities of the community took place on this two-acre site. In 1880 the Walhalla Singing Association purchased one acre of land at this site from Mrs. Anna Tausch for the construction of the first **Walhalla Hall**. During that time Henry Weil built a store and residence here. In 1892, Mr. Weil sold everything to Peter Nowotny, Jr. During the next 14 years, Mr. Nowotny constructed a new mercantile building, saloon, residence, cotton gin and a second Walhalla dance hall. From 1906 until 1910, the establishment, which included the post office, was owned and operated by Bruno and Hugo Pape, William Posey, and Hugo Liesmann,

respectively. In 1910, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Guenther bought the establishment, and he became the postmaster.

The community experienced a decline of activities starting in the 1940s. The cotton gin across the road was closed in the late 1940s and later demolished. The Sattler community post office was closed in 1942 when Mr. Guenther retired after being the postmaster for 32 years. The Guenthers did continue to operate the store and hall until 1954. The original general merchandise store and hall were closed in the 1960s and were changed considerably after the land was sold to developers. The original Mountain Valley school closed in 1957 and the building was moved later. Of course, the completion of Canyon Dam also contributed to the decline of the rural setting and pace of the community.

A member-owned two-lane bowling alley was built across the road from the store in the 1910s on Mr. Guenther's land. The bowling entertainment continued until 1962 when the membership decided to sell the lanes.

Today, the first post office, cemetery and items at this site - residence, two oak trees and water tower for the cotton gin - are the only visible reminders of the hundred year history of the predominately German community.

