

Addresses

1957-1958 Wisconsin WI USA

February 1959 - ? 1961 Parkstrasse 13, Wiesbaden West Germany

1961-November 1962 Blumenstrasse 2, Mörfelden West Germany

December 1962 - January 1967 602 Redwood Street, Roswell New Mexico USA

March 1967 - December 1970 50 Pinhill Road, Banbury United Kingdom

December 1970 - August 1972 Rhodes Ave, Shaw AFB South Carolina USA

August 1972 - December 1973 223 Murfee Dr, Prattville Alabama USA

January 1974 - April 1974 Pecan Trailer Court, Del Valley Texas USA

April 1974 - December 1977 2319 Village Circle, Austin Texas USA

December 1979 - March 1980 Villa 71, ROC Compound, Northrop Company, Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia

March 1980- 2319 Village Circle, Austin Texas USA

1957-1958 March 1957-Oct1958

The time frame is from March 1957 to October 1958.

In March 1957, Hans emigrated out of Germany to USA. He went by TWA plan, landing in Iceland for refueling, and finally landing in the USA in New York.

His sponsor was Mr Mathew Bastian, of Chicago Illinois. So, from New York, Hans traveled via train to Chicago.

Hans received a temporary Drivers License, and began to travel around the USA. He visited Tennessee, and Pennsylvania, and finally went to Daytona Florida. There he stayed with Mr and Mrs Westkamp. Hans became their chauffeur and general helper, while he learned English.

By November 1957, Hans was in AF basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. He was in Squadron 375, Flight 1309.

After AF basic training, Hans was assigned to an Air Force Refueling Wing in Milwaukee Wisconsin.

By March 1958, Hans had met Helga Pörtner and in April 1958 Hans bought a used Pontiac. Hans and Helga, together, began to explore the open road. In one trip they went to Niagara Falls and Montreal Canada.

In June 1958, although Hans stayed in the barracks on base, somehow he became known as Hans Pörtner, and signed a lease along with Helga for an apartment in Milwaukee. They were not yet married. Therein lays a story.

On 1 November 1958, Hans and Helga were married in Wisconsin USA.

1958-1959 September 1958-Dec1959

The time frame is from September 1958 to December 1959 (or winter of 1959-1960).

On 30 September 1958, Hans went to the Milwaukee County Clerk, with the intent of registering for a wedding. He was either so embarrassed or his English was still so inadequate, that he registered for a Small Game Hunting License instead. How this was remedied is a story lost to history.

On 1 November 1958, Hans and Helga were married in Wisconsin USA.

By 20 February 1959, they were in Wiesbaden Germany for the birthday of Ulrich, the son of Inni von Schweinitz (Hans' older sister) and Gunter Wolf.

On 9 October 1959, Helga gave birth to her daughter, Bettina, in Wiesbaden Germany.

In the winter of 1959 to 1960, Hans and Helga went skiing into the Alps 'Am Nebelhorn'.

1959-1962

In 1959 Hans was assigned to Merfleden AFB in Wiesbaden West Germany. At some point Helga joined him. They moved into Parkstrasse 13, Wiesbaden. A two bedroom apartment on the third floor of a house that did not have an elevator. The bathroom was on the second floor. In 1961 they moved to Blumenstrasse 2 in Mörfelden, West German. This was not far from Wiesbaden.

1960-1962 January 1960-November 1962

The time frame is from January 1960 to 1962 in Germany. In 1962 the family transferred to Roswell NM, USA.

On 9 October 1959, Helga gave birth to her daughter, Bettina, in Wiesbaden Germany.

Hans and Helga were living in an one room attic apartment on the fourth floor of Parkstrasse 13, Wiesbaden Germany.

Many of Hans' family also lived in or near Wiesbaden. And Helga's relatives in Herford Germany were not far away. They had an active social life. Relatives from Amerika often came to visit.

In 1961, they became friends of Mustafa Khan. A visitor from Bahrain. They enjoyed traveling with Mustafa and showing him around Germany and other countries.

