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Alsatian Customs and Traditions

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ANDREW KEMPF - 1897



## PREFACE

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Andrew Kempf, born May 7, 1897 in Castroville, lives on the same place where he was born and reared. His father was Benjamin Kempf who was a farmer as was Andrew until he retired. His mother was Mary Keller. Andrew's grandfather immigrated to Texas from France with Henry Castro. A well-educated man, he was the first teacher in Castroville and served as the first organist at St. Louis Church. He was County Clerk for Medina County until his health failed, when his son, August, took over the position. Benjamin and Mary Kempf were very active in the parish affairs of St. Louis, especially St. Louis Society and St. Ann's Society.

Andrew married Lucille Biediger and they have two sons. Lucille died in 1976. Andrew has a remarkable knowledge and memory of the genealogy of local families, and he said he learned this from his mother. The interview centers around St. Louis Day and other local Catholic celebrations, and about social customs of the early 1900's.

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