Fast - Teichroeb Ancestry

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#### First Generation

1. Barry Teichroeb, son of Peter Teichroeb and Marjorie Fast, was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 167023}

Geographic standards adopted for the location citations in this document:

The geography is complicated for a number of reasons. First, the names of villages, towns, regions and countries have changed often over the last few centuries. Second, spellings vary depending on character sets used, language employed and imprecision. Third, there are often multiple ways to refer to the same location and this can be very confusing. Fourth, most of the territory inhabited by the Mennonites prior to their migration to Ukraine was within the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth until 1772, after which it became part of the Prussian Empire.

Therefore I refer to many of the areas in modern Poland and Germany as the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth up until 1772 and thereafter as Prussia.

In the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth I have viewed the Mennonite territory as comprised of five main regions. The area west of the Vistula River I have designated the Danzig Region. More correctly it is usually called the Danziger Werder. This is the territory around Danzig and south and west to the Vistula River. South of Graudenz on the west side of the Vistula River is an area designated the Schwetz Lowlands. The area east of the Vistula River and West of the Nogat River I have designated the Marienburg Region. In fact it is more correctly called the Marienburger Werder or the Grosses Werder. The territory east of the Nogat River I have designated the Elbing Region. Maps often refer to this area as the Elbinger Niederung or Elbinger Werder. This region covers some of the eastern part of Prussia and south along the Nogat River until the lowlands where the Nogat meets the Vistula. This lowland area is designated the Stuhm Lowlands and spans the territory from the town of Stuhm south and east along the east side of the Vistula River.

I refer to the territory in Tsarist Russia where the Mennonites settled as Ukraine, not Southern Russia and not Russia. Indeed, they settled in territory that is now modern day Ukraine and had been part of Ukraine historically.

Barry married Janice Gouldburn 11 July 1981 in Whitby, Ontario.

Children:

i. Leah Teichroeb

ii. Aidan Teichroeb

#### **Second Generation**

2. Peter Teichroeb, son of Daniel Teichroeb<sup>1</sup> and Margaret Schapansky,<sup>2</sup> was born 3 August 1929 in Warman, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 167022}

Peter married Marjorie Fast 24 July 1954 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 167018}

#### Children:

- i. Barry Teichroeb. Barry married Janice Gouldburn 11 July 1981 in Whitby, Ontario.
  - ii. Shannon Teichroeb was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Shannon married Mark McElligott 15 July 1989.
- 3. Marjorie Fast, daughter of Albert Fast<sup>3</sup> and Helena Striemer,<sup>4</sup> was born 9 August 1935 in Rabbit Lake, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 167018}

Marjorie was born in Rabbit Lake when her father worked in the area as a farm hand. They moved to Laird and then to Waldheim. The original house in Waldheim was made of sod and she remembers her mother "mudding" the interior to keep the walls sealed. Over time they constructed a new house from a pair of old granaries. For a time there was just a single granary and a tarp to close off the open end while the house awaited the second building. She remembers getting electricity when she was in Grade 10; until then kerosene lamps and a fire stove were the energy sources.

Between Grades 9 and 10 she worked out in BC picking fruit at her uncle Armin's place and other orchards in the area. After Grade 10 she worked at the old Red & White store in Waldheim along with helping Helena with her small laundry business.

Marjorie married Peter Teichroeb 24 July 1954 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 167022}

#### Third Generation

4. Daniel Teichroeb,<sup>1</sup> son of Peter Teichroeb<sup>5</sup> and Agatha Dyck,<sup>6</sup> was born 20 April 1904 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine, was baptized 23 May 1922 in Georgstal, Fuerstenland, Ukraine, died 22 July 2005 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and was buried 26 July 2005 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 476647}

Olgafeld is a village in the Fuerstenland colony. This colony was established principally by inhabitants of Chortitza in the latter half of the nineteenth century. A proportionately large number came from Schoenhorst. This settlement, similar to Bergthal, was motivated somewhat by more conservative Mennonites trying to reduce the effects of societal integration. No doubt economics were also a factor - there was a lot of farm land available too. Daniel immigrated to Canada in 1925 near the end of the Bolshevik Revolution. At the time he had been conscripted into the White Army but, after some difficulty, was able to obtain a transit visa allowing him to leave the country. Having been conscripted he had some difficulty getting a visa and consequently did not ship out with his father. The passenger list for the ship carrying his father and other family members includes Daniel although his name is crossed out and stamped "Not On Board". However, he was able to get passage several months later and come over to Canada on his own. He had a passport and the details contained in it give us some sense of the journey out of Ukraine.

The passport was issued on 1 October 1925 and gives us the surname TEIHREB. Daniel's middle name on the passport was given as Pterovich; this is the standard Russian patronymic form of names and often leaves the impression that his middle name was Peter; Glenn Penner has written extensively on this topic and we know that generally Mennonites did not use middle names. He was a citizen of Ukraine and USSR. There were travel restrictions listed including Switzerland and Bulgaria. There was a Transit Visa issued on 14 October for Canada, valid until 28 October. I was under the impression that Daniel travelled with one of his brothers. However, the passenger list indicates he was travelling alone.

The passport indicates Daniel passed through lebrauca (a town I have not been able to locate) on 16 October and arrived at Riga, Latvia on 20 October. There is a Government of Canada stamp at Riga dated 20 October. Authorization to go to the port city of Liepaja, Latvia, on the Baltic Sea, was granted at Riga on 21 October. He passed through Liepaja on 23 October, boarded a ship and arrived in London on 27 October. After remaining there for a mandatory quarantine period he finally landed in Quebec City on the S.S. Minnedosa on 15 November 1925 in third class accommodations. From there he made his way to western Canada.

I know only a few anecdotes about life in the Mennonite Colonies and they all relate to the

# revolutionary period.

One story relates to the anarchist bands, followers of Nestor Makhno, that roamed the countryside in southern Ukraine. These are well documented as Makhno attempted to establish an anarchist state there in the vacuum of the Bolshevik Revolution. These bands lived off the peasants and farming communities. It was necessary for farmers to take defensive measures to protect their property and to avoid the rape and murder that followed any anarchist attack. At the first sign of approaching banditry Daniel and his brothers would install themselves in the hayloft of the barn, overlooking the road leading to the homestead, and shoot the invading horsemen off their mounts as they rode into the valley toward the farmhouse. They managed to win the skirmishes and avoid the devastating outcomes recorded by families that were unprepared.

Another story I have heard is about Daniel hauling a load of military supplies on a wagon with a team of horses. At the time he was enlisted with the White Army as a military supply wagon driver. En route he was overtaken by bandits. They were happy to take his horses and what supplies they could carry and they left him alive on the road, alone with his wagon. He had to wait for passersby to help him get his wagon home.

The last story also refers to the anarchist bands. Makhno was recruiting troops, by force, for his army, referred to as the Black Army. At one point Dan and a number of other young fellows were rounded up at gunpoint by a couple of outlaws and sequestered in an outbuilding on an abandoned farm. The intent of the outlaws was to take each young man out, one by one so as to avoid a violent confrontation, and offer the choice of enlistment or death. The first friend was taken out and after some time a gunshot was heard. Assuming the worst, the detained group prepared to tackle the next bandit through the door. When the door was unlocked and opened, they hauled down the guard and took his gun. They were able to escape.

#### Language:

Daniel spoke some Russian because Russian instruction was compulsory in the school system. He spoke fluent Ukrainian because that was the language of the indigenous people with whom he interacted every day, including the workers on the family farm. When he came to Canada he learned English. But he also spoke Low German (Plautdietsch), as did his family and all the Dutch Mennonites who came to Canada. Low German originated in the low land countries of Holland, modern day Flemish Belgium and the northern Lower Rhine region of Germany. This low land area was where the Dutch Anabaptist movement took root during the Reformation and the language was widely used along with other native languages such as Dutch. When the Dutch Mennonites fled to Danzig and into Prussia they took their languages

with them. Henry Schapansky says that Mennonite congregations continued to use Dutch until well into the 17th century. Low German remained a principal language thereafter.

Ben Fast points out that in Danzig most of the older people spoke Dutch even though their children, born and raised in Prussia, were exposed to German from birth and adopted it readily, as children do. For the older generations the language transition was difficult, particularly because they were accustomed to their church services being conducted in Dutch and Low German. Dutch fell out of practise after the 1770's, a result of the partitioning of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the absorption of many Mennonite communities in Prussia.

It is a common but incorrect belief that Low German was solely a spoken language. In fact it was a written language and widely used internationally well into the 16th century. Before the discovery of the Americas international trade was conducted along a North-South axis from Europe through the Middle East and Far East and the Hanseatic League was the dominant trading entity. Their principal language for business and record keeping was Low German. This only changed with the establishment of East-West trade routes and the emergence of new dominant trading organizations sponsored by countries such as England, Spain, Portugal and France. The Hanseatic League declined and with it the standard usage of Low German as the language of business.

# The Migration of the 1920's:

There had been two waves of migration of Dutch Mennonites in the 1870's and 1890's bringing thousands to settle in Manitoba and eventually homesteads further west. However, by 1919 the doors to further migration were barred by Robert Borden's governing Unionist Party through an Order In Council, P.C. 1203.

Unionist MP John Wesley Edwards, caught up in the emotional bigotry that followed The Great War, said this in his speech supporting the Order In Council that banned Mennonites and others: "... whether they be called Mennonites, Hutterites or any other kind of "ites," we do not want them to come to Canada ... We certainly do not want that kind of cattle in this country. Indeed not only do we not want that kind of cattle, but I would go further and support the view that we should deport from Canada others of the same class who were allowed to come in by mistake." His misguided and uninformed view was shaped by his belief that these people were ungrateful pacifists who had nothing to contribute. He knew nothing of the Canadian Mennonites who served in France and Belgium nor of the Dutch Mennonites defending themselves from bandits and communist armies.

In 1921-22 during the federal election an intense lobby of William Lyon Mackenzie King,

leader of the Liberal Party, successfully convinced him to agree, upon being elected, to rescind the order. The Liberals won, the order was rescinded by P.C. 1204 and the next great wave of migrants began in 1923, following the domestic disaster in the Russian Empire brought on by World War I and the Bolshevik Revolution. Between 1923 and 1929 20,000 Mennonites migrated to Canada.

Notes on the S.S. Minnedosa, cribbed from Wikipedia:

The S.S. Minnedosa was a 15,000 ton steam ocean liner, the hull of which was built in Glasgow on the River Clyde for the Canadian Pacific Shipping Line by Barclay Curle, under subcontract to Harland and Wolff, in Belfast. The ship had been ordered by the Hamburg America Line but when World War I broke out, the ship was purchased by Canadian Pacific. It was launched in Glasgow on 17 October 1917 and towed to Belfast for completion, being handed over to Canadian Pacific on 21 November 1918.

After initial voyages as a troop ship bringing home Canadian soldiers, she was used on the Liverpool to Saint John, New Brunswick run and called at all the major transatlantic ports. She carried numerous immigrants to Canada and the United States. The ship was refitted in 1925, which increased her overall tonnage.

In 1935 she was sold for scrap, but was purchased by Mussolini's Italian government and refitted as a troopship named Piedmonte. During World War II, she was torpedoed and damaged in the Mediterranean Sea north of Sicily by the Royal Navy submarine HMS Umbra on 17 November 1942. She put into Messina, Sicily, where she was withdrawn from service. She was scuttled when Axis forces evacuated Messina in August 1943. Her wreck was raised in 1949 and towed to La Spezia, Italy, for scrapping.

Daniel married Margaret Schapansky<sup>2</sup> 4 July 1926 in Warman, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 476645}

#### Children:

- i. Erna Teichroeb<sup>2</sup> was born 28 March 1927 in Canada and died 13 September 2018 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Erna married John Teichroeb,<sup>2</sup> son of Peter Teichroeb and Katharina Vogt, 15 October 1950. {UsrID: 476612}
- 2 ii. Peter Teichroeb. Peter married Marjorie Fast, daughter of Albert Fast<sup>3</sup> and Helena Striemer,<sup>4</sup> 24 July 1954 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 167018}
  - iii. Louis Teichroeb<sup>2</sup> was born 25 March 1933. Louis married Sonja Dammert<sup>2</sup> 20 June 1959.
  - iv. Rosella Teichroeb<sup>2</sup> was born 17 May 1936. Rosella married Abe Wall<sup>2</sup> 23

- April 1955.
- v. Elsie Teichroeb<sup>2</sup> was born 30 October 1938. Elsie married Edward Michayluk<sup>2</sup> 16 November 1963 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
- vi. Daniel Teichroeb<sup>2</sup> was born 20 January 1945 and died 22 January 1945.
- vii. Esther Teichroeb<sup>2</sup> was born 19 November 1946. Esther married Darrell Evans<sup>2</sup> 28 August 1965 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
- 5. Margaret Schapansky,<sup>2</sup> daughter of David Schapansky<sup>7</sup> and Maria Loewen,<sup>8</sup> was born 24 October 1908 in Clarks Crossing, Saskatchewan and died 21 April 1987 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 476645}

In the 1916 Canadian Census she is listed as Maggie. I found this interesting because I never heard her referred to this way by my grandfather. I have also seen her referred to as Greta in a letter from Russia in 1972. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Saskatoon.

Rosella Wall tells us that Margaret attended school at Clark's Crossing (later known as the Penner School). After Grade 8 the family believed she was sufficiently educated to take on a more domestic role cooking, sewing, babysitting and generally helping the farming family and community.

When Daniel Teichroeb, a new immigrant to Canada, arrived in Saskatchewan in 1925 he took a job working for David Schapansky. He met the farmer's daughter and before long they were married and starting a family.

Around 1927 Daniel and Margaret moved from the Schapansky's to their own farm, renting land of their own in communities including Malden, Clark's Crossing and Rose Leaf. By 1944 they had raised \$4,000 to purchase a half section in a few miles north of Saskatoon in the School District of Virtue. They farmed until 1951 and then sold the farm to move to Saskatoon. Their growing family needed more formal education than a small farm community could provide.

In Saskatoon Daniel worked at many jobs but ended his working life in construction, retiring at the age of 68. Margaret ran the household and the huge garden and its array of fruit trees. I remember vividly the garden and the crab apple trees.

Margaret married Daniel Teichroeb<sup>1</sup> 4 July 1926 in Warman, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 476647}

6. Albert Fast,<sup>3</sup> son of Jacob Fast<sup>9</sup> and Helena Epp,<sup>10</sup> was born 12 August 1907 in Laird, Saskatchewan and died 5 July 1977 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 166804}

Albert was a young man when the Great Depression hit western Canada in the late 1920's. In Saskatchewan the double impact of a severe drought in the naturally arid prairies and the economic meltdown of the world's financial systems rendered cropland useless and threw people out of work. Along with many other young men he hopped aboard west bound freight trains hoping to find work.

There was no work and he returned to Saskatchewan where he married and for a living did anything he could to make ends meet. He lived in the Rabbit Lake area until late 1935, working as a farm hand in the Sandwith area. His first daughter, Marjorie, was born there in August 1935 and the family moved home to Laird where he worked as a farm hand for a short time. They moved to Waldheim next. As the family grew Albert worked as a farm hand and in grain elevator construction while Helena did laundry for local people. Rural life as a landless labourer has no future so the family moved to Saskatoon in 1953.

I remember him working for General Motors as a plant maintenance manager. When I was young he would occasionally take me with him when he went to work on his Saturday shifts. I remember the huge building, the largest I had ever seen, and his giant ring of strangely shaped keys.

When he retired I would stay with him sometimes at their house on Avenue A and we would walk to the local IGA supermarket to buy candy. Later they moved to Avenue B. I remember the lawns and hedges and the garage. He had a robin's egg blue Envoy that, in my mind, was always breaking down and needing mechanical work. I doubt that was actually the case. He needed something to worry about. His idea of a good cup of coffee was something that sat on the stove for eight or nine hours and looked like paint. With a decent Export A, no filter, you couldn't beat the experience.

He was a huge hockey fan and Saturday night was Hockey Night in Canada. That aspect of cultural life almost came crashing down after he bought his first colour television. The picture didn't have the same high contrast as the old black and white set and he couldn't see the puck. Adapting to the new technology was so difficult.

As a youngster I remember his brothers when the Fast family got together. All the brothers looked alike to me - none had hair but otherwise they all looked like the picture of their father, Jacob, hanging on the wall of my great grandmother's house in Laird. John stands out in my mind because his cigarette would stick to his lower lip when he spoke, bobbing up and down. They all spoke Low German and I understood none of it, but it seemed perfectly normal to me.

Albert had an uncle, Isaac, who was something of a hermit. My mother says he had long hair

and a beard and lived down by the river. He had a reputation for fishing and bringing his catch to town in Rosthern. An interesting article in the Saskatchewan Mennonite Historian, written by Eric Petkau, talks about the Rosthern children hiking down to the banks of the South Saskatchewan River in the 1930's and 40's to watch Fisher Fast catch fish.

Albert married Helena Striemer<sup>4</sup> 21 October 1934 in Laird, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 167017}

#### Children:

- i. Marjorie Fast. Marjorie married Peter Teichroeb, son of Daniel Teichroeb<sup>1</sup> and Margaret Schapansky,<sup>2</sup> 24 July 1954 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 167022}
  - ii. Helen Fast was born 4 August 1939 and died 8 February 2016.
  - iii. Richard Fast was born 25 September 1943 and died 31 May 2021.
  - iv. Roger Fast was born 10 February 1948.
- 7. Helena Striemer,<sup>4</sup> daughter of Wilhelm Striemer<sup>11</sup> and Anna Dyck,<sup>12</sup> was born 9 December 1915 in Aberdeen, Saskatchewan and died 12 February 2000 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 167017}

Helena's family was very poor. The family made do with very little and her brothers were rough and wild in their youth. The family anecdotes I have collected read like a prairie saga.

Helena's grandfather, Johann, came to Canada at the age of 15 in 1874. His family settled in Manitoba and Johann farmed there until some time after 1901 when the family moved to the Sandwith area of Saskatchewan. He continued to farm for years. In addition at one point he was the minister of the Reinland Bergthal Mennonite Church in Saskatchewan. Johann and his wife Helena Giesbrecht were old Mennonites in the Bergthaler tradition carried from Ukraine to Canada.

One of Johann's sons was a horrible man named Carl. Apparently he sent his children out to work for other families from the age of 10. It is said that his children preferred living and working elsewhere to staying at home with Carl. He was terrible to his wife Elizabeth and she ended her days at the asylum in North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

Wilhelm, Helena's father and one of Carl's brothers, was born in Plum Coulee, Manitoba and by 1906 was living in Vonda, Saskatchewan. My mother, Marjorie Fast, recalls her grandparents Wilhelm and Anna Dyck as very nice, gentle people. However, they were exceedingly poor farmers living in the Sandwith area of Saskatchewan. My father, Peter Teichroeb, recalls once going out to Sandwith to visit the grandparents and finding that

Sandwith consisted of a single building - the Post Office - and it was closed.

Helena had an older brother, Bill, and as a child she took from him whatever hand-me-downs would fit, including old shoes Bill had worn first. Bill was a nasty piece of work. He joined the army during the Second World War but deserted more than once. Marjorie recalls a time when her mother hid Bill in a closet of their house when the military police came searching for him. In later years he liked to get into political arguments and then became outraged when there was a disagreement. Once in 1956 he got so angry at my father, Peter, that he threatened to fight him. Peter and Marjorie, who was pregnant with me at the time, chose to leave Bill's house at that point rather than continue the confrontation. They went out to their car. As they were about to pull away from the curb Bill came running out to fight. Peter got out of the car to confront him and Bill quickly ran back to the house and slammed the door. I love these stories about cowardly bullies.

Her next brother, Jacob, was known as Jay. Jay and his wife Ruth had two sons, both with muscular dystrophy. He became a Jehovah's Witness after volunteers from the church came calling and, discovering his challenges with his sons, offered to assist. Their help led him to join their church. Apparently their daughter Elaine distanced herself from the family as a result.

The Canadian Voters List tells us that in 1949 Jay lived in the Meadow Lake district of Saskatchewan and was farming at Bournemouth, in the vicinity of Rabbit Lake and Sandwith. That year Jay had a relationship with the widow Gladys Wuttunee that produced a child named Linda Baker. This information came to light in 2021. Linda's children traced their mother's ancestry through DNA matching and this led them to the Striemer family. Establishing the geographic locations of the Striemer brothers led, eventually, to the suspicion falling on Jay. Jay's daughter, Elaine, volunteered to take a DNA test that confirmed the truth of the suspicions.

Linda's family history on her mother's side is fascinating. Linda's surname comes from her step father, Merton Baker, who had married Linda's widowed mother. Her mother was Gladys Wuttunee, a member of the Red Pheasant First Nation. Gladys is descended from a long and impressive line of hereditary chiefs.

Helena's brother John, known as Pat, came after Jay. The Canadian Voters List says that he was in Kimberley B.C. mining in 1945. In 1946 he had his first child and the Canadian Voters List has him located in Sudbury in the Nickel Belt by 1957. I don't know if he ever returned to Saskatchewan in the intervening years. He died at the young age of 46 of lung cancer.

Len was born in 1925. The Canadian Voters Lists for 1949 and 1953 tell us he was living in the

Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan district and farming at Sandwith. He was a heavy drinker. Driving home one night in 1962, quite drunk, he drove his car off the road and died in the crash at the age of 37.

The fifth brother was Silas, known as Sy. The Canadian Voters List for 1949 places him in the Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan district, farming in Sandwith. My mother Marjorie recalls that he was quite a sick man for much of his life. I don't know what his medical issues were.

I understand that all the brothers were in the army and my impression is they all deserted at some point. I'm not certain how accurate this is but they had a reputation as deserters and heavy drinkers. On the other hand, when they were younger they treated my mother and her sister very well. She remembers that on family visits the Striemer boys would give the two little girls money. This was particularly memorable because in those days in Saskatchewan, at the tail end of the depression, no one had money, especially small children.

Helena's story comes to me partly by way of family anecdotes recorded by Shirley Fast, Helena's daughter in law. Helena met her future husband, Albert Fast, in 1933. She was 18 years old and working on a farm in Carleton, Saskatchewan. One evening a friend brought two young men to visit. My mother says Helena quickly captured the eye of the more handsome fellow, to her friend's chagrin. Helena was an attractive girl, as family photos demonstrate clearly, and the young man, Albert Fast, did not hesitate to begin the courting ritual. They dated and in 1934 were married in Laird, Saskatchewan. Their first house was a log structure with dirt floors in Sandwith, Saskatchewan. It may have been a building on Helena's parent's farm because the rent was free. In those days the horse and buggy was still a normal method of transportation. They had no car then. Soon they moved to a plot of land in Waldheim. There they tended a large garden, raised pigs and chickens and a cow. In rural Saskachewan the social life revolved around visits with friends, church, and community events hosted at the local school. Helena was an amateur actor in productions on the school stage.

In 1935 children began to arrive. Marjorie, my mother, was the first. Her sister, Helen, was born in 1939, then Richard (Dale) in 1943 and Roger in 1948. I grew up with daughter Helen's children because we were of similar ages and for a time lived in nearby towns in British Columbia. I was always terribly impressed by Dale because of his romantic lifestyle, at least to a 10 year old. He was a logger in British Columbia and that seemed so amazing to me. He adored my mother. Roger was the sibling I knew the best because we were closer in age. We were friends, as much as you can be when you are 8 years apart. He would play catch with me at my grandparents house, and taught me to throw a football. I remember him taking me places in his car when I was a youngster. I thought it was the coolest thing ever. It might have been a yellow Chevelle, but I am not sure.

When the children were older they had chores. Helen milked the cow. Marjorie churned butter. The boys were a bit too young for all of this. In winter, on Sundays, they collected snow and melted it in preparation for laundry day on Monday. Of course they went to school. When he could, Albert would walk out to the school at the end of the day on snowy days to collect the children and bring them home safely. Snowstorms on the prairies represented a danger in those days that we seldom appreciate today.

Helena's father Wilhelm ended his life in tragic circumstances. He, like his boys, was a heavy drinker. In 1970 he was living with his son Jay. The story goes that one day he was searching for whisky and found a bottle under the basement stairs. He promptly drank it. In fact Jay had placed an old whisky bottle full of antifreeze there, stored out of the way. Wilhelm did not survive.

Helena married Albert Fast<sup>3</sup> 21 October 1934 in Laird, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 166804}

#### Fourth Generation

8. Peter Teichroeb,<sup>5</sup> son of Daniel Teichroeb<sup>13</sup> and Maria Abrams,<sup>14</sup> was born 2 August 1857 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 6 December 1944 in Wingard, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 227367}

He lived in Georgstal with his family prior to his marriage to Agatha. After their marriage, Peter and Agatha moved to Olgafeld. After Agatha died, he married her sister Maria.

When Peter moved the family to Canada, Maria refused to emigrate. She was firmly against emigrating. The reason for this has never been understood but I believe she had a few children still living in Ukraine in 1925 and she may not have wanted to abandon them. One son did move to Canada in 1926 but other children are unaccounted for.

Apparently Peter referred to Maria as "the housekeeper", based on recollections of his son Daniel. There is a photograph of Peter's daughter Anna and her family in which a figure dressed in a long black dress has been removed. No one really knows who this person is. My aunt Esther recalls that her mother, Maggie Schapansky, said it was someone who did not consider herself part of the family. This leads me to conclude the person is Maria. She may have edited herself out of the picture to disassociate herself with the family who left for Canada.

Maria's first husband was a David Rempel, according to a book entitled "Peter Rempel Family History".

Peter was living in Wingard, Saskatchewan with his daughter Tina when he died. Apparently he had been sick for more than three days with a ruptured intestine.

Peter's brother Daniel moved to Manitoba in 1912, according to family information.

Peter's daughter Katharina came to Canada in 1925 aboard the Empress of France with her husband and two children. Also on the ship were here sister Helena and Helena's family. Katharina's husband, Jacob Leppki, died shortly after arriving in Canada. I have a picture of him in his coffin at the funeral. My father says her second husband was Johann Reimer, with whom she had two sons. Her third husband was Jacob Wiebe. My father also recalled her year and place of birth.

Peter's daughter Agatha came to Canada in 1912. She appears as a steerage passenger aboard the S.S. Saturnia originating in Glasgow and landing in Quebec in September 1912 with children Agatha, Elizabeth, Peter and Isaac. According to my father she married Wilhelm

Dyck. Wilhelm arrived on the same ship as his family, three months later, in December 1912. The Grandma Database tells us that he was held up en route because of an eye problem. Both passenger lists indicate a final destination of Rosthern.

Peter's daughter Helena came to Canada aboard the Empress of France with her husband, Bernhard Petkau, and their daughter, Maria.

My father recalls that Peter's daughter Anna married Gerhard Giesbrecht. They owned the flour mill in Fuerstenland. In the aftermath of the Bolshevik Revolution they lost the mill but were allowed to remain there as workers at the mill. My grandfather, Dan Teichroeb, would send care packages after he got to Canada. Eventually they received word that Anna and Gerhard were dead. This was around 1934. I have seen data indicating Gerhard died in 1933 and Anna moved to Poland in 1943. This is substantiated by records in the Einwandererzentrallestelle Files. Anna was swept up in the German retreat from Ukraine in 1943 when the Nazis relocated hundreds of thousands of German speaking inhabitants from the occupied territories. Anna was placed in Leszno, Poland.

Peter's son Peter was quite an interesting fellow. My father recalls that his wife was named Anna Mantler. In Canada, he got his daughter pregnant and she had a daughter. When this daughter/granddaughter was a teen Peter forced her into prostitution until he was apprehended, after which he spent a few years of his old age in jail. My father says he died in the late 1960's in Manitoba or Ontario.

Peter's daughter Maria arrived in Saint John, New Brunswick in December 1926, a third class passenger aboard the S.S. Metagama. With her were her husband, Jacob Redekop, and children Isaac, Sarah, Maria, Peter, Heinrich and Agatha. Maria was 46 and Jacob was 52. The passenger list says they came from Michaelsburg, Fuerstenland, and the ship originated in Liverpool. She died in Saskatoon in 1949. My father remembers the year because he had recently moved to Saskatoon to work. That was in 1949.

Peter's daughter Margaretha came to Canada with her father and the rest of the family in 1925 at the age of 39. Margaretha married a John Giesbrecht and they had a son named Menno Peter. Peter Teichroeb is the source of the information about her husband.

Peter's son Johann came to Canada with his family at the same time as Peter and moved to British Columbia.

Peter's son Heinrich left Ukraine on 16 March 1922, got as far as Germany, and contracted Typhus. He died alone in a boarding house on 28 May 1922. Apparently he travelled on a passport belonging to a good friend who had died earlier. The family of this friend were

Germans and they were evicted from Ukraine.

Peter married Agatha Dyck<sup>6</sup> 8 November 1879 in Georgstal, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 476531}

#### Children:

- i. Maria Teichroeb<sup>15</sup> was born 3 October 1880 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine and died in 1949 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Maria married Jacob Redekop<sup>16</sup> in 1906.
- ii. Anna Teichroeb<sup>17</sup> was born 16 April 1882 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 476527}. Anna married Gerhard Giesbrecht.<sup>18</sup> {UsrID: 1049639}
- iii. Agatha Teichroeb<sup>19</sup> was born 11 April 1884 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine and died 23 May 1980 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan. Agatha married Wilhelm Dyck<sup>20</sup> in 1909.
- iv. Margaretha Teichroeb<sup>21</sup> was born 16 February 1886 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine and died 29 April 1978 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan. Margaretha married Johann Giesbrecht in 1928.
- v. Peter Teichroeb<sup>22</sup> was born 22 May 1888 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine and died in 1968. Peter married Anna Mantler in 1916.
- vi. Johann Teichroeb<sup>22</sup> was born 8 February 1890 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine and died 2 November 1890 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine.
- vii. Katharina Teichroeb<sup>23</sup> was born 2 October 1891 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine and died in 1980 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan. Katharina married Jacob Leppki<sup>24</sup> 29 January 1917. Katharina next married Johan Reimer 25 August 1927. Katharina next married Jacob Wiebe after 1965.
- viii. Johann Teichroeb<sup>25</sup> was born 10 February 1894 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine and died in 1984 in Clearbrook, British Columbia. Johann married Aganetha Dyck.<sup>26</sup>
- ix. Helena Teichroeb<sup>27</sup> was born 27 August 1897 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine and died 18 October 1986 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan. Helena married Bernhard Petkau.<sup>24</sup>
- x. Heinrich Teichroeb<sup>22</sup> was born 2 September 1899 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine and died 28 May 1922 in Germany.
- xi. Elizabeth Teichroeb<sup>22</sup> was born 2 April 1902 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine and died 8 December 1903 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine.
- 4 xii. Daniel Teichroeb.<sup>1</sup> Daniel married Margaret Schapansky,<sup>2</sup> daughter of David Schapansky<sup>7</sup> and Maria Loewen,<sup>8</sup> 4 July 1926 in Warman, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 476645}

Peter next married Maria Dyck,<sup>22</sup> daughter of Johann Dyck<sup>28</sup> and Anna Hiebert,<sup>29</sup> 19 February 1923 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 152974}

9. Agatha Dyck,<sup>6</sup> daughter of Johann Dyck<sup>28</sup> and Anna Hiebert,<sup>29</sup> was born 9 March 1859 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died 26 July 1922 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 476531}

Agatha was Peter's first wife. Her sister Maria, widow of David Rempel was Peter's second wife. We know something about their mother Anna Hiebert because her death is recorded in Daniel Teichroeb's journal. We know the name of their father because he is mentioned as Agatha's father in the Fuerstenland Baptism records for Daniel Teichroeb (b. 1904).

Agatha may have had a brother Johann who was a blacksmith. Ben Fast was the source of this piece of information. Although it is possible that Ben was thinking of Agatha's father, Johann Dyck, who definitely was a blacksmith, the obituary for her mother, Anna Hiebert, appears to be written by one of the sons, Johann Dyck. This much appears to be consistent with the information from Ben Fast.

Family information indicates Agatha had a nephew whose name might have been Abraham. He apparently was born around 1900 and died around 1988 in Manitoba. The Grandma Database lists a son of Agatha's brother, Heinrich, who was named Abraham and was born in Manitoba in 1911 and died in British Colombia in 1990. This is probably the same person and detailed inconsistencies are the result of faded memories.

Agatha married Peter Teichroeb<sup>5</sup> 8 November 1879 in Georgstal, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227367}

10. David Schapansky,<sup>7</sup> son of Johann Schapansky<sup>30</sup> and Helena Hiebert,<sup>31</sup> was born 20 January 1872 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine, was baptized 25 May 1896, and died 26 August 1951 in Warman, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 184122}

He is listed in the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch. He appears with his wife in the 1901 federal census in Manitoba, sub district of Rhineland, f-4, page 14, entry #119. He immigrated in 1875; the naturalization date is not shown in the census. He appears in the 1881 census in Manitoba.

David's second marriage was to Helena Dyck, who was first married to a Friesen.

David married Maria Loewen<sup>8</sup> 14 July 1896 in Canada. {UsrID: 182863}

#### Children:

- i. Maria Schapansky<sup>32</sup> was born 23 July 1897 in Manitoba and died 13 February 1956. Maria married Peter Penner<sup>2</sup> 3 March 1918.
- ii. Helena Schapansky<sup>32</sup> was born 18 December 1898 in Manitoba and died 19 March 1979. Helena married Abraham Penner<sup>2</sup> 21 November 1915.
- iii. Johann Schapansky<sup>32</sup> was born 19 March 1900 in Manitoba and died 30 April 1985. Johann married Katharina Doerksen<sup>2</sup> 15 September 1919.
- iv. David Schapansky<sup>2</sup> was born 12 February 1902 in Manitoba and died 28 February 1981. David married Sarah Pauls<sup>2</sup> 8 June 1924.
- v. Sarah Schapansky<sup>2</sup> was born 12 October 1904 in Warman, Saskatchewan and died 12 July 1986. Sarah married Johann Penner<sup>2</sup> 11 December 1921.
- 5 vi. Margaret Schapansky.<sup>2</sup> Margaret married Daniel Teichroeb,<sup>1</sup> son of Peter Teichroeb<sup>5</sup> and Agatha Dyck,<sup>6</sup> 4 July 1926 in Warman, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 476647}
  - vii. Christina Schapansky<sup>2</sup> was born 15 August 1910 in Warman, Saskatchewan and died 15 August 1910 in Warman, Saskatchewan.
  - viii. Abram Schapansky<sup>2</sup> was born 27 July 1912 in Warman, Saskatchewan and died 27 July 1912 in Warman, Saskatchewan.
  - ix. Katherina Schapansky<sup>2</sup> was born 1 August 1914 in Warman, Saskatchewan and died 10 January 1996. Katherina married Abraham Penner<sup>2</sup> 20 September 1931.

David next married Helena Dyck<sup>33</sup> in December 1939.

11. Maria Loewen,<sup>8</sup> daughter of Johann Loewen<sup>34</sup> and Sara Dyck,<sup>35</sup> was born 25 November 1876 in Reinland, Manitoba, was baptized 3 June 1895 in Reinland, Manitoba, and died 25 March 1939 in Warman, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 182863}

The Reinlander Gemeinde Buch lists her birth and her marriages to Johan Penner and David Schapansky. Information about her death comes from family records.

Maria married Johann Penner<sup>36</sup> in July 1895 in Canada.

Maria next married David Schapansky<sup>7</sup> 14 July 1896 in Canada. {UsrID: 184122}

12. Jacob Fast,<sup>9</sup> son of Johann Fast<sup>37</sup> and Maria Krahn,<sup>38</sup> was born 28 February 1874 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 4 August 1939 in Laird, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 166797}

Ben Fast's book "Fast - Epp Genealogy" has a map of Rosenthal showing the location where

Jacob Fast was born. Until the age of 12 he attended the local village school in Rosenthal. His teacher there was David H. Epp. Ben says he attended Zentralschule (secondary school) in Halbstadt Molotschna from 1888 to 1891. However, his wife, Helena Epp, in the obituary she wrote, says he attended the Chortitzer Central School. I don't know how to reconcile these assertions but I assume he went to schol in Chortitza because he lived in the Chortitza settlement. Here he had his formal training as a teacher. He immigrated to Canada in 1892 with his parents. They stopped over in Manitoba for nearly a year. According to Ben he was a teacher in Molotschna but never taught in Canada. On the contrary, Helena Epp says he taught school in Manitoba during the ten months the Fast family lived there before moving to the Northwest Territories (Saskatchewan). Helena Epp says that he often commented that this was one of the happiest periods of his life.

In October, 1897 Jacob applied for a 160 acre homestead in Saskatchewan. The homestead was ten miles west of Rosthern and three miles south of Laird. In the spring of 1898, using a yoke of borrowed oxen and a single share plough, he began breaking sod to clear enough acreage to file a homestead claim. The rule was that 30 acres had to be cleared and buildings erected before title would be granted to a 160 acre quarter section. In 1900 he finished clearing his land and in 1901 obtained title to the quarter section. He later purchased two more quarter sections. He and Helena lived on the homestead and farmed until is death. His son Ben says that all their children were born there. He farmed thereafter.

Prior to his wedding to Helena Epp, Jacob built a log cabin and a temporary log barn. It took the help of his brothers and many neighbours to do this. With whitewashed walls, nails for clothes hooks, rough boards for shelving and apple crates for chairs it was the kind of settler home one would envision. A fireplace burning poplar logs provided heat and kerosene lamps lit the cabin.

In those days the essential implements were a plough, harrow, seeder, mower and a rake, along with a team of oxen. In addition, for basic transportation and grain haulage a team of horses was needed. Ben says the round trip to Rosthern for supplies and mail or to deliver grain was 50 miles and generally required two days.

He appears with his wife in the 1901 census in Saskatchewan, sub district of Waldheim, page 6, entry #45.

He was a member of the Rosenort congregation in the Eigenheim church in Saskatchewan.

Jacob did not continue teaching after the brief period in Manitoba but he was an active promoter of education. Amy (Enns) Loewen has told me that his older children attended Danzig School. His younger children attended Carmen School when it was built. Jacob was an

organizer of the German English Academy, established in 1905 as a high school. It later became the Rosthern Junior College.

His obituary indicates that he had a difficult life in terms of his health. He passed this on to his son, Albert. Helena Epp says that he had serious health issues and abdominal problems so severe that he had periods of as many as ten days when he could not eat anything. In Autumn 1938 he was hospitalized with severe issues including bladder problems. He underwent surgeries that did not resolve his problems and eventually, bed ridden, he succumbed to his illness at the age of 65.

His son Ben was a school principal and a minister. He was the educated one in the family and he did well. He was the first genealogist I know of on the Fast side of the family. He did a lot of work on the family ancestry and I have used his work extensively. Ben Fast has described many aspects of the pioneering lifestyle in his genealogy material and I have borrowed from his work. He also has helped me with the translation of family records maintained by the Teichroeb family.

One of Jacob's sons, Armin, was a younger brother of my grandfather. He didn't seem that much older than my parents. His son, Rob, was the same age as me and we were pretty good friends growing up. They lived on the west coast and we went out there a few times. As the years went by I lost track, as you do, and at some point Rob died in a boating accident. We were pretty young then; what a tragedy.

Dora was the youngest child and the one I remember the most clearly. I knew her longer than the other aunts and uncles. She worked at the local grocery store in Laird. I remember walking there when we visited when I was a youngster. Dora lived with my great grandmother in Laird. That house was tiny. I remember the cistern outside by the back door that held rainwater and the outhouse far out in the back that always puzzled me and later the chemical toilet installed in my great grandmother's closet. That was a highlight of one visit. They had a wood stove in the kitchen for cooking and baking. As a child you take all of these strange things in stride but upon reflection this was a world so different from what I was accustomed too.

Jacob's brother Johann was about 23 years of age when he married Katharina Leppki, who was 15 years old at the time. Their first son, John, was born when she was 15. She was pregnant when she was 14.

Jacob's brother Isaac, born in 1884, was the second son with that name, an earlier boy having been born in 1882 and dying later that year. Isaac led a lifestyle seldom experienced by people today. His family knew him as Fisher Fast because he spent so much of his free time fishing on the shore of the South Saskatchewan River and selling what he caught. He was well

known and quite famous in the Rosthern and Laird areas where his relatives lived. He gained greater notoriety in 1960 when the Saskatoon Star Phoenix featured his life in an entertaining column written by their reporter, Wayne MacDonald. MacDonald dubbed him The Hermit of Gabriel's Ferry.

Isaac had migrated to Canada with the rest of his family in 1892. As a young man he worked the farm with his father and brothers. At the age of 26 he cast off the farming lifestyle in favour of a drastic change. He moved his belongings to a cave on the riverbank adjacent to Gabriel's Ferry and spent the next 50 years there, hunting, trapping, fishing, and picking berries. His home was an earthen hovel with a wooden front wall, and he managed to keep it sufficiently dry and warm that he was able to winter there for decades until he grew very old.

In 1918 he married Edith Unrau, a local girl sixteen years his junior, attracted to his wilderness lifestyle. Unfortunately, Edith was not as hardy as Isaac and died after only a few months, following a prolonged period of chronic coughing, symptomatic of diseases such as tuberculosis. Her illness was never diagnosed. Isaac never remarried and had no children.

MacDonald chronicles Isaac's difficulties with government agents concerned with his illegal practices of fishing with a two-hook line and operating a fish retailing business without a commercial license. He also found the money to travel three times to the Mount Wilson Observatory in California to view the universe from that unique perspective. There are stories in the family lore about Isaac spending his winters gambling in Las Vegas but this is probably just mythology.

Bureaucracy and old age caught up with Isaac in 1960 and he moved to a retirement home in Winkler, MB. He lived there until his death four years later.

Jacob has a great granddaughter, Shannon Teichroeb, the granddaughter of Albert Fast. Shannon and her husband, Mark, have a son Dan who married Chelsea La Vallie. Chelsea is the daughter of Carrie Fast and Anton La Vallie. Carrie is the daughter of Jeff Fast and the granddaughter of Peter Patrick (Pat) Fast, who was the son of Johann Fast, the brother of Jacob Fast. Jacob is the grandfather of Marjorie Fast. In summary, Johann and Jacob were brothers, Pat and Albert Fast were cousins, Jeff and Marjorie are second cousins, Shannon and Carrie are third cousins and, finally, Chelsea and Dan are fourth cousins, proudly maintaining the Mennonite endogamous tradition!

Jacob married Helena Epp <sup>10</sup> 14	December 1897 in Saskatchewan.	{UsrID: 166698}
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Children:

- John Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 1 December 1898 and died 21 February 1985. John married Susan Hook<sup>40</sup> 15 August 1926. John next married Anna Unger<sup>40</sup> 23 November 1969.
- ii. Henry Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 14 June 1900 and died 23 March 1961. Henry married Mary Kitzel<sup>40</sup> 9 May 1925.
- iii. Helen Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 9 September 1901 and died 3 April 1971. Helen married Jacob Ens<sup>40</sup> 15 July 1924.
- iv. Jacob Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 27 November 1902. Jacob married Hazel Dobson<sup>40</sup> 16 March 1931.
- v. Mary Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 23 September 1904 and died 6 January 1969. Mary married Isaac Ens<sup>40</sup> 26 July 1927.
- vi. Erwin Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 8 December 1905 in Laird, Saskatchewan and died 29 April 1987. Erwin married Anna Regehr<sup>40</sup> 29 September 1940.
- 6 vii. Albert Fast.<sup>3</sup> Albert married Helena Striemer,<sup>4</sup> daughter of Wilhelm Striemer<sup>11</sup> and Anna Dyck,<sup>12</sup> 21 October 1934 in Laird, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 167017}
  - viii. William (Willie) Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 6 May 1909 and died 5 May 1913.
  - ix. Bernhard Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 5 October 1910 and died 7 September 2008. Bernhard married Mary Thiessen<sup>40</sup> 17 July 1934.
  - x. Margaret Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 10 May 1912 and died 9 October 2001. Margaret married Abram Friesen<sup>40</sup> 10 July 1934.
  - xi. Edward Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 19 September 1913 and died 19 September 1913.
  - xii. Armin Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 7 October 1914 and died 26 February 2000. Armin married Tina Epp<sup>40</sup> 20 October 1944.
  - xiii. Isaac (Harvey) Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 5 December 1916 and died 20 February 1971. Isaac married Alice Pearce<sup>40</sup> 26 August 1944.
  - xiv. Olga Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 22 April 1919 in Laird, Saskatchewan and died 30 March 2007. Olga married Verner Funk<sup>40</sup> 7 July 1943.
  - xv. Dora Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 16 February 1921 and died 10 April 2011.
- 13. Helena Epp,<sup>10</sup> daughter of Heinrich Epp<sup>41</sup> and Margaretha Rempel,<sup>42</sup> was born 25 October 1878 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine and died 15 April 1962 in Laird, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 166698}

In the 1901 federal census her birth date is shown as 25 October 1877.

Helena was born in the Mennonite settlement of Fuerstenland. Amy (Enns) Loewen has told me that she attended Madchen Schule (Girl's School) there before her family emigrated to Canada in the 1890s.

Helena moved off the farm to Laird around 1941, not long after Jacob died. She sold the farm house which was then moved to Waldheim by the new owners. She bought a house in Laird and I remember it. There was an outhouse that was amazing to me as a young child. I remember when she got an indoor toilet - it was a chemical toilet placed in her closet. She was very old then and this was a tremendous improvement in her quality of life. Helena's house is still there and looks much like it did in the early 1960's.

Helena's son John took over the family farm and he stayed with farming for most of his life.

Helena married Jacob Fast<sup>9</sup> 14 December 1897 in Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 166797}

14. Wilhelm Striemer, <sup>11</sup> son of Johann Striemer<sup>43</sup> and Helena Giesbrecht, <sup>44</sup> was born 10 July 1886 in Plum Coulee, Manitoba and died 29 April 1970 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 438700}

He was born in Plum Coulee and came to Saskatchewan with his family before 1906. In 1906 he was living in Vonda. In 1911 he was living in Saskatoon and single. Later in 1921 he was living in Aberdeen with his young family. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Saskatoon.

Apparently daughter Adina's first name was Esther, her middle name was Adina and she was known as Ady. Son Jacob was known as Jay. Son Johann's middle name was Patrick and his nickname was Pat. Silas was known as Sy. Wilhelm's middle name was Lloyd and he was known as Bill.

Wilhelm married Anna Dyck<sup>12</sup> before 1913 in Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 438701}

#### Children:

- i. Johann Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 11 March 1913 and died 11 March 1913.
- ii. Wilhelm Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 30 March 1914 in Aberdeen, Saskatchewan and died 15 June 1977 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Wilhelm married Hilda May Hall 31 January 1951.
- 7 iii. Helena Striemer.<sup>4</sup> Helena married Albert Fast,<sup>3</sup> son of Jacob Fast<sup>9</sup> and Helena Epp,<sup>10</sup> 21 October 1934 in Laird, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 166804}
  - iv. Katherina Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 23 February 1917 and died 18 August 2000 in North Battleford, Saskatchewan. Katherina married William Nickolas Hoffman.
  - v. Anna Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 19 April 1919. Anna married Charles Guest.
  - vi. Jacob Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 7 January 1920 and died 6 June 1999 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Jacob partnered with Gladys Muriel Wuttunee,<sup>46</sup>

- daughter of James Wuttunee<sup>46</sup> and Jane Priscilla Clarke,.<sup>46</sup> Jacob next married Ruth Moen 1 May 1945.
- vii. Johann Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 15 April 1922 in Aberdeen, Saskatchewan, died 30 April 1968 in Chelmsford, Ontario, and was buried in Sudbury, Ontario. Johann married Marcella Vivian Brocco.
- viii. Leonard Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 10 March 1925 and died 1 May 1962 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Leonard married Faye Sheila McCloud 1 September 1956
- ix. Silas Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 14 May 1928 and died in 1990 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Silas married Pauline Fosty.
- x. Adina Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 15 June 1931 in Rabbit Lake, Saskatchewan and died 14 March 2005 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Adina married Bill Irwin in 1959.

15. Anna Dyck,<sup>12</sup> daughter of Johann Dyck<sup>47</sup> and Katharina Peters,<sup>48</sup> was born 30 May 1891 in Reinland, Manitoba and died 12 August 1956 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 438701}

Her parents settled in Reinland Manitoba, and Anna was probably born there, but moved to Saskatchewan around 1911 when she was about 20. This is based on information from her death certificate, which says she lived in Saskatchewan for 45 years. She appears in the 1901 Census in Plum Coulee. This census gives her birth date as used here, contrary to the October 1890 birthdate used in some other sources. According to family records concerning Wilhelm Striemer, they married in Saskatchewan. Apparently she had a sister Helena who married an Abram Friesen. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Saskatoon.

Anna married Wilhelm Striemer<sup>11</sup> before 1913 in Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 438700}

#### Fifth Generation

16. Daniel Teichroeb, 13 son of Daniel Teichroeb 49 and Anna Wolf, 50 was born 26 May 1835 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 20 February 1918 in Georgstal, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227365}

Daniel kept a journal in which he recorded family tree events and a few other important items. In his journal he spells his name Teigroeb. He noted that in 1877 he had accumulated 3,500 Rubles. He moved to Georgstal in 1879. In his book he noted that on 17 February 1879 he was living in Georgstal, and that he had bought his farm for 2,150 Rubles. Georgstal was a village in the colony of Fuerstenland. Fuerstenland was a daughter colony of Chortitza, and was founded between 1864 and 1870. The land within the Fuerstenland settlement was leased from the Grand Duke Michael Nikolaevitch. If Daniel purchased his land then it would have been land located outside the settlement. The average price of land in the period 1863-1872 was 17.3 rubles per dessiatina. In the period 1873-1882 prices had risen to 20.67. I estimate that Daniel paid around 19 rubles for his land. He would have purchased about 110 dessiatinas, placing him in the ranks of the top 12% of landowners in the Russian Empire at the time, who controlled 89% of the land. My grandfather, Dan Teichroeb, recalls that the family farm operation was large, with housing for local farm workers.

One entry in his journal noted that Daniel Teihreb, who was born on 22 February 1789, died on 5 January 1857. Although the journal is silent on the relevance of this, the elder Daniel was his father.

According to Daniel's journal, his son Johann (1871-1942) moved to Orenburg on 24 October 1902 with his four children: Johann, Daniel, Peter, Margaretha. Son Heinrich moved to Orenburg on 5 February 1901. Son Daniel moved to Canada on 10 June 1902 with his ten children.

Johann Teichroeb (1871-1942) moved to Orenburg in 1902 and lived in Russia for the rest of his life. I have met his great grandson, Jakob Teichrib, online, and learned something about this branch of the family. Johann Teichroeb (1871-1942) was married to Anna Dyck (1872-1922). Anna died in the Orenburg settlement. One of their sons was Jakob Teichrib (1905-1940). He lived in Leninpol, Kyrgyzstan with his wife Frida Henning (1910-1964) and three sons, Victor, Arnold, and Edvin. Jakob (1905-1940) was arrested by the Russian police and taken to Magadan, Siberia, where he died shortly after his arrest. In 1991 Arnold and his son, Jakob (the great grandson mentioned earlier), moved to Germany.

I have school photographs dating to the 1930s that show Jakob and Frida with their students. These were provided by Elena Klassen. The location at the time was Aulie - Ata, Turkestan,

later called Leninpol.

Daughter Katharina moved to Canada in 1926. Nothing is known about daughter Maria.

In 1863 many Chortitza families received loans of grain. These came from grain stores accumulated by the colony as insurance for crop failure. There had been a poor harvest the previous year due to heavy snow the preceding winter. The material related to this is in the records of the Guardianship Committee for Foreign Settlers in South Russia. There are two lists. The Signature List contains the signatures of the heads of households who agreed to the loan and the promise to replace the grain at the first opportunity. The second list is the Grain List and it appears to be the heads of families who took delivery of the grain. Daniel is listed in both the Grain List and the Signature List and as a land owner in Schoenhorst.

In a note from Daniel's journal we learn that Heinrich was bit by their dog on 3 December 1870. It is not clear why this was an event worth recording. He would have been 4 years old at the time and probably the dog was a typical large farm dog and the injury may have been serious. Heinrich moved to Orenburg on 5 February 1901.

Daniel's second wife, Margaretha Schellenberg, had a couple of strokes before she died: 11-12 March 1903; 9 September 1914. The last stroke led to her death.

Daniel's son Daniel was married to Sara Redekop. The Canadian Mennonite Historical Society lists her as buried in Edenburg, Manitoba. I also have seen records indicating she was buried in Halbstadt, Manitoba. I think she may be buried in the Edenburg cemetery but the connection to Halbstadt is likely the Mennonite Church located there.

The grave of Daniel's daughter Katharina is located at Archibald Cemetery, Manitou, Pembina Municipality, Manitoba (Billion Graves).

Daniel married Maria Abrams<sup>14</sup> 21 August 1856 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227336}

#### Children:

- i. Peter Teichroeb.<sup>5</sup> Peter married Agatha Dyck,<sup>6</sup> daughter of Johann Dyck<sup>28</sup> and Anna Hiebert,<sup>29</sup> 8 November 1879 in Georgstal, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 476531}. Peter next married Maria Dyck,<sup>22</sup> daughter of Johann Dyck<sup>28</sup> and Anna Hiebert,<sup>29</sup> 19 February 1923 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 152974}
  - ii. Daniel Teichroeb<sup>51</sup> was born 7 March 1860 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza,

- Ukraine and died 1 October 1924 in Gretna, Manitoba. Daniel married Sara Redekop 13 June 1882.
- iii. Margaretha Teichroeb<sup>51</sup> was born 11 February 1862 and died 6 January 1887.
- iv. Jacob Teichroeb<sup>51</sup> was born 24 October 1863 and died 18 January 1873.
- v. Heinrich Teichroeb<sup>51</sup> was born 17 January 1866 and died in 1932.
- vi. Bernhardt Teichroeb<sup>51</sup> was born 14 July 1868 and died 12 October 1872.
- vii. Johann Teichroeb<sup>52</sup> was born 22 June 1871 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 28 July 1942 in Russia. Johann married Anna Dyck 17 January 1893 in Georgstal, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. Johann next married Helena Ens 5 April 1923 in Russia.
- viii. Maria Teichroeb<sup>51</sup> was born 23 July 1873 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine.
- ix. Jacob Teichroeb<sup>51</sup> was born 19 April 1876 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 22 September 1881.
- x. Katharina Teichroeb<sup>51</sup> was born 5 December 1878 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in 1953 in Manitoba. Katharina married Johann Friesen in 1901.

Daniel next married Margaretha Schellenberg<sup>51</sup> 15 September 1891 in Georgstal, Fuerstenland, Ukraine.

17. Maria Abrams,<sup>14</sup> daughter of Peter Abrams<sup>53</sup> and Margaretha Krahn,<sup>54</sup> was born 7 June 1835 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died 25 June 1891 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227336}

Maria is listed in the Schoenhorst registry along with her parents.

Maria married Daniel Teichroeb<sup>13</sup> 21 August 1856 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227365}

18. Johann Dyck,<sup>28</sup> son of Johann Dyck<sup>55</sup> and Helena Friesen,<sup>56</sup> was born about 1824 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine and died about 1892 in Michaelsburg, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 192473}

Johann is listed in the Fuerstenland Baptism record in connection with the baptisms in Georgstal of his children Heinrich (21 June 1888), Katarina (21 June 1888) and Peter (21 June 1892). There is no village named in 1888 but they were living in Olgafeld in 1892. His name is mentioned in the Fuerstenland Baptism record for Daniel Teichroeb (b. 1904) where he is recorded as Agatha's father.

He must have been born in Neuendorf because his parents lived there as early as 1815 and his father died there in 1848. There are records in the Berlin Archives related to his son, Johann, that indicate the son was born in Neuendorf in 1857.

