

Presentation Notes Loretta Hoerman August 2, 2014 2014 Zeisset Reunion



Lisette and George Jacob Zeisset

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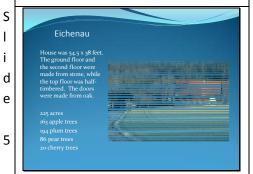
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The oldest of the Zeisset children, Louise, emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1883. It is not clear where sister Bertha Zeisset was living from 1881- 1885. Bertha and Bettie were the first of the Zeisset children to arrive in Kansas in 1885, followed shortly by Louise who arrived from Pennsylvania.



This slide shows the locations of the Jakob Friedrich Zeisset home at Kreuzfeld with the church at nearby Krailshausen. The Isaak Zeisset home was at Eichenau.



This is a photo of the home believed to have been occupied by the Isaak Zeisset family and its description from estate records.





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Elisabeth's confirmation verse was John 16:24: "Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." Her cousin Daniel Zeisset was in her confirmation class. Jacob's confirmation verse were: Jeremiah 29: 13, 14: "You will seek me and fine me when you seek me with all your hear. 'I will be found by you,' declares the Lord, 'and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,' declares the Lord, 'and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."



The church at Eichenau and its baptismal font.



Brass band concert in Lendsiedel. Beer was served at the intermission!

George Jacob Zeisset

1887 - Eichenau
1888 - Isaak Zeisset family moved to Darstadt in
February
1890 - George Jacob Zeisset left Germany to join
family in Kansas
Arrived on 26 February 1890 at Castle Garden
on the SS EMS. Listed as 16 year old clerk.
Rough voyage the entire trip.

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1 5 Jakob may not have gone to Darstadt with the Isaak Zeisset family. The ship list states that he was from Valwerk or Valwerth. No such place has been located in Germany. The Baden Immigration Index lists his home of origin as Menzingen where his father was born.

PERILS OF THE DEEP.

An Atlantic Steamer's Vain Attempt to Rescue Men from a Helpless Snip.
New York, February 36th. — The steamship Ems, which arrived to-day, encountered fierce gales and heavy seas on Friday and Saturday last. On Saturday as wrecked sailing vessel was passed, All of her masts were broken off, and she floundered around as though she could not obey her rudder. Nine men were seen upon the wreck. Despite the terribe seas, Capital Jungs had a boat lowered, and an officer and five men entered it to attempt a research. The boat immediately capitale, and one office green the boat immediately capitale, and one office green seen lowered, and entered the mention of the capital stronger seen. The boat immediately capitale, and one office green seen lowered and one office green seen.

This is a description of one of the things that happened on the ship on which George Jacob Zeisset was a passenger. This small article appeared in many newspapers across the USA.



March 13, 1890 – "Jakob Zeisset, a brother-in-law of John Swart arrived here last Thursday from Germany to make his home in glorious Kansas, under the grand old flag of freedom."

September 7, 1921 – Naturalized with Chris and Rudolph Baer as witnesses. May have stayed briefly with the Swart family. The March 1890 notice was found in the Leonardville Monitor, Leonardville's newspaper.

Lisette Zeisset

1888 – Moved to Darstadt with the Isaak Zeisset family

George Weller was working for Isaak Zeisset

Darstadt is a tiny catholic village

Isaak Zeisset was a renter of the farms for the castle at Darstadt. Winterhausen is a village on the Main river not far away. The Zeissets attended church in Winterhausen.



Map showing the location of Darstadt and Winterhausen.



Looking into the village from the Darstadt castle



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Darstadt castle. The Zeisset family probably lived across from this. Isaak Zeisset and his wife Bertha both died at Darstadt in 1897.



This is the church at Winterhausen where the Isaak Zeisset family attended servivces.



Interior of the church at Winterhausen.



Sommerhausen on the left and Winterhausen on the right.



George Weller worked for Isaak Zeisset. The family story was told previously that he worked for the father of his future bride. Perhaps he briefly worked for Jakob Friedrich Zeisset. George Weller told his grandson Harold about the move from Eichenau to Darstadt in the winter. They moved livestock, machinery and the hired help.



The date of Lizzie's emigration is not known for sure, though it is quite certain that she came in 1891. The ship passenger lists show that Elis. Zeisset of Holzheim arrived April 30, 1891 on the SS Lahn. There is another entry of Lisette Zeissert on the SS Eider on May 12, 1891, but she is listed as being from Austria.



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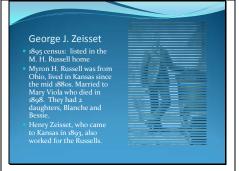
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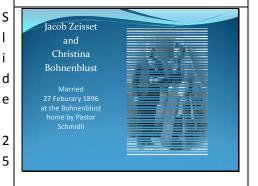
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2 4 M. H. Russell lived 3 miles west of Leonardville where Raymond and Carol Benninga later lived.





Christina Bohnenblust

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- Switzerland to Kansas in 1869 and settled 12 miles west
- surviving were Sophia, Emma, Maria, Christina, William, Walter and Bernhardt.

