

Bauer, Pastorek, Schloegel Graves in St. Roch Cemetery

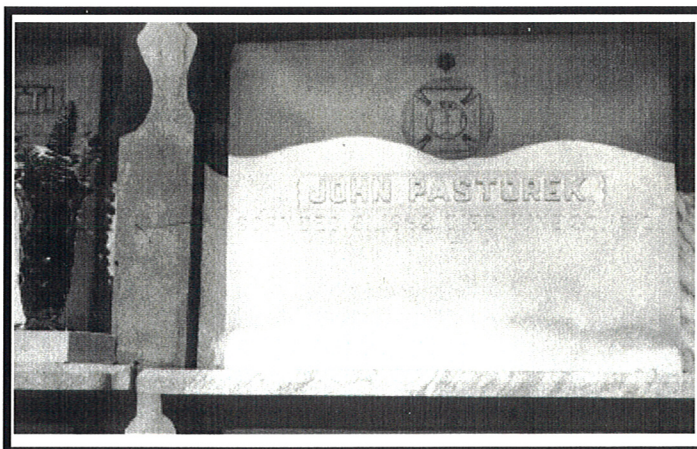
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There are several graves in the St. Roch cemetery on St. Roch Avenue in New Orleans that are of family interest. Two ancestors are buried there, my grandfather John Pastorek and my ggrandfather George Bauer. There is also the grave of Andreas Schloegel and his family. He was a nephew of my ggrandfather Joseph Anton Schloegel and from the same village of Neuburg/an/der/Kamel in Bavaria.. There are other Schloegel graves, descendants of Andreas. I do not know if there are other Bauer relatives. There is a card file of St. Roch Cemetery inscriptions at the old mint (Louisiana State Museum) in New Orleans, but I have not accessed it. Some information on St. Roch cemetery has been published in the *New Orleans Genesis*.

As I child I went often to the cemetery. After we got our first car, a new 1928 Chevrolet, we went often. We walked about the cemetery and my father pointed out to me the family graves and also to the graves of the Slovak countrymen of my grandfather. He would tell me what he knew about each family, their business, how affluent they were or were not, whether they were relatives or close friends of my grandfather. He also pointed out the emblem of the National Slovak Society on many of the graves. Here is a little that I remember of what he told me. When he first came to New Orleans, John Pastorek stayed with Nosacka relatives, people in one of the tombs in the principal central aisle on entering the cemetery. He was related to the Nosackas through the Podrasky family. Many Podraskys are interred in the cemetery. Their name was originally Podkrivacsky. One Michalik family, not related, lost a son on a merchant ship during the first world war. Close friends were the Horil family. He also showed me the Bauer tomb and told me about George Bauer, his great grandfather. He also showed me the Andreas Schloegel grave pointing out that Andreas was from the same town as our Schloegel ancestor. We often bought flowers at a shop across from the cemetery entrance, some for the John Pastorek grave and some to bring to his mothers grave in Lafayette Cemetery uptown. Visiting St. Roch on or near All Saints Day appears to have been a must in the family.

I remember going to St. Roch cemetery also with Aunt Alma and with Grandma Pastorek (Rosalie). Aunt Louise was there also at times. We went into the chapel. I recall seeing the chapel so crowded that it was difficult to enter. Going with Aunt Alma was way back in time and probably before my father bought his first car.

John Pastorek Grave. It is in a vault just a short distance to the left of the main entrance. The original stone cracked. Aunt Gee had it replaced. She recovered the emblem of the National Slovak Society from the original and gave it to me. To the right is a photo of the original stone in place that I made many years ago, probably in the 1940's. Aunt Gee told me that present day stone cutters do not have the skills to make emblems like the Slovak one. The old emblem in my possession is so weathered that it is difficult to make out the design.





Original Bauer Tomb
Photo ca 1940's

Bauer Tomb. The Bauer tomb, which was adjacent to the chapel on the lake side, was replaced several years ago by descendants of the Bauers. The new tomb has the surnames Bauer/Picolo/Toscano on it. To the left is a photo of the old tomb that I made many years ago. Aunt Gee wrote to me years ago:¹

“The original Bauer tomb which I recall was transferred to the Bauer tribe years ago was remodeled by one of the nieces whom I occasionally see in a Supermarket and is marked: *Bauer, Toscano and Piccolo*. It is a step or two from the chapel. Before it was demolished and the marble thrown away I copied the names of those who were buried there. My copy is attached. The only Bauer I knew was Josephine and she had been married to a politician Alfred Barnes. Believe she was a half sister of my grandmother.”

Here is the list of the burials in the tomb that was given to me by Aunt Gee. This is exactly as Aunt Gee typed it. Alfred Barnes was the husband of Josefina Bauer. Mary Polster was the second wife of George Bauer. I have never found anything on Anna Raedle, his first wife, although my father and others mentioned her name often as being their ggrandmother.

George Bauer died 10-9-94 age 75
 Mary Polster wife of G. Bauer, Sr. 12-21-96 Age 70.
 John Bauer died 12-1-94 Age 46
 Peter Bauer died 4-8-96 34 years
 Alfred Barnes died 6-2_-99 49 years
 Joseph Bauer died 3-22-15 Age 37
 Margaret Haisch wife of John Bauer
 Josephine Bauer died 1925

I have had no contacts with any of the Bauer descendants and have not done any successful research on the Bauer ancestors. Bauer is a difficult name to trace because there are so many of them and there are many George Bauers. I have copies of two photos that Aunt Gee had that she told me were of George Bauer and his wife, but she did not know whether it was the first or second wife. I do not know where the originals of these photos are today. Josefina Bauer was, as Aunt Gee stated, a half sister of my ggrandmother Barbara Bauer. Aunt Gee pronounced the name with a Spanish pronunciation - like Ho'-suh-feen'-ah. Aunt Gee did have contacts with some of Josefina's descendants other than the one she mentioned seeing in the supermarket, but I do not remember which ones.