He was deceased by the time Peter was baptized and his wife had remarried a Jacob Nickel. His wife's obituary says he was about 68 when he died. Therefore if he died around 1892 he must have been born around 1824. According to the Grandma Database there is a record in the Odessa Archives stating he was born in 1827. This does not correspond well with the obituary cited here earlier.

Johann may have had a son named Cornelius. However, It is difficult to establish a connection between Cornelius and his presumed parents.

The Reinlander Gemeinde Buch provides the information about the maiden name of his wife Anna Hiebert, in connection with entries for two of their daughters. The Grandma Database provides the information connecting him to his parents Johann Dyck and Helena Friesen. The source of this data may be records in the Odessa Region State Archives. I have not viewed this data.

Johann married Anna Hiebert<sup>29</sup> before 1855 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 192474}

#### Children:

- i. Helena Dyck<sup>57</sup> was born 15 February 1855 in Ukraine and died 13 February 1943 in Canada. {UsrID: 182702}
- ii. Elizabeth Dyck<sup>58</sup> was born 17 May 1856 in Ukraine and died in Canada. {UsrID: 192469}
- iii. Johann Dyck<sup>59</sup> was born in 1857 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 2 May 1920 in Michaelsburg, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 917480}
- 9 iv. Agatha Dyck.<sup>6</sup> Agatha married Peter Teichroeb,<sup>5</sup> son of Daniel Teichroeb<sup>13</sup> and Maria Abrams,<sup>14</sup> 8 November 1879 in Georgstal, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227367}
  - v. Cornelius Dyck<sup>60</sup> was born 30 March 1861 in Ukraine and died 14 November 1921 in Canada. {UsrID: 380823}
  - vi. Maria Dyck<sup>22</sup> was born 1 May 1865 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died in 1937 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 152974}. Maria married Peter Teichroeb,<sup>5</sup> son of Daniel Teichroeb<sup>13</sup> and Maria Abrams,<sup>14</sup> 19 February 1923 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227367}. Maria next married David Rempel in 1883 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 151740}

- vii. Heinrich Dyck<sup>61</sup> was born 1 May 1867 in Ukraine, was baptized 21 June 1888 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine, and died 6 August 1954 in Plum Coulee, Manitoba. {UsrID: 380311}
- viii. Katharina Dyck<sup>62</sup> was born 18 May 1869 in Ukraine and was baptized 21 June 1888 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 793411}
- ix. Peter Dyck<sup>63</sup> was born 18 August 1873 in Ukraine and was baptized 21 June 1892 in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 793412}
- 19. Anna Hiebert<sup>29</sup> was born 24 February 1827 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine, died 10 October 1911 in Michaelsburg, Fuerstenland, Ukraine, and was buried 17 October 1911 in Michaelsburg, Fuerstenland, Ukraine. {UsrID: 192474}

Daniel Teichroeb's journal lists her married name and has her birth and death dates; her last name comes from the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch.

Anna's obituary in Mennonitische Rundschau appears to be written by one of Anna's sons, Johann. Johann is not connected to her in the Grandma database. However, Ben Fast told me years ago that he believed Agatha Dyck (my great grandmother) had a brother named Johann who was a blacksmith. That was a family trade - Anna Hiebert's husband, Johann Dyck, was a blacksmith. The obituary has a "dateline" of Blumenfeld Post Nikolaipol, in Nepluiev Settlement on the Dnieper River, ten miles from the city of Nikolaipol.

The obituary says that Anna and Johann lived in Olgafeld, Fuerstenland Colony, where they had a farm. Johann was also a blacksmith and operated a shop to earn extra income. They made ends meet but they were not wealthy. At some point the neighbour's property went up in flames and the fire spread to Johann's blacksmith shop, which also burned. With their business destroyed the couple sold and moved to Michaelsburg where they built a new house and lived with the two unmarried children who had not yet left home. They operated a farm in Michaelsburg. When Johann was about 68 years of age he died. He had been ill for many years with stomach ailments. Later the last of the children married and moved out on there own. Anna employed hired help to run the farm until her death in 1911 at the age of 83 years and 7 months. If the birth date in Daniel Teichroeb's journal is correct then she was actually 84 years and 7 months old when she died.

The obituary says she was buried on 17 October 1911. Daniel Teichroeb's journal records a death date of 10 October 1911.

This must have occurred before the youngest son Peter was baptized in 1892, that record saying Johann Nickel was his stepfather. The obituary does not say Anna remarried and her husband is not mentioned.

Entries in the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch establish the connection between parents Johann Dyck and Anna Hiebert and daughters Helena and Elizabeth, both of whom immigrated to Canada. Teichroeb family records establish the connection between the parents and daughters Maria and Agatha, both of whom were married to Peter Teichroeb and never left Ukraine. The Fuerstenland Baptism Record establishes connections to children Cornelius and Heinrich, who immigrated to Canada, and Maria, Katharina and Peter, who presumably all remained in Ukraine. Certainly Maria remained in Ukraine. A note in the Grandma Database says Peter moved to Siberia. Nothing is known about Katharina after her baptism in 1888.

The obituary tells us there was another son, Johann. I think he is the Johann Johann Dyck who has numerous children baptized in Alexanderthal (1898 and 1901) and then Michaelsburg (1903 and later), all in the Mennonite Brethren Gemeinde. The Grandma Database indicates his father was a Johann Dyck and his mother was an Anna Suderman but I do not think this is correct.

Johann says in the obituary that four children went to North America and the others stayed behind. This sounds like a description of the family contained in this analysis.

Anna married Johann Dyck<sup>28</sup> before 1855 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 192473}

Anna next married Jacob Nickel after 1892 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 793404}

20. Johann Schapansky,<sup>30</sup> son of Hermann Schapansky<sup>64</sup> and Susanna Dyck,<sup>65</sup> was born 4 November 1839 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine, was baptized in 1860 in Ukraine, and died 23 September 1915 in Morden, Manitoba. {UsrID: 184115}

According to the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch, between 1874 and 1880 almost seven thousand Mennonites immigrated to Manitoba from Ukraine. Johann and his brother are both listed. Johann's wife Helena Hiebert and their son David are also listed. Johann's date of death is taken from the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch. Johann and his wife arrived in Quebec on 1 July 1875 aboard the S.S. Moravian No. 25, destined for Schanzenfeld West Reserve (Manitoba). He appears in the 1901 federal census with his wife in Manitoba, sub district of Rhineland, f-4, page 15, entry #122. They both immigrated in 1875 and naturalization was in 1879. The census indicates his birth date is 23 October 1839. I presume he was born in Burwalde because his father appears there in 1847. He appears in the 1881 census in Manitoba. His death certificate gives a birth date of 3 October 1834, which I have not used. (The death certificate has some unusual data written on it - the year of birth was changed to 1834 from something undecipherable and the age at death had been written as 76 and then crossed out and changed to 80.) It also gives the date and location of death used herein. Johann is listed in Burwalde in the 1863 Grain List, and he was not a landowner at that time.

Information about Johann's children is from the material provided by Rosella Wall. For son Abraham I have a birthdate of 24 March 1862 but this is very close to brother Johann who is shown with a birthdate of 7 November 1861.

# Migration of Mennonites from Ukraine to Canada

There were three so called waves of migration, occurring in the 1870s, the 1890s and the 1920s. The first and last waves were rather substantial. Economic and political life in Ukraine had been going very well for many decades following the original migration from Danzig in the late 1700s. The settlement of Chortitza beginning in 1788-1789 continued for a few years, and in 1803 a new colony, Molotschna was established. Both colonies grew and further expansion followed, including the Bergthal colony in the mid 1800s and the Fuerstenland colony a few years later. In total about 10,000 people migrated to Ukraine during the period of colonization. The Mennonite colonists prospered.

In the latter half of the 19th century the unfettered political and cultural existence of the Mennonites suffered encroachment. Gradually demands for military service or other economic compensation by way of labour or taxes was demanded by the government. Fear of restrictions on education, language and religion also persisted. There was a movement to establish a framework of tolerance for certain restrictions but the more conservative Mennonite groups, such as the Bergthalers, could not support such a policy and the search for an alternative solution began. In North America a solution was readily at hand because governments were desperately motivated to attract settlers to the expansive west.

In the 1870s about 17,000 Mennonites made there way to North America. The first new settlers to land in Canada arrived in 1874 and were primarily Bergthalers. In 1875 it was the Choritzers, or people from the "Old Colony", who made the journey to Canada. Many settled in Manitoba. Provincial requirements for English language education subsequently drove the most conservative groups to the area of the Northwest Territories that later became Saskatchewan.

The second wave numbered about 900 people. These were Mennonites willing to compromise until the economic and cultural pressures in Ukraine became too great and they finally decided to migrate in the 1890s. Similarly to the earlier Mennonite group, they passed through central Canada to Manitoba and many went on to the Northwest Territories following the promise of land and homesteads.

In the meantime, in Ukraine, the remaining Mennonites adopted a strategy of increased tolerance and assimilation. The tactic of accommodation was more than offset by the profound economic benefits they realized in the decades leading to the First World War.

Farms grew, villages expanded and the Mennonites became wealthy. Economic expansion proliferated. Ben Fast describes the farm implement factories, mills, vinegar factories, brewers, weavers and brickyards that operated alongside large farms in the colonies. Contrary to the fears of earlier Mennonite groups that left Ukraine, those that stayed behind were left to their own language and religion and commercial enterprises. In fact the Mennonites enjoyed a level of cultural and economic prosperity seldom experienced among the broader Ukrainian population. Eventually this good fortune would turn against them.

World War One was the turning point for the remaining Mennonites. They had for more than a century possessed an exemption from military service and even though there were mandated compensatory taxes or other services, the general ill will of other citizens was manifest. Further, German speaking populations became targets for governmental policy. People who spoke German were declared enemies of the state. Inevitably the most destructive decree was the forced sale of land assets at absurdly low prices. This, of course, was disastrous. Before the war ended the Bolshevik Revolution turned the country into a lawless land where survival was grim.

Once again the government in Canada facilitated a migration of Mennonites, this time attracting 21,000 people. The Canadian Pacific Railway was a key player in the endeavour, aiming to settle vast areas of the Canadian west.

Genealogical Events in the Context of the Waves of Migration

Margaret Schapansky was born in Canada, as was her mother Maria Loewen. Her father, all of her grandparents and several of her great grandparents emigrated from Ukraine in the first wave during the 1870s. It appears that all of these people came from Chortitza Colony.

Similarly, Helena Striemer was born in Canada, as were her parents. Her grandparents and several of her great grandparents emigrated from Ukraine in the first wave as well. Based on my research thus far all of these people came from Bergthal Colony.

Albert Fast was born in Canada but his parents came from Ukraine in the 1890s, part of the second wave of migration. His father, Jacob, and his grandparents, came from Rosenthal, Chortitza Colony. His mother, Helena Epp, and her parents, came from Olgafeld, Fuerstenland Colony, while her grandparents came from Michaelsburg, Fuerstenland Colony.

Daniel Teichroeb and his father came from Olgafeld, Fuerstenland Colony in the 1920s during the last wave when the strategy of assimilation proved hopeless and remaining in Ukraine was

nearly impossible.

Johann married Helena Hiebert<sup>31</sup> in 1860 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 184116}

#### Children:

- i. Johann Schapansky<sup>66</sup> was born in 1861 and was baptized 6 June 1881.
   {UsrID: 184117}. Johann married Helena Fehr.<sup>33</sup>
- ii. Abraham Schapansky<sup>66</sup> was born in 1862 and died 27 May 1930. {UsrID: 184118}. Abraham married Helena Regehr.<sup>33</sup>
- iii. Maria Schapansky<sup>66</sup> was born 22 August 1864 and was baptized 3 June 1884. {UsrID: 184119}. Maria married Jacob Regehr.<sup>33</sup>
- iv. Helena Schapansky<sup>67</sup> was born 10 November 1865 and died 11 December 1866. {UsrID: 482987}
- v. Jacob Schapansky<sup>66</sup> was born 3 November 1867 and was baptized 11 June 1889. {UsrID: 184120}. Jacob married Maria Wiebe.<sup>33</sup>
- vi. Peter Schapansky<sup>66</sup> was born 22 November 1869. {UsrID: 184121}. Peter married Helena Braun.<sup>33</sup>
- 10 vii. David Schapansky.<sup>7</sup> David married Maria Loewen,<sup>8</sup> daughter of Johann Loewen<sup>34</sup> and Sara Dyck,<sup>35</sup> 14 July 1896 in Canada. {UsrID: 182863}. David next married Helena Dyck<sup>33</sup> in December 1939.
  - viii. Gerhard Schapansky<sup>66</sup> was born 17 February 1874. {UsrID: 184123}. Gerhard married Katharina Wiebe.<sup>33</sup>
  - ix. Cornelius Schapansky<sup>67</sup> was born 4 December 1876 and died 22 December 1881. {UsrID: 482989}
  - x. Helena Schapansky<sup>67</sup> was born 3 March 1879 and died 24 November 1881. {UsrID: 482990}
  - xi. Heinrich Schapansky<sup>66</sup> was born 1 February 1881, was baptized 19 May 1902, and died 21 March 1944. {UsrID: 184124}. Heinrich married Katharina Krahn.<sup>33</sup>
- 21. Helena Hiebert,<sup>31</sup> daughter of Peter Hiebert<sup>68</sup> and Maria Ens,<sup>69</sup> was born 30 September 1842 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine, was baptized in 1860 in Ukraine, and died 13 July 1928 in Rosenfeld, Manitoba. {UsrID: 184116}

She is listed in the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch. She died in Manitoba according to family records. The 1901 federal census indicates her birth date is 29 August 1841. She appears in the 1881, 1906 and 1911 census in Manitoba. The death certificate I have for her gives a death date of 22 July 1893 and a location of Bluenfeld. This cannot be the right individual because later census records indicate she was still alive and living with husband Johann

Schapansky. Find-A-Grave gives the date I have used here.

I have assumed she was born in Einlage because here father appear there in the 1863 Chortitza Grain Lists.

Helena married Johann Schapansky<sup>30</sup> in 1860 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 184115}

22. Johann Loewen,<sup>34</sup> son of Jacob Loewen<sup>70</sup> and Maria Klassen,<sup>71</sup> was born 23 December 1852 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine, was baptized 5 June 1872 in Ukraine, and died 16 March 1934 in Stanley, Manitoba. {UsrID: 182862}

He arrived in Canada on 13 July 1875 aboard the S.S. Peruvian with his wife Sara and two children, David and Johann. I read that his naturalization date was 1885. He appears in the 1881 Census in Manitoba, in the 1901 Federal Census in Saskatchewan, Sub-district of Osler, and in the 1916 Census of the Prairie Provinces he is living in Warman with Helena, his new wife.

He is listed in the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch. His marriage date is from the Reinlander Gemeinde Book. I obtained the death information online from Family Search and am in the process of substantiating it.

The origin of this surname is probably the Friesland region of the Netherlands.

The Grandma Database lists his parents and a sibling. The information here tells us that his parents died in a carriage accident in 1857. The birth year for the mother is stated as 1836. She was remarkably young to be having children in a typical Mennonite relationship but this has been substantiated. The younger sibling was born in 1854 in Molotschna. If this is accurate information then Johann probably was originally from Molotschna.

Johann married Sara Dyck<sup>35</sup> 6 November 1874 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 182767}

- i. Jakob Loewen<sup>72</sup> was born 7 November 1875 in Canada and died 6 January 1876 in Canada. {UsrID: 487061}
- 11 ii. Maria Loewen.<sup>8</sup> Maria married Johann Penner<sup>36</sup> in July 1895 in Canada. Maria next married David Schapansky,<sup>7</sup> son of Johann Schapansky<sup>30</sup> and Helena Hiebert,<sup>31</sup> 14 July 1896 in Canada. {UsrID: 184122}
  - iii. Margaretha Loewen<sup>72</sup> was born 2 October 1878 and died 16 September 1879. {UsrID: 487062}

- iv. Margaretha Loewen<sup>73</sup> was born 21 July 1880, was baptized 21 May 1899, and died 18 August 1922. {UsrID: 182864}
- v. Jakob Loewen<sup>72</sup> was born 1 January 1883 and died 20 July 1887. {UsrID: 487063}
- vi. Sara Loewen<sup>72</sup> was born 8 November 1884. {UsrID: 190742}
- vii. Peter Loewen<sup>72</sup> was born 1 February 1887. {UsrID: 182865}
- viii. Isaak Loewen<sup>72</sup> was born 1 February 1887 and died 10 November 1891. {UsrID: 487064}
- ix. Katarina Loewen<sup>72</sup> was born 1 April 1892. {UsrID: 190743}
- x. Heinrich Loewen<sup>72</sup> was born 5 February 1895. {UsrID: 190744}

Johann next married Helena -74 before 1916 in Saskatchewan.

23. Sara Dyck,<sup>35</sup> daughter of Johann Dyck<sup>75</sup> and Maria DeVeer,<sup>76</sup> was born 13 January 1852 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine, was baptized 10 June 1870 in Ukraine, and died before 1916 in Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 182767}

She came to Canada with her husband Johann Loewen in 1875. She was pregnant with Jakob (1875-1876) at the time. They had with them her two children with her first husband Isaak Redekop who died in 1873. The birth date information in the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch in association with her marriage and children is not correct. Instead I have used the earlier information in the Reinlander Gemeinde Book where she is listed with her parents and siblings.

An interesting side note was entered into the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch; daughter Margaretha had a son Johan in 1895 when she was only 15 and before she was married. She later married Abraham Giesbrecht and went on to have 10 more children before dying the day after the last one was born.

Sara married Isaak Redekop in 1871.

#### Children:

- i. David Redekop was born 21 October 1871.
- ii. Johan Redekop was born 10 March 1873.

Sara next married Johann Loewen<sup>34</sup> 6 November 1874 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 182862}

24. Johann Fast,<sup>37</sup> son of Johann Fast<sup>77</sup> and Judith Rempel,<sup>78</sup> was born 8 June 1852 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 28 April 1920 in Laird, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 167749}

The first ancestry work done for the Fast family was by Ben Fast. It was Ben who determined that Johann Fast lived in Rosenthal, Chortitza. In his genealogy work Ben Fast says the Fasts "grew up" in Molotschna and Chortitza, and were raised in Rosenthal.

Ben Fast told me that Johann had at least two brothers. Ben met the son of one brother, Jacob, in Winnipeg years ago. The other brother, Heinrich, was a bachelor. His obituary, published in Der Bote, has this to say:

"Heinrich Fast was born in 1871 in Rosenthal, South Russia. When he was 15 years old, he learned the carpenter trade, which has been his main occupation in life. At the age of 21 he was baptized in the Chortitza church and accepted into the congregation.

In 1904 he emigrated to Canada with his parents and siblings. The deceased spent his last years in a small house in Rosthern. He lived here quietly and withdrawn and a large goiter from which he suffered for many years made him almost completely unable to do physical work, so that he mostly survived with the help of civic and charitable associations. During this time he wished to be able to leave this world in order to exchange it with another better one."

Heinrich's death certificate tells us his father was Johann Fast and his mother was Judith Rempel. The genealogy of these two individuals is well established.

A passenger list found on ancestry.com has Heinrich listed as a passenger on the S.S. Rhein from Bremen, which docked in Baltimore in October 1904, travelling on his own en route to Gretna, Manitoba and from there to meet his brother Johann in Rosthern, North West Territories. He was a joiner by trade. It is interesting that he is listed immediately after Dietrich Epp in the ship manifest, and his origin is shown as the same town in Ukraine. I wonder if he was travelling with that family. He does not appear to be travelling with any other family members.

According to family lore, Johann and his family emigrated to Canada in March 1892 and from Spring 1892 until Spring 1893 they wintered in Manitoba with friends. I know they sailed on 17 June 1892 en route to Gretna Manitoba. They no doubt wintered in Manitoba but they were not there until the Summer. They settled in Rosthern, Saskatchewan in 1893. By 1897 Johann and his sons had erected log buildings and Johann had filed his homestead claim. The homestead consisted of 160 acres of land three miles north of Waldheim and 13 miles west of Rosthern. Later he managed a further guarter section for \$3 an acre. He is buried in

the Rosthern Cemetery. His death date is from the grave marker. He appears with his wife in the 1901 census in Saskatchewan, sub district of Waldheim, page 7, entry #47.

After a decade of farming he retired to Rosthern. This would mean he was in his mid fifties and able to live without working. I think that is remarkable for the turn of the 19th century.

Amy (Ens) Loewen gave me notes she had taken from a conversation with Dora Fast, a granddaughter of Johann Fast. Dora provided Amy with some insight about her uncles, Johann's sons. This is summarized below.

Peter farmed in the Blaine Lake area. He moved to British Columbia where he died. He was living in a nursing home where he had pretended to be a church minister.

Isaac, the fisherman, lived on the river bank near Rosthern. The story goes that he spent his winters gambling in Las Vegas. To my knowledge he had no money and I am not sure this is more than a myth.

George operated a second hand store or a hardware store in Rosthern.

Alex was known for his strength. He was a pool shark and a wrestler and a common labourer.

Johann, the oldest, lived in Rosthern where his wife Katherine was a midwife. He may have farmed in the Hepburn area when he was younger. Their children all had nicknames: John was Jack, Peter was Pat, Henry was Casey, Edward was Ed, and Herman was Herb.Peter was know n as Pat. I believe his middle name was Patrick. Peter and his wife owned a rooming house where my father, Peter Teichroeb, roomed when he first moved to Saskatoon in 1949. Pat's son Jeff had a daughter named Carrie. She married Anton La Vallie. Their daughter Chelsea married Dan McElliogott, my nephew.

Jacob came to Canada at age 18 and took up farming in the Laird area.

Cornelius had a hardware store in Hague and later moved to Manitoba where he grew sugar beets.

Heinrich found himself a mail order bride from Germany. The couple never had any children. They farmed 7.5 miles west of Rosthern. Apparently his wife was often seen digging in the garden, presumably hiding gold. (I suppose gardening was out of the question.) When Heinrich died she did not want the Fast family to visit because she thought they might want money.

Uncle Heinrich lived poorly in Rosthern, never seeming to work. (In fact he was not very well for most of his later years, and probably could not work.) He was a carpenter by trade.

Dora also said that Johann Fast had panned for gold in California. He shared the gold with his sons and therefore remained poor. (The California Gold Rush was over in 1855 when Johann was a youngster. He still could have gone to California when he was older, although he was married in 1871, his wife gave birth to nine boys by 1890, the family emigrated in 1892 and he proceeded to establish a homestead and operate a farm until the very early 1900's when he retired. I do not know when he found the time to travel to California and prospect for gold.)

Johann married Maria Krahn<sup>38</sup> in 1871 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 167750}

#### Children:

- i. Johann Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 1 May 1872 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died in April 1947 in Saskatchewan. Johann married Katherina Loepky<sup>39</sup> in 1895 in Saskatchewan.
- 12 ii. Jacob Fast.<sup>9</sup> Jacob married Helena Epp,<sup>10</sup> daughter of Heinrich Epp<sup>41</sup> and Margaretha Rempel,<sup>42</sup> 14 December 1897 in Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 166698}
  - iii. Cornelius Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 31 December 1875 and died in December 1942. Cornelius married Anna Klassen<sup>39</sup> before 1910.
  - iv. Heinrich Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 4 December 1877 and died in 1932. Heinrich married Chorlina -.<sup>39</sup>
  - v. Peter Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 2 April 1880 and died 7 May 1960. Peter married Helena Klassen<sup>39</sup> before 1908.
  - vi. Isaac Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 12 February 1882 and died 19 December 1882. {UsrID: 438668}
  - vii. Isaac Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 22 June 1884 and died in June 1964 in Winkler, Manitoba. Isaac married Edith Unrau in 1918 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan.
  - viii. Gerhard Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 6 February 1887 and died 19 May 1960. Gerhard married Agatha Dyck<sup>39</sup> 6 August 1914.
  - ix. Alexander Fast<sup>39</sup> was born 1 April 1890 and died in May 1960.
- 25. Maria Krahn,<sup>38</sup> daughter of Kornelius Krahn<sup>79</sup> and Helena Redekop,<sup>80</sup> was born 15 September 1848 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 23 January 1916 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 167750}

She is buried in the Rosthern Cemetery; I saw her grave marker. Her Death Certificate gives

her parent's names.

Maria married Johann Fast<sup>37</sup> in 1871 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 167749}

26. Heinrich Epp,<sup>41</sup> son of Heinrich Epp<sup>81</sup> and Helena Dyck,<sup>82</sup> was born 13 March 1855 in Schoeneberg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 25 September 1906 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 166696}

According to Ben Fast, who had their passports, they emigrated to Canada in 1891. The book "Waldheim Remembers the Past" quotes family records that say the Epps arrived in Manitoba on 23 April 1891, and stayed with relatives and friends for about a year and a half. They arrived in Rosthern in 1892 and established their homestead at the current site of Waldheim. Heinrich is buried in Waldheim, Saskatchewan according to the H. Epp - M. Rempel genealogy. He appears with his wife in the 1901 census in Saskatchewan, sub district of Waldheim, page 7, entry #53. I suspect that Heinrich was born in Schoeneberg, although various family records and the Grandma Database records say Fuerstenland. They emigrated from Fuerstenland to Canada, but his younger siblings are reported as born in Schoeneberg, so this is the location I have used for him. Schoeneberg corresponds with what we know about the family circumstances in 1858 (see notes about Peter Epp).

His son David Epp was a grain buyer. I have seen a reference to a middle name of Martin but this is very unusual for Mennonites at the time. Some of his brothers had a middle initial M which I believe is a reference to his mother's first name. His son Heinrich Epp was a farmer, minister and missionary.

His sons Peter Epp and Jacob Epp were farmers. Son Johann was a teacher and a civil servant.

Heinrich married Margaretha Rempel<sup>42</sup> in 1876 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 164209}

- i. Maria Epp<sup>83</sup> was born in 1877 and died in 1904.
- 13 ii. Helena Epp. <sup>10</sup> Helena married Jacob Fast, <sup>9</sup> son of Johann Fast <sup>37</sup> and Maria Krahn, <sup>38</sup> 14 December 1897 in Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 166797}
  - iii. Margaretha Epp<sup>83</sup> was born 26 June 1881 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine and died in July 1943 in Pibroch, Alberta.
  - iv. Katharina Epp<sup>83</sup> was born 18 July 1883 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine, died 22 March 1932, and was buried in Eigenheim, Saskatchewan. Katharina married Peter Epp in 1905.

- v. Heinrich Epp<sup>83</sup> was born 15 February 1885 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine and died 22 September 1942. Heinrich married Agnetha Goossen in 1907.
- vi. Peter Epp<sup>83</sup> was born 22 December 1886 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine and died 25 December 1943.
- vii. Jacob Epp<sup>83</sup> was born 24 May 1889 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine and died 15 March 1963. Jacob married Anna Ens in 1910.
- viii. David Epp<sup>83</sup> was born 3 September 1893 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan, died 19 August 1957 in Langley, British Columbia, and was buried in Abbotsford, British Columbia.
- ix. Agatha Epp<sup>83</sup> was born 25 February 1896 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan, died 8 June 1972 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan, and was buried in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. Agatha married Heinrich Heppner in 1917.
- x. Johann Epp<sup>83</sup> was born 27 September 1897 and died 23 February 1978.
- 27. Margaretha Rempel,<sup>42</sup> daughter of Heinrich Rempel<sup>84</sup> and Maria Bergen,<sup>85</sup> was born 4 January 1857 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 19 August 1937 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 164209}

She is buried in Waldheim according to the H. Epp - M. Rempel genealogy.

Her second husband, Bernhard Heppner, is listed in some sources with a middle initial of A which I believe is a reference to his father's first name.

Margaretha married Heinrich Epp<sup>41</sup> in 1876 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 166696}

Margaretha next married Bernhard Heppner in 1907.

28. Johann Striemer,<sup>43</sup> son of Heinrich Striemer<sup>86</sup> and Anna Neufeld,<sup>87</sup> was born 25 November 1859 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine, was baptized 10 June 1878 in Canada, and died 21 May 1944 in Reinfeld, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 184562}

He appears in Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch with his family. The Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch Quebec Passenger Lists tell us he came to Canada on the S.S. Nova Scotian on 27 July 1874. He appears in the 1881 Canadian Federal Census in Kronsgart, Manitoba with his wife Helena and his daughters Maria and Helena. He was a farmer there.

In 1891 and 1901 he was farming in the Reinland area of Manitoba.

By 1906 the family was living in Vonda in the Humboldt district of Saskatchewan. I have not been able to locate him in 1911 the Census but according to Leonard Doell he moved to the

Carrot River area, following Elder Cornelius Epp who took over as Elder of a conservative Bergthaler Mennonite Church there. In 1910 Johann was chosen as a Minister in that church. In 1922 Epp moved to Mexico and I believe the church he founded was disolved. In any case, by the time of the 1921 Census Johann is listed as retired in Laird, Saskatchewan.

In 1927 Johann joined the regular Bergthal Church as a member but not as a Minister and a year later, on 1 March 1928 he was reinstated as a Minister. He served at the Bergthaler Church in Reinfeld, Saskatchewan. The church was still there in 1998 when I visited and it still had a functioning outhouse, but no indoor plumbing. He is buried in the Bergthaler Mennonite Church Cemetery near the Hague Ferry at Reinfeld. In 2022 the church was gone and replaced with a new building. The grave markers were mostly removed as well and ugly steel markers embedded in concrete replaced them.

The 1916 census indicates that Heinrich, Gerhard and Anna were all living with the parents at that time. There is also a 2 year old child named William listed as a son. This is more likely to be a child belonging to Wilhelm Striemer and Anna Dyck.

I have seen Johann's son Gerhard listed as George Gerhard. I believe it is simply Gerhard and the other name is just the English equivalent. I don't know why records would be kept this way. Gerhard's wife Agnetha Neufeld was nicknamed Nettie.

The birthdate and date of death for Johann's daughter Anna are shown on her grave marker. She really did attain the age of 106.

Johann and the Saskatchewan Bergthaler Church

Much of this information originates with Leonard Doell who provided great assistance in my research of Johann Striemer.

Johann had been a member of the Saskatchewan Bergthaler Church, probably from the time he first moved to Saskatchewan. In 1908 Cornelius Epp, an Elder in the Bergthaler Church since 1902, left the church and established his own church, known as the Epp Mennonite Church. A small group of congregants left the Bergthaler Church to join Epp, among them Johann. Around 1910 Johann was elected as a minister in Epp's church.

In 1922 Epp emigrated to Mexico but Johann remained in Saskatchewan and continued to fulfil his obligations as a minister of the church to which he belonged. A larger group of congregants emigrated to Paraguay in 1926 and in 1927 Johann rejoined the Saskatchewan

Bergthaler Church. On 1 March 1928 he was chosen as a minister of this church.

Johann married Helena Giesbrecht<sup>44</sup> 22 July 1878 in Canada. {UsrID: 186635}

- Maria Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 12 May 1879 in Plum Coulee, Manitoba. Maria married Peter Striemer, son of Peter Striemer and Maria Hiebert, 19 July 1896
- ii. Helena Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 5 November 1880 in Manitoba and died 25 May 1949. Helena married Peter Fehr, son of Cornelius Fehr and Anna Penner, 27 November 1898.
- iii. Heinrich Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 25 March 1882 in Manitoba and died 18 January 1960 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan.
- iv. Johann Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 2 August 1883 in Plum Coulee, Manitoba and died 12 December 1962 in Portland, Oregon. Johann married Helena Striemer, daughter of Peter Striemer and Maria Hiebert, 26 June 1904 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan.
- v. Carl Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 13 January 1885 in Rural Municipality of Rhineland, Manitoba, died 7 October 1963 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan, and was buried in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. Carl married Elizabeth Born, daughter of Wilhelm Born and Helena Thiessen, 1 September 1906 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan.
- 14 vi. Wilhelm Striemer.<sup>11</sup> Wilhelm married Anna Dyck,<sup>12</sup> daughter of Johann Dyck<sup>47</sup> and Katharina Peters,<sup>48</sup> before 1913 in Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 438701}
  - vii. Jacob Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 22 September 1887 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan and died 27 December 1888 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan.
  - viii. Peter Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 3 July 1890 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan and died 12 July 1890 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan.
  - ix. Jacob Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 29 December 1891 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan and died 31 January 1907 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan.
  - x. Peter Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 29 December 1891 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan and died 31 January 1907 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan.
  - xi. Margaret Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 21 March 1893 in Hague, Saskatchewan and died 13 October 1964 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Margaret married Jacob Doerksen, son of Abraham J. Doerksen and Maria Penner, in Hague, Saskatchewan.
  - xii. Gerhard Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 15 January 1895 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan and died 30 January 1895 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan.

- xiii. Gerhard Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 15 February 1896 in Plum Coulee, Manitoba and died 12 July 1984 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. Gerhard married Aganetha Neufeld, daughter of Peter Neufeld and Elisabeth Klassen, 14 November 1916 in Vonda, Saskatchewan.
- xiv. Anna Striemer<sup>45</sup> was born 14 June 1898 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan, died 8 August 2004 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, and was buried 12 August 2004 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. Anna married Cornelius Neufeld, son of Peter H. Neufeld and Elisabeth Klassen, 14 November 1916 in Vonda, Saskatchewan.
- 29. Helena Giesbrecht,<sup>44</sup> daughter of Johann Giesbrecht<sup>88</sup> and Margaretha Doerksen,<sup>89</sup> was born 22 July 1855 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine, was baptized 8 June 1875, and died 22 May 1946 in Reinfeld, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 186635}

She appears in the Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch with her parents. The Striemer - Giesbrecht Genealogy tells us she was Johann Striemer's wife. She appears in the 1881 Canadian Federal Census in Kronsgart. There is no record so far of how she got to Canada. She is buried in the Bergthaler Mennonite Church Cemetery near the Hague Ferry at Reinfeld. Note that the birth date here is from the grave marker.

Helena married Johann Striemer<sup>43</sup> 22 July 1878 in Canada. {UsrID: 184562}

30. Johann Dyck,<sup>47</sup> son of Abraham Dyck,<sup>90</sup> and Elisabeth Dyck,<sup>91</sup> was born 22 September 1846 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine, was baptized 5 June 1867, and died 20 January 1914 in Manitoba. {UsrID: 146185}

Johann Dyck and Katharina Peters settled in Reinland Manitoba. Johann appears with the family in the 1901 census. He came to Canada in 1874. The census assumes his wife did too, but we know she came earlier with her family and therefore they must have been married in Canada before 1891. In the census they are found in the District of Lisgar, sub district Rhineland #56, F-11 page 8 line 38. The enumeration was on 17 April 1901. Note that the 1901 census data from Family Search gives a birth year of 1845 while the Bergthal Gemeinde Buch and the Grandma Database gives 1846. The census data may contain a transcription error. I have used the date of death found in the Manitoba Vital Statistics web search. This is not a certain match but likely to be accurate. The individual found was John Dyck living in Rhineland and he was 68 years of age when he died in early 1914.

Most of his children are listed in the Sommerfeld Gemeinde Buch but the last two are listed in the Saskatchewan Bergthaler Church Book.

His son Abraham may have died in 1954. This is the date provided in the Grandma Database.

SOn Heinrich may have died in 1963. Daughter Elizabeth may have died in 1953. Son Kornelius may have died in 1965.

I have seen references to a middle initial of E. Whether this is factual and what it stands for are unknowns. Possibly it represents his mother's first name.

Johann married Katharina Peters<sup>48</sup> 4 April 1880 in Canada. {UsrID: 186387}

# Children:

- i. Elizabeth Dyck<sup>92</sup> was born in 1882. {UsrID: 537637}
- ii. Peter Dyck<sup>92</sup> was born in 1883 and died in 1953. {UsrID: 537636}
- iii. Johann Dyck<sup>93</sup> was born in 1884 and died in 1948. {UsrID: 537635}
- iv. Abraham Dyck<sup>92</sup> was born in 1886.
- v. Katharina Dyck<sup>92</sup> was born in 1887. {UsrID: 733089}
- vi. Helena Dyck<sup>92</sup> was born in 1889 and died in 1976. {UsrID: 628468}. Helena married Abram Friesen.
- 15 vii. Anna Dyck. 12 Anna married Wilhelm Striemer, 11 son of Johann Striemer 43 and Helena Giesbrecht, 44 before 1913 in Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 438700}
  - viii. Gerhard Dyck<sup>94</sup> was born in 1893 and died in 1962. {UsrID: 578978}
  - ix. Heinrich Dyck<sup>92</sup> was born in 1894. {UsrID: 733093}
  - x. Jacob Dyck<sup>92</sup> was born in 1896.
  - xi. Kornelius Dyck<sup>92</sup> was born in 1898. {UsrID: 733095}
  - xii. Isaac Dyck<sup>92</sup> was born in 1900. {UsrID: 733096}
  - xiii. Bernhard Dyck<sup>92</sup> was born in 1902 and died in 1902. {UsrID: 732932}
  - xiv. Aganetha Dyck<sup>92</sup> was born in 1902 and died in 1902. {UsrID: 732933}
  - xv. Agatha Dyck was born in 1903. {UsrID: 1041522}
  - xvi. Bernhard Dyck was born in 1905. {UsrID: 1163942}
- 31. Katharina Peters, 48 daughter of Peter Peters 95 and Helena Friesen, 96 was born 28 October 1861 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died 28 July 1941 in Canada. {UsrID: 186387}

See Johann Dyck for the census details. She actually did not come to Canada in 1881. She was with her family when they arrived on 19 July 1875 aboard the S.S. Canadian in Quebec City. She cannot be found in the 1881 Canadian census. She doesn't appear with her parents in the 1880 US census because she was married prior to the enumeration date.

She was married to a Klaas Dyck in 1916; they appear in that census with her two youngest children. This is also indicated in her son Jacob's military attestation papers (he calls his mother Mrs. Klaas Dyck of Clarkboro, Saskatchewan). Jacob was born in Rosenfeld, Manitoba

and at the time of his enlistment he lived in Aberdeen, Saskatchewan. Jacob joined the Canadian Over Seas Expeditionary Force in 1916 at the age of 20. Originally he served with the 46th Battalion but he was moved to the 15th Battalion of the Light Infantry in April 1917. He was wounded at Vimy on 1 July 1917 and later received a medical discharge.

I cannot locate the source of the date of death used here.

Katharina married Johann Dyck<sup>47</sup> 4 April 1880 in Canada. {UsrID: 146185}

Katharina next married Klaas Dyck<sup>97</sup> before 1916 in Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 266281}

#### Sixth Generation

32. Daniel Teichroeb,<sup>49</sup> son of Michael Teichroeb<sup>98</sup> and Anganetha Dyck,<sup>99</sup> was born 22 February 1789 in Gross Usnitz, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia and died 5 January 1857 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 46103}

Daniel was a son of Michael Teichroeb of Kalthof by his third wife Anganetha. Daniel immigrated to Molotschna with his mother and siblings in 1803. She is listed as a widow at the time. By 1804 she is listed as the wife of Abraham Neudorff in Muntau, Molotschna. As recently as the 1811 Molotschna Census Daniel was still living in Muntau with his mother and step father.

In an entry associated with Neudorff we find that Daniel was married in Chortitza on 5 July 1813. This was his first of three wives and the date corresponds with the marriage record in the Chortitza Colony Vital Records 1801-1813. This first wife was Maria, the widow of Bernard Krahn. Anna Wolf of Schoenhorst was his second wife. Daniel and Anna Wolf are listed in the Schoenhorst church registry as the parents of Daniel born in 1835. This son Daniel maintained a journal of family records, recorded in the mid - 1800's. His father's date of death and age are recorded there, establishing continuity in the records. This journal spells his last name as Teihreb and I have seen it in other sources spelled Teigrob. Daniel appears in Schoenhorst in the 1847 list of Chortitza householders. I assume he died there.

The May 1814 Chortitza Census lists Daniel as a landowner in Burwalde with his wife, Maria, and her daughters Margaretha (age 10) and Katharina (age 8). In the October 1814 Chortitza Census Katharina is not listed. Margaretha is listed as 8 years old. The November 1815 Chortitza Census lists the same family and confirms that Maria's first husband, Bernhard Krahn, died in 1813. Daniel Teichroeb had taken over the farm when he married the widow.

Maria (widow) Krahn was Daniel Teigrob's first wife. She must have died before 1835 because Daniel had remarried by then. Maria appears in Burwalde and Rosenthal. She is in the 1801 Rosenthal census and shown as 22 years of age. She appears there as the wife of Bernhard Krahn, with two daughters, Maria and Diana (probably Anna). These appear to be the daughters of Bernhard's first wife Katharina Andreas who died in November 1800. Maria lived in Burwalde until at least 1816 based on available census records. I assume she died there although she might have died in Schoenhorst, depending on when Daniel Teichroeb moved there from Burwalde.

Maria and Bernard Krahn had a daughter, Margaretha Krahn. She married Peter Abrams and they had a daughter, Maria Abrams. Maria married Daniel Teichroeb's son, Daniel.

Maria Lehn was Daniel Teigrob's third wife according to H. Schapansky. I suspect she died in Schoenhorst because as recently as 1847 Daniel and his second wife were living there. She had migrated to Neuendorf in 1796 and married her first husband there.

Daniel married Maria - 100 5 September 1813 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 476565}

Daniel next married Anna Wolf<sup>50</sup> about 1834 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 529221}

#### Children:

i. Daniel Teichroeb.<sup>13</sup> Daniel married Maria Abrams,<sup>14</sup> daughter of Peter Abrams<sup>53</sup> and Margaretha Krahn,<sup>54</sup> 21 August 1856 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227336}. Daniel next married Margaretha Schellenberg<sup>51</sup> 15 September 1891 in Georgstal, Fuerstenland, Ukraine.

Daniel next married Maria Lehn<sup>101</sup> 30 October 1840 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 265634}

33. Anna Wolf,<sup>50</sup> daughter of Johann Wolf<sup>102</sup> and Anna Peters,<sup>103</sup> was born in February 1806 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine and died about 1840 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 529221}

Anna was Daniel's second wife. She was the daughter of Johann Wolf of Schoenhorst. This is confirmed by the entry in the 12 August 1809 Chortitza smallpox vaccination list, which gives her location as Schoenhorst, her age as 2 years, and identifies her father as Johann Wolf. Her brother Johann is also listed. Her birth is also listed in the Chortitza Vital Records. Anna and Daniel appear in the Schoenhorst Church Register along with the birth of their son Daniel in 1835. I assume they were married in Schoenhorst because she was born their and they lived there when Daniel was born.

Anna married Daniel Teichroeb<sup>49</sup> about 1834 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 46103}

34. Peter Abrams,<sup>53</sup> son of Abraham Abrams<sup>104</sup> and Anna Doerksen,<sup>105</sup> was born 22 February 1798 in Schweingrube, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia, was baptized in 1813 in Montauerweide, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia, and died 8 November 1856 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 311091}

Rempel says he came alone to Ukraine, with a passport issued in Danzig on 18 August 1820.

H. Schapansky says he was a son of Abraham Abrams who migrated to Molotschna in 1818. Unruh indicates that Peter originated in Montau and settled in Molotschna in 1819. What seems clear is he came to Molotschna alone and later moved to Chortitza and married a woman born in Ukraine. Peter is listed in Schoenhorst in the 1863 Signature List (referring to the grain loans of that year).

Peter's date of death is from information posted on myheritage.com by Thomas Hiebert.

Regarding son Peter, dates relating to him are supposedly found in "West Reserve Bergthal Church Register No. 1". I have not seen these records. Whether he is actually a son of Peter Abrams is based on the Grandma Database and I can't substantiate this.

Peter married Margaretha Krahn<sup>54</sup> about 1825 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 185613}

#### Children:

- i. Peter Abrams was born in 1827 and died in 1874. {UsrID: 266318}
- ii. Jacob Abrams<sup>106</sup> was born 4 March 1829 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227981}
- 17 iii. Maria Abrams. 14 Maria married Daniel Teichroeb, 13 son of Daniel Teichroeb 49 and Anna Wolf, 50 21 August 1856 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227365}
  - iv. Heinrich Abrams<sup>106</sup> was born 22 January 1837 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227982}
  - v. Bernhard Abrams<sup>106</sup> was born 24 May 1840 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227983}
- 35. Margaretha Krahn,<sup>54</sup> daughter of Bernard Krahn<sup>107</sup> and Maria -,<sup>100</sup> was born in 1803 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 13 June 1855 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 185613}

Her year of birth is calculated as 1803 or 1804 by some sources. The Vital Records say she was born in 1803 between January and April in Burwalde. The 12 August 1809 smallpox vaccination list that shows her as Bernhard Krahn's daughter, age 4, in Burwalde. Her sister Catharina is also listed, age 3. I took the death date from the Wiebe family tree on ancestry.ca. The Grandma Database indicates a sister also named Margaretha who predeceased her, having been born in 1803 and dying in infancy. I'm not sure this is correct because there are no other daughters of this name in the Vital Records.

Margaretha married Peter Abrams<sup>53</sup> about 1825 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 311091}

36. Johann Dyck, 55 son of Johann Dyck and Agneta Schulz, 109 was born in 1792 in Prussia and died 4 August 1848 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 44746}

The connection between Johann Dyck and Helena Friesen and their children is taken from the Grandma Database, which in turn relies on information from Odessa Archive, Fund 6, Inventory 5, File 112. I have not seen this data. However, if we assume the information in the Grandma Database is correct and the ancestors of Johann (1824-1892) are Johann and Helena, then it is possible to identify these two people from census records. They first appear together in the 1815 census in Neuendorf living among the landless. The appear subsequently in the 1816 census, still in Neuendorf. They have no children at this point.

Indications are the elder Johann arrived in Ukraine in the 1803 wave of settlement, according to annotations in the transcribed census records for 1815 (Neuendorf #63). This implies the family was heading to Molotschna and this is what we find in the immigration and census records.

Peter Rempel lists a Johann Dyck and his wife Agneta who passed through Grodno in 1804 on their way to Molotschna. With them were sons Johann (age 11), Arend (age 8), Jacob (age 6) and Heinrich (age 2). The family was moving from the Danzig area of Prussia.

In the 1806 Molotschna Census Johann and Agatha appear at Lichentau #10 with children Johann (age 14), Hermann (age 12), Jacob (age 8), Heinrich (age 6) and Elisabeth (infant). Arend and Hermann must be the same child.

Unruh's 1808 census records for Molotschna list the family arriving in Molotschna in 1805, farmers originating in Tiegenhagen in the Tiegenhof jurisdiction. They have with them Johann (age 16), Hermann (age 14), Jacob (age 10), Heinrich (age 7) and Elisabeth (age 2).

In the November 1811 census the family is still at Lichtenau #10; the children are Johann (age 19), Hermann (age 17), Jacob (age 13), Heinrich (age 10), Elisabeth (age 5) and Anna (age 2).

By the time of the 1835 census Johann the elder has died (1831) but his wife Agata is still at Lichtenau #12 with Herman (age 40), Jacob (age 35), Jacob's wife Agneta, Elisabeth (age 28) and Anna (age 25). Heinrich had moved to Fischau in 1827. There is no mention of son Johann.

At some point around or after the 1811 Molotschna Census Johann moved out on his own. He must have moved to Neuendorf. In the 1811 Chortitza Census Johann Dyck (age 18) appears at Neuendorf #8 as the foster son of Diedrich Rempel and Elisabeth Dyck. In the 1814 census Johann is still living with his foster parents. In the 1815 census Diedrich and Elisabeth are still living in Neuendorf, but they are alone now and at this point we find a Johann Dyck (age 23) and his wife Helena (age 18) living at Neuendorf #63. The annotation on the transcribed census says that Johann may have come to Ukraine in 1803. In the 1816 census Johann (age 24) and his wife Helena (age 18) are still in Neuendorf.

I found a record in the Wall/Epp Diary mentioning the death of Johann's son Herman in 1843. Later in 1848 there are entries for the death of a Johann Dueck (der gross) and his wife. The marriage of his daughter Anna is listed in 1850. The original connection between Johann and his children is taken from the Grandma Database and further research is required to establish source references. The diary entries correspond well to the data in the Grandma Database. The Grandma Database also tells us that when he died in Neuendorf in 1848 his property passed to another family.

His daughter Anna is mentioned in the Jacob Epp diaries in connection with her marriage to Suderman in 1850. She is referred to as the late Johann Dyck's daughter. Johann had died earlier in 1848.

There is another Johann Dyck with a wife Helena in the census records. In Nieder-Chortitza there is such a family in 1816. However, based on information in the Grandma database, this Johann is not the ancestor of the Johann Dyck who had a daughter Agatha Dyck (1859).

Johann married Helena Friesen<sup>56</sup> about 1815 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 793409}

- i. Helena Dyck was born about 1818. {UsrID: 793407}
- ii. Elizabeth Dyck was born about 1820. {UsrID: 793405}
- 18 iii. Johann Dyck.<sup>28</sup> Johann married Anna Hiebert<sup>29</sup> before 1855 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 192474}
  - iv. Anna Dyck<sup>110</sup> was born about 1830. {UsrID: 793406}
  - v. Aganetha Dyck was born 14 August 1831 and died 3 September 1905. {UsrID: 184891}
  - vi. Hermann Dyck<sup>111</sup> was born about 1834 and died 19 March 1843. {UsrID: 793408}

37. Helena Friesen,<sup>56</sup> daughter of Bernhard Friesen<sup>112</sup> and Susanna Penner,<sup>113</sup> was born about 1798 in Prussia and died 3 August 1848 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 793409}

See the notes for her father Bernhard Friesen regarding the DNA matching discussion. It appears Helena Friesen was the daughter of Bernhard Friesen and Susanna Penner. They settled at Blumenort #19 in Molotschna Colony in 1805 and Helena appears in census and immigration records until 1814. In 1815 she is in Neuendorf, married to Johann Dyck. The 1815 census says she is 18 but a year later in both the May and October 1816 census lists she is still 18. It seems to me that she left Molotschna in 1815 and went to Chortitza to get married.

Helena married Johann Dyck<sup>55</sup> about 1815 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 44746}

40. Hermann Schapansky,<sup>64</sup> son of Hermann Schapansky<sup>114</sup> and Maria Klassen,<sup>115</sup> was born 24 December 1785 in Prussia, was baptized 7 June 1802 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia, and died after 1847 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 189083}

His ancestry is Lithuanian Mennonite according to Henry Schapansky. I learned from H. Schapansky that his father is Hermann, his mother is Maria Klassen and his grandfather is David. Much of this has subsequently been verified by church records as noted in the source references. The birth date used here is from the Grandma Database. He moved to Ukraine in 1818-1819. Peter Rempel lists a Herman Schapansky arriving in Burwalde in 1819 with his wife, two sons and a daughter. These children were with his first wife (a Doerksen). This is further substantiated by a marriage record in the German Marriages 1558-1929 online database. It is difficult to reconcile Rempel's information with the Grandma Database information about children unless Hermann's first wife died before the move to Ukraine. If that was the case then the child born in 1820 must belong to Susanna. H. Schapansky also says he is the ancestor of most Canadian Schapanskys. There is a Hermann listed in the 1847 Chortitza Householder list, but the annotations related to his wife are wrong.

Records are abundant for his children born while the family lived in Prussia; the Marcusof Marienburg Church Register is quite complete. However, records for his children after they emigrated to Ukraine are difficult to find. Wes Reimer has published a Family Book of Johann Schapansky and Helena Hiebert that apparently has more information. Unfortunately I have been unable to obtain these records.

I have seen a date of death for son Kornelius (1807-1819) but I have not found a reference to it in the Marcusof Marienburg Church Book. I have used it here nonetheless.

Regarding Hermann's first wife, I have seen information on the web indicating her first name was Maria. The particular genealogist source isn't the most reliable. The marriage is recorded in the Marcusof church records but her first name isn't given there. She died after 1820 when her last recorded child was born. Hermann was remarried by 1823 when the first child of his second wife was born.

Hermann married Maria Doerksen<sup>116</sup> 6 November 1806 in Markushof, Elbing Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 478469}

## Children:

- i. Kornelius Schapansky<sup>117</sup> was born 10 November 1807 and died 31 July 1819. {UsrID: 672750}
- ii. Maria Schapansky<sup>118</sup> was born 27 April 1810 and died 27 May 1810. {UsrID: 672749}
- iii. Heinrich Schapansky<sup>119</sup> was born 16 May 1811. {UsrID: 672138}
- iv. Maria Schapansky<sup>120</sup> was born 8 October 1814. {UsrID: 671299}
- v. Barbara Schapansky<sup>121</sup> was born 5 September 1817. {UsrID: 670386}
- vi. Kornelius Schapansky was born 28 May 1820. {UsrID: 670384}

Hermann next married Susanna Dyck<sup>65</sup> before 1823 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 189084}

- i. David Schapansky was born 12 March 1823 and died 29 January 1825. {UsrID: 478457}
- ii. Susanna Schapansky was born 13 November 1826 and died 13 November 1826. {UsrID: 48446}
- iii. David Schapansky was born in 1829. {UsrID: 478435}
- iv. Susanna Schapansky was born 12 December 1830 and died 6 January 1831. {UsrID: 478424}
- v. Jacob Schapansky was born 8 June 1832 and died 27 May 1909. {UsrID: 180157}
- vi. Susanna Schapansky was born 7 August 1834. {UsrID: 478417}
- vii. Helena Schapansky was born 24 July 1837 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 13 December 1907 in Millerovo, Russia. {UsrID: 478413}
- 20 viii. Johann Schapansky.<sup>30</sup> Johann married Helena Hiebert,<sup>31</sup> daughter of Peter Hiebert<sup>68</sup> and Maria Ens,<sup>69</sup> in 1860 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 184116}

- ix. Kornelia Schapansky was born about 1840 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 20 August 1843 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine.
- x. Kornelia Schapansky was born 22 October 1847 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine.
- 41. Susanna Dyck<sup>65</sup> was born before 1803 and died 23 April 1858 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 189084}

Her first child was born in 1823, so she must have been born around 1803 or earlier. According to the Grandma Database it appears that she and Hermann may have had a daughter named Kornelia.

Susanna married Hermann Schapansky<sup>64</sup> before 1823 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 189083}

42. Peter Hiebert<sup>68</sup> was born before 1822 in Ukraine and died in Ukraine. {UsrID: 189085}

I have not found Peter in the 1881, 1891 or 1901 Canadian census. I doubt that he came to Canada. There is a Peter Hiebert in the Bergthal Gemeinde Buch, recorded as arriving in Canada in 1875, but this is not him. There is also a Peter Hiebert listed as a resident of Einlage in the 1863 Chortitza Grain and Signature Lists. He was not a land owner.

There is a possibility his father is David Huebert #45685 but this is based only on a reference I saw on the myheritage.com site. I have not been able to verify this.

Peter married Maria Ens<sup>69</sup> in Ukraine. {UsrID: 189086}

#### Children:

- i. Helena Hiebert.<sup>31</sup> Helena married Johann Schapansky,<sup>30</sup> son of Hermann Schapansky<sup>64</sup> and Susanna Dyck,<sup>65</sup> in 1860 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 184115}
- 43. Maria Ens<sup>69</sup> was born before 1822 in Ukraine and died in Ukraine. {UsrID: 189086}

We know that Helena Hiebert's parents were a Peter Hiebert and a Maria Ens. However, it is difficult to find them in any reference materials except when listed as the parents of Helena. I do not think they came to Canada.

The origin of this surname is probably the Friesland region of the Netherlands.

