

# KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION NEWS

AUGUST 2021

## THE PET ISSUE

### DUNCAN THE BLUE STAR ART DOG

Elaine Leahy, Blue Star Contemporary Art Development Manager



PHOTO A • THE CIRCULAR WEAVINGS



PHOTO B • THE BIG SUN AND MOON MURAL

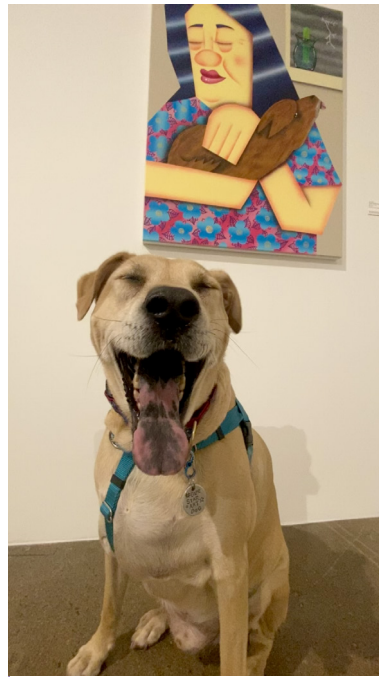


PHOTO C • THE TWO PAINTINGS



PHOTO D • THE ADOBE SCULPTURE

Duncan the Blue Star Art Dog is happy to tour his neighborhood friends through Blue Star Contemporary’s Summer 2021 exhibitions.

**Photo A** • Duncan really loves Doerte Weber’s weavings in her exhibition, *Shed*, which is an extensive reflection of life during the COVID-19 shutdown that also references her upbringing in Northern Germany and Bauhaus.

**Photo B** • Duncan invites you to see Terran Last Gun’s exhibition with a site-specific mural and ledger drawings, which are “a visual interpretation of nature, the cosmos, cultural

narratives, and recollections in reduced geometric aesthetics and vibrant, energetic color harmonies.”

**Photo C** • In the group exhibition *The Sitter*, there are great conversations at play between the artists, the sitters, and the viewers. Duncan is particularly keen on Loc Huynh’s heartfelt portraits of his mother and her puppy.

**Photo D** • Duncan wants you to see this amazing sculpture that his coworkers at BSC commissioned from Joanna Keane Lopez. In *The Adobe Color Factory*, the artist blurs the

boundaries between sculpture and architecture using adobe mud.

**About Duncan:** Duncan the Blue Star Art Dog lives and works in King William. He joined the Blue Star Contemporary staff in May 2015, when he was found as a stray puppy at a BSC fundraiser at Cruz Ortiz’s studio, Burnt Nopal. You can follow Duncan’s snoozle schedule and art adventures on Instagram [@bluestarartdog](https://www.instagram.com/bluestarartdog) and see what his colleagues are doing at [@bluestarart](https://www.instagram.com/bluestarart) and [bluestarcontemporary.org](https://www.instagram.com/bluestarcontemporary.org)

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



MARGARET LEEDS ON HER PATIO WITH NEIGHBOR CAT, BLUE, AND HER GUARD DOG, TASHI

### Margaret Leeds

I was beginning to think that the King William Association Residential Quality of Life Committee might need to add Flood Control to its list of challenges. Considering the recent heavy rainfall, we can all be grateful for the flood tunnel that was completed in 1997 to protect the downtown area and the southside, including King William. Without this tunnel our homes would have been inundated by the flood of 1998 and again in 2002. If you have not seen the the flood tunnel outlet structure I encourage you to observe it when it is releasing water at full capacity. It is a sight to behold. The outlet is located south of the Southern Pacific Railroad at the intersection of Robertson and Lone Star Boulevard. Thank you, San Antonio River Authority, for this magnificent feat of engineering.

