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### UNUSUAL FAMILY REUNION

Four Children of Abel Leonard  
Gathered at Fayette Last Week

When Abel Leonard, one of the early judges of the Missouri Supreme Court, died in 1851 at the age of 54 he called his children to his bedside and exacted a promise that they would write to the others at least once a month, and since that day his four remaining children have made it a point to write to a brother or sister once each week. The ages of the four range from 75 to 90, and each year they have made it a custom to have a family reunion.

In late October, after four days of rain, Mrs. R. A. Brown of St. Joseph, niece, gathered the three sisters, who make their home with her, together and drove them 250 miles over muddy roads to the old Leonard home at Fayette, where they visited the baby of the family, N. W. Leonard. Two of the sisters, Mrs. Odon Guitar, who is the widow of General Guitar and is the mother of Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. C. H. Darby, are invalids and unable to walk. Mrs. Odon Guitar is in her eightieth year, while Mrs. J. P. Smith, the eldest sister, has recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday.