

## Biography of Andreas “Andrew” Rothermel



Bottom stone reads: Citizen of the Republic of Texas

Andreas “Andrew” Rothermel of Austin County was born in 1818 and immigrated from Germany as a young single man to the Republic of Texas. There was an unfortunate clerical error on his land grant in which his paperwork was filed as Andrew Barthimal. Eventually, he proved he was entitled to the unconditional land grant due to his arrival in Teas on 23 Dec 1839. His 320 acres in Freestone County; however, could not be patented due to the surveyed land being part of an existing Spanish land grant.

On 23 Aug 1846, Andrew Rothermel married Anna Meiers, a native of Oldenberg, Germany. Friedrich Ernst, known as the Father of German Immigrants, solemnized the marriage. Andrew and Anna began their family together farming in the early town of Shelby, but by 1856, they purchased a hotel on the square in Bellville. In 1863, Andrew was mustered by order of the governor into the Confederacy to serve 6 months. He died in 1866 at the age of 48 leaving his wife pregnant with their youngest son. Anna managed to continue the hotel operation with their 8 living children. Both Andrew and Anna are buried in the Oak Knoll Cemetery in Bellville. Many of their descendants have connected through family reunions and DNA matching on Ancestry.com.

Andrew and Anna’s children are listed as:

Minnie Emilie Rothermel	born 10 Jan 1851	married a Dempwolf
Johanna Rothermel	born 28 Feb 1852	married Mike Smith
Christina Augustina Rothermel	born 19 Nov 1853	married a Sauter
Joseph Rothermel	born 19 May 1855	
Laura J. Rothermel	born 26 Jul 1861	married a Burke
Anton Rothermel	born 16 Jun 1863	
Barnhart Rothermel	born 18 May 1866	