

John and Gladys Llewelyn, Leonardville, Kans  
 Janet Peterson, Bernie, and Sharon, Leonardv  
 Roy and Emilie Lagerquist, Leonardville  
 Doris Heikes, Leonardville  
 George M. Swart, 514 Colby, Oakley, Kans.  
 Leo Hageman, Leonardville  
 Charles and Gertrude Platz, 19 Wheatland Dr./  
 Geo. J. Weller, R. 4, Manhattan  
 Albert and Hilma Nanninga, Whitewater  
 Herman and Louise Cott, Milford  
 Merton and Ina Zeisset, Attica  
 Ernest and Nellie Lindquist, Waterville  
 LaRay Hendrickson, Hoopeston, Ill.  
 Carl and Ruth Swart, Carlene, Ilene, and  
 Marlene, Seneca  
 Mrs. John Swart, Seneca  
 Carl Weller, Clay Center  
 Wilbert and May Hoerman and Loretta, Lville  
 Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Nanninga, Sheldon, Iowa  
 Martin and Emma Hageman, Riley  
 Merlin and Marlaine Potts, Diane and Roger  
 Bettie Nelson, Wichita  
 Addelene Jones, Gardner, Kans.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Wendland, Leonardville  
 Carol Benninga, Leonardville  
 Bertha Heikes, Leonardville  
 Gerald and Nancy Swart, Pam, Todd, Lea Anne,  
 and Diane, Seneca  
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swart, Goff  
 Earl and Maude Zeisset, Riley  
 Bettie Olson, Randolph  
 Ray Zeisset, Tim, and Michelle, <sup>Lincoln, Neb</sup> 2443 Sewell/  
 Total attendance, 56

This reunion began with visiting and a big carry-in noon meal. As soon as possible after the dinner, a program of pictures and comments was given about the home at Kreuzfeld, Würtemberg, Germany where all of the Zeisset children were born.

We know now that on June 17, 1972, Paul Zeisset visited Kreuzfeld and that he had a tour of the farm and home by a son of the present tenant who speaks some English. A future reunion can tell us more about this.

Recent investigations have revealed there were 12 Zeisset children, only six of whom lived. The mother, at age 39, died in giving birth to the 12th on Feb. 20, 1881.

The farm, named Hofgut Kreuzfeld, contained (so George Swart said at the reunion) 520 a. and employed as many as 72 men. Did you have any idea that our ancestors were farmers of that prominence?

We had recently learned that our Grandfather Jacob Zeisset had died in prison of typhoid in 1884. Geo. J. Weller said at the

reunion that he has known for 30 years that Grandfather died in prison but he never said anything about it to anyone. When Merton, Ina, Ray, and Carolyn visited Germany in '70 they took a picture of the prison in Swabish Hall which was reportedly the place:-

We have pieced together some of the information given at the reunion, and it goes like this: The barn on the Hofgut burned and was rebuilt in the earlier Zeisset years. It was replaced by another frame building and was insured by the State. When the second burned also, Grandpa was in a tavern in town when it was reported, and, thinking the report untrue, said jokingly "let it burn," for which he was promptly imprisoned. Aunt Louise (George Swart's mother) is reported to have seen the community brick-maker helping the fire to burn, for she was in the house at the time. He was needing more work and must have gotten it as the replacement barn was built of brick, while our Grandfather died in prison of a broken heart, probably, as well as of typhoid fever.

Grandpa's death in 1884 brought the break-up of the home. We suppose that the oldest in the family, Louise, had left for America before her father's death, as she came in '84, and his death was not until Oct. 4.

Bettie and Henry went to live with their uncle, Isaak Zeisset, at Neidersteinach, and we'll still have to get down on paper where the others were before sailing for America.

A mimeographed Family Tree was available at the reunion, and additional copies may be secured from Merton Zeisset, Box 353, Attica, for 25¢, including postage. Effort will be made in the next year or two to get this "tree" completed and put into a cover as the Nanninga, Swart, and Bohnenblust "trees" are.

The area of Germany from which our ancestors came is very pretty--rolling terrain, lots of trees, where grass and flowers do well, and where it is not far between towns. How we wish we could ask our parents how Kansas looked to them in the 80's and 90's when they came here! They gave up a lot to raise their families over here where it was so new.

There was a generous display of photographs on June 19; we will want to do more of studying and sharing them in future gatherings.

Also, Ray Zeisset duplicated some maps of the Germany locations some of us will want.

Grandmother Margaret Müller Zeisset grew up at Semd. Grandpa was born at Mensingen. They were married in Adelsheim.