

# **Hans & Helga Mountain Climbing Compendium**

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## Introduction

This compendium is a collection of information and photos of Hans and Helga's Mountain Climbing hobby. While living in Germany, England, or in New Mexico USA, they would often join a few friends or a group and go off to hike up a mountain. When in England they belonged to the Banbury Rambling club. Often, when Hans was on temporary duty (TDY) while in the US Air Force, he would hike the local mountains.

Once, while stationed in Roswell New Mexico, Hans and Helga took their young son Christopher up to the top of El Capitan, under medical orders. Chris suffered from allergies to cats and after just one exposure congested would not go away. The family had tried different medical remedies and even put a humidifier next to his crib. In Roswell New Mexico the air is extremely dry. So, their doctor suggested taking Chris up to a high altitude to clear out his lungs. So, they did. It worked.

In February of 1965, Hans and a friend climbed Old Baldy in the Cimarron Range, a subrange of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico to place a cross. In August of 1965, Hans and Helga climbed up Old Baldy with friends. The cross that was placed on February states that the height is 12010 feet. In 2023, Old Baldy is on private land belonging to the Boy Scouts of America's Philmont Scout Ranch and their website has the height at 12,441 feet (3,792meters)

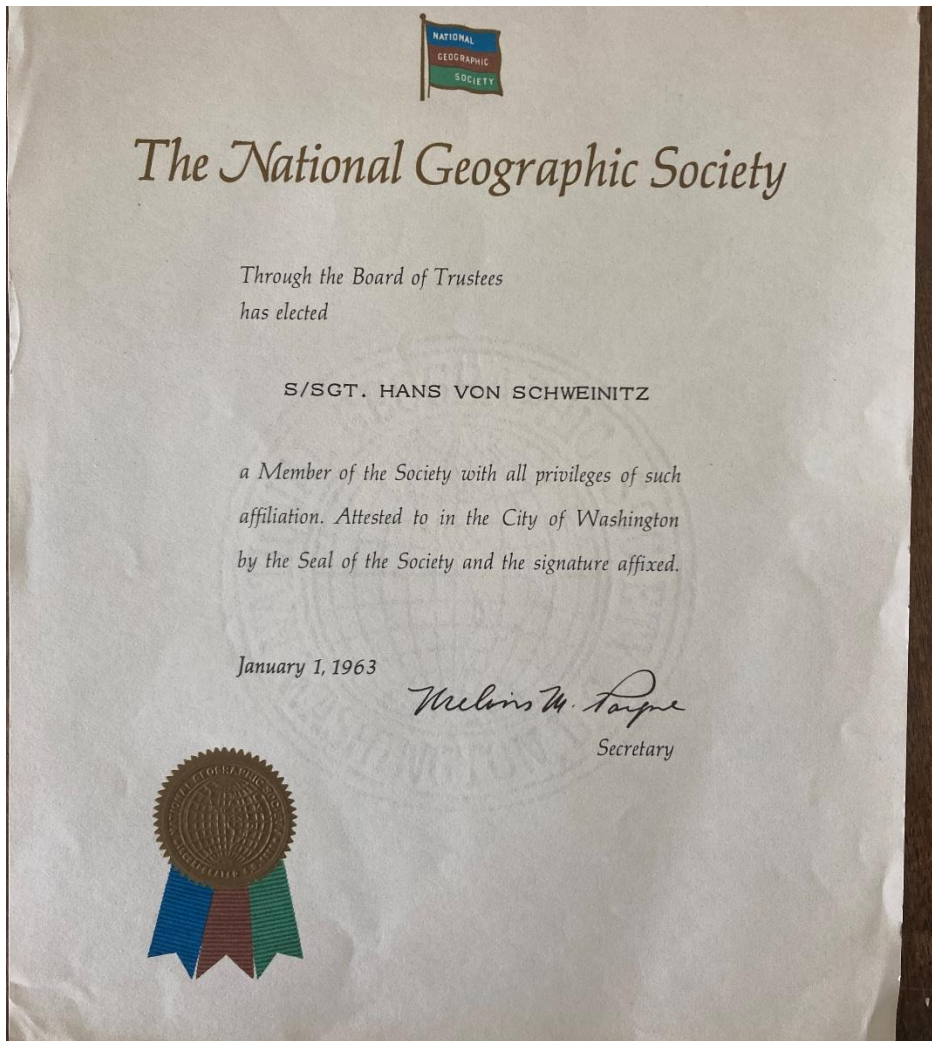
In 1969, while stationed in Upper Hayford England, Hans applied for membership to Colorado Mountain Club. He used his TDY address on Lawry AFB in Colorado. The US Air Force would send Hans to Colorado for weeks at a time, probably because that was where SAC Headquarters were.

