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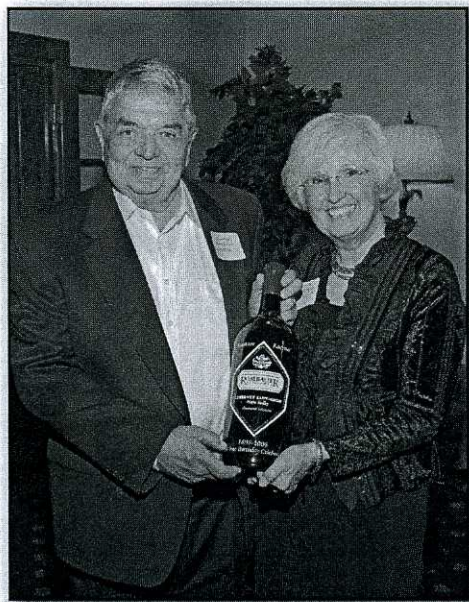
GUSTAVE KOERNER 200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 20-21, 2009

An enthusiastic crowd of 150 persons attended the November 20, 2009, 200th birthday celebration of Gustave Koerner's birth at Frankfort on Main, Germany. The affair at Bellecourt Manor in downtown Belleville, sponsored by the Koerner House Restoration Committee of the St. Clair County Historical Society turned into a family reunion as a large number of Koerner and Engelmann family descendents traveled to Belleville for the weekend. The dinner event was chaired by Fred and Barbara Kern who have been strong supporters of the restoration project at 200 Abend since its inception.

Koerner Rombauer, whose great aunt, Irma Rombauer, wrote "The Joy of Cooking", brought three generations of his family from St. Helena, California and provided white and red wines from his acclaimed Rombauer Vineyards. His son, K. R. and daughter Sheana, are actively involved in running the business.

Mary Armstrong, an Engelmann descendent, was active in recruiting family members to attend the dinner. Engelmann descendants, many who still live in the immediate area, also arrived from far and wide.

The dinner program was made up of short vignettes highlighting Gustave Koerner's career. Wolfgang Stueken, of sister-city Paderborn, Germany, and who has produced volumes of research on the Koerner family in Germany, described Koerner's university days as a student rebel and the students' failed attempt to overthrow the repressive 1830's German government. Koerner escaped Germany and joined the Engelmann family party headed for America, arriving in 1833.



*Gustave Koerner's great-great grandson
Koerner Rombauer & Engelmann
descendant Mary Armstrong.*

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