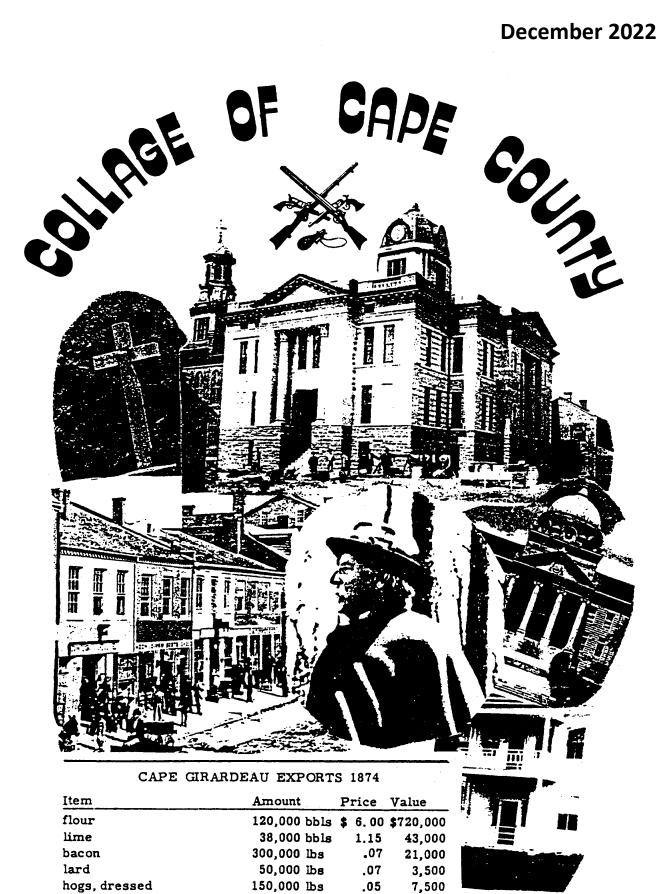
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# **The Rolwing Family Home in Missouri** By Betty Rolwing Darnell,<sup>1</sup> a great-great-granddaughter of Bernard and Elisabeth Rolwing

In 1845, the Rolwing family left their home at Hengeler, a village near Stadtlohn in Westfalen (now a part of Germany). The release from the Prussian government was dated 18 April 1845, and an extract of the records of the family at St. Otger Church in Stadtlohn, was dated 26 June 1845. The family departed from the port at Le Havre in France on 8 July 1845, on the bark (a small ship) Albers, and arrived at New York on 21 August 1845.

Heinrich Hermann Kötting was born 8 September 1792 at Hengeler, the son of Joann Heinrich Salmers and Adelheid Baneke. (In that part of Germany, the surname belongs to the farm, and the owner takes the name of the farm.) Adelheid had married in 1779 to Joann Hermann Kötting, heir to the Kötting farm, and became Adelheid Kötting; he died in 1788, leaving the farm in Adelheid's name. Adelheid Kötting then married in 1790 to Joann Heinrich Salmer, who became Joann Heinrich Kötting.

On 3 June 1813, Hermann Kötting married Maria Christina Rolwing, heir of the Rolwing farm. Following the tradition, Hermann Kötting became Hermann Rolwing. (That makes a mess of my ancestor chart – the surname at the top of the chart keeps changing!)

Herman and Christina Rolwing and their children came to America: Bernard Heinrich, Maria Catharina, Christina Adelheid, Joann Heinrich, Joanna Hendrina, Joann Hermann, Joann Wilhelm, Anton Bernard, and Joann Gerhard. Three children had died young at Hengeler.

Family tradition is that Christina died at Evansville, Indiana, where the family had stopped to visit friends and relatives. Herman Rolwing purchased eighty acres in Mississippi County, Missouri, on 11 April 1846. The land is in what is now called the Texas Bend community, north of Charleston. Herman deeded that tract to his son John Henry Rolwing on 8 July 1847, died there in July 1865, and was buried in the "new" Texas Bend Cemetery, across the road from St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.<sup>2</sup> Five generations of their descendants are buried in the Texas Bend Cemetery.

Oldest son Bernard Heinrich Rolwing had married in 1842 at St. Otger Church to Anna Maria Siehoff, and had traveled alone to North America in 1844.<sup>3</sup> Maria and their children, Heinrich and Christina, came on the ship with the Rolwing family in 1845. Heinrich died before the 1850 census, and another son, John Anton, was born and died in 1853 at Texas Bend. Maria died there, apparently about the time of childbirth, in early 1853.

