

Notes on Andrew Baldinger, His Family, and Descendants

From History of Texas, 1895:

Andrew Baldinger was born in Canton Aargau, Switzerland, near the Rhine River, in December, 1813. He was reared in his native place until 18 (=1831-32), when he came to America and located at Baltimore, Md. He learned the baker's trade, and came to Texas in the spring of 1837, returned to Baltimore, returned to Texas in the fall. In 1840, he married Anna Catherine Wild, daughter of Samuel and Verona Wild, originally from Canton Glarus, Switzerland, where Mrs. Baldinger was born. Her family emigrated to the U. S. in 1830, settling in Philadelphia, where her father died. The family moved to Texas in 1838 or 1839. Anna Catherine Wild Baldinger died Nov. 7, 1877; Andrew Baldinger died June 6, 1880. Nine children were born to them, two of whom died young. The other seven children were:

Henry A. Baldinger, Galveston

Mrs. Mary H. McKee, Galveston

Andrew Baldinger, died at age 30

Mrs. Clara Appell, Waco

William H. Baldinger, Galveston

Edward E. Baldinger, Galveston

Samuel W. Baldinger, Dallas

Baldinger was a member of the city council in 1842, and again in 1862. He served two or three times as a member of the board of County Commissioners. He was a member of Herman Lodge, No. 51, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of the Lutheran Church of Galveston. (Information obtained from: History of Texas, together with a Biographical History of the Cities of Houston and Galveston. Chicago, The Lewis Publishing Co., 1895, pp. 320-321. (Xeroxed copy, from Texas State Archives, June, 1983, HM) (The publication also includes a biography of Frederick Bleike, b. 1828.)

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Also see Charles W. Hays, Galveston, History of the Island and City, 1879, pp. 889-890. This brief biographical entry gives a few more details about Baldinger's early activities in the U. S. According to this account, he arrived in Baltimore in 1831, and arrived in Galveston in June 1837. From there he went to Houston, then to New Orleans, then by river boat to Pittsburgh, and finally, back to Baltimore. He returned to Houston later that year, arriving in December, 1837.

(This work was published while Baldinger was still living, presumably with his help and approval, and therefore should be considered reliable.)(Xerox copy provided by Betty Barkin Baldinger, 1983. Publication not in Texas State Archives.)

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A picture of Andrew Baldinger appears in the publication, *The Swiss Texans*, published by The Institute of Texan Cultures of the University of Texas at San Antonio, c. 1977. The credit for the photograph is given to Mattie E. Trube, but no source is indicated for the information about Baldinger. The information is general in nature and presumably came from the 1879 or 1895 histories listed. Baldinger's dates are given as 1813-1880, the dates given in the 1895 History of Texas...

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The wedding license of Andrew Baldinger and Catharine Wild is dated April 22, 1840, County of Galveston, Republic of Texas. The marriage took place April 27, 1840. (Xerox copy from Betty B. Baldinger, 1983).

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Austin-American Statesman, Dec. 6, 1964: "A. Baldinger" was the original grantee and patentee of the whole block 60, Oct. 12, 1840, part of the original city of Austin. By Jan. 1841, he divided the block on Pine St. (5th St.) into 4 lots, and sold lot #2 to John and Freeman Douglass (this lot is now Mi Casa es Su Casa, a restaurant). The lot was owned from 1861-62 by Abner Cooke, a prominent Austin builder. A stone building was built in 1872, which became the Depot Hotel. (There is nothing to indicate that Andrew Baldinger was actually in Austin; he may have bought the property as an investment or as a speculator.) (In 1983 the restaurant site was occupied by Gianni's, an Italian restaurant, at 504 East Fifth Street, Austin. The block is bounded by Fifth and Sixth Streets, Neches and Red River Streets.)

Andrew Baldinger from Galveston

"received a patent on three pieces of property by patent from Mirabeau B. Lamar as president of the Republic of Texas. They were Lot 6, Block 60, original City of Austin and fronting 69 by 128 on Pecan [Sixth] Street. I place this to be in the block on East Sixth Street on the North side between Red River and Neches [Streets] or a block North of the Mi Casa building. This is recorded in Book O Page 130 [430? strikeover] of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, and was acquired on October 12, 1840. Two other pieces of property were acquired on the same date and recorded in Book R at Page 295 and that would be Lot 2 and Lot 4 in Block 66 original city which would include the Mi Casa property [in 1976] and probably a part of the Austin Cat and Dog Hospital property. All three were sold on May 7, 1868." "There also appears in the Deed Records the partition between Andrew Baldinger and Durst estate which I am enclosing a copy." (Letter, Robert Mueller, July 1, 1976)