Maria married Peter Hiebert<sup>68</sup> in Ukraine. {UsrID: 189085}

44. Jacob Loewen,<sup>70</sup> son of Michael Loewen<sup>122</sup> and Maria Bueckert,<sup>123</sup> was born in 1800 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in 1857 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 188375}

Barbara Paynton Ens is of the opinion that Jacob Loewen and Margaretha Braun are the parents of Johann. Her father and his siblings knew Jacob and Margaretha as their great grandparents. Margaretha was Jacob's second wife. We know this because the Chortitza Vital Records for Neu-Osterwick in 1822 show Jacob being married to Maria Klassen. There is a child named Peter, born in 1841, who is associated with Jacob in the Grandma Database and the mother is identified as Maria Klassen.

DNA matches have linked Peter Loewen (through Faye Lowen), Johann Loewen (through me and others) and Bernhard Loewen (through Margaretha Ens, Rodney Ens and Michele Dutka). This signals a common ancestor and the available records point to Jacob being that ancestor.

Jacob's father was Michael Loewen and his mother was Maria Bueckert. We know this because the 1801 Chortitza Colony Census shows Maria with her new husband Jacob Peters and her children Jacob Loewen (born 1800) and Maria Loewen (born 1798). The comments made by the transcribers tell us that Michael was the father of the two children. Henry Schapansky seems to think Jacob was a son of Jacob Peters and died young. I don't believe he is correct in this case.

Jacob Loewen is still living with his parents in 1807 but by May 1811 he is gone. His mother and sister are with Jacob Peters, landless in Kronsthal. By October 1814 the family is landless in Neu-Osterwick and now Maria is also gone. Landless usually means they are living in the village and have stopped farming.

In the May and October 1816 census records Jacob is listed as the 15 year old servant of Johann Wolf in Schoenhorst. I suspect he was a servant elsewhere in previous years but the ages don't match closely enough to be certain.

Jacob married Maria Klassen in 1822. This is recorded in the VItal Statistics for 1822. They were married in Neu-Osterwick. The EZW records indicate that son Bernhard was born in Neu-Osterwick.

According to Barb Paynton the family lore suggests that Margaretha was a servant in the household of Jacob Loewen and apparently she had Johann out of wedlock and his brother

Bernhard in 1854 around the time of her marriage to Jacob. This is feasible but highly uncharacteristic of normal conventions in the Mennonite community. I suspect the more likely situation is that she was a servant brought into the household to look after an infant child, Johann, born in 1852. Likely Maria Klassen had died around the time of Johann's birth. It is no surprise then that Margaretha married Jacob in 1854 and had a child with him.

Son Bernard married Anna Bergen. The marriage is supposedly recorded in the Hague, Saskatchewan church registry. I have not viewed this document.

The information in the Grandma Database that Jacob and Margaretha died in a carriage accident is without any sources and therefore I am unable to prove this event occurred.

The Grandma Database has two Jacob Loewens who I believe are the same individual, # 198119 and #188375.

Jacob married Maria Klassen<sup>71</sup> 1 October 1822 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 1194009}

#### Children:

- i. Peter Loewen was born 24 June 1841 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in 1898. {UsrID: 715255}
- 22 ii. Johann Loewen.<sup>34</sup> Johann married Sara Dyck,<sup>35</sup> daughter of Johann Dyck<sup>75</sup> and Maria DeVeer,<sup>76</sup> 6 November 1874 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 182767}. Johann next married Helena -<sup>74</sup> before 1916 in Saskatchewan.

Jacob next married Margaretha Braun<sup>124</sup> in 1854 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 188376}

- i. Bernhard Loewen<sup>125</sup> was born 28 April 1854 in Tiegenhagen, Molotschna, Ukraine, was baptized in 1873 in Ukraine, and died 4 April 1917 in Warman, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 140093}. Bernhard married Maria Blatz, <sup>125</sup> daughter of Andres Blatz<sup>125</sup> and Katharina Ens, <sup>125</sup> 13 September 1875 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 140094}. Bernhard next married Anna Bergen, <sup>126</sup> daughter of Abram Bergen<sup>127</sup> and Katarina Friesen, <sup>128</sup> 23 August 1903 in Osterwick, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 140212}
- 45. Maria Klassen<sup>71</sup> was born about 1800 in Ukraine and died about 1852 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 1194009}

Maria married Jacob Loewen<sup>70</sup> 1 October 1822 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 188375}

46. Johann Dyck, <sup>75</sup> son of Johann Dyck<sup>129</sup> and Sara Klassen, <sup>130</sup> was born 24 December 1826 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine, was baptized in 1847, and died 19 October 1921 in Canada. {UsrID: 182766}

He came to Canada on 13 July 1875 aboard the S.S. Peruvian with his wife Maria and seven children, the eldest being their 19 year old daughter Maria. The two older daughters were already married.

The 1880 Village Census of the Mennonite West Reserve documents his birthdate as 17 December 1826 while the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch says it is 24 December 1826. This has caused confusion because in the Grandma Database there are two Johanns with these two dates and they are not associated (#182766 and #1093922). Clearly they are the same person. I took the death date from information that was in the Grandma Database for the Johann born on 17 December 1826.

Johann married Maria DeVeer<sup>76</sup> 16 October 1849 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 181926}

- i. Margaretha Dyck<sup>131</sup> was born 3 August 1850 and died 30 August 1850. {UsrID: 486988}
- 23 ii. Sara Dyck.<sup>35</sup> Sara married Isaak Redekop in 1871. Sara next married Johann Loewen,<sup>34</sup> son of Jacob Loewen<sup>70</sup> and Maria Klassen,<sup>71</sup> 6 November 1874 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 182862}
  - iii. Magaretha Dyck<sup>131</sup> was born 8 February 1854 and was baptized 29 June 1872. {UsrID: 182768}
  - iv. Maria Dyck<sup>131</sup> was born 10 August 1856 and was baptized 21 May 1877. {UsrID: 182254}
  - v. Johann Dyck<sup>131</sup> was born 28 October 1858, was baptized 2 June 1879, and died 2 November 1925. {UsrID: 182769}
  - vi. Katarina Dyck<sup>131</sup> was born 26 January 1860 and died 26 January 1860. {UsrID: 486989}
  - vii. Isaak Dyck<sup>131</sup> was born 26 April 1862 and was baptized 6 June 1881. {UsrID: 182770}
  - viii. Jacob Dyck<sup>131</sup> was born 25 March 1865 and died 31 May 1887. {UsrID:

182771}

- ix. Katarina Dyck<sup>131</sup> was born 1 May 1868 and was baptized 31 May 1887. {UsrID: 182772}
- x. Helena Dyck<sup>131</sup> was born 18 June 1870 and was baptized 22 May 1888. {UsrID: 182773}
- xi. Heinrich Dyck<sup>131</sup> was born 2 March 1873 and was baptized 23 May 1893. {UsrID: 182774}
- 47. Maria DeVeer,<sup>76</sup> daughter of Isaak DeVeer<sup>132</sup> and Margaretha Falk,<sup>133</sup> was born 14 November 1830 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine, was baptized 24 May 1849, and died 5 December 1895 in Canada. {UsrID: 181926}

The Reinlander Gemeinde Buch tells us that Maria Fehr married Johann Dueck. Her parents were Isaac Fehr and Margaretha Falk. H. Schapansky tells us Margaretha Falk's father was a David Falk.

Maria married Johann Dyck<sup>75</sup> 16 October 1849 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 182766}

48. Johann Fast,<sup>77</sup> son of Johann Fast<sup>134</sup> and Aganetha Toews,<sup>135</sup> was born 25 September 1832 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 5 December 1885 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175108}

He is specified as the father of both sons Johann and Heinrich on their death certificates. Only Heinrich's death certificate provides the name of his mother, Judith Rempel. Dates related to Heinrich are from his death certificate.

It is interesting that in a letter I received in the 1990s Ben Fast recalled that his grandfather, Johann Fast (1852-1920), had two brothers, Heinrich and Jacob. He knew that Heinrich never married and that Jacob's son, also a Jacob, came to Canada and lived in Winnipeg at some point. Ben travelled to Winnipeg to meet him. Heinrich is shown in a picture with his brother's (Johann's) sons. It took years to piece together the family genealogy and when eveidence was finally found it corresponded with what Ben had told me.

The Einwandererzentralstelle Collection connects the third son, Jacob, to his parents, Johann Fast and Judith Rempel. It provides the birth and death information used here. This record also connects Jacob to his wife Gertrude Dyck, and to his son Jacob and daughter-in-law Natalie Toews. Jacob's family came to Canada in 1947 but it appears he died prior to that.

We know from records in the Berlin Document Archives that Jacob and his family were patriated to German-controlled territory around 1943 and naturalized to become German

citizens. Son Jacob came to Canada in 1947 and was in Steinbach in 1948 when his daughter Anna was born and then died as an infant (Find A Grave #131413396). His wife was Natalie Toews. Anna's grave marker confirms her mother was Natalie. Jacob later moved to Ontario.

The Chortitza Family Registers provide the name of a daughter of Johann and Judith, Maria (1858). Maria's father in law, Heinrich Heese, a well known Mennonite educator, was the founder of the Chortitza Zentralschule.

The Grandma Database gives the name of another daughter, Aganetha (1862). I do not have information to substantiate this. It appears that Aganetha was connected to the WW2 German Naturalization program that the Nazis carried out during their invasion of Ukraine and Russia because source citations for her are from the EZW data.

The story of his son, Jacob, is fascinating. Some of this information is from the Grandma Database, which takes the data from the Berlin Archives, and some is from my own research. Jacob had four sons with his second wife, Gertrude. They lived in various locations but it seems they stayed primarily in the Chortitza Colony area. Two sons, Wilhelm and Heinrich, were taken by the Russian secret police in the 1930s, and never seen again. Then in 1943 the German army occupied the area where they lived. Jacob was immediately drafted by the German military. I have little doubt that his brother, Johann, was similarly drafted. When the German army withdrew from Ukraine they implemented a policy of patriating German speaking inhabitants and these people were naturalized when they arrived in Germany. Among them was Jacob and his wife and children, his brother and his parents. Father Jacob died while in Germany and the rest of the family left for Canada in 1947. Ben Fast met Jacob in Winnipeg at one point. It is clear that Jacob and his family were in Winnipeg in 1948 when his daughter, Anna, was born. Jacob and his family later moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake. Jacob became a Canadian citizen in 1954.

Sam Steiner, in his blog on ontariomennonitehistory.org, picks up the story: "In 1999 Jacob Fast of St. Catharines, Ontario was charged with war crimes and lying about his past when he immigrated to Canada in 1947. The Canadian government alleged that his failure to divulge his involvement as a collaborator with occupying German forces (namely as part of the auxiliary police) and his German citizenship warranted revocation of his Canadian citizenship. On October 3, 2003, the Federal Court ruled that Mr. Fast had obtained his Canadian citizenship by deceit, in that he had failed to reveal his German citizenship when applying to come to Canada in 1947. The court also found that Mr. Fast had collaborated with the German Security Police responsible for enforcing the racial policies of the German Reich, but on the balance of probabilities had not been asked this question directly and therefore, had not lied nor concealed his wartime activities. The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration recommended to the Governor in Council that Fast's citizenship be revoked. The Government

of Canada announced the revocation on May 24, 2007. Jacob Fast died three weeks later on June 11 at the age of 97.".

Johann married Judith Rempel<sup>78</sup> before 1852 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 107216}

#### Children:

- i. Johann Fast.<sup>37</sup> Johann married Maria Krahn,<sup>38</sup> daughter of Kornelius Krahn<sup>79</sup> and Helena Redekop,<sup>80</sup> in 1871 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 167750}
  - ii. Maria Fast<sup>136</sup> was born 12 November 1858 in Kantserovka, Ukraine, was baptized 5 June 1878 in Kantserovka, Ukraine, and died in 1935. {UsrID: 349560}. Maria married Wilhelm Heese, <sup>136</sup> son of Heinrich Heese <sup>136</sup> and Anna Martens, <sup>136</sup> 8 April 1879 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 199369}
  - iii. Jacob Fast<sup>137</sup> was born 18 September 1860 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died before 1947 in Berlin, Germany. {UsrID: 1195834}. Jacob married Gertrude Dyck<sup>138</sup> before 1910 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 1195835}
  - iv. Heinrich Fast<sup>139</sup> was born in September 1871 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine, died 29 January 1937 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, and was buried 31 January 1937 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 1015672}

49. Judith Rempel,<sup>78</sup> daughter of Dietrich Rempel<sup>140</sup> and Maria Nickel,<sup>141</sup> was born 12 December 1832 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 107216}

She is recorded as the mother of Heinrich on her son Heinrich's death certificate, signed by her grandson Cornelius Fast, nephew of Heinrich.

The Einwandererzentralstelle Collection connects Jacob to his parents, Johann Fast and Judith Rempel. It provides the birth and death information used here. The Grandma Database indicates that Johann remarried after Judith died. Therefore she died before the end of 1885.

Ella Long posted a picture of Judith on her Epp family tree site at myheritage.com.

Judith married Johann Fast<sup>77</sup> before 1852 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 175108}

50. Kornelius Krahn<sup>79</sup> was born before 1827 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine, {UsrID: 174331}

Little is known at the moment about Kornelius. We know Maria's father is a Kornelius and that

is about it. There is a Cornelius Krahn listed as a householder in the Chortitza Householder lists of 1847 and 1859. This person was born around 1797 and was considerably older than the Kornelius who was husband to Helena; it could be his father because the Rosenthal location matches other family information and the elder Cornelius had a son Kornelius of unspecified birth date. However, this is purely speculation and much more research is needed to establish any certainty.

There is also a Cornelius Krahn listed in the 1863 Chortitza Signature List. He is listed as a resident of Schoeneberg. Cornelius is not in the 1863 Grain List and therefore we don't know if he was a landowner, although the indication is that he was not. The location indicates this is probably is a different Cornelius.

Information about his daughter Helena is in the Choritza Family Register, according to the Grandma Database.

Kornelius married Helena Redekop $^{80}$  27 October 1847 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 174322}

#### Children:

- i. Maria Krahn.<sup>38</sup> Maria married Johann Fast,<sup>37</sup> son of Johann Fast<sup>77</sup> and Judith Rempel,<sup>78</sup> in 1871 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 167749}
  - ii. Helena Krahn was born 22 November 1851 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 2 July 1896 in Rosengart, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 504071}
- 51. Helena Redekop,<sup>80</sup> daughter of David Redekop<sup>142</sup> and Katharina Wieler,<sup>143</sup> was born 9 April 1822 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 2 October 1878 in Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 174322}

I have seen her name listed with the middle initial D which I believe represents her father's first name. At one point I saw some data indicating she died in Neuenburg, Chortitza but I can not find evidence of this. It seems more likely she lived in Rosenthal until her death.

Information about her daughter Katharina, with Johann Rempel, is from the Grandma Database.

Helena married Johann Rempel<sup>144</sup> 7 December 1843 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine.

i. Katharina Rempel was born 26 January 1846 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 23 February 1920 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 505806}

Helena next married Kornelius Krahn<sup>79</sup> 27 October 1847 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 174331}

52. Heinrich Epp,<sup>81</sup> son of Peter Epp<sup>145</sup> and Helena Goertzen,<sup>146</sup> was born 21 June 1826 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 20 August 1905 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 166694}

In a conversation with my father, Peter Teichroeb, Amy Ens Loewen confirmed that Heinrich Epp (1826) was a brother to Jacob Epp (1823), who is listed in the Jacob Epp - Elizabeth Ens Genealogy as a son of Peter Epp and Helena Goertzen/Goossen. Amy's knowledge is based on first hand information that her parents were third cousins. This is the third cousin lineage. Peter Epp had two sons (among others), Jacob (1823) and Heinrich (1826). Jacob (1823) had a son Jacob whose daughter Helena married a Gerhard Ens and their son Jacob Ens married a Helena Fast. Heinrich (1826) had a son Heinrich whose daughter Helena married a Jacob Fast and their daughter Helena Fast was the woman Jacob Ens married. Jacob Ens and Helena Fast were the parents of Amy Ens.

Heinrich was probably born in Chortitza. We know this from the information contained in the certificate of origin for David Epp (1858) found in the Epp-Ens genealogy material assembled by Cornelius Epp and Orval Ens. David Epp was a son of Jacob Epp (1823).

According to the Peter and Anna Epp genealogy material, Heinrich and Helena emigrated to Canada in 1892, a year ahead of their son Peter. They settled in Saskatchewan in 1893, four miles north of where Waldheim is now. Apparently they had sold their land in Ukraine rather than simply abandoning it. Two sons and a daughter and their households had arrived in the Territories ahead of them. One of the sons was Heinrich. He and his wife, Margaretha Rempel, were the first members of the family to leave Ukraine to emigrate to Canada. The marriage date for Heinrich and Helena is from the Grandma Database. There are Heinrich Epps mentioned in the 1863 Chortitza Grain and Signature Lists in Chortitza and Kronsweide. Possibly he is one of these, although it isn't clear which. Heinrich is buried in a cemetery in Waldheim, Saskatchewan.

The Grandma Database tells us that Heinrich had a brother named David and suggests that he may have had another brother named Peter; I am unsure of the accuracy of these assertions because the notes are a bit muddled in their wording. However, families recycled names and often used the names of uncles and aunts, and consequently a brother named

Peter is a likelihood. Similarly other sons were often given the names of uncles, and Jacob had a son David who might have been named for an uncle David.

Heinrich's son David Epp was a minister in Laird, Saskatchewan. Comments from the Grandma Database say "David Epp prided himself in being one of a small committee who planned and dealt with Government bureaucracy to establish the school district of Carmen. He recalls that due to a lack of educated Mennonites the first teacher was an American."

Daughter Maria Epp was at least 43 years old when she married Gerhard Hoeppner. He had one teen-age son from his previous marriage. After Gerhard's death Maria stayed in their home for about a year, then lived with her nephew Henry D. Epp for about a year. She then moved to Laird SK where she and here sister Katherine lived together. Katharine never married.

Daughter Helena Epp was born on 7 July 1852. After her husband Jacob died Helena moved west from Manitoba to live with her brother David until her death. She had no children of her own but she raised three foster children.

The Epps were Flemish Mennonites with a recorded history in that church going back to the late 1600's. This surname originates in the Friesland area of the Netherlands.

Heinrich married Helena Dyck<sup>82</sup> 3 March 1848 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 166695}

- i. Peter Epp<sup>147</sup> was born 19 April 1849 in Schoeneberg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 28 July 1929 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 169497}
- ii. Helena Epp<sup>148</sup> was born 19 July 1851 and died 12 February 1928. {UsrID: 183394}
- iii. Maria Epp<sup>149</sup> was born 30 January 1853 and died 12 February 1930 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 100039}
- 26 iv. Heinrich Epp. 41 Heinrich married Margaretha Rempel, 42 daughter of Heinrich Rempel 84 and Maria Bergen, 85 in 1876 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 164209}
  - v. Katharina Epp<sup>150</sup> was born 14 July 1858 and died 12 April 1932. {UsrID: 100040}
  - vi. David Epp<sup>151</sup> was born 12 January 1864 in Schoeneberg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 13 September 1942. {UsrID: 170608}
  - vii. Susanna Epp<sup>152</sup> was born 23 September 1866 and died 23 November 1934

in Laird, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 100043}

viii. Margaretha Epp<sup>153</sup> was born 22 June 1870 and died 20 September 1943. {UsrID: 396824}. Margaretha married Heinrich Warkentin<sup>154</sup> about 1892 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine.

53. Helena Dyck,<sup>82</sup> daughter of Peter Dyck<sup>155</sup> and Maria Regehr,<sup>156</sup> was born 17 July 1827 in Schoeneberg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 1 July 1902 in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 166695}

Her birth location is taken from the Grandma Database. I understand the Grandma records are from a submission by related family researchers. The information about her parents is also taken from the Grandma Database. Her birth and death information is taken from Gilbert Epp's Genealogy of Peter and Anna Epp. Saskatchewan Vital Statistics has no record of her death. She is buried in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. Her obituary, written by her son Peter and published in Waldheim, says that she was born in Schoeneberg.

Helena married Heinrich Epp<sup>81</sup> 3 March 1848 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 166694}

54. Heinrich Rempel,<sup>84</sup> son of Heinrich Rempel, was born 24 November 1827 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 21 July 1908 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 164205}

He was married 5 times, to Maria Bergen, Anna Klassen, Maria Jansen, Justina Braun and Elisabeth Braun. Two Heinrich Rempels appear in the 1863 Grain and Signature Lists, both shown as a land owners in Osterwick. According to the Grandma Database Heinrich is from Osterwick. Probably the two references are Heinrich and his father.

The death date for daughter Agatha (1951) came from her grave marker, posted on myheritage.com.

His son Dietrich died of typhus (Wiens, Helen, 1996, written communication of which I have no copy).

Jacob, Margaretha and Agatha all moved with their spouses to Canada at the turn of the century (Wiens, H.).

Heinrich married Maria Bergen<sup>85</sup> 1 December 1849 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 164206}

#### Children:

- i. Catharina Rempel was born 4 March 1851 and died 2 March 1920. {UsrID: 164207}
- ii. Jacob Rempel was born 25 July 1854 and died 27 April 1938. {UsrID: 124208}
- 27 iii. Margaretha Rempel.<sup>42</sup> Margaretha married Heinrich Epp,<sup>41</sup> son of Heinrich Epp<sup>81</sup> and Helena Dyck,<sup>82</sup> in 1876 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 166696}. Margaretha next married Bernhard Heppner in 1907.
  - iv. Heinrich Rempel was born 16 January 1860 and died 21 August 1861. {UsrID: 164210}
  - v. Maria Rempel was born 7 March 1862 and died 3 January 1867. {UsrID: 164211}
  - vi. Agatha Rempel was born 6 January 1865 and died in 1951. {UsrID: 164212}
  - vii. Heinrich Rempel was born 7 February 1868 and died 14 May 1927. {UsrID: 164214}
  - viii. David Rempel was born 26 July 1870 and died 19 January 1876. {UsrID: 164213}
  - ix. Dietrich Rempel was born 21 February 1873 and died in January 1920. {UsrID: 164090}

Heinrich next married Anna Klassen in 1878 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine.

Heinrich next married Maria Janzen in 1880.

Heinrich next married Justina Braun in 1885.

Heinrich next married Elisabeth Braun in 1890.

55. Maria Bergen,<sup>85</sup> daughter of Jacob Bergen, was born 10 September 1828 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in 1878 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 164206}

I think she died in Ukraine because her children emigrated in 1881, a few years after her death. I can't determine if her husband Heinrich emigrated but I would guess he did not.

Maria married Heinrich Rempel<sup>84</sup> 1 December 1849 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 164205}

56. Heinrich Striemer, <sup>86</sup> son of Christoph Striemer<sup>159</sup> and Maria Wiens, <sup>160</sup> was born 17 August 1817 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine, was baptized in 1837, and died 5 November 1905 in Plum Coulee, Manitoba. {UsrID: 184555}

He appears in the Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch in 1843. The first reference lists him with his parents; the second reference lists him with his family and his first wife Anna (she died in 1862). In this source he is listed as coming to Canada with his second wife, Sarah Funck, on the S.S. Nova Scotian on 27 July 1874. He is listed in the ship's records as a labourer. He is listed in the Canadian Federal Census of 1881 (with his second wife Sara). The date of death is from the Sommerfelder Church Registry.

Heinrich's children Anna, Heinrich, Katarina and Karl arrived in Canada on 27 July 1874 aboard the S. S. Nova Scotian. His daughter Maria arrived in Canada on 27 July 1875 aboard the S.S. Manitoban.

Peter Striemer is not a natural son of Heinrich. He is listed in the Sommerfeld book as a foster son. Likely he was not a natural son of Heinrich's second wife Sara Funk either. Further, there is no indication he was a son of one of Sara's two previous marriages. His origin is a mystery.

Heinrich married Anna Neufeld<sup>87</sup> 5 December 1846 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 184556}

- i. Karl Striemer<sup>161</sup> was born 27 August 1847 in Ukraine, was baptized 20 May 1868, and died after 1891. {UsrID: 180671}
- ii. Heinrich Striemer<sup>162</sup> was born 2 January 1850 and died 26 January 1850. {UsrID: 106176}
- iii. Heinrich Striemer<sup>163</sup> was born 9 August 1851 in Ukraine, was baptized 16 May 1871, and died 22 April 1895 in Rural Municipality of Rhineland, Manitoba. {UsrID: 180681}
- iv. Maria Striemer<sup>164</sup> was born 31 July 1853 in Ukraine, was baptized 16 May 1871, and died 24 February 1947. {UsrID: 184559}
- v. Anna Striemer<sup>165</sup> was born 8 October 1854 in Ukraine, was baptized 28 May 1873, and died 16 June 1926 in Rural Municipality of Rhineland, Manitoba. {UsrID: 180108}
- vi. Katarina Striemer<sup>166</sup> was born 1 August 1856 in Ukraine and was baptized 20 May 1874. {UsrID: 184561}
- vii. Agatha Striemer<sup>167</sup> was born 28 October 1858 and died 20 November 1858. {UsrID: 106177}

28 viii. Johann Striemer. <sup>43</sup> Johann married Helena Giesbrecht, <sup>44</sup> daughter of Johann Giesbrecht <sup>88</sup> and Margaretha Doerksen, <sup>89</sup> 22 July 1878 in Canada. {UsrID: 186635}

Heinrich next married Sara Funk<sup>168</sup> 9 July 1862.

## Children:

- i. Peter Striemer<sup>162</sup> was born 17 August 1863 and was baptized 11 May 1883. {UsrID: 416388}
- 57. Anna Neufeld,<sup>87</sup> daughter of Karl Neufeld<sup>169</sup> and Maria Dyck,<sup>170</sup> was born 20 November 1826 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine, was baptized 26 May 1846, and died 13 March 1862 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 184556}

She is listed with her parents in the Bergthal Gemeinde Book and in a later entry with her husband Heinrich and their family. No doubt she died in the Bergthal Colony.

Anna married Heinrich Striemer<sup>86</sup> 5 December 1846 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 184555}

58. Johann Giesbrecht, 88 son of Franz Giesbrecht and Elisabeth Mannholdt, 172 was born 4 May 1834 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine, was baptized 8 June 1853, and died 16 September 1874 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186633}

He appears in the Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch and this material traces his ancestry back to Wilhelm Giesbrecht (born 1767). The date of death and the marriage date are from The Bergthal Gemeinde Buch.

Johann married Margaretha Doerksen<sup>89</sup> 14 September 1854 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 181155}

- 29 i. Helena Giesbrecht.<sup>44</sup> Helena married Johann Striemer,<sup>43</sup> son of Heinrich Striemer<sup>86</sup> and Anna Neufeld,<sup>87</sup> 22 July 1878 in Canada. {UsrID: 184562}
  - ii. Margaretha Giesbrecht<sup>173</sup> was born 26 November 1856.
  - iii. Jacob Giesbrecht<sup>173</sup> was born 26 September 1858.
  - iv. Johan Giesbrecht<sup>173</sup> was born 25 June 1860.
  - v. Maria Giesbrecht<sup>173</sup> was born 7 June 1862 and died 25 December 1863.

- vi. Abram Giesbrecht<sup>173</sup> was born 1 December 1863.
- vii. Katarina Giesbrecht<sup>173</sup> was born 9 May 1865 and died 29 September 1872.
- viii. Wilhelm Giesbrecht<sup>173</sup> was born 21 February 1867.
- ix. Franz Giesbrecht<sup>173</sup> was born 28 September 1868 and died before 1871.
- x. Franz Giesbrecht<sup>173</sup> was born 12 July 1871.
- 59. Margaretha Doerksen,<sup>89</sup> daughter of Jacob Doerksen<sup>174</sup> and Helena Sawatzky,<sup>175</sup> was born 14 October 1835 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine, was baptized 31 May 1854, and died in Manitoba. {UsrID: 181155}

She appears in the Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch with her parents and later with her husband Johann Giesbrecht. She came to Canada, landing in Quebec City on 30 July 1876 aboard the S.S. Sardinian. Her husband at the time was Abram Harder. She may have died on 7 June 1928 but this data is from an unreliable source. I can not find information about her death.

Her daughter Maria Harder married a Johann Wolf.

Margaretha married Johann Giesbrecht<sup>88</sup> 14 September 1854 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186633}

Margaretha next married Abram Harder<sup>176</sup> in 1874 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 181146}

#### Children:

- i. Maria Harder<sup>176</sup> was born 24 December 1876 in Manitoba and died 15 January 1899 in Manitoba.
- ii. Anna Harder<sup>177</sup> was born 20 September 1878 in Manitoba.

Margaretha next married Jacob Dyck<sup>178</sup> 15 June 1889 in Manitoba. {UsrID: 182545}

60. Abraham Dyck, 90 son of Abraham Dyck 179 and Maria -, 180 was born in 1815 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 27 July 1848 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 64522}

Henry Schapansky believes he is the son of Abraham Dyck #409410. He was a member of the Bergthal Church and therefore I think he must have died in Bergthal Colony.

Abraham married Elisabeth Dyck<sup>91</sup> before 1846 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186117}

#### Children:

- 30 i. Johann Dyck.<sup>47</sup> Johann married Katharina Peters,<sup>48</sup> daughter of Peter Peters<sup>95</sup> and Helena Friesen,<sup>96</sup> 4 April 1880 in Canada. {UsrID: 186387}
  - ii. Abraham Dyck<sup>181</sup> was born 22 November 1848 and died 10 May 1851.
- 61. Elisabeth Dyck, <sup>91</sup> daughter of Johann Dyck, was born 15 October 1819 and died 15 July 1909 in Hopefarm, Montcalm, Manitoba. {UsrID: 186117}

Elisabeth had two sons with Abraham Dyck before he died. She married Dirk Dyck next. He was an alarmingly old man, some 35 years older than her and over 60 when they married. He died shortly after the wedding. This is what comes from marrying a much younger woman. She learned her lesson though. Her third husband, Abraham Flamming, was about six years younger than Elisabeth. He immigrated to Canada with her and their family on 27 July 1874 on the S.S. Nova Scotian. In 1901, she was living with son Peter's family in the Hopefarm area, Regional Municipality of Montcalm (17-3-1E).

Elisabeth's third husband, Abraham Flaming, is listed at Heubuden #32 in the 1858 Bergthal Colony Census. He must have died before 1901 because in the Manitoba census of that year his wife was living with son Peter's family in the Hopefarm area, Regional Municipality of Montcalm (17-3-1E).

Elisabeth's daughter, Elizabeth Flaming, came to Canada and later moved to North Dakota. Her son, Gerhard Flaming, died on 13 July 1895 according to the Grandma Database.

Elisabeth died on 15 July 1909 according to the Sommerfeld Gemeinde Buch.

The Grandma Database says Elisabeth's father was Johann Dyck but there are no sources listed for this assertion.

Elisabeth married Abraham Dyck<sup>90</sup> before 1846 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 64522}

Elisabeth next married Dirk Dyck<sup>183</sup> in 1849 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 176738}

#### Children:

i. Helena Dyck<sup>183</sup> was born 26 August 1850 and died 1 December 1852. {UsrID: 64017}

Elisabeth next married Abraham Flaming, <sup>184</sup> son of Johann Flaming, 15 February 1851 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 52766}

#### Children:

- i. Anna Flaming<sup>186</sup> was born 27 December 1851. {UsrID: 146182}
- ii. Elizabeth Flaming<sup>186</sup> was born 27 December 1851. {UsrID: 186118}
- iii. Katarina Flaming<sup>186</sup> was born 11 February 1854. {UsrID: 146183}
- iv. Abram Flaming<sup>186</sup> was born 23 April 1855 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186119}
- v. Peter Flaming<sup>186</sup> was born 9 October 1856. {UsrID: 186120}
- vi. Agatha Flaming<sup>186</sup> was born 11 March 1860. {UsrID: 186121}
- vii. Aganetha Flaming<sup>186</sup> was born 22 July 1861. {UsrID: 186122}
- viii. Helena Flaming<sup>186</sup> was born 30 November 1862. {UsrID: 186123}
- ix. Gerhard Flaming<sup>186</sup> was born 29 March 1865. {UsrID: 186124}
- 62. Peter Peters<sup>95</sup> was born 2 February 1837 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died 6 December 1905 in Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 186384}

He settled in Reinland Manitoba with his wife and family in 1875. The Bergthal Gemeinde Buch lists him in the passenger list for the S.S. Canadian No. 32, which landed in Quebec on 19 July 1875. His wife was Helena in the passenger list, aged about 4 years older than Peter. The Mennonite passengers on this ship were from the Chortitza settlement. The Reinlander Gemeinde Buch gives his first wife's name as Helena Friesen. The Grandma Database lists his second wife as Helena Hiebert. It is Helena Hiebert that came to Canada. Catharina is listed on the passenger list as age 13, spinster. Peter also appears with his daughter's family in the 1901 census. This is where I obtained his birth date. Clearly the census assumes that Katharina came to Canada in 1881 with her husband, which we know is not the case. In the census Peter is found in the District of Lisgar, sub district Rhineland #56, F-11 page 8 line 38. The enumeration was on 17 April 1901. Peter does not appear in the 1881 census, according to the Bergthal Gemeinde Buch (and I can't find him in the census either).

The 1901 Canada Census shows an immigration to Canada in 1881. In the 1880 U.S. Federal Census he is listed in Cass County, Dakota Territory, where his age is incorrectly given as 40. Generally the family members are consistent in the U.S. Census although there are a few errors. His residence in the U.S. during this period explains his absence from the 1881 Canadian census. In the 1891 and 1901 Canada censuses he is listed in the Regional Municipality of Rhineland, Manitoba. The date of death is given in the Grandma Database; if correct, he died in Saskatchewan. If this is true then his daughter Katharina moved there after

1901. She does not appear in any census until 1916 when she is married to Klaas Dyck and living in Saskatchewan.

I picked up the marriage date to Helena Friesen from the Grandma Database.

I have seen sources who record a middle initial of D. This would generally represent either his father's first name or the first letter of his mother's maiden name.

I have seen information online indicating his father was Jacob Peters and his mother was Elisabeth Friesen. I can find no information to substantiate this. However, this data does not correspond well to the middle initial "D".

I have seen some family records where a Maria is listed. She can not be a daughter of Peter (1837-1905) because he already has a younger daughter named Maria. Possibly she is a sibling of Peter or of his wife Helena.

The Grandma Database is fairly clear that Helena Hiebert is the second wife of Peter Peters and the mother of Agatha, the last of Peter's children. She doesn't appear with Peter in the 1901 census. Peter is listed living with daughter Katharina. Helena appears to be the woman listed with Johann Wolf and his family. Apparently she was blind and crippled and possibly needed more care than Peter or his daughter's family could manage. There is a Mennonitische Rundschau article posted on 13 April 1910 supplying the information about here death at age 78 and her poor health.

I am uncertain of the the precision of the death information I have used for Helena, although the year is accurate.

I note that the Bergthal Gemeinde Buch also lists an 18 year old "spinster" named Maria; clearly she isn't one of Peter's children since he has a younger daughter Maria; I surmise that this is one of Helena Hiebert's children from an earlier marriage.

Peter married Helena Friesen<sup>96</sup> 6 December 1860 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 182563}

## Children:

i. Katharina Peters.<sup>48</sup> Katharina married Johann Dyck,<sup>47</sup> son of Abraham Dyck,<sup>90</sup> and Elisabeth Dyck,<sup>91</sup> 4 April 1880 in Canada. {UsrID: 146185}. Katharina next married Klaas Dyck,<sup>97</sup> before 1916 in Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 266281}

- ii. Peter Peters<sup>187</sup> was born about 1862.
- iii. Elizabeth Peters<sup>187</sup> was born about 1865.
- iv. Helena Peters<sup>187</sup> was born 2 September 1866 and died 26 August 1926.
- v. Justina Peters<sup>187</sup> was born about 1867.
- vi. Aganetha Peters<sup>187</sup> was born about 1868 and died 13 August 1888.
- vii. Maria Peters<sup>187</sup> was born about 1870.
- viii. Jacob Peters<sup>187</sup> was born about 1871.
- ix. Anna Peters<sup>188</sup> was born 21 May 1871 and died 29 December 1938.

Peter next married Helena Hiebert<sup>189</sup> in 1874 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 491718}

#### Children:

- i. Agatha Peters<sup>187</sup> was born 14 April 1875 in Ukraine and died 2 May 1964 in Portland, Oregon.
- 63. Helena Friesen<sup>96</sup> was born about 1833 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died 25 February 1874 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 182563}

The Reinlander Gemeinde Buch gives us the information about the marriage of Peter and Helena. This appears in the entry related to their daughter Anna. It seems that Helena died shortly after Anna was born and Peter gave the infant to another family for a brief period. He took the child back before he emigrated from Ukraine to Canada.

The specific date of death is taken from the Grandma Database and I have not verified it. Similarly the marriage date for Peter and Helena has not been verified.

A Helena settled in Reinland Manitoba with her husband and her family in 1875. The Bergthal Gemeinde Buch lists her in the passenger list for the S.S. Canadian No. 32, which landed in Quebec on 19 July 1875. This must be Helena Hiebert based on the Grandma Database which tells us that after Helena Friesen died in 1874 Peter remarried. Helena Hiebert appears in the 1901 census, living with the Johann Wolf family while Peter is living with daughter Katharina. Helena Friesen's daughter Anna, born in 1872, had foster parents Abraham Hiebert (1840 - 1915) and Helena Wiens (1843 - 1893), according to the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch. It seems that Peter gave that infant daughter up for adoption after Helena Friesen died. This Abraham Hiebert is the son of Daniel Hiebert. I have found no relationship between him and Peter's second wife Helena Hiebert. Anna later reappears with the family in the passenger list for their emigration to Canada.

Helena married Peter Peters<sup>95</sup> 6 December 1860 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID:

186384}

#### Seventh Generation

64. Michael Teichroeb<sup>98</sup> was born before 1741 in Kalthof, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1803 in Prussia. {UsrID: 46099}

The 1776 Prussian Mennonite Census published in Penner's book lists a Michael Dickgres in Kalthof, Marienburg. The Mennonites living there belonged to the Flemish church and were members of the Heubuden congregation. In fact we find Michael mentioned in the Heubuden Church Book in connection with two marriages. We also see records of several children that appear to be Michael's. He is associated with a son, Peter, born in 1761 and from this information it is assumed Michael was born around 1740. The Elbing baptism records list a Peter Dykgraf, son of Michael Dykgraf, baptised in Krebsfeld in 1781. In the Elbing Marriage Book Peter is listed (1785) marrying Helena Dyck and once again his father Michael is mentioned.

I have also seen the name spelled Teichgraf and Deichgraf.

H. Schapansky says Peter is the son of Michael Teichgraf. There is a baptism record in the Elbing Church Book that supports this (1781) mentioning his father Michael.

According to the census Michael was a self employed tailor. With him were a wife and daughter. These would be his second wife whom he married in Traalau in 1774 and probably a daughter from his first marriage; the Heubuden Church Book doesn't list any daughters born after 1774 until 1778 but there is a record of another potential daughter, Anna, baptised in 1790 (and therefore born around 1769). This record is in the Heuebuden Church Baptism Records and the family lived in Marienburg.

The Heubuden Church Book gives us the name of Michael's second wife, Helena or Magdelena. My hypothesis is that the marriage and death listings associated with this woman refer to the same person, although it is strange that her name would not be more similar in the two entries. On 8 October 1778 twins are born in Kalthof and the next day the death of a woman whom I believe to be Michael's wife is recorded. There is a discrepancy in the names; the wife's name in the marriage record is Henlane and in the death record Magdalena. I think the first entry is intended to be Helena, a name frequently also twinned, and used interchangeably, with Magdalena.

A year later Michael remarries in Usnitz. This record is remarkable in that the name of the wife is apparently added many years later in a different style. The name is Anna Dick. His third wife was Anganetha and I believe the entry reflects an incorrect recollection of the first name but possibly a correct surname.

Anganetha's children for whom we have a birth record were born at Usnitz. After 1786 it isn't clear where the children were born.

Michael died in Prussia. His wife, Anganetha, moved to Molotschna, Ukraine with seven children. She is listed as a widow but within a year she remarries and we find her and her children living with the new husband, Abraham Neudorf.

Michael's son David appears in the 1835 Molotschna census, listed at Montau #25, the home of his step-father, Abraham Neudorf. He must have had a previous wife, since he is listed in the census as having several stepchildren with the surname of Wiens. The 1835 census gives his age as 35, indicating that he was born about 1800.

Hans and Abraham Dickgrew are also listed in the 1776 census and probably the three men are related, although there is scant hard evidence except for DNA evidence. We can see from the DNA results for descendants of Johann (Hans) and Michael that they have a common ancestor but they may not be brothers. The DNA mutations are slight but sufficient to prohibit a firm conclusion that they are siblings. One other slight mutuation occurred in Michael's descendants, possibly as early as his son Daniel.

There are people who hypothesize that Johann (Hans), Abraham, Michael and another person, Peter Michael Teichroeb, are bothers. Peter is interesting in that his middle name, derived from the Molotshna Census of 1835, establishes a circumstantial linkage to Michael. Michael and Peter both came from Kalthof while Abraham and Johann came from Krebsfeld. Peter is definitely not the same person as Michael's son Peter - there are separate census and immigration records for the two people.

Michael's son Peter from his first marriage was a signatory to a letter written in 1793 (dated 3 September 1793) attempting to get Elder David Epp removed from office. Other signatories included Jacob Bartsch and Johann Sawatsky, two other ancestors of mine, and Johann Krahn, brother of another of my ancestors, Bernhard Krahn. While the attempt failed it is interesting that so many of my family members were involved in the effort to defrock David Epp. Here is the story.

According to an old article in Mennonitische Rundschau (an old Canadian Mennonite news publication) the Teichgraf name originates in Nord Friesland. This is possibly a reference to the Friesland area of the Netherlands that is composed of a large area in the north area of Netherlands. The Dreifrieslands area in the north of the Netherlands was a primary origin of Mennonites, who left the Netherlands in the 1500's. Henry Schapansky has researched the

Dutch origin of the name and in his article "The Bergthaler / Chortitzer / Sommerfelder Dyck / Duecks" he says that the name was originally Dyckgraf. It could also have been Dijkgraaf based on the Dutch spellings I have seen. I have also seen Dutch references to Dijkgraef. Either way it is a concatenation of the words overseer and dyke. Henry says the name evolved over time to Deichgraf, Theichgraf, Theichrob and Theichgrow. The spelling changed but the pronunciation remained fairly constant.

Having noted the foregoing information about the origin of the name, there is another possibly geographic origin. Nord Friesdland was a province in Denmark in the 17th century. We see the name in Friedrichstadt where Remonstrants and Mennonites settled at the behest of the Danish Crown.

The Flemish Mennonite Church was one of the two major branches of the Mennonite Church. The other branch was the Frisian Mennonite Church. The Flemish Church was more conservative or traditional and in some communities two churches coexisted.

Michael married NN - about 1760.

## Children:

- i. Peter Teichroeb<sup>190</sup> was born about 1761 in Polish-Lithuanian
   Commonwealth. {UsrID: 196147}. Peter married Helena Dyck<sup>191</sup> 30 October 1785. {UsrID: 196137}
- ii. Anna Teichroeb<sup>192</sup> was born in 1769 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

Michael next married Helena Dyck<sup>193</sup> in 1774 in Traalau, Marienburg Region, Prussia.

## Children:

- Gertruda Teichroeb<sup>194</sup> was born 8 October 1778 in Kalthof, Marienburg Region, Prussia and died 8 October 1778 in Kalthof, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- ii. Kornelius Teichroeb<sup>194</sup> was born 8 October 1778 in Kalthof, Marienburg Region, Prussia and died 8 October 1778 in Kalthof, Marienburg Region, Prussia.

Michael next married Anganetha Dyck<sup>99</sup> 17 October 1779 in Gross Usnitz, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia. {UsrID: 46100}

#### Children:

- Heinrich Teichroeb<sup>195</sup> was born 19 February 1783 in Gross Usnitz, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia and died 28 February 1785 in Gross Usnitz, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia. {UsrID: 198920}
- ii. Johann Teichroeb<sup>196</sup> was born 6 February 1784 in Gross Usnitz, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia. {UsrID: 51981}. Johann married Katharina -. {UsrID: 51982}
- iii. Heinrich Teichroeb<sup>197</sup> was born 11 November 1786 in Gross Usnitz, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia. {UsrID: 46102}. Heinrich married Margaretha Hooge. {UsrID: 101188}
- 32 iv. Daniel Teichroeb.<sup>49</sup> Daniel married Maria -<sup>100</sup> 5 September 1813 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 476565}. Daniel next married Anna Wolf,<sup>50</sup> daughter of Johann Wolf<sup>102</sup> and Anna Peters,<sup>103</sup> about 1834 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 529221}. Daniel next married Maria Lehn<sup>101</sup> 30 October 1840 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 265634}
  - v. Anganetha Teichroeb<sup>198</sup> was born about 1791 and died 10 October 1812. {UsrID: 46104}
  - vi. Agatha Teichroeb<sup>198</sup> was born about 1793. {UsrID: 46105}
  - vii. David Teichroeb<sup>198</sup> was born about 1797. {UsrID: 46106}. David married Anna Hamm. {UsrID: 101712}
  - viii. Isaac Teichroeb<sup>198</sup> was born about 1799 and died in 1817. {UsrID: 46107}
- 65. Anganetha Dyck<sup>99</sup> was born about 1761 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1835 in Muntau, Molotschna, Ukraine. {UsrID: 46100}

Anganetha was the Widow Dueckgroeb who migrated in 1803 with seven children to the Molotschna Colony from Heubuden, Prussia. Rempel has the information relating to her conveyance papers issued by the government in Grodno on 15 August 1803 and lists her children and the monies received for the purchase of food and cattle feed in accordance with the settlement agreement (about 112 rubles). Her eldest son Johann is shown as the head of the family. By 1804 she was married to Abraham Neudorf, a man about 20 years younger.

#### Settlement in the Ukraine

The first major wave of Mennonite migration from Prussia to Ukraine occurred primarily between 1789 and 1795 to the Chortitza region southwest of the Dneiper River. The original group of settlers migrated in the period of 1789-1790 when the first 228 households moved from Prussia. There followed a second group of settlers in the period of 1793-1795 when

about 57 households migrated. There was sporadic migration to Chortitza thereafter. Fourteen towns were established in Chortitza. There were many reasons for the migration. There was a shortage of land available in Prussia and the quest for arable farmland was a strong motivator. Further, under the Edict of 1789 the Mennonites were forbidden to acquire land without meeting the Cantonal obligation to provide military service. Until the Edict this obligation had always been waived. Concurrently there was a major economic enterprise driven by the Russian government to attract Mennonites from Danzig through the offer of free land in the Ukraine.

The migrant settlers often traveled by ship from Danzig through Riga and then overland by wagon to collecting camps from which they were allotted land, money, food, equipment, and lumber to establish homesteads. Some settlers had sufficient resources to transport their property themselves from the ships. Often, however, they had to resort to hiring commercial agents to transport their goods and frequently these families saw little or nothing of their possessions after setting off on the overland portion of the trip. The early years were challenging.

The second major wave of migration began principally in the 1803-1805 period when the 19 towns in Molotschna, to the southeast of Chortitza, was established. This wave was once again in pursuit of land, and bolstered by further tightening of freedoms in Prussia.

The third major wave began around 1818 and continued for some time on a gradual basis.

Ancestors of Daniel Teichroeb (1904)

The grandparents of Daniel Teichroeb (1904) were born in Ukraine.

His great grandfather Daniel Teichroeb (1789) joined the second wave of migration, settling in Molotschna with his mother and family in 1804. His great grandmother Anna Wolf, future wife of Daniel Teichroeb (1789), was born in Ukraine but her parents and grandparents were all among the first wave of settlers, and specifically in the original group of 228 households landing in Chortitza in 1789-90.

His great grandfather Peter Abrams was part of the third wave of settlers, moving to Molotschna in 1820, shortly after his parents, who immigrated to Molotschna in 1819. His great grandmother Margaretha Krahn, future wife of Peter Abrams, was born in Ukraine but her father Bernard Krahn came to Ukraine in the first wave of migration, reaching Chortitza in 1795. It isn't clear when Margaretha's mother Maria arrived in Ukraine but Margaretha's parents met and married in Ukraine.

His great grandfather Johann Dyck was part of the second wave of settlers, moving to Molotschna in 1804 with his parents. His great grandmother Helena came to Ukraine with her parents in 1804. They settled in Molotschna.

Nothing is known about the parents of his grandmother Anna Hiebert.

Ancestors of Margaret Schapansky

The grandparents of Margaret Schapansky were born in Ukraine.

Her great grandfather Hermann Schapansky was part of the third wave of migration, moving to Chortitza in 1819. Her great grandmother Susanna Dyck, future wife of Hermann, appears to have been born in Ukraine. Nothing is known about her parents.

Her great grandparents Peter Hiebert and Maria Ens appear to have been born in Ukraine and nothing in known about their parents.

Her great grandparents Jacob Loewen and Margaretha Braun were born in Ukraine. Jacob's parents and grandparents were all among the original group of 228 families to settle in Chortitza in 1789-90. Nothing is known about the parents of Margaretha.

Her great grandparents Johann Dyck and Maria Fehr were born in Ukraine. Nothing is known about Johann's parents. Maria's parents Isaac Fehr and Margaretha Falk were born in Ukraine. Isaac's parents and grandparents were among the original 228 families who settled Chortitza in 1789-90. Margaretha's father David Falk was part of the first wave as well, arriving in Chortitza in 1793. His future wife Maria Bartsch was part of the original group of 228 households settling in Chortitza with her family in 1789-90.

**Ancestors of Albert Fast** 

The grandparents of Albert Fast were born in Ukraine.

His great grandparents Johann Fast and Judith Rempel were born in Ukraine. On the Fast side of the family his great great grandfather Johann Fast immigrated to Ukraine in 1821, probably around the same time as the latter's parents. His great great grandmother Aganetha Toews immigrated in the second wave in 1803 as an infant, with her parents, Jacob Tiews and Aganetha Epp. On the Rempel side of the family Judith's father was born in Ukraine and his parents Dietrich Rempel and Helena Wiebe were part of the original first wave of settlers in 1789. Judiths' mother came to Ukraine in 1797 with her parents Johann Nickel and Anna Nickel as part of the tail end of the first wave of immigration.

His great grandparents Kornelius Krahn and Helena Redekopp were born in Ukraine. Nothing is known about Kornelius' parents. Helena's father and his parents were part of the first wave of settlers who came to Chortitza in 1795. Helena's mother and her parents were among the original group of 228 settler households who arrived in Chortitza in 1789-90.

His great grandparents Heinrich Epp and Helena Dyck were born in Ukraine. Heinrich's father was also born in Ukraine but Heinrich's father's parents and grandparents were among the first wave who settled in Chortitza in 1795. Heinrich's mother Helena Goertzen came to Ukraine in 1818 with her older brothers Isaac and Johann and her sister Maria. The parents had already died in Prussia. Unruh has records showing they immigrated on 2 April 1818 and settled in Kronsthal. It appears her brothers later moved to Molotschna, based on the 1835 census. Helena no doubt stayed in Chortitza because that is where Peter Epp lived and where they raised their family.

His great grandparents Heinrich Rempel and Maria Bergen were born in Ukraine. Heinrich's parents were part of the original group of 228 settlers in 1789-90. Little is known about Maria's parents except that her father may have been Jacob Bergen and he likely was born in Prussia.

Ancestors of Helena Striemer

The grandparents of Helena Striemer were born in Ukraine.

Her great great grandfather Karl Striemer arrived in Chortitza in 1811 at the age of 28. According to research completed by Glenn H. Penner, Karl was not originally a Mennonite but he joined the Mennonite migration to Ukraine, and thereafter became a member of the Mennonite Church.

Karl's son Heinrich, Helena Striemer's great grandfather, would therefore have been born in Ukraine. Her great grandmother Anna Neufeld, future wife of Heinrich, was born in Ukraine as were her parents. Nothing is known about Anna's paternal grandparents but her maternal grandfather, Johann Dyck, arrived in Ukraine in 1806 and married Agatha Penner. Agatha came to Ukraine in 1789 with her first husband, Jacob Harder.

Her great grandparents Johann Giesbrecht and Margaretha Doerksen were born in Ukraine. Johann's father Franz came to Ukraine in 1795 with the first wave of settlers. Franz's mother Elisabeth Mannholdt probably was born in Prussia and likely came to Ukraine as an orphan but little else is known. Margaretha's parents were born in Ukraine and all of her grandparents were part of the original group of 228 settlers in the first wave of 1789-90.

Her great grandparents Abraham Dyck and Elisabeth Dyck were born in Ukraine. Abraham's grandparents were part of the original group of 228 settlers in 1789-90. His father was born in Ukraine. Nothing is known about the origins of Abraham's mother. Little is known about Elisabeth's parents except that her father may have been Johann Dyck..

Her great grandparents Peter Peters and Helena Friesen were born in Ukraine but nothing is known about their respective parents.

Anganetha married Michael Teichroeb<sup>98</sup> 17 October 1779 in Gross Usnitz, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia. {UsrID: 46099}

Anganetha next married Abraham Neudorf<sup>199</sup> about 1803 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 46108}

66. Johann Wolf, 102 son of Jacob Wolf<sup>200</sup> and Justina Harder, 201 was born 6 June 1778 in Heubuden, Marienburg Region, Prussia and died 11 April 1848 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227282}

Johann came to Ukraine as a youngster and at the age of 17 in 1795 was the head of the household in Schoenhorst with his four siblings. His father died between 1789 and 1792 and his mother married David Isbrecht. She moved to David's homestead and when David died she married a Jacob Epp and moved to his homestead. Johann inherited his father's homestead on Jacob's death but according to the Chortitza Census of 1801 he didn't have full title to the homestead; probably it was shared with his mother. Johann appears in the 1848 list of Chortitza householders. He is listed in the diary of Jakob Wall as having died on 11 April 1848, presumably in Neuendorf where Wall lived. Johann and Anna Peters were married sometime between the months of January and May of 1803, in Schoenhorst, in accordance with the 1803 Chortitza vital records.

The Grandma Database gives us the name of a second wife, Helena Niebuhr. This person is also documented by Schapansky, but not as Johann's wife. The only substantiating evidence that she was married to Johann is correspondence with Marcy Bryon who told me that Helena had a daughter, Justina, who was a Niebuhr, but was referred to in Peter Goertzen's genealogy of Peter Teichroeb as Justina Wolf. The Wolf, according to Marcy, was Johann Wolf who married Helena after his first wife, Anna Peters, died. Goertzen's genealogy does refer to her as Justina Wolf and there is a handwritten entry saying she was the daughter of Niebuhr. I have not found a reference to the father and Helena is the daughter of Jacob Niebuhr, leading me to conclude Justina is a daughter of Johann Wolf. Certainly a careful analysis of autosomal DNA matches between Justina's descendants and my father, Peter Teichroeb, indicates Justina was a daughter of Johann. This analysis is based on ancestry.ca data that has been adjusted for endogamy using the Timber algorithm and compared with matches from all available data

for her half siblings. Even after setting longest segment match thresholds at 15 or 20 cM the results are convincing.

