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Owners: Mr. & Mrs. William Trembley

The land on which this house is situated was part of an original grant to Henri Castro. It was deeded by Henri Castro to John Haller in 1847, and changed hands several time between 1847 and 1875 when Emil Reppold and his wife Emilie built this house. Jacob Fritz owned the land and, it is said, held a lien on the house for a time.

Emil Reppold came to Texas in 1871, landing in Galveston. After five years in Castroville, he applied for U.S. citizenship; records in the Medina County Courthouse indicate he was from Sonneberg, Germany, and he "renounced all allegiance to the Duke of Meiningen." Emilie was the daughter of Paul Herrold from Saxony, who had come to Castroville in 1869. Emil Reppold died, and Emilie later married George Leinweber, Sr., an early colonist, who had arrived in 1846.

The house has been restored and improved by subsequent owners. It was formerly owned by the E.P. Lafferty family and was purchased by the Trembleys in 1988. The rock construction of the front of the house is visible; the sides have been replastered. The smokehouse to the back of the house has been preserved and is now used as a utility room. Ceilings of the four original rooms have been preserved. The two front rooms have the beamed ceilings and the two other rooms have the peaked ceilings of dove-tailed planks. There is a stairway to the loft which is made of wood found in this area. A hallway, bedroom and two baths have been added.

Situated on an acre of land, bordered by the Medina River, and shaded by 100-year old pecan trees, this house is a very 'lived in' home.

The house has the PCH Marker.