In the summer of 1962, Hans and Helga went to Ischgl, Triol, Austria. They climbed to the top of "Piz Buin" mountain (10,866 Ft) in the "Silvretta" range of the Alps, between Switzerland and Austria.

By November 1962, Hans was transferred to Walker AFB in New Mexico, USAA. So Hans, Helga, and Bettina were on their way to Roswell, New Mexico, USA

1962-1965 December 1962-1965

By December 1962, everybody was in Roswell, they lived on 602 Redwood St, Roswell New Mexico. Chris was born on 24 December 1964. Chris likes to tell people that he was born in Roswell to two aliens and had an alien for an older sister. Anybody that was not a US citizens and per American English were known as "aliens". After Walker AFB closed in 1965, Roswell went into a deep decline. When the town took advantage of the UFO incident at Area 51, which is somewhere close to Roswell, Roswell has become known as the "UFO capital" of the world. Helga and Tina became US citizen on 8 September 1966. But Hans had already become a US citizen on 16 May 1961. So only part of Chris' tale is accurate.

While in Roswell, they took trips into Mexico, visited the local Indian Reservations, went spelunking, and were involved in an FBI investigation concerning their area of Roswell was called "Little Berlin" because so many of the Airman had married Germans or were Germans themselves. Also, many of the German scientists that came to US after the WWII came to Walker AFB, and the Air Force wanted to provide a social setting that made them comfortable.

1965-1968

The time frame is from 1965 in Roswell NM, USA, the move to England, and living on 50 Pinhill Road in Banbury England.

Hans was assigned to Upper Heyford AFB near Banbury England. The family arrived in England in March 1967.

In late 1968, Hans was stationed in Thailand, during the Vietnam War. The Air Force did not allow families to accompany any assignment to Thailand, so Helga and the children stayed in England.

1969-1970 England

The time frame is from 1969 to 1970 while Helga and the children lived in Banbury, England. Hans was on tour in Thailand.

1969-1970 Thailand

Hans was on tour in Thailand.

1970 -1971 December 1970 to 1971

The time frame is from December 1970 to 1971 while moving from England to South Carolina USA. While leaving England Helga and the children took a visit to Germany. Then they arrived in Sumter, South Carolina. Moved onto Shaw AFB housing, Rhodes Ave.

1971-1972 1971 - August 1972

The time frame is from 1971 to August 1972 while in South Carolina. From December 1970 until August 1972, the family lived on Rhodes Drive, on Shaw AFB, near Sumter South Carolina. Hans was assigned to Shaw AFB. While in South Carolina the family would often go to Myrtle Beach South Carolina and the Daytona Beach Florida. Finances were tight, so many trips involved camping and eating food from the coolers.

1972-1973

The time frame is from 1972 and 1973 while they lived in Shaw AFB in South Carolina and then in August 1972 they moved to Prattville Alabama, near Montgomery. While moving the family in 1972 took a visit to Germany to visit relatives.

Hans was assigned to Walker AFB in Montgomery Alabama. The family lived on 223 Murfee Dr in Prattville Alabama.

1973-1974 1973 to Jan 1974

The time frame is from 1973 to January 1974 while in Alabama

In 1973, the family still lived on 223 Murfee Drive, Prattville Alabama. Hans was assigned to Maxwell AFB in nearby Montgomery Alabama.

Early Summer 1973: Chris and Bettina participated in a Swim Meet in Pensacola Florida, representing the Montgomery Marlins from Maxwell AFB.

Summer (August) 1973, family took a vacation to Appalachian Mountains in North Carolina, Tennessee, Northern Alabama.

30 October 1973, Helga was invited to Tea at the Governor's Mansion

Also, in 1974, Hans and Bettina traveled to Wiesbaden, Germany for Michael von Schweinitz (Hans' younger half brother) marriage to Uchie.

1 May 1974, Hans made the Dean's List at Auburn University. He was studying for a Math Bachelors.

1974-1975 Summer 1974- May 1975

The time frame is from Summer 1974 while in Alabama to moving to Austin Texas in May 1975

The album starts with photos of Alt Raudten. When and who?

