

Seventh Annual Reunion

On Sunday, May 2, 1948, the seventh annual reunion of the descendants of Peter Karl Johann von Rosenberg was held at the Zilker Club House, Austin, Texas.

The Austin relatives were the hosts and had decorated the meeting hall with beautiful spring flowers. Registration was begun in the morning, and most of the members registered before lunch. Some of the early arrivals took pictures of the scenery from the Club House, while the others just had a good time chatting and introducing their children and grandchildren. At noon the group assembled inside the hall and spread their picnic lunches on the tables. Before beginning to eat, however, all paused for a few minutes while the reunion prayer written by

Olga Scholz was read. After the lunch baskets had been put away, the meeting was called to order by the President, Ernest von Rosenberg of Austin.

Due to the fact that the Secretary elected at the last meeting, Mrs. Lydia J. von Rosenberg, had turned in her resignation to the President prior to this meeting, it was necessary to elect

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A new secretary. Mrs. Carlena Thompson was elected. She read the minutes of the previous reunion, and they were accepted.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Roll, was not present to make her own report because she had just presented her family with a new baby. Her brother, Clark von Rosenberg, read her report, showing a balance of \$59⁶⁴. The report was accepted.

The Treasurer of the Pioneer Mother's Monument Fund, Herman von Rosenberg, also was not present; therefore, no report was made as to the exact amount in the Fund. Clark von Rosenberg stated, however, that it amounted to about \$92.⁰⁰. It was reported that the plan is to erect the monument during the Centennial Year 1949, and if not enough money is obtained before the monument is erected, continued collections will be made and the balance paid later.

The matter of paying the La Brange Cemetery Association dues for Peter Karl's burial plot was discussed, and it was suggested that the Reunion Association assume the payment of these fees. The President stated that red roses were placed on Peter Karl's grave by Mrs. Lena Krause in commemoration of this Reunion Day.

A collection was taken for additional contributions to the Monument Fund, and the Fund was increased in the amount of \$49²⁹. The hat was passed again for donations.

to the General Fund, and \$18.00 was collected. The sale of one of Peter Karl's pictures added \$2.00 to this Fund. While these collections were being taken, a newly married couple was introduced the Frank von Rosenbergs of San Angelo.

Mrs. Alma Tomlinson made the Historians Report, in which she mentioned that "Hobby" Magazine for August 1948 would have an article on the von Rosenbergs Family's coats of arms. Mrs. Tomlinson stated that the "Memoirs" sketches to be printed would include three generations with a sketch of the life of the mother and father of each generation. She urged the members to get busy and find out how the family book works on their branch was progressing. An old family scroll was displayed, showing four legends of the family dating back to the 14th century. The fifth part of the scroll, Mrs. Tomlinson stated, is not a legend but is the true story and marks the place where the story was accepted and the men knighted. She stated that there should be some more scrolls in the family and asked whether anybody had seen any of them. She also asked for pictures of the Nassau Plantation as none has been located so far. She further mentioned that next

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The four family branch chairmen who were present were introduced, and the members in attendance from each branch were counted:

- Carl Wilhelm Brand, Alfred Wepperman, Chairman - 30
- Johanna Carolina von Rosenberg - Hellmuth Branch, Agnes von Roseberg, Chairman - 4
- Johannes Carl Brand, Alma Tomlinson, Chairman - 15
- Carl Eugen Brand, Herman von Rosenberg, Chairman 9
- Amanda Ferdine von Rosenberg - Meerschmidt Branch, Paula Stein, Chairman - 18
- Carl Walter Brand, Clark von Rosenberg, Chairman 14

The total by branches amounted to 90, but it was reported that 141 had registered.

In view of the report on the Monument Fund that it was planned to erect the Pioneer Mother's Monument during the Centennial Year, a motion was made and seconded that a committee be appointed to work up a program for the unveiling of the monument. It was those appointed by the President were Herman von Rosenberg, Chairman; Mrs. Lena Krause; and Lester von Rosenberg. In order to arrive at some cost figure, different members stated what had been spent recently on monuments for members of their families, and it was decided that a nice monument should

not have to cost over \$300⁰⁰. It was stated that it was not necessary to erect an elaborate monument but that a nice monument should be purchased, if possible, one resembling those erected at the time of the Pioneer Mother's death.

In order that the Committee could go ahead with the actual erection of the monument, Clark saw Rosenberg made the motion that Herman saw Rosenberg and his committee be given the authority to purchase the monument, select the inscription, and work up the program for the unveiling. The motion carried.

Mr. Henley Tomlinson offered to underwrite the difference between the cost of the monument and the amount of cash on hand. His offer, however, was not acted upon because the Association felt it did not want to go into debt for the purchase of the monument.

It was decided that the Committee should try to increase the Fund during the coming year by whatever methods they thought best.

Mrs. Paula Fein challenged the five other branch chairmen and offered a prize to the chairman who brings the most members to the

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Centennial meeting. The persons who traveled the furthest distance to the meeting were Mrs. Eli Roberts from Enid, Okla. and Mrs. (Janie van Rosenberg) Ed Pennington from Silver City, N. M.

The matter of having a publicity chairman for the Association was discussed, and Clark van Rosenberg made the motion that such a chairman be appointed. Mrs. Domlinson, however, suggested that six chairmen be appointed, one for each branch. Clark's motion was seconded, and then the President asked for a vote. The vote of 18 for and 20 against resulted, of course, in there being no publicity chairman appointed.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the seventh annual reunion.

Carlena Thompson,
Secretary