On 25 Oct 1853, at St. Paul Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, Bernard Heinrich Rolwing married Elisabeth Kronlage.<sup>4</sup> Elisabeth was born 11 March 1850 at Neuenkirchen, Oldenburg.<sup>5</sup> They would have seven children, Henry Herman, Mary Elizabeth, Bernard Gerhard, Maria Catherine, Joseph Aloysius, Catherine Marie "Kate," and Helena Ann "Lena." (Original tintype photographs held by Betty Rolwing Darnell)



<sup>4</sup> St. Paul Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, marriage records, at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Archives.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The original St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and Cemetery had been dedicated in 1839, at a site near the Mississippi River in Scott County, Kentucky. Mississippi County was formed in 1846 from a part of Scott County. In 1859, a new church was built in Texas Bend, and a new cemetery established across the road. No gravemarker for Herman Rolwing remains; his will was proved 17 July 1865 in Mississippi County. The church was closed after St. Henry Church was built at Charleston in 1873. Rolwing descendants have continued to be members of St. Henry Church.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Westphalian Emigrants in the 19th Century, Part 1, 1803-1850, Westphalian Society for Genealogy and Family Research, Münster, 1966, #1252.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Elisabeth Krolage [sic] prayerbook, printed in 1851 at Einsiedeln. The prayerbook is held by descendants of and Bob and Joyce Rolwing, who continued to live near the original Bernard H. Rolwing homestead. Tintype photographs are held by Betty Rolwing Darnell.



In the 1980s, I was given a copy of a photograph of what remained of the original Rolwing log home. About 1935, at the time of the photograph, the building was being used to store corn harvested on the farm. Great-grandsons of Bernard and Elisabeth Rolwing, Albert, born in 1933, and Bobby, born in 1930, are in front of the building.<sup>6</sup>

In the 1990s, I learned that Land Entry Case Files could be obtained from the National Archives and Research Administration (NARA).<sup>7</sup> On 25 October

1854, Bernard H. Rolwing of Mississippi County purchased 160 acres from the State of Missouri, for \$200, paid in gold, claiming right of preemption under Act of 4 September 1841. That Act permitted "squatters" who were living on federal government land to purchase up to 160 acres before the land was offered for sale to the general public. To qualify, the claimant had to be a head of household, or a single man over 21, or a widow; a citizen of the United States (or intending to become naturalized); and a resident of the claimed land for at least 14 months.

Bernard H. Rolwing, native of Prussia in Europe, was naturalized on 11 May 1855 in Circuit Court, Mississippi County, Missouri.<sup>8</sup> (I have not found his declaration of intention for naturalization.)

As a part of the Land Entry Claim, Bernard Tihatmer, a neighbor, also from Prussia, filed his deposition at Circuit Court in Cape Girardeau County, on 25 October 1854.

Bernard H. Rolwing commenced settlement on said land on or about 1 December 1847, at which time he cleared some ground and made some rails; during the winter of 1847 & 1848, Rolwing erected a dwelling house on said land, which house is made of hewed logs, is about 20 by 26 feet square, is chinked and daubed, has a board roof nailed on, is about 15 feet high at the eaves, has a plank lower and loft floor, has a stick and clay chimney, has two doors and two windows, and the lower story is divided into two rooms. Rolwing moved into said house about the month of January 1848 or December 1847 and continued to reside therein ever since, and lives in the same now; in the course of the year 1848 claimant put up on said land a stable, corn crib, and kitchen; there are on said land about 20 or 25 acres of cleared land, which Rolwing has cultivated ever since his residence thereon; 15 acres of which was cleared in the winter of 1847 & 1848 and the balance during the subsequent years. Answers to questions: Rolwing is head of a family, has a wife and children; he filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States in the year 1846; he did not abandon a residence on land of his own, when he moved on to this tract; there are no other persons living on said land, or cultivating any part of it.

On the same day and at the same court, Frederick Upman filed his deposition, adding that Rolwing "also dug a well on said land about 20 to 25 feet deep, walled up with mulberry puncheons."

The claim was approved 17 December 1859, and the patent for the 160 acres was dated 1 March 1860.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Original photo held by descendants of Bob and Joyce Rolwing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Land Entry File #16947, Jackson Missouri Land Office.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Circuit Court Record Book 2, page 449.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Vol. 70, page 164.