In 1974, the family still lived on 223 Murfee Drive, Prattville Alabama. Hans was assigned to Maxwell AFB in nearby Montgomery Alabama.

September 1974, Hans was a scuba diver. Bettina, only 14 years old, took a class and became certified in scuba diving.

October 1974, family took a vacation to Great Smoky Mountains in Northern Alabama.

Just November 1974, the house on 223 Murfee Drive was sold, and the family moved into a trailer court nearby, Bowman's Trailer Court.

Also, in November 1974, Hans and Bettina traveled to Wiesbaden, Germany for Michael von Schweinitz (Hans' younger half brother) marriage to Uchie.

In late December 1974, the family began their move to Bergstrom AFB near Austin Texas. Along the way they spent time in New Orleans, Louisiana, and NASA Mission control in Houston Texas. When they arrived at Bergstrom AFB, they moved into a trailer court near the base, Pecan Trailer Park, Del Valle, Texas. They stayed in this trailer court from January 1975 until April 1975.

In May 1975, they moved into 2319 Village Circle, Austin Texas. Also, at this time, Hans was promoted to Senior Master Sergeant.

1975-1976

The time frame is from 1975 to 1976 while in living in Austin Texas

From May 1974 to December 1977, the family lived at 2319 Village Circle Austin Texas. Hans was stationed at Bergstrom AFB near Austin Texas.

In the Summer of 1975, the family visited Germany. During this visit they helped to dig an hole for an in-ground pool at Inni's backyard.

In 1975, Helga became a German Teacher at Anderson High School in North West Austin.

In the Summer of 1976, the family again went for a visit to Germany. They visited Renate, Helga's youngest sister.

1975-1977

The time frame is 1975 to 1977 while they lived in 2319 Village Circle, Austin Texas.

Hans was assigned to Bergstrom AFB near Austin.

In the summer of 1976, Hans, Helga, and Chris visited Las Vegas. Bettina stayed alone and went to summer High School.

In fall of 1976, Hans, Chris, and Tina drove to Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

1976 Texas

The time frame is 1976 while in living in Austin Texas

From May 1974 to December 1977, the family lived at 2319 Village Circle Austin Texas. Hans was stationed at Burgstrom AFB near Austin Texas.

In the Summer of 1976, the family visited Germany. During this trip they visited Herford and also visited Renate now living near Belgium.

In the fall of 1976, Hans, Christopher, and Bettina (not Helga) drove to New Mexico. They visited their old home in Roswell New Mexico. Then drove to Ruidoso Down for a skiing vacation.

1976 Germany

In the Summer of 1976, the family visited Germany. During this trip they visited Herford and also visited Renate now living near Belgium.

1977-1980 January 1977 - July 1980

This album is a collection of photos without a particular theme. The time frame is 1978 to July 1980 while in living in Saudi Arabia, taking trips to Germany, back to Texas, and to Wisconsin. After January 1980 the family moved back to Austin Texas. In July 1980, Bettina graduated from Officer Training School and entered the AF.

1977-1980 November 1977 - January 1980 Two Volumes

The time frame is 1977 to 1980 while in living in Saudi Arabia

From November 1977 to January 1980, Hans took on a job with Northrop in Saudi Arabia. Helga and Chris went to live with Hans in Saudi Arabia. Bettina stayed in Austin Texas and attended University.

A more detailed account of what occurred during their time in Saudi Arabia is included in other books.

This book only had the snap shots of the photo album pages.

1978 3-12 May 1978 Iran

The time frame is 3 to 12 May 1978 on their trip to IRAN.

A more detailed account of what occurred during their time in IRAN is included in other books. This book only had the snap shots of the photo album pages.

1979 14-28 October 1979 Thailand

The time frame is 14 to 28 October 1979 on their trip to Thailand.

A more detailed account of what occurred during their time in Thailand is included in other books. This book only had the snap shots of the photo album pages.