

Minutes of Zeisset Family Reunion, August 20, 2000

The 15th 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 20, 2000.

Rev. Merton Zeisset led the prayer before the potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. Following the dinner, Ray Zeisset 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 9 descendants of Elizabeth Zeisset Weller in attendance, 8 of Bettie Zeisset Hoermann, 7 of Henry Zeisset, and 6 of Bertha Zeisset Nanninga.

Special guests were seven descendants of the Samuel Zeiset: Art, Twila, Jeff, Steve and Eddie Zeiset and Franklin and Johanna Zeiset Toews, all of Moundridge.

The oldest family member in attendance was Ina Zeisset, 94, and the youngest was Kara Cott, 9. Paul Zeisset of Washington, D.C. came the farthest, and Janet Peterson of Leonardville came the least distance. Greetings were read from family members who were unable to attend. It was noted that, with the recent visit of John Morris, at least 17 descendants have now visited Kreuzfeld, the village in Germany where all of the children of Jacob Friedrich Zeisset and Margaret Mueller Zeisset children were born, with John Morris' recent visit.

Ray Zeisset read the minutes of the 1998 reunion and gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance from 1998 was \$24.72. An offering of \$59 was received, and the balance after payment of expenses was \$30.72.

The highlight of the program was a presentation by Loretta Hoerman of her genealogical research since the last reunion. The Zeisset line has now been extended back three generations and nearly 100 years, to Abraham Zeisset (b. 1718) a Mennonite elder who died in 1787. Abraham and Elisabeth Landes Zeisset were parents of Jakob Zeisset (b. 1760), the father of Johannes Zeisset (b. 1794, d. 1855), who was the grandfather of Jacob Friedrich Zeisset. The fact Jacob Friedrich had a middle name was also recently discovered. The presentation was accompanied by a variety of pictures and charts prepared by Paul Zeisset.

A complete presentation of Loretta Hoerman's findings and the accompanying charts and pictures will be posted soon on the Zeisset genealogy website (www.monumental.com/pzeisset/Zeisset.htm). Progress made on other lines of the ancestry of Jacob Friedrich and Margaret will also be posted.

Paul Zeisset reported on contacts with other Zeisset families since the last reunion.

The program closed with a musical number by the Art Zeiset family.