Johann married Anna Peters<sup>103</sup> in 1803 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198945}

#### Children:

- 33 i. Anna Wolf.<sup>50</sup> Anna married Daniel Teichroeb,<sup>49</sup> son of Michael Teichroeb<sup>98</sup> and Anganetha Dyck,<sup>99</sup> about 1834 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 46103}
  - ii. Johann Wolf $^{202}$  was born 20 February 1809 and died 28 June 1870. {UsrID: 190400}
  - iii. Jacob Wolf<sup>203</sup> was born 2 February 1811 and died 24 November 1866. {UsrID: 227129}
  - iv. Abraham Wolf<sup>203</sup> was born 13 January 1814 and died 23 August 1878. {UsrID: 226896}
  - v. Katharina Wolf<sup>204</sup> was born in 1815. {UsrID: 939854}
  - vi. David Wolf<sup>203</sup> was born 13 June 1817 and died 17 May 1878. {UsrID: 227674}
  - vii. Peter Wolf<sup>203</sup> was born 22 April 1822 and died 30 July 1896. {UsrID: 176996}

Johann next married Helena Niebuhr<sup>205</sup> after 1822 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12377}

#### Children:

- i. Justina Wolf was born in 1826 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine.
- 67. Anna Peters, 103 daughter of Johann Peters 206 and Maria Bergen, 207 was born 28 July 1783 in Leske, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died after 1822 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198945}

The October 1816 Chortitza Census gives us an additional daughter Katherina that Schapansky does not list.

Anna married Johann Wolf<sup>102</sup> in 1803 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227282}

68. Abraham Abrams, 104 son of Abraham Abrams, was born in 1761 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Ukraine. {UsrID: 54221}

In the 1835 Census, he is listed at Wernersdorf and it says he came to Ukraine in 1818, and moved to Wernersdorf from the Chortitza Colony in 1825. Only his son Jacob is recorded in the 1835 Census entry. H. Schapansky concurs that he came to Ukraine in 1818 but records in Peter Rempel's book indicate he may have arrived in Molotschna in 1819. It appears that the family lived in Schweingrube until 1805 and then moved to Montauerweide. From there they moved to Ukraine. They probably stayed in Schoenhorst, Chortitza Colony on their way to Molotschna, based on comments in Rempel.

Rempel says his family consisted of two males and three females. This only partially matches what we know about his family. He and his wife would have been accompanied by son Jacob and daughter Elisabeth. Son Peter emigrated about a year later, daughter Margaretha died in infancy and daughter Catharina appears to have remained in Prussia. Daughter Anna was married in Prussia.

Based on the 1835 Molotschna Census his wife, Anna, died before 1835. Abraham was 74 in that census and therefore he must have been born around 1761.

He isn't listed in the Tragheimerweide baptism records but this record starts in 1781, implying he must have been baptized earlier. This puts his year of birth around 1760-1765, corresponding to the age reported in the Molotschna Census. I can't find an Anna Doerksen in the baptism record either so her year of birth must be subject to the same constraint.

I have seen his middle name given as Abraham (for example in the 1835 Molotschna Census), in reference to his father's first name.

Notes for the children:

I have found a baptism date for daughter Catarina of 1832. I'm not certain this is the right baptism date. It means that she did not move to Ukraine with her parents.

Daughter Elizabeth's birth date is also recorded in the Schoenhorst Church Records.

The 1835 Census entry for Wernersdorf says son Jacob died in 1824.

In the Tragheimer Church Book the timeline of entries is as follows.

For Schweingrube

1788 birth of daughter Anna 1792 birth of daughter Elizabeth

1798 birth of son Peter

1800 death of Anna (widow Abrams) age 45 [it is not clear who this woman is]

1801 birth of daughter Catarina with wife Anna Duerksen

1802 baptism of daughter Anna

1804 birth of daughter Gretha on 30 November with wife Anna Diercksen

1805 death of daughter Margarita age 1 month on 3 January [this must refer to Gretha]

1806 birth of son Jacob with wife Anna Diercks

#### For Montauerweide

1807 baptism of daughter Elisabeth1810 death of daughter Elisabeth1811 birth of daughter Elisabeth with wife Anna Diercks1813 baptism of son Peter

Abraham married Anna Doerksen. 105 {UsrID: 228457}

#### Children:

- i. Anna Abrams<sup>209</sup> was born 2 February 1788 in Schweingrube, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia and was baptized in 1802 in Schweingrube, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia. {UsrID: 284786}. Anna married an unknown person.
- ii. Elisabeth Abrams<sup>210</sup> was born 19 December 1792 in Schweingrube, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia, was baptized in 1807 in Montauerweide, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia, and died 11 January 1810 in Montauerweide, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia. {UsrID: 30025}
- 34 iii. Peter Abrams.<sup>53</sup> Peter married Margaretha Krahn,<sup>54</sup> daughter of Bernard Krahn<sup>107</sup> and Maria -,<sup>100</sup> about 1825 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 185613}
  - iv. Catarina Abrams<sup>211</sup> was born 1 November 1801 in Schweingrube, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia and was baptized in 1832 in Boenhof, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia. {UsrID: 311092}
  - v. Margaretha Abrams<sup>212</sup> was born 30 November 1804 in Schweingrube, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia and died 3 January 1805 in Schweingrube, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia. {UsrID: 311093}
  - vi. Jacob Abrams<sup>213</sup> was born 3 January 1806 in Montauerweide, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia and died in 1824. {UsrID: 54223}
  - vii. Elizabeth Abrams<sup>214</sup> was born 3 September 1811 in Montauerweide, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia and died 28 January 1888 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 228437}. Elizabeth married Wilhelm Klassen.

{UsrID: 228436}

69. Anna Doerksen<sup>105</sup> was born before 1765 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1835 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 228457}

I think Anna was with Abraham when the family migrated to Ukraine. Rempel says the family consisted of 2 males and 3 females. We know Abraham and son Jacob were part of the group and son Peter emigrated on his own. Daughter Anna was already married before the family emigrated and so she was not part of the family unit in Rempel's book. Daughter Margarita died as an infant in 1805. This leaves Anna and her daughters Catarina and Elizabeth. Consequently Anna must have emigrated with her family.

There is an entry in the Tragheimer Gemeinde records for a Catarina Abrams who was baptized in 1832 in Boenhoff. She was the daughter of an Abraham Abrams. This must not be the daughter of Abraham and Anna because the baptism age (31) is very unusual. In addition, it would mean the family left her alone, unmarried, at the age of eighteen when they emigrated. This is difficult to believe.

Anna married Abraham Abrams. 104 (UsrID: 54221)

70. Bernard Krahn, <sup>107</sup> son of Johann Krahn, was born in 1770 in Klein Mausdorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1813 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 173606}

Bernhard's first wife was Katharina Andres. Bernhard and Katharina were probably married in 1795. Katharina is recorded as Bernard's first wife and the mother of Maria and Anna in the notes to the 1811 Chortitza Census. H. Schapansky tells us Bernhard was baptized in 1794 and their children arrived in 1797 and 1798. Johann Rempel's Family Book just says they were married in 179.. Katharina was a sister of Anna, who married Bernhard's brother Johann. Katharina died in November 1800 according to Johann Rempel.

H. Schapansky says he came to Ukraine in 1795-1796 and his brother, Johann, came to Ukraine at the same time. Johann is listed in the 1793-1795 list of original settlers assembled by Glenn Penner. I think Bernhard was with Johann in that household.

Bernard was subsequently married to Maria in 1801, probably in Rosenthal. By the time of the September 1801 Census they were already married. Maria is the mother of Margaretha. When Bernhard died Maria married Daniel Teichroeb (born 1789). Stumpp lists Bernard as a tailor from Klein Mausdorf, Grosses Werder in 1795 who moved to Burwalde, Chortitza. He was in Rosenthal in 1801 and 1802 and in Burwalde in 1803, 1806, 1808. H. Schapansky says that he

was the son of Johan Krahn of Neustadterwald and came to Ukraine in 1795 - 1796. The 1801 census indicates he was a tailor. The Grandma Database says he died between 1808 and 1813; probably the year was 1813, the year Maria remarried. I suspect he died in Burwalde because the Vital Records indicate this is where Daniel Teichroeb married his widow.

Notes about the first wife of Bernhard, Katharina Andres

Her father was Jacob Andres. A Jacob Andreas, born about 1740, lived in Rosenthal in 1808. Schapansky says he was also there in 1802 and 1803 having emigrated from Walldorff, Elbing District, Prussia in 1795. The 1776 Prussian Mennonite census lists him as living in Powunden; H. Schapansky indicates he was a member of the Ellerwald Gemeinde but I can't substantiate this. It records 4 sons and 2 daughters at the time. He was a farmer described as a landowner in poor circumstances. The 1789 Prussian census list him in Munsterburg/Marienburg. Schapansky says he moved to Lackendorff and then to Gartenkamp in the region of the Rosenort Gemeinde. According to Stumpp, he moved to Rosentau/Taurien in 1795, but this village was not established until 1804. Jacob was a farm labourer. In 1808, he had a son, Jacob (b. 1774), living with him as well as a grandson, Jacob Krahn (b. 1786), and his grandson's wife, Magdalena (b. 1788). He was a Flemish Mennonite. The Grandma Database provides his date of death based on genealogical contributions.

Her mother was Anna Klassen. According to Schapansky an Altester Wiebe mentioned that Jakob Andres, husband of Anna, was the brother in law of a Johann Klassen of Insel Chortitza, who in turn was the son of Johann Klassen of Neustadterwald.

She had a brother, Kornelius. Kornelius came to Rosenthal from Krebsfeld, Elbing in 1795. In 1808, he was living there with his wife, Anna (b. 1778), and their children, along with a servant girl named Susanna Ensz (b. 1788). The Grandma Database cites Johann Rempel (1921, p. 13) who says that Kornelius was born 31 October 1766.

She had a brother, Johann. Johann lived in Einlage in 1802 and 1808. The Grandma Database has a reference to material published by Johann Rempel (1921, p. 13) indicating Johann was baptized in 1788.

Grosses Werder was part of the Danzig Gemeinde until 1639. Mennonites were first invited in 1568 to Grosses Werder from Danzig and most of the migration to Grosses Werder originated in the Danzig area.

Bernard married Katharina Andres,<sup>216</sup> daughter of Jakob Andres<sup>217</sup> and Anna Klassen,<sup>218</sup> before 1797 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266175}

#### Children:

- i. Maria Krahn<sup>101</sup> was born in 1797 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 476562}
- ii. Anna Krahn<sup>101</sup> was born in 1798 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 153059}

Bernard next married Maria - 100 in 1801 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 476565}

#### Children:

- 35 i. Margaretha Krahn.<sup>54</sup> Margaretha married Peter Abrams,<sup>53</sup> son of Abraham Abrams<sup>104</sup> and Anna Doerksen,<sup>105</sup> about 1825 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 311091}
  - ii. Catharina Krahn<sup>219</sup> was born 10 April 1806 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in 1814 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 476563}
  - iii. Bernhard Krahn<sup>220</sup> was born 10 April 1806 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in 1806. {UsrID: 529538}
  - iv. Agatha Krahn<sup>221</sup> was born 2 April 1808 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 10 May 1808 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 1154267}
  - v. Bernhard Krahn<sup>222</sup> was born 18 April 1809 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 29 April 1809 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine.
- 71. Maria  $-^{100}$  was born in 1779 in Prussia and died before 1835 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 476565}

 $Maria\ married\ Bernard\ Krahn^{107}\ in\ 1801\ in\ Rosenthal,\ Chortitza,\ Ukraine.\ \ \{UsrID:\ 173606\}$ 

Maria next married Daniel Teichroeb<sup>49</sup> 5 September 1813 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 46103}

72. Johann Dyck, <sup>108</sup> son of Johann Dyck, was born in 1766 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1831 in Lichtenau, Molotschna, Ukraine. {UsrID: 44744}

His name is recorded as Johann Johann Dyck in the 1835 Molotschna Census, indicating he was the son of a Johann.

Johann married Agneta Schulz<sup>109</sup> before 1792 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 44745}

#### Children:

- 36 i. Johann Dyck.<sup>55</sup> Johann married Helena Friesen,<sup>56</sup> daughter of Bernhard Friesen<sup>112</sup> and Susanna Penner,<sup>113</sup> about 1815 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 793409}
  - ii. Hermann Dyck<sup>223</sup> was born in 1794 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 44747}
  - iii. Jacob Dyck<sup>223</sup> was born in 1798 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 44748}
  - iv. Heinrich Dyck<sup>223</sup> was born in 1802 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 44749}
  - v. Elisabeth Dyck<sup>223</sup> was born in 1806 in Lichtenau, Molotschna, Ukraine. {UsrID: 44750}
  - vi. Anna Dyck<sup>223</sup> was born in 1809 in Lichtenau, Molotschna, Ukraine. {UsrID: 62447}
- 73. Agneta Schulz<sup>109</sup> was born in 1771 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Lichtenau, Molotschna, Ukraine. {UsrID: 44745}

I have also seen her name spelled Agatha.

Agneta married Johann Dyck<sup>108</sup> before 1792 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 44744}

74. Bernhard Friesen<sup>112</sup> was born in 1752 in Vierzehnhuben, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1835 in Blumenort, Molotschna, Ukraine. {UsrID: 45114}

The discovery of Bernhard Friesen and Susanna Penner was made after a detailed analysis of autosomal DNA matches that appeared on ancestry.ca. The conclusion they were correct ancestors was made after comparing DNA from known descendants of their daughter Helena (1798) with DNA from descendants of potential siblings. After filtering to remove the effects of endogamy using the Timber algorithm and even using longest segment match thresholds of 15 cM and 20 cM it was clear the group of people reviewed were descendants of a group of siblings, of which all but Helena were demonstrably the children of Bernhard and Susanna. The genealogical data correspond to this conclusion because we know the age of Helena and therefore the accuracy of the scenario appears to be reasonable.

Rempel indicates the family immigrated in 1804 and Unruh indicates they settled on their land in 1805. They emigrated from the village of Waldorf in the Tiegenhagen area of Prussia. Unruh indicates they originated in Vierzehnhuben. Bernhard is listed in Vierzehnhuben in the

#### 1789 Prussia Land Census.

The family settled on Blumenort #19. We see Bernhard and Susanna with all the children in the 1806 census. In the 1811 census Bernhard is listed as a tailor. Susanna is not in the census, indicating she died earlier. Bernhard's wife is listed as Helena, but I think this is an error because daughter Helena is not listed in that census. In the 1814 census Helena is listed as a daughter and there is no wife listed for Bernhard.

Bernhard must have died before 1835 because the census of that year shows his son, Heinrich, along with Heinrich's family, as the householders on Blumenort #19.

Bernhard married Susanna Penner<sup>113</sup> before 1778 in Prussia. {UsrID: 45115}

#### Children:

- i. Jacob Friesen<sup>224</sup> was born in 1778 in Prussia.
- ii. Bernhard Friesen<sup>225</sup> was born in 1780 in Vierzehnhuben, Prussia.
- iii. Susanna Friesen<sup>226</sup> was born in 1785 in Prussia.
- iv. Heinrich Friesen<sup>227</sup> was born in 1787 in Prussia.
- v. Catarina Friesen<sup>113</sup> was born in 1789 in Prussia.
- vi. Anna Friesen<sup>113</sup> was born in 1792 in Prussia.
- 37 vii. Helena Friesen.<sup>56</sup> Helena married Johann Dyck,<sup>55</sup> son of Johann Dyck<sup>108</sup> and Agneta Schulz,<sup>109</sup> about 1815 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 44746}
- 75. Susanna Penner<sup>113</sup> was born in 1754 in Vierzehnhuben, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1811 in Blumenort, Molotschna, Ukraine. {UsrID: 45115}

Susanna does not appear in the 1811 census for Molotschna and therefore she must have died before the census was taken.

Susanna married Bernhard Friesen<sup>112</sup> before 1778 in Prussia. {UsrID: 45114}

80. Hermann Schapansky, 114 son of David Schapansky 228 and Anna Pauls, 229 was born in 1754 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 8 December 1824 in Schwansdorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 476548}

He was a member of the Flemish Gemeinde but the origin of the family is from the Frisian Gemeinde. His birth date is taken from the 1811 Elbing Census. Hermann was 58 in that census, living in Kerbshorst. The census records a wife aged 33, a son aged 6 and a daughter

aged 2. He was a carpenter.

Most of the children are found in church records and data is rounded out by the many-roads.com genealogy. The information about Kornelius (1786-1801) is from the Grandma Database and may be incorrect. There is an indication of two other children (1805-1811 and 1809-1811). No other details are available.

Hermann's second wife, Anna Heinrichs, has birth, baptism and marriage records in the Marcushof church records. She is listed in the 1811 Elbing Census although not by name.

The port at Elbing, along with the port at Danzig, were two maine disembarkation points for Mennonites fleeing western Europe by sea. The earliest settlements in Elbing were established in the middle to late 1500's and citizenship was first granted to Mennonites in Elbing in 1585. In later years there were Frisian and Flemish Mennonites in the area, the Frisians belonging to the Thiensdorf - Marcusoff Gemeinde.

Hermann married Maria Klassen<sup>115</sup> 13 March 1785 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 476536}

#### Children:

- i. Hermann Schapansky.<sup>64</sup> Hermann married Maria Doerksen<sup>116</sup> 6
   November 1806 in Markushof, Elbing Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 478469}.
   Hermann next married Susanna Dyck<sup>65</sup> before 1823 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 189084}
  - ii. Kornelius Schapansky was born 31 December 1786 and died before 1801.
  - iii. Heinrich Schapansky<sup>230</sup> was born 5 September 1792 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia and died 9 February 1801 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia.
  - iv. Johann Schapansky<sup>231</sup> was born 4 September 1794 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia and died 6 September 1794 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia.

Hermann next married Anna Heinrichs, <sup>232</sup> daughter of Jacob Heinrichs <sup>233</sup> and Anna Ketler, <sup>234</sup> 6 November 1800. {UsrID: 712439}

#### Children:

i. Cornelius Schapansky<sup>235</sup> was born 2 August 1801 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia and died 26 October 1801 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region,

- Prussia.
- ii. Anna Schapansky<sup>236</sup> was born 18 July 1804 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia and died 27 June 1807 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia.
- iii. Cornelius Schapansky<sup>237</sup> was born 11 February 1806 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia, was baptized 19 May 1823 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia, and died 27 February 1861 in Ellerwald, Elbing Region, Prussia.
- iv. Heinrich Schapansky<sup>238</sup> was born 9 January 1811 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia and was baptized 4 June 1827 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia.
- v. Maria Schapansky<sup>239</sup> was born 17 September 1812 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia and died 9 August 1825 in Schwansdorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- vi. Anna Schapansky<sup>240</sup> was born 9 January 1816 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia.
- vii. Cornelia Schapansky<sup>241</sup> was born 14 October 1817 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia.
- viii. Johann Schapansky<sup>242</sup> was born 12 May 1819 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia.
- ix. David Schapansky<sup>243</sup> was born 6 July 1821 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia.
- x. Catharina Schapansky<sup>244</sup> was born 6 May 1824 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia and died 2 January 1825 in Schwansdorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- 81. Maria Klassen<sup>115</sup> was born in 1764 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 25 February 1800 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 476536}

Maria was a Flemish Mennonite. Her date of death is taken from the Marcushof Marienburg Church Record along with her age, enabling an estimated year of birth.

Maria married Hermann Schapansky<sup>114</sup> 13 March 1785 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 476548}

88. Michael Loewen, 122 son of Heinrich Loewen, was born about 1771 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1801 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198115}

Michael is undoubtedly the father of Jacob. In the 1801 Chortitza Census we see Jacob and sister Maria at Neuendorf #23 with their mother Maria Bueckert and her new husband Jacob Peters. The comments made by the people transcribing the material tell us the children were

Michael's. Furthermore, as noted in the commentary about Jacob, there is ample DNA evidence to support the position that Jacob is the common ancestor.

Henry Schapansky tells us that Michael was the son of Heinrich of Neustadterwald and a member of the Tiegenhagen Church. The 1776 census tells us Heinrich had three sons. Michael and Jacob would be two of them. There were two later sons mentioned in the Grandma Database. The third son in the 1776 census is unknown.

Heinrich migrated to Ukraine in 1789 and died before 1793; in fact he probably died in 1789 before even reaching Chortitza because he does not appear in the First Settlers work done by Glenn Penner. In 1795 Michael was living with a Peter Dyck in Neuendorf; Michael was employed as a servant. This was the revision list for settlers of 1789 and I conclude Michael was among those earliest settlers. There is no sign of Michael's mother except census information to the effect that when she died her Einlage homestead was left to her daughter and son-in-law. These were Helena Rempel and Cornelius Willems. Therefore we know that Heinrich Loewen's wife had been married first to a Rempel.

After Michael married Maria Bueckert he took over the homestead of her deceased father, Daniel Bueckert. The homestead later went to Maria's new husband, Jacob Peters, after Michael died and she remarried.

Michael is mentioned in comments in numerous Chortitza Census documents after his death, all in connection with his children.

Michael married Maria Bueckert<sup>123</sup> about 1797 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198118}

#### Children:

- i. Maria Loewen<sup>246</sup> was born in 1798 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 196700}
- 44 ii. Jacob Loewen.<sup>70</sup> Jacob married Maria Klassen<sup>71</sup> 1 October 1822 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 1194009}. Jacob next married Margaretha Braun<sup>124</sup> in 1854 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 188376}

89. Maria Bueckert, <sup>123</sup> daughter of Daniel Bueckert, was born 24 May 1778 in Heubuden, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Ukraine. {UsrID: 198118}

Maria's parents must have died before 1795; that year she is found with her brother, Jacob, and sister, Anna, in Neuendorf. In Unruh there is an indication that a young girl, Anna, aged 8, lived with them but I think this is an error in interpreting the data because the same entry also refers to Anna, age 15, being the sister of Maria. Certainly the 1795 census seems to be clear

that the Anna listed in the household is aged 15. Maria's birth record is found in the Heubuden Church records.

Her second husband was Jacob Peters and they assumed the farm in Nieder Chortitza that had belonged to her father Daniel Bueckert. This was recorded in Rempel's book for the year 1806, the same year that Nieder Chortitza was established. That entry says Daniel came to Ukraine in 1789, as is confirmed in information about the first Chortitza colonists.

Maria married Michael Loewen<sup>122</sup> about 1797 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198115}

Maria next married Jacob Peters, <sup>248</sup> son of Johann Peters<sup>206</sup> and Maria Bergen, <sup>207</sup> before 1802 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198125}

#### Children:

- i. Johann Peters<sup>249</sup> was born in 1805 in Nieder-Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine.
- 92. Johann Dyck, <sup>129</sup> son of Jacob Dyck<sup>250</sup> and Anna Dyck, <sup>251</sup> was born 20 September 1796 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 30 March 1839. {UsrID: 528342}

The relationship between Johann Dyck (1796) and Sara Klassen (1801) is based on data in the Grandma Database, as is the list of their children.

Johann married Sara Klassen<sup>130</sup> 14 July 1818 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 791230}

#### Children:

- i. Katharina Dyck was born in 1819 and died in 1819.
- ii. Katharina Dyck was born in 1821 and died in 1823.
- iii. Anna Dyck was born in 1823 and died in 1823.
- iv. Katharina Dyck was born 16 November 1824 and died 9 November 1912.
- v. Johann Dyck.<sup>75</sup> Johann married Maria DeVeer,<sup>76</sup> daughter of Isaak DeVeer<sup>132</sup> and Margaretha Falk,<sup>133</sup> 16 October 1849 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 181926}
  - vi. Jacob Dyck was born in 1830 and died in 1832.
  - vii. Jacob Dyck was born in 1830 and died in 1830.
  - viii. Sara Dyck was born in 1834.
  - ix. Anna Dyck was born in 1839 and died in 1840.

93. Sara Klassen,<sup>130</sup> daughter of Isaac Klassen<sup>252</sup> and Katharina Peters,<sup>253</sup> was born 24 June 1801. {UsrID: 791230}

According to the Grandma Database, Sara's birthdate could be 12 June 1801 or 24 June 1801.

Sara married Johann Dyck<sup>129</sup> 14 July 1818 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 528342}

94. Isaak DeVeer, <sup>132</sup> son of Jacob DeVeer<sup>254</sup> and Maria Peters, <sup>255</sup> was born 17 March 1810 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine, was baptized in 1829 in Ukraine, and died 1 December 1889 in Reinland, Manitoba. {UsrID: 196530}

Isaak was born in Chortitza Colony. Unruh lists him in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza in 1814 with his parents Jacob and Maria. Since Neu-Osterwick was established in 1812 he would have been born in Neuendorf where his parents lived before they moved to Neu-Osterwick. Fehr says he was a silk producer in Neu-Osterwick and later in Fuerstenland. He is listed in Neu-Osterwick in the 1863 Chortitza Grain Signature List. He is also recorded in the 1847 and 1859 Householder lists in Neu-Osterwick.

He came to Canada on 23 June 1876 aboard the S. S. Quebec with his second wife, Elizabeth Banman, and her youngest son Abram. They brought with them an 18 year old servant named Maria. They were headed to Reinland according to the entry in the passenger list. In 1881 they appear in Reinland in the census along with their son. The dates are taken from the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch.

Isaak's second wife, Elizabeth Banman, is listed in the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch.

According to the Grandma Database his daughter Susanna died in Rosthern, Saskatchewan on 12 November 1927.

Isaak married Margaretha Falk<sup>133</sup> 6 January 1830 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 190833}

#### Children:

- i. Maria DeVeer.<sup>76</sup> Maria married Johann Dyck,<sup>75</sup> son of Johann Dyck<sup>129</sup> and Sara Klassen,<sup>130</sup> 16 October 1849 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 182766}
  - ii. Jacob DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born 5 February 1832 and was baptized in 1854. {UsrID: 181927}
  - iii. Katarina DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born 30 July 1833, was baptized in 1852, and died 4

- November 1895. {UsrID: 181928}
- iv. Helena DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born 21 September 1835 and was baptized in 1854. {UsrID: 151229}
- v. Heinrich DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born in 1837 and died in 1867. {UsrID: 819102}
- vi. Susanna DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born 13 September 1838, was baptized in 1858, and died 12 November 1927 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 265334}
- vii. Isaak DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born in 1840 and died in 1841. {UsrID: 817736}
- viii. Isaak DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born 16 October 1841 and was baptized in 1860. {UsrID: 181929}
- ix. David DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born in 1844 and died in 1865. {UsrID: 819101}
- x. Anna DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born in 1845 and was baptized in 1866. {UsrID: 99755}
- xi. Benjamin DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born in 1846 and died in 1847. {UsrID: 819100}
- xii. Magaretha DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born 24 December 1849. {UsrID: 182835}
- xiii. Kornelius DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born in 1850 and died in 1850. {UsrID: 819099}
- xiv. Elizabeth DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born 24 December 1851 and was baptized in 1870. {UsrID: 181930}
- xv. Sara DeVeer<sup>256</sup> was born in 1854 and died in 1854. {UsrID: 819098}

Isaak next married Elizabeth Banman, daughter of Cornelius Banman and Anna Froese, 5 November 1865.

95. Margaretha Falk,<sup>133</sup> daughter of David Falk<sup>257</sup> and Maria Bartsch,<sup>258</sup> was born 13 October 1810 in Schoenwiese, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 23 January 1863. {UsrID: 190833}

There has been confusion about who the wife of Isaak Fehr really was. This has been caused by an error in the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch wherein Isaak is listed as the husband of a Maria Falk born in 1810 in one entry. In all the other entries his wife is listed as Margaretha Falk. Margaretha's sister Maria Falk was actually born in 1807 as all the Chortitza Census records show, whereas Margaretha was born in 1810.

There has also be uncertainty about whether Margaretha's mother was Sara Martens or Maria Bartsch. The Chortitza Census records make it quite clear that as early as 1807 Maria was the wife of David Falk. Consequently it is clear that Maria Bartsch is the mother of Margaretha.

Margaretha married Isaak DeVeer<sup>132</sup> 6 January 1830 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196530}

96. Johann Fast, <sup>134</sup> son of Cornelius Fast<sup>259</sup> and Maria Toews, <sup>260</sup> was born 22 November 1800 in Wernersdorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia and died 25 March 1841 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175102}

Johann's father, Cornelius, came to Ukraine in 1821. I suspect this is when Johann immigrated as well, although it is difficult to find him. It appears that he came on his own, since he is not listed with his father. His father emigrated in 1821 from Wernersdorf and appears to have settled in Tiegerweide, Molotschna. I assume Johann was born in Wernersdorf.

Schapansky says that Johann may have lived at Chortitza, Einlage, and/or Ekaterinoslav and may have been a miller. Helmut Huebert's book supports this view of his occupation.

H. Schapansky points out that Johann and his wife Aganetha Toews were cousins, his mother being Maria Toews. The father of Aganetha Toews was Jacob Toews, the brother of Maria Toews.

Helmut T. Huebert, in his book "Mennonites in the Imperial Cities of Russia", describes the many business enterprises of Johann Fast and his descendants. Of further interest is the interrelationship of the Fast family with the Toews family and the Heese family and the capital accumulation of this group of families.

Johann Fast (1800-1841) was married to Aganetha Toews (1803-1862). Johann appears to have operated a treadmill powered flour mill. This mill was most likely in the Chortitza settlement. After Johann died the operation of the mill was assumed by his son, Jacob (1822-1866).

Jacob had married Katharina Heese (1816-1848) and, upon her death, her sister Anna Heese (1826-1909). The Heese sisters were daughters of Heinrich Heese (1786-1868), a well known educator and the founder of the Chortitza Zentralschule. Jacob and Anna were living in the Chortitza Settlement when Anna persuaded Jacob to relocate to Ekaterinoslav, where they set up a new milling business. Around 1866 the mill was converted to steam power.

Jacob died in 1866 and his wife, Anna, ran the mill with their son, Heinrich (1858-1897). Heinrich's brother, Wilhelm (1864-?) joined the business and in later years ran the mill in partnership with Heinrich, and after Heinrich's death took over sole management of the business. In 1890 the mill was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt in the 1894-1897 period. By 1911 the business was insolvent and taken over by the banks to which it was indebted.

The reasons for bankruptcy are vague, but it seems the investment was huge and highly leveraged. Further, competitors, concerned by the threat posed due to the scale and modern nature of the new operation, spread rumours about the unsafe conditions in the mill and the quality of the product. The financial and reputational damage were more than Wilhelm could withstand. After bankruptcy the operation continued in some form and after the Bolshevik Revolution the business was nationalized. Later when Ukraine gained its independence the

company began to operate under the name DMK Dnipromyln LLC. It is still in operation today. The company web site discusses the early years, mentioning Fast by name and describing the challenges with the development of the substantial property and the ensuing bankruptcy.

Jacob's son, Johann (1849-1908) established a lumber mill in Ekaterinoslav around 1875 and was successful for many years. The business supplied lumber for the flour mill operated by Heinrich and Wilhelm. This was a key source of revenue. When the flour mill failed the lumber mill was severely impacted and eventually became insolvent.

Following the failure of the lumber mill, Jacob's son, Johann, established an iron foundry in partnership with a son in law. This business was successful until the son in law died, at which point the operation was downsized.

The family of Aganetha Toews (1803-?) were also engaged in capitalist ventures. Her father, Jacob Toews (1768-?) had a wind powered flour mill in Ekaterinoslav. It was destroyed in a fire around 1807. Jacob's son Heinrich Toews (1819-1867) operated a wind powered mill in Ekaterinoslav in 1836 and 1837. He moved to Einlage in the Chortitza Settlement in 1840 and continued in the business of milling. Later he returned to Ekaterinoslav and in 1857 purchased property that was still in the family of Johann Fast (1800-1841). He built a treadmill powered mill there and ten years later a steam powered mill. He died in 1867 and the business was taken over by his sons, Jacob (1845-1883) and Johann (1841-1915).

Johann's son, Johann (1869-?) established a soap manufacturing business, financed by his father. Apparently, he was the black sheep of the family. He was caught philandering with one of his servants, by whom he had several children.

In 1880 Jacob (1845-1883) built another mill and left his brother Johann to operate the earlier mill. Jacob Toews (1845-1883) married Margaretha Heese (1848-1880), daughter of Heinrich Heese (1828-1883) and granddaughter of Heinrich Heese the elder (1786-1868). After Margaretha died Jacob went on to marry her sister, Susanna (1862-1950).

The Heese family were also successful entrepreneurs. Heinrich Heese (1828-1883), a son of Heinrich Heese (1786-1868), entered the milling business with a treadmill powered mill. When it was destroyed in a fire, he went into the grain marketing business. After the Crimean War global demand for Russian grain was weak and he was unsuccessful. In the late 1860s he built a steam powered flour mill, purchasing machinery from England. He left that business to work as a lawyer, banker, and real estate agent.

Heinrich's son, Heinrich (1846-1903) established his own flour mill in 1878 in Ekaterinoslav.

His business was successful, and he prospered. In later years he was on the board of several private banks and the federal bank. Later his sons, Heinrich, and Peter, took control of the mill and operated it until it was nationalized after the Bolshevik Revolution.

Another son of Heinrich Heese (1828-1883), Wilhelm (1846-1920) married Maria Fast (1858-1935). Maria was a daughter of Johann Fast (1832-1885) and granddaughter of Johann Fast (1800-1841).

Johann married Aganetha Toews<sup>135</sup> in 1821 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175103}

#### Children:

- i. Jacob Fast<sup>261</sup> was born 21 April 1822 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died 6 June 1866 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 175104}
- 48 ii. Johann Fast.<sup>77</sup> Johann married Judith Rempel,<sup>78</sup> daughter of Dietrich Rempel<sup>140</sup> and Maria Nickel,<sup>141</sup> before 1852 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 107216}
  - iii. Heinrich Fast<sup>261</sup> was born 29 January 1840 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died 12 October 1865 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 174791}
- 97. Aganetha Toews,<sup>135</sup> daughter of Jacob Toews<sup>262</sup> and Aganetha Epp,<sup>263</sup> was born 8 April 1803 in Sandhof, Marienburg Region, Prussia and died 9 April 1862 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175103}

Aganetha came to Ukraine as a young child. Therefore she must have been married in Ukraine. Her second husband, Johann Stoez, settled in Rosenthal according to H. Schapansky.

Her birthdate is from the Martin Toews Genealogy. Her date of death is taken from a Geni family tree, and this date also agrees with the date recorded in the Grandma Database. The latter appears to have been sourced from a 1996 reference attributed to a Peter Neudorf.

There is a note in the Grandma Database saying that she received an inheritance in 1841 from her uncle, Peter Toews, and in the documentation related to this there is a list of all her children. This is how Johann (1832) is linked to his parents.

Aganetha married Johann Fast<sup>134</sup> in 1821 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175102}

Aganetha next married Johann Stoesz<sup>261</sup> 23 March 1843 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine.

98. Dietrich Rempel, 140 son of Dietrich Rempel<sup>264</sup> and Helena Wiebe, 265 was born 29 September 1792 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 8 August 1843 in Rosenthal, Chortitza,

Ukraine. {UsrID: 198161}

His father, Dietrich (1763), and grandfather, Isbrand (1737), were both original householders in the group of 228 families that settled Chortitza in 1789. Both men established homesteads in Einlage. In the 1795 Census they were both still in Einlage. Dietrich (1792) is three years old in that census. The familiy was still in Einlage in 1797 but they moved to Rosenthal before the 1801 census. Dietrich (1792) was still living at home in Rosenthal in 1816, as evidenced by the census in October of that year. He was still unmarried at that point. I assume he married and died in Rosenthal because so much evidence indicates the Fast descendants lived there.

Dietrich married Maria Nickel<sup>141</sup> 16 May 1816 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 396583}

#### Children:

- i. Anna Rempel<sup>266</sup> was born 12 October 1817 and died 12 November 1857.
- ii. Dietrich Rempel<sup>266</sup> was born 14 April 1819.
- iii. Johann Rempel<sup>266</sup> was born 21 January 1821 and died 14 September 1846.
- iv. Maria Rempel<sup>266</sup> was born 2 February 1824 and died in 1848.
- v. Helena Rempel<sup>266</sup> was born 18 February 1826 and died 8 March 1857.
- vi. Katharina Rempel<sup>266</sup> was born 25 January 1828 and died 23 April 1909.
- vii. Margaretha Rempel<sup>266</sup> was born 18 December 1830.
- 49 viii. Judith Rempel.<sup>78</sup> Judith married Johann Fast,<sup>77</sup> son of Johann Fast<sup>134</sup> and Aganetha Toews,<sup>135</sup> before 1852 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 175108}
  - ix. Elizabeth Rempel<sup>266</sup> was born 20 December 1834.
  - x. Gerhard Rempel<sup>266</sup> was born 16 May 1836 and died 16 January 1911.
  - xi. Peter Rempel<sup>266</sup> was born 2 July 1839.
- 99. Maria Nickel, 141 daughter of Johann Nickel 267 and Anna Nickel, 268 was born 25 December 1792 in Prussia and died 5 March 1863 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 396583}

Maria Nickel is probably the daughter of Johann Nickel who came to Ukraine around 1797. Peter Rempel has an entry indicating the family came to Ukraine in 1793 but this is contradicted by Glenn Penner's work on the original settlers in 1789 and 1793-1795, where Johann Nickel is not found. The 1801 Census of Kronsgarten lists Johann and his wife Anna, along with daughters Anna (1782) and Maria (1791). Stumpp has the 1816 census for Kronsgarten and in that book Maria appears to have been born around 1793. Sister Anna is no longer living with the family and Johann has died. His wife remarried Johann Kauenhowen. Maria's father died before the 1806 census for Kronsgarten. In that census she is shown as

being born in 1792. Her sister has left home by then.

Maria married Dietrich Rempel<sup>140</sup> 16 May 1816 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198161}

102. David Redekop,<sup>142</sup> son of Wilhelm Redekop<sup>269</sup> and Maria Rempel,<sup>270</sup> was born 28 January 1789 in Prussia and died 23 July 1862 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266153}

Most of the commentary related to David appears with the comments about his father Wilhelm. In the 1814 Chortitza Census his occupation is listed as Miller. He appears in the 1847 Census and his wife, Katharina, is listed with her maiden name of Wieler. It appears that in 1858 his sons David and Gerhard moved to Eichenfeld, a village in the new daughter colony of Yazykovo, immediately north of the Chortitza Colony. This new colony was established through the purchase of land from a nobleman named Yazykovo. There is a David Redekopp (two actually) listed in Rosenthal in the 1859 Householder List; presumably David is one of these.

I have seen his name listed with a middle initial W which I believe represents his father's first name.

Lorraine Sawatsky Jones has provided information about David's children. The first Maria died as an infant. Her birth date was 1 August 1815 and her date of death was 16 September 1816. Katarina was born on 12 September 1816, married on 10 August 1836, and died on 16 July 1855. According to material published by Johann Rempel (1921, p.26) Katharina died of cholera. One other record says she died in 1853 but I doubt this is correct. The second Maria died on 16 June 1855. Theodor Martens has the original Alter Buch and it also says she died on 16 June 1855, the same day as her sister Katharina. She also died of cholera according to Johann Rempel in his publication (1921, p. 26). The first David died as an infant on 12 October 1819. The second David was born on 4 June 1825, married on 12 Jan 1850 and died on 25 July 1909. He was an Aeltester. The first Elisabeth died as an infant on 14 December 1823. Peter's marriage date was 10 March 1849. The second Gerhard was born on 15 August 1834. The second Anna was born on 13 June 1835, married 14 October 1856 and died on 21 August 1896.

David married Katharina Wieler <sup>143</sup> 4 May 1811 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine.	. {UsrID
266154}	

Children:

- i. Anna Redekop<sup>271</sup> was born 4 October 1812 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 7 June 1830. {UsrID: 174319}
- Wilhelm Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 20 December 1813 in Rosenthal, Chortitza,
   Ukraine and died 19 November 1882 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine.
   {UsrID: 265926}
- iii. Maria Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 1 July 1815 and died 8 November 1816. {UsrID: 174320}
- iv. Katharina Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 12 September 1816 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 17 June 1855 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266864}
- v. David Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 12 June 1818 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 10 May 1819 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266155}
- vi. Maria Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 12 October 1819 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 16 June 1855 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 174321}
- 51 vii. Helena Redekop.<sup>80</sup> Helena married Johann Rempel<sup>144</sup> 7 December 1843 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. Helena next married Kornelius Krahn<sup>79</sup> 27 October 1847 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 174331}
  - viii. Elisabeth Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 27 August 1823 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 8 June 1824 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266156}
  - ix. David Redekop<sup>273</sup> was born 4 May 1825 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 28 July 1909 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 174323}
  - x. Peter Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 17 August 1827 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 25 December 1905 in Kronsthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 174324}
  - xi. Elisabeth Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 25 December 1829 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 14 September 1893. {UsrID: 174325}
  - xii. Gerhard Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 13 February 1832 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 27 February 1833 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266157}
  - xiii. Gerhard Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 15 February 1834 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 11 October 1888 in Kronsthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 174326}
  - xiv. Anna Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 13 January 1835 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 24 May 1896. {UsrID: 174327}
  - xv. Margaretha Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 14 March 1838 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 14 March 1838 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266158}
  - xvi. Margaretha Redekop<sup>272</sup> was born 30 June 1839 in Rosenthal, Chortitza,

Ukraine and died 25 December 1917. {UsrID: 174328}

103. Katharina Wieler, <sup>143</sup> daughter of Nicholas Wieler<sup>274</sup> and Anna Janzen, <sup>275</sup> was born 21 August 1793 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 1 February 1879 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266154}

Birth, death and marriage dates are taken from the Peter Kornelius Martens Alter Buch.

I have seen her name listed with the middle initial C which I believe represents her father's first name.

Katharina married David Redekop<sup>142</sup> 4 May 1811 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266153}

104. Peter Epp,<sup>145</sup> son of Peter Epp<sup>276</sup> and Catharina Ens,<sup>277</sup> was born in 1798 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 126899}

In the 1814 and 1816 Census lists for Neuendorf he is working as a servant in the household of Peter Isaac at #30. Correspondingly we see that his parents are at Chortitza in 1814, 1815 and early 1816 and Schoenweise in October 1816 and he is no longer living with them. The exception is the 1815 census where he is counted with the family. Either he moved home or the census takers were more exacting about the way they counted family members.

Information about son Jacob Epp and his wife Helena Klassen is contained in a Genealogy document assembled by Cornelius Epp and Orval Ens. This material mentions his parents Peter Epp and Helena Gossen and his grandfather Peter Epp. He is listed in the Grandma Database and baptism, marriage and death dates and locations are all taken from this source. The Schoenhorst Church Register provides detailed information about his children, all of which matches the Epp-Ens genealogy document. Further information abut Helena's parents is in the Schoenhorst Church Register and the Grandma Database.

I discussed with Orval the discrepancy between the family name used in his genealogy work (Gossen) and the name in the Church Register (Goertzen). Orval confirmed that there was no certainty as to her surname and probably the records I found were more correct.

Peter and Helena may have had two other sons, David and Peter. Information about these individuals is sketchy.

Peter married Helena Goertzen<sup>146</sup> before 1823 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 344055}

#### Children:

- Jacob Epp<sup>278</sup> was born 28 January 1823 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine, was baptized in 1842 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine, and died 3 September 1886 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227574}. Jacob married Helena Klassen,<sup>278</sup> daughter of Jacob Klassen<sup>279</sup> and Maria Wiens,<sup>106</sup> 2 November 1844 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227573}
- 52 ii. Heinrich Epp. 81 Heinrich married Helena Dyck, 82 daughter of Peter Dyck 155 and Maria Regehr, 156 3 March 1848 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 166695}

105. Helena Goertzen, 146 daughter of George Goertzen and Maria Neubauer, 281 was born 2 May 1803 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 344055}

The facts are sparse relating to Helena. We know that she was the wife of Peter Epp based on records in the Schoenhorst Church Register. Further we know that family recollections have a Helena Goossen as Peter Epp's wife, although the authors of that work were uncertain as to the accuracy of this name. I don't know what sources the authors used but they may have relied on Hermann Thiessen's work. He has a record of a Helena Goossen whose location information matches Peter Epp exactly, in accordance with great grandson David Epp's Citizenship Certificate. I think the most reliable information is the church record.

There is a Helena Goertzen in the Tiegenhagen Church Book, born in Petershagen in 1803 who is very likely the same Helena as Peter Epp's wife. However, I don't know this to be certain. Her parents were Georg Goertzen and Maria Neubauer. Helena's birth record gives her father's name and the 1784 marriage record gives the name of Helena's mother. George died in 1808 in Prussia and there is no indication his wife remarried. Maria appears to have died in 1819 or earlier - there is a record in the Fund Of Orphans data showing the inheritance she left three of her children (Maria, Helena and Johann). This further implies that son Isaac had died before 1819.

Helena came to Ukraine in 1818 with her older brothers Isaac and Johann and her sister Maria. Unruh has records showing they immigrated on 2 April 1818 and settled in Kronsthal. It appears her brothers later moved to Molotschna, based on the 1835 census. Helena no doubt stayed in Chortitza because that is where Peter Epp lived and where they raised their family.

Jacob Epp (1823) and Heinrich Epp (1826) are brothers. This is known family history.

Helena married Peter Epp<sup>145</sup> before 1823 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 126899}

106. Peter Dyck, 155 son of Peter Dyck 282 and Margaretha Klassen, 283 was born in 1806 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 188714}

Information about Peter Dyck is somewhat convoluted. In a number of sources he is shown with two wives, a Maria Nowitzky and a Maria Regier. I believe Maria Nowitzky is incorrect because research has demonstrated she did not exist but was the product of family lore that was not accurate. My assumption is that there was just one wife, Maria Regier. We know about Maria Regier because she is shown as the mother of Barbara Dyck in the Reinlander Gemeinde Buch. This also shows that Peter Dyck is Barbara's father.

Peter was born in 1806 in the village of Chortitza. The family moved to Schoenhorst a year later. By 1811 he had two sisters, Margaretha born 29 June 1807, and Barbara born 1808. His father, Peter, died in 1808 and in the 1808 census we see his mother, Margaretha, alone with the children. By 1810 she has married Heinrich Funk and he has taken over their farm in Schoenhorst. Between 1811 and 1813 the family moved to Neu-Osterwick. In the 1814 census the family is still in Neu-Osterwick but Peter's mother, Margaretha, has died. His sister Barbara was taken in as a foster daughter by Peter Isaac and his wife Katharina who lived at Neuendorf #30. Peter was still at Neu-Osterwick #6 in 1816.

The 1858 Chortitza Census tells us that Peter Dyck lived at Schoeneberg #12 and confirms that his father was also named Peter. H. Schapansky confirms this to be the case.

The 1859 Landless List for Chortitza connects sons Heinrich and Peter to their father Peter. It indicates they are registered to Schoeneberg #12 although they live elsewhere. Heinrich lived in Friedrichstal at that time. There apparently is a letter that the elder Peter wrote to his son Heinrich in Friedrichstal to tell him about the death of Maria Regier in 1867.

Heinrich is also listed in the Sommerfeld Gemeinde Buch and it indicates his father is Peter Dyck.

The birthdate of his son Abraham may have been 24 May 1849. After immigrating to Canada in 1876, Abraham moved back to the Mennonite settlements in eastern Ukraine some years later to give his children what he considered a proper education. They built a new home in there, which was later used to store food. It must have been a very small house.

Ben Fast gave me information about Helena Dyck's family, as best he could remember. He

recalled she had a brother Jacob and a brother Abram. Both people are recorded in the Grandma Database. Ray and Helen Fast have told me that when Heinrich Epp and Helena Dyck first came to Saskatchewan, they lived with her brother Abram over the first winter. This is confirmed by information in the book "Waldheim Remembers the Past". Ben also thought one of Helena's sisters married a Jacob Hoeppner. I do not know if this is correct, but I have not found anyone that fits the description. However, Helena Epp, the daughter of Heinrich Epp (1826) married a Jacob Hoeppner. This might be the couple Ben had in mind.

The 1880 Village Census of the Mennonite West Reserve includes a reference to Peter Dyck and his son Abram Dyck. This entry tells us Peter was born in Schoeneberg, Chortitza.

The 1847 Chortitza village list has a Peter Dyck in Schoeneberg recorded as a landowner - it probably is the same person. Peter moved to Michaelsburg, Fuerstenland Colony where he became the first Oberschulz of the colony, according to the 1880 Village Census of the Mennonite West Reserve.

The Grandma Database lists other offspring but I have included only the ones I can support with evidence.

Peter married Maria Regehr<sup>156</sup> before 1827 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 188715}

#### Children:

- 53 i. Helena Dyck.<sup>82</sup> Helena married Heinrich Epp,<sup>81</sup> son of Peter Epp<sup>145</sup> and Helena Goertzen,<sup>146</sup> 3 March 1848 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 166694}
  - ii. Peter Dyck<sup>284</sup> was born in 1831 in Schoeneberg, Chortitza, Ukraine.
  - iii. Heinrich Dyck<sup>285</sup> was born 20 April 1832 in Schoeneberg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 27 June 1887 in Manitoba. {UsrID: 184535}
  - iv. Barbara Dyck<sup>286</sup> was born 24 February 1846 and died 24 March 1870. {UsrID: 181955}
  - v. Abraham Dyck<sup>287</sup> was born 5 June 1848 and died 26 April 1914 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan. {UsrID: 180688}
  - vi. Jacob Dyck<sup>288</sup>

107. Maria Regehr, <sup>156</sup> daughter of Peter Regehr<sup>289</sup> and Maria -, <sup>290</sup> was born 7 February 1806 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in 1867 in Fuerstenland Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 188715}

Maria Regier is probably the daughter of Peter Regier. There is only one person with this

name who lived in Chortitza and was of an appropriate age to be the mother of the children associated with Peter Dyck and Maria.

Maria married Peter Dyck<sup>155</sup> before 1827 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 188714}

108. Heinrich Rempel,<sup>157</sup> son of Peter Rempel<sup>291</sup> and Margareta Teichroeb,<sup>292</sup> was born in 1799 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 14 August 1870 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 265487}

In his book "From Windmills to Prairies" Ben Fast mentions that Margaretha Rempel was born in Neu-Osterwick. Since we have information that her grandfather was Heinrich, born around the turn of the 18th century, this Heinrich P. Rempel, who was present in Neu-Osterwick, is probably her grandfather. Heinrich was born in Schoenhorst. He appears in the 1801 census in the village of Chortitza. By 1816 he is in Neu-Osterwick, where the family had moved earlier. He later appears in the 1847 list of Chortitza householders in Neu-Osterwick. The Grandma Database shows the same familial linkages.

Heinrich married an unknown person.

## Children:

i. Heinrich Rempel.<sup>84</sup> Heinrich married Maria Bergen,<sup>85</sup> daughter of Jacob Bergen, 1 December 1849 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 164206}. Heinrich next married Anna Klassen in 1878 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. Heinrich next married Maria Janzen in 1880. Heinrich next married Justina Braun in 1885. Heinrich next married Elisabeth Braun in 1890.

110. Jacob Bergen<sup>158</sup> was born before 1808.

This name is from B. J. Harris, as related in an email to me (ancestry.ca page beej808). At this point there isn't enough data to establish the identity of this person or confirm the accuracy of the relationship.

Jacob married an unknown person.

#### Children:

i. Maria Bergen.<sup>85</sup> Maria married Heinrich Rempel,<sup>84</sup> son of Heinrich Rempel, 1 December 1849 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 164205}

112. Christoph Striemer<sup>159</sup> was born 21 December 1783 in Prussia and died 1 December 1871 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186905}

He appears in the Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch in 1843. The death and marriage dates are taken from that source. Glenn Penner has reported that a Russian document published in 1812 implies that Christoph arrived in Chortitza in 1811 at the age of 28. The 1815 Chortitza Census says this as well. Penner's article says that Christoph was not originally a Mennonite, but he joined the Mennonite migration to Ukraine, and thereafter became a member of the Mennonite Church.

His first name is given as Karl in the Bergthal Gemeinde Buch on p. A73 and as Karl in the 1822 Chortitza Colony Vital Records in relation to the birth of his daughter Aganetha, where he is found living in Einlage. The Grandma Database says his first name is given as Christoph in the 1835 Chortitza Colony Census (extract found in Odessa Archive, Fond 6, Inventory 1, File 4889). The Grandma Database goes on to say "In the 1835 Census he was listed at Nieder Chortitza #47. He apparently moved to Schoenthal, Bergthal Colony with the first settlers of that village about 1837 since he and his family are among a group of Mennonites who expressed a desire to settle in Schoenthal per Odessa Archive, Fond 6, Inventory 1, File 4889." I haven't seen the 1835 Census and I haven't found any traces of Christoph other than the Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch and the Chortitza 1815 and 1816 Census and Vital Records information. I wonder if he was an itinerant laborer until he married and settled down in Nieder-Choritza in 1815.

The interchangeable first names imply that possibly his father is a Karl or a Christoph.

Randy Striemer makes a passing reference to Karl without elaboration. I don't know if his source is unique.

Christoph's daughter Anna appears in Sommerfeld, Manitoba in the 1881 Census. The 1901 Canada Census says she was born on 26 November 1828. She arrived in Canada on 30 July 1874 aboard the S. S. Sarmatian.

His son Carl arrived in Canada on 30 July 1876 on the S. S. Sardinian.

His daughter Maria arrived in Canada on 27 July 1874 aboard the S. S. Nova Scotian.

The Bergthal Colony in Ukraine was the first daughter colony of Chortitza. It was established in 1836 with five villages. The first, Bergthal, was established that year. Schoenfeld and Schoenthal were established in 1837, Heubuden in 1839 and Friedensthal in 1852. Bergthal

was the religious center. These people managed to remain relatively isolated from much of the religious, educational and agrarian renewal movements that swept the Russian Empire in the 19th century, but they eventually became threatened by political pressure for changes in education and military legislation. This pressure toward modernization and societal integration, coupled with the demand for land, led to the migration in the 1870s of most of the colonists to the Red River area of Manitoba.

In Bergthal many of the people were landless. Apparently there were 350 landless families in 1874, comprising about half of the population. This economic situation made the migration to Canada unaffordable for many families. Therefore the community as a whole contributed 10 percent of the savings in the local financial institution to cover the costs of moving the landless members.

Once in Canada, the Mennonites imposed their old hamlet based village pattern, where all residents settled in small hamlets, with farm yards fronting onto a main street and homesteads surrounding the hamlet. While the homesteads were technically registered in the names of the individual homesteaders, the actual organization was based on shared pasturage and a community - based organization of crop lands, supported by the authority of the community church. This contravened Canadian law where each homesteader was supposed to live on the homestead. The government permitted the exception, but in practice the arrangement was not stable. There was constant tension between the rights of the individual owners and the communal structure of the group. The communal system did not lend itself well to expansion when young people needed to acquire their own land. Since the wealthier families could buy and register new land, there was little incentive to continue to treat the land as communal property. Many hamlets fell apart as the new individual based structure was adopted.

Christoph married Maria Wiens<sup>160</sup> 26 May 1814 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186906}

#### Children:

- 56 i. Heinrich Striemer.<sup>86</sup> Heinrich married Anna Neufeld,<sup>87</sup> daughter of Karl Neufeld<sup>169</sup> and Maria Dyck,<sup>170</sup> 5 December 1846 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 184556}. Heinrich next married Sara Funk<sup>168</sup> 9 July 1862.
  - ii. Carl Striemer<sup>293</sup> was born 9 February 1819. {UsrID: 186460}. Carl married an unknown person.
  - iii. Maria Striemer<sup>294</sup> was born 25 February 1821 and was baptized in 1839. {UsrID: 180665}
  - iv. Aganetha Striemer<sup>295</sup> was born 17 November 1822 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine and was baptized 8 June 1842. {UsrID: 186907}

- v. Peter Striemer<sup>295</sup> was born 15 April 1827 and died 7 March 1868. {UsrID: 186613}
- vi. Anna Striemer<sup>296</sup> was born 28 November 1828, was baptized 31 May 1848, and died 19 February 1906 in Rural Municipality of Rhineland, Manitoba. {UsrID: 220341}
- vii. Johann Striemer<sup>295</sup> was born 25 January 1834 in Danzig and died 29 August 1848 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 93419}
- viii. Gerhard Striemer<sup>295</sup> was born 3 November 1836, was baptized 16 May 1855, and died before 1870. {UsrID: 186684}
- ix. Jacob Striemer<sup>295</sup> was born 6 January 1839, was baptized 1 June 1859, and died 22 March 1861. {UsrID: 186697}

113. Maria Wiens, 160 daughter of Gerhard Wiens<sup>297</sup> and Aganetha Dyck, 298 was born in 1796 in Ukraine and died 3 December 1863 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186906}

She appears in the Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch in 1843. Her death date is taken from this source. It says she was born in 1795. She was with her mother until her mother died in 1811. There are no records of her until 1814 when she married Striemer.