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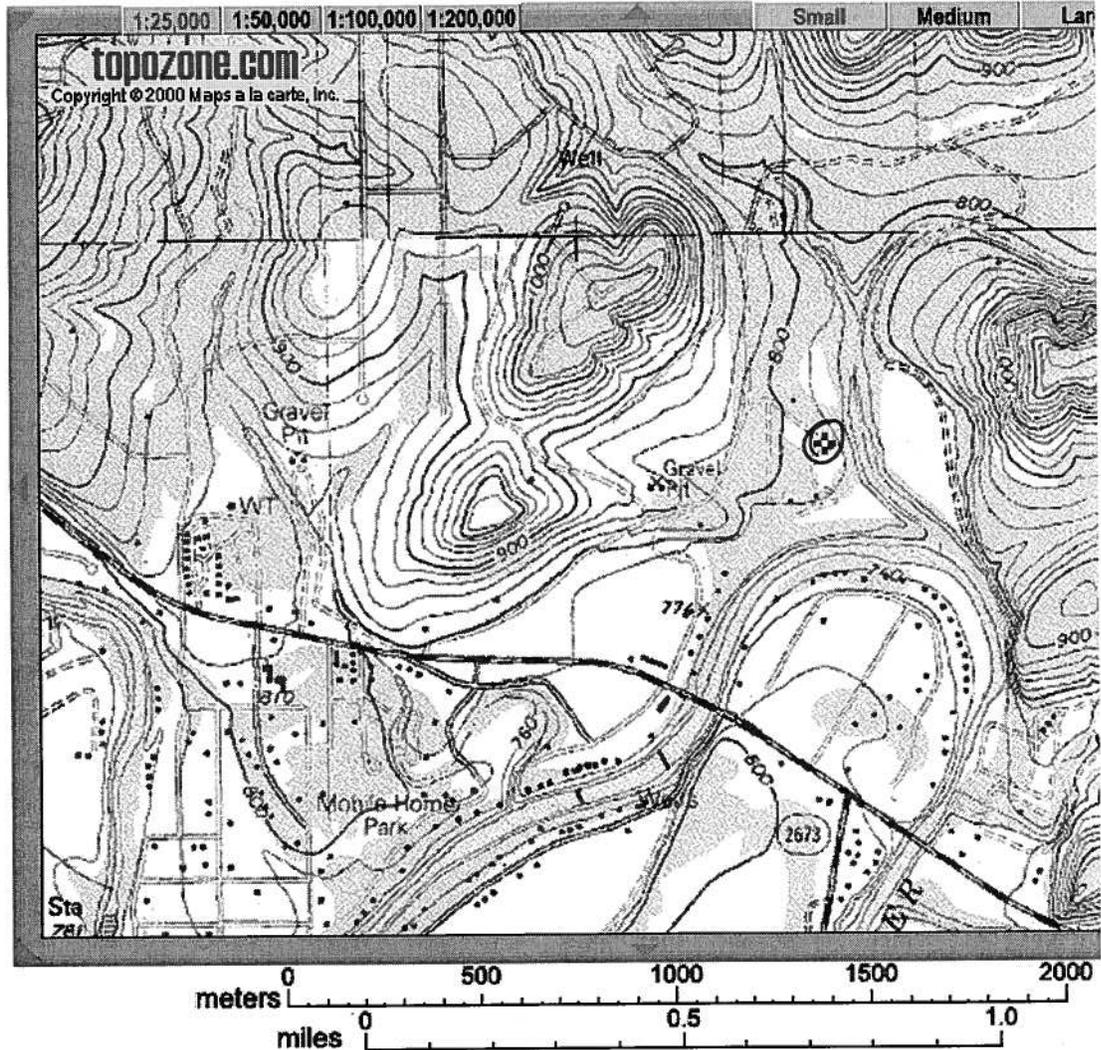
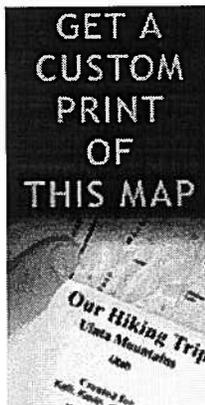
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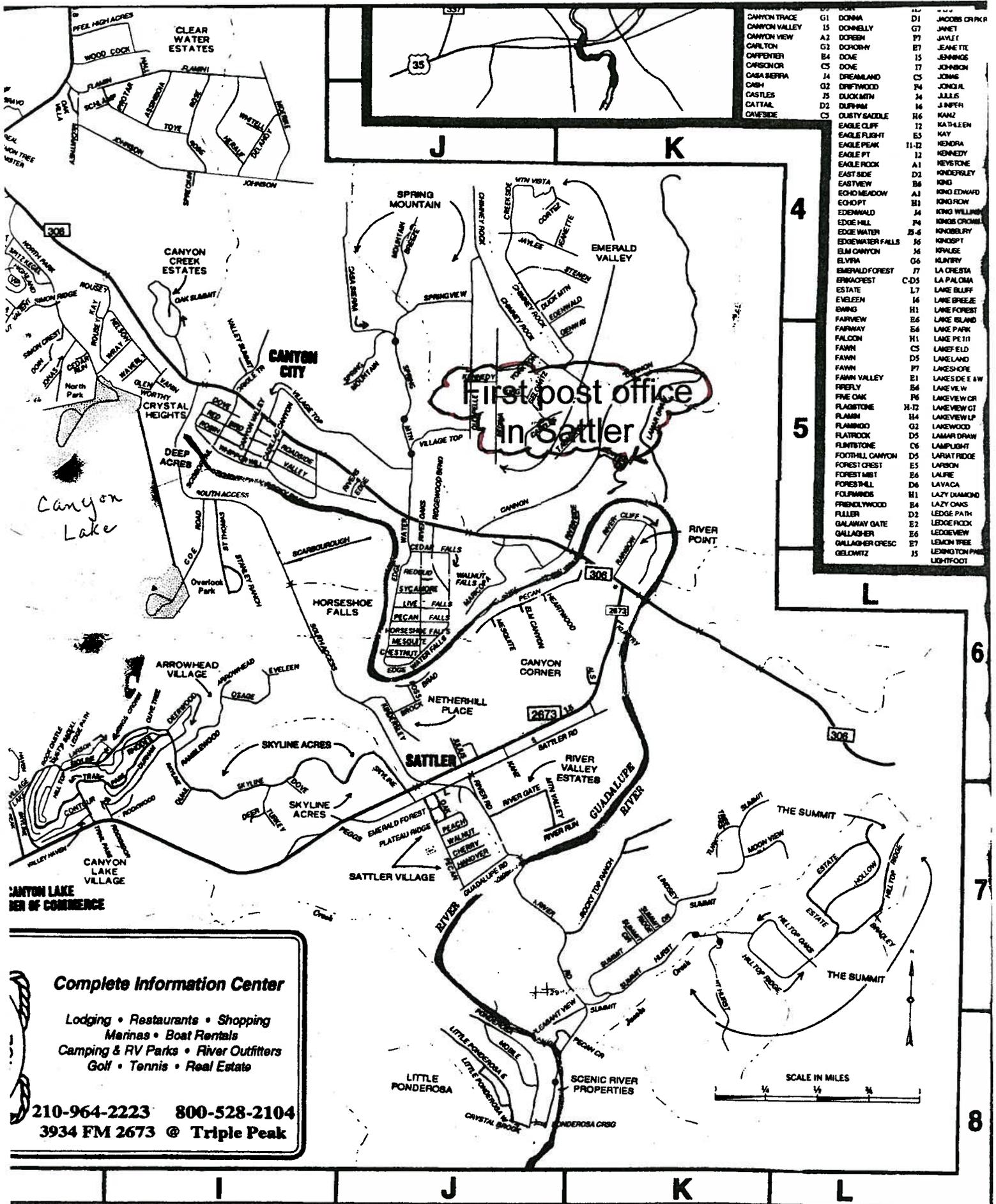
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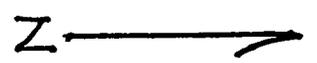