During the Civil War, *The Charleston [Missouri] Courier*, 22 April 1864, reported that Captains Pritchett and Ewing of the Enrolled Missouri Militia had captured guerrillas, including Pres Moore, and that "Moore confessed that he was among the gang that robbed and hung up Barnard Banke, Rolwing, and others, over in Texas [Bend], some time ago."

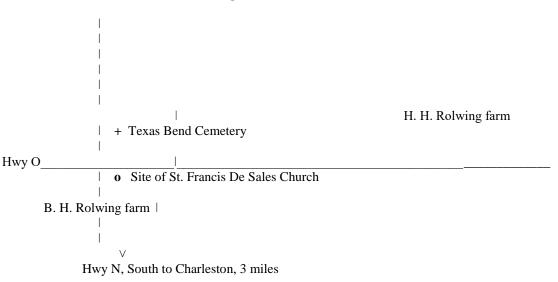
Descendants of Bernard H. Rolwing told me that he had sold wheat or grain to either slaves or Northerners. The guerrillas knew he had money, came three times to get it from him, and hung him [by his feet] from his porch. After they left, his wife cut him down with a butcher knife. He promptly deposited the money at a bank at Commerce, Missouri.<sup>10</sup>

On 28 February 1865, Bernard H. Rolwing purchased 40 acres adjacent to the city of Cape Girardeau,<sup>11</sup> and built a home there, while continuing to farm the Texas Bend property. He died at their home in Cape Girardeau on 25 March 1887, and Elisabeth died there on 22 October 1894; they are buried at Lorimier Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Their son, Joseph A. Rolwing, married in 1899 to Sophia Klipfel of Scott County, Missouri. They raised their family in a home built on the Texas Bend homestead. That home burned in 1911 and was replaced by a newer home. Their son Paul L. Rolwing married in 1919 to Elizabeth Wessels of Louisville, Kentucky, and they raised their family there, including their sons Albert and Bobby, pictured above in front of the remaining part of the original log home. Paul's descendants continue to farm the land, though the home is no longer standing.

My ancestry: Bernard Heinrich Rolwing and Elisabeth Kronlage, parents of: Joseph A. Rolwing, father of: Otto Rolwing, father of:

Norbert Rolwing, father of Betty Rolwing Darnell



# **Rolwing Homesteads in Texas Bend**

<sup>11</sup> Cape Girardeau County Deed Book X, pg 652-653.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Interviews of Ethel Newcum Rolwing, Gertrude Rolwing, and Dr. E. Charles Rolwing, by Betty Rolwing Darnell, 1980s.

# Index to Original Cape Girardeau County Deeds

[Editor's Note: Oftentimes when clerks copied original deeds into the deedbooks, purchasers neglected to pick up these deeds. The documents remained in the courthouse, and Cape Girardeau County has kept them to this day. Researchers rarely know about about the existence of these documents. Original deeds are the primary source for land records, and contain original signatures. If the clerk made a mistake in copying the deed, these surviving documents are the ultimate source of the information. Recently these remaining originals were indexed as part of the scanning project for documents in the Recorder's Office. This index is being printed in the next several issues. The Cape Girardeau County Archive Center has the original documents (<u>https://www.capecounty.us/archive-center</u>) and the scans can be accessed by paying either a daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly access fee at: https://gov.arcasearch.com/usmocgc/splashPage.asp.

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October Saturday before the first Lords day in Octo^ber^ the church in Conference and after prayer by Elder Potter proseded to business received sister Jane Eleat and bro Elerson williams into fellowship by baptism by moton and second resolve that p a v browndaville[?] and Charlotte his wife wait untill next meeting for baptis^m^ Sister Mary Reno[?] requested a letter of dismi tion and it was granted Cald for the Letter to the association red and ordered to the association the church in pease

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November Saturday before the first Lords day in November the church in Conference and after prayer by Elder Tho mpson proseded to business Cald for refferance and and took up the Case of browndaville and his wife and by their requests the church a Gree to Erase their names from the church book and the all in pease

Decem^ber^ Saturday before the first Lords day in december the church in conference and after prayer and sermon by Elder B thompson preseded to busine^ss^ this church recived sister Mary Ann Ranol in the armes of her fellowship also sister Elenor Vangilder by paptism and this church is in pea^s^ among themselves

