

About 150 descendants of Casper Engelbrecht gathered for a family reunion at the Engelbrecht home place near Drake on Friday, August 7th, 1936.

Casper Engelbrecht was born in Minden, Prussia, Germany on December 6, 1828. He came to America and to St. Louis in 1852. He was married in his native land but his bride died shortly after they arrived in St. Louis. On the same ship from Germany came also many others, including Anna Maria Schlomann and her parents and brother. She also came from the same locality in Germany and they were married in St. Louis in 1854. Their first child, now Mrs. Henry Berger of Union, Missouri was born in St. Louis on November 15, 1855. When she was about a year old the young parents moved to what is now Drake, to the sight which is now the Henry Jungblute farm about 2 1/2 miles north of Drake, where the family reunion was held. Here Casper Engelbrecht died on January 4, 1877. His wife died on the day of his burial on January 7, 1877. On the day before she gave birth to their twelfth child, Maria, who also died in about 2 months. Another child Louise, born in 1865 also died in infancy. It is a matter of record that they became members of Zoar Methodist Church in 1860, which was then located about 2 miles west of Drake. The old log house, which they built upon arrival, was torn down a few years ago. Some of the logs were used for cooking the coffee at the reunion.

Henry Engelbrecht, the oldest son, died in 1918. Anna, later Mrs. August Witte, the second eldest daughter, died in 1925. Ernst Engelbrecht died in 1928. All the living children were present together with the wives or husbands of the deceased, except Mr. August Witte of Enid, Oklahoma. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berger of Union, Missouri, Mr. William Engelbrecht of near Drake, Mrs. Emma Schaper of Wright City, Missouri, Dr. and Mrs. John Engelbrecht of Stony Hill, Mrs. Amanda Engelbrecht of Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

Engelbrecht also of Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Engelbrecht of Oxford, Nebraska, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oberg of Bay. Grandchildren with their families who attended are: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berger Jr. and children, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Berger and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Gred Heman and children and grandchildren, all of Union. Miss Anna Berger and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Berger and son, all of St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Knehans and daughter of New Haven, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwear and daughter of Drake.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Riecke and children of Beemont, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Witte and children of Drake, Mr. and Mrs. August Suenkel and daughter of Hermann. Mr. Elmer Jacob of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. Amelia Burgess and son of near Chillichthe, Mr. and Mrs. George Schaper and children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bruening and twin boys and Miss Esther Schaper all of Wright City, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Creech and son of Troy. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hesemann and children of Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Engelbrecht and children of New Haven, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Engelbrecht of Stony Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kugel and daughter of New Haven, Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Blumer and children of Berger and Miss Hilda Engelbrecht of Fulton. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marsch and children of Bay, Mr. Milton Engelbrecht and Miss Stella Engelbrecht both of Chicago, Waldo and Ruben Engelbrecht of Bay and James Schaffner of Jefferson City. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Engelbrecht and children of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Engelbrecht and son of Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Engelbrecht Jr. and children of St. Louis, Miss Ella Engelbrecht of St. Charles, Mr. and Mrs. George Witte of Bay, Mrs. Johanna Gumper of Hermann, Wilbert, Gerhardt, Helen, and Raymond Engelbrecht all of Bay. Mr. and Mrs. George Engelbrecht and daughter of Deshler, Nebraska, Mr. Gilbert Engelbrecht of Oxford, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Armin Witte and daughter of Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Oberg and daughter of Gerald, Miss Viola Oberg of Bay. Other relatives and friends were present.

Rev. Karl Schneider of Zion Church at Bay gave an appropriate address which was appreciated by all.