Maria married Christoph Striemer<sup>159</sup> 26 May 1814 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186905}

114. Karl Neufeld<sup>169</sup> was born 2 August 1802 and died before 1876 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186910}

He appears in the Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch in 1843 and the marriage date used here is from that source. According to the Grandma Database he must have died by 1876 because he isn't listed on the S.S. Kenilworth passenger list with the rest of his family. I have seen some information indicating he died in the US. However I haven't been able to find him or his wife and youngest daughter in the census data.

After his first wife died in 1858 he married a woman whose family lived in Konteniusfeld. Whether Karl moved there from the Begthal Settlement is open to conjecture. It depends, of course, on where his second wife lived at the time.

It is strange that he doesn't appear in any Mennonite Colony census lists. The appearance of his name in the Vital Records where his first marriage is noted indicates that he possibly arrived in Chortitza after 1816, the date of the previous census.

Karl's second wife, Susanna Wedel, is referred to in the Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch as Mrs.

Ernest Quiring. Her name is Susanna and she is on the passenger list with her daughter Susanna, disembarking in New York from the S.S. Kenilworth in 1876. The Grandma Database carries a year of death but I have not verified it.

I got the date of death of Karl's daughter Susanna from the Grandma Database. It indicates that her date of death was published in Der Bote but I canot find her listed in the obituary index.

Karl married Maria Dyck<sup>170</sup> 14 September 1822 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186911}

#### Children:

- i. Agatha Neufeld<sup>299</sup> was born 8 September 1823, was baptized 8 June 1842, and died 31 July 1855 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186541}
- 57 ii. Anna Neufeld.<sup>87</sup> Anna married Heinrich Striemer,<sup>86</sup> son of Christoph Striemer<sup>159</sup> and Maria Wiens,<sup>160</sup> 5 December 1846 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 184555}
  - iii. Johann Neufeld<sup>300</sup> was born 22 July 1828 and was baptized 5 June 1919. {UsrID: 185637}
  - iv. Abraham Neufeld<sup>301</sup> was born 6 August 1830 and died 18 August 1842. {UsrID: 95389}
  - v. Katarina Neufeld<sup>302</sup> was born 11 June 1832, was baptized 19 May 1852 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine, and died 25 March 1904 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 177203}
  - vi. Karl Neufeld<sup>301</sup> was born 19 May 1834, was baptized 8 June 1853 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine, and died 27 October 1905 in Canada. {UsrID: 184023}

Karl next married Susanna Wedel<sup>303</sup> in 1862. {UsrID: 186912}

#### Children:

i. Susanna Neufeld<sup>301</sup> was born 2 October 1862 and died 17 April 1938. {UsrID: 284031}

115. Maria Dyck,<sup>170</sup> daughter of Johann Dyck<sup>304</sup> and Agatha Penner,<sup>305</sup> was born 11 November 1804 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 11 June 1858 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186911}

Her death date is taken from the Bergthal Gemeinde Buch. She is probably the woman recorded by Unruh in the 1808 census. Estimates of her birth being in 1805 are not quite accurate. She was born in 1804 but at the time of the census, dated 20 September 1808, she was three years old. This is probably how the birth year of 1805 is derived. The Grandma Database implies that her parents moved to Bergthal around or before 1816 (her youngest brother was born there in 1816). This is not the same as the daughter colony of Bergthal, settled in 1836. Rather it was a reserve land affiliated with Chortitza, used for pasture, and without homesteads attached. This meshes with the information that she was married in 1822 in Bergthal.

Maria married Karl Neufeld<sup>169</sup> 14 September 1822 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186910}

116. Franz Giesbrecht,<sup>171</sup> son of Wilhelm Giesbrecht<sup>306</sup> and Maria Klassen,<sup>307</sup> was born 26 August 1790 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 9 January 1860 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198898}

He is listed in Unruh in 1795. He appears in the Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch with his wife and children along with references to his parents and some siblings.

Franz married Elisabeth Mannholdt<sup>172</sup> in 1819 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198900}

#### Children:

- i. Maria Giesbrecht<sup>308</sup> was born 25 November 1823 and was baptized 31 May 1843 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186959}
- ii. Frans Giesbrecht<sup>309</sup> was born 15 March 1826 and died 23 August 1859. {UsrID: 109129}. Frans married Anna Janzen<sup>309</sup> 25 September 1847 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. Frans next married Susanna Mueller<sup>309</sup> 15 October 1849 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 107884}
- iii. Katarina Giesbrecht<sup>308</sup> was born in 1828 and was baptized 26 May 1846 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 184530}
- iv. Abram Giesbrecht<sup>310</sup> was born 10 December 1830, was baptized 12 June 1850 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine, and died 27 December 1868 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 25513}
- 58 v. Johann Giesbrecht.<sup>88</sup> Johann married Margaretha Doerksen,<sup>89</sup> daughter of Jacob Doerksen<sup>174</sup> and Helena Sawatzky,<sup>175</sup> 14 September 1854 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 181155}

Franz next married Katarina Driedger<sup>311</sup> after 1844 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine.

117. Elisabeth Mannholdt<sup>172</sup> was born 2 January 1794 in Prussia and died 17 October 1844 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198900}

She appears in the Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch. I obtained her birth year from Amelia Reimer's web page. the date of 2 January has been published on the Geni family tree site and there is no source reference for it.

Prior to her marriage to Franz Giesbrecht she had been married to Gerhard Dueck. She has two sons listed in the Schoenhorst Church Directory. I assume she was born in Prussia and adopted because there is no record of a Mannholdt ever moving to Ukraine. Her surname is very rare in the Mennonite sources. We have two men showing up in the Brand Register of 1727 in Schoeneberg who are possibly related - Michael and Peter Mahnholt.

In the 1808 Einlage census there is a woman named Maria Manhold born about 1796 who could be Elizabeth's sister. She was the adopted daughter of Jacob Wiens and Maria Peters of Waldorf, Elbing, who went to Ukraine in 1803, according to the 1808 Mennonite Colony Census. Potentially Elizabeth was with another family. Jacob Wiens and his wife Maria Peters came from Waldorf, Elbing and according to the 1808 Einlage census had established themselves in Chortitza in 1803. Possibly Maria is a niece of Wiens or his wife. If so then her mother was a Wiens or a Peters. Maria and Elizabeth must have been born in Prussia because there are no records of a Mannholdt moving to Ukraine.

Based on the ages of the two presumed daughters, the father must have been born before 1774 and he must have died before 1803.

Elisabeth married Gerhard Dyck<sup>312</sup> about 1816 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186958}

#### Children:

- i. Gerhard Dyck was born 3 January 1817 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine.
- ii. Elizabeth Dyck<sup>311</sup> was born 11 April 1818 and died 26 May 1861.
- iii. Peter Dyck was born 24 November 1819 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died 1 February 1895 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine.

Elisabeth next married Franz Giesbrecht<sup>171</sup> in 1819 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198898}

118. Jacob Doerksen, <sup>174</sup> son of Jacob Doerksen<sup>313</sup> and Susanna Klassen, <sup>314</sup> was born 18 March 1804 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 29 July 1853 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196307}

He appears in the Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch with his wife Helena Sawatzky. He also appears in the 12 August 1809 Chortitza smallpox vaccination list, in Neuenburg, as the five year old son of Jacob Dyrcksen. His sisters Catharina, Anna and Helena are also listed. He was the second Jacob in the family, having had an older brother Jacob that predeceased him. The first Jacob appears in Unruh's census records in Neuendorf as a child in 1795 and 1802.

His son Jacob is listed at Friedrichsthal in the 1850 Census, where it says he moved to Friedrichsthal from Schoenfeld. He apparently married twice, the first time to an Epp and the second to a Penner.

Three children died in 1848. This was the year of a Cholera epidemic that spanned Europe and Russia.

### The Cholera Epidemic

Since the early 1800's there have been seven Cholera epidemics along with numerous other Cholera outbreaks. As with pandemics generally, human migration, trade and travel contributed to the spread of such widespread events. The first epidemic originated in India and spread through Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Europe and East Africa. The second affected Europe particularly strongly and even reached North America. These pandemics reached the Russian Empire as well but with less severity than the third epidemic. It erupted in 1846, spreading from Asia northwest through Russia, hitting it with great severity and killing a million people. The southern area of Ukraine north of the Black Sea, colonized by the Dutch Mennonites, was in the path of the pandemic and was not spared.

Jacob married Helena Sawatzky<sup>175</sup> 19 September 1826 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 173159}

#### Children:

- i. Jacob Doerksen<sup>315</sup> was born 20 July 1827. {UsrID: 180915}
- ii. Franz Doerksen<sup>315</sup> was born 18 January 1829. {UsrID: 186034}
- iii. Kornelius Doerksen<sup>315</sup> was born 28 January 1831 and died 27 October 1848. {UsrID: 86977}
- iv. Helena Doerksen<sup>315</sup> was born 7 June 1833 and died 14 September 1848.

{UsrID: 87126}

- v. Margaretha Doerksen.<sup>89</sup> Margaretha married Johann Giesbrecht,<sup>88</sup> son of Franz Giesbrecht<sup>171</sup> and Elisabeth Mannholdt,<sup>172</sup> 14 September 1854 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186633}. Margaretha next married Abram Harder<sup>176</sup> in 1874 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 181146}. Margaretha next married Jacob Dyck<sup>178</sup> 15 June 1889 in Manitoba. {UsrID: 182545}
  - vi. Katharina Doerksen<sup>315</sup> was born 10 February 1838 and died 1 October 1848. {UsrID: 87150}
  - vii. Susanna Doerksen<sup>315</sup> was born 16 May 1840 and died 24 December 1843. {UsrID: 87324}
  - viii. Maria Doerksen<sup>315</sup> was born 20 January 1843. {UsrID: 180627}
  - ix. David Doerksen<sup>315</sup> was born 12 January 1845. {UsrID: 185027}
  - x. Abraham Doerksen<sup>315</sup> was born 21 September 1848 and died 4 December 1857. {UsrID: 87384}

119. Helena Sawatzky,<sup>175</sup> daughter of Cornelius Sawatzky<sup>316</sup> and Margaretha Klassen,<sup>317</sup> was born in 1806 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in 1882 in Canada. {UsrID: 173159}

This person appears variously with the names Magdalena and Helena. Henry Schapansky points out that the names Magdalena and Helena are used interchangeably throughout the genealogy records. She came to Canada on 22 October 1874 on the S.S. Nova Scotian; she was a widow living with her daughter Maria (wife of Peter Epp) at this time. She is listed in the 1881 Canadian Federal Census in Schoenthal, Manitoba, still living with her daughter.

Helena married Jacob Doerksen<sup>174</sup> 19 September 1826 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196307}

120. Abraham Dyck,<sup>179</sup> son of Abraham Dyck<sup>318</sup> and Agatha Thimm,<sup>319</sup> was born in 1792. {UsrID: 409410}

In the October 1814 Chortitza Colony Census he is listed in Neuendorf among the landless.

Abraham married Maria - 180 6 August 1812 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 267033}

#### Children:

60 i. Abraham Dyck. 90 Abraham married Elisabeth Dyck, 91 daughter of Johann Dyck, before 1846 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186117}

121. Maria - 180 was born in 1796. {UsrID: 267033}

Maria married Abraham Dyck<sup>179</sup> 6 August 1812 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 409410}

122. Johann Dyck<sup>182</sup> was born before 1800. {UsrID: 530077}

Johann married an unknown person.

### Children:

i. Elisabeth Dyck.<sup>91</sup> Elisabeth married Abraham Dyck,<sup>90</sup> son of Abraham Dyck<sup>179</sup> and Maria -,<sup>180</sup> before 1846 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 64522}. Elisabeth next married Dirk Dyck<sup>183</sup> in 1849 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 176738}. Elisabeth next married Abraham Flaming,<sup>184</sup> son of Johann Flaming, 15 February 1851 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 52766}

### **Eighth Generation**

132. Jacob Wolf<sup>200</sup> was born in 1753 in Heubuden, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 18 July 1773 in Heubuden, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and died in 1790 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196568}

Jacob was a Flemish Mennonite from Heubuden and was a member of the Heubuden Gemeinde. He was baptized in 1773 and married to Justina Harder in 1776. He appears in the 1776 census in Willenbruchs Huben with his wife. His financial situation is given as 'schlecht', meaning not very well off, but with sufficient earnings to make ends meet. His first two children, Johann and Justina, were born in Heubuden and registered in the Heubuden Church Book. His third son, David, isn't in the Heubuden Church Book. His fourth son, Peter, is registered and the family was living in Gross Lesewitz or vicinity at that time.

Glenn H. Penner's research has concluded that Jacob emigrated to Ukraine in the 1789 wave of migration. He had a homestead in Schoenhorst and his elder son Johann was the head of the household there from 1795, or earlier. Jacob died between the period around the birth of his son, Jacob, in 1789 and 1791 (the birth of his wife's first son with David Isbrecht is on 11 November 1792).

There is an entry in the Grandma Database to the effect that Jacob's father was probably a Gottfried Wolf from Elbing. This is possible but Gottfried appears in the Elbing Region in the 1772 census while Jacob appears in the Marienburg Region being baptized in 1773. Therefore I doubt this is correct.

Bruce Fast claims that Jacob's father was a Johann Wolf. If Johann is a correct ancestor he possibly originates in Heubuden where his son's baptism is recorded. Further research is needed to substantiate his origin and the accuracy of his ancestral relationship. Bruces's family tree is no longer available online but he discusses the history of the Wolf family and I quote him here: Johann is "...possibly a descendant of the De Wolff family, a Mennonite family of Amsterdam, found there around 1595 - 1840. They were members of the Flemish congregation and from 1664 sided with the Lamists. Some de Wolffs were deacons of this church. The de Wolffs originally were Mennonites from Antwerp, Belgium, who in the 1580's fled to Cologne, Germany, and soon after moved to Amsterdam. Maeyken de Wolf (1586-1635) was married to the Dutch poet Joost van den Vondel; her brother Hans de Wolf (d. before 1625) was married to Joost's sister Clementia van den Vondel. In Amsterdam the de Wolffs were businessmen, particularly silk merchants. Among them were Hans de Wolff (1614 - about 1670), who was married first to Cornelia Block and in 1643 to Agnes Block (he left a considerable legacy to the Lamist congregation for the founding of an orphanage), and Pieter

de Wolff (1646-1691), who was married to Clementia van der Vecht, a very wealthy silk merchant with great interest in the church. A side branch of this family lived at Haarlem in the 17th and 18th centuries. This branch was more conservative than the Amsterdam de Wolffs. Oliviere Wolff, from 1653 a trustee of the Haarlem Flemish Mennonite orphanage as well as a deacon, represented the Haarlem Flemish congregation at the conservative conference (the Leidsche Synode) held at Leiden in 1660."

Jacob married Justina Harder<sup>201</sup> 21 July 1776 in Prussia. {UsrID: 196566}

#### Children:

- i. Johann Wolf. 102 Johann married Anna Peters, 103 daughter of Johann Peters 206 and Maria Bergen, 207 in 1803 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198945}. Johann next married Helena Niebuhr 205 after 1822 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12377}
  - ii. Justina Wolf<sup>320</sup> was born 8 September 1780 in Heubuden, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 227283}
  - iii. David Wolf<sup>202</sup> was born about 1784. {UsrID: 196569}
  - iv. Peter Wolf<sup>321</sup> was born 10 January 1787 in Gross Lesewitz, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 54149}
  - v. Jacob Wolf<sup>202</sup> was born about 1789. {UsrID: 227285}

133. Justina Harder,<sup>201</sup> daughter of Johann Harder, was born 11 November 1758 in Neuteich, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 8 July 1774 in Heubuden, Marienburg Region, Prussia, and died in 1840 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196566}

She was a Flemish Mennonite. The names Justina and Kristina are synonymous and I have seen both names used in reference to this woman. She was baptized in 1774 in the Heubuden Gemeinde. Her birth date and location are taken from the Grandma Database.

Her second husband was a David Giesbrecht of Heubuden, as described more fully in the comments about Jacob Wolf. There have been suggestions made by some researchers that he could be a son of Wilhelm and a brother to Gerhard, Jacob and Wilhelm. However, Y-DNA samples analyzed in the Mennonite DNA Project demonstrate this is not the case.

Justina married Jacob Wolf<sup>200</sup> 21 July 1776 in Prussia. {UsrID: 196568}

Justina next married David Giesbrecht<sup>323</sup> about 1791 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine.

#### Children:

- i. Abraham Giesbrecht<sup>203</sup> was born 11 November 1792 and died 31 May 1852. {UsrID: 227120}
- ii. Margaretha Giesbrecht<sup>203</sup> was born in 1795 and died before 1801. {UsrID: 227281}
- iii. Cornelius Giesbrecht<sup>203</sup> was born about 1797. {UsrID: 188071}

Justina next married Johann Epp<sup>324</sup> in January 1801.

#### Children:

i. Margaretha Epp<sup>325</sup> was born in 1802. {UsrID: 198864}

134. Johann Peters<sup>206</sup> was born 24 April 1754 in Ladekopp, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 9 January 1826 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198942}

He was a Flemish Mennonite. He lived in Schoenhorst between 1795 and 1803 and is listed in the 1801 census in Schoenhorst. He appears with his wife and family in the 1795 Revision List of 1789 settlers. Prior to his immigration to Ukraine he married Maria Bergen in 1776 in the Ladekopp Church. H. Schapansky says he was listed in Leske in the Heubuden Gemeinde. Both the 1776 Census and the 1789 Census list a Johann Peters in Leske. It appears he was originally from the Ladekopp Gemeinde. The Grandma Database says he was a tailor. The date details are taken from the Grandma Database.

There is a Johann Peters listed in Leske in the 1772 Census. Johann seems to be too young to be a householder in 1772. Possibly this entry refers to his father.

Death date information for his daughters Agatha and Elisabeth is from sources contributed to the Grandma Database.

Both Ladekopp and Heubuden were Flemish Gemeinde.

Ladekopp was originally part of the Grosses Werder Gemeinde. The Grosses Werder Gemeinde was divided into four sections in 1735 of which Ladekopp was one.

Peters is a surname typically originating in Friesland, the northern part of the Netherlands.

Johann married Maria Bergen<sup>207</sup> 24 January 1776 in Ladekopp, Marienburg Region, Prussia.

{UsrID: 198943}

#### Children:

- i. Jacob Peters<sup>248</sup> was born 23 November 1776 in Leske, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 198125}. Jacob married Maria Bueckert,<sup>123</sup> daughter of Daniel Bueckert, before 1802 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198118}
- Katarina Peters<sup>326</sup> was born 28 November 1778 in Leske, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died about 1810. {UsrID: 198944}
- iii. Maria Peters<sup>255</sup> was born 1 March 1781 in Leske, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 196525}. Maria married Johann Driedger<sup>327</sup> about 1800 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196547}. Maria next married Jacob DeVeer,<sup>254</sup> son of Benjamin DeVeer<sup>328</sup> and Anna Habenstein,<sup>329</sup> in August 1801 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196514}
- 67 iv. Anna Peters. Anna married Johann Wolf, son of Jacob Wolf and Justina Harder, in 1803 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 227282}
  - v. Sara Peters<sup>326</sup> was born 2 February 1786 in Leske, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 198946}
  - vi. Susanna Peters<sup>326</sup> was born in 1789 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198947}

Johann next married Elizabeth Penner<sup>330</sup> 20 March 1804. {UsrID: 170501}

## Children:

- i. Elisabeth Peters<sup>330</sup> was born 4 November 1805 and died 11 April 1893. {UsrID: 351773}
- ii. Agatha Peters<sup>330</sup> was born 5 September 1807 and died 12 January 1852. {UsrID: 191662}
- iii. Helena Peters<sup>331</sup> was born 16 June 1810 and died 21 August 1871. {UsrID: 226811}
- iv. Peter Peters<sup>331</sup> was born 6 September 1813 and died 20 March 1840. {UsrID: 226904}

135. Maria Bergen,<sup>207</sup> daughter of Heinrich Bergen, was born 3 February 1753 in Leske, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died about 1804 in Schoenhorst,

Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198943}

She was a Flemish Mennonite. H. Schapansky says she was probably from Leske in the Heubuden Gemeinde and related to Heinrich Bergen, also of Leske. He was born in 1745, and I think he probably was a brother. According to H. Schapansky Heinrich's father was another Heinrich. Further, Heinrich had a brother named Jacob. There may be another brother Hans or Johann; I ran across him but haven't been able to track down the source.

Maria's daughter Maria was the wife of Jacob De Fehr. They were ancestors of my grandmother Maggie Schapansky. Her daughter Anna was the wife of Johann Wolf. They were ancestors of my grandfather Dan Teichroeb, who married Maggie in Saskatchewan.

Maria married Johann Peters<sup>206</sup> 24 January 1776 in Ladekopp, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 198942}

136. Abraham Abrams<sup>208</sup> was born about 1740 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1792 in Prussia. {UsrID: 204253}

His son is listed as Abraham Abraham, implying that he is the son of Abraham, as I have recorded here. There is an Abraham in the Tragheimerweide Church Book with daughters born around the same time as son Abraham. In the Grandma database there are entries for Abraham Abrams #204253, and #311095. I believe these are the same person. We see his three daughters in the baptism records in Reehof. Son Abraham was born earlier and would have likely been baptised before the earliest records for the Tragheimerweide Church Book. I have also seen a Sara Abrams (1756-1798) who is often associated with Abraham. If this is correct it pushes back Abraham's year of birth back to around 1735, in line with the year his wife was born.

The 1776 Prussian Census lists him with a wife and five daughters but no son. This gap may mean his son Abraham was working elsewhere, it could be the result of an error or it could mean the two Abrahams are not connected.

In the Tragheimerweide Church Book I found a widow Abrams who died at Zieglershuben in 1816 at the age of 78. She died of Spotted Fever. She would have been born in 1737. This would put her in the right age range for a widow of Abraham, and a mother of children born in the 1760s. This church register starts recording deaths in late 1791; there is no record of Abraham's death, implying that Abraham had died before 1791 or 1792.

I noted that daughter Margaretha's name in her baptism record is Gretchen.

Names such as this, where the surname is based on a given name, tend to originate in Friesland, the northern half of the Netherlands, extending east to the west side of Germany.

Abraham married an unknown person.

#### Children:

- 68 i. Abraham Abrams.<sup>104</sup> Abraham married Anna Doerksen.<sup>105</sup> {UsrID: 228457}
  - ii. Maria Abrams<sup>333</sup> was born about 1766 in Rehhof, Stuhm Lowlands, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1781 in Rehhof, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia.
  - iii. Anna Abrams<sup>333</sup> was born about 1766 in Rehhof, Stuhm Lowlands, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1781 in Rehhof, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia.
  - iv. Margaretha Abrams<sup>334</sup> was born about 1768 in Rehhof, Stuhm Lowlands, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized 22 June 1783 in Rehhof, Stuhm Lowlands, Prussia.

140. Johann Krahn<sup>215</sup> was born before 1736 in Neustadterwald, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1784 in Neustadterwald, Elbing Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 173181}

Possibly he is the person listed in the 1789 Prussian Land Census as living in Lackendorf, Elbing although other information indicates he died before then (see comments below). This entry in the 1789 Census probably is his son.

There is a reference in the 1776 Prussian census to a Johann Krahn (the census shows no first name but the notes give a first name; how accurate this is remains unknown). However, H. Schapansky says he was in Neustadterwald in 1776 with two sons, and was part of the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde. Tiegenhagen was a Flemish Gemeinde, originally part of the Grosses Werder Gemeinde and later one of the four sections into which it was divided in 1735.

His year of birth is based on the birth of his oldest son Nicholas and Schapansky gives us his approximate year of death.

Some online records confuse Johann and his son (also Johann) and their children as well as Anna Andres. Anna is the wife of the younger Johann and her name appears in the Mennonite Colony census material.

He may have had a wife named Helena, born in 1738 and died 20 April 1818.

I have seen information on the myheritage.com site saying that his father was Georg. I don't know the source of this data. There is a Georg Krahn in Neustadterwald in the 1772 census and also in the 1776 census. The latter is a man around the same age as Johan who was in the same village inthe 1776 census. I suspect they are brothers.

Dennis Krahn lists his father on ancestry.ca as Jacob and Jacob's parents as Jacob and Gergen. I don't know the source of this data.

According to the Grandma Database his son Johann was a farmer. Son Johann and wife Anna immigrated from Waldorf, Elbing, Prussia in 1789 to Rosenthal, Chortitza. Johann is listed in Stumpp as a farmer but in the 1801 Chortitza census he is listed as a bricklayer and as the mayor of Rosenthal. He was in Rosenthal in 1807 but only his widow is listed in 1811. They may have had daughters Maria (1772) and Katarina (1773) based on information in the Grandma Database. I have found no other evidence of this.

Johann had a son, Nicholas, who was the Oberschulze of the Chortitza Colony between 1805 and 1809. There is information in the Grandma Database indicating another son of Johann named Nicholas and born in 1782. This couldn't be accurate although it could be an adopted son or grandson.

Johann married an unknown person.

#### Children:

- i. Nicholas Krahn<sup>335</sup> was born in 1756. {UsrID: 528306}
- ii. Johann Krahn<sup>336</sup> was born in 1763 in Walldorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1811 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 173128}. Johann married Anna Andres,<sup>337</sup> daughter of Jakob Andres<sup>217</sup> and Anna Klassen,.<sup>218</sup> {UsrID: 266147}
- 70 iii. Bernard Krahn.<sup>107</sup> Bernard married Katharina Andres,<sup>216</sup> daughter of Jakob Andres<sup>217</sup> and Anna Klassen,<sup>218</sup> before 1797 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266175}. Bernard next married Maria -<sup>100</sup> in 1801 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 476565}

144. Johann Dyck<sup>223</sup> was born before 1746 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 660096}

Johann married an unknown person.

#### Children:

72 i. Johann Dyck. 108 Johann married Agneta Schulz 109 before 1792 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 44745}

160. David Schapansky,<sup>228</sup> son of Gottfried Schapansky, was born before 1731 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1781 in Thiensdorf, Elbing Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 476547}

Henry Schapansky identifies David Schapansky as the father of David who migrated to Chortitza Colony in 1795. They were Lithuanian Mennonites, and their ancestors had settled in Polish Lithuania in the early 1700s. The son, David, was born around 1751, and from this we can assume the father, David was born at least 20 years earlier, or before 1731. The Thiensdorf Baptism Record lists one of the elder David's sons, Cornelius, who was baptized in 1781. He is listed as a surviving son of David, so we know David had died prior to 1781. The family lived in the village of Hohenwald at the time. It is difficult to find a source for his daughter Anna.

It has now been confirmed that David was the grandson of Matthias Schapansky, who is listed among the Mennonites on the Lithuanian Expulsion list. Matthias went to Klein Marienburg Werder. Matthias was born in 1670 in the suburbs of Elbing, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

The Grandma database mentions an oral history of the Schapansky family, with which I was previously unfamiliar. According to this history, David's father was a Catholic farm labourer working for a Mennonite farmer in Lithuania. He was baptized a Mennonite and married a Mennonite woman. When the Mennonite family moved to Thiensdorf in 1730 he was with them and acquired a farm there. The challenge in validating such stories is to provide historical facts to support this general outline. We know that, whatever the circumstances, the family did live in Thiensdorf, as indicated above in reference to baptism records. Fortunately come concrete historical information has been discovered and it is somewhat aligned with this story, although only in the most general way.

Glenn Penner has identified the earliest known Mennonite Schapansky ancestors. There was a Matthies Schapansky living in Elbing in the mid-seventeenth century. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. In 1670 he had a son whom he named Matthies. In 1696 the son married a Mennonite woman named Catharina Jantzen in a Lutheran church ceremony. Catharina was the daughter of a Mennonite, Claas Jantzen of Wengeln in the Marienburg Klein Werder. Matthies and Catharina had six children, all christened Lutheran.

Around 1714 Matthies and Catharina moved to Lithuania. At this time settlement in the Memel Lowlands was being actively encouraged in a program to restore the region following a devastating plague that struck the Baltic Coast in 1709. The population and the economy had been decimated. Generous terms were offered to attract settlers. In response, a major Mennonite settlement was established there. Whether Matthies and Catharina were part of the Mennonite group at the outset is unknown.

By 1722 all six children had become Mennonites and members of the Frisian congregation. Matthies subsequently appealed for permission to convert from Lutheranism to the Mennonite Church. In those days, the conversion of Lutherans was strictly controlled. An investigation was conducted by the authorities, and approval was granted.

In 1723 five Mennonite men were seized by a Prussian press gang and held for military service. The Mennonite community protested, and the men were freed. That might have been the end of the matter, but the Mennonite group was not yet satisfied. They threatened to cancel their settlement contracts with the crown unless they were given a guarantee to respect their exemption from military service. The king, Friedrich Wilhelm I, objecting to this brinksmanship, responded in 1724 with a formal expulsion order. The result was that in 1724 some 115-120 Mennonite families were forced to leave Lithuania, including the family of Matthies Schapansky. According to surviving records, the family headed west to the Marienburg Klein Werder region to the south of Elbing.

They joined the Frisian congregation at Thiensdorf. A grandson, David, was born there sometime before 1731. We do not know the name of David's father, but he could have been one of the young men forcibly conscripted in the episode that led to the Mennonite protest and subsequent expulsion.

David married Anna Pauls. One of their sons, David (ca 1751), emigrated to Ukraine, arriving in the Chortitza settlement in 1795. H. Schapansky has written about him and I believe he appears in the Plauschwarren Marriage List. He was a Lithuanian Mennonite and he lived in Schonweide, Chortitza in 1795. He was an uncle to Hermann.

One of their grandsons, Herman (1785), a son of Herman Schapansky (1754-1824), emigrated to Ukraine in 1819 and settled in the village of Burwalde in the Chortitza Settlement. People living in North America today who can trace their ancestry to a Mennonite Schapansky from Ukraine are likely to be descendants of David Schapansky and Anna Pauls.

Horst Penner elaborates on the origin of the family name in great detail in his research. I relate his work here because it is interesting. However, it is doubtful that the relationship he suggests between the Polish nobility and the Mennonites is true.

He says that in 1293 land and title was conferred on a fellow named Dietrich in a town near Roggenhausen, by Meinhard Von Overfurt. The town became known as Dietrichsdorf. Dietrichsdorf is long gone and Roggenhausen is now the city of Rogozno, located about 145 km southwest of Graudenz.

In 1510 a nobleman named Jacob of Dietrichsdorf-Szchepanke was listed as a landowner in Prussia.

Years later, in Graudenz on 25 August 1593, King Sigismund III confirmed entitlement to the land and title possessed by a man named Dietrichsdorf "also know as Sczepanski". Penner mentions a grave marker in a Catholic graveyard in Graudenz with the name of Jacob Szcepanski inscribed on it. In fact the family has left behind elaborate statues, family epitaphs and heraldic crests along with the tombstones of many family members in the All Saints Chapel of the Carthusian Monastery in Kartuzy.

The story continues, partially as outlined by Penner and supplemented with abundant public information available on the Internet. Jacob Sczepanski (presumably the same man) held the position of Governor of Graudenz from 1616 until his death in 1630. Jacob was born around 1556 and was the son of Jan. He was a high ranking noble and well respected Knight. After his death his wife, Susanna Genger, of Austrian nobility, took over his responsibilities, a role that she later passed on to her grandson Gabriel Ferdinand. She first came into contact with the Mennonites in 1632, shortly after her husband's death. During her tenure she renewed a 40 year contract with the Mennonites, represented by Caspar Janzen, Abraham Meinerth and Heinrich Conradts. She died about 1650 in Graudenz.

Gabriel Ferdinand Sczepanski took over his grandmother's responsibilities as Starost of Graudenz in 1645. He was the son of Zygmund Ferdinand Sczepanski. Zygmund had broad administrative responsibilities throughout the kingdom but he never governed Graudenz. Zygmund died around 1659. Years passed before the Schapansky name turned up again in historical events.

In the intervening years Penner says that the two Swedish wars (1655-1660 and 1700-1721) left the population impoverished, including the Schapanskys that had overseen the town of Graudenz for decades. These Schapanskys moved to the suburbs of Elbing, where a substantial Mennonite community was already established. From there, Penner says, they joined the Mennonite settlement movement which had begun as early as 1711, and headed for the Memel Lowlands in Prussian Lithuania. The implication in Penner's account is that these Schapanskys were the descendents of Gabriel Ferdinand, who died in 1690. This is a tempting relationship to accept but there is not much concrete evidence to support it.

The available genealogical information available, some of which is quite detailed and appears to be valid, describes a long aristocratic lineage. From this it appears that Jacob had only one son, Zygmund. Zygmund also had only one son, Gabriel, one daughter, Regina, and six children who died as infants. Gabriel's parents, paternal grandparents and paternal great grandparents are all buried in the All Saints Chapel. The location of Gabriel's grave is unknown.

Gabriel was a colorful figure. On his genealogy website Peter Kuty says that Gabriel was a Florentine Knight of the Order of St. Stefan and in 1645 assumed the duties of Sheriff of Graudenz. Gabriel was married twice but neither marriage produced children. His first marriage was in 1649 to Teresa Elzbieta of Konopat, daughter of Jakub Octawian, Governor of Elbing. This marriage ended in 1652 when it was discovered that Gabriel was in a polygamous marriage to Anna Barbara Scharpffenberg. The records are silent on the duration of the marriage to Anna. However, he also had a relationship with a woman named Katarzyna, of whom little is known except that she had a son with Gabriel sometime after 1650. This son was Gabriel Dominik Szczepanski (ca 1650).

There is nothing further known about this line of the Szczepanski family. If the information outlined above is accurate then there certainly does not appear to be a genealogical linkage between this family and the Mennonite Schapanskys.

There is a small village named Szczepanki just outside Graudenz. Often people adopted the name of their locale as a surname. Therefore the Sczepanski name found among Mennonites could easily originate with a peasant farmer.

Henry Schapansky tells us the Memel River settlement was an initiative of the East Prussian government in response to a devastating plague that struck the Baltic Coast in 1709, decimating the population and the economy. The administration offered land on generous terms to induce settlement in the Memel Lowlands.

Graudenz is now the city of Grudziadz. The town was established in 1291. Prior to this it had already been established as a base from which the Catholic Church carried out its papal mandate to Christianize Prussia, first under a Bishop Christian, as early as 1218, and later under the command of the Teutonic Knights, an offshoot of the Templars. Until 1466 the town was under the control of the Teutonic Knights. In 1466 the region came under the direct control of the Polish crown and became the seat of the Prussian Parliament. Graudenz was a political and economic center for many years. During the Swedish wars in the 17th century the city was occupied first by German defensive troops, as early as 1629, and then overrun by Swedish troops who occupied the city until 1659. It was then liberated by the Polish army. However, during the years of military activity most of the city was destroyed,

with only the castle, cathedral and a few houses surviving. Toward the end of the 18th century the lingering wars abated and Graudenz was able to rebuild.

David married Anna Pauls<sup>229</sup> before 1751. {UsrID: 473088}

#### Children:

- i. Anna Schapansky {UsrID: 690726}
- ii. David Schapansky<sup>339</sup> was born in 1751 and died before 1802. {UsrID: 113775}
- Hermann Schapansky.<sup>114</sup> Hermann married Maria Klassen<sup>115</sup> 13 March 1785 in Kerbshorst, Elbing Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 476536}. Hermann next married Anna Heinrichs,<sup>232</sup> daughter of Jacob Heinrichs<sup>233</sup> and Anna Ketler,<sup>234</sup> 6 November 1800. {UsrID: 712439}
  - iv. Cornelius Schapansky<sup>340</sup> was born 14 July 1765 and was baptized in 1781 in Thiensdorf, Elbing Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 1230129}

161. Anna Pauls<sup>229</sup> was born about 1731 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 473088}

Many-Roads gives her a birth year of about 1736 but this source doesn't mention son David born about 1751.

Anna married David Schapansky<sup>228</sup> before 1751. {UsrID: 476547}

176. Heinrich Loewen<sup>245</sup> was born before 1751 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1793 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198110}

In the 1776 Prussian Census Heinrich is listed in Neustaedterwald with 3 sons. He was a member of the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde. He migrated from Prussia to Chortitza in 1789 according to information from Peter Rempel. However, he is not listed in the group of 228 original settlers. He is not listed in the 1793 Chortitza Colony Heads of Household List or in later documents; he must have died by then. He had been living in Neuenburg because the 1802 Homestead List published by Unruh tells us his widow died before 1802 and her property went to her daughter's husband Cornelius Willms.

Heinrich had a first wife whose identity is unknown. She was the mother of Michael Loewen as well as brothers Abraham and Jacob. Based on the children listed in H. Schapansky it seems that Heinrich had a second wife who was the mother of Dirk Loewen. Dirk was born thirteen years after his brother Michael. Apparently the second wife married Dirk Rempel before she

married Heinrich Loewen. Heinrich's second wife had three children with Dirk Rempel: Nicholas (1774-1806), Anna (1769), and Helena (1769). The second wife immigrated to Chortitza in 1789.

Heinrich married an unknown person.

#### Children:

- i. Abraham Loewen<sup>341</sup> died before 1793 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198112}
- ii. Jacob Loewen<sup>341</sup> died before 1795 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine.
- 88 iii. Michael Loewen. Michael married Maria Bueckert, adughter of Daniel Bueckert, about 1797 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198118}

Heinrich next married an unknown person.

#### Children:

i. Dirk Loewen<sup>341</sup> was born in 1784 in Prussia. {UsrID: 198288}

178. Daniel Bueckert<sup>247</sup> was born before 1755 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died about 1789 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198397}

Daniel came to Ukraine in 1789 and is listed among the original 228 households to settle in Chortitza. He was destined for Neuendorf. He came with a household of two adults and four children. It is unclear who these individuals were but in the 1795 Census we see his children Jacob. Maria and Anna at Neuendorf #36.

There is some information, on the internet and on the Grandma Database, saying that the settler was Jacob Bueckert. The available evidence does not support this view. According to Glenn Penner's work on the original migration to Ukraine in 1788-1789 Jacob is one of the people frequently mentioned as an original settler but for whom there is no record that he came to Ukraine. The general supposition is that he died before 1795 because the children are alone in the 1795 census at Neuendorf #36. It is more likely that the individual was Daniel Bueckert.

Unruh shows a record for 1802 in which it says Jacob Bueckert died and the farm was given to Michael Loewen. Michael in turn died and the farm was left to his widow and her new husband, Jacob Peters. I think it is more likely that after Daniel died the farm was in the hands of the elder son, Jacob Bueckert, who married Barbara Conrad in 1802 and is not found in the

census. Michael Loewen had married Maria Bueckert by 1797. Therefore the Daniel Bueckert farm stayed in the hands of the family. I think the reason the farm passed to Michael Loewen instead of remaining with Jacob Bueckert is because Jacob was still unmarried and living with Loewen and wife Maria in 1797. The headcount in the 1797 supports this. There are two males and one female in the household but Michael and Maria had no children at this time. It follows that the other male is Maria's brother Jacob.

Barbara Conrad had married Johann Hiebert in 1802 and received the homestead of her father Abraham Conrad. This homestead was in Einlage, where earlier, in 1795, Barbara and her siblings were living without parents at Einlage #6. We next find Barbara with her second husband, Jacob Bueckert, in Nieder Chortitza in the 1806 Census, having taken over the homestead of Johann Wiebe. By 1807 Jacob Bueckert has married Helena Froese and they are found in the 1807 Census at Nieder Chortitza #3.

Supporting the conclusion that the original settler is Daniel Bueckert and not Jacob is the document listing funds owed to settlers. There we see Daniel Bueckert as an original settler, owed money as early as 1788. This entry shows that the money is now owed to his children, one man and two women. These would be the three children that we find in the 1795 Census. It follows that Daniel died after arriving in Chortitza but it is unclear exactly when. The 1802 homestead list indicates that the homestead had passed twice, once to daughter Maria's husband Michael Loewen, and then to her husband Jacob Peters. In addition in 1806 we see that Daniel's homestead in Nieder Chortitza had passed to Jacob Peters. More research is needed to properly understand the events that occurred here and why Daniel is associated with homesteads in two villages.

Marie Bueckert and Jacob Peters are living at Nieder Chortitza #25 in the 1807 and 1808 censuses.

Identification of Daniel's specific children was done by matching the ages reported in Benjamin Unruh's book with birth records for the Heubuden Church. This is probably a reasonable estimate but it seems there are at least two Bueckert families being recorded in these church records. I noted an Anna Bueckert born 18 December 1778, six or seven months after Maria was born. Then another Anna was born in 1780.

The Grandma Database indicates a wife named Elisabeth associated with Jacob. There are no records to substantiate this. There is another Jacob Bueckert who married an Elisabeth Neufeld and the confusion between Jacob and Daniel may have been compounded by connecting Elisabeth to both Jacobs.

The Grandma Database has a reference to a Daniel Buckert who had a daughter named

Catarina. She was baptised in Tiegenhagen in 1789. This record implies Daniel is deceased at the time but I am not convinced this is accurate. The record says he lived in Poppau and belonged to the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde. This is possible if he moved closer to Danzig in order to qualify for emigration, something that many rural Mennonites did at the time. See Grandma #748233.

The record of original settlers shows Daniel Bueckert had a household with two adults and four children. Daniel and the identified three children fall short of this number. Possibly Catarina was with the group and was married before the 1795 census. Further, there may have been a wife of Daniel who died in the same time frame.

The Heubuden Church records indicate his son Jacob was born on 8 May 1776. Daughter anna's year of birth is 1780, as evidenced by an entry in the Heubuden Church records.

Daniel married an unknown person.

#### Children:

- Jacob Bueckert<sup>342</sup> was born 8 May 1776 in Heubuden, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 160370}. Jacob married Barbara Conrad<sup>343</sup> 12 September 1802 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 527707}. Jacob next married Helena Froese<sup>344</sup> 10 May 1807 in Nieder-Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine.
- 89 ii. Maria Bueckert.<sup>123</sup> Maria married Michael Loewen,<sup>122</sup> son of Heinrich Loewen, about 1797 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198115}. Maria next married Jacob Peters,<sup>248</sup> son of Johann Peters<sup>206</sup> and Maria Bergen,<sup>207</sup> before 1802 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198125}
  - iii. Anna Bueckert<sup>345</sup> was born 18 April 1780 in Heubuden, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1799. {UsrID: 198400}

184. Jacob Dyck, <sup>250</sup> son of Jacob Dyck, was born about 1763 in Neustadterwald, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 19 June 1785 in Rosenort, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and died 7 May 1828 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196345}

Jacob was among the first settlers who homesteaded in Chortitza, and is listed as moving to the village of Chortitza in 1789 in Glenn Penners list of the original 228 settlers.

He is listed in the Rosenort Gemeinde Baptism records. He was living at Neustadterwald at

this time. The baptism date of 1785 puts his birth year at about 1765, roughly consistent with the later Chortitza Census information that puts his birth year around 1763.

In the 1814 Census he is listed as a cooper.

Some of the details about his second wife, Anganetha Hamm, are from the Schellenberg Genealogy in the Mennonite Archives. I have not seen these records. Jacob and Anganetha had no children. Stepson Johann appears in the 1815 census with Jacob and Anganetha.

Jacob married Anna Dyck<sup>251</sup> 24 November 1786. {UsrID: 196345}

#### Children:

- i. Jacob Dyck<sup>347</sup> was born in 1788.
- ii. Peter Dyck<sup>347</sup> was born 16 August 1792 and died in 1847.
- 92 iii. Johann Dyck. 129 Johann married Sara Klassen, 130 daughter of Isaac Klassen 252 and Katharina Peters, 253 14 July 1818 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 791230}
  - iv. Anna Dyck<sup>347</sup> was born in 1798.
  - v. Barbaraa Dyck<sup>347</sup> was born in 1800.
  - vi. Isaac Dyck<sup>348</sup> was born in 1802 and died before 1808.

Jacob next married Anganetha Hamm<sup>349</sup> about 1815 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 16704}

185. Anna Dyck,<sup>251</sup> daughter of Jacob Dyck, was born about 1762 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 15 September 1813 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196345}

Anna's death was listed in the Grandma Database and the 1813 Vital Statistics records are cited. I have not seen this record. However, she appears in the May 1813 Census but not in the May 1814 Census. She must have been born around 1762 based on the age usually recorded for her in the Chortitza Census data. She was a year older than Jacob.

Anna married Jacob Dyck<sup>250</sup> 24 November 1786. {UsrID: 196345}

186. Isaac Klassen<sup>252</sup> was born in 1749 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1812 in Kronsgarten, Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 747931}

Isaac's birth year is based on Rempel's book and his death year is based on Stumpp. Rempel says he was from the Marienburg Region. Henry Schapansky says he lived in

Neuteicherfeld for some time.

I am using Rempel for the birth years of the children. Schapansky indicated that daughter Katharina died young but she appears in Rempel and the census records for 1806. There also seems to be something amiss with Anna. Schapansky indicates she was born in 1787 and died in 1796. However, Rempel and the 1806 census list her as being born in 1795. I think that there was a daughter named Anna who died as a child and then a new daughter was given the same name in 1795.

His family appears in the Kronsgarten Census for 1816, four years after his death. According to that census, the family arrived in 1804 from abroad. In 1814 the family moved to Kronsgarten from the city of Jakaterinoslav and took over an existing farm and received a tax exemption until 1816. Note that this differs from an entry in Rempel (page 20) mentioning an Isaac Klassen that took over a farm in Kronsgarten in 1806. The 1806 Kronsgarten census matches Rempel. I think there is something wrong with the notation because it seems odd that the family would move back and forth from Kronsgarten to Jakaterinoslav in this way.

Rempel also mentions that in 1805 when the family moved to the Chortitza area they had with them Michael Peters (born 1722). This must be Katherina's father, who was referenced by Henry Schapansky.

Isaac married Katharina Peters<sup>253</sup> 16 July 1777 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 747930}

### Children:

- i. Isaac Klassen<sup>351</sup> was born in 1782.
- ii. Barbara Klassen<sup>351</sup> was born in 1785.
- iii. Anna Klassen<sup>352</sup> was born in 1787 and died in 1795.
- iv. Katharina Klassen<sup>351</sup> was born in 1789.
- v. Helena Klassen<sup>351</sup> was born in 1793.
- vi. Anna Klassen<sup>353</sup> was born in 1795.
- vii. Bernhard Klassen<sup>351</sup> was born in 1798.
- viii. Abraham Klassen<sup>352</sup> was born in 1799 and died in 1799.
- 93 ix. Sara Klassen. Sara married Johann Dyck, son of Jacob Dyck and Anna Dyck, 251 14 July 1818 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 528342}
  - x. Gerhard Klassen<sup>351</sup> was born in 1802.

187. Katharina Peters, <sup>253</sup> daughter of Michael Peters, was born in 1755 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 747930}

Katharina married Isaac Klassen<sup>252</sup> 16 July 1777 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 747931}

188. Jacob DeVeer,<sup>254</sup> son of Benjamin DeVeer<sup>328</sup> and Anna Habenstein,<sup>329</sup> was born 13 November 1780 in Krebsfeld, Elbing Region, Prussia and died in 1823 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196514}

He was a Flemish Mennonite, as were all the DeVeers. He immigrated to Ukraine with his parents, in 1789. In 1802 he is recorded as have the homestead of Johann Driedger and Driedger's widow in Neuendorf. The 1802 census lists a son Peter who was 11 at the time. This would have been the youngest son of Driedger and his first wife Katharina. The 1808 Chortitza census states he came from Krebsfelde in the Elbing District of Prussia. By 1808 his parents are living with him, having moved from Nieder-Chortitza. In the 1814 census he is listed in Neu-Osterwick, still accompanied by his parents. Neu-Osterwick was established in 1812 and he must have moved there shortly after or perhaps been one of the founding settlers.

Jacob married Maria Peters<sup>255</sup> in August 1801 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196525}

#### Children:

- i. Maria DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 21 June 1802 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196528}
- ii. Anna DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 24 February 1804 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in 1864. {UsrID: 188072}
- iii. Catharina DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 25 June 1806 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 192861}
- iv. Jacob DeVeer<sup>355</sup> was born 19 January 1808 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 20 November 1811 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196529}
- v. Isaak DeVeer.<sup>132</sup> Isaak married Margaretha Falk,<sup>133</sup> daughter of David Falk<sup>257</sup> and Maria Bartsch,<sup>258</sup> 6 January 1830 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 190833}. Isaak next married Elizabeth Banman, daughter of Cornelius Banman and Anna Froese, 5 November 1865.
  - vi. Sara DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 6 November 1812 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 18 December 1812 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 819528}
  - vii. Helena DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 6 November 1812 in Neuendorf, Chortitza,

- Ukraine and died in 1816 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 819527}
- viii. Jacob DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 23 September 1813 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196531}
  - ix. Benjamin DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 7 December 1815 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 24 February 1895 in Manitoba. {UsrID: 184001}
  - x. Cornelius DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 4 April 1818 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 20 April 1900 in North America. {UsrID: 98887}
  - xi. Helena DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 20 August 1820 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 22 June 1898 in Manitoba. {UsrID: 183941}
- xii. Elisabeth DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 4 April 1823 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 29 November 1908 in Manitoba. {UsrID: 6549}

189. Maria Peters,<sup>255</sup> daughter of Johann Peters<sup>206</sup> and Maria Bergen,<sup>207</sup> was born 1 March 1781 in Leske, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 196525}

Maria was a Flemish Mennonite born in Prussia and she lived in Schoenhorst in 1795 with her parents. Rempel says the family were among the earliest settlers, arriving in Schoenhorst in 1789. I have seen references to her with a middle name of Kristina; this usually refers to her mother but in this case that isn't true.

Maria's first husband was Johann Driedger, who was at least 40 years older. The Grandma Database tells us that he died in June 1801 at the age of about 60. There was a son Johann who was born in April 1801 and died as an infant. The Grandma Database speculates he could be a grandson of Johann Driedger and Katharina Bergen but it is also possible, perhaps probable, that he was a son of Maria. Maria married Jacob DeVeer in August 1801 and Jacob took over the Driedger homestead as reported in the 1802 Homestead list published in Unruh.

Maria is the sister of Anna Peters born in 1783, a Teichroeb ancestor.

Maria married Johann Driedger<sup>327</sup> about 1800 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196547}

#### Children:

i. Johann Driedger was born in April 1801 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in June 1801 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine.

Maria next married Jacob DeVeer<sup>254</sup> in August 1801 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196514}

190. David Falk,<sup>257</sup> son of David Falk, was born in 1759 in Plauschwarren, Lithuania, was baptized 15 June 1777 in Plauschwarren, Lithuania, and died in 1818 in Schoenwiese, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198904}

There is a David Falck listed in the Plauschwarren Church as having been baptized in 1777. This is in the Lithuanian Settlement in East Prussia. The father's name in the baptism record was David Falcke. The baptized individual could be David Falk b. 1759. H. Schapansky confirms this. He migrated to Ukraine in 1793 and lived in Schoenwiese in 1795 and 1801 through 1816. The date of his marriage to Maria Bartsch is estimated based on the census data and the ages of children; the location is based on the census data.

David's first wife, Sara Martens, was baptized on 27 May 1776 at Plauschwarren, according to the Grandma Database. The Grandma Database indicates she had a child born around 1800 who died in infancy. I find no sources to substantiate this.

Based on the ages of David's children with his second wife, his first wife, Maria Bartsch, must have died around 1806. Based on the marriage date of his second wife to her second husband, David must have died before 1827.

Glenn Penner says that in the 1770s there were two Falk families in the Lithuanian congregation. One was David's family and the other was that of Johann Falk who apparently had no known children. Penner believes that David is the ancestor of all Mennonite Falks.

His son David Falk was in Schonwiese in 1814. The 1858 Schonwiese Census states that Abraham Falk (born about 1817) was the son of David Falk (born about 1780) by his first wife. This would suggest that David married a second time after his first wife died. I don't find any information to support two marriages. David wife was Jetchen Martens. This is the Dutch form of the name. Other sources have her name as Ettin (B. Unruh), Henrietta (H. Schapansky) or Goettchen (K. Peters). I have read that she was born in Kronsweide but this probably is incorrect because her father did not settle in Chortitza until 1790-1793, after her birth. Further, I have found no reference to her father being in Kronsweide. The Grandma Database says she was married in Kronsweide (in 1802 which makes no sense given her age). Her death date is from the Grandma Database. She was in Schonwiese in 1795. David's daughter Maria is listed in the Reinlaender Gemeinde Buch. Her death date is taken from H. Schapansky. The Reinlaender Gemeinde Book gives a different death date in the same year. The information about her parents is taken from Stan Harder's research and verified through separate research as outlined in Maria Fehr's notes. According to Stan Harder her sister Anne was born in Kronsweide; probably Maria was born there as well. She died before the waves of

migration to Canada began.

David married Sara Martens, 357 daughter of Wilhelm Martens, about 1778 in Plauschwarren, Lithuania. {UsrID: 222073}

#### Children:

- i. David Falk<sup>359</sup> was born in 1780 in Prussia and died in 1852 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. David married Jetchen Martens,<sup>360</sup> daughter of Aron Martens<sup>361</sup> and Anna Janzen,<sup>362</sup> about 1806 in Kronsweide, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 109370}
- ii. Jacob Falk<sup>363</sup> was born about 1791.
- iii. Anna Falk<sup>363</sup> was born about 1794 and died in 1802. {UsrID: 132767}
- iv. Wilhelm Falk<sup>363</sup> was born 11 February 1797 and died 13 December 1872. {UsrID: 176630}
- v. Heinrich Falk<sup>363</sup> was born 12 July 1799 and died 10 March 1895. {UsrID: 146154}
- vi. Peter Falk<sup>363</sup> was born 7 April 1803 and died 1 March 1844. {UsrID: 68576}

David next married Maria Bartsch<sup>258</sup> about 1806 in Schoenwiese, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198695}

#### Children:

- i. Maria Falk<sup>364</sup> was born in 1807. {UsrID: 113826}
- 95 ii. Margaretha Falk.<sup>133</sup> Margaretha married Isaak DeVeer,<sup>132</sup> son of Jacob DeVeer<sup>254</sup> and Maria Peters,<sup>255</sup> 6 January 1830 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196530}
  - iii. Katharina Falk<sup>365</sup> was born in 1815 in Schoenwiese, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 808799}
  - iv. Helena Falk $^{363}$  was born 10 October 1817 and died 10 November 1880. {UsrID: 57875}

191. Maria Bartsch,<sup>258</sup> daughter of Johann Bartsch<sup>366</sup> and Susanna Lammert,<sup>367</sup> was born 21 July 1783 in Danzig and died in Ukraine. {UsrID: 198695}

Maria appears in census records from 1807 through 1816 in Schoenweise. Her children with David Falk are based on a marriage before the 1807 census. The Grandma Database also says she married a Heinrich Funk #54737 on 28 June 1827. I can't find any sources to validate this.

