

H/2 ND Annual Reunion of Ranum Families

June 27, 1976

The descendants of Nils K. Ranum and their families met for their annual reunion at Livingston, Wisconsin, in its Community Building, on Sunday, June 27, 1976. Hosts were Mary and Alden Millard and their family, which was especially appropriate since Mary's mother, Mary Ann (Ranum) Knutson, was the descendant of Nils Ranum who was being given special recognition this year. Ninety-eight people were present.

After a potluck dinner, tribute was paid to both God and country, first by the reading of a prayer and secondly, because this is the year in which our country's 200th anniversary is being celebrated, by the singing of "Happy Birthday to You (America)".

The Secretary asked who in the group had come the farthest distance for this reunion, to which the answer was Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH^M Knutson from Denver. The oldest Goldman in the group was Mrs. Verna Munson of Livingston.

Deaths which had occurred during the past year included Nora Olson (Mrs. Loyd Olson) of Goldfield, Iowa who died February 9, 1976, and Gilbert Goodnight of Sedalia, Missouri, who died on

Alma Lund, a daughter of Clarence Munson, reported that she and her husband, Wallace Lund, have their first grandchild, Holly Ann, born May 6, 1976 to their daughter Janis (Lund) Lintvedt and her husband. Alma also reported that her son Steven Lund was married on May 8, 1976 to Lynelle Vesperman.

Ben Ranum reported on his mother, Mrs. Sherman Ranum, who is known fondly as Aunt Josie and who is the only one remaining of that generation of Ranums. She is in a nursing home at Spring Green, Wisconsin, will be 94 in September, is doing fairly well but gradually weakening.

Letters were read from a number of relatives who could not be present: Mary Lou Gorman Knutson, Donna and Bob Ranum, Hazel Newton, Adele Goodnight, Esther Beran and her mother Julia Jylland, Vern and Ardyth Kamin, and cousin Thelma of the Smesrud family.

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The Secretary reported a balance in the treasury of _____

Total contributions today _____

Making a total of _____

Expenses for today including \$15 rent for hall _____

New balance on hand _____

Special recognition was given to the descendants of Mary Ann (Ranum) Knutson, two of her children and a number of grandchildren being present today. The two children present were Mary Millard, Livingston, and Carl Knutson of La Crosse, Wisconsin. Mary introduced her children, all of whom were present. Several in the family spoke of their memories of Grandmother Mary Ann Knutson.

After hearing a solo "How Great thou Art" sung by Paul Ranum, the group spent some time visiting before leaving for home. Mary commented on having had a very enjoyable day.

Mrs Stella (Ranum) Paville

Reporting.

Ray D. Ranum

~~Report~~ Promoting & Presiding.

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Re-union of Relatives
Ranums and those who are related to them.
YOU and YOURS.
Community Bldg at Fire Station in Livingston Wis.
One block west of Main St.
Sunday June 27 1976. 10:30 A. M. 'til 5:30 P. M.
Pot-luck dinner at 12:00 noon. Be there by 11:00.
Bring food. Hot and cold drinks furnished.
Let us make this to be the BIGGEST & BEST one yet !

Hosts
"The Millards"
Mary, Alden & others
in the family.

"Cousin Ray"
Ray D. Ranum