

FRIDEL FAMILY HISTORY

- I. Valentine Fridel - born 1763 - died 1867 at the age of 104 years. Valentine was born in Halenkov, Czechoslovakia.
- II. Pael Fridel - born 1787 - died 1883 at the age of 96 years. Pael was born and died in Czechoslovakia.
- III. Valentine Fridel - born February 14, 1837 - died ~~March~~ <sup>AUG.</sup> 30, 1916 at the age of 79 years. He was born in Czechoslovakia and was buried at Kurten in the family cemetery on the family farm. Veronica Johanna Kopecky - born January 13, 1844 - died December 29, 1916 at the age of 72 years. She was born in ~~Poland~~ and was buried at Kurten beside Valentine.

MORAVIA  
Czechoslovakia

They were farmers in Czechoslovakia. Valentine Sr. and Veronica came to America in 1872 after the Civil War. They landed in Galveston, Texas. Little Valentine was 4 years old and John was 2. Peter was born shortly after they arrived.

They lived at Komens Creek for two years in Rose Prairie <sup>5 YRS.</sup> and for ~~six~~ <sup>3</sup> years near Fayetteville, Texas, all in Fayette County near La Grange, Texas. <sup>IN 1882</sup>

Then they moved to Kurten, Texas in Brazos County and lived there for the rest of their lives, on the farm.

Valentine was a farmer, but could do other types of work. As a farmer, he broadcast planted his seeds. As I talked to the Fridels on the farm, they said he grew the largest turnips they had ever seen and the sweetest English peas, too.

He grew peanuts and collard greens next to his hog pens, so he could just reach over and pick them to feed his hogs. They were the largest hogs anyone had ever seen in the area.

Veronica was a midwife who helped the doctor deliver babies. When the doctor had too many to deliver, Veronica would go and deliver the babies herself. She never charged for her services. Several older people still living in the Kurten area were delivered by her. She was highly praised and respected by all who knew her.

It is said that after a few drinks that Valentine Sr. sure liked to fight. He was a respected man in the community. After a granddaughter would take him soup, he would reach way up high on a pantry shelf and get her a handful of prunes. <sup>HER REWARD.</sup>

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