As you know, District 1 will be served for the next two years by Councilman Mario Bravo and we have begun to establish a solid working relationship with him. We will be soliciting his support for historic preservation and, in particular, his support for improving and enforcing the city's noise ordinance. Another area of neighborhood protection was presented at our June Membership Meeting by SAPD Officer Joel Zulaika. He invites King William residents to become partners with SAPD by participating in the Citizens on Patrol program. I signed up and completed the training that was held July 22, 2021, from 5:30 to 9:30 PM at the SAPD substation at 515 S. Frio. To register for the course, text or phone Officer Zulaika at (210) 275-2281. Also on the topic of neighborhood protection, our SAFFE Officer David McCall assured us that the shooting incident in our neighborhood last month was a rare occasion. We commend SAPD for their quick response and apprehension of the shooter.

There is strength in numbers when KWA acts to represent and protect the interests of KW residents. With this in mind, we are endeavoring to become more representative of the total population in the 'hood. Your KWA Membership Committee is in the process of contacting those of you who have not yet renewed your membership for this year. Please be sure your membership is active and encourage others to join us. Members will be voting in September for the KWA Board for 2022. Be proactive to protect your interests and your property...join and become involved in the King William Association.

## BOARD BRIEFS:

The 2021 King William Association Board met Wednesday, July 21, 2021. The 2021 Nominating Committee was announced. The Executive Director presented financial reports as of June 20, 2021, and recommended approval of the third quarter budget which the board approved. Syeira Budd will be leaving KWA in October. Christine Vina joined the Zoom meeting to discuss the possibility of a December Holiday Home Tour. The property tax exemption for KWA offices has been approved. There will be no Sauerkraut Bend Run in 2021. The October 16th Neighborhood Garage Sale was approved. The compensation package for the Fair Director position was discussed. KWA Committees reported on activities. "Board briefs" are not intended to replace the official minutes of the Association but to summarize the board's latest activities.

*Lisa Lynde, Executive Director*

## THE PETS, PEOPLE, AND PLACES OF KING WILLIAM

Cindy Miller

Dan and Becky Marsh can often be seen strolling with their Great White Pyrenees on morning and evening walks. Their beloved Fred is neither friendly nor aggressive but is a beautiful presence in King William. Fred found his family about nine years ago at about the age of six months. A neighbor called Becky to ask her to check by the water near the Pioneer Flour Mill because a Pyrenees that looked like their neighbor's dog had been spotted. Her now deceased husband, Jerry, quickly went and returned home with the dog they thought belonged to their neighbor. Just as the rescued dog was walking up the sidewalk, the neighbor's dog appeared. After numerous attempts to find the owners, it was decided that the dog had found a new family and was given the name of Fred. While on a trip, Becky and Dan met a professional dog trainer/judge, who commented on Fred's body structure and features and described him as purebred Pyrenees with impressive features. The Pyrenees are known as guarders. The dogs were initially bred to guard up to three-hundred acres of land. While Fred enjoys guarding his home and family, it is Kit Kat who rules the roost. Kit Kat found Becky and Dan on one of their trips to Port Aransas. The rescued Tabby is the alpha male of the pets. He has commandeered Fred's bed, yet both animals coexist happily. Each pet has a secret vice. Kit Kat is known for his love of deli meat and Fred loves junk food such as cookies and chips. The pets certainly have favorite family members. Kit Kat enjoys the company of George (son) and Dan (husband) while Fred is a momma's boy and enjoys spending time with and getting attention from Becky.

Sipping tea with Becky on her beautiful porch while Fred and Kit Kat showed off was an afternoon well spent.

*My name is Cindy Miller and I will contribute a column titled "The Pets, People, and Places of King William." I am a retired elementary school principal and teacher. We are homeowners on East Guenther Street. My husband, Blant, and I have two grown children. Our son is an attorney in Houston and our daughter is an Aerospace engineer for NASA, so we are empty nesters. We are travelers, readers, lovers of history, and foodies. One of my absolute favorite things to do in this wonderful neighborhood is to take a morning or evening walk. On my many walks, I have encountered the most wonderful pets and friendliest people. My articles will introduce readers to the pets who make our part of San Antonio so special. I am eager to write not only stories about the pets but the people who share their lives. Another focus of my column will be the restaurants, unique*



