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MRS. AGNES HAHN

Williamson County Wendish Citizen Marks 98th Birthday

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TAYLOR, June 12.—(Spl)—Mrs. Agnes Hahn of the Structure Community is one of the oldest citizens, if not the oldest, in Williamson County, and is the last but one other of a group of Wendish people who came to this country in 1854 for religious freedom.

Mrs. Hahn, who is active in her own household, is mentally, and very happy, was born May 23, 1840,

and settled with her family at Serbin. In the group of 700, banded together for freedom of religion and led by the Rev. John Killian, a Lutheran minister, only Mrs. Hahn of Structure and Andrew Wagner of Smithville are now living.

Mrs. Hahn lives with her son, Willie Hahn and for her 98th birthday this year she had all of her children and wonderful presents, she said.

She is considered feeble by those who visit her but a recent visit to take a picture disproved the fact. Two of the men of her church were going to carry her outside for the picture and she said "Ach, I can walk," and she did. At the end of the laborious trip to the yard she looked up, smiled and said "Yo useel!" She speaks German, Wendish and English and reads the papers with the aid of a magnifying glass.

Her five children are August Hahn of Sagerton, John Hahn of Wilson, Julius Hahn of Bastrop, Willie Hahn of Structure, Mrs. Willie Schroeder of Three Rivers.



Melissa - This is your Grandmother, I played in her yard and ate at her table when I was a young man



Agnes Schubert Hahn, 98 years old in the photo.

She sailed on the Ben Nevis in 1854 with 500 other Wends from the region around Bautzen, Germany, and was the last surviving passenger of the Ben Nevis that brought them all.

In the photo, her pastor was there. This pic was in the local paper with an article about her life. She passed away the next year just shy of her 99th year.

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