

Minutes of Zeisset Family Reunion, August 11, 2002

The 16th biennial reunion of the descendants of Jacob Friedrich and Margaret Mueller Zeisset was held in Zeisset Fellowship Hall of the Leonardville United Methodist Church on Sunday, August 11, 2002.

Rev. Merton Zeisset led the prayer before the potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. Following the dinner, Paul Zeisset gave the welcome and called the roll of families. Descendants of Bertha Nanninga were the largest family group in attendance with 14 present. There were 10 descendants of Elizabeth Zeisset Weller present, 8 of Henry Zeisset, 7 of Jacob Zeisset, 3 of Louise Zeisset Swart, and 2 of Bettie Zeisset Hoerman.

Special guests were nine members of the Samuel Zeisset family: Art, Twila, Jeff, and Eddie Zeisset and Franklin and Johanna Zeisset Toews, all of Moundridge; Nina Zeisset Koehn of Halstead and Melvin and Julittre Koehn of Galva.

The oldest family member in attendance was Merton Zeisset, and the youngest was Merton's great-grandson, Alex Hoffman. Honors for coming the farthest went to Anita Heikes Jensen of Belmont, CA. Janet Peterson of Leonardville came the shortest distance. Of those present, 26 came from over 100 miles, including 6 who came from more than 1000 miles away. Ten people were first-time attendees at a Zeisset Reunion

Merton Zeisset led a time of remembering family members who have died since the last reunion. Greetings were read from family members who were unable to attend. Ray Zeisset read the minutes of the 2000 reunion and gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance from 2000 was \$30.72. An offering of \$119 was received, and the balance after payment of expenses was \$81.44.

Loretta Hoerman of Topeka presented part of her genealogical research since the last reunion. The Zeisset line currently goes back to Abraham Zeisset (b. 1713), great-great-grandfather of Jacob Friedrich. Confirmed links were reported to the Baer family of Alida, the Bletcher family of Leonardville, the Seizert family in Michigan, the Zeisset family of Illinois and Missouri, and a Zeisset family in Germany with whom there is contact. A complete presentation of Hoerman's findings and accompanying charts and pictures prepared by Paul Zeisset will be posted soon on the Zeisset genealogy website (<http://home.earthlink.net/~zeisset/genealogy>). Paul Zeisset reported on contacts with other Zeisset families since the last reunion.

The program included musical numbers by the Art Zeisset family, a piano duet by Barbara Rundquist and Janet Peterson, and singing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Other family present included Gladys Llewellyn, Barbara and Dolan Rundquist, and Una Weller of Leonardville; Betsy Copeland, Leo and Eileen Hageman, Leland Heikes, Addelene Jones and Betty Nelson of Riley; Dail and Minnie Nelson and Wayne & DeAnn Bratton of Manhattan; Nora Berk, Carl and Verna Trost and Edith Krasny of Concordia; Wayne Weller of Clay Center; Jerry and Nancy Hazlett, Alta and Gary Morris, and Harold and Betty Weller of Topeka; Sharon Maurath and Gladys Rowley of Oakley; and Marilyn Meyer of Leawood, KS.

Out-of-state family included John and Sue Morris of Chesterfield, VA; O. Lee Swart of Ft. Payne, AL; Kathryn Perea of Ft. Collins, CO; Lisa Breyfogle of Holstein, IA; Ray and Carolyn Zeisset and Tim and Darla Zeisset of Lincoln, NE; Heidi and Alex Hoffman of Omaha, NE; and Willard Nanninga of San Diego, CA. Rod Hildreth of Menton, AL also was in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Zeisset, Secretary-Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report	
Balance before the reunion	\$ 30.72
Offering received	<u>119.00</u>
	149.72
Zeisset Hall use	-30.00
Ray Zeisset (postage, printing, drinks)	<u>-38.28</u>
Balance 8/12/02	\$ 81.44