#### 1843

Janu Saturday before the first Lords day in January the church in conference and after prayer by bro Poe proseded to business Chose brother Randol moderrator for the time being and the church all in pease

Febru Saturday before the first Lords day in Febr^uary^ 1843 the church in conferance and after prayer and sermond by Elder thomp son preseded <del>business</del> to business the church all in pease

March Saturday before the first Lords day in March the church in in conferance and after prayer by Elder B M thomson proseded to business this church recived bro G M ^thomson^ into the armes of her fellowship by Letter also Sister Nancy Masterson for baptism resolve that bro B Hitt and bro J Randol Go and Labor with bro E Willia ms and report at next meeting the church in pease

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Apil Saturday before before the first Lords day in April the church in in conferance and after prayer and Exortation by Elder G. M. Thompson & proseded to business Cald for refferance and took up the Case of bro Williams and he gave the church Satisfaction and restor de to fellowship the church all in pease

#### May

Saturday before the first Lords day in May the church in conferance and after prayer by Elder B thompson proseded to business bro williams come forward and made his acknoledgement and was for gave the church in pease

# June

Saturday before the first Lords day in in June the church in conferance and after prayer by Elder B Thompson proseded to business by moti^on^ and Second Resolve that this church will not hold Communion with the missionary Baptist under the presant Existant circumstances nor untill A reconciliation Cane be braught about upon Gospil principles

# July

Saturday before the first Lords day in July the church in in Conferance and after prayer by Elder A L hollas proseded to business bro G M Thompson decleard unfellow Ship with the resolution past Last meeting and by motion and second resolve that it be Laid over untill next meeting for Consideratio^n^ the church in pease James Poe CLK

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August Saturday before the first Lords day in August the church in Conferance and after prayer by Elder Thompson proseded to business the case of the reso lution ^was taken^ and repeald the church in peas ----

# Sept

Saturday before the first Lords day in Sep<sup>t</sup> the chur ch in conferance and after prayer by bro Poe proseded to business chose bro Randal mode rator for the time being and we appointed our brethren James Poe g m Thompson and benjamin Hitt our deligates to the association and the Cle rk to wirte a Letter for the associations \_\_\_\_? next meeting the church all in peas

October Saturday before the first Lords day in Oct<sup>o</sup> the church in conferance and after prayer by bro Poe prosded to business Calld for the as^s^ociational Letter read and recived

and ordered to the association the chur^ch^ all in pease -----

Novem Saturday before the first Lords day in november the church in conferance and after prayer ^by^ bro Poe prosded to business bro hitt reported bro williams under the head of bulick report ^of drunkness^ and bro Poe appointed to cite him to next meeting also bro Hitt to cite bro G M Thompson for none atten dance to our next meeting the church in pease ------

Decemb Saturday before the first Lords in Decem ber the church in conferance and after prayer by Elder G M Thompson prosded to business Cald for refferances to up the Case of bro williams resolve that whe ere as our bro Elison williams has an sever

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al ocations been intoxicated by drin king to much ardent spirits and refusing to give satisfaction to the church he is therefore excluded from our fellowship.

#### January 1844

Saturday before the first Lords day in January the church in conferance and after prayer by bro Poe prosded to business chose bro Randol moderator for the time being resolve that bro B Hitt be appoin ted to try to obtain the minuts of the Last association that belong to this church against next meeting the church in pease -----

#### Feb

Saturday before the first Lords in Februa ry the church in conferance and after prayer by bro Poe prosded to business bro Hitt made his report in trying to obtain the Minutes was discha rge the church in pease -----

#### Mar^ch^

Saturday before the first Lords day in March the church in conferance and after prayer by Elder B Thompson proseded to busness bro B Hitt chose moderator for the time being the church in pease Aperil

Saturday before the first Lords day in April the church in conferance and after pra^yr^ by brother Poe proseded to business brother Hitt moderator for the time the church in pease

[page 15] May

Saturday before the first Lords day in May the church in Conferance and after prayer by Elder A L Hallas prose^ded^ to business brother J Randol chose modderator for the

time being the Articles of Faith read and so fourth the Letter from bethel taken up by the church and the charges taken up one by one ^this^ first through the influence of G M Thompson you commund with the missionaries secondly after hearing G M Thompson say that he would Ever follo^w^ it up and then to recive him into your fellowship without any acknowledgements Thirdly you Give him a Letter in full fellowship fourthly in not se^tt^ing in a diffi ret form which association it was and after duly Considering them the church thought them to be Groundless ------