FRED THE GREAT WHITE PYRENEES AND KIT KAT THE RESCUED TABBY

*shops, and or museums in and around King William. I hope to highlight the many people that take part in creating a community filled with old world charm, a rich history, and unique art. I hope to meet residents who have lived here for generations as well as those who have discovered just how special it is to have a home in a historical part of the most beautiful city in America. Please email me if you would like to nominate a place, a person, or a pet for future issues. [cindy66miller@yahoo.com](mailto:cindy66miller@yahoo.com)*



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## MOBILE OM PARTNERS WITH SNIPSA

*Ever Whitt, Intern for the San Antonio River Foundation*

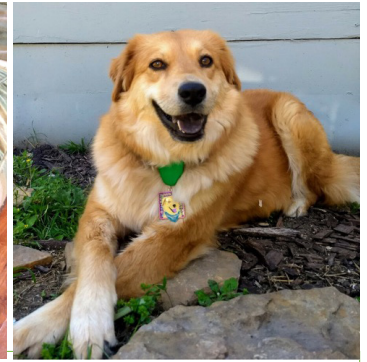
Now that more people are getting vaccinated, in-person events are becoming more and more available in our community. Many people's physical and mental well-being suffered last year, and so being able to return in person and be together with the community is a much-needed experience all of us deserve. Puppy Noses and Yoga Poses is one such event in which physical and mental well-being combine together in one playful and relaxing evening.

Puppy Noses and Yoga Poses combines the wonderful delight of playing with puppies and the calming nature of yoga. This event is hosted by Mobile Om in partnership with SNIPSA. Mobile Om was founded by Cassandra Fauss when she first moved to San Antonio. She wanted to make yoga more accessible to the community, and so she regularly held free events at popular outdoor spots in San Antonio. These spots would be Mission San Jose, Confluence Park, the Tobin Center, Legacy Park, and others.

The puppies at Puppy Noses and Yoga Poses will be from SNIPSA, an organization dedicated to rehabilitating homeless animals around San Antonio. Lexie Blaik, who used to work for SNIPSA as a volunteer and outreach coordinator, first got the idea of Puppy Noses and Yoga Poses when she was a yoga instructor in North Dakota. She reached out to Cassandra to see if they could create such a class. This class is both a great addition to the community and a way to promote SNIPSA's cause.

The puppies featured in this class will be adoptable. If you would like to adopt one, visit their website to learn more about the adoption application process. Puppy Noses and Yoga Poses is held on the third Thursday of every month at Confluence Park. Classes are \$25 per person. Proceeds go to SNIPSA.

## THE CANNOLI FUND



LEFT: PIRATE AND SPARKY, FOUND IN COLONIES AS YOUNG KITTENS, NOW LIVE THE GOOD LIFE IN KING WILLIAM. RIGHT: SOPHIE, OUR 2019 FIESTA-MEDAL MODEL DOG, WAS FOUND UNDER A CAR NEAR BRACKENRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS ADOPTED BY HER RESCUERS.

## THE CANNOLI FUND FOR DOGS & CATS SINCE 2011

*Nancy Diehl, President and Co-founder of The Cannoli Fund*

The overriding mission of The Cannoli Fund is to prevent the suffering of animals. We do this in many ways, but one of the most rewarding is to help people care for animals rescued in our service area, King William and Lavaca. Many of these animals end up staying with the people who find them as beloved pets, and the rest find good homes within the neighborhood or the broader community.

Since we founded The Cannoli Fund for Dogs and Cats in 2011, we have been able to help nearly 1,600 animals. The initial focus was on spay/neuter of owned dogs and cats and, especially, feral/community cats, and this is still an important part of our efforts. As we worked in the community, however, we recognized that there were additional needs that we could help meet.

Stray dogs frequently wander into the neighborhood or are dumped here. While some of these dogs, especially those in packs, are too unsocialized to help, many are good candidates for rescue. Friendly cats and kittens, sometimes left behind by residents who move, also become good companions. Neighbors who find these animals contact The Cannoli Fund for advice and help. We own a microchip scanner and are happy to scan found dogs and cats, so those with chips can be returned to their owners. For those animals whose owners cannot be found, we provide help.