Jacob and Christina Zeisset

- 1898: Ad in newspaper says a cow strayed from their home 3 miles west of Riley.
- 1900, 1905, 1910 census: lived in the Monitor and Arbor school districts in Bala Twp.

- March 1901: Jake Zeisset moved to west of Alva, OK July 1901: R. Nanninga and Jake Zeisset came back from OK.

According to a note in the newspaper Jacob and Christina first lived 3 miles west of Riley. Christina's parents lived 2.5 miles west of Riley at that time. The December 20, 1900 Leonardville Monitor reported that Jake "bought out a homestead right near Galva, Oklahoma and will move there in the spring." A later article told of his auction on his farm a mile west and 2 miles north of Leonardville. The March 23, 1901 Monitor reported that Jacob Zeisset, who recently moved to Galva, OK came up Saturday to transact some business. He returned Tuesday. On July 18, 1901 "R. Nanninga and Jacob Zeisset who went to western Oklahoma last spring have concluded to return to Kansas. The climate did not suit them down there. They are expected here in a few days.

Jacob and Christina Zeisset

- September 1902: rented the Victor Hadin property $1\frac{1}{2}$ m. N and $1\frac{3}{4}$ m. W of Leonardville. 1905 Ag census: farmed 240 acres

located to substantiate this claim. In September 1908 it was reported that Jacob Zeisset was having "a fine addition built to their house".

According to the Monitor, Jacob Zeisset moved onto the Lee property and later bought it. No corresponding deed has been

Jacob and Christina Zeisset

- Purchased 80 acre farm from Walter Bohnenblust for \$3700 on September 9, 1911. Walter was Christina's
- February 27, 1913: Jake Zeisset, 1 mile north of the Rock Island school is nicely settled in his new home

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3 4 From a 1909 Plat Map: These are approximations of where Jacob and Christina Zeisset lived. Number one was where they were reported to be living in 1900 when their auction was held. Number 2 is when he worked for William Uhlenhop and lived on the Mrs. Lee property. The Monitor school is shown 2 miles north of Leonardville. Number 3 is where the Victor Hadin property is thought to have been when the Zeissets lived there in 1902. At one point the family lived on the William Meyer property designated by nubmer 4. Then they purchased part of the John Bohnenblust property in 1911, number 5. Lou Hoerman bought the Arnold Bohnenblust 160 acres across from number 5.

Jake and Christina Zeisset

Children:

Emma Marie

Bettie Margaret

January 5, 1898

George Jacob

October 2, 1899

Earl John

Nellie Christina

Roman Bohnenblust

Arnold

July 25, 1911

Sophia

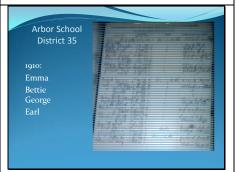
Jacob William

December 30, 1915

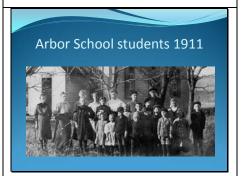
Children born to Jacob and Christina Zeisset. A note in the newspaper in June 1908 reported that Jacob Zeisset's 2 year old daughter got her arm dislocated. In April 1909 there was mention that Emma, Bettie and George Zeisset spent Sunday afternoon at Lou Hoerman's. In March 1915, Bettie Zeisset worked for Amelia Hoerman (wife of Lou's brother Julius) for 6 weeks when her daughter Pauline was born.



The Arbor School located 2 miles west and 2 mile north of Leonardville. The school faced east.



Arbor school register from the 1909-1910 school year.



Are there any Zeisset children in this photo? If so, it would be Emma, Bettie, George, Earl and Nellie.

Union School District 39

Older Zeisset children attended school her

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- Photo in the City of the Plains by Phyllis Swanson has a photo with Emma and George Zeisset at the Union school; 1906 - 1907
- School reports have the Zeisset children at both Arbor and Union in 1909

In 1909 the Zeisset children are listed at both Arbor and Union schools the Union School, located 2 miles west and 1.5 miles south of Leonardville, burned in 1909 and a new school was built a half mile north and ¼ mile west of the original location. The Zeisset children may have attended part of the year at Union.

Rock Island School District 51

- Zeisset children attended school here from 1913 on
- Jake was on the school board most of the time fron 1922 through 1937
- Some of the Zeisset grandchildren also attended school here

The Rock Island School was 1 mile south of the farm Jacob Zeisset purchased in 1911.

Jake and Christina Zeisset nerals: John J. Bohnenblust June 2, 1900 Mary Rickli Bohnenblust May 24, 1910 Arnold 9 days old August 3, 1911 Sophia 3 days old February 23, 1913

Christina's father died in 1900 and her mother in 1910. A son, Arnold, died shortly after birth. From the newspaper account we know that his funeral was held in the home. His cousins were pallbearers: Lawrence Hoerman (born in 1901), Willie and Daniel Bohnenblust (b. in 1901 and 1899) and J. Baer (John, b. 1902, son of Peter Baer).