

ZELLNER REUNION WAS HELD MONDAY

1940, Monroe County, Georgia

Many descendants of Prominent Monroe County Family Enjoy Day of Fellowship at Sharon Church

Descendants of George Peter Zellner, who came to America in 1775 from Hanover, Germany, met at Sharon Church, near Strouds, in Monroe County, Monday for a reunion. Descendants of George Peter Zellner number over 1200, and around two hundred and fifty gathered for this reunion. Col. A. M. Zellner, of Forsyth, was promoter of the reunion, with Ben Zellner and R. O. Zellner, Culloden, RFD, as temporary secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Ed Horne, of Barnesville, is Historian, and the program committee is Miss Emma Worsham, Grover Worsham, Ben Zellner and Monroe Zellner. Speeches were made by Dr. Arch Worsham, of New York, A. M. Zellner, Forsyth, Mrs. Ed Horne, Barnesville, Rev. James A. Zellner, Barrineau, Fla.

Among the descendants of George Peter Zellner, living today, there are three preachers, the Rev. James A. Zellner, pastor of a Methodist Church in Barrineau, Fla., who preached in Warsaw, Poland 1934-35; Thaddeus Persons, McCormick, S. C., a Baptist Missionary, a graduate of Yale University; Marion Zellner, Pastor of a church in Texas; one lawyer, A. M. Zellner, Forsyth. The oldest living Zellners, both of them present at the reunion, are Mrs. Beckie Zellner Hencely, of Hiram, age 91, and Mrs. Ida Dennis Dent, of Roberta, aged 85. The vast majority of Zellners were and are farmers, some railroad engineers, some merchants, conductors, teachers, etc, and live in scattered areas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, Ohio, South Carolina, Utah, California, Washington, D. C., and New York.

At the noon hour barbecue was served, supplemented by basket dinners. During the morning program, of which A. M. Zellner, Forsyth, was master of ceremonies, everyone was introduced, each telling where he or she was from, and the occupation of each. Zellners met Zellners for the first time, this being the first visit to Georgia of a number of those present. Representatives from five living generations out of the eight generations of the descendants of George Peter Zellner were present, the oldest, Mrs. Ida Dennis Dent, age 85, of Roberta, the youngest, Jean Ann Zellner, the three months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Zellner, of Forsyth. The descendants of Benjamin Holmes Zellner, son of George Peter Zellner, present numbered 72, the next in number were the descendants of George

A. Zellner, numbering 62. From distant states came Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Zellner, of McGhee, Arkansas, Mr. Zellner is a railroad passenger engineer, running from Memphis, Tenn., to McGhee, Ark.; Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Worsham from New York, and the Rev. Marion Zellner, of Texas.

Others registering were Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Zellner and family, of Birmingham, Ala., H. Y. McCord and family, Atlanta, Durward W. Dennis, Deland, Fla., retired Civil Engineer, who served as General Superintendent in the construction of the Panama Canal; E. D. Horne, Mrs. Lavinia Clay Zellner Horne, Venice Horne, Barnesville, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Zellner, Forsyth, Miss Nannie L. Zellner, Atlanta; Mrs. Minnie Pearce Zellner, Dot Zellner, Barnesville, Mrs. Anna Lee Persons, Yatesville, Miss Ruth Persons, Atlanta, Mrs. Nita E. Nicholson, Mrs. Miriam Lewis, Mrs. A. H. Lewis, J. M. Nicholson, Atlanta, A. Z. Persons, Miss Emily Andrews Williams, Yatesville, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Zellner, Culloden, R. B. Zellner, Forsyth, Miss Mary A. Zellner, Culloden, J. B. Freeman, Mrs. Frances Zellner Freeman, Jacqueline Freeman, Betsy Freeman, Macon; Dorothy Zellner, Culloden, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Zellner, Forsyth, Mrs. Winnie Zellner Wilson, Forsyth, Miss Emma Worsham, Littleton Fitzpatrick, Jr., Culloden; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Banks, Forsyth, Mrs. C. J. Zellner, Forsyth, Benj. H. Zellner, Sr., Culloden; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Haygood, Elizabeth Carolyn Zellner, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Zellner, Jr., Mary Janet Haygood, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Worsham and family, Culloden, James Cleveland Zellner, Fort Benning, Glen V. Zellner, Clifford P. Zellner, Culloden, Mrs. R. B. Zellner, Forsyth, W. K. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Zellner, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Zellner, Mr. and Mrs. Renfroe Watson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Zellner, Jean Ann Zellner, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Zellner, Jr., Elizabeth Zellner, Harold L. Zellner, Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. James Otis Zellner, Mary Carolyn Zellner, Martha Maynard Zellner, Birmingham, Ala., Miss Emily Jenkins, Wrightsville; Emily Carolyn Childs, Mrs. George E. Zellner, George E. Zellner, Jr., Forsyth, T. Haygood Zellner, Forsyth, Mrs. Alice Dennis Dent, Mrs. Ida Zellner Dent, Roberta; Mrs. Mary Bramblett Bradberry, Edwin Bradberry, Atlanta, Mrs. Florrie Zellner Childs, Mrs. Nina Zellner Jenkins, Wrightsville, Mrs. Mary Hayes, Graham Hayes, Milner, Mrs. Ellen G. Napier, Patsy Napier, Miss Mattie Zellner, Milner, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Zellner, Miss Lilligene Zellner, Mrs. Rosa Roquemore Kimball, Miss Bessie Kimball, Mrs. Sara Frances Ingram, Madison, Ga., Mrs. Sara Zellner Shivers, James Shivers, Betty Flynt, Emily Shivers, Margaret Helen Zellner, Thomaston, Miss Lucy Nelson, Thomaston, Miss Lucile Nelson, Miss Lillian Nelson, Arch Nelson, C. T. Nelson, Thomaston, Mrs. Mildred Zellner, Daniel Zellner, Mr. and Mrs. How Dent, Roberta, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Zellner, Miss Kathryn Zellner, Forsyth.