

## Henry Zeisset and Perseda Schreiber Farm



Wedding, 1908



House, circa. 1940

In March 1909, Henry and Perseda moved to the farm where Perseda's parents had lived, about one mile south and one mile east of Leonardville. Both children, Merton and Carol were born on this farm.

1878 Perseda Schreiber born in Cosby, MO to Rev. J.F. Schreiber and Maria Fisher.

**1881 Perseda's father purchases the 160-acre farm, one mile south and a mile east of Leonardville, and a small 16' x 24' house is built; Perseda's brother Gideon lives here and farms.**

1895 Perseda's father retires from preaching, moves here

1896 Perseda's father dies; mother and brothers continue farming

1905 Perseda and her mother move to town, rent out the farm

1878 Henry is born at Kreuzfeld, Germany

1884 Henry and Bettie move in with family of Uncle Johannes at Niedersteinach after the death of their father. Bettie leaves with Bertha the next year.

1893 Henry immigrates from Germany, by ship to Ellis Island, by train to Riley. He comes to live with sister Bertha and Juergen Nanninga. He works there one year.

1894-1906 Henry works as a farm laborer for other farmers

1906 Henry rents farm at Grandview, farms on his own

**1908 Henry married Perseda Schreiber, they live on Grandview farm**

**1909 Henry and Perseda rent the Schreiber farm from her family**

1909 Merton is born

1911 Carol is born

**1916 Henry and Perseda buy the farm for \$16,000 from other heirs**

1918 Perseda's appendectomy is performed in this house by Dr. Carlson

- 19?? House is expanded with the addition of the kitchen, utility porch, and living room
- 1927 House “modernized”; first in the community with indoor toilet
- 1930 Merton leaves for college
- 1938 Carol marries Raymond Benninga and they move to their own farm west of Leonardville. Henry hires Raymond to help with farming this place, Raymond later rents part, then all of it.
- 1943 Farm is paid off
- 1957 Henry becomes seriously ill, but mostly recovers
- 1958 Henry and Perseda move to 303 E. Chase, Leonardville, sell the farm at auction for \$24,000**
- 1961 Henry dies**
- 1969 Perseda dies after living her last year at Leonardville Nursing Home**

1958-2005 Home is rented by Don Nelson family

1958- The land owned and farmed Eldo Heller

For more information, see <http://zeissetgenealogy.n3.net/henrystories.htm>

Kansas Agricultural Census Data–Henry Zeisset Farm

	1895	1905	1915	1925
acres			160	160
cultivated				
Corn, acres			70	65
Oats, acres				13
Millet, acres				
Potatoes, acres			1/4	1/4
Kafir corn, acres				
Wheat, acres			20	14
Prairie hay, acres				10
Sorghum, acres				
Sudan grass, acres				
Bushels of wheat on hand				
Bushels of corn on hand				900
Tons of hay cut			16	
Pounds of butter churned			100	
Dollars of dairy product sold				129
Dollars of poultry/eggs sold			230	300
Horses			8	6
Milk cows			4	2
Other cattle			7	19
swine				8
dogs			1	1
sheep				
hens				120