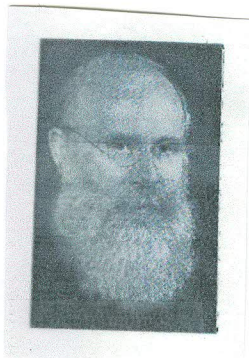


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Chapter XIV

Statistics and the Last Census

In July 1938 it will be 40 years since Bishop Hennesey of Wichita, administrator of Concordia, granted permission for building the first church at Park.

On September 8, 1938, it will be 40 years since the property for a church site and for a cemetery was deeded to the Bishop.

On September 14, 1938, it will be 40 years since the Ohio Waisenfrend, a German Catholic weekly, published an advertisement describing the opportunities of getting cheap and good farm land around Park.

On December 12, 1938, it will be 40 years since the first settlers from South Russia living in Texas, influenced by the above-mentioned advertisement, arrived at Park and gave the impulse for so many friends to follow them. At present, the congregation in its majority consists of German-Russians and their children.

When the first church was completed in 1900, there were twenty-two families: 1 Geo. Birrer; 2 John Fahey; 3 Henry Feldt; 4 John Feldt; 5 John Forster; 6 George Forster; 7 Joseph Forster; 8 John Jegen; 9 Charles Kane; 10 Nikolaus Mardian; 11 Philip Martin; 12 John Meier; 13 David Mosier; 14 A. Nester; 15 Edward Norton; 16 H. Ploeger;

