

Appendix C

Direct-Line Ancestor Chart

This chart follows the direct Zeisset line leading to the six orphaned siblings who immigrated to Kansas between 1883 and 1893. It is intended as a quick reference for readers who want to keep the main family line in view while reading the larger history.

Direct Zeisset Line

Generation	Direct-line ancestor	Spouse	Key places and notes
Possible earlier ancestor	Jakob Zeisset, identified by Alfred Funk as the first Zeisset at Rauhof, about 1680	Unknown	Believed to be part of the Swiss Mennonite family that settled at Rauhof after leaving Switzerland.
1	Abraham Zeisset, about 1718–1787	Elisabetha Landes, about 1720–possibly 1802	Born at Rauhof; elder of the Immelhausen and Hasselbach Mennonite congregations; later associated with Willenbach and Lautenbach.
2	Jakob Zeisset, 1764–1813	Magdalena Pletscher, 1764–1826	Born at Rauhof; moved to Lautenbach; married Magdalena Pletscher of Meckesheim in 1785; co-tenant farmer at Lautenbach.
3	Johannes Zeisset, 1794–1855	Christina Bär, 1798–after 1855	Born at Lautenbach; married Christina Bär in 1815; lived at Lautenbach, Menzingen, and Sindolsheim; died soon after the move to Sindolsheim.
4	Jakob Zeisset, 1816–1861	Johanna Luise Epp, 1817–1889	Born at Lautenbach; moved to Menzingen as a child; married Johanna Luise Epp in 1838; later lived at Helmstheim and Sindolsheim; died at Sindolsheim.
5	Jakob Friedrich Zeisset, 1837–1884	Margaretha Müller, 1842–1881	Born at Menzingen as Jakob Friedrich Epp and later acknowledged by Jakob Zeisset; moved to Kreuzfeld in 1864; married Margaretha Müller of Semd; father of the six Zeisset siblings who immigrated to Kansas.

Children of Jakob Friedrich Zeisset and Margaretha Müller

Jakob Friedrich and Margaretha had twelve children at Hofgut Kreuzfeld. Six died in infancy or at birth, and six survived to immigrate to Kansas.

Child	Birth	Notes
Georg	November 1864	Born at Kreuzfeld and died the same day.
Unnamed son	July 1865	Stillborn.
Johanna Luise "Louise" Zeisset	July 20, 1866	Oldest surviving child; immigrated to America in 1883 and later joined relatives in Kansas.
Emma Zeisset	June 1867	Died in infancy.
Bertha Zeisset	June 1868	One of the six surviving siblings; immigrated to Kansas in 1885.
Elisabeth "Lizzie" Zeisset	March 1870	One of the six surviving siblings; left Germany for Kansas in May 1891.
Unnamed son	May 1869	Stillborn.
Unnamed child	September 1871	Stillborn.
Georg Jakob "Jake" Zeisset	December 31, 1873	One of the six surviving siblings; immigrated to Kansas in February 1890.
Barbara "Bettie" Zeisset	April 1875	One of the six surviving siblings; immigrated to Kansas in 1885.
Heinrich "Henry" Zeisset	February 1878	Youngest surviving child; immigrated to Kansas in April 1893.
Unnamed infant	February 19, 1881	Did not survive the difficult birth in which Margaretha Müller Zeisset died the next morning.

The Six Zeisset Siblings Who Immigrated to Kansas

- **Louise Zeisset** – Born July 20, 1866; immigrated in 1883.
- **Bertha Zeisset** – Born June 1868; immigrated in 1885.
- **Lizzie Zeisset** – Born March 1870; immigrated in 1891.
- **Jake Zeisset** – Born December 31, 1873; immigrated in 1890.
- **Bettie Zeisset** – Born April 1875; immigrated in 1885.
- **Henry Zeisset** – Born February 1878; immigrated in 1893.

Together, these six siblings carried the Zeisset family story from Kreuzfeld, Germany, to Kansas, where their descendants gathered generations later to preserve and continue the family history.