The State of Texas, County of Galveston, Probate Court, May term, June 5, 1847:

Decree of division of property from Peter Durst, deceased, to A. Baldinger, John Durst & others. Peter Durst had married Sophia Wild (1821-1894), the sister of Anna Catherine Wild, and thus was the brother-in-law of Andrew Baldinger. (Document originally filed June 7, 1847. Certified true copy made Jan. 19, 1870, filed for record July 8, 1870, recorded July 25, 1870. See typed transcription, by HM, 8/8/86. The decree deals with the Austin property, as well as other property jointly held, but has little information on Andrew Baldinger. HM)

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Rubbing of the grave stone of Verona Wild, mother of Anna Catherine Wild Baldinger, who was the wife of Andrew Baldinger. Verona Wild is buried in the Old City Cemetery, Broadway & 40th Sts., Galveston. (from Betty B. Baldinger, 1983):

"Verona Wild A Native of Switzerland Born 4th August 1793 Died 6th July 1851 Dedicated to the memory of the Mrs. Verona Wild (born) Tschudi/ born in Canton Glarus in Switzerland/ on 4th August 1793/ died in Galveston on 6th July 1851/ at the age of 57 years, 11 months, 2 days Her life on this earth was full of trouble and sorrow. God called her to Him so that she could leave behind the results of her work-filled life and go into the joy of His Kingdom. Praise be to the Lord!"

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Added 9-7-89: Verona's husband, Samuel Wild was buried in Easton, Pa. (Betty B. notes). He is listed in 1830 census, roll 157, p. 212, 7th ward, North Liberty, Philadelphia County (Gayle, 9-6-89)

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The "Trube Connection," from Neil Koos, 1985, rev. 5/31/86 The four children of Samuel Wild and Verona Tschudi Wild, 1793-1851:

1. Samuel Wild, 1820-1849, unmarried

2a. Sophia Wild, 1821-1894, married John Peter Durst (Duerst) in 1839; three daughters:

1. Sophia Durst, 1840-1916, married Henry John Trube in 1857; four children
2. Catherine Durst, 1842-1913, married Dr. Charles Creamer; one daughter
3. Verona Durst, 1845-1926, married John Clement Trube in 1860 ("Trube House," Galveston); nine children

2b. Sophia W. Durst married Henry Bock in 1846, one daughter, Henrietta Bock, 1849-1940, married Charles F. Trube in 1873; six children

2c. Sophia Wild Durst Bock married? Schneider in 1850; two children: Alfred C. Schneider, 1851-1925 Oscar C. Schneider, 1853-1924

3. Anna Catherine Wild, 1823-1877, married Andrew Baldinger; seven children: Henry A., Mary H., Clara Verona, Andrew J., William H., Edward E., & Samuel Wild Baldinger. All were first cousins of Verona Durst Trube and the other five children of Sophia Wild.

4. Verona Wild, 1832-1900, married John Muller, Kerrville, in 1850; six children: Joanna Catherine, Elizabeth, Emma, Mary (Mollie), Johanna A., John Jacob

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Some sections below seem to refer to images that appeared in the final printed document

The [Landesbibliothek Glarus](#) indicated to Mattie E. Trube that Verona Tschudi's family could be traced back seven generations, to 1462, and that Samuel Wild's family could also be traced back seven generations, to Claus Wilhelm, born 1510 (in [Your Family and Mine](#), quoted by Betty Baldinger, 1983).

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Gayle B. Cahal (11-5-79) noted that she had seen an 1831 arrival date for Andrew Baldinger in Baltimore, however she has been unable to locate the source or verify this date. (This is the date that appears in Hays, History...)

Baldinger's name, however, does not appear in the publication, "Passengers Arriving in Baltimore, 1820-1834" (not exact title?)(Copy in Texas State Archives, 1983, HM).

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There is a "Baldinger Tor" (=gate or door) in the old city wall that surrounds the town of Noerdlingen, Germany. The street or road that enters the wall and continues into the town is called Baldinger Strasse. The city is on the "Romantic Road" of Germany. See map of town in the Michelin "green" guidebook, which shows the "Tor."

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The 1860 Census, p. 89, Galveston, lists an "E. Baldinger," age 45, with wife, Anna, and children, Henry, Mary, Clara, Andrew, and William. (Edward E., born 1863, and Samuel W., born 1866, are, of course, not listed.) Add 1870 Census.

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Index (Soundex) to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, Md. (Federal Passenger Lists), 1820-1897. M327. 171 rolls. DP. [File locator number: 10-58-6] Immigrant & Passenger Arrivals, pp. 5-6. Roll 10, B421-B452, Baldinger not found under B435 or B452 ("Ballinger")(HM, 1984)

Additional records to be checked: Op. cit., pp. 6-7 (1 index, 2 lists)

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The National Immigration Archives, Temple University, at the Balch Institute, 18 S. Seventh St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19106, is in the process of preparing a computerized index of passenger arrivals.