Maria married David Falk<sup>257</sup> about 1806 in Schoenwiese, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198904}

192. Cornelius Fast, <sup>259</sup> son of Cornelius Fast, was born about 1765 in Wernersdorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1825 in Tiegenhagen, Molotschna, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175100}

He came to Ukraine in 1821 (Peter Rempel identifies the family) and settled in Tiegenhagen, Molotschna. The 1835 Molotschna Census confirms that he died at Tiegenhagen #17 in 1825, leaving his wife, Maria, and son Cornelius. The census says that he was briefly in Tiegerweide, arriving in 1821 and leaving for Tiegenhagen in 1824. Peter Rempel lists him emigrating from Wernersdorf in 1821 with wife, Maria (1765), son Cornelius and daughters Gertrude (1795) and Agnetha (1802). The census gives his father's name as Cornelius.

His son Cornelius was 41 in the 1835 Molotschna Census, thus providing an approximate year of birth.

Cornelius married Maria Toews<sup>260</sup> before 1794 in Wernersdorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 175101}

#### Children:

- i. Cornelius Fast<sup>369</sup> was born in 1794 in Wernersdorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- ii. Gertrude Fast<sup>370</sup> was born in 1795 in Wernersdorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- 96 iii. Johann Fast. 134 Johann married Aganetha Toews, 135 daughter of Jacob Toews 262 and Aganetha Epp, 263 in 1821 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175103}
  - iv. Aganetha Fast<sup>370</sup> was born in 1802 in Wernersdorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia.

193. Maria Toews,<sup>260</sup> daughter of Johann Toews<sup>371</sup> and Anna Stoesz,<sup>372</sup> was born 13 October 1764 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died after 1835 in Tiegenhagen, Molotschna, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175101}

Maria appears to still be living in Tiegenhagen at the time of the 1835 Molotschna Census.

Maria married Cornelius Fast<sup>259</sup> before 1794 in Wernersdorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 175100}

194. Jacob Toews,<sup>262</sup> son of Johann Toews<sup>371</sup> and Anna Stoesz,<sup>372</sup> was born 28 March 1768 in Koczelitzke, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Ukraine. {UsrID: 175212}

H. Schapansky says Jacob Toews was one of the wealthier immigrants in 1804. P. Rempel says he emigrated from Sandhof. With him were his wife Agneta, son Jacob (1799) and daughter Agnetha (1802). With him was Johann Neufeld (1786), the son of his sister Elizabeth, and Kornelius Toews (1780), whose relationship is not apparent. According to the Martin Toews ancestry material Jacob was born in Koczelitzke in the Marienberg Region.

The birth date of Jacob's son Jacob is from the Martin Toews Genealogy.

Jacob married Aganetha Epp<sup>263</sup> about 1800 in Sandhof, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 791785}

#### Children:

- i. Jacob Toews<sup>373</sup> was born 1 March 1801 in Sandhof, Marienburg Region, Prussia and died in Ukraine. {UsrID: 791784}
- 97 ii. Aganetha Toews.<sup>135</sup> Aganetha married Johann Fast,<sup>134</sup> son of Cornelius Fast<sup>259</sup> and Maria Toews,<sup>260</sup> in 1821 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175102}. Aganetha next married Johann Stoesz<sup>261</sup> 23 March 1843 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine.
  - iii. Heinrich Toews was born after 1804 in Ukraine and died in Ukraine. {UsrID: 468363}

195. Aganetha Epp<sup>263</sup> was born in 1782 in Prussia and died in Ukraine. {UsrID: 791785}

The marriage date of Jacob and Aganetha is unknown and therefore it is difficult to know which children belong to Aganetha. In 1804 only two children, Jacob and Aganetha, were with the family. Therefore their third child, Heinrich, must have been born in Ukraine.

Aganetha's surname comes from the Martin Toews Genealogy. Unfortunately this information does not have anything to say about her parents or other ancestors. I wonder if she could be the daughter of Johann Epp (1750-1789) #265911 and Anna Janzen (1760-1787) #265912. This Aganetha was baptized in the Tiegenhagen Church in 1801.

Aganetha married Jacob Toews<sup>262</sup> about 1800 in Sandhof, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 175212}

196. Dietrich Rempel,<sup>264</sup> son of Isbrand Rempel<sup>374</sup> and Anna -,<sup>375</sup> was born in 1763 in Konigsberg, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in 1784 in Stobbendorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia, and died in July 1845 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 153054}

Dietrich Rempel was one of the original settlers in the group of 228 householders who came to Ukraine in 1789. He settled in Einlage. He probably married his second wife, Helena Wiebe, in Einlage (they were married in 1790). Unruh, in his 1808 Revision List material for Rosenthal, says that Dietrich and his brother Wilhelm were born in Koenigsberg. Unruh also indicates Dietrich emigrated from Altendorf. Wilhelm emigrated from Stobbendorf.

According to information in the Grandma Database, his first wife, Judith Loewen, had a son with Dietrich in 1786. The child was named Gerhard. I dobut this is correct because this son does not appear in the 1795 census for Chortitza.

Dietrich married Judith Loewen<sup>376</sup> 20 October 1784 in Prussia. {UsrID: 159438}

Dietrich next married Helena Wiebe<sup>265</sup> 20 July 1790 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 153055}

#### Children:

- i. Helena Rempel<sup>377</sup> was born in 1791 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine.
- 98 ii. Dietrich Rempel.<sup>140</sup> Dietrich married Maria Nickel,<sup>141</sup> daughter of Johann Nickel<sup>267</sup> and Anna Nickel,<sup>268</sup> 16 May 1816 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 396583}
  - iii. Heinrich Rempel<sup>378</sup> was born in 1793.
  - iv. Wilhelm Rempel<sup>379</sup> was born in May 1797 and died 10 May 1848 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine.
  - v. Katherina Rempel<sup>377</sup> was born 6 March 1798 in Ukraine and died 29 November 1836 in Ukraine.
  - vi. Isbrand Rempel<sup>378</sup> was born 16 June 1799 in Ukraine and died 2 June 1890.
  - vii. Anna Rempel<sup>380</sup> was born 28 October 1802 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine.
  - viii. Gerhard Rempel<sup>378</sup> was born in 1806 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine.
  - ix. Peter Rempel<sup>377</sup> was born in 1808 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 24 June 1897.
  - x. Judith Rempel<sup>381</sup> was born in 1811 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine.
  - xi. Margaretha Rempel<sup>378</sup> was born in 1813 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine.

197. Helena Wiebe,<sup>265</sup> daughter of Heinrich Wiebe<sup>382</sup> and Helena Goossen,<sup>383</sup> was born in 1772 in Prussia and died in 1852 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 153055}

Helena married Dietrich Rempel<sup>264</sup> 20 July 1790 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 153054}

198. Johann Nickel,<sup>267</sup> son of Peter Nickel, was born in 1746 in Treul, Schwetz, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in 1761 in Treul, Schwetz, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and died before 1806 in Kronsgarten, Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 280052}

He appears in Treul in the 1776 Census. Whether he lived there when he was born is unknown. The Grandma Database says he was baptised in Treul.

Johann married Anna Nickel<sup>268</sup> in 1764 in Tyrol, Prussia. {UsrID: 197261}

#### Children:

- i. Elisabeth Nickel<sup>385</sup> was born in 1766.
- ii. Helena Nickel<sup>385</sup> was born in 1770.
- iii. Jacob Nickel<sup>385</sup> was born in 1776.
- iv. Anna Nickel<sup>385</sup> was born in 1782.
- 99 v. Maria Nickel.<sup>141</sup> Maria married Dietrich Rempel,<sup>140</sup> son of Dietrich Rempel<sup>264</sup> and Helena Wiebe,<sup>265</sup> 16 May 1816 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198161}

199. Anna Nickel,<sup>268</sup> daughter of Jacob Nickel, was born in 1749 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1764 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 197261}

Anna's surname was Nickel. H. Schapansky says she could be the daughter of Jacob Nickel of Fleutenau in the Montau Gemeinde. I can not locate this village. Johann Nickel died before the 1806 census and Anna married a Johann Kauenhowen. They appear in the 1816 census published by Karl Stumpp.

Anna married Johann Nickel<sup>267</sup> in 1764 in Tyrol, Prussia. {UsrID: 280052}

Anna next married Johann Kauenhowen<sup>386</sup> before 1806 in Kronsgarten, Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197258}

204. Wilhelm Redekop,<sup>269</sup> son of David Redekop<sup>387</sup> and Anna Berg,<sup>388</sup> was born in 1754 in Lakendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 4 February 1818 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266165}

He is mentioned in Stumpp, who says he came from Lackendorf, Prussia and lived in Rosenthal, Chortitza from 1795 until at least 1808. I assume he died there. Stumpp gives a birth year of 1754 and also mentions that he came with his son David who was born in 1789. Stumpp says Wilhelm was a "bauer", meaning a labourer. The 1806 Chortitza Census indicates he settled in Rosenthal in 1795 with his wife, two sons and a daughter. In the 1811 Chortitza Census his occupation is listed as weaver. By 1811 his daughter, 20 years old, is married and her husband, Julius Martens, is living with Wilhelm's family. In 1814 his daughter and son in law have moved out. Son David has married Katharina and has two children, David (it appears his real name was Wilhelm and the census contained an error) and Anna.

Wilhelm had two foster children living with him. In the October 1811 Census it says that one was Benjamin (born 1798) who was the son of David Redekop and wife Magdalena. David is a brother of Wilhelm. The other foster child is Maria (born 1798) who was a daughter of Gerhard Braun and Aganetha Driedger.

One record says his daughter Maria was born on 3 June 1794. The 1801 Choritza census gives her age as 10, indicating she was born in 1791. I understand that the National Archives microfilm #T81 610, p. 5401183 states she died on 11 December 1825. In 1811, at the age of 20, she appears in the Chortitza Census with her new husband, Julius Martens, still living with her parents.

His son lived in Kronsgarten, Chortitza in 1814. One record says he died on 8 May 1819.

I have seen his name listed with the middle initial D which I believe represents his father's first name.

He is listed in Glenn Penner's work on the original settlers to Chortitza among the group that settled in 1795.

Wilhelm married Maria Rempel<sup>270</sup> before 1785 in Prussia. {UsrID: 266428}

Children:

i. Wilhelm Redekop<sup>389</sup> was born 29 January 1785 and died 8 March 1819.
 {UsrID: 173204}

- 102 ii. David Redekop.<sup>142</sup> David married Katharina Wieler,<sup>143</sup> daughter of Nicholas Wieler<sup>274</sup> and Anna Janzen,<sup>275</sup> 4 May 1811 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266154}
  - iii. Maria Redekop<sup>390</sup> was born 29 January 1794 and died 11 July 1825. {UsrID: 266004}. Maria married Julius Martens<sup>391</sup> about 1811 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine.

205. Maria Rempel<sup>270</sup> was born about 1758 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 266428}

I wonder if she could be the daughter of Peter Rempel (b. 1735), mentioned in Grandma Database #198954, who possibly moved to Ukraine with two daughters and a number of sons. The daughters are not listed in the Grandma Database but they may have already been married and listed with their own families. Certainly the ages fit. Nikolai Rempel's genealogical research in "Das Rempelfamilienbuch" contradicts this hypothesis.

Maria married Wilhelm Redekop<sup>269</sup> before 1785 in Prussia. {UsrID: 266165}

206. Nicholas Wieler,<sup>274</sup> son of Heinrich Wieler<sup>392</sup> and Elisabeth Berends,<sup>393</sup> was born in 1760 in Rehwalde, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 23 January 1810 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 145158}

He is also referred to in the Grandma Database and in H. Schapansky as Claas. According to the Grandma Database, he and Anna emigrated from Rehwalde, Danzig to Rosenthal, Chortitza in 1789 and were still there in 1808. Stumpp confirms their origin, and says he was a farmer in Rehwalde. He lived in Rosenthal until at least 1808. Rempel list him in Rosenthal in 1797 with a house, eight horses and twenty head of cattle. He was an original settler in Rosenthal according to Rempel. There is a Niclas Wieler mentioned in Schoenhorst in the 12 August 1809 Chortitza smallpox vaccination list with a one year old son. This is probably the same individual, since H. Schapansky lists a son (or possibly a grandson) born in 1809.

In Rosenthal the family had two adopted individuals living with them in 1808. Heinrich Wiehler, born 1790 was a son of Heinrich Wiehler and Katharina Sawatzky, and a grandson of Bernhard Wiehler. My suspicion is that Bernhard and Nicholas' father Heinrich were brothers. This would help to explain why they took in the younger Heinrich. Abraham Janzen, born 1799, was a son of Kornelius Janzen, Anna's brother.

Nicholas' son Heinrich may have been born in 1789 - I have seen this date in some genealogical work.

Nicholas married Anna Janzen<sup>275</sup> 7 October 1781 in Holstein, Prussia. {UsrID: 198782}

### Children:

- i. Maria Wieler<sup>394</sup> was born 4 January 1785 and died 17 February 1865.
- ii. Heinrich Wieler<sup>394</sup> was born 4 July 1787 and died 29 March 1798.
- iii. Anna Wieler<sup>394</sup> was born 2 September 1791 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 9 April 1798.
- 103 iv. Katharina Wieler. 143 Katharina married David Redekop, 142 son of Wilhelm Redekop 269 and Maria Rempel, 270 4 May 1811 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266153}
  - v. Anna Wieler<sup>394</sup> was born 8 June 1799 and died 13 June 1804.
  - vi. Abraham Janzen<sup>395</sup> was born in 1800.
  - vii. Johann Wieler<sup>394</sup> was born in 1802 and died 24 November 1840.
  - viii. Nicholas Wieler<sup>394</sup> was born in 1809.

207. Anna Janzen,<sup>275</sup> daughter of Cornelius Janzen, was born about 1760 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 15 November 1822 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198782}

Henry Schapansky says she was the daughter of Kornelius Janzen of Rosenort. She was living in Holstein, Prussia at the time of her marriage to Nicholas Wieler in 1781. In the 1814 Chortitza Colony Census she is listed at Rosenthal in the household of her daughter Maria and her son in law Peter Dyck. The Grandma Database says she died in Rosenthal, Chortitza. The Chortitza record lists her death in Rosenthal on 15 November 1822 at age 62 and refers to her as the widow Wieler.

The marriage date is from the Grandma Database. There are other sources giving a marriage date in 1794 but this does not correlate to the births of children so there must be a mistake in these sources.

Anna married Nicholas Wieler<sup>274</sup> 7 October 1781 in Holstein, Prussia. {UsrID: 145158}

208. Peter Epp,<sup>276</sup> son of Heinrich Epp<sup>397</sup> and Anna Penner,<sup>398</sup> was born 6 February 1777 in Hochzeit, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 16 June 1793 in Danzig, and died 23 October 1844 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12612}

There are two important Epp genealogy publications that form the basis for tracing the Epp lineage back to the seventeenth century. Corelius Epp and Orval Ens published "Jacob Epp

and Elizabeth (Ens) Epp Genealogy 1845-1987" and Orval Ens, as Chair of a committee, published "Heinrich and Margaretha Epp Genealogy 1855-1984". Jacob Epp (1845) and Heinrich Epp (1855) were cousins. Their fathers, Jacob Epp (1823) and Heinrich Epp (1826) were brothers, sons of Peter Epp (1798). When I obtained copies of these genealogy publications, I sought and received confirmation of these relationships from Amy Ens, sister of Orval Ens.

The Jacob Epp and Elizabeth Ens Genealogy book an English translation of a Citizenship Certificate issued by the Chortitza Municipal Administration (Jekaterinoslaw) on 3 June 1916. This document tells us that Peter's (1798) father was Peter Epp (1777) who was registered in the village of Chortitza in 1816. The specific facts contained in the certificate are these:

- (1) David Epp, born 1858, was the son of Jacob Epp and in 1916 he lived in Schoenhorst (Wodjanoj) [Ed. Jacob Epp was born in 1823].
- (2) Jacob Epp lived in Schoeneberg (Smoljanoj) in 1858 and transferred to Schoenhorst in 1869.
- (3) David was the grandson of Peter Epp who lived in the village of Chortitza in 1835 and transferred out to Schoeneberg in 1853 [Ed. Peter Epp was born in 1798].
- (4) David was the great grandson of Peter Epp who moved to Imperial Russia in 1789 and was living in the village of Chortitza in 1816 [Ed. Peter Epp was born in 1777].

# In summary:

David Epp (1858) in Schoenhorst 1916 Jacob Epp (1823) in Schoeneberg 1852 and Schoenhorst 1869 Peter Epp (1798) in Chortitza 1835 and Schoeneberg 1853 Peter Epp (1777) in Chortitza 1816

Tracing Peter Epp (1777) through the census records we see that he was at Rosenthal #16 in 1797, Neuendorf #17 in 1807, Neuendorf #13 in 1808, Chortitza #17 (landless) in May 1814, Chortitza #16 (landless) in October 1814, Chortitza #56 in 1815, Chortitza #21 (landless) in May 1816 and finally at Schoenweise #1 (landless) in October 1816.

Stumpp and Unruh document a Peter Epp (1777) in Neuendorf in 1808. In fact, he was at Neuendorf #17 in 1807 and at #13 (landless) in 1808 holding a job as a schoolteacher. He was the son of Heinrich Epp (1757). Peter Epp (1777) had a son named Peter (1798) who remained in Neuendorf as a servant of Peter Isaac when the family moved to Chortitza after 1811.

We find his son Peter (1798) working for Peter Isaac through 1816. Later the Schoenhorst

Church Register tells us that Peter Epp married Helena Goertzen and were the parents of Jacob Epp (1823). This corresponds to the Epp-Ens Genealogy.

I have estimated the wedding date for Peter (1777) and Catharina from the available census material. In Glenn Penner's list of original settlers to Chortitza, Martin Ens has a group of six people in his household in 1795. The 1797 Chortitza Census shows that he now has a household of five people. His daughter Catharina would represent the reduction if she became married between 1795 and 1797. Later when Martin died, around 1802, his farm in Rosenthal passed to his daughter and her husband, Peter Epp.

Peter's father, Heinrich, is on Glenn Penner's list of families who came to Ukraine in 1795. Peter would likely have been in the household.

There is a Peter Epp in Schoeneberg in the 1859 Chortitza Colony census. Further the 1863 Grain List has Peter Epp listed as a local resident (as distinct from a farmer) in Schoeneberg. This Peter Epp is the grandfather of David, mentioned above and the data corresponds to the Citizenship Certificate.

The Schoenhorst Church Book lists Jacob Epp and his wife Helena Klassen. It also says that Jacob's parents were Peter Epp and Helena Goerzen. This puts Jacob in Schoenhorst, and this data matches the certificate. The details in the Schoenhorst Church Book for Jacob and Helena, including the details of their children, match the Epp-Ens genealogy material, providing assurance that we have the correct couple. It is interesting that the name given for Jacob's mother is Goerzen rather than Gossen as provided in the Epp-Ens genealogy. Glenn Penner has pointed out that Goerzen and Gossen are not interchangeable versions of the same name. I asked Orval Ens about this discrepancy, and he told me the name was uncertain because they had no source documents and relied on faint recollection. He felt that Goerzen was probably correct.

The 1920 Census of Chortitza lists Jacob's youngest daughter Anna (born 1865) in Schoenhorst. Her married name is Enns but there is no husband listed. She had four children living with her at this time. The precise date of death used for Anna was provided by a contributor to the Grandma Database.

The Epp-Ens publication tells us that Grandfather Peter Epp was born prior to 1789. This would appear to be incorrect. Rather it is great grandfather Peter Epp who was born before 1789.

I found some interesting information on the web in a pdf document assembled by Herman Thiessen based on Erma Schemenauer's work. This lists all the children of Jacob (born 1823)

and has dates of death for most. It also speculates that Jacob's daughters Katherina and Helena were murdered on 5 December 1919.

Peter married Catharina Ens<sup>277</sup> in 1796 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 110528}

### Children:

- i. Anna Epp<sup>399</sup> was born 7 April 1797 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 7 October 1826 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 110539}
- 104 ii. Peter Epp. 145 Peter married Helena Goertzen, 146 daughter of George Goertzen 280 and Maria Neubauer, 281 before 1823 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 344055}
  - iii. Susanna Epp<sup>400</sup> was born 15 October 1802 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 126900}

209. Catharina Ens,<sup>277</sup> daughter of Martin Ens<sup>401</sup> and Gertruda Penner,<sup>402</sup> was born in 1770 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in 1788 in Prussia, and died in Ukraine. {UsrID: 110528}

The various census records show her name as Catharina or Christina. There doesn't seem to be a pattern that would indicate two different women. I note that the Grandma Database has a baptism year of 1788 but no specific source is quoted.

Catharina married Peter Epp<sup>276</sup> in 1796 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12612}

210. George Goertzen<sup>280</sup> was born in 1725 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 21 November 1808 in Platenhof, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 101394}

Given the age difference between George Goertzen and his wife Maria Neubauer it seems logical that she was his second wife. This is what the Tiegenhagen Church Book implies where it lists the death of his first, unnamed, wife on 21 June 1784. This record and the record of his marriage to Maria tell us he was from the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde. I have assumed this is where he was born. George died at the age of 83 according to the Tiegenhagen Church Book. This leads to his calculated year of birth.

There is some speculation that there are two individuals named George Goertzen, a father and a son, and Maria married the son. This helps to explain the significant age difference between George and Maria. However, the evidence in the Tiegenhagen Church Book, interpreted in the most simple way, appears to contradict this hypothesis of two men. It

appears to me that the elder George lost his wife in June 1784 and quickly remarried in September of that year. At the time he had at least two children still at home (they were unbaptized), although they were not infants. The Grandma Database lists three children from George's first marriage but I can find only two, Abraham and Cornelius, in the baptism records, along with a daughter Anna who is not listed in the Grandma Database. I also believe that if there was a son named George he would appear in the baptism records in the years before 1784 when the marriage of Maria Neubauer took place.

I am puzzled by the data in the 1772 and 1776 census records. In 1772 George has 1 son over age 12 and 2 sons under age 12, and no daughters. In 1776 he has no children at all. Abraham and Cornelius would have been born around 1766 and 1764 respectively, accounting for the 2 younger sons. Anna would have been born around 1762, although possibly earlier. Possibly the 1772 census is in error and the elder child should have been recorded as a daughter.

The Grandma Database says George's first wife was named Anna. There is no source reference for this. I wonder if the name was picked up from the Tiegenhagen bapatism records and the name of George's daughter was mistakenly used as the name of the wife.

George married NN -403 before 1762.

Contrary to the information in the Grandma Database she was 56 years old when she died on 21 June 1784. She lived in Petershagen at the time of her death.

### Children:

- i. Anna Goertzen<sup>404</sup> was baptized in 1783 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- ii. Cornelius Goertzen<sup>405</sup> was baptized in 1785 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- iii. Abraham Goertzen<sup>406</sup> was baptized in 1787 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia.

George next married Maria Neubauer<sup>281</sup> 10 September 1784 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 101395}

#### Children:

i. Maria Goertzen<sup>407</sup> was born 16 July 1787 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia.

- ii. Jacob Goertzen<sup>408</sup> was born 16 July 1790 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- iii. David Goertzen<sup>409</sup> was born 16 June 1793.
- iv. Isaac Goertzen<sup>410</sup> was born in 1797 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia and died before 1819.
- v. NN Goertzen was born in 1799 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia and died 7 April 1799 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- vi. Johann Goertzen<sup>411</sup> was born 13 January 1800 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- 105 vii. Helena Goertzen. Helena married Peter Epp, 145 son of Peter Epp<sup>276</sup> and Catharina Ens, 277 before 1823 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 126899}

211. Maria Neubauer<sup>281</sup> was born before 1764 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1819. {UsrID: 101395}

Maria must have died in 1819 or earlier because the Fund for Orphans in Choritza lists three of her children and the inheritance she left them (Maria, Helena and Johann). The Grandma Database indicates that she have been a widow at the time of her marriage to George Goertzen. However, I do not see this information in the original church record.

Son Isaac was not listed as a beneficiary in the Widows and Orphans Fund report for 1820, implying that he had died before his mother died. However, this conclusion does not agree with information in the Grandma Database. The Grandma Database also includes other children of George Goertzen and Maria Neubauer for whom I am unable to find references.

Maria married George Goertzen<sup>280</sup> 10 September 1784 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 101394}

212. Peter Dyck, <sup>282</sup> son of Jacob Dyck, was born 3 October 1775 in Schoenau, Marienburg Region, Prussia and died in 1808 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 44758}

Peter Dyck was probably born in Schoenau, part of the Heubuden Gemeinde, in 1775. He married Margaretha Klassen in 1803 in her village of Mielensz. After the marriage they headed to Ukraine, immigrating in 1804. Unruh lists them moving to Molotschna. They did not stay there long. in 1806 they took over the farm of Jacob Klassen in the village of Chortitza. By 1807 they had moved to a farm at Schoenhorst. In the 1808 census Margaretha is listed alone with her children because Peter had died since the last census. She remained on their farm. By 1810 she had married Heinrich Funk and he had taken over the farm. The 1813 census shows they had moved to Neu-Osterwick after 1811. In 1814 Margaretha died and Heinrich remarried. After Margaretha's death the youngest daughter, Barbara, was

adopted by Peter Isaac and his wife, Katharina, located at Neuendorf.

Peter married Margaretha Klassen<sup>283</sup> 20 November 1803 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 44759}

### Children:

- 106 i. Peter Dyck.<sup>155</sup> Peter married Maria Regehr,<sup>156</sup> daughter of Peter Regehr<sup>289</sup> and Maria -,<sup>290</sup> before 1827 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 188715}
  - ii. Margaretha Dyck<sup>413</sup> was born 29 July 1807 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine.
  - iii. Barbara Dyck<sup>414</sup> was born in 1808 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine.

213. Margaretha Klassen,<sup>283</sup> daughter of Isaac Klassen<sup>415</sup> and Margaretha Conrad,<sup>416</sup> was born 18 August 1779 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia, was baptized in 1798 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia, and died in 1814 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 44759}

Margaretha married Peter Dyck<sup>282</sup> 20 November 1803 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 44758}

Margaretha next married Heinrich Funk<sup>417</sup> in 1809 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine.

214. Peter Regehr,<sup>289</sup> son of Johann Regehr<sup>418</sup> and Catharina -,<sup>419</sup> was born in 1751 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 106569}

Peter Regehr is one of the original settlers who came to Ukraine in 1789. He is listed with a wife and a child. However, in the 1795 the only child listed is Peter who was born around 1793. There must have been an earlier child who died before 1793.

His first wife was Susanna. I am using the approximate year of birth based on Unruh and his 1795 Revision List. She immigrated to Chortitza in 1789.

The facts about Peter are quite clear. He lived with his parents in Schoensee in 1772. His age there is recorded as 27, making his year of birth 1745. This is unlikely because future census records indicate he was born around 1750. That said, we can be fairly certain we have the correct man identified here because Unruh confirms he came to the Chortitza settlement from Schoensee and he is the only person in the 1772 census with that name. He must have been still living in Schoensee in 1776 and thereafter until he left for the new settlement. The First

Settler list records his household as containing two adults and one child. Therefore we know that he had been married before 1789 and had one child at that point. Unruh traces him from 1795 to 1808. In 1795 he lived at Neuendorf with his wife, Susanna (1767), and son, Peter (1793). The child's age implies that the first child had died before the census. In 1802 he still lives in Neuendorf but Susanna has died and his son, Peter, is now given a birth year of 1799, implying the earlier son died before 1799. In 1808 he remains in Neuendorf and now is listed with a wife named Maria (1775), the same son Peter, a daughter named Maria (1806), and a son named Johann (1807).

Peter married Susanna -420 before 1789 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Prussia.

The Chortitza Vital Statistics report her age at death as 40, meaning she must have been born around 1762.

### Children:

- i. Peter Regehr<sup>421</sup> was born in 1793 in Prussia and died before 1799 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine.
- ii. Peter Regehr<sup>421</sup> was born 2 February 1799 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 8 December 1840 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine.

Peter next married Maria -290 in 1802 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198521}

### Children:

- 107 i. Maria Regehr.<sup>156</sup> Maria married Peter Dyck,<sup>155</sup> son of Peter Dyck<sup>282</sup> and Margaretha Klassen,<sup>283</sup> before 1827 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 188714}
  - ii. Johann Regehr<sup>422</sup> was born 11 May 1807 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine.

215. Maria -<sup>290</sup> was born in 1775 in Prussia and died in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198521}

Maria appears in the 1802 census as the wife of Peter Regehr. Peter's first wife, Susanna, had died earlier in 1802 and this is noted in the vital records for that year. The marriage to Maria is not mentioned in the vital records.

Maria married Peter Regehr<sup>289</sup> in 1802 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 106569}

216. Peter Rempel,<sup>291</sup> son of Peter Rempel<sup>423</sup> and Cristina Von Dyck,<sup>424</sup> was born 29 December 1759 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and

died 24 April 1820 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 265485}

He was a Flemish Mennonite from Petershagen, Tiegenhagen Gemeinde. H. Schapansky says his father was Berhend Rempel from Petershagen and this is possible - there is a Berhend in the 1776 census. However, Nikolai Rempel in "Das Rempelfamilienbuch" says his father is Peter and this is the source I have used. This is also how the Grandma Database records his ancestry. Apparently Judii Rempel and others believe this to be accurate. The source I used writes his name as Peter Peter D Rempel which further points to a father named Peter and a mother whose surname begins with "D", consistent with his mother's name - Dyck or von Dyck.

The marriage location is based on the location of the birth of his first child with Margaretha Teichroeb. Peter was in Schoenhorst in 1793 and 1795, in Chortitza between 1802 and 1806 and in Osterwick in 1814. He appears in the 1801 census in Chortitza Village. The Grandma Database indicates he died in Schoenhorst.

There is some question about the number of wives he had; many sources say his first wife was the widow Loewen, his second wife was Kornelia and Margaretha was his third wife. The 1801 census is specific that his first wife was Kornelia and Margaretha was his second wife. Nikolai Rempel records three wives and his data doesn't match the facts recorded in the 1801 census. I have relied on the census data.

Kornelia's family name could be Loewen based on information in the Geni World Family Tree database. However she could also be the widow Loewen. There is no certainty as to her surname.

Peter is listed in Glenn Penner's work on the original Chortitza settlers among the first 228 households.

Peter married Kornelia Loewen<sup>425</sup> about 1788. {UsrID: 265879}

- i. Maria Rempel<sup>426</sup> was born in 1789. {UsrID: 198383}
- ii. Anna Rempel<sup>426</sup> was born in 1790. {UsrID: 265881}
- iii. Peter Rempel<sup>426</sup> was born in 1793 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 6 September 1835. {UsrID: 265882}
- iv. Kristina Rempel<sup>426</sup> was born 20 June 1794 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 30 May 1857. {UsrID: 117228}

Peter next married Margareta Teichroeb<sup>292</sup> about 1795 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 265484}

#### Children:

- i. Magaretha Rempel<sup>426</sup> was born in 1796 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 265486}
- 108 ii. Heinrich Rempel. 157 Heinrich married an unknown person.
  - iii. Katarina Rempel<sup>426</sup> was born in 1801. {UsrID: 265488}
  - iv. Wilhelm Rempel<sup>426</sup> was born 6 September 1805 and died 26 January 1806. {UsrID: 528309}
  - v. Bernhard Rempel<sup>426</sup> was born 6 September 1805 and died in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197080}
  - vi. Wilhelm Rempel<sup>426</sup> was born 18 February 1808 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 29 June 1859. {UsrID: 265490}
  - vii. Agatha Rempel<sup>426</sup> was born in 1811. {UsrID: 265491}
  - viii. Johann Rempel<sup>427</sup> was born 15 October 1815 and died 11 March 1892. {UsrID: 145127}
- 217. Margareta Teichroeb,<sup>292</sup> daughter of Johann Teichroeb<sup>428</sup> and Margaretha -,<sup>429</sup> was born 10 August 1773 in Krebsfeld, Elbing Region, Prussia and died in July 1841 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 265484}

She was a Flemish Mennonite. She appears in the 1776 census in Krebsfeld, Rosenort Gemeinde with her father. I have seen a family tree on MyHeritage that states she died on 16 July. There is no source given.

Margareta married Peter Rempel<sup>291</sup> about 1795 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 265485}

226. Gerhard Wiens,<sup>297</sup> son of Gerhard Wiens, was born about 1769 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in 1789 in Ellerwald, Elbing Region, Prussia, and died before 1806 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197479}

He was residing in Ellerwald, Prussia at the time of his baptism in 1789. He migrated from Prussia to Ukraine in 1795, initially settling on a homestead in Chortitza, Chortitza Colony. He traded that homestead for one belonging to Cornelius Driedger in Neuenburg. In the 1801 Census he is listed at Neuenburg and in the 1802 Census at Neuenburg. Then he moved to Burwalde in 1802 and took up a homestead there. He was still there in 1803 but he died by

the time of the 1806 Census.

Gerhard married Aganetha Dyck<sup>298</sup> 23 November 1789 in Prussia. {UsrID: 214398}

#### Children:

- i. Gerhard Wiens<sup>431</sup> was born about 1792. {UsrID: 197481}
- ii. Aganetha Wiens<sup>431</sup> was born about 1794. {UsrID: 197482}
- 113 iii. Maria Wiens. Maria married Christoph Striemer 26 May 1814 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186905}

227. Aganetha Dyck,<sup>298</sup> daughter of Phillip Dyck, was born about 1761 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in 1786 in Dorichthof, Elbing Region, Prussia, and died 9 April 1810 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 214398}

In the 1806 Chortitza Colony Census she is listed as a widow in Burwalde. Her first name is incorrectly given as Maria in that census. In 1807 her name is correctly listed with her new husband. Her baptism in 1786 is recorded in the Elbing baptism records along with her brother Michael, both shown as surviving children of Phillip and living with stepfather Loewen.

Her husband Gerhard died before 1806 and vanishes from the census records. Aganetha appears in 1806 in Burwalde having taken on ownership of the farm owned previously by Jacob Harder. She has one son and three daughters with her. Based on Unruh it appears that her husband Gerhard first got Harder's farm prior to 1802 when Harder died and his widow married Simon Loewen. In 1807 she is in Burwalde with her new husband Cornelius Funk. Her son Gerhard and daughters Maria and Agnetha are with her. She died before the 1811 Census and her children are no longer in the census. Her husband Cornelius has a new wife named Helena.

An interesting relationship emerges here. Jacob Harder, whose farm Gerhard took over, was married to Agatha Penner who is a great grandmother of Johann Striemer (1859). Gerhard is a great grandfather of Johann Striemer.

Aganetha's son Jacob Warkentin migrated from Elbing, Prussia to eastern Ukraine between 1801 and 1808 according to the Grandma Database. In the 1808 and 1816 Chortitza Colony Census records he is listed at Burwalde. In the 1847 Chortitza Colony Heads of Households list he is listed in Rosengart.

I noted that the Grandma Database says Aganetha had a son Peter Warkentin #197487 born in 1785. This information has no source and Henry Schapansky doesn't list this person. I also

noted that Schapansky lists a son Johann Funk born in 1813. I suppose this is possible but she would have been over 50 at the time. I have not seen this person in the Chortitza Census.

Aganetha's third husband, Cornelius Funk, emigrated from Wengelen, Kleinwerder, Prussia to Ukraine in 1804 with his parents. In the 1808 and 1814 Chortitza Colony censuses he is listed at Burwalde. In the 1808 census his age is given as 26, suggesting that he was born around 1782 and in the 1814 census his age is given as 35, suggesting that he was born around 1781.

Aganetha married Jacob Warkentin<sup>433</sup> 24 June 1781.

### Children:

- i. Jacob Warkentin<sup>431</sup> was born in 1782 in Prussia. {UsrID: 197485}
- ii. Phillip Warkentin<sup>431</sup> was born in 1783 in Prussia. {UsrID: 46801}
- iii. Anna Warkentin<sup>431</sup> was born in 1786 in Prussia and died 27 April 1787 in Prussia.

Aganetha next married Gerhard Wiens<sup>297</sup> 23 November 1789 in Prussia. {UsrID: 197479}

Aganetha next married Cornelius Funk<sup>434</sup> in 1808 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine.

230. Johann Dyck, <sup>304</sup> son of Peter Dyck, was born about 1778 in Prussia. {UsrID: 809091}

In the 1806 Chortitza Colony Census he is listed in Chortitza at which point there were 5 males and 3 females in his household. In the October 1814 Chortitza Colony Census he is listed at Chortitza. The 1815 census entry says he entered Ukraine in 1804. I think he is the Johann that is seen in Rempel's book accompanying his brother Peter in transit to Russia in 1803. Peter went to Molotschna and by 1808 his brother was no longer with him. I think this is because Johann stayed in Chortitza from the outset, getting married and homesteading there. Johann and Peter came from Reimerswald and were members of the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde according to the record in Unruh related to Peter.

Johann married Agatha Penner<sup>305</sup> in 1804 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196419}

- 115 i. Maria Dyck.<sup>170</sup> Maria married Karl Neufeld<sup>169</sup> 14 September 1822 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 186910}
  - ii. NN Dyck<sup>436</sup> was born 15 April 1806 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died 15 April 1806 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 1184819}

231. Agatha Penner,<sup>305</sup> daughter of Peter Penner<sup>437</sup> and Elscke Woelke,<sup>438</sup> was born about 1764 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1783 in Klein Mausdorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 196419}

The Grandma Database says that her father was the Peter Penner to which I have her linked here. I think her mother was Elscke Woelke based on accumulated information in the Danzig Church Book. Agatha was baptized in the Marienburg area. This corresponds with what we know about her father. He was baptized in 1762 and married Elscke in 1762; she died in 1764; he died in the "rural" area in 1786. This corresponds with the idea that he moved out to the Marienburg area after Elscke died.

I believe Agatha came to Ukraine with her first husband, Jacob Harder, in 1789. She appears in the 1795 Mennonite Colony Revision List for settlers of 1789 with husband Jacob Harder.

Agatha married Jacob Harder<sup>439</sup> after 1782 in Prussia. {UsrID: 196418}

### Children:

- i. Katharina Harder<sup>440</sup> was born in 1784. {UsrID: 198402}
- ii. Jacob Harder<sup>440</sup> was born in 1786. {UsrID: 196411}
- iii. Peter Harder<sup>440</sup> was born in 1788. {UsrID: 163180}
- iv. Abram Harder<sup>440</sup> was born in 1792. {UsrID: 196422}
- v. Franz Harder<sup>441</sup> was born in 1795. {UsrID: 528299}
- vi. Anna Harder<sup>441</sup> was born in 1799. {UsrID: 528298}

Agatha next married Simon Loewen about 1801 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine.

Agatha next married Johann Dyck<sup>304</sup> in 1804 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 809091}

232. Wilhelm Giesbrecht, 306 son of Wilhelm Giesbrecht, was born about 1767 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in 1788 in Heubuden, Marienburg Region, Prussia, and died in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266433}

He was a Flemish Mennonite. He is listed in the 1789 land census as a landowner in Klein Mausdorf, Elbing.

According to Peter Rempel and Benjamin Unruh he came to Ukraine in 1789. However, Glenn Penner's research does not find a record of him in the 1789 immigration data, although there are records of his brothers David and Jacob. I wonder if Wilhelm was with one of his brothers

at the time of the immigration (probably Jacob). The list of 228 original families shows Jacob as a household head, with a family of 3 adults. This could be a family consisting of Jacob, his wife, and his brother Wilhelm; Jacob did not have children at the time. In the 1795 Census his brother Jacob, and his family, are living with Wilhelm's family. This corresponds to a record in Unruh saying that Jacob had given his property to Wilhelm. Wilhelm appears in Schoenhorst in 1795, 1801 and 1802, Nieder-Chortitza in 1803 and 1814 and The Bergthal Gemeinde Buch. The 1801 Chortitza census lists him as a tailor and Unruh lists him as a tailor in 1814. According to the 1801 census he and his wife were the same age and born around 1767. In Unruh his name sometimes appears as Isbrecht. He was baptized while in Heubuden.

If Wilhelm did arrive with his brother, then he married Maria Klassen in the new settlement. This would exlain the family count for her father Franz in the list of 228 settlers: four adults and two children representing Franz and wife Susanna plus the two elder daughters and the two surviving children.

Henry Schapansky feels that Wilhelm's father was a Wilhelm but it is difficult to know which one. Schapansky links Wilhelm, Jacob and David as brothers. It seems clear that Wilhelm and Jacob are brothers based on the Schoenhorst comment to the effect they actually were siblings. Whether David is a brother is open to question because there is quite a substantial age gap, David being born around 1750 whereas Jacob was born around 1764 and Wilhelm two or three years later. The DNA evidence says that Wilhelm was in a different haplogroup from David. That probably is definitive in disproving their relationship as siblings.

Linking Wilhelm to the senior Wilhelm is a speculative exercise. In the 1776 census there is a Wilhelm living in Klein Mausdorf. The common geographic data is potentially significant.

Wilhelm's second wife was Katharina Braun. Her only child was born in 1818 and this demonstrates she was not his first wife.

Wilhelm married Maria Klassen<sup>307</sup> before 1790 in Elbing, Prussia. {UsrID: 198418}

- 116 i. Franz Giesbrecht.<sup>171</sup> Franz married Elisabeth Mannholdt<sup>172</sup> in 1819 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198900}. Franz next married Katarina Driedger<sup>311</sup> after 1844 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine.
  - ii. Maria Giesbrecht<sup>443</sup> was born in 1792. {UsrID: 198899}
  - iii. Wilhelm Giesbrecht<sup>443</sup> was born in 1795 and died before 1799. {UsrID: 266542}
  - iv. Susanna Giesbrecht<sup>443</sup> was born in 1798. {UsrID: 528247}

- v. Wilhelm Giesbrecht<sup>444</sup> was born 28 January 1799 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 229986}
- vi. Abraham Giesbrecht<sup>444</sup> was born 26 April 1803 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died 18 August 1858 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 265371}
- vii. Helena Giesbrecht<sup>443</sup> was born in 1807. {UsrID: 528246}
- viii. Jacob Giesbrecht<sup>444</sup> was born 8 February 1810 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine and died 8 May 1867 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 229987}

Wilhelm next married Katharina Braun<sup>106</sup> about 1817 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 228502}

### Children:

- i. Heinrich Giesbrecht<sup>106</sup> was born 30 September 1818.
- 233. Maria Klassen,<sup>307</sup> daughter of Franz Klassen<sup>445</sup> and Susanna -,<sup>446</sup> was born about 1767 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in 1785 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and died before 1817. {UsrID: 198418}

Maria married Wilhelm Giesbrecht<sup>306</sup> before 1790 in Elbing, Prussia. {UsrID: 266433}

236. Jacob Doerksen,<sup>313</sup> son of David Doerksen<sup>447</sup> and Maria -,<sup>448</sup> was born 21 December 1767 in Ellerwald 3 Trift, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 20 February 1806 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175545}

Probably he was a Flemish Mennonite. The name is spelled Dorchssen as well. Ruth Friesen says he was born on 21 December 1767 in Montau. Her source is unknown to me, but this corresponds to the birth place of his spouse. Unruh lists him living with his inlaws in Neuendorf in 1795. His wife, Susanna Klassen, would have moved to Ukraine in 1789 with her parents, and they would have been married in Ukraine. Since their first child appears in 1792 it must mean that Jacob arrived in Ukraine among the settlers of 1789, probably with his parents, thus explaining his absence from the list of original settlers of 1789. He appears in the 1801 census in Neuendorf. He was in Neuendorf in 1802 and 1803. The 1802 census lists him as a tailor.

Jacob married Susanna Klassen <sup>314</sup> before 1792 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ul	kraine.	{UsrID:
174364}		

- i. Franz Doerksen<sup>449</sup> was born in 1792 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine.
- ii. David Doerksen<sup>449</sup> was born in 1793.
- iii. Jacob Doerksen<sup>449</sup> was born in 1794 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine and died before 1802 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine.
- iv. Susanna Doerksen<sup>449</sup> was born in 1796.
- v. Maria Doerksen<sup>449</sup> was born in 1798 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in 1857.
- vi. Helena Doerksen<sup>449</sup> was born in 1800.
- 118 vii. Jacob Doerksen.<sup>174</sup> Jacob married Helena Sawatzky,<sup>175</sup> daughter of Cornelius Sawatzky<sup>316</sup> and Margaretha Klassen,<sup>317</sup> 19 September 1826 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 173159}
  - viii. Abraham Doerksen<sup>449</sup> was born 10 October 1805 and died 4 October 1871. Abraham married Helena Schmidt.<sup>449</sup>
- 237. Susanna Klassen,<sup>314</sup> daughter of Franz Klassen<sup>445</sup> and Susanna -,<sup>446</sup> was born 1 December 1770 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 2 November 1817 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 174364}

The birth location is taken from the Grandma Database.

Her son with Johann Neudorf, Peter, along with his wife Maria and some of his children landed in Quebec with the S. S. Sarmatian on July 6, 1875. Judging by the fact that his wife remarried to Abram Suderman on March 3, 1885, he must have died prior to 1885.

Susanna married Jacob Doerksen<sup>313</sup> before 1792 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175545}

Susanna next married Johann Neudorf<sup>450</sup> 29 December 1806 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 174360}

- Johan Neudorf was born 31 December 1807 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 15 April 1809.
- ii. Peter Neudorf<sup>451</sup> was born 16 April 1809 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in Schanzenfeld, Manitoba.
- iii. Isaak Neudorf was born 15 March 1811 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 15 March 1811.
- iv. Johann Neudorf<sup>452</sup> was born 26 October 1812.

238. Cornelius Sawatzky,<sup>316</sup> son of Johann Sawatzky<sup>453</sup> and Susanna Ens,<sup>454</sup> was born 3 August 1771 in Danzig and died in January 1821 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 173150}

He came to Ukraine from Danzig in 1789 according to B. H. Unruh. In Unruh's book he is listed as being in Rosenthal in the Chortitza Colony in 1793, 1795, 1801-3 and 1808. Stumpp has him listed with a birth year of 1770, coming to Ukraine from Danzig in 1789. He had a son Peter who does not appear in Unruh. The son was born in 1791, before Cornelius was married to Margaretha. He appears with his parents Hans Sawatzky and Susanna Enz in one census listed by Unruh.

Cornelius married Margaretha Klassen<sup>317</sup> in 1792 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197046}

### Children:

- i. Margaretha Sawatzky<sup>455</sup> was born 15 March 1795 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 14 November 1871. {UsrID: 219663}
- ii. Katharina Sawatzky<sup>455</sup> was born 1 January 1800 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 16 June 1835. {UsrID: 173157}
- iii. Susanna Sawatzky<sup>455</sup> was born 19 September 1802 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 1 April 1849. {UsrID: 173158}
- 119 iv. Helena Sawatzky. 175 Helena married Jacob Doerksen, 174 son of Jacob Doerksen 313 and Susanna Klassen, 314 19 September 1826 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196307}
  - v. NN Sawatzky<sup>456</sup> was born 2 March 1806 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 5 March 1806 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 529170}
  - vi. Maria Sawatzky<sup>455</sup> was born 22 January 1808 and died in 1874. {UsrID: 809026}

Cornelius next married Helena Klassen<sup>457</sup> about 1809 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine.

- i. Anna Sawatzky<sup>455</sup> was born 2 August 1810 and died 6 July 1853. {UsrID: 529167}
- 239. Margaretha Klassen,<sup>317</sup> daughter of Martin Klassen<sup>458</sup> and Helena Wieler,<sup>459</sup> was born in 1769 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in 1787 in Marienburg

Region, Prussia, and died in 1808 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197046}

Schapansky says she was baptized in 1787. The Chortitza Church Book indicates that her mother was Helena, the widow of Isaac. Isaac would have been Helena's first husband.

Margaretha married Cornelius Sawatzky<sup>316</sup> in 1792 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 173150}

Margaretha next married Peter Willms<sup>460</sup> before 1791.

### Children:

i. Peter P. Willms<sup>461</sup> was born in 1791 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 173155}

240. Abraham Dyck,<sup>318</sup> son of Heinrich Dyck<sup>462</sup> and Judith Preuss,<sup>463</sup> was born about 1769 in Lakendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1788 in Krebsfeld, Elbing Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 197937}

Peter Rempel indicates that he migrated to Neuendorf in Ukraine in 1789. Unruh lists him in 1789 married to Agatha Thimm. This conflicts with the information Glenn Penner has published about the first settlers in Ukraine where Abraham is not present. It is possible he immigrated with another family. He migrated from Krebsfelde, Prussia to Ukraine sometime between 1789 and 1795. He is listed at Neuendorf in 1795, 1801, 1802, 1808 and 1814. His first wife was Agatha Thimm, who originally was married to Cornelius Hiebert. Cornelius died not long after reaching Ukraine and Agatha remarried to Abraham. They took over the Hiebert farm. After Agatha died Abraham married once more to a Sara Suckau sometime around 1803 and had a few more children. My dating of the marriage to Sara is based on the children's ages. After Agatha's son Abraham was born in 1791 there is a gap of 12 years before the next child appears in 1803. I surmise that this was the first child of the marriage to Sara.

Regarding the date of immigration, Abraham and Agatha had a child in 1791-2. Since the first wave of immigration was in 1789 and the second did not occur until 1793, Abraham must have arrived in the first wave with another family.

There is a baptism record for Abraham, surviving son of Heinrich Dyck in 1788 in the Rosenort Gemeinde Baptism Records.

They remained in Neuendorf although Unruh indicates they were in Neuenburg in 1803. The

1807 census is quite clear that Abraham was in Neuendorf with Sara and his children, as well as his mother Judith Preuss.

Generally the people in the Lackendorf area would have been members of the Flemish Rosenort congregation.

Abraham married Agatha Thimm<sup>319</sup> about 1789 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197938}

### Children:

120 i. Abraham Dyck.<sup>179</sup> Abraham married Maria -<sup>180</sup> 6 August 1812 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 267033}

Abraham next married Sara Suckau<sup>464</sup> about 1803.

#### Children:

- i. Jacob Dyck<sup>464</sup> was born in 1803 and died in 1803.
- ii. Agatha Dyck<sup>464</sup> was born in 1803 and died in 1803.
- iii. Aron Dyck<sup>464</sup> was born in 1805 and died in 1853. {UsrID: 197939}
- iv. Peter Dyck<sup>464</sup> was born in 1806. {UsrID: 529239}
- v. Judith Dyck<sup>464</sup> was born in 1807 and died in 1842. {UsrID: 197940}
- vi. Peter Dyck<sup>464</sup> was born in 1809. {UsrID: 529238}
- vii. Heinrich Dyck<sup>464</sup> was born in 1811 and died in 1893. {UsrID: 197804}
- viii. Jacob Dyck<sup>464</sup> was born in 1813 and died in 1813.
- ix. Johann Dyck<sup>464</sup> was born 21 January 1821 and died 5 February 1908.
- 241. Agatha Thimm<sup>319</sup> was born about 1751 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1803 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197938}

Her age is given as 38 in the 1795 Chortitza Census suggesting that she was born around 1757. However, her age is given as 50 in both the 1801 and the 1802 Chortitza Censuses suggesting that she was more likely born around 1751. This corresponds well with other records published by Unruh.

Agatha emigrated from the Elbing-Ellerwald Gemeinde with her husband Cornelius Hiebert. They would have belonged to the Flemish congregation.

She appears in the 1788 Census with husband Cornelius Hiebert and in the 1789 Census with husband Abram Dyck. Rempel tells us that Agatha and Abram took over the Cornelius Hiebert

farm after his death. Cornelius Hiebert and Agatha moved from Zeyersvorderkampe according to Unruh. There are two daughters of David Timm from Zeyersvorderkamp mentioned in the baptism records for the Rosenort Gemeinde. These entries were for 1789 and 1794. They could be related to Agatha. Furthermore, David Thimm and Franz Thimm both lived in Zeyersvorderkampe, David appears there in the 1811 Elbing Territorial Census. Franz appears there in Lutheran Church records according to the Grandma Database. I believe that David and Franz were brothers of Agatha.

H. Schapansky states that she was born in 1757 and died before 1808. It looks like she might have died before 1805 given that her husband remarried and the new wife has children in 1805.

In Unruh's records her surname is spelled Thimm. Other records spells it Thun. The Danzig Church Book has records for Thun but not Thimm. Nevertheless, I will retain Thimm.

Agatha married Cornelius Hiebert<sup>465</sup> before 1779. {UsrID: 198429}

### Children:

- i. Aganetha Hiebert<sup>465</sup> was born in 1779 and died in 1801. {UsrID: 206997}
- ii. Cornelius Hiebert<sup>465</sup> was born in 1781. {UsrID: 198431}
- iii. Agatha Hiebert<sup>465</sup> was born in 1783. {UsrID: 198432}

Agatha next married Abraham Dyck<sup>318</sup> about 1789 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197937}

### Ninth Generation

266. Johann Harder<sup>322</sup> was born in 1723 in Heubuden, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 8 December 1800 in Heubuden, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 476542}

This is probably the father of Justina Harder. He appears in the 1776 census in Willenbruchs Huben, Heubuden Gemeinde, the same village as his presumed son in law Jacob Wolf. H. Schapansky says the same thing. He was a Flemish Mennonite. In 1776 he is listed with a wife and 2 sons, and his financial condition is given as 'schlecht' meaning neither well off nor poor. He is also mentioned in the both the 1772 and 1789 Census, also in Heubuden.

He may be listed in the Grandma Database twice as #476542 and #805535.

Johann married an unknown person.

#### Children:

 i. Justina Harder.<sup>201</sup> Justina married Jacob Wolf<sup>200</sup> 21 July 1776 in Prussia. {UsrID: 196568}. Justina next married David Giesbrecht<sup>323</sup> about 1791 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. Justina next married Johann Epp<sup>324</sup> in January 1801.

270. Heinrich Bergen<sup>332</sup> was born before 1720 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 343615}

I have seen this named written as von Bargen. Names such as this (using 'De', 'Von' and 'Van') generally originated in the Southern and Spanish Netherlands according to H. Schapansky. His son Heinrich was born in Leske, Gross Werder, between 1745 and 1748. Therefore Heinrich, the father, was born around 1728 or earlier. There is a Heinrich listed in the 1776 Census with an annotation indicating this is the son. There is a Heinrich listed in the both the 1772 and the 1789 Census in Leske. It isn't clear whether these refer to the father or the son but it might be that the 1772 census refers to the father and the 1789 census to the son. The Heinrich in the 1789 census is listed as a leaseholder.

Heinrich married an unknown person.

## Children:

i. Hans Bergen was born in 1740 in Leske, Marienburg Region, Polish-

- Lithuanian Commonwealth.
- ii. Heinrich Bergen<sup>466</sup> was born in 1745 and died in 1812. {UsrID: 43827}
- 135 iii. Maria Bergen.<sup>207</sup> Maria married Johann Peters<sup>206</sup> 24 January 1776 in Ladekopp, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 198942}
  - iv. Jacob Bergen<sup>467</sup> was born 14 February 1758 in Leske, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 29 October 1833 in Schoenau, Marienburg Region, Prussia.

320. Gottfried Schapansky,<sup>338</sup> son of Matthies Schapansky<sup>468</sup> and Catharina Janzen,<sup>469</sup> was born 29 April 1696 in Thiensdorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died after 1741 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815191}

His parents were Matthias Schapansky and Catharina Jantzen according to records published by Erwin Wittenberg and Manuel Janz. He is listed as a landowner in the village of Jedwilleiten in Lithuanian between 1720 and 1722. He farmed the land there jointly with Gerhardt Eckert. Wittenberg and Janz published a map that shows where the farm was. Gottfried was part of the expelled group of Mennonites. He moved to the Elbing region around 1724-1726. Later in 1741 he lived in the Friedrichsgraben area. The only locations with this name in current maps would have been in Western Prussia, a very great distance from Elbing. There was a significant Mennonite settlement there for a few years. Gameo says that constant flooding caused the settlement to fail and the Mennonites left.

