



HOCHHEIM HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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“Valentin Hoch’s Home” and “Stagecoach Inn”

The word Hochheim is a German word pronounced “Hoe’ hime” meaning literally “Home of the Hochs.” Hoch is the surname of Valentin Hoch, a German immigrant, who came to Texas in 1846 aboard a ship and landed at the port of Indianola, Texas. While still in Germany, Valentin purchased some 45 1/2 acres of land, sight unseen, from a land broker.

The land was located in what is now DeWitt County. He and a friend began work on the home, a slow laborious process that lasted for four years. A community grew up in the area where the Hochs lived and was thus named Hochheim. Valentin was awarded government contracts and his house served as the “Stagecoach Inn” on the Austin-Indianola Road.



The “Stagecoach Inn” (shown left) is a prominent part of Hochheim’s heritage and is now owned by the Hochheim Historical Foundation. The goal of the Foundation is not only to restore the “Stagecoach Inn,” but to promote a German cultural heritage learning center.

Valentin Hoch’s story will be retold throughout many generations and his home will remain a monument to the faith and courage of the early Texas pioneers.