These animals fall under the Cannolicare program, along with neighborhood pets. Initially, we offered small veterinary care grants, but as the support of neighbors and organizations (including the King William Association) has increased, we have been able to raise the grant amounts and cover more services. Both owned and newly found dogs and cats are eligible, and the grants cover evaluation, spay/neuter if needed, and treatment of conditions and diseases with a favorable prognosis. During the pandemic, we also added provision of flea/tick and heartworm medication, to ensure that residents could provide these important medications to help maintain their pets' health.

Other programs include branded water bowls placed around the neighborhood, which provide water for dogs and cats as well as spread the word to neighbors. We deliver almost 600 lbs of dry cat food monthly to KW and Lavaca neighbors who are feeding colonies of community cats, once all the cats are no longer able to reproduce. Our Community Cat Carpool continues to ferry both community and owned cats to low-cost clinics, where we cover the expense of sterilization and vaccinations.

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## ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE

### OLDEST AND LARGEST NO-KILL ANIMAL SHELTER

Gretchen Garceau-Kragh,  
RP



Opening in 1934, the Animal Defense League is San Antonio's oldest and largest no-kill animal shelter. Each year, the shelter houses more than 5,000 dogs and cats, providing them with food, shelter, safety, attention, compassion and all necessary medical care, including spaying or neutering. When

the animal is ready, the Animal Defense League works to find the best possible home for each resident animal. The thorough screening process conducted by the adoption counselors ensures that the family and animal will be a perfect match for each other, which is supported by the shelter's extremely low return rate. The organization has two locations, the main campus at 11300 Nacogdoches Road and a satellite campus at 210 Tuleta Drive, next to the San Antonio Zoo.

As a no-kill animal shelter, no animal is ever euthanized to make room for another animal. Therefore, no other animal can be brought into the

shelter until others are adopted. Volunteer foster families are a critical component to the shelter's success, as they allow for the organization to help more animals than they have room for at the main or satellite locations. At any given time, the Animal Defense League is caring for 500+ animals, either on campus or through a foster situation.

Pre-Covid, the Animal Defense League offered low-cost spay and neuter surgeries and wellness exams to owned animals. The shelter plans to return to offering these critical services to the community once it is safe to do so.

The Animal Defense League is supported through adoption fees, donations, grants, bequests from individuals, and the net proceeds from special events, such as its annual "Fur Ball" gala. The Animal Defense League has more than 70 employees, including two full-time Veterinarians, and is governed by a 13-member board of directors.

To learn more, to donate or to volunteer, please visit the Animal Defense League's web site at [adltexas.org](http://adltexas.org) or call 210-655-1481.

### The Cannoli Fund continued from page 4

There has been a significant decrease in the number of new colony kittens in our service area, thanks to our work on TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return), the only proven method to decrease outdoor cat populations.

For more information on this all-volunteer non-profit, visit the [thecannolifund.org](http://thecannolifund.org) or our Facebook and Instagram pages, or email [info@thecannolifund.org](mailto:info@thecannolifund.org).

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Renew your membership today or join King William Association for the first time! The membership year began in January but it is never too late to renew or to join.

The more numerous and diverse our members the more powerful our voice in the effort to advance the KWA mission of preserving and protecting our historic residential environment. We encourage you to become involved in the work of KWA and to participate in KWA sponsored events that offer an opportunity to strengthen a sense of belonging by building relationships with neighbors. Your membership offers other benefits in the form of discounts on KWA merchandise and at businesses in the area.

Equally important, your membership helps to support KWA programs that we hope will return to in-person events in the coming year, including the King William Fair!

Joining for the first time or renewing your membership is quick, easy, and secure online by visiting our website at [www.ourkwa.org](http://www.ourkwa.org).