I speculate that Gottfried is the father of David Schapansky (1731) because Thiensdorf appears to be a common location. This is where Gottfried was born and this is where David died. Therefore that area seems to be the home base. Gottfried returned to that area when he was expelled from Lithuania and likely returned again when he left Friedrichsgraben. I note that someone has made the same connection in the Grandma Database although I have not seen concrete evidence. The Grandma Database also says he was born in the village of Hohenwalde but that is clearly incorrect based on the records published by Wittenberg and Janz.

Gottfried married an unknown person.

### Children:

160 i. David Schapansky.<sup>228</sup> David married Anna Pauls<sup>229</sup> before 1751. {UsrID: 473088}

368. Jacob Dyck<sup>346</sup> was born before 1742 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1793 in Neustadterwald, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 87015}

He is listed as the father of Jacob Dyck in the Rosenort Gemeinde baptism records in 1785. The family was living in the village of Neustadterwald at this time. He is listed in association with five children baptized between 1785 and 1794. The two children baptized in 1793 and 1794 are referred to as surviving children of Jacob, giving us approximate dates of birth and death. Henry Schapansky identifies him as the farm owner in Neustadterwald in the 1776 census with two sons and two daughters.

Jacob married an unknown person.

### Children:

- i. Jacob Dyck.<sup>250</sup> Jacob married Anna Dyck,<sup>251</sup> daughter of Jacob Dyck, 24 November 1786. {UsrID: 196345}. Jacob next married Anganetha Hamm<sup>349</sup> about 1815 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 16704}
  - ii. Lehnert Dyck<sup>470</sup> was born about 1770 in Neustadterwald, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1790 in Rosenort, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
  - iii. Sara Dyck<sup>470</sup> was born about 1770 in Neustadterwald, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1790 in Rosenort, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
  - iv. Maria Dyck<sup>471</sup> was born about 1773 in Neustadterwald, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1793 in Rosenort, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
  - v. Katarina Dyck<sup>472</sup> was born about 1774 in Neustadterwald, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1794 in Rosenort, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

370. Jacob Dyck<sup>350</sup> was born in 1727 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1792 in Prussia. {UsrID: 196350}

Henry Schapansky provides his name. He lived in Neustadterwald in 1776. In the 1776 census Schapansky identifies him as the person with three sons and four daughters. He was a farm owner. The comment by this census entry says he lived from 1727 to 1792. I cannot locate his death in the Tragheimerweide Church Book and therefore cannot substantiate these dates.

Jacob married an unknown person.

### Children:

185 i. Anna Dyck.<sup>251</sup> Anna married Jacob Dyck,<sup>250</sup> son of Jacob Dyck, 24

November 1786. {UsrID: 196345}

374. Michael Peters<sup>351</sup> was born in 1722 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1806.

According to Henry Schapansky he was a farmer in Neuteich in 1776. Michael came to the Chortitza area with his daughter, Katharina, and her family in 1805. He was not with the family at the time of the 1806 census for Kronsgarten.

Michael married an unknown person.

### Children:

187 i. Katharina Peters.<sup>253</sup> Katharina married Isaac Klassen<sup>252</sup> 16 July 1777 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 747931}

376. Benjamin DeVeer, <sup>328</sup> son of DeVeer, was born in 1733 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1822 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196504}

He was a Flemish Mennonite.

Different sources give a range of dates for his year of birth. Relying on the Chortitza census data available in Unruh it is quite clear that he was born around 1733. The 1808 census was taken on 20 September and he was 75; the 1814 census was taken on 4 October and he was 81; therefore he must have been born after 4 October 1732 and before 20 September 1733. Genealogy work by Verna Fehr provides his year of death. I can't substantiate this.

The relationship of Benjamin to parents Benjamin and Elizabeth is hypothetical, based on speculation by Herman Thiessen. There are no genealogical records to substantiate this. Benjamin would have been about eight years old when his mother died and ten when his father died. Since his father didn't remarry either of these events would normally result in Benjamin being placed with another family. It is apparent that he didn't live in the Danzig area when he was baptized or married because there is no trace of him in the Danzig Church Book. However, he also does not appear in the 1776 Census and this indicates he was in Danzig, outside the census zone at that time (although I understand that this census is known to be less than comprehensive so no concrete conclusion can be made). In 1785 he appears in the 1782-1795 Baptism Record for the Rosenort Gemeinde, living in Klein Mausdorf; his children Anna and Isaac were baptized in that year.

He was residing in Neuendorf in the Chortitza Colony as early as 1793 and remained there

until Nieder-Chortitza was established in 1803, and he appears in the census there in 1803. By 1808 he had moved back to Neuendorf to live with his son Jacob and later he moved with his son to Neu-Osterwick. Stump lists his son Jacob in Neuenberg in 1795, coming from Krebsfelde but Benjamin is not listed. Peter Rempel lists a Benjamin Defehr who arrived in Chortitza in 1789 and settled in Nieder-Chortitza. Glenn Penner's work on the first settlers in Chortitza indicates he actually settled in Neuendorf in 1789.

Unruh also published census data saying his son Jacob came from Krebsfelde. Klein Mausdorf and Krebsfelde are adjacent villages. In his Rosenthal article H. Schapansky says he may have lived in Nehrung or Scharpau in 1776. Scharpau (district of Marienburg) is a village adjacent to the Nehrung area (district of Danzig). Schapansky also finds him in Klein Mausdorf, Marienburg at some point around the time of the 1776 census.

His son Isaak is listed in the 1814 census in Nieder-Chortitza with his family. He is likely the same as Isaac de Veer who exchanged his house in Rosenthal with Johann Schellenberg of Chortitza.

The Grandma Database has additional information stating that he was a watch maker in an 1801 census and a teacher in the village of Ruckenau in Prussia. He does appear in the 1772 Prussian Census, living in Ruckenau. His occupation is given as School Master. This census indicates a wife, two sons and two daughters. These children would be Isaak, Anna, Heinrich, and Helena. People living in Ruckenau, Klein Mausdorf and Krebsfelde all were members of the Rosenort Gemeinde.

The Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online (GAMEO) has a detailed entry explaining the De Veer lineage. The first ancestor listed is Gysbert Jansz de Veer, born 14 May 1556, at Schiedam, South Holland. One of his sons, Gysbert de Veer (born in Amsterdam in 1600 and died in Danzig in 1646) was married first to Anna van Buygen (Bergen), then to Maria van Dijck. Gysbert and Maria's son Gysbert (born in 1640 and died in 1693) is the ancestor of the Mennonite branch in Prussia. Based on the information available Benjamin De Veer (born 1733) is the grandson of this Gysbert. However, there exists an hypothesis that Gysbert (1640-1693) had a son named Cornelius who is Benjamin's grandfather. I am aware of no evidence this Cornelius existed.

Based on a comprehensive review of the Mennonite migration information available it appears that in addition to Benjamin and his children there were two sons of Cornelius de Veer (Johann and Cornelius) who also moved to Ukraine. Cornelius was probably younger than Benjamin.

In notes related to Jan de Veere I discuss the DNA evidence that links the family back to the

early 1500s.

Benjamin married Anna Habenstein<sup>329</sup> in October 1761 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 196510}

- i. Maria DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 25 July 1762 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 5 September 1762 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 196513}
- Isaak DeVeer<sup>473</sup> was born 27 April 1763 in Polish-Lithuanian
   Commonwealth, was baptized in 1785 in Klein Mausdorf, Marienburg
   Region, Prussia, and died in September 1857 in Zeierskamp, Elbing Region,
   Prussia. {UsrID: 196511}
- iii. Anna DeVeer<sup>474</sup> was born 14 January 1765 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1785 in Klein Mausdorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 196512}
- iv. Heinrich DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 9 October 1767 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1795. {UsrID: 238907}
- v. Helena DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 14 February 1769 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1795. {UsrID: 238908}
- vi. Maria DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 12 February 1771 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1771 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 238909}
- vii. Benjamin DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born 22 July 1774 in Prussia and died before 1795. {UsrID: 238910}
- 188 viii. Jacob DeVeer.<sup>254</sup> Jacob married Maria Peters,<sup>255</sup> daughter of Johann Peters<sup>206</sup> and Maria Bergen,<sup>207</sup> in August 1801 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196525}
  - ix. Cornelius DeVeer<sup>354</sup> was born in 1784 in Prussia and died in Ukraine. {UsrID: 196515}
- 377. Anna Habenstein<sup>329</sup> was born in 1736 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died after 1814 in Neu-Osterwick, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196510}
- H. Schapansky believes Anna and Benjamin were married in 1761. The Grandma Database gives her year of birth as 1736. Schapansky uses 1740. According to Hermann Thiessen her maiden name was Waberstein. This is based on a chart in Folder 411 among his papers. There is confusion about Helena Bergen and Anna Waberstein (for example, her maiden name was reportedly either Waberstein or Bergen per Hannah Rempel's 30 June 1989 letter to Tim

Janzen) and some researchers feel there was only one woman, named Anna Bergen. Ruth Friesen believes her name was Waberstein or Haberstein, in accordance with Bud Veer. Conrad Stoesz confirms the name to be Waberstein, as does James Fehr. Other sources on the Internet give more weight to Haberstein on the basis that Bud Veer has apparently done extensive research on this and purportedly leans that way. Note in the 1727 Brandregister land census there is a mention of a Hans Habenstein in Einlage, an Isaac Habenstein in Klein Mausdorf, and an Abraham Habenstein in Krebsfelde, all adjacent villages in the area of the Rosenort Gemeinde. Therefore Haberstein could be correct. On the other hand, none of the von Bergens and von Bargens in that census lived in the area of the Rosenort Gemeinde. Based on these facts and in the absence of other good sources, I am taking Habenstein as the most correct name.

One interesting observation is that Isaac Habenstein lived in Klein Mausdorf, the location associated with Benjamin de Veer. I sense that if records were to emerge they would point to a connection between Isaac Habenstein and the wife of de Veer.

Anna married Benjamin DeVeer<sup>328</sup> in October 1761 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 196504}

378. Johann Peters (Duplicate. See Person 134 on Page 117)

379. Maria Bergen (Duplicate. See Person 135 on Page 118)

380. David Falk<sup>356</sup> was born before 1739 in Lithuania and died in 1776. {UsrID: 476549}

H. Schapansky says he was a Lithuanian Mennonite and may have been living in Memelland in 1776. The Grandma Database says he was born in the Memelniederung area of Lithuania and died in 1776. I standardized his surname from the source that showed it as Falcke.

David married an unknown person.

### Children:

190 i. David Falk.<sup>257</sup> David married Sara Martens,<sup>357</sup> daughter of Wilhelm Martens, about 1778 in Plauschwarren, Lithuania. {UsrID: 222073}. David next married Maria Bartsch,<sup>258</sup> daughter of Johann Bartsch<sup>366</sup> and

- Susanna Lammert,<sup>367</sup> about 1806 in Schoenwiese, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198695}
- ii. Trincke Falk<sup>475</sup> was born about 1760 in Plauschwarren, Lithuania and was baptized in 1780 in Plauschwarren, Lithuania.
- iii. Efcke Falk<sup>476</sup> was born about 1763 in Plauschwarren, Lithuania and was baptized in 1783 in Plauschwarren, Lithuania.
- iv. Jacob Falk<sup>477</sup> was born about 1765 in Plauschwarren, Lithuania and was baptized in 1785 in Plauschwarren, Lithuania.

382. Johann Bartsch,<sup>366</sup> son of Jacob Bartsch<sup>478</sup> and Christina Philipsen,<sup>479</sup> was born 6 September 1757 in Danzig and died 16 December 1821 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12624}

Johann Bartsch was one of the deputies, along with Jacob Hoeppner, appointed to assess colonization opportunities offered in the Ukraine during the reign of Catherine the Great. The pair went on their investigative mission in 1786 and toured the land along the Dnieper River, choosing an area of richly fertile land near the town of Berislav. Agreements were signed and upon their return to Danzig arrangements were made for settlers to begin their journeys to the so called New Russia.

Grigory Potemkin was the governor of New Russia and he held vast lands encompassing the entire Chortitza Colony region. When the settlers arrived they were astounded to learn that their agreement was broken and they would be granted land in Chortitza. The Chortitza area, north of Berislav, was more deeply wooded, less easy to clear, and further from a substantial trading port to move agricultural produce. It was hardly ideal but there were no options.

It seems clear that Potemkin had in mind the settlement of his own land from the beginning. He died unexpectedly in 1791 and knowledge of his ulterior motives are lost with him. It is relevant to note that the Russian Empire at the time was still a feudal economy, and much more absolutely feudal than the English system of medieval times. Peasants in Ukraine were hardly more than slaves, indentured servants at best, and could be bought and sold with the land they worked. Whether Potemkin had in mind this model when he invited the Mennonite settlers is unknown. Fortunately his death meant that the Mennonites could operate the typical democratic, capitalistic colony they preferred.

Johann Bartsch was a Frisian Mennonite at the time of his deputation. He later joined the Flemish congregation. He was an original settler in Chortitza in 1789 and remained one of the leaders of the colony for much of its early existence. There is a marble monument dedicated to Johann in Steinbach, Manitoba, that originally was located in Rosenthal, Chortitza.

Johann's first wife was Susanna Lammerts. She died in 1790 and Johann married her sister Magdalena. H. Schapansky indicates a different second wife, Helena Klassen, but the census information published by Unruh is clear that the second wife was Magdalena. That said, some census information gives her name as Helena, an alternate form used for Magdalena. But the dates of birth and death cited in Schapansky agree with the dates for Magdalena Lammerts. Johann was in Rosenthal from 1789 through at least 1814.

He had a son but there is no information about him except that he existed. He is referenced in two letters Johann wrote to Susanna during his trip to Ukraine. I have read the letters and two quotations stand out. In the first letter he writes: "Do not forget what I mentioned to you regarding my only little son, shortly before our departure." In the second letter he writes: "Keep in mind that the good you do to the smallest (one) I regard as something done to me personally." I find these statements puzzling. It seems that he feels beholden to Susanna for taking care of the boy, whom he singles out in both letters. I wonder if the implication is that his son was born to a different woman and Johann was forced to disclose this to his wife because of his trip to Ukraine.

Whatever the situation was with this young son, the records for the migration in 1789 tell us that Johann and his wife arrived with four adults and three children in their family unit. The three children must be their daughters Susanna, Maria and Sara. Their son did not live to reach the new settlement. It is unclear who the other two adults were. The next census, in 1795, shows his family with his new wife, Helena, and two new daughters. The Rempel information tells us the family unit was comprised of one man, three women and three female children.

Johann married Susanna Lammert<sup>367</sup> 15 August 1779 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12625}

- Susanna Bartsch<sup>480</sup> was born 10 February 1782 in Danzig and died 22
  December 1809 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12620}. Susanna
  married Heinrich Epp,<sup>397</sup> son of Peter Epp<sup>481</sup> and Catharina
  Wiens,<sup>482</sup> in May 1801 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12610}.
  Susanna next married Jacob Isaac 15 February 1806 in Rosenthal, Chortitza,
  Ukraine. {UsrID: 212771}
- 191 ii. Maria Bartsch.<sup>258</sup> Maria married David Falk,<sup>257</sup> son of David Falk, about 1806 in Schoenwiese, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198904}
  - iii. Sara Bartsch<sup>480</sup> was born 10 January 1785 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198696}
  - iv. NN Bartsch<sup>483</sup> was born after 1785. {UsrID: 1352167}

Johann next married Magdalena Lammert, 484 daughter of Jacob Lammert 485 and Susanna Von Niessen, 486 in 1791 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 187275}

#### Children:

- i. Helena Bartsch<sup>480</sup> was born 16 February 1792 and died 16 November 1828. {UsrID: 198700}
- ii. Margaretha Bartsch<sup>480</sup> was born 15 January 1794 and died 15 May 1852. {UsrID: 196787}
- iii. Aganetha Bartsch<sup>480</sup> was born 3 November 1795 and died 24 November 1795. {UsrID: 187276}
- iv. Jacob Bartsch<sup>480</sup> was born 12 December 1797 and died 24 May 1877. {UsrID: 187277}
- v. Johann Bartsch<sup>487</sup> was born 23 October 1800 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 21 January 1801 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 357043}
- vi. Johann Bartsch<sup>488</sup> was born 25 April 1802 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 24 May 1802 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 357404}
- vii. Katharina Bartsch<sup>480</sup> was born 1 December 1804 and died 30 December 1804. {UsrID: 455171}
- viii. Anton Bartsch<sup>489</sup> was born 19 May 1807 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 15 June 1807 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 187278}
- ix. Katharina Bartsch<sup>489</sup> was born 19 May 1807 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 20 June 1807 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 187279}

383. Susanna Lammert,<sup>367</sup> daughter of Jacob Lammert<sup>485</sup> and Susanna Von Niessen,<sup>486</sup> was born about 1757 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in 1773 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia, and died 15 November 1790 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12625}

Susanna is listed in the Orlofferfelde Frisian Church Baptism records as the daughter of Jacob, and she was baptised in 1773.

Susanna married Johann Bartsch<sup>366</sup> 15 August 1779 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12624}

- 384. Cornelius Fast<sup>368</sup> was born before 1745 in Krebsfeld, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Prussia. {UsrID: 660204}
- H. Schapansky speculates that he may have been from Krebsfeld, but not listed in the 1776

Census. There is a Cornelius Fast listed in Krebsfeld in the 1789 Land Census but it is difficult to demonstrate this is the same individual.

Cornelius married an unknown person.

### Children:

192 i. Cornelius Fast.<sup>259</sup> Cornelius married Maria Toews,<sup>260</sup> daughter of Johann Toews<sup>371</sup> and Anna Stoesz,<sup>372</sup> before 1794 in Wernersdorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 175101}

386. Johann Toews,<sup>371</sup> son of Martin Toews<sup>372</sup> and Judith Suckau,<sup>490</sup> was born 28 October 1743 in Warnau, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 9 December 1811 in Warnau, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 225388}

The Martin Toews genealogy says he was a farmer in Warnau who married Anna Stoesz, the widow of a Cornelius Andres. Anna was born on 22 June 1730 in Gross Mausdorf. She died on 12 February 1783 in Warnau. She was the daughter of a Stoesz who lived in Elbing and her mother was Anna Penner, the widow of a Froese.

Johann Toews is listed in the 1776 Census.

Johann married Anna Stoesz<sup>372</sup> about 1762 in Warnau, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 225677}

### Children:

- i. Elisabeth Toews<sup>491</sup> was born 2 May 1763.
- 193 ii. Maria Toews.<sup>260</sup> Maria married Cornelius Fast,<sup>259</sup> son of Cornelius Fast, before 1794 in Wernersdorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 175100}
  - iii. Johann Toews<sup>491</sup> was born 16 July 1766.
- 194 iv. Jacob Toews.<sup>262</sup> Jacob married Aganetha Epp<sup>263</sup> about 1800 in Sandhof, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 791785}
  - v. Peter Toews<sup>491</sup> was born 29 September 1769.
  - vi. Helena Toews<sup>491</sup> was born 4 October 1772.
  - vii. Martin Toews<sup>491</sup> was born 22 December 1774 and died 2 February 1775.
  - viii. Gertrud Toews<sup>491</sup> was born 30 June 1775.
  - ix. Heinrich Toews<sup>372</sup> was born 8 November 1776 and died 9 March 1824.

Johann next married Anna Wiebe<sup>491</sup> after 1783 in Warnau, Marienburg Region, Prussia.

387. Anna Stoesz,<sup>372</sup> daughter of Stoesz<sup>372</sup> and Anna Penner,<sup>372</sup> was born 22 June 1730 in Krebsfeld, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 12 February 1783 in Warnau, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 225677}

Anna married Cornelius Andres<sup>372</sup> about 1755 in Walldorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 225680}

### Children:

- i. Anna Andres was born 23 September 1756 and died 26 November 1801.
- ii. Cornelius Andres was born in 1760.

Anna next married Johann Toews<sup>371</sup> about 1762 in Warnau, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 225388}

388. Johann Toews (Duplicate. See Person 386 on Page 172)

389. Anna Stoesz (Duplicate. See Person 387 on Page 173)

392. Isbrand Rempel,<sup>374</sup> son of Rempel, was born in 1737 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1803 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 153052}

Isbrand died between January and April 1803 in Einlage. His death at the age of 66 is listed in the Chortitza Vital Records. H. Schapansky believes he lived in Konigsberg for some time but that he might also have lived in the Danzig area and the Marienburg area. This seems to be all over the map, so to speak. Schapansky says his son Wilhelm was born in Konigsberg. I do not have a source reference for this but it might explain the absence of other records (he does not seem to be in either the 1772 or the 1776 census). Unruh's Immigration List says he came from Stobbendorf. His son Wilhelm also is listed there and also came from Stobbendorf. Wilhelm also has a record in Unruh indicating he was from Konigsberg. I suspect the difference between the locations has to do with where the individual was born and where they lived before immigrating. If this is the case then the origin is Konigsberg but the family moved to Stobbendorf in the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde. There are entries in the Tiegenhagen records for the baptisms of Dietrich and Katherina, both of whom lived in Stobbendorf.

Isbrand was an original settler in the first group of 228 households to establish themselves in Eastern Ukraine. Sons Wilhelm and Dietrich accompanied him. Although I have not researched this I think some of his other children also were with the family.

In the 1795 census for Chortitza (Einlage #29) his first wife, Anna, is listed. In 1801 his second wife, Katharina, is listed. H. Schapansky indicates that there might have been a wife before Anna but there is no information about her. Isbrand's sister Agatha was living with him and his family in that census.

There is a possibility that his parents were Gerhard Rempel (1705) and Dorothea Schule (1709), based on old Grandma Database information that has been removed as of 2024 because records are lacking.

Isbrand married Anna -375 before 1760 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1180078}

#### Children:

- i. Maria Rempel<sup>492</sup> was born in 1760 in Konigsberg, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
- ii. Wilhelm Rempel<sup>493</sup> was born in 1761 in Konigsberg, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1824.
- 196 iii. Dietrich Rempel.<sup>264</sup> Dietrich married Judith Loewen<sup>376</sup> 20 October 1784 in Prussia. {UsrID: 159438}. Dietrich next married Helena Wiebe,<sup>265</sup> daughter of Heinrich Wiebe<sup>382</sup> and Helena Goossen,<sup>383</sup> 20 July 1790 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 153055}
  - iv. Katherina Rempel<sup>494</sup> was born about 1764 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1784 in Stobbendorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
  - v. Heinrich Rempel<sup>495</sup> was born in 1766 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1802 in Ukraine.

Isbrand next married Katherina -496 about 1801 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 153053}

393. Anna -<sup>375</sup> was born in 1737 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1801 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 1180078}

Anna married Isbrand Rempel<sup>374</sup> before 1760 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 153052}

394. Heinrich Wiebe<sup>382</sup> was born in 1744 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 153057}

Heinrich Wiebe was among the first householders to settle in Chortitza, listed among the original 228 settler families. He appears in the 1776 Prussian Census at Altendorf in the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde. H. Schapansky also says that he might have lived at Stobbendorf and Pietzkendorf.

Unruh lists him in the 1808 census for Rosenthal. Here it says Heinrich Wiebe emigrated from Pietzkendorf in the Marienburg Region. His son, Heinrich, and his family is living with them. He had a large farm for that time: seven horses; fifteen cows; nine pigs; and two sheep. In the 1788 Chortitza immigrant list found in Unruh's book it says he came from Stobbendorf. I think he emigrated from Stobbendorf and was born in Pietzkendorf. This rationale is consistent with my comments about Dietrich Rempel.

In the 1811 census he is at Rosenthal #17 and working as a tailor. He was still in Rosenthal in 1816 but by then his wife had died. It looks like his son Heinrich was managing the farm.

Heinrich married Helena Goossen<sup>383</sup> before 1772 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 153058}

### Children:

- 197 i. Helena Wiebe.<sup>265</sup> Helena married Dietrich Rempel,<sup>264</sup> son of Isbrand Rempel<sup>374</sup> and Anna -,<sup>375</sup> 20 July 1790 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 153054}
  - ii. Heinrich Wiebe<sup>497</sup> was born in 1782 in Prussia.

395. Helena Goossen, <sup>383</sup> daughter of Heinrich Goossen, was born in 1744 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1815 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 153058}

Helena died after the the October 1814 census and before the November 1815 census.

Helena married Heinrich Wiebe<sup>382</sup> before 1772 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 153057}

396. Peter Nickel<sup>384</sup> was born before 1720 in Treul, Schwetz, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 199188}

H. schapansky says he was from Tryl. He may be the Peter Nickel listed in the 1776 Prussian

Census, although it is more likely this is his son.

Peter married an unknown person.

#### Children:

- i. Peter Nickel<sup>384</sup> was born in 1740 in Treul, Schwetz, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1755 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 86038}
- 198 ii. Johann Nickel.<sup>267</sup> Johann married Anna Nickel,<sup>268</sup> daughter of Jacob Nickel, in 1764 in Tyrol, Prussia. {UsrID: 197261}

398. Jacob Nickel<sup>385</sup> was born before 1729 in Fleutenau, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

H. Schapansky says he may have been from Fleutenau in the Montau Gemeinde. I don't see him in the 1776 Prussian Census but this is a census known to have some gaps.

Jacob married an unknown person.

#### Children:

i. Anna Nickel.<sup>268</sup> Anna married Johann Nickel,<sup>267</sup> son of Peter Nickel, in 1764 in Tyrol, Prussia. {UsrID: 280052}. Anna next married Johann Kauenhowen<sup>386</sup> before 1806 in Kronsgarten, Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197258}

408. David Redekop<sup>387</sup> was born in 1717 in Lakendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1798 in Lakendorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 266163}

David's year of birth and year of death are taken from the Grandma Database and there is no evidence to prove this information. Apparently he died at the age of 81 years, 3 weeks and 5 days. According to the Grandma Database the source of information about David and his wife have been lost but the details that have been captured include the location of Lackendorf. This is a good circumstantial linkage to son Wilhelm, who migrated from Lackendorf to Chortitza.

David married Anna Berg<sup>388</sup> in 1744 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 266164}

- i. Isaak Redekop was born in 1745 and died before 1802. {UsrID: 198515}
- ii. David Redekop was born about 1748 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died about 1803 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196768}
- 204 iii. Wilhelm Redekop.<sup>269</sup> Wilhelm married Maria Rempel<sup>270</sup> before 1785 in Prussia. {UsrID: 266428}
  - iv. Justina Redekop was born 23 June 1758 and died 31 May 1806. {UsrID: 495864}

409. Anna Berg<sup>388</sup> was born in 1720 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died after 1776. {UsrID: 266164}

I wonder if she might be related to Wilhelm Baerg who purportedly lived in Lackendorf at the same time as Anna's husband David Redekop. Anna and Wilhelm could conceivably have been siblings. The Grandma database gives a year of death of 1757 but also says she may have moved to Chortitza in the 1790s. There is no trace of her in early census records for Chortitza. She may have had a daughter, Justina, born in 1758, which would contradict the 1757 date. The 1776 Census indicates David had a wife at the time of the census. Whether this is Anna or a second wife is impossible to know from the data available.

Anna married David Redekop<sup>387</sup> in 1744 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 266163}

412. Heinrich Wieler, <sup>392</sup> son of Wieler, was born before 1741 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 266168}

Heinrich lived in Haberhorst at the time of the 1776 Prussian census. He was part of the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde (later Orlofferfelde), and had one son counted in the 1776 census. Other information provided by H. Schapansky indicates that there may have been other sons and they may have been living with another family in 1776.

There is a Heinrich Wieler married to an Elisabeth Berends (#17327) listed in the Danzig Family Book. According to that information they would have been in Petershagen in 1761 when a daughter, Margaretha, was born. They would have been members of the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde. However, the Danzig Church Book does not mention son Nicholas, and this is a concern.

There are two Heinrich Wiehlers in the Grandma Database that could refer to the same individual (#17326 and #266168). We know that Heinrich was in Haberhorst at the time of the 1776 census. This village was within the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde. The other Heinrich was in Tiegenhof at some point in his life according to the Grandma Database. Tiegenhof residents

would have belonged to the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde. Furthermore, Haberhorst is only 25 km north and 14 km east of the village of Tiegenhof. This geographic concurrence and the Gemeinde match support the hypothesis they are the same person and in turn support the possibility Elisabeth is the correct spouse.

Elisabeth's parents were Hans Berends and Christine Rempel.

There is a possibility that he had a brother Bernhard, as explained more fully in the notes for Heinrich's son Nicholas. Bernhard appeared in the 1776 Prussian census in Spitalskampe.

I have standardized the spelling of his surname, which I have seen in some records spelled "Wiehler".

Heinrich married Elisabeth Berends<sup>393</sup> about 1760. {UsrID: 17327}

#### Children:

- 206 i. Nicholas Wieler.<sup>274</sup> Nicholas married Anna Janzen,<sup>275</sup> daughter of Cornelius Janzen, 7 October 1781 in Holstein, Prussia. {UsrID: 198782}
  - ii. Margaretha Wieler<sup>499</sup> was born 14 April 1761 and died in 1835.

413. Elisabeth Berends,<sup>393</sup> daughter of Hans Berends<sup>499</sup> and Christine Rempel,<sup>499</sup> was born about 1741 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 17327}

There is a possibility this woman is Heinrich's wife. Certainly there is a couple with these names referenced in the Danzig Family Books. However this has to be proven and I have retained her name here as a reference point for further research.

There is data on ancestry.ca in public family trees indicating she was born in Nijkerk, Gelderland, Netherlands on 4 November 1743. I haven't seen any convincing evidence this is the same woman and I suspect it is circumstantial data being treated as authentic. I have researched the Gelderland Archives quite thoroughly and mapped out much of her ancestry but I have not discovered her relationship to Heinrich Wiehler. She was the child of Berent Franzen Lassere and Anna Cleeve. Berent was the son of Frans Berentsen and Marijke Jansz Berentsen; Marijke was the daughter of Jan Berentsen and Stijneke Jans. Anna Cleeve may possibly have been the daughter of Dirk van Kleef and a woman named Mechtel (no last name found). This last family relationship is completely unproven.

I have standardized the spelling of her surname from sources I have seen that spelled it

"Berentz".

Elisabeth married Heinrich Wieler<sup>392</sup> about 1760. {UsrID: 266168}

414. Cornelius Janzen<sup>396</sup> was born before 1737 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1781 in Klein Holstein, Prussia. {UsrID: 173168}

Cornelius appears in the Prussian census with one son and three daughters, living in Rosenort, Gross Werder. He belonged to the Rosenort Gemeinde, a Flemish congregation. He is referenced in the Elbing-Ellerwald church records where three of his children are listed on their weddings. In all cases he is referred to as the late Kornelius Jantzen. We know from these records that the family was living in Klein Holstein during this period of time.

In the 1772 Census he is listed in Rosenort, Gross Werder, with a wife, 2 sons over 10 years of age, 2 daughters under 10 and 1 daughter over 10.

This Kornelius has been confused with another Kornelius who lived around the same time, was married to Catherine De Veer of the well documented De Veer extended family, and who died in 1763. It seems to me extremely unlikely these are the same individual because there are records of the second Kornelius and his offspring throughout the available genealogical reference material and no points of commonality that would lead me to conclude they are one and the same. The second Kornelius was probably the son of Dirk Jantzen and Anna Buhler. Catharine was the daughter of Jacob De Veer and Maria Berentz. Jacob, in turn, was the great grandson of Jacob De Veer who appears elsewhere in my ancestry.

Cornelius married an unknown person.

- Cornelius Janzen<sup>500</sup> was born about 1757 and died in April 1801 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 173170}. Cornelius married Katarina Doerksen,<sup>501</sup> daughter of David Doerksen<sup>447</sup> and Maria -,<sup>448</sup> 27 April 1788 in Elbing, Prussia.
- 207 ii. Anna Janzen. Anna married Nicholas Wieler, 274 son of Heinrich Wieler 392 and Elisabeth Berends, 393 7 October 1781 in Holstein, Prussia. {UsrID: 145158}
  - iii. Maria Janzen<sup>502</sup> was born about 1767 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
     {UsrID: 56480}. Maria married Andreas Koop<sup>502</sup> 22 April in Zeierskamp,
     Elbing Region, Prussia.

416. Heinrich Epp,<sup>397</sup> son of Peter Epp<sup>481</sup> and Catharina Wiens,<sup>482</sup> was born 9 January 1757 in Neunhuben, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 25 June 1775 in Danzig, and died 25 November 1805 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12610}

He was variously documented as Hendrich or Heinrich. He was one of the settlers in the second part of the first wave of immigrants who came from the Danzig area to Ukraine. Penner has documented him as arriving in 1795. The Danzig Family Book confirms they emigrated to Ukraine in 1795. Peter Rempel says he settled in Rosenthal. In 1806 this homestead is in the hands of his widow Susanna. Stumpp has a Jacob Heinrich Epp coming in 1795 from Hochzeit, Danzig; his birthdate here is given as 9 January 1757, a match with Heinrich. I think Stumpp must have made an error. Unruh shows similar information but with the correct name. Unruh says he first came to the village of Chortitza and then settled in Rosenthal. Since Penner's First Settlers list doesn't mention a village I interpret this to mean that he passed through Chortitza before securing a homestead in Rosenthal. The 1797 Chortitza Census acknowledges his presence in the colony but doesn't have him located in any village. He is at Neuenburg #20 in the 1801 Chortitza Census. Schapansky indicates he settled in Neuenburg (in 1802) before eventually putting down roots in Rosenthal.

The Grandma Database indicates he died in Neuenburg but he may have already moved to Rosenthal prior to his death. That is my impression from Rempel who states he was an original settler in Rosenthal.

Heinrich's brother, Peter, married Maria Penner, sister of Anna Penner. Anna was Heinrich's wife.

Heinrich's second wife, Margaretha Epp, was the daughter of David Epp. David Epp was the Elder in the Chortitza Mennonite Church who was likely guilty of all kinds of malfeasence and who excommunicated the Deputies Bartsch and Hoeppner in revenge for the charges they brought against him. I am unaware of any relationship between the David Epp family and the Heinrich Epp family.

Heinrich married Anna Penner<sup>398</sup> 30 October 1775 in Hochzeit, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 12611}

#### Children:

i. Peter Epp.<sup>276</sup> Peter married Catharina Ens,<sup>277</sup> daughter of Martin Ens<sup>401</sup> and Gertruda Penner,<sup>402</sup> in 1796 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 110528}

- ii. Christina Epp<sup>503</sup> was born in December 1778 in Prussia and died 16 October 1779 in Prussia. {UsrID: 12626}
- iii. Gerhard Epp<sup>503</sup> was born 6 November 1780 in Prussia and died 11 April 1851 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 12613}
- iv. Cornelius Epp<sup>503</sup> was born 18 November 1782 in Prussia and died 7 January 1787 in Prussia. {UsrID: 12627}
- v. Heinrich Epp<sup>503</sup> was born 11 June 1784 in Prussia. {UsrID: 12614}
- vi. Anna Epp<sup>504</sup> was born 23 December 1787 in Prussia and died 13 January 1788 in Prussia. {UsrID: 12628}
- vii. Katharina Epp<sup>503</sup> was born 15 May 1793 in Prussia and died 18 February 1818 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 12615}
- viii. Cornelius Epp<sup>505</sup> was born 4 February 1796 in Ukraine and died 15 August 1872 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 12616}

Heinrich next married Margaretha Epp, daughter of David Epp and Magdalena Kroeker, in 1798 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12617}

### Children:

- i. Margaretha Epp<sup>505</sup> was born 20 September 1799 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 25 July 1873 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 12618}
- ii. Jacob Epp<sup>505</sup> was born in 1800 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died in 1800 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12619}

Heinrich next married Susanna Bartsch, 480 daughter of Johann Bartsch<sup>366</sup> and Susanna Lammert, 367 in May 1801 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12620}

- i. Johann Epp<sup>505</sup> was born in March 1802 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 27 May 1802 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 529323}
- ii. Johann Epp<sup>505</sup> was born 17 October 1804 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 31 March 1880 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 12621}
- iii. Jacob Epp<sup>505</sup> was born in 1805 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine and died 18 March 1806 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 529323}
- 417. Anna Penner,<sup>398</sup> daughter of Gerhard Penner<sup>506</sup> and Elscke Woelke,<sup>438</sup> was born 19 March 1757 in Tiege, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 25 June 1775 in Danzig, and died 23 July 1798 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12611}

Although the Grandma Database says she died in Rosenthal I am not sure she was there in 1798. As recently as 1797 the census gave no indication of where the family lived and in 1801 Heinrich was in Neuenburg.

Anna married Heinrich Epp<sup>397</sup> 30 October 1775 in Hochzeit, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 12610}

418. Martin Ens,<sup>401</sup> son of Peter Ens<sup>507</sup> and Christina -,<sup>508</sup> was born in 1739 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died about 1802 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197461}

It appears that he was an original settler in Chortitza, coming in 1795 as part of the second group of the first wave. In the 1797 Chortitza Census he is listed without a village. In 1802 Unruh lists him as having died in Rosenthal and his homestead going to son in law Peter Epp. He is listed in the 1772 census, living in Schoensee and this gives us records of his children up to 1772. His age in that record makes it clear that the association with a son named Franz born in 1750 is incorrect as is the idea that Martin had a wife before Gertruda.

This is how I have pieced together the family in relation to the census material. Martin and Gertruda arrived in Chortitza in 1795 with a household of six. These would be the parents, son Gerhard (who died in 1801), daughters Catharina and Susanna, and one unexplained person. Already out of the household are older daughters Gertruda, Helena and Maria who were married previously, son Martin who died in 1777 and an unnamed daughter who died in 1789. This does not explain the 1776 census where the household is recorded as having one son and one daughter. In 1801 Martin has died, the farm has passed to daughter Catharina and her husband Peter Epp, and Gertruda is living with her daughter Catharina. The youngest daughter, Susanna, has moved to Chortitza to live with her sister Helena.

Martin married Gertruda Penner<sup>402</sup> before 1760 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 197462}

- i. Gertruda Ens<sup>509</sup> was born 12 December 1760 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
- ii. Maria Ens<sup>509</sup> was born in 1765 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 16 March 1789 in Prussia.
- iii. Helena Ens<sup>509</sup> was born in 1768 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in 1785 in Prussia, and died in 1816 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197464}

- 209 iv. Catharina Ens.<sup>277</sup> Catharina married Peter Epp,<sup>276</sup> son of Heinrich Epp<sup>397</sup> and Anna Penner,<sup>398</sup> in 1796 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12612}
  - v. Martin Ens<sup>509</sup> was born in 1771 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 4 October 1777 in Prussia.
  - vi. NN Ens<sup>402</sup> was born in 1774 in Prussia and died 20 October 1789 in Prussia.
  - vii. Gerhard Ens<sup>509</sup> was born in 1779 in Prussia and died in April 1801 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine.
  - viii. Susanna Ens was born 27 April 1787 in Prussia and died 13 August 1822 in Ukraine.
- 419. Gertruda Penner<sup>402</sup> was born in 1741 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 21 August 1807 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197462}

Gertruda married Martin Ens<sup>401</sup> before 1760 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 197461}

- 424. Jacob Dyck<sup>412</sup> was born in 1730 in Ellerwald 1 Trift, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1780. {UsrID: 198844}
- H. Schapansky says he is the father of Peter Dyck and the person recorded at Ellerwald Trift 1 in the 1776 Prussian Census. That census indicates he was born in 1730 and died in 1780.

Jacob married an unknown person.

## Children:

212 i. Peter Dyck.<sup>282</sup> Peter married Margaretha Klassen,<sup>283</sup> daughter of Isaac Klassen<sup>415</sup> and Margaretha Conrad,<sup>416</sup> 20 November 1803 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 44759}

426. Isaac Klassen<sup>415</sup> was born about 1745 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 22 February 1780 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 5598}

Isaac is listed in Mielentz in the 1772 Prussian Census. He is the only Klassen listed there. In 1776 in the census of that year he is again listed in Mielentz.

The Heubuden Church records have numerous references to this Klassen family in Mielentz. The children listed here are from the baptism book. There are other children who could belong to this family in the births and deaths book but it is not certain based on available

#### documents.

The estimated date for their marriage is based on the birth date shown in the Heubuden Church Book for daughter Helena (1768).

Isaac married Margaretha Conrad<sup>416</sup> about 1767 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 5599}

### Children:

- Helena Klassen<sup>510</sup> was born 16 September 1768 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1786 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- ii. Isaac Klassen<sup>511</sup> was born 11 June 1776 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia and was baptized in 1795 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- 213 iii. Margaretha Klassen.<sup>283</sup> Margaretha married Peter Dyck,<sup>282</sup> son of Jacob Dyck, 20 November 1803 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 44758}. Margaretha next married Heinrich Funk<sup>417</sup> in 1809 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine.
- 427. Margaretha Conrad<sup>416</sup> was born about 1743 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 18 April 1813 in Prussia. {UsrID: 5599}

Her approximate year of birth comes from Richard Thiessen family records and is based on her age at death of about 70 or 71. She died in 1813 and this is entered in the Heubuden Church Book.

Her second husband was Jacob Isaac. The Church record appears to say he was 39 years old when he died.

Margaretha married Isaac Klassen<sup>415</sup> about 1767 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 5598}

Margaretha next married Jacob Isaac<sup>512</sup> 1 May 1781 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Prussia.

Margaretha next married David Wiens<sup>513</sup> 12 April 1796 in Mielentz, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

428. Johann Regehr<sup>418</sup> was born in 1716 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 46332}

There is a lot in the Grandma Database that seems wrong about Johann Regehr. The first is the suggestion that he had two wives named Catharina. There is no proof of this that I have seen. The second is the conflating of his family with that of his son Johann. It seems clear to me that the children of the so-called second wife of Johann (1716) are children of his son Johann (1745). Note that the age of son Johann maps well to the age of the second wife Catharina. Third is the mixed association of children to the two hypothetical wives of the elder Johann. Arendt (1754) is associated with the first wife and Aron (1767) is associated with the second wife. These are variations of the same name and I think Aron belongs to the son Johann. I am unsure of Maria, who is said to be a new-born at the time of the 1772 census. Since she is clearly associated with the first wife then she should not be associated with the second wife, who clearly is not in the 1772 census. There is a possibility that Maria is not really the daughter of the first wife but rather a daughter of one of the first wife's children.

Johann married Catharina - 419 before 1745 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1283719}

### Children:

- Johann Regehr<sup>419</sup> was born in 1745 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1283720}
- ii. Helena Regehr<sup>419</sup> was born in 1747 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1283721}
- 214 iii. Peter Regehr.<sup>289</sup> Peter married Susanna -<sup>420</sup> before 1789 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Prussia. Peter next married Maria -<sup>290</sup> in 1802 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198521}
  - iv. Michael Regehr<sup>419</sup> was born in 1752 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1283722}
  - v. Arendt Regehr<sup>419</sup> was born in 1754 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1429023}
  - vi. Catharina Regehr<sup>419</sup> was born in 1756 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1283723}
  - vii. Anna Regehr<sup>419</sup> was born in 1767 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1429024}
  - viii. Maria Regehr<sup>419</sup> was born in 1772 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1283724}

429. Catharina -419 was born in 1716 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1283719}

Catharina married Johann Regehr $^{418}$  before 1745 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 46332}

432. Peter Rempel<sup>423</sup> was born 6 July 1735 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 12 January 1788. {UsrID: 198954}

Peter Rempel appears in the 1776 census in Petershagen, Tiegenhagen Gemeinde, although the name is spelled Rompel. He is listed with a wife and two sons. His financial situation is 'schlecht' meaning somewhere between poor and not very well off. According to H. Schapansky he was later of Stobbendorf, Gross Werder. I found a Peter Rempel in Stobbendorf in the 1772 census. It is difficult to know if this is the same person.

I'm relying on Nikolai Rempel's Rempel Family Book to establish the names of his children.

The estimated year of death of his son Cornelius is based on an entry in the October 1816 Chortitza Census showing his third wife remarried and her younger children living with the new married couple in Neu-Osterwick.

It is possible his father was Johann Rempel and his mother a Christina von Ley but I have not been able to find a concrete source to confirm this.

He was a Flemish Mennonite. The surname originates in Southern Germany and Switzerland.

Peter married Cristina Von Dyck<sup>424</sup> about 1758 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 265878}

#### Children:

- 216 i. Peter Rempel.<sup>291</sup> Peter married Kornelia Loewen<sup>425</sup> about 1788. {UsrID: 265879}. Peter next married Margareta Teichroeb,<sup>292</sup> daughter of Johann Teichroeb<sup>428</sup> and Margaretha -,<sup>429</sup> about 1795 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 265484}
  - ii. Bernhard Rempel<sup>427</sup> was born 3 February 1763 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1854 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196687}
  - iii. Wilhelm Rempel<sup>427</sup> was born about 1765 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 4 October 1850 in Bergthal Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 149671}
  - iv. Cornelius Rempel<sup>514</sup> was born about 1772 and died before 1817. {UsrID: 196663}

Peter next married Anna Braun, 515 daughter of Jacob Braun, 14 September 1786 in

Stobbendorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 196171}

433. Cristina Von Dyck, 424 daughter of Peter Von Dyck, was born 30 May 1731 in Krebsfeld, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 12 January 1785 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 265878}

She was a Flemish Mennonite. Cristina's death is recorded in the Dirck Tiessen - Petershagen Church Book (1782). The entry is "Peter Rempel - Petershagen - seiner Frau - 54 - Potatkrankheit". It appears to me that she died in 1786 although the Grandma Database gives a date of 12 January 1785. Potatkrankheit is spotted fever or Typhus.

Cristina married Peter Rempel<sup>423</sup> about 1758 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 198954}

434. Johann Teichroeb<sup>428</sup> was born in 1744 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in November 1801 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 144717}

Johann Theichgraf was a Flemish Mennonite. He appears in the 1772 census records and the 1776 census records in Krebsfeld. In the 1772 records he is noted as a Mennonite. In the 1776 census he is listed as a weaver. Their financial situation is schlecht, which Henry Schapansky interprets as not well off (a major portion of their income committed to food and shelter), but not poor. Further, he is listed as an eigentumer, meaning an owner or proprietor. Johann is listed with a wife, a son and a daughter. These would be his wife Margaretha and his children Margareta and Heinrich. He moved from Prussia, likely Kalthof, Marienburg, in 1789. He lived in Schoenhorst, Chortitza until his death in 1801. In 1802 his widow Katharina (his second wife) was living with her new husband, Peter Huebert, on the homestead formerly belonging to Johann and Katharina. His daughter Margareta does not appear in the census, indicating that she was married by the time of the census. The Grandma Database gave the approximate marriage date that I have used for Johann and Margaretha.

It appears that his first wife, Margaretha, died before the family emigrated. It seems that Johann emigrated with his second wife, Katharina.

His son Heinrich has a computed birth year of 1777 in some records but he must have been born in 1776 because he appears to be in the Prussian Census of that year.

Johann had a grandson named Peter who had an interesting story. This information is pieced together from Peter Goertzen's genealogy work, as noted in the source references, and comments from Marcy Bryon in correspondence with me. Although the title of Goertzen's work implies that Peter Teichroeb's father was a Johann, this seems unlikely because there are

no Johann Teichroebs in the records for this time and place. My hypothesis is that he was the son of Jacob, who in turn was a son of Johann Teichroeb (1744). I don't know if this can be proven but he named his first son Jacob, a fairly standard protocol when the norm was to name the first son after the grandfather. In any case, Peter did exist and he married a woman by the name of Justina Wolf, who purportedly was actually a Niebuhr. Her mother was supposedly Johann Wolf's second wife Helena Niebuhr. Whether Justina was the child of Helena's first marriage or born out of wedlock is unknown. Peter lived in Georgstal before his death. There is a map in the Peter Teichroeb genealogy book showing where he lived in that village. This map also shows where my great grandfather Peter Teichroeb lived in Olgafeld and where my great grandfather Daniel Teichroeb lived in Georgstal. Marcy told me Peter went a little bit crazy when Justina died. He gave up the children and "walked the streets" for a period of time. Eventually he remarried. Something may be wrong with this story. Goertzen's book says Justina lived until 1915. Perhaps this is the year Peter's second wife died. I am going along with Marcy's story for now and assuming Justina died when the children were young.

Johann is related to Michael Teichroeb according to DNA evidence produced in the Mennonite DNA project. They could be brothers or cousins or more distantly related. I have standardized the spelling of his name.

Johann married Margaretha -429 about 1771 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 265483}

#### Children:

- i. Margareta Teichroeb.<sup>292</sup> Margareta married Peter Rempel,<sup>291</sup> son of Peter Rempel<sup>423</sup> and Cristina Von Dyck,<sup>424</sup> about 1795 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 265485}
  - ii. Heinrich Teichroeb<sup>517</sup> was born in 1776 in Prussia and died 1 March 1851.
     {UsrID: 179273}. Heinrich married Katarina Dyck<sup>518</sup> about 1797 in Prussia.
     {UsrID: 197271}. Heinrich next married Helena Olfert 5 August 1830 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine.

Johann next married Katharina -429 about 1784 in Prussia. {UsrID: 144718}

- i. Johann Teichroeb<sup>518</sup> was born in 1784 and died 23 April 1806. {UsrID: 144719}
- ii. Katharina Teichroeb<sup>518</sup> was born in 1791. {UsrID: 144721}

- iii. Peter Teichroeb<sup>518</sup> was born in 1794 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 54089}
- iv. Jacob Teichroeb<sup>518</sup> was born 25 April 1797 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 187320}. Jacob married Katharina Neudorf in Ukraine. {UsrID: 174960}
- v. Abraham Teichroeb<sup>518</sup> was born in 1801. {UsrID: 406250}

435. Margaretha -429 was born before 1753 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1784 in Krebsfeld, Elbing Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 265483}

I surmise that she died in Krebsfeld because they lived there around 1776, according to the census of that year. It seems unlikely that she lived to emigrate.

Margaretha married Johann Teichroeb<sup>428</sup> about 1771 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 144717}

452. Gerhard Wiens<sup>430</sup> was born before 1748 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1789 in Prussia. {UsrID: 197415}

In the 1776 West Prussia Census he is listed in Ellerwald, Trift 1, with 3 sons and 1 daughter. He was a member of the Ellerwald Gemeinde. According to the marriage records maintained by Altester Gerhard Wiebe he had died by the time his daughter Maria was married in 1789.

Gerhard's son Heinrich was residing in Ellerwald, 4 Trift, Prussia at the time of his baptism in 1785. His daughter Maria was residing in Ellerwald, Prussia at the time of her baptism in 1788. In the October 1814 Chortitza Colony Census her age is given as 54, suggesting that she may have been born around 1762. She emigrated to Shoenhorst, Chortitza in 1795.

The Grandma Database lists an additional son Jacob, but Schapansky believes this person is actually the son of Nicholas Wiens. I have scrutinized the available church records for Elbing-Ellerwald and I can't find a son of Gerhard named Jacob.

Gerhard married an unknown person.

- i. Heinrich Wiens<sup>519</sup> was born about 1768 in Polish-Lithuanian
   Commonwealth, was baptized in 1785 in Elbing, Prussia, and died in 1822.
   {UsrID: 198350}
- ii. Maria Wiens<sup>520</sup> was born about 1769 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth

and was baptized in 1788 in Elbing, Prussia. {UsrID: 197414}

226 iii. Gerhard Wiens.<sup>297</sup> Gerhard married Aganetha Dyck,<sup>298</sup> daughter of Phillip Dyck, 23 November 1789 in Prussia. {UsrID: 214398}

454. Phillip Dyck<sup>432</sup> was born before 1741 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1776 in Lakendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 198594}

His son Phillip is from Lakendorf, so the father must have been there at some point. There are four Phillips in the 1776 census, none in Lakendorf. However, H. Schapansky does say Phillips senior was in Lakendorf. There are three widow Dycks listed there in the 1776 Census. H. Schapansky says one of these is the widow of Phillip. Two entries refer to families that own their land and one refers to a family that rents. We know that Phillip had died before the baptism of Phillip in 1783 from the information in the Elbing baptism records. H. Schapansky says that he is the father of Aganetha, wife of Gerhard Wiens. The Elbing baptism record confirms this. The relationship to daughter Anna is not yet confirmed.

Phillip's father may also be named Phillip, based on Internet references. These sources also say his mother was Maria Regehr. Further, I have seen references to a wife named Maria Schroeder. This also is not evidenced.

His son Phillip migrated from Lackendorff, Prussia to Neuendorf, Chortitza in 1796. He is recorded at Neuendorf in the census lists of 1801, 1802, 1808 and 1814.

Phillip married an unknown person.

- i. Anna Dyck {UsrID: 214399}
- 227 ii. Aganetha Dyck.<sup>298</sup> Aganetha married Jacob Warkentin<sup>433</sup> 24 June 1781. Aganetha next married Gerhard Wiens,<sup>297</sup> son of Gerhard Wiens, 23 November 1789 in Prussia. {UsrID: 197479}. Aganetha next married Cornelius Funk<sup>434</sup> in 1808 in Burwalde, Chortitza, Ukraine.
  - iii. Phillip Dyck<sup>521</sup> was born about 1763 in Lakendorf, Marienburg Region,
     Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in 1783 in Lakendorf,
     Marienburg Region, Prussia, and died in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 134090}
  - iv. Michael Dyck<sup>522</sup> was born about 1766 and was baptized in 1786 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 214397}

460. Peter Dyck<sup>435</sup> was born before 1750 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

His son is listed in the 1835 Molotschna Census as Peter Peter. Son Peter was from Reimerswald in the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde. There is a Peter Dyck listed in the 1776 census who lived in Reimerswald with a wife and no children. This probably is not the same person.

Peter married an unknown person.

#### Children:

- i. Peter Dyck<sup>523</sup> was born in 1770 in Reimerswald, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
- 230 ii. Johann Dyck.<sup>304</sup> Johann married Agatha Penner,<sup>305</sup> daughter of Peter Penner<sup>437</sup> and Elscke Woelke,<sup>438</sup> in 1804 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196419}

462. Peter Penner,<sup>437</sup> son of Peter Penner<sup>524</sup> and Agnetha Epp,<sup>525</sup> was born about 1742, was baptized 27 June 1762 in Danzig, and died 13 June 1786 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1142083}

Elizabeth Woelke married a Peter Penner after her first husband, Gerhard Penner, died. This is detailed in the Danzig Church Book.

I note that the Grandma Database lists him twice as #1142083 and #101549.

Peter must have remarried after Elizabeth Woelke died. There is a long gap between Agatha's birth in 1764 and the next child, Elizabeth, in 1773. The Grandma Database has provided the information about the four children Agatha, Elisabeth, Cornelius and Helena, linking them to a second occurrence of Peter Penner. However, Agatha was born the same year that Peter's wife Elizabeth died. This coincidence leads me to believe Agatha is Elizabeth's child. The other three children must belong to the second wife. Unfortunately there are no sources available to verify this.

Although his death is recorded in the Danzig Church Book he seems to have been a member of the Rosenort Gemeinde, where his daughter Agatha was baptized in 1783.

It is interesting that the three children associated with the second wife all migrated to Ukraine together in 1803.

Peter married Elscke Woelke<sup>438</sup> 7 November 1762 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12623}

#### Children:

i. Agatha Penner.<sup>305</sup> Agatha married Jacob Harder<sup>439</sup> after 1782 in Prussia. {UsrID: 196418}. Agatha next married Simon Loewen about 1801 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine. Agatha next married Johann Dyck,<sup>304</sup> son of Peter Dyck, in 1804 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 809091}

Peter next married NN - after 1764.