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### 1963 Membership in National Geographic Society

While in New Mexico, Hans became a member of the National Geographic Society in the City of Washington, which is now known and Washington DC. He probably was a member so that he could request topographical maps in search of mountains and caves.



### In February of 1965 Old Baldy NM.

Hans and a friend climbed Old Baldy in the Cimarron Range, a subrange of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico to place a cross



View from Top





Hans carrying cross



Friend carrying cross



Hans carrying cross



Hans and Friend installing cross



Hans with cross



Hans and Friend with cross



Friend with cross 12,010 feet, February 1965



Rehydration and view on top of Old Baldy February 1965





In Roswell Daily Record 3 March 1965

**In August 1965, Old Baldy NM**

Hans and Helga climb up Old Baldy and check on the cross.



Hans and Helga in August 1965 on top of Old Baldy





View to destination – Old Baldy There is a cross on top somewhere



And it gets steeper



First stage of trip, the Gondola ride



Helga hiking through lower meadow





Helga



Helga



Helga



Helga taking a rest, before





Helga climbing up the rocks



Hans holding a frog – wildlife.



View on the way to top



Helga with friends on top of Old Baldy – cross is still there.





Helga reading the mail left in "Mail box"



Another view from top



Hans and Helga on top of Old Baldy August 1965





Cross on top of Old Baldy



Helga and Friends on top of Old Baldy



Hans and Friends on top of Old Baldy





**In England and Rambler's Club 1966-1970**

Often the children, Chris and Tina, would also hike



Helga on left with Chris (child) in front.



Hans is carrying Tina





Tina (red jacket) and Helga on dirt road.



Helga helping Chris over a gate



Tina on trail





Tina, Glenda (Friend) and Chris on hike



Map checking



Resting: Helga is holding Tina



And the finish, Tina (red jacket) and Helga on her left side.



Many Rambling trips would end up in a black berry patch.



Tina picking berries



Chris Picking berries



Chris searching



Helga, Chris, and Tina picking berries



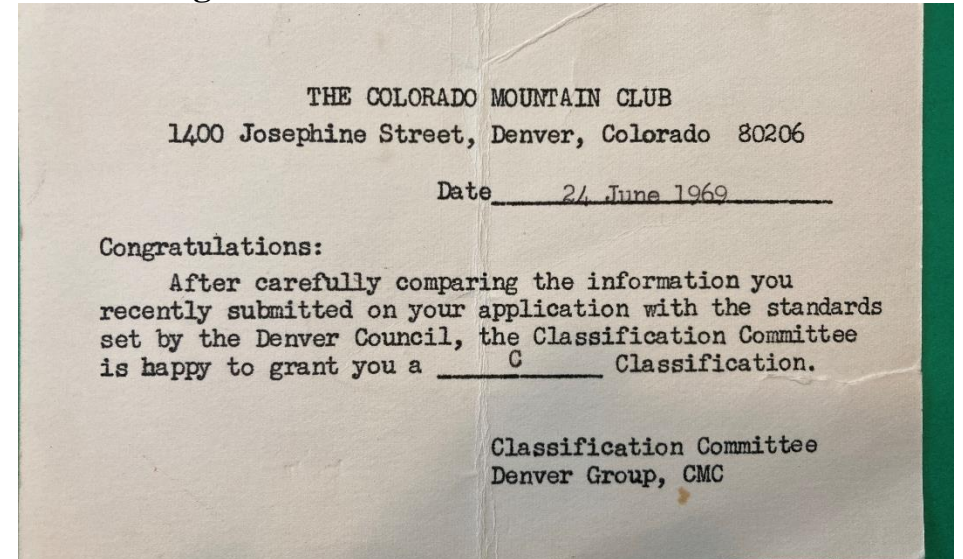


Hans picking berries



Chris picking (eating?) berries

## Hans hiking while TDY 1966-1969



Hans hiking in Colorado USA





Colorado Mountains



Hans on far right with a drink



Hans on hike in Colorado



Hans in the fog – on the right and he has a walking stick





Colorado mountain top with high winds



Hans hiking up Colorado mountain



Hans next to mountain lake in Colorado

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