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Notes on Andrew Baldinger, His Family, and Descendants, Part II

Henry A. Baldinger served in the Texas Cavalry in the Confederate Army. H. A. Baldinger served in the 25th Texas Cavalry (Waller's Regiment) and the 9th Texas Cavalry (Nicholl's Regiment). (National Archives, 1985, HM)

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Annie Louise Bleike and Edward Emile Baldinger were married June 23, 1886 in Trinity Church, Galveston (from Gayle Baldinger Cahal).

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The birth Certificate of Edward Bleike Baldinger is dated Jan. 14, 1892. The family residence is given as 2201 Avenue C, Galveston. The age of both parents is given as 29. The father's occupation is given as proprietor of a crockery business, and the mother is listed as a housewife. A copy of the certificate was made May 8, 1942, with Roger Bleike, cousin of Edward B. Baldinger, as notary public.

(The copy was apparently needed because of the purchase of the Homestead Avenue property.)

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The death certificate of Edward Emile Baldinger, dated Nov. 17, 1926, Houston, Harris County. Date of birth: June 23, 1863, retired, age 63. (The certificate incorrectly shows Houston instead of Galveston as his place of birth. Xerox copy from Betty B. Baldinger, 1983)

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The obituary of Annie Louise (Bleike) Baldinger, dated July 23, 1945, unknown Houston paper, states she was born in Galveston, and came to Houston in 1900. She was a member of the Church of the Redeemer and an active church worker. Survivors listed: Sons, E. B. Baldinger, engaged in lumber business in New Orleans, and F. A. Baldinger, former Mayor of Magnolia Park; [older] sister, Mrs. Theresa Callaghan [age 90], nine grandchildren, and two great- grandchildren [Buddy's first two children, Alice Adrienne and Charla Loy]. Her death certificate, dated July 21, 1945, gives July 20 as the date of her death.

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The obituary of Edward Bleike Baldinger....

(Obit appears in original document)

The obituary of Florence Smith Baldinger appeared in the New Orleans Times-Picayune/The States Item, Friday, August 29, 1980.

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Edward Bleike Baldinger, born Jan. 14, 1892, Galveston, died August 8, 1945, married on Oct. 19, 1921, to Florence Rebecca Smith, born Mar. 6, 1892, died Aug. 28, 1980. Both are buried in Garden of Memories Cemetery, Metairie, La. Children:

1. Edward Bleike Baldinger, Jr., born Nov. 20, 1922, married Mary Agreggaard, on June 18, 1949. Children: Edward Bleike Baldinger, III, born Sept. 30, 1950; married Debra Ann Levine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Levine, on June 26, 1971, in Baton Rouge; Mickal Agreggaard Baldinger, born Jan. 23, 1958.

2. Louise Gayle Baldinger, born Aug. 2, 1925, married on Sept, 12, 1947, to Robert Ross Cahal, Jr., born Nov. 22, 1923. Children: Linda Gayle Cahal, born Sept, 16, 1949, married Mark Stuart McTernan, June 12, 1971, in Great Neck, N. Y.; divorced. Robert Ross Cahal, III, born Sept. 20, 1952, married Penny Kaufman; daughter, Jennifer; divorced. George Edward Cahal, born Sept. 26, 1957.

3. Beatrice Joy Baldinger, born Dec. 1, 1926, married Harold Mueller, born Jan. 28, 1920, on June 26, 1959. Children: Harold Edward Mueller, born July 7, 1960, and Robert Baldinger Mueller, born Nov. 4, 1965.

4. George Pratt Baldinger, born Nov. 4, 1928, died Feb. 12, 1954; married Anne Harris; buried in Garden of Memories, Metairie, La.

Chronology of Edward B. Baldinger Family

Edward Bleike Baldinger

Rebecca Florence Smith

Born: Jan. 14, 1892, Galveston, Tex.

Mar. 6, 1892, Harman, W. V.

1900, Galveston Hurricane

1900, moved to Houston

1913 Attended Shepherd College
Taught school

1916, Mountain State Business College

1918, Southern Pine Emergency Bureau

War Department

Jan. 1, 1920, Kerby & Baldinger formed

Oct. 19, 1921, Marriage

c.1941, move to Metairie

1945, Annie L. Baldinger died

1945, Edward B. Baldinger died

1947, Gayle married

1949, Edward Jr. married

1954, George P. Baldinger died

1959, Boo married

1978? Homestead Avenue home sold

1980, Florence Baldinger died