

Teltschik Family Reunion in Freiburg

2006

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**Part of the welcoming evening is introducing everybody.**

**As we are so many today, our welcoming team thought of a different kind of introduction. We will show you pictures of the different countries or regions we Teltschiks and our dear friends come from.**

**This is the 5th international Teltschik family reunion since 1986.**

**The reason is to celebrate our joint roots and being part of the big Teltschik family.**

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### *Picture 1:*

The 1st Teltschik family day took place in the old home in Zauchtel/ Sudetenland in South Moravia 70 years ago, on July 5th, 1936.

This family day was initiated by Josef Teltschik – this is his picture -, Walter's and Isolde's father.

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### *Picture 2:*

The hereditary linden tree in Zauchtel with the hereditary judges of Kunzendorf (Richard Teltschik) and Zauchtel (Wilhelm Constantin Teltschik). The actual linden tree does not exist anymore. Several years after the expulsion of the Germans from Zauchtel it was struck by lightning, but it is still our emblem.

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*Picture 3:*

**Our roots are recorded in our Teltschik Family Chronicle. We are very proud of and grateful for it and...**

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### *Picture 4:*

**... our family tree. We owe them to our chronicler Dr. Walter Teltschik and to architect Robert Teltschik, who put the family tree together and kept it up-to-date.**

**We want to carry on our tradition and this is the reason for our reunion.**

**When introducing a lot of people, you usually start with those who have travelled furthest. Howdy to all of you from Texas!**

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### *Picture 5:*

The Lone Star State – the star that wants to shine brighter than all the others. Legend says: Immigrants from all over the world created their own small-scale world and their own human race: the Texan. Our dear relatives and friends from Texas come from San Antonio, Houston, Weimar, Floresville, Leander, New Braunfels, Austin, Abilene, Hallettsville, Corpus Christi and other places, where they settled in 1882/83 and in 1889.

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### *Picture 6:*

**This is the first house of the first Teltschik settlers close to Weimar. It is still owned by a Teltschik great-grandson. We visited it at our first family reunion in Texas in 1991.**



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### *Picture 7:*

This magnificent tapestry reflecting parts of our history was created to celebrate the 700-year anniversary at the family reunion in 2001. It took place in San Antonio – we were guests there for the second time and we had wonderful days.

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### *Picture 8:*

**This is the Teltschik Band of our Texan relatives at the welcoming evening in 2001.**

### *Picture 9:*

**Now we are in Europe. Hello to Austria! This is the commemorative page of July 27th, 1996 in Vienna.**

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### *Picture 10:*

**This is the festive ceremony in 1996 in the Ballroom of the Parkhotel Schönbrunn, which was the guesthouse of the Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph. Horst Teltschik gave his memorable speech about the background of the reunification of Germany. Vienna had been chosen for this reunion due to its geographic location. Leaving Vienna in three coaches, we travelled to our old home Zauchtel and Kunzendorf, which today are situated in the Czech Republic. For many of us, Germans and Texans, it was an unforgettable event.**

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*Picture 11:*

Travelling along the Danube River we arrive in Linz and greet all our family members and friends who live locally.

*Picture 12:*

We greet everybody from Salzburg, the city of Mozart.

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### *Picture 13:*

**Now we are in Germany and we greet all family members and friends in one of the following Federal States.**

### *Picture 14:*

**This is a map of Bavaria with Munich and Nuremberg, pinpointing some central locations.**

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### *Picture 15:*

**This is a special photo of Munich, the capital of Bavaria. During our family reunions, we have always had special highlights there, for example our enjoyable evening in the Weihenstephan brewery.**

**There was also the performance of the Teltschik Band in the IGA Park. This year, our family reunion will also end in Munich after the round trip. At this point, I would like to give special thanks to Richard and the dear Marianne, who have shown so much commitment to the past family reunions. We will always remember her.**

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*Picture 16:*

After passing Ulm we arrive in Württemberg and  
Baden.

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### *Picture 17:*

Nürtingen is important to our family history. Twenty years ago, the first joint family day took place in our new home, together with our Texan relatives.

There is also another reason: On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the independence of Texas from Mexico, the day before our family reunion Nürtingen and Floresville/Texas were joined for a one year partnership during a ceremony held on July 3rd, 1986.

The Mayor of Nürtingen invited a group of relatives into the town hall for this ceremony.



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*Picture 18:*

**Wilbert Teltschik and Mayor Bachofer exchange  
little gifts.**

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### *Picture 19:*

This is the Teltschik Tower on the Schriesheimer Kopf near Wilhelmsfeld, which was dedicated on September 1st, 2001. It had been donated by Walter and Karin Teltschik and designed by Robert Teltschik. A lot of visitors have been to see this distinctive landmark – as our Texan relatives and some German Teltschiks did on Wednesday at the beginning of our 2006 family reunion.

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*Picture 20:*

**Leaving Heidelberg we travel downstream the  
Neckar River to Rhineland Palatinate.**

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### *Picture 21:*

These are the romantic towns in the Rhine valley, the Lorelei rock and passing Koblenz, we reach Dieblich in the Moselle valley, where Elke Weiß-Cowen lives with her husband Chris and their sons Jens, Adam and Matthew.

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*Picture 22:*

**This is North Rhine Westphalia and ...**

*Picture 23:*

**... this is Hattingen. The Nüse family and other family members live in this region.**

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### *Picture 24:*

**We return to Hesse and greet all the family members and friends who live locally. The next stop on our schedule will be...**

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### *Picture 25:*

... Frankfurt Airport, which is the point for all flights to and from Texas.

Here I would like to remind you of September 11th, 2001 when, after our recent Teltschik Tower Fest, Jeanine, Peggy and Fran flew back to Texas. We all remember this day, it went down in history. For our three relatives, the flight back home was an odyssey. They stopped on an island and finally returned to Texas safely three days later. We were all worried about them.

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### *Picture 26:*

Now we return to the Black Forest and its hills, then to Freiburg with its landmark, the Cathedral.

Wolfgang, Gaby, Stefan, Tabea, Judith and their grandmother live there in Tuningen, Gerlinde with Stefan and little Paula live in Inzlingen. I would like to give special thanks to Wolfgang and his family for all their commitment to our 2006 family reunion.



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**We hope we all enjoy this wonderful celebration and meet old friends and new.**

**The Cathedral is a symbol for our tradition to celebrate a service on our family day – to honour God. God bless us and give us a successful and enjoyable family reunion. Thank you.**

**This is the end of our welcoming speech – we hope we haven't omitted a region and its family members. Please tell us if we have.**