

Zeisset

Forty-one descendants of Jacob Friedrich and Margaret Miller Zeisset attended the 15th biennial reunion held in Zeisset Fellowship Hall of the Leonardville United Methodist Church on Sunday, August 20, 2000.

The six children of Jacob and Margaret came to Riley County between 1883 and 1893.

Rev. Merton Zeisset of Leonardville led the prayer before the potluck dinner at 1 p.m. Following the dinner, Ray Zeisset of Lincoln, NE, gave the welcome and called the roll of families. Descendants of Jacob Zeisset were the largest family group in attendance with 11 present. There were nine descendants of Elizabeth Zeisset Weller in attendance, eight of Bettie Zeisset Hoermann, seven of Henry Zeisset, and six of Bertha Zeisset Nanninga.

The oldest family member in attendance was Ina Zeisset of Leonardville, and the youngest was Kara Cott of Clay Center. Paul Zeisset of Washington, D.C. came the farthest, and Janet Peterson of Leonardville came the shortest distance. Special guests were seven members of the Samuel Zeisset family: Art, Twila, Jeff, Steve and Eddie Zeisset and Franklin and Johanna Zeisset Toews, all of Moundridge.

Loretta Hoerman of Topeka presented her genealogical research since the last reunion. The Zeisset line has been extended back three generations and over 100 years, to Abraham Zeisset (b. 1713), great-great-grandfather of Jacob Friedrich. A complete presentation of Hoerman's findings and accompanying charts and pictures will be posted soon on the Zeisset genealogy website (www.monumental.com/pzeisset/Zeisset.htm). Paul Zeisset reported on contacts with other Zeisset families since the last reunion. The program closed with a musical number by the Art Zeisset family.

Other family present included Gladys Llewelyn, Gertrude Platz, Una Weller, Merlin and Marlaine Potts and Roger Potts of Leonardville; Leo and Eileen Hageman, Addelene Jones and Bettie Nelson of Riley; Richard and Jody Cott, Art and Mary Ann Fowles, and Dwight Benninga of Clay Center; Dail and Minnie Nelson and Diane Potts of Manhattan; Ed and Carmen Raines, Carl and Verna Trost and Edith Krasny of Concordia; Arnold and Deanna Lindquist of Waterville; and Wendell and Dorothy Nelson of Wichita.