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The Phillip Ruempel Family

Philipp Ruempel (1837-1909), a mason and a farmer, was born in Offenbeck, Germany, the son of Johannes Ruempel (1801-) and Christina Sinnborn Lex (1802-1864). When he was 18-years old, Phillip emigrated to Texas, arriving in Galveston in 1855, accompanied by families from his hometown as well as from Bicken, Germany. Phillip married Carolina Braun (1849-1935), and they established **their farm** just east of Zion Lutheran Church, at the corner of present Braun Road and Loop 1604. Their home remains there today. They had eleven children. Willie died at age ten from a snake bite and Christian died at age 24, during an influenza epidemic.

Another son, **Karl Joseph (Charles) Ruempel** (1870-1955) married Helen Zellenwitz (1875-1963). Their farm was located on present day Highway 1560, south of Braun Road. Both Phillip Ruempel and his son Charles Ruempel were charter members of Zion Lutheran Church and are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

