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FAMILY REUNION

More than 250 descendants of Carl Slegismund Bauer, Round Top pioneer and one of the founders of the Lutheran Church of that village, gathered at Round Top in a family reunion Sunday, May 28, to honor his memory.

The group was chiefly made up of descendants from Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Brenham, Giddings, Carmine, Ledbetter and Round Top, though there were kinsmen from many other Texas towns.

The attractive grounds of the former William Rummel home furnished the setting for the reunion. At noon lunch was spread under towering live oaks on temporary tables set up by Round Top members of the family.

After lunch the group was entertained by several selections well rendered by the choir of the Round Top Lutheran Church under the direction of Ed Wiederaenders. A feature of the afternoon program was an address by Rev. W. Kaliek, pastor of the Round Top Luth. Church, in which he sketched briefly the biography of Mr. Bauer, the pioneer ancestor in whose honor the family was gathered.

Mr. Bauer was born in Wiesa near Annaberg, Saxony, in 1792. He emigrated to America during the revolutionary disturbances of 1848 and settled in Round Top where he took the chief initiative in building the attractive Lutheran Church of native stone which remains in good condition today. Even the stone fence which surrounds the church and the adjacent cemetery and adds much to its beauty was built by Mr. Bauer and his contemporaries. He died in 1873 after having given many years of unselfish service to his church and community.