

Eighth Annual Reunion

On Sunday, September 4, 1949, at their eighth annual reunion held at the Rifle Association Hall in Round Top, Texas, the Von Rosenberg Family observed their 100th Anniversary by the arrival in America of Peter Karl Johann von Rosenberg and his family, 171 registered.

After the reunion prayer was read by Dr. Wm. Wingo and the picnic lunch had been eaten, the meeting was called to order by the President, Ernest von Rosenberg of Austin. Miss Olga Scholz and Mrs. Fred Reutzel, accompanied at the piano by Mr. Alfred Wepperman, led the group in singing the songs "Forefathers" and "American".

The minutes of the seventh annual reunion read by the secretary, Mrs. Carlina Thompson, were accepted. The Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Koll, reported a balance of \$59⁹⁵ in the Treasury, and her report was accepted.

The chairman of the Pioneer Grandmother Monument Fund, Herman von Rosenberg, stated that a monument had been

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purchased and erected over the Grandmother Amanda's grave at a total cost of \$280⁰⁰. He stated that the \$148³⁴ previously collected had been turned over to Mrs. C. D. Krause for payment to the Holy Memorials in La Grange, and that a balance of \$131⁶⁶ remained.

Charles van Rosenberg made a brief talk thanking the persons who had worked on the newly published family history book, namely, Martha Meerscheidt, Alma Tomlinson, the Branch chairmen, and Laura Wingo. He concluded his talk by stating "The book which has come out is a credit to all the above and to the memory of Martha Meerscheidt."

Motion made, seconded, and carried that Mrs. Alma Tomlinson be given an autographed gift copy of the family history book, which was autographed by those present, was presented to Mrs. Tomlinson by Mrs. Clark van Rosenberg.

Mrs. Laura Wingo made a financial report on the family history book, which is being sold for \$5⁰⁰ a copy. She stated that the Branch chairmen had advanced

enough money to pay the printer, so that the Ass'n was a little in debt to the branch chairmen. Motion made, seconded, and carried that the unsold books be turned over to Mrs. Tomlinson for later sale. Mrs. Wings asked that errors in the book be called to her attention so that a mimeographed correction sheet could be distributed.

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted and the following officers elected by acclamation for a two year term:

President - Clark von Rosenberg
Vice President - Herman U. von Rosenberg
Secretary - Mrs. Carlene Thompson
Treasurer - Mrs. Mary Koll
Historian - Mrs. Alma Tomlinson

An invitation to hold the next reunion in San Antonio was extended by Miss Olga Scholz and Mrs. Paula Hein. Motion made, seconded, and carried that the Association meet in San Antonio next year, and motion made, seconded, and carried that the meeting be held the first Sunday in May.

A roll call by branches showed the following in attendance:

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Mrs. Paula Hein presented a coat of arms to Herman von Rosenberg as a prize for having the most branch members present.

Mrs. U. E. Reese and her children from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, received the prize, a picture of Peter Karl, for having come the furthest distance to the reunion.

A collection for the Monument Fund was taken and then the President turned the meeting over to the President-Elect, Clark von Rosenberg.

Motion made, seconded, and carried that the Monument Committee through the Assn's Secretary send to all those not present at this meeting a letter asking for additional contributions to the Monument.

The San Antonio membership is to compose the arrangement committee for the next reunion. A discussion was held for and against furnishing

barbecue and/or the entire meal at the reunions. Motion made and seconded that the present eating arrangement be continued, that is, the members bringing picnic lunches. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

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

Carlene Krause Thompson,
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