Below are the two photos that were in the possession of Aunt Gee. She said the man is George Bauer and the lady his wife. I believe the originals were tintypes. It would be interesting to identify the insignia that George Bauer is wearing. It's certainly that of a church, cultural or fraternal organization.

¹ Regina Pastorek Derbes to Rose Marie and Jack Pastorek 11/14/1980.



Wife of
George Bauer



George Bauer

George Bauer was a member the Holy Trinity Parish, a Catholic parish that was established to serve German speakers. I have an old German prayer book with *1885 George Bauer and P. L. Thevis*² written on the first page in pencil. There are also a couple of receipts in the book signed by P. L. Thevis. I believe George Bauer was active in the Holy Trinity Parish. We can speculate that his tomb was close to the chapel and probably one of the first in the cemetery because of his relationship to Father Thevis.

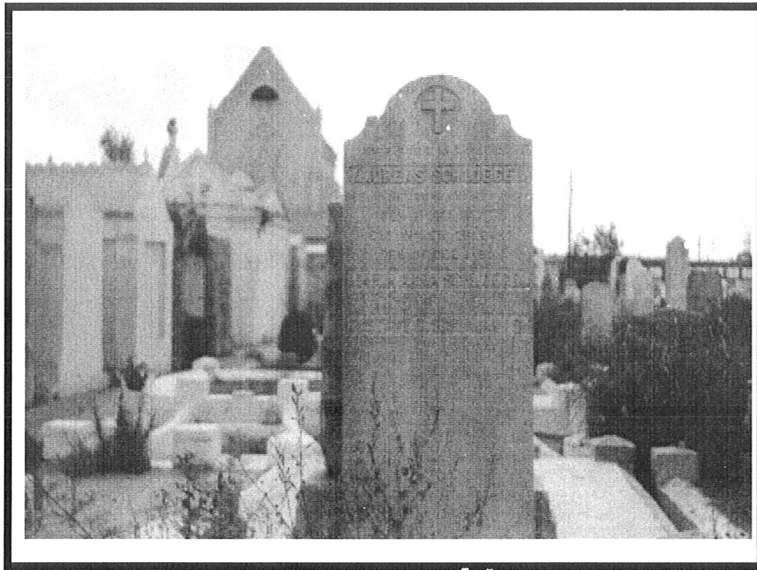
Here is the death notice of George Bauer:

Bauer. On Thursday, Oct. 9 (?) 1894 at 5 (?) o'clock p.m. GEORGE BAUER, SR aged 75 years and 6 months, a native of Germany and a resident of this city for the past fifty-six years. The friends and acquaintances of the Bauer, Koch, Barnes and Pasterick families and the members of St. Joseph Benevolent Association of the Holy Trinity Church, also that of the St. Anna and St. Elizabeth Societ-- are respectfully invited to ----- the funeral which will take place this ----- at 3.00 o'clock from the residence of the deceased No 250 Dauphine between ---- ----- and St. Philip streets.³

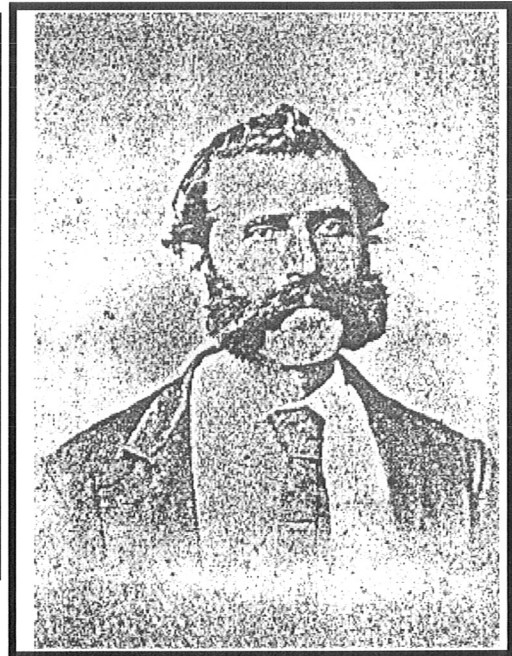
Andreas Schloegel Grave. This grave is located to the right of the main entrance and close to the entrance. Andreas Schloegel was the writer of the letter to Germany that my niece Lyn Pastorek obtained during a visit with relatives in Germany many years ago. In the letter Andreas mentions my grandmother Rosalie and her sister Louise and brother Anton and others of the family. This branch of the family must have been close to Barbara Bauer since the Mary Anne Schloegel on some old documents that I have must be the Maria Anna Schloegel in the grave with Andreas. Below is a photo of the headstone and also a photo of Andreas that I obtained years ago from Joan F. Gonthier of Denham Springs, descendant of Andreas.

² Paul Leonard Thevis, pastor of Holy Trinity and a native of Cologne, came to New Orleans in the 1860's during yellow fever and cholera epidemics. He vowed to build a chapel if his parishioners were spared. Then he led the efforts to buy the land and to build the St. Roch Chapel. He did much of the work on the chapel himself. Rosalie Schloegel and John Pastorek were married by Father Thevis.

³ From microfilm of the Daily Picayune of October 10, 1894 at the New Orleans Public Library. Some of the characters were not legible. There is also a shorter funeral notice in the Picayune of October 14, which I did not copy.



Andreas Schloegel Grave
St. Roch Cemetery



Andreas Schloegel
1830-1895
Nephew of J. Anton Schloegel

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