

Henry Zeisset and Perseda Schreiber Timeline



Wedding, 1908



Farm home, 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 Preston, NE, 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 their home 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. Raymond later rents part, then all of Henry's farm.
- 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 for \$24,000
- 1961 Henry dies
- 1969 Perseda dies after living her last year at Leonardville Nursing Home

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

Kansas Agricultural Census Data—Henry Zeisset Farm

	1915	1925
Acres cultivated	160	160
Corn, acres	70	65
Oats, acres		13
Potatoes, acres	1/4	1/4
Wheat, acres	20	14
Prairie hay, acres		10
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
hens		120