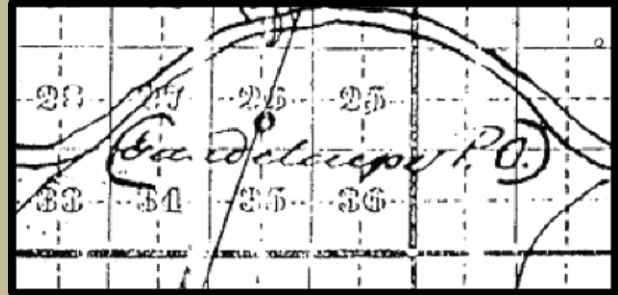


Guadalupe Post Office Established in 1874

Ever heard of the Guadalupe Post Office...nobody has, even the old timers who were once with us never got it right as to location and postmaster. It opened in 1874 in the home of Charles Wenzel. Here is a small portion of the postal map that was part of the

submission process. At the time Charles owned two adjacent 160 acre parcels in eastern Kendall County along the Guadalupe River (hence the name) in what is now the WaterStone subdivision. His



neighboring post offices were few...Curry's Creek was the closest in Kendall County, Spring Branch in Comal County. Charles ran the Guadalupe Post

Office for 5 years. When Wenzel sold his land (and moved to northwest Kendall County), the new land owner Henry Koch also became the new postmaster on March 15, 1880. This 1879 Langermann & Pressler map (Guadalupe P.O. enhanced with star) also clues us to the then existing Post Offices: past Boerne, Comfort and Sisterdale, there were other unique, antique names - South Grape Creek, Bonton (later changed to Welfare), Curry's Creek, and erroneously-placed Stonewall (should have



been spotted in adjacent Gillespie County). After operating for nearly three years, Koch handed off the operations of Guadalupe Post Office to Casper Sueltenfuss, who relocated the Guadalupe P. O. to his property (officially on February 2, 1883), a few miles west in today's eastern Cordillera Ranch subdivision. Completing the string of postal lineage, Sueltenfuss changed the Guadalupe P. O. name to Schiller P. O. in 1890 – and the sixteen-year Guadalupe Post Office disappeared from maps.

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