June no Meeting

July

Saturday before the first Lords day In July the church in conference and after prayer by bro Poe prose^ded^ to business chose bro Hitt moderator for the time being the church in pease -----

August

Septem no Meeting

# October

Saturday before the first Lords day in October the church in Conference and after prayer by bro Poe prosed ed to business first prepard a Letter

[page 16] for the association read and recived and ordered to the association we appoint our berethern James Randol and ben jamin Hitt our deligates to the asso ciation the church in pease -----

#### November

Saturday before the first Lords day in November the church in conferance and after prayer by Elder A L Hollas proseded to business bro J Randol moderator by motion and sec ond the charge from the association was taken up and the first charge gone through and the church acknowledge it was by the act of G M Thompson that they did commune with the missinaries the second that he did make acknowledgements previous to his receiving his Letter third that they think they did right to give him a letter in full fellow ship fourthly they knew no other of of giving letters by the one afor \_\_\_\_[?] they have on their book

December No meeting

#### January 1845

Saturday before the first Lords day in January the church in conferance and after prayer by brother Poe proseded By motion and second Resolve that brother B Hitt Go and request bro Turner to come and preach for us as oftin as he can the church in pease

#### Feb

Saturday before before the first Lords day in February the church In conferance and after prayer

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June [year uncertain] Saturday before the first Lords day in June the church in conferance and after prayer and Exortation Elder G M Thompson proseded to business Cald for refferance and took up the of altering a party of the first art of faith and struck out the word persons and this churc^h^ recived in the armes of her fellowship our beloved sister Nancy Gibbs by Letter also bro Poe to go and see sister nancy Masterson and to know of her the reasons of her absen^se^ from Meeting the church in pease

# July

Saturday before the first Lords ^day^ in July the church in conferance and after prayer by bro Randol prosded to business took up the case of sister Masterson and Laid it over to ^our^ next meeting the church in pease

# August

Saturday before the first Lords day in Augus<sup>t</sup><sup>A</sup> the church in conferance and after prayer by Elder Thompson proseded to business cald for refferance and took up the case of Sister Masterson and posponed it in diffinetly also recived our beloved sister Ma<sup>r</sup> y reno into the armes of our fellowship by letter resolve that bro G M Thompson request be Laid over to our next meeting

# Septem

Saturday before the first Lords day in Sep<sup>t</sup> the church in Conferance and after prayer by Elder G M Thompson proseded to business Cald for refferance and took up the request of bro G M Thompson and by his request ^he^ with drew it and we appointed our brethren Ja<sup>s</sup> Poe Ja<sup>s</sup> Randol and our Elder G M thompson

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our deligates to the association and brethrens Poe and thompson to prepare a Letter for the association against next meeting

# Oct

Saturday before the first Lords day in Octobe the church in conferance and after by Elder G M Thompson prosded to business appointed bro G M Thompson moderator for the time being Cald for the associatial Letter re^a^d and recived and ordered to the association the church all in pease

# Nov

Saturday before the first Lords day in novem ber the church in conferance and after prayer by bro Poe proseded to business brother J Randol moderator the church in pease

Decem

Saturday before the first Lords day in decem ber the church in conferance and after prayer by Elder G M Thompson proseded to business Resolve that brother James Randol fill our windows with glass against or next meeting Also Gibbs and sister Gibbs reque^s^ted Letters of dismission and it was Granted then the all in pease

#### January

Saturday before the first Lords day in Jan uary the church in conferance and after prayer by Elder ^and bro^ G M Thompson proseded to business the church all in pease

#### Febr

Saturday before the first Lords day in februa^ry^ the church in conferance and after prayer by and sermond by Elder G M Thompson proseded to business appointed br thompson moderator for the time being and bro Randol fild the windows with glass

[page 19] July 17 1858 church met in conference and after preare and Dec\_\_\_\_ serveces by Elder John Cantebary church organ rise and found in no Bisoret[?] B. Hitt Clk John Cantebary mod

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by bro G M thompson proseded to business bro Randol moderrator Cald for refferan^se^ bro Hitt made his report and was dischar^gd^ by the church the church in pease

#### March

Saturday before the first Lords day in March the church in confferan se and after prayer by Elder Turner proseded to business bro Randol mo derrator and at the request of sister Kornegy the church Granted hear a Letter of dismissione the church in pease **Continued in next Collage of Cape County** 

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