Margaret Leeds  
KWA Board President



## FORMULARIO PARA MEMBRESÍA DE LA ASOCIACIÓN

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Las cuotas para el 2021 se pagan antes del 15 de enero. Los miembros con derecho a voto deben estar al corriente con el pago 30 días corridos antes de cualquier votación. El pago antes del 15 de enero, le dará derecho a recibir pulseras de entrada a la Feria King William gratis y a ser parte del directorio impreso. La membresía es efectiva del 1 de enero al 31 de diciembre. La cuota se puede pagar en cualquier momento, pero no se prorrateará. La Asociación King William es una organización sin fines de lucro 501 (c) (3).

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## FINDING A PARADE'S KING AND QUEEN

*Alicia Spence-Schlesinger,  
King William Fair Chief Parade Wrangler*

Fiesta in June was definitely a bit odd, but the off-season Fiesta allowed me the time to represent the King William Fair as a judge in the 16th Annual 4 Paws Animal Hospital Fiesta Costume Contest. This contest provided me a behind the scenes glimpse of the people and creatures who claim the King William Fair Parade as their own.

When I arrived at this contest, little did I know this annual event was not only the cat's meow for myself but more so for Dr. Olga Jimenez's furry patients. The winners of this contest are awarded coveted spots on the 4 Paws Animal Hospital entry in the King William Fair Parade. Pulling into the abnormally packed parking lot that Saturday, I witnessed various types of furry contestants being fussed over by fur parents adding final details to their Fiesta pet concoctions. This was definitely an "aha" moment for me – an entire event with contestants competing to be in our Parade!

After some time waiting for the event to begin, the fabulous emcees, Michael Quintanilla aka Mr. Fiesta and radio personality Hot Henrietta, got the party started with their witty banter and puppy conga line. I was then directed to sit at the judging table with my fellow judges: Jeremy Baker of KENS 5; Jeff Moore, SATX Social Ride Founder; Katie McKee of Dorcol Distilling + Brewing Co.; and actor Jesse Borrego. As I patiently sat waiting for the contestants to strut the catwalk, I guzzled water in the brutally hot Fiesta heat before being offered a constant supply of refreshing HighWheel Betty Kolsch.

Then it began...the consistent sound of "soooooo cute" escaping my mouth. The ingenious contestants strutted down the walkway sporting neon workout clothes, puppy size guayaberas, tiny Mexican embroidered dresses, unibrows, sombreros and more paper flowers than NIOSA. There were even two brave cats competing for their spot in the King William Fair Parade: a tiny kitten in a shoebox float bedazzled with glitter and a full-grown



MICHAEL QUINTANILLA, AKA MR. FIESTA, AND THE 4 PAWS 2020 FIESTA KING, CALVIN, POSING FOR THE PUPARAZZI

cat dressed like a chicken on a stick. After reaching a special state of delirium caused by cuteness overload, the king of the show rounded the corner: a bongo-playing chihuahua named Calvin accompanied by his retired beauty pageant mommy dancing to Gloria Estefan's "Rhythm Is Gonna Get You." The queen of the event was an adorable lap-size terrier mix named Jasmine sporting a freshly dyed rainbow hairdo adorned with pink fairy wings. To this day I'm not sure if she won the title of queen based on her sugary costume or her ability to enchant the judges by giving us all puppy kisses.

After the contest ended, while sitting in my kiddie pool to cool off from the hottest Fiesta ever, I reached for my phone to learn more. I wanted to know how Sue Duffy, our original Chief Parade Wrangler, discovered this Fairgoer's Parade favorite. How in the world did this King William Fair Parade qualifying event escape our attention and what was the story of how it began?

I learned Dr. Olga Jimenez, owner of 4 Paws Animal Hospital, grew up leading the KWF



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TOP PHOTO: KATIE MCKEE AND JESSE BORREGO DECIDING JASMINE WOULD BE CROWNED THE 4 PAWS 2020 FIESTA QUEEN. MIDDLE PHOTO: A SWEET BUNNY WITH HER MOM MEETING THE MCS AS A JUDGE SNAPS HER PHOTO. BOTTOM PHOTO, LEFT TO RIGHT: MICHAEL QUINTANILLA, HOT HENRIETTA, KATIE MCKEE, DR. OLGA JIMENEZ, JESSE BORREGO, JEREMY BAKER, ALICIA SPENCE-SCHLESINGER, AND JEFF MOORE.





