

KESSLER REUNION
1995

The Kessler Reunion was held at the Troy Community Park located just off Adams Street in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, at shelters #8 & #10. This was the 116th year since the first Reunion was held by the Kesslers' along the Stillwater River, just East of West Milton, OH.

We met on Sunday, August 6, 1995 for this annual gathering of Eighty Two persons, which was rather low this year, due to the bad weather that existed. There were Sixty Eight Adults and Fourteen Children.

Carol Sigler Williams, the daughter of Meriam Kessler Sigler West, was the president of this years meeting and it was a success due to her abilities and supervision. Also in accompaniment with her was Donald Klepinger as Treasurer. Don is the eldest son of Pauline Kessler Klepinger Stark.

People started coming to the park at 11:00 AM and bringing with them lots of food and drinks (soft) and picnic gear. It wasn't till after 2:00 PM, that we had James Klepinger to Bless God for our meeting and the food that we partook. The food was mighty delicious and enjoyed by all.

Scott Klepinger sang for us all through the meeting and they were enjoyed by all. Other persons sang along with Scott, who were Elmer Klepinger and Wanda Klepinger Gothe.

After our picnic dinner, a small business meeting was held. Carol Williams was reelected as President and Donald Klepinger was reelected as Treasurer for the forth coming year 1996.,

The persons who passed away during the past year were:

1. Emerson Kessler-13 Sep 1994.
2. Carl Earhart-9 Feb. 1995.
3. Thelma Peacemaker Earhart-16 Feb 1995.
4. Leona Kessler Baker-6 Jun 1995.
5. John Ross Baker-31 Jul 1995.

At the end of the business meeting we all voted to have next years reunion on the last Sunday of July 1996, which will be 28 July. It was further decided that we would try to rent the Grange Hall on Peters Road just North of State Route #571, about six miles south of Troy, Ohio. The cost will be \$85.00 for the site for all day. Arrangements were made after the meeting with the Grange Hall and from now on the Reunion has this hall on the last week of July for every year hereafter.

After the adjournment of the business meeting, a White Elephant Sale was held and headed by Dave Honeyman as Auctioneer. He did a very good job. There were a lot of nice articles auctioned off and some of them brought in a lot of cash. Such items as Grandma Lena May Kessler's rolling pin, Emerson Kessler's German Beer Stein, Betty Morris's dessert dishes, and many other items donated for this sale. Along with our collection and the proceeds of this sale, we are now able to have a very nice reunion next year.

Many prizes were handed out to the children in attendance and there were door prizes awarded to persons with the winning tickets, that were handed out at the registration desk.

There were many persons present from the following States: Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Maryland. The many Surnames which were represented were: Evans, Gibboney, Gothe, Guinther, Harness, Hebert, Holsinger, Honeyman, Kessler, Klepinger, Kritzberger, Ludwig, Marshall, Morris, Malone, Overcash, Ray, Sprinkle, Swank, Swihart, Peterson, Vornholt, West and Williams.

Floyd L. Kessler, Jr.