

**Explanation  
Family and baptism register of the  
Evangelical Lutheran St. John's congregation,  
San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas  
January 1, 1858.**

The Family Register contains 576 pages. It is stated on page one that the Family Register will be contained on pages 1-400 and that the remainder of the book "is to be given over to a baptismal record." In actuality, the Family Register is contained on pages 4-43. Baptisms are entered on pages 46-145 and pages 401-557. Remaining pages include marriage, burial and confirmation information.

Page 1 of the Family Register contains a quotation in Greek from Revelation 2:17. There is also a short record of the founding of St. John's beginning in February 1851 by missionary Theobald Kleis of Hortontown, Comal County.

Page 2 states that the church was organized on December 26, 1857. The constitution was drawn up and signed by more than forty members. The names of the first trustees are listed, written by Pastor Zizelmann on January 9, 1858. There is a postscript written by Pastor C.C. Mayer on April 3, 1867.

Family Register information on pages 4-43 is listed across two pages from left to right as follows: birthdate/father; marriage; mother/birthdate; number of child; name; birthdate; confirmed; marriage; death.

Baptismal, marriage, burial and confirmation information begins on page 46. The order of information changes on page 84 to read from left to right: number; child; birth; baptism; father; mother; birthplace; name of sponsors.

Confirmation records contain: name of confirmand, birthday, place of birth, date of baptism, father and mother. Marriage records contain various types of information. Some records contain: marriage date; husband and wife; names of witnesses while other records contain: name of groom and bride; birthdates; places of birth.

The index to these records follows.