LEFT TO RIGHT: CALVIN, THE 2021 4 PAWS FIESTA KING, JAMMING OUT ON HIS BONGOS WITH HIS MOM AND SISTER IN TOW; JASMINE, THE 2021 4 PAWS FIESTA QUEEN, WAITING ON HER MOM'S LAP FOR THE CONTEST TO BEGIN; A FURRY CONTESTANT AND HIS MOM ENTERING THE JUDGES' TENT TO SHOW OFF HIS FIESTA DUDS; A KITTEN IN HER SHOEBOX FLOAT WARMING UP HER VOCAL CHORDS BEFORE THE SHOW.

Parade as a member of the Brackenridge High School marching band, back when it was known as Wheatley High. Dr. Jimenez explained that "In 2005, the Fiesta before I started the clinic, when I was walking around the Fair with my dog Pippi dressed in a Fiesta gown, train, and tiara, everyone stopped me to ask if I won the contest. Well, there was

no contest, so when I opened the clinic we had our first Fiesta 4 Paws Costume Contest in 2006. I applied to be in the Parade that year and Sue accepted us. Everyone enjoyed our entry, so every year our entry grew".

## WHAT'S COOKIN'

*Annice Hill*

Here are two recipes with pets in their names – who doesn't like puppies and horses?! Both of these recipes are great appetizers for your next dinner party or backyard BBQ. Enjoy!

### ANGELS ON HORSEBACK

- 12 shucked oysters
- 12 slices thin bacon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

1. Preheat oven to 450 ° F. Set wire rack on baking sheet.
2. Wrap each oyster with a slice of bacon and secure with a toothpick. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, paprika, and parsley – set onto wire rack.
3. Bake until the bacon is crispy, 10 to 12 minutes. Serve immediately – not as good when cold.

### QUICK JALAPEÑO HUSH PUPPIES

- 1½ cups yellow cornmeal
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 jalapenos, seeded & minced
- 1/4 cup finely minced onion
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce
- Oil for deep fat frying

1. In a large bowl, combine the cornmeal, flour, baking powder, and salt. In another bowl, beat the eggs, milk, jalapenos, onion, and hot sauce. Stir into dry ingredients just until combined.
2. In a cast-iron or other heavy skillet, heat oil to 375 ° F. Drop tablespoons of batter, a few at a time, into hot oil. Fry until golden brown on both sides. Drain on paper towels and serve warm.

## OUT IN THE GARDEN WITH ALAN CASH

Many of us are still making adjustments to our gardens resulting from the February cold snap. The following are suggested replacement plants that are perennial, drought tolerant, do well in shade but can tolerate some sun, and get along with minimal care. Remember, perennials can freeze in winter but return in spring.



BUTTERFLY WEED



ROCK ROSE



SHRIMP PLANT



TURK'S CAP



MEXICAN HONEYSUCKLE

**BUTTERFLY WEED:** Has orange flowers in summer, and grows to 3 feet tall. As its name suggests, butterfly weed attracts butterflies, especially Monarchs.

**ROCK ROSE:** Has pink flowers spring to fall and grows 2 to 3 feet tall, and also attracts butterflies.

**SHRIMP PLANT:** Will tolerate full sun but does best in dappled shade. Flowers that bloom from early summer to fall resemble shrimp and have various color combinations ranging from copper to yellow to mixed fruit cocktail.

**TURK'S CAP:** Does especially well in shade and grows 2 to 6 feet tall.

Has red flowers from summer to fall that attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Examples can be seen blooming along with Mexican Honeysuckle at the Crofton Constance Park.

**MEXICAN HONEYSUCKLE:** Has orange flowers from summer into fall that attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Grows up to 3 feet tall. Examples can be seen blooming at the Crofton Constance Park.

To see more pictures of these plants and find more information on their care just Google their name.

