

Minutes of Zeisset Family Reunion, Aug. 16, 1998

The 14th biennial reunion of the descendants of Jacob and Margaret Miller Zeisset was held in Zeisset Fellowship Hall of the Leonardville United Methodist Church on Sunday, Aug. 16, 1998.

Rev. Merton Zeisset led the prayer before the potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. Diane Potts gave the welcome and called the roll of families. Descendants of Bertha Zeisset Nanninga were the largest family group in attendance with 15 present. There were 10 descendants of Henry Zeisset present, 9 of Jacob Zeisset, 4 of Louise Swart, 4 of Bettie Hoerman, and 2 of Elizabeth Weller. Ina Zeisset and Charlie Copeland were the oldest and youngest family members present. Jonathan Zeisset of Great Barrington, MA traveled farthest to attend the reunion.

Special guests were nine members of the Samuel Zeisset family: Art, Twila, Jeff, Steven, and Eddie Zeisset and Franklin and Johanna Zeisset Toews of Moundridge and John and Inez Zeisset of Chickasha, OK.

The program featured several musical selections on piano, accordion and vibraharp by Barbara Rundquist. Ray Zeisset gave the secretary-treasurer's report and shared stories of the Jacob Zeisset family in Germany and coming to Riley County. Louise was 18 when she came in 1884. Bertha was 16 and Bettie 10 when they came in May 1885. Jacob was 17 and Elizabeth 20 when they came in 1890, while Henry was 15 when he came in March 1893. It was noted that 16 descendants have now visited Kreuzfeld, where all the children of Jacob and Margaret were born.

Paul Zeisset told of contacts with other Zeisset families and illustrated the closeness of origins in Germany with Kansas equivalents. One can imagine Jacob Zeisset growing up in Salina, Margaret growing up in Concordia, getting married and moving to Leonardville. Other Zeisset and Zeiset families were from places as close as Waterville and Abilene. Naturally, before motorized transportation these distances were much more significant than they are now.

Several family members volunteered to help update the family genealogy which appears at www.monumental.com/pzeisset/Zeisset.htm. They are Lee Swart, Loretta Hoerman, Vonda Copeland, Diane Potts, Dail & Minnie Nelson, and Paul Zeisset.

The balance in the treasury after the 1996 reunion was \$39.63. On offering of \$86.28 was received to cover expenses.

Reunion attendees from Riley County included Emilie Lagerquist, Gladys Llewelyn, Bernie, Dorrenne & Ethan Peterson, Janet Peterson, Gertrude Platz, Merlin & Marlaine Potts, Roger Potts, Dolan & Barbara Rundquist, Opal Trumpp, and Merton & Ina Zeisset of Leonardville; Vonda, Betsy & Charlie Copeland, Leo & Eileen Hageman, Addelene Jones, and Bettie Nelson of Riley; and Dail & Minnie Nelson and Diane Potts of Manhattan.

Attendees from outside Riley County included Dwight & Carol Benninga and Tom Cott of Clay Center; Carl & Verna Trost of Concordia; Franklin & Johanna Toews and Art & Twila Zeiset & sons of Moundridge; A.G. & Jessie Park and Lloyd Swart of Oakley; Loretta Hoerman of Topeka; Art & Marie Wells of Wamego; Miriam Nelson of Windom; John & Inez Zeiset of Chickasha, OK; Lee Swart of Fort Payne, AL; Heidi Hoffman of Gladstone, MO; Jonathan Zeisset of Great Barrington, MA; Ray & Carolyn Zeisset of Lincoln, NE; and Paul Zeisset of Washington, D.C.

The next reunion will be held in Leonardville on August 20, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



Ray Zeisset, Secretary//Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Balance 8-18-96	39.53
Offering 8-16-98	86.28
	<u>125.91</u>
Zeisset Hall use	-30.00
Postcards, postage	<u>71.19</u>
Balance 8-27-98	24.72