

41st Annual Ranum Reunion
June 22, 1975
Centennial Park, Dodgeville, Wisconsin

The 41st annual reunion of Nels K. Ranum descendants was held at Centennial Park, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, on Sunday, June 22, 1975. A total of 78 persons were registered. Singing of the doxology preceded the picnic dinner.

After dinner the group assembled and heard Ben Ranum make some comments on the meaning of "America" to us after which everyone joined in singing the song. An article from the "Dodgeville Chronicle" which covered last year's reunion honoring Ole K. Ranum and his descendants was read. Secretary Ray D. Ranum gave a report on the status of the treasury, and told of a donation of \$15.00 having been given by _____ toward a fund to be used for the purchase of a loudspeaker for use at our picnics. Contributions today toward the general treasury totalled \$35.50.

Ben Ranum reported that Hazel Newton was unable to attend today because of illness and that his mother, Mrs. Josephine Ranum (wife of Sherman Ranum) is a patient at a nursing home at Spring Green, Wisconsin and for the first time in 41 years is absent from the reunion. She is the only member of that generation of the family still remaining.

Recognition was given to the hosts at today's event: Lucille Lewis, Ella and Alfred Johnson and children, and Gertrude Ranum.

Mention was made of those having come from long distances: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Knutson from Denver, Colorado; Robert and Karen Tollund from Denver; Rupert and Bertrand Ranum as well as Thelma Evelyn Curwence (their sister) and her husband, all from Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dunagan from Terra Haute, Indiana; Carl Knutson and wife from La Crosse; Myron Neckar from Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Births occurring since the last reunion include: A great-granddaughter to Nora (Ranum) Olson, Jennifer Walton, born in November, 1974 in Lakewood, Colorado; a great-grandson born to Dorena James; Mary Millard's first great-grandchild was born;

(Jennie (Martin) Jones)

Deaths reported were those of Robert Jones, Waukesha, Jennie's son; Thomas Harvey Tripp, husband of Signe Ranum Tripp, who died June 2, 1974; George Hilden, Madison, passed away Feb. 16, 1974; Mrs. Alvin Knutson in 1974.

Marriages included Robert Tollund and Karen Dysart who were married June 29, 1974.

Anniversaries were celebrated ^{in the past year} by Ben and Marjorie Ranum, their 45th, and by Ruby and Rehfeld who celebrated their 50th.

Today's reunion featured the descendants of Andrew Nels Ranum. Brief historical items were read. Of his three daughters, Esther Tollund and Stella Faville were present but Nona Olson was unable to come because of recent surgery. Esther's three children and one grandson were all present.

An invitation has been issued to hold the 1976 reunion at Livingston, Wisconsin.

Stella (Ranum) Faville reporting for

Ray D. Ranum, Secretary

P. S. Stella seems to have done very well at reporting.

However, she omitted telling about the storm.

In mid-afternoon, the sky darkened. It soon became obvious that a rain shower was about to descend upon us. Then, the wind started to blow. It blew hard, very hard. It rained. It rained hard. That is for a short time, it rained hard. Everyone except Ray (the secretary) and his sister, Lucille, ran for their cars. That ended the re-union.

Incidentally, Ray and Lucille stayed in the shelter of "The Shelter". And, they stayed dry!! (Roof but no sides).

"Cousin Ray"

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Ray D. R.