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POST OFFICES

Post Office	Postmaster	Date Appointed
<i>Sattler</i>	Henry Sattler	Sep. 16, 1856
<p>The post office was started in the Sattler home. "Later, postmasters were owners of a general store around which the business and social activities centered. Today the community is served by star route from Fischer." (Mrs. Venora E. Sattler Salge, Oklahoma City, Sep. 5, 1948) Sattler P. O. discontinued 1950; community served by star route out of Fischer P. O.</p>	William Sattler	Jun. 18, 1867
	Peter D. Smith	Apr. 5, 1870
	Charles Baetge	Mar. 24, 1873
	William Sattler + —	May 3, 1880
	Henry Weil	Jul. 13, 1880
	John Marschall	Dec. 8, 1885
	Peter Nowotny, Jr.	May 14, 1900
	Bruno L. Pape	Aug. 4, 1906
	Wm. R. Posey	Jan. 30, 1908
	Hugo Liesmann	Apr. 15, 1909
	Emil Guenther	Dec. 10, 1910
	Ottmar W. Behr	Oct. 23, 1851
	Edward Degener	Feb. 9, 1856

**CONFEDERATE POST OFFICES  
AND POSTMASTERS IN  
COMAL COUNTY**

<b>Name of Post Office</b>	<b>Postmaster</b>	<b>Date of Appointment</b>
Comal Ranch	Wm. DeForest Holly	19 October 1861
	Charles Power	24 April 1862
New Braunfels	Mrs. Louise Benner	12 October 1861
Sattler	Henry W. Sattler	6 March 1862
Smithsons Valley	Henry Busch	13 September 1861

1847  
 Payments - 1714 East of ...  
 Nov 26 Stage fare 23.50  
 Candles  
 one box for ...  
 letters to Germany, etc. others ...  
 candy for ...  
 Whiskey 20. Tobacco ...  
 advertising in De Cordova's paper 1.00  
 on several occasions with Pfeiffer, Hoff, Engel & ...  
 Latis for ...  
 Lamer in beer: 6 yards fabric 75 - 45.00  
 one ...  
 1 lb 10. Whiskey 25. 1 lb 25 Candles 50 1.10  
 2 pounds of ... a 6 ... 1.50 - 1 pound ... 2.50  
 Boarding from the 25th of Nov. to 25 Dec. 29. 10.00  
 one cap 1/2. one Almanack 1/2 1.10  
 6 yard ... 1/2 2 shirts making 1.50 = 2.50  
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 Thread 25. Brandy 25. ... 50 7.-  
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No 1 of Receipts Copies  
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No 12 Received of W. Latham  
for one Coffin to Mrs Satter  
deceased Emma Satter  
Feb 2

Tax receipt of 1881 for  
the year of 1880 widow Satter  
amount — 8-60

Feb 24th Geo Schmitt

No 3 Tax of Maria Latham  
for the year 1881

State	—	\$ — 10
County	—	— 10
Revenue & School	2	— 00
County Poll	—	— 50
Total	2	— 70

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