**Garden Note: A garden feeds the soul.**



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## THE HOUSE ON KING WILLIAM STREET

Bill Cogburn

In last month's newsletter, Lisa Lynde wrote about Ernst Altgelt who built the first house on King William Street. A memoir written by his wife, Emma Murck Altgelt, gives us a hint of what life was like 150 years ago in King William, coincidentally, also a time of contagion and death.

In 1854, twenty-year-old Emma Murck, a native of Dusseldorf, Germany, immigrated to Texas to join other family members who had settled on Cibolo Creek. On a visit to New Braunfels, she met Ernst Altgelt who had emigrated from Germany in 1852. After a few months'

courtship, they married in 1855 and made their home in Comfort which Altgelt had founded just a year earlier. In 1866, the family, which now included two sons, moved to San Antonio so Ernst could pursue his law practice.

Following are excerpts from Emma Altgelt's memoir:

"We bought a large, pretty lot for the house in the south part of the city. We rented a house nearby so my husband could oversee the construction we had undertaken. The popular building material at that time was a soft stone chopped or sawed into thick blocks. For the woodwork, we selected a carpenter from Comfort. Even when my husband came home tired from work, he would go over to our new property after supper. We were eagerly looking forward to moving.

"Our rented house had no veranda and was frightfully hot. We decided to move into the new house when it was nearly finished except for the doors and windows which had yet to be put in. We had been in our new, much admired home barely a few days when cholera broke out in San Antonio and our carpenter made a beeline back to Comfort. My husband went through the whole city trying to find a craftsman but in vain. The human race seemed to have gone mad with fear. Perhaps it was the gruesome August heat that caused the epidemic to strike so rapidly.

"Those who came down with the disease died within a few hours. If my husband didn't come



THE HOUSE THAT THE ALTGELTS BUILT ON KING WILLIAM STREET

home for dinner on time, fear and worry would seize me and I would send the boys to the office to find out if anything had happened to their father. Like a true Rhinelander, he didn't take anything seriously and was annoyed at my being worried.

"While the cholera raged, our house still had neither doors nor windows. Once my husband had to leave the city for a few days on business and took our oldest boy with him in the buggy. Since our protector was missing, I was frightened of spending the night in the open house, so I asked a Mexican who did yardwork to sleep on the porch. I didn't think he understood my poor Spanish so I went to friends who had several sons and asked if one of them would sleep in our house. They agreed to send me a protector. But the Mexican had, in fact, understood me and took up his post with his blanket. About ten o'clock, the young German fellow came riding up to stay as I had asked. I thanked him for his willingness to help and told him I already had a protector. The next day, I learned to my great regret that the poor man had died in the night of cholera. How awful it would have been for me if death had visited my house so suddenly. I didn't have anyone I could get to help because I had no neighbors.

"Our house was the first building in the newly laid out street and by law, my husband had the right to name the street. He called it "King William" and today it is one of the most elegant streets in the city.

"All life is change. Even the cholera came to an end. Our escaped carpenter came back and slowly the house was finished. By the standards of the time, it was beautiful. We both loved the huge unusual trees, a well-tended lawn, climbing vines and lots of flowers. We owned a large property and Altgelt being a Dusseldorfer had good taste. Every day the big house added more grace to its surroundings and soon the place became a beautiful park where our children loved to play."

The house that the Altgelts built is numbered 236 King William. It is likely that the one-story attachment at the rear of the current house was the original house described by Emma Altgelt. When the Altgelts purchased the lot where the current house stands, they also purchased one of two to the south of it as well as two adjoining lots facing Madison Street. The Altgelts felt they needed space for their horses, cows and a garden.

The Altgelts bought a ranch in 1870 near Boerne which they named "Wassenberg." That's where they would spend the summer months. Ernst died at their ranch in 1878 after a long illness. Emma lived until 1922 dying at the home of her daughter, Helene Stapper, at 312 Perea Street.

**Sources:** *Emma Altgelt's memoir, Beobachtung und Erinnerungen written in 1887 and translated by Judith Laufer in 1992; King William Area, A Guide to the Houses, by Mary Burkholder and Jessie Simpson.*

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