



*Three generations of Wends: Ron, A. W., Ben and Adell Knippa, all of whom live in San Antonio.*

***“Serbja, zachowajce sweru, swojich wotcow rec a weru.”***

***“Sorbs, maintain faithfully the language and religion of your forefathers.”***

— from a song composed by Reverend Jan Kilian

According to George C. Engerrand in his May 1, 1934 manuscript entitled “The So-called Wends of Germany and Their Colonies in Texas and in Australia,” Wends are described as “kindly, friendly, brotherly, our Wend was essentially gregarious. He liked to feel around him the warmth due to the presence of other men. Social gatherings appealed to him, and every occasion for a frolic, for singing in common, sound laughing, and the exchange of pleasantries was seized upon with eagerness.”

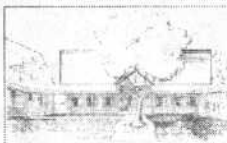
The Texas Wendish Heritage Society and Museum have become important, very respected keepers of a special cultural heritage in Texas. From the time it was founded in August of 1971 by a determined group of women, the Society and Museum have grown to preserve both tangible and intangible treasures for future generations.

Many people of Wendish heritage have faithfully supported the Society through untold hours of volunteer service on a myriad of projects. Others

have provided financial support for the annual operations of both the Museum and the Society. Years ago, the Society created an endowment to help assure perpetual support. The endowment has grown to over \$95,000 through generous memorials, gifts and bequests by people who have a strong love and commitment for the rich Wendish heritage.

Think about your own family gatherings, church worship, and fun times: Do you feel the essence of Wendish traits within you? Is it any wonder that the Texas Wendish Heritage Society has achieved more than any other ethnic group in Texas in such a short time?

To learn more about how you can make a gift now or plan a future gift to the Texas Wendish Heritage Society endowment, contact the Society through the Society office at 409-366-2441, or call the Lutheran Foundation of Texas at 1-800-880-3733 for information or assistance.



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