#### Children:

- i. Elisabeth Penner<sup>526</sup> was born in 1773 in Prussia. {UsrID: 106201}
- ii. Cornelius Penner<sup>526</sup> was born about 1776 in Prussia and died about 1828. {UsrID: 46213}
- iii. Helena Penner<sup>526</sup> was born about 1781 in Prussia. {UsrID: 46219}
- iv. Peter Penner<sup>527</sup> was born in 1784 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1512915}

463. Elscke Woelke, 438 daughter of Cornelius Woelke 528 and Ancke Reimer, 529 was born about 1729 in Danzig, was baptized 13 July 1749 in Danzig, and died 10 June 1764 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12623}

Elscke Woelke is the daughter of Cornelius according to the Danzig Church Book baptism records. This is how I made the connection to Elscke's parents. Elscke Woelke married a Peter Penner after her first husband, Gerhard Penner, died. This is made clear in the Danzig Marriage Book where both marriages are recorded. Agatha's father was a Peter Penner. I hypothesize that the mother of Agatha Penner is Elizabeth Woelke.

Elscke married Gerhard Penner<sup>506</sup> 24 June 1753 in Neuendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 12622}

- 417 i. Anna Penner.<sup>398</sup> Anna married Heinrich Epp,<sup>397</sup> son of Peter Epp<sup>481</sup> and Catharina Wiens,<sup>482</sup> 30 October 1775 in Hochzeit, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 12610}
  - ii. Maria Penner<sup>530</sup> was born 10 May 1759 in Tiege, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 12 July 1778 in Danzig, and died before 1801 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 21288}. Maria married Peter Epp,<sup>531</sup> son of Peter Epp<sup>481</sup> and Catharina Wiens,<sup>482</sup> 7

October 1778 in Danzig. {UsrID: 15893}

Elscke next married Peter Penner<sup>437</sup> 7 November 1762 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1142083}

464. Wilhelm Giesbrecht<sup>442</sup> was born before 1728 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

He was probably a Flemish Mennonite. According to Horst Penner, the name originates in the Netherlands in the areas of Flanders and Brabant. The oldest Giesbrecht found by Penner was a Cornelius, baptized as a Mennonite on 1 July 1535, and later burned at the stake. 65 years later there are Giesbrechts mentioned in the records of the Danzig Flemish Mennonite Church.

Unruh documented the relationship between sons Jacob and Wilhelm as brothers. Henry Schapansky hypothesized relationships between Wilhelm and his sons David, Jacob and Wilhelm. There is some doubt that they were sons of the elder Wilhelm and that David was a brother. Y DNA evidence indicates rather clearly that David is not a brother. However, the DNA data indicates a very close relationship between Gerhard Wilhelm Giesbrecht and Jacob and his brother Wilhelm. The DNA matches exactly. Therefore I hypothesize that Gerhard is a brother. His middle name as given in the Molotschna Census, Wilhelm, gives us the name of the father.

There are some genealogists who claim that Wilhelm was born in 1701 and married Anna Janzen, who was born in 1711. This seems unlikely because of the ages both parents would be in relation to the known children.

Wilhelm married an unknown person.

- i. Gerhard Giesbrecht<sup>532</sup> was born about 1748 in Lakendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died about 1827 in Muntau, Molotschna, Ukraine.
- ii. David Giesbrecht<sup>203</sup> was born in 1750, was baptized in 1771, and died before 1802.
- iii. Jacob Giesbrecht<sup>533</sup> was born in 1764. {UsrID: 198892}
- 232 iv. Wilhelm Giesbrecht.<sup>306</sup> Wilhelm married Maria Klassen,<sup>307</sup> daughter of Franz Klassen<sup>445</sup> and Susanna -,<sup>446</sup> before 1790 in Elbing, Prussia. {UsrID: 198418}. Wilhelm next married Katharina Braun<sup>106</sup> about 1817 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 228502}

466. Franz Klassen<sup>445</sup> was born in 1744 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 12 January 1812 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175099}

He was a Flemish Mennonite. Stumpp lists him as originating in Petershagen. This agrees with Unruh, where he is listed as coming from Petershagen, a town near Tiegenhagen. Schapansky says he is in the 1776 census in Tiegenhagen. He is listed there with 1 son and 2 daughters. This son is unknkown and only later sons are in the genealogical record. The Mennonite Baptism records for Tiegenhagen list him in reference to the baptism in 1785 of his daughter Maria. According to this baptism record he is from Petershagen. He is on the list of original settlers who came to Ukraine in 1789. He appears in Neuendorf in 1793, 1795, 1801, 1802 and 1803. He appears in the 1801 census, living in Neuendorf #49 with his wife Susanna. In 1812 he is living with his son, Franz, at Neuendorf #38. In the 1806 census the farm has transferred to the ownership of son Franz. This is soon after the death of Susanna.

Some sources indicate Franz had a son Jacob but Henry Schapansky does not list him and I have not been able to find confirmation.

Franz married Susanna -446 about 1766 in Tiegenhof, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 198415}

#### Children:

- 233 i. Maria Klassen.<sup>307</sup> Maria married Wilhelm Giesbrecht,<sup>306</sup> son of Wilhelm Giesbrecht, before 1790 in Elbing, Prussia. {UsrID: 266433}
- 237 ii. Susanna Klassen.<sup>314</sup> Susanna married Jacob Doerksen,<sup>313</sup> son of David Doerksen<sup>447</sup> and Maria -,<sup>448</sup> before 1792 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 175545}. Susanna next married Johann Neudorf<sup>450</sup> 29 December 1806 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 174360}
  - iii. Helena Klassen<sup>534</sup> was born in 1778 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 198416}
  - iv. Franz Klassen<sup>534</sup> was born in 1780. {UsrID: 190170}
  - v. Jacob Klassen was born in 1782. {UsrID: 588330}
  - vi. Anna Klassen<sup>535</sup> was born 9 February 1783 and died in 1783. {UsrID: 747996}
  - vii. Abraham Klassen $^{534}$  was born 2 September 1785 and died in 1785. {UsrID: 747995}

467. Susanna -446 was born in 1744 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 25 April 1805 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 198415}

Eduard Tag provided the death date I have used. It was in the familysearch.org database. This corresponds to other information I have seen estimating her year of death to be 1805.

Susanna married Franz Klassen<sup>445</sup> about 1766 in Tiegenhof, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 175099}

472. David Doerksen<sup>447</sup> was born in 1740 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died about 1797 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266336}

He was a Flemish Mennonite. Stumpp and Unruh both list him coming to Ukraine from Tiegenhagen. He may have been originally from the Ellerwald Gemeinde in Prussia (Ellerwald 3 Trift), in 1772 and 1776. There are four David Doerksens listed in the 1776 census and only this one has a household with enough children to match this particular David. He immigrated to Neuendorf in the Chortitza Colony, where he is found in 1788, 1793, 1795 and 1797. His widow appears in Glenn Penner's list of the original 228 settlers and it indicates he died before 1793; this is contrary to the 1795 revision list that demonstrates he was still alive. Both David and Maria are in the 1797 Census but neither are in the 1801 Census. The Bergthal Gemeinde Buch says he died before 1802 and this is confirmed by the 1802 homestead list showing his property passed to son Peter on his death. According to the Chortitza Colony Vital Statistics for 1801 recording her death his wife was a widow. This calls into question a supposed fact found on various genealogy web sites. There are claims David remarried in 1801 to a Susanna. This is not correct.

His daughter Anna doesn't appear in H. Schapanksy's work but she is listed in the Grandma Database.

His daughter Katarina married Cornelius Janzen. He migrated from Prussia to Neuendorf, Chortitza in 1789. In the 1795 Chortitza Colony Census he is listed at Neuendorf.

Surnames such as this, based on first names, originate typically in Friesland in the Netherlands.

There are genealogical sites that associate him with a Gerhard Doerksen and Sara Klassen who could potentially be his parents. I have not been able to establish concrete links. However, the 1727 Brandt Register lists a Gerhard Doerksen in Tiegenhagen, putting him in the same place as David may have originated.

There are other incorrect relationships online that list David Doerksen as a grandchild of a Gerhard who married Constantia Gilles. Her family has been traced back to the 14th century in

France. In fact one of her great uncles was a pioneer to New France, enlisting in the army and moving to Canada in the 1600s. He later married one of the women shipped to New France to become brides for the settlers (the "King's Daughters") and started a family. One day when returning home with a hunting party the group was attacked by Iroquois warriors and he was hit with an arrow. He succumbed to his injury.

While this is an interesting story it has been demonstrated as false. In fact the original publication that contains the correct genealogical work was published in 1905 and shows that the Doerksen family associated with Constantia Gilles is a different family. That said, the Danzig Church Book has entries for a number of people in that family, meaning they were members of the Danzig congregation in those years. The 1905 publication, entitled "Geschichte der familie Dirksen" can be found at https://www.rambow.de/geschichte-derfamilie-dirksen.html.

There is Y-DNA evidence from a descendant of Julius Doerksen (1746), who is a son of a Gerhard Doerksen, and this Y-DNA is an exact 37-marker match with a sample from a descendant of David Dircks (1699) of Przechowka. David Dircks had a son named Gerht, but his wife is different from the wife of Julius' father. This leads me to think Gerhard Doerksen and David Dircks potentially are nephew and uncle. There is a Y-DNA test for David Doerksen (1740) and it has one mutation in comparison with the other two DNA samples. This leads me to think his grandfather could be a brother of David Dircks. It is very unlikely that a single mutation would extend beyond a generational distance of 10 generations from the sample providers to the common ancestor. In this case 10 generations takes us to the grandfather of David Doerksen (1740).

David married Maria -448 before 1765 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 266337}

- i. David Doerksen<sup>501</sup> was born 21 June 1765 and died 9 May 1852.
- ii. Katarina Doerksen<sup>501</sup> was born in 1767. Katarina married Cornelius Janzen,<sup>500</sup> son of Cornelius Janzen, 27 April 1788 in Elbing, Prussia. {UsrID: 173170}
- 236 iii. Jacob Doerksen.<sup>313</sup> Jacob married Susanna Klassen,<sup>314</sup> daughter of Franz Klassen<sup>445</sup> and Susanna -,<sup>446</sup> before 1792 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 174364}
  - iv. Abram Doerksen<sup>501</sup> was born in 1770.
  - v. Anna Doerksen<sup>536</sup> was born in 1771. {UsrID: 69419}. Anna married Abraham Von Riesen.
  - vi. Aganetha Doerksen<sup>501</sup> was born in 1773.

- vii. Gerhard Doerksen<sup>501</sup> was born in 1775 and died in March 1801.
- viii. Agatha Doerksen<sup>501</sup> was born in 1776.
- ix. Peter Doerksen<sup>501</sup> was born 28 April 1778.
- x. Judith Doerksen<sup>501</sup> was born in 1781. Judith married Franz Klassen in September 1801 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine.

473. Maria -<sup>448</sup> was born about 1736 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 8 August 1801 in Neuendorf, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266337}

Her month and year of death are taken from H. Schapansky and the day is from a Wikitree source. The Chortitza Vital Records for June 1801 say she was a widow when she died.

There are references on the Internet to a Maria who married a David Gerhardt Derksen. The parents of this woman are Peter Albrecht and Susanna Derksen. This looks like an error to me because there is another Peter Albrecht born in 1741 who married a Susanna. Subject to further research this looks incorrect and possibly caused by confusion with other similar but unrelated records. I have also seen other references to Maria's last name being Albrecht without the association to Peter. I suppose it is possible the Maria who married David Derksen is a sister to Peter Albrecht.

There are Internet sources who give her surname as Pauls. I have not been able to substantiate this information.

Maria married David Doerksen<sup>447</sup> before 1765 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 266336}

474. Franz Klassen (Duplicate. See Person 466 on Page 194)

475. Susanna - (Duplicate. See Person 467 on Page 194)

476. Johann Sawatzky,<sup>453</sup> son of Johann Sawatzky<sup>537</sup> and Catharina Janzen,<sup>538</sup> was born 4 April 1742 in Danzig, was baptized 23 June 1765 in Danzig, and died 24 April 1815 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 8410}

He was a Flemish Mennonite. He belonged to the Danzig Gemeinde. He and his wife moved from Danzig to Rosenthal in the Chortitza Colony in 1788. He was in Rosenthal in 1793, 1795,

1801, 1802 and 1803 and in Einlage in 1808. He moved to Einlage to live with his daughter Susanna and her family. Stumpp lists him and his wife. The 1801 census in Rosenthal indicates that he was a cooper. H. Schapansky indicates that he was among the earliest immigrants to Ukraine.

Johann's son Jacob lived in Einlage between 1793 and 1808 (Schapansky, 1992, p.118). Johann Rempel (1921, p. 16) indicates that Jacob married Helena in 1791. He married a Penner and a Rempel.

Johann's daughter Margaretha married a Breuil and a Mandtler.

Johann married Susanna Ens<sup>454</sup> 2 November 1766 in Danzig. {UsrID: 8411}

- Johann Sawatzky<sup>539</sup> was born in 1767 and died 18 January 1852. {UsrID: 173148}. Johann married Anna Willms,<sup>540</sup> daughter of Kornelius Willms. {UsrID: 198499}
- ii. Jacob Sawatzky<sup>539</sup> was born in 1770 and died 24 January 1836. {UsrID: 173149}
- 238 iii. Cornelius Sawatzky.<sup>316</sup> Cornelius married Margaretha Klassen,<sup>317</sup> daughter of Martin Klassen<sup>458</sup> and Helena Wieler,<sup>459</sup> in 1792 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197046}. Cornelius next married Helena Klassen<sup>457</sup> about 1809 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine.
  - iv. Margaretha Sawatzky<sup>539</sup> was born about 1772 in Prussia and died 21 May 1849. {UsrID: 196103}
  - v. Katharina Sawatzky<sup>539</sup> was born 24 February 1775 in Prussia and died 13 August 1859 in Ukraine. {UsrID: 173152}. Katharina married Abraham Leikij.<sup>539</sup> {UsrID: 173164}
  - vi. Susanna Sawatzky<sup>541</sup> was born 28 May 1779 in Prussia and died 18 May 1823. {UsrID: 196579}. Susanna married Johann Neufeld<sup>541</sup> 5 April 1798 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 196578}
  - vii. Gerhard Sawatzky<sup>542</sup> was born 12 June 1781 and died 30 April 1842. {UsrID: 58890}. Gerhard married Agatha Friesen.<sup>542</sup> {UsrID: 58891}
  - viii. Helena Sawatzky<sup>539</sup> was born in 1784 in Prussia and died 1 December 1847. {UsrID: 173153}
- 477. Susanna Ens,<sup>454</sup> daughter of Johann Ens, was born 6 April 1742 in Scharpau, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 19 June 1764 in Danzig, and died 2 March 1803 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 8411}

She came from Danzig to Rosenthal in 1788 with her husband. She is also listed in Stumpp's entry relating to her husband; this is quite rare because in Stumpp's Mennonite records very few women are listed and wives are seldom referenced. H. Schapansky says she was from Scharpau. She appears in the Danzig Mennonite Church Book where it says she was baptized 1 July 1764 and was the daughter of Hans Entz. Her name in the Danzig Church book is spelled Sannke.

According to the Grandma Database, one family record suggests that she may have been born in 1741. The Helga Enns submission says she was born in 1741 and died on 2 March 1803. Irene Puttkammer (1996, written comments) indicates Susanna was born in 1749 and died on 2 March 1825, while Schapansky indicates that Susanna was born 6 April 1742 (as does Unruh in the census data) and was from Scharpau. Adolf Ens, via Margaret Ewert, shows her birth date as 2 March 1741. Her death occurs between January and April 1803 in Rosenthal according to Chortitza Colony Vital Records, suggesting her date of death is 2 Mar 1803 rather than 2 May 1803. She died at age 62, suggesting that she was born in 1741.

Susanna married Johann Sawatzky<sup>453</sup> 2 November 1766 in Danzig. {UsrID: 8410}

478. Martin Klassen<sup>458</sup> was born in 1739 in Klein Montau, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 113765}

He was a Flemish Mennonite. Stumpp lists him as coming from Klein Montau, Grosswerder in the Heubuden Gemeinde in 1788. He appears in the 1776 census with his four sons and two daughters and a wife. The 1776 census lists his living condition as 'schlecht', which means simple, but not poor. He was an original settler in Neuendorf, arriving with the 1789-1790 wave of immigrants. In later years he lived with his son Abraham in Neuendorf, where he is listed in 1795 and 1802. He was married to a woman named Helena Wieler, according to the Grandma Database. I have been unable to substantiate this but she doesn't appear in the 1795 census so she died prior to that date, possibly in Neuendorf.

I have been unable to reconcile the First Settlers count of household members. That document says 5 adults and 2 children comprised the household. I count Martin and Helena, adult son Martin, and younger sons Abram and Isaac. The three elder children were all married and all are accounted for as separate households in the First Settlers list.

He appears in the 1772 census with 2 Hufen and 9 Morgen of land. (about 92 acres). In that census the household is composed of 4 males over age 10, 3 under 10, 4 females over age 10 and 2 under. This total of 13 people does not match the 1776 census.

The birth of Martin's sons Isaac and Abraham appear in the Heubuden Church Records in

Wernersdorf/Klein Montau. There are other Klassen births but no indication of whose children these are.

According to H. Schapansky Martin Klassen's son, Martin, came to Chortitza in 1788/89 with his father. He appears in Neuendorf in 1795. I assume some of the other younger children also came with the parents.

Martin married Helena Wieler<sup>459</sup> about 1764 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 168922}

#### Children:

- i. Jacob Klassen<sup>544</sup> was born in 1764 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1802 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 212772}. Jacob married an unknown person.
- ii. Katarina Klassen<sup>540</sup> was born in 1767 and died before 1795. {UsrID: 196109}
- 239 iii. Margaretha Klassen.<sup>317</sup> Margaretha married Cornelius Sawatzky,<sup>316</sup> son of Johann Sawatzky<sup>453</sup> and Susanna Ens,<sup>454</sup> in 1792 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 173150}. Margaretha next married Peter Willms<sup>460</sup> before 1791.
  - iv. Martin Klassen<sup>540</sup> was born in 1771 and died about 1803 in Chortitza, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 266445}
  - v. Isaac Klassen<sup>545</sup> was born 31 August 1774 in Prussia and died in 1805 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 134103}. Isaac married Helena Willms, <sup>540</sup> daughter of Kornelius Willms. {UsrID: 127080}
  - vi. Abram Klassen<sup>546</sup> was born 8 September 1776 in Klein Montau, Marienburg Region, Prussia and died in 1803. {UsrID: 197047}

479. Helena Wieler<sup>459</sup> was born before 1744 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1795 in Schoenhorst, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 168922}

Her year of birth must have been around 1744 or earlier based on the ages of her children. Martin Klassen was a widower in 1795 and 1802 when he was listed in the Neuendorf census materials. Since Helena was not listed she must have died before 1795, possibly in Neuendorf where they originally settled in 1789-1790. The Grandma Database says her name was Helena Wieler but I have been unable to verify this.

Helena married Martin Klassen<sup>458</sup> about 1764 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 113765}

480. Heinrich Dyck<sup>462</sup> was born before 1739 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1788 in Krebsfeld, Elbing Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 44216}

In the 1776 West Prussia Census he is listed in Krebsfeld with 1 son and 1 daughter. He was a member of the Rosenort Gemeinde. There is no record thus far that he moved to Ukraine. His son Heinrich is listed in Peter Rempel's book as an immigrant in 1803. Judith is listed there as accompanying her son Heinrich.

He is listed in connection with the baptism in 1788 of his surviving son Abraham. This record also says the family came from Krebsfeld.

There is speculation that his parents are Phillip Dyck and Katarina Goossen, who appear in the Danzig Family Book Volume 1 with one child, a daughter born in 1723. There is no evidence that these are the true parents.

Heinrich married Judith Preuss.<sup>463</sup> {UsrID: 44217}

#### Children:

- i. Heinrich Dyck<sup>547</sup> was born about 1759 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 44214}. Heinrich married Margaretha Driedger<sup>548</sup> before 1788 in Prussia.
- 240 ii. Abraham Dyck.<sup>318</sup> Abraham married Agatha Thimm<sup>319</sup> about 1789 in Chortitza Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 197938}. Abraham next married Sara Suckau<sup>464</sup> about 1803.

481. Judith Preuss<sup>463</sup> was born about 1730 in Lakendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 44217}

Her age is given as 70 in the 1803 migration list in Peter Rempel's book and as 73 in the 1803 migration list in B. H. Unruh's book. These ages suggest that she may have been born any time between 1730 and 1733. Unruh records her as born in Lakendorf and living in Molotschna in 1803. Unruh also gives us her maiden name of Preuss. It appears that she came to Ukraine with her son Abraham and later moved in with her son Heinrich.

Judith married Heinrich Dyck. 462 {UsrID: 44216}

### **Tenth Generation**

640. Matthies Schapansky, 468 son of Matthies Schapansky, was born in 1670 in Elbing, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815192}

Matthies was a Lutheran who married a Mennonite woman named Catharina Jantzen in a Lutheran ceremony. Their children were baptized as Lutherans. The family moved to Lithuania around 1714. Glenn Penner says that by 1722 their six children had been baptized as Mennonites. In 1724 the family was expelled from Lithuanian and headed back to the Elbing area. While the Grandma Database indicates Matthias may have died around 1724 the records published by Erwin Wittenberg and Manuel Janz show that he returned to the Elbing region around 1724-1726. There they joined the Frisian congregation at Thiensdorf. Grandson David was born there sometime before 1731. Horst Penner believes that David is the ancestor of all the Mennonite Schapanskys that migrated to the Ukraine under Catherine the Great.

In his article "Joining and Leaving the Mennonite Community: A Genealogical Perspective; Part 5: Mennonites from Prussian Lithuania in Russia", published in Roots and Branches June 2022, Glenn Penner refers to a report written in 1722 to record the investigation of Matthies Schapansky's request to join the Mennonite Church. Glenn gave me a copy of the transcription:

"Matthys Schepanski ein Eigenthumer von Bogdahnen, aus Elbing aus der Vorstadt geburtig, von Lutherischen Eltern gebohren auch seines Wissens nicht anders als Lutherisch getaufft, 52 Jahr <\*1670>, sagt pravia admonitione de veritate dicenda, dass er fur 8 Jahre <1714> anhero gekommen; so lang er im Lande, sey er uber 2 mahl nicht in der Kirche auch niemahlen zum Abendmahl gewesen. Vorhin aber sey er in Elbing in der Bergischen Kirche vor der Stadt offt gegangen, und zwar das Jahr zweymahl, biss jetzo sey er noch kein Mennoniste, habe aber so lang er im Lande, schon die Gedanken gehabt, zur Mennonistischen Lehre zu treten, doch wolle er sich zuvor woll pruffen. Gefragt: wo seine Kinder. Rt. Er habe 6 Kinder, die alle Mennonistisch, weil ihre Mutter desselben Glaubens. Zwey hatten schon geheyratet, ein Sohn wohne in Jedwolaiten, die Tochter aber auff Bogdahnen habe den Mennonisten Hans Schmidt. Dimissus."

Roughly translated this says "Matthys Schepanski, a land owner from Bogdahnen, a native of Elbing in the suburbs, born of Lutheran parents and, as far as he knows, baptized as Lutheran 52 years ago (therefore born in 1670), says he arrived here 8 years ago (in 1714). As long as he was in the country, he had not been to church more than twice and never had communion. But previously he had gone to the Bergische Kirche in front of the city in Elbing, twice a year. He was not yet a Mennonist, but he had already had the idea of becoming a Mennonist for as long as he had been in the country. He has 6 children, all of whom are Mennonite because

their mother is of the same faith. Two have already married: one son lives in Jedwolaiten, his daughter lives in Bogdahnen, married to the Mennonist Hans Schmidt. Dimissed."

The investigation must have taken place in Lithuania and he must have moved there in 1714.

It is now accepted that Matthies is the grandfather of David (1731). The logical rationale is that Matthies' conversion to the Mennonite Church is a unique historical event requiring special permission from representatives of the crown. It follows that any Mennonite Schapanskys must be his offspring. David (1731) is, based on genealogical records, the sole Schapansky whose offspring moved to Mennonite settlements in Ukraine. Matthies was a member of the Thiensdorf Mennonite Congregation. David was born in Thiensdorf.

The connection between Godfried and Matthies is established by genealogical records. He was also born in Thiensdorf. It is not certain that Godfried is the father of David (1731) but the circumstances point to this. Matthies was said to have six children but only five are named. Three are daughters. Godfried is the only son about whom we have concrete information related to his movements from Lithuanian and elsewhere. The other identified son is Heinrich, born in 1700. He is not mentioned in relation to the expulsion from Lithuanian or subsequently.

Matthies married Catharina Janzen<sup>469</sup> in 1696 in Thiensdorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815193}

#### Children:

- 320 i. Gottfried Schapansky. 338 Gottfried married an unknown person.
  - ii. Catharina Schapansky was born in 1697 in Thiensdorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815286}
  - iii. Heinrich Schapansky was born in 1700 in Thiensdorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815195}
  - iv. Maria Schapansky was born in 1702 in Thiensdorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815287}
  - v. Anna Schapansky was born in 1704 in Thiensdorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815288}

641. Catharina Janzen, 469 daughter of Claas Janzen, was born about 1670 in Elbing, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815193}

Catharina married Matthies Schapansky<sup>468</sup> in 1696 in Thiensdorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815192}

752. DeVeer, son of Gijsbert DeVeer<sup>550</sup> and Katarina Von Roy, <sup>551</sup>

There must be at least one generation between Gijsbert (1640) and Benjamin (1733). While the hypothesis has often been that this individual is Benjamin (abt 1690) there is no evidence that he is a son of Gijsbert (1640) or the father of Benjamin (1733).

DeVeer married an unknown person.

Children:

376 i. Benjamin DeVeer. 328 Benjamin married Anna Habenstein 329 in October 1761 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 196510}

764. Jacob Bartsch<sup>478</sup> was born about 1725 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1761 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 16639}

The baptism record of his son Jacob in 1761 proves the marriage to Christina. This was an infant baptism. Glenn Penner says that Jacob and Christina belonged to the Frisian Mennonite Church. The other children of Jacob and Christina do not appear in the Lutheran baptism records, although their daughter Katharina was admitted into the Danzig Mennonite Church (Flemish) on 26 November 1787, prior to her wedding in December, without baptism. This leads to all sorts of speculation about the family circumstances. There is a possibility that Christina might have been a Lutheran from Finland. There are various uncited Internet references to Jacob dying in 1761. One hypothesis is that Christina was baptized a Mennonite in order to marry Jacob but on his death she reverted to Lutheranism and had son Jacob baptized in the Lutheran Church.

Various references in myheritage.com specify Jacob's birth date as 17 July 1724.

Jacob's son Jacob later was baptized in the Flemish Church, became a minister in Neuenhuben and was based in Wotzlaff. The Grandma Database has an entry saying he died in 1808 but this is incorrect. It was his wife who died in 1808. It is unclear if he was born in Heubuden or baptized in the Mennonite Church there. The Heubuden baptism records do not have him listed.

Jacob married Christin	a Philipsen. <sup>479</sup>	{UsrID:	16640}
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- i. Johann Bartsch.<sup>366</sup> Johann married Susanna Lammert,<sup>367</sup> daughter of Jacob Lammert<sup>485</sup> and Susanna Von Niessen,<sup>486</sup> 15 August 1779 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12625}. Johann next married Magdalena Lammert,<sup>484</sup> daughter of Jacob Lammert<sup>485</sup> and Susanna Von Niessen,<sup>486</sup> in 1791 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 187275}
  - ii. Katharina Bartsch<sup>552</sup> was born 25 November 1759 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 21 November 1787 in Danzig, and died before 1801. {UsrID: 181950}. Katharina married Jacob Wiens 26 December 1787 in Danzig.
  - iii. Jacob Bartsch<sup>553</sup> was born 27 January 1761 in Danzig and was baptized 21 February 1761 in Danzig. {UsrID: 16641}

765. Christina Philipsen<sup>479</sup> was born about 1735 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 16640}

Michael Fehr has his family tree information on FamilyTreeDNA and he is an ancestor of Jacob Bartsch. In his tree he has identified the parents of Christina Philipsen. I have not been able to find hard evidence of this association. It requires further research. If Michael is correct then her father is an Erich Philipsen and her mother is an Brijtha Jacobsdr Alfvare. However, this data is from Finnish and Swedish records that may not related to the Christina Philipsen in the Danzig Church records.

Jacob and Christina had their son Jacob baptized in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Peter and Paul in Danzig on 21 February 1761. This gives us certainty about Christina's name. I do not understand the practise of Mennonites christening infants. I thought they did not do this. However, the Finnish record for Christina indicates she was baptized as an infant. Finland was primarily Lutheran in the 1700s. If this is the same Christina then possibly she was a Lutheran who converted to the Mennonite Church (perhaps when she married Bartsch) and had one of her sons christened in the Lutheran Church in Danzig. Glenn Penner notes that none of the other children appear in the baptism record. I think that what happened was that her husband Jacob died in 1761, in accordance with family trees on the web, before their son Jacob was born and Christina reverted to Lutheranism and had her new son christened in the absence of her husband. This is speculative because I have found no sources for either the birth or death dates of husband Jacob. The uncited Internet dates for Jacob say he was born 17 July 1724 and died 1761.

Christina married Jacob Bartsch. 478 {UsrID: 16639}

766. Jacob Lammert, <sup>485</sup> son of Johann Lammert, was born about 1719 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 25 July 1739 in Orlofferfelde, Marienburg Region, Polish-

Lithuanian Commonwealth, and died in February 1777 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrlD: 198691}

There is a Jacob Lammert listed in the 1772 Census with a wife, three sons and two daughters, living in Tiegenhagen. He also appears in the 1776 Census in Tiegenhagen, as a member of the Frisian Congregation of Orlofferfelde. In 1776 he has two sons and three daughters. Although these ought to be references to the same family the discrepancy in the counts raises questions.

The Orlofferfelde Frisian Church records indicate he might be the person who was baptised on 25 July 1739 along with this brother Johann. They were sons of Johann Lammert. These church records also list a Lammerts who died at the age of 58 in 1777. The dates are consistent with Jacob's likely year of birth being 1719. There is a Sara Lammert listed in the Orlofferfelde Baptism records. She is the surviving daughter of Jacob Lammert, and she was baptised in 1779. This record indicates the family lived in Tiegenhagen at the time, consistent with the census records.

Jacob married Susanna Von Niessen. 486 {UsrID: 198692}

## Children:

- 383 i. Susanna Lammert.<sup>367</sup> Susanna married Johann Bartsch,<sup>366</sup> son of Jacob Bartsch<sup>478</sup> and Christina Philipsen,<sup>479</sup> 15 August 1779 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12624}
  - ii. Sara Lammert<sup>555</sup> was born about 1763 and was baptized in 1779 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 530553}
  - iii. Magdalena Lammert<sup>484</sup> was born 5 October 1770 and died 16 February 1823 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 187275}. Magdalena married Johann Bartsch,<sup>366</sup> son of Jacob Bartsch<sup>478</sup> and Christina Philipsen,<sup>479</sup> in 1791 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12624}
  - iv. Arend Lammert<sup>556</sup> was born about 1771 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized in 1787 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 1478927}
  - v. Franz Lammert<sup>557</sup> was born about 1774 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia and was baptized in 1790 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 61319}

767. Susanna Von Niessen<sup>486</sup> was born about 1740 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 198692}

Susanna married Jacob Lammert. 485 {UsrID: 198691}

772. Martin Toews<sup>372</sup> was born about 1720 in Walldorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1775 in Warnau, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 132706}

According to Ulrich Dueck, Martin was a farmer in Warnau. Dueck says his wife was Sara Warkentin. This contrasts with Grandma Database information saying she was his second wife and the children belonged to Martin's first wife, Judith Sukkau. I will use the Grandma Database information in this case. Their son Franz was born in 1758 and therefore Judith died after that birth. I note that Franz married a Sara Warkentin, and I wonder if this is where Sara stems from and her association to Martin might be correct.

Martin married Judith Suckau<sup>490</sup> about 1740 in Warnau, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 16478}

### Children:

- 386 i. Johann Toews.<sup>371</sup> Johann married Anna Stoesz,<sup>372</sup> daughter of Stoesz<sup>372</sup> and Anna Penner,<sup>372</sup> about 1762 in Warnau, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 225677}. Johann next married Anna Wiebe<sup>491</sup> after 1783 in Warnau, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
  - ii. Jacob Toews<sup>491</sup>
  - iii. Katharine Toews<sup>491</sup>
  - iv. Susanna Toews<sup>491</sup>
  - v. Judith Toews<sup>491</sup>
  - vi. Martin Toews<sup>491</sup>
  - vii. Sara Toews<sup>491</sup>
  - viii. Isaac Toews<sup>491</sup>
  - ix. Abraham Toews<sup>491</sup>
  - x. Franz Toews<sup>491</sup> was born in 1758 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
  - xi. Anna Toews<sup>491</sup>

Martin next married Sara Warkentin<sup>490</sup> about 1759 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

773. Judith Suckau<sup>490</sup> was born about 1720 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died after 1758 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 16478}

Judith married Martin Toews<sup>372</sup> about 1740 in Warnau, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 132706}

774. Stoesz<sup>372</sup> was born about 1700 in Krebsfeld, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 912900}

According to Julia Rann at https://www.geni.com/people/Cornelius-Staess/6000000180426505894?through=6000000016382815968 his name is Cornelius Staess and he was born in 1705. I have seen no evidence that this is accurate.

Stoesz married Anna Penner<sup>372</sup> before 1730 in Krebsfeld, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 912899}

#### Children:

i. Anna Stoesz.<sup>372</sup> Anna married Cornelius Andres<sup>372</sup> about 1755 in Walldorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 225680}. Anna next married Johann Toews,<sup>371</sup> son of Martin Toews<sup>372</sup> and Judith Suckau,<sup>490</sup> about 1762 in Warnau, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 225388}

775. Anna Penner<sup>372</sup> was born about 1700 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 912899}

Anna married Stoesz<sup>372</sup> before 1730 in Krebsfeld, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 912900}

784. Rempel was born in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 940110}

There exists a relationship between Isbrand Rempel and a sister who lived with him in Chortitza, Agatha Rempel.

Rempel married an unknown person.

- 392 i. Isbrand Rempel.<sup>374</sup> Isbrand married Anna -<sup>375</sup> before 1760 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1180078}. Isbrand next married Katherina -<sup>496</sup> about 1801 in Einlage, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 153053}
  - ii. Agatha Rempel $^{558}$  was born in 1752 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 940109}

790. Heinrich Goossen<sup>498</sup> was born before 1724 in Altendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

H. Schapansky says he may be the Heinrich Goossen who is listed in Altendorf in the 1776 Prussian Census.

Heinrich married an unknown person.

#### Children:

395 i. Helena Goossen.<sup>383</sup> Helena married Heinrich Wiebe<sup>382</sup> before 1772 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 153057}

824. Wieler was born before 1720.

Wieler married an unknown person.

#### Children:

- i. Bernhard Wieler<sup>559</sup> was born about 1740 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 198783}. Bernhard married an unknown person.
- 412 ii. Heinrich Wieler.<sup>392</sup> Heinrich married Elisabeth Berends,<sup>393</sup> daughter of Hans Berends<sup>499</sup> and Christine Rempel,<sup>499</sup> about 1760. {UsrID: 17327}

826. Hans Berends<sup>499</sup> was born before 1721 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

Hans married Christine Rempel<sup>499</sup> in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

#### Children:

- 413 i. Elisabeth Berends.<sup>393</sup> Elisabeth married Heinrich Wieler, <sup>392</sup> son of Wieler, about 1760. {UsrID: 266168}
- 827. Christine Rempel<sup>499</sup> was born before 1721 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

Christine married Hans Berends<sup>499</sup> in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

832. Peter Epp,<sup>481</sup> son of Peter Epp<sup>560</sup> and Anna Klassen,<sup>560</sup> was born 23 January 1725 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in

1744 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and died 12 November 1789 in Danzig. {UsrID: 15887}

The Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online (GAMEO) has an entry for Peter Epp that lists his parents Peter Epp (1681-1733) and Anna Claassen (1683-1730) and confirms the birth of Peter in Petershagen on 23 January 1725. Peter married Catharina Wiens in 1751 in Nassenhuben, Prussia, the place of her birth. She was the daughter of Thomas Wiens and Anna Hildebrandt. Peter and Catharina had eleven children.

According to GAMEO Peter was a farmer in Neuenhuben near Danzig. He was chosen as a deacon on 3 April 1757, as a minister on 5 February 1758, and as an elder on 26 September 1779. GAMEO tells us "He went through the difficult period of the transfer of West Prussia from Polish to Prussian sovereignty, when the Danzig congregation was for a while divided between the two realms. In this period the immigration to Russia also began, in which Epp took an active part. He died in the midst of preparations for a trip to South Russia in 1789."

Peter is listed with three sons and three daughters in the 1776 census in Neuenhuben. His wife predeceased him earlier in 1776. The census count matches the number of people that should be in the household at the time of the census.

His son, Peter Epp, was one of the original group of 228 settlers in Chortitza in the 1789-1790 wave of immigrants. He appears in Rosenthal on the list of first settlers published by Glenn Penner as well as the 1789 settler list published by Peter Rempel. Unruh provides certainty that Peter and the family were in Chortitza as early as 1795, telling us Peter became a minister there in 1796. The Danzig Family Book Volume 2 says that Peter and his family went to Ukraine in 1795 but this must be incorrect. The 1808 Chortitza census says his son Peter arrived in Chortitza Colony in 1789. This corresponds with the family moving in 1789. The citizenship certificate issued to David Epp and included in the Epp-Ens genealogy publication specifies that his great grandfather, who in this context is the son Peter, arrived in Ukraine in 1789.

Daughter Maria Epp's birth and baptism dates are from the Danzig Church Book. The Grandma Database gives a date of death. It falls a few days after the 1806 Molotschna Census was taken. Her husband had remarried before the 1811 Molotschna Census, thereby confirming she had died between the two census events.

Peter Epp's brother Heinrich married a Maria Wiens who was born in 1742. Maria's father was Thomas Wiens. Her mother was Maria. The coincidence, if it is a coincidence, is that Peter's wife Catharina Wiens, born in 1730, also had a father named Thomas Wiens. I suspect this is the same man. His wife when Catharina was born was Anna Hildebrandt. Likely she died

and Thomas remarried. The Danzig Church Book does not provide any clues to substantiate this.

Peter married Catharina Wiens<sup>482</sup> 24 April 1751. {UsrID: 15890}

- i. Anke Epp<sup>561</sup> was born 16 January 1752 in Neunhuben, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 23 January 1754 in Neunhuben, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 15891}
- ii. Sara Epp<sup>561</sup> was born 15 November 1753 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 5 July 1772 in Danzig, and died 11 October 1779 in Hochzeit, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 15892}
- iii. Peter Epp<sup>531</sup> was born 19 March 1755 in Neunhuben, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 18 June 1774 in Danzig, and died 15 February 1802 in Rosenthal, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 15893}. Peter married Maria Penner, 530 daughter of Gerhard Penner Penner and Elscke Woelke, 438 7 October 1778 in Danzig. {UsrID: 21288}. Peter next married Aganetha -562 before 1801. {UsrID: 529843}
- 416 iv. Heinrich Epp.<sup>397</sup> Heinrich married Anna Penner,<sup>398</sup> daughter of Gerhard Penner<sup>506</sup> and Elscke Woelke,<sup>438</sup> 30 October 1775 in Hochzeit, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 12611}. Heinrich next married Margaretha Epp, daughter of David Epp and Magdalena Kroeker, in 1798 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12617}. Heinrich next married Susanna Bartsch,<sup>480</sup> daughter of Johann Bartsch<sup>366</sup> and Susanna Lammert,<sup>367</sup> in May 1801 in Neuenburg, Chortitza, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12620}
  - v. Anke Epp<sup>563</sup> was born 13 February 1758 in Neunhuben, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 12 July 1778 in Danzig, and died 22 January 1792 in Neunhuben, Danzig Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 11945}
  - vi. Maria Epp<sup>564</sup> was born 13 April 1760 in Danzig, was baptized 4 June 1780 in Danzig, and died 6 November 1806 in Petershagen, Molotschna, Ukraine. {UsrID: 3953}. Maria married Nicolaus Reimer<sup>565</sup> 15 February 1798 in Danzig.
  - vii. Catrina Epp<sup>566</sup> was born 9 February 1764 in Neunhuben, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and was baptized 15 June 1783 in Danzig. {UsrID: 317785}
  - viii. Cornelius Epp<sup>567</sup> was born 26 June 1767 in Neunhuben, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1768 in Neunhuben, Danzig

- Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 15985}
- ix. Jacob Epp<sup>561</sup> was born 15 February 1769 in Danzig and died 1 March 1769 in Danzig. {UsrID: 15896}
- x. Cornelius Epp<sup>568</sup> was born 15 February 1769 in Danzig, was baptized 3 June 1787 in Danzig, and died 13 July 1788 in Neunhuben, Danzig Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 315525}
- xi. Jacob Epp<sup>569</sup> was born 25 April 1774 in Danzig and was baptized 24 June 1792 in Danzig. {UsrID: 15898}

833. Catharina Wiens,<sup>482</sup> daughter of Thomas Wiens<sup>570</sup> and Anna Hildebrandt,<sup>561</sup> was born 12 November 1730 in Nassehuben, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized 16 July 1752 in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and died 6 January 1776 in Danzig. {UsrID: 15890}

The Danzig Church Book gives her age at death as 45 years. She is listed as the wife of Elder Peter Epp and says her name was Liescke. It appears that by the time of her death she was going by a middle name. All other Danzig Church records give her name as Catharina. Glenn Penner has pointed out that Mennonites didn't use middle names until they adopted the Russian convention of using the father's first name as a middle name.

I'm unsure of the source of her precise birth date. It seems odd that the day and month match those for her husband's date of death.

I am speculating that she had a brother, Hendrich, based on circumstantial material in the Danzig Church Book.

Catharina married Peter Epp<sup>481</sup> 24 April 1751. {UsrID: 15887}

834. Gerhard Penner<sup>506</sup> was born about 1734 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died about 1761 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 12622}

Elscke Woelke married a Peter Penner after her first husband, Gerhard Penner, died.

Gerhard must have died around 1761 because Elscke remarried in 1762.

I wonder what his relationship is to Elscke's second husband, Peter Penner.

We learn from Unruh that His daughter Maria was from Tiegerfelde, Prussia. According to the Grandma database she died between 1796 and 1801. This would likely be based on census material. The baptism date used for her is from the Danzig Family Book but Maria is shown as

the daughter of Jacob Penner in that register. The Grandma Database notes this discrepancy as well.

Gerhard married Elscke Woelke<sup>438</sup> 24 June 1753 in Neuendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 12623}

835. Elscke Woelke

(Duplicate. See Person 463 on Page 192)

836. Peter Ens<sup>507</sup> was born about 1700 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1772 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 790926}

I estimated his year of birth based on the age of his son Martin. The Grandma Database says he is the father of Martin Ens and that we was a farmer in Schoensee. There is a Peter Ens in Schoensee, recorded in the 1727 Census. This is likely the same person.

Peter married Christina - <sup>508</sup> before 1729 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 790925}

#### Children:

- i. Gerhard Ens was born in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1792.
- ii. Gertruda Ens was born in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
- 418 iii. Martin Ens. 401 Martin married Gertruda Penner 402 before 1760 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 197462}

837. Christina -<sup>508</sup> was born about 1700 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died before 1772 in Schoensee, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 790925}

I estimated her year of birth based on the age of her son Martin. I am not entirely sure she is the correct mother of Martin, but this is the name suggested in the Grandma Database.

Christina married Peter Ens<sup>507</sup> before 1729 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 790926}

866. Peter Von Dyck<sup>516</sup> was born before 1711.

This is a name that has been added to the online genealogy material from T.W. Olfert. It has

not been substantiated.

Peter married an unknown person.

#### Children:

433 i. Cristina Von Dyck. 424 Cristina married Peter Rempel 423 about 1758 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 198954}

924. Peter Penner<sup>524</sup> was born before 1719 and died 30 January 1781 in Neuendorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 16597}

The relationship beween Peter and his son is established by the baptism record in the Danzig Church Book. The relationship between Peter and his wife Agnetha is established by the marriage record in the Danzig Church Book.

There are records of a few children in the Grandma Database.

Peter married Agnetha Epp<sup>525</sup> 23 July 1741 in Neuendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 16598}

#### Children:

- 462 i. Peter Penner. 437 Peter married Elscke Woelke, 438 daughter of Cornelius Woelke 528 and Ancke Reimer, 529 7 November 1762 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12623}. Peter next married NN after 1764.
  - ii. Jacob Penner<sup>571</sup> was born about 1748 in Danzig and was baptized 12 June 1768 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1142082}
  - iii. Agnetha Penner<sup>572</sup> was born 24 May 1754 in Danzig. {UsrID: 16599}

925. Agnetha Epp,<sup>525</sup> daughter of Jacob Epp<sup>573</sup> and Elscke Reimer,<sup>574</sup> was born about 1714 in Danzig, was baptized 5 July 1739 in Danzig, and died 11 December 1801 in Neuendorf, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 16598}

The Grandma Database has two entries for Jacob Epp, one listing Agnetha as his daughter, the other listing Cornelius as his son. It is likely they refer to the same Jacob Epp but this is not certain. The circumstances do support this hypothesis. She is shown in the Danzig Church Book baptism list as the daughter of Jacob Epp.

Agnetha married Peter Penner<sup>524</sup> 23 July 1741 in Neuendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-

Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 16597}

926. Cornelius Woelke,<sup>528</sup> son of Wiebe Woelke, was born about 1698 in Danzig, was baptized 9 July 1718 in Danzig, and died 6 May 1756 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1169237}

According to Henry Schapansky, Cornelius was from Gross Plenendorf, Danzig Gemeinde. However, in the Danzig Church book listing his daughter's marriage to Gerhard Penner he is shown as coming from Nieundorp. In the Danzig Church book listing deaths there is a Cornelius Woelke from Nieundorp who died in 1756. I believe this is the same person who is listed in the marriage records. I don't think this is the same person who Henry Schapansky refers to; that person is referred to distinctly as originating in Plenendorf, as shown in the death record of his wife. The Danzig Church Book shows a Cornelius Woelke married to Ancke Reimers. I believe this is the mother of Elscke Woelke. Once again, in her death record she is shown as the widow of Cornelius Woelke of Nieundorp. The Cornelius who Schapansky refers to and who is listed in the Grandma Database married a Liescke Thielmann. This Cornelius is an entirely different person and I believe the two individuals are being confused.

I hypothesize that his father is Wiebe Woelke, whose daughter Elscke is baptised on the same day as Cornelius. Evidence is required to prove this hypothesis.

The burials of Cornelius and his wife Anna Reimer are recorded in the Burial Records of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reichenberg. We see when he died Cornelius had reached the age of 58 years, 5 months, and 20 days. Anna reached the age of 64 years, 6 months, and 24 days when she died. The burial record indicates they lived in Neuendorf, consistent with the data in the preceding paragraph.

I note that the Grandma Database appears to have him listed as #41774 and #1169237.

Cornelius married Ancke Reimer<sup>529</sup> 1 January 1719 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1169235}

## Children:

- i. Ancke Woelke<sup>576</sup> was born about 1723, was baptized 18 June 1748 in Danzig, and died 25 June 1775 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1168640}
- 463 ii. Elscke Woelke. Elscke married Gerhard Penner 24 June 1753 in Neuendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. (UsrID: 12622). Elscke next married Peter Penner, 37 son of Peter Penner, and Agnetha Epp, 525 7 November 1762 in Danzig. (UsrID: 1142083)

927. Ancke Reimer<sup>529</sup> was born about 1693 in Danzig, was baptized 2 July 1713 in Danzig, and died 13 March 1757 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1169235}

Note that her surname is often spelled Reimers in the Danzig Church Books. There is a baptism record for an Anna Reymers in 1713 that could be the same person. I have seen information online (https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KCV8-JB2) saying her father is Heinrich Reimer (1653) and her mother is Dorothea Busche (married 1678). This information is not in the Danzig Church Book records and therefore can not be verified.

I believe Ancke's sister is Elscke Reimer (1688-1773). Ancke had a daughter named after herself, Ancke, in the normal tradition, and then a daughter named Elscke, which in usual tradition would be the name of an aunt. Her sister Elscke had a daughter named Agnetha (Anganeetke), the name of a daughter of Jacob Reimer (about 1659-1735). Jacob had two other daughters, Saarcke and Greetke. There is no other information about children of these sisters to complete the hypothesis.

Ancke married Cornelius Woelke<sup>528</sup> 1 January 1719 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1169237}

952. Johann Sawatzky,<sup>537</sup> son of Johann Sawatzky<sup>577</sup> and Johanna Wiens,<sup>578</sup> was born 8 April 1712 in Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 1 June 1790 in Danzig. {UsrID: 8407}

He is listed in the First Danzig Family Book. The people listed there are members of the Flemish Mennonite church of Danzig. This is where I found the correct birth date.

His second wife was Magdalena Penner. She may have had a son who died as a young child based on the Grandma Database (#8413), born 4 April 1779 and died 9 May 1782.

Johann married Catharina Janzen<sup>538</sup> 23 November 1733 in Danzig. {UsrID: 8408}

## Children:

- i. Magdalena Sawatzky<sup>579</sup> was born in November 1739 in Danzig, was baptized in 1763 in Danzig, and died 16 June 1800. {UsrID: 8409}. Magdalena married Jacob Kroecker.<sup>580</sup> {UsrID: 8584}
- 476 ii. Johann Sawatzky. 453 Johann married Susanna Ens, 454 daughter of Johann Ens, 2 November 1766 in Danzig. {UsrID: 8411}

Johann next married Magdalena Penner,<sup>581</sup> daughter of Dirk Penner<sup>582</sup> and Katharina Wieler,<sup>582</sup> 8 February 1778 in Danzig. {UsrID: 8412}

953. Catharina Janzen,<sup>538</sup> daughter of Jacob Janzen<sup>583</sup> and Triencke Berends,<sup>584</sup> was born about 1713 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 2 September 1777. {UsrID: 8408}

She was the daughter of Jacob Jantzen according to the Grandma Database. In the Grandma Database she is referred to as Christina with a note that another document refers to her as Catharina; in fact the Danzig Family Book lists her as Catharina. The Danzig Church Book death records refer to her as the wife of Sowatzsche (although this could refer to her mother in law). I haven't found a reference to her marriage date. It seems that her mother would have been quite old when she was born.

Catharina married Johann Sawatzky<sup>537</sup> 23 November 1733 in Danzig. {UsrID: 8407}

954. Johann  $Ens^{543}$  was born before 1722 in Danzig and died 25 September 1780 in Danzig. {UsrID: 476533}

He is mentioned in the Danzig Church Book in connection with his daughter's baptism in 1764. The Danzig Church book lists the death of a Hans Entz In 1780. Presumably this is the same man.

I have seen an internet reference indicating his wife's first name was Susanna. However there is no source reference data available.

There is a Cornelius Entz mentioned in the Danzig Church Book in 1758 associated with his daughter's baptism (she was Anna). It is interesting to speculate on the relationship of Hans and Cornelius.

Johann married an unknown person.

# Children:

477 i. Susanna Ens.<sup>454</sup> Susanna married Johann Sawatzky,<sup>453</sup> son of Johann Sawatzky<sup>537</sup> and Catharina Janzen,<sup>538</sup> 2 November 1766 in Danzig. {UsrID: 8410}

#### 11th Generation

1280. Matthies Schapansky<sup>549</sup> was born about 1640 in Elbing, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815194}

The Grandma Database says he was a Maltzer, which I believe is a barley malter.

Matthies married an unknown person.

#### Children:

640 i. Matthies Schapansky. 468 Matthies married Catharina Janzen, 469 daughter of Claas Janzen, in 1696 in Thiensdorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815193}

1282. Claas Janzen<sup>549</sup> was born about 1640 in Wengeln, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815196}

Claas was a Mennonite from Wengeln in the Klein Werder, according to Glenn Penner. His daughter married Matthies Schapansky in a Lithuanian ceremony. Penner says his name was recorded as Jantzen.

Claas married an unknown person.

#### Children:

641 i. Catharina Janzen. 649 Catharina married Matthies Schapansky, 648 son of Matthies Schapansky, in 1696 in Thiensdorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 815192}

1504. Gijsbert DeVeer,<sup>550</sup> son of Gijsbert DeVeer<sup>585</sup> and Maria Van Dijck,<sup>586</sup> was born 23 February 1640 in Danzig, was baptized in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and died 20 August 1693 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12907}

According to Horst Penner, Gysbert (1640-1693) was baptized in Amsterdam, indicating that the family traveled between Amsterdam and Danzig. This was common among the wealthier Mennonites who could afford to send their children back to Amsterdam for education and baptism. Apparently he lived in Schottland, a small town in the suburbs of Danzig, in 1690. Conrad Stoesz and James Fehr say he was a gold lace maker in Danzig. This is confirmed by Joachim von Roy. His brother Jacob had the same occupation and his elder brother Philip

was an estate agent. Gijsbert's death date is taken from the Danzig Church Book. The information here all corresponds to the genealogy published in the Nederlandsche Leeuw.

Gysbert (1640-1693) married Katarina Von Roy (1639-1718) in 1669. His sister Ageta married Peter Von Roy, a brother of Katarina Von Roy, Gijsbert's wife. His brother Philip, mentioned above, married Magdalena Von Roy, a sister of Katarina.

According to Calmeyer, Gysbert lived in the Marienburg Werder. In this area we find towns including Heubuden, Czattkau, Ruckenau and Klein Mausdorf, all locations where De Veer ancestors lived before moving to Ukraine.

It is difficult to link Gysbert to descendants because hard information is limited. However, Nederlandsche Leeuw says that, loosely translated, "From this marriage emerged a flourishing branch in Russia and Canada whose members bear the name Fehr". Calmeyer originated this notion in his earliest work and it carried through to the articles he published in Nederlandsche Leeuw. This corresponds well with other data I have seen indicating the lineage of De Veers in Ukraine. The main line of De Veers who settled in Ukraine were descendants of Benjamin De Veer (1733-1722), who was among the earliest settlers in Chortitza. However, there were two sons of a Cornelius De Veer (1749-1823), Johann (1776) and Kornelius (1785), who also went to Ukraine and settled in Molotschna. There is no information to indicate their relationship to Benjamin.

The hypothesis seen in the Grandma database to explain the De Veer lineage from Gysbert (1640-1693) to Chortitza settler Benjamin De Veer (1733-1822) is that Gysbert (1640-1693) had a son, Cornelius (1663?), who had a son, Benjamin (1696?), who was the father of Benjamin (1733-1822), the Chortitza settler. If Cornelius (1663?) was actually born in 1663 then he was born before his father married Katarina Von Roy in 1669, and she may not be his mother. To my knowledge there are no records to show that a specific Cornelius (1663?) existed. Further, there are no records indicating that Gysbert (1640-1693) had a marriage prior to his marriage to Katarina von Roy (1639-1718). The data used here to form the basis of this hypothesis is presumably sourced from Michael Calmeyer's work, contained in his self published Genealogy of the De Veers and later published in Nederlandsche Leeuw. This work was completed around the end of WWI and therefore with the benefit of access to Danzig Church records that were subsequently destroyed in WWII.

I believe that Michael Calmeyer's work is likely to be accurate. Therefore it is reasonable to assume that the marriage of Gijsbert De Veer (1640-1693) to Katarina von Roy (1639-1718) was his first and only marriage. Calmeyer mentions a Giesbert (1671-1711). Although he does not say that this individual was a product of the marriage, Herman Thiessen has interpreted the data in this way. I have reviewed the data available in the Danzig Church Book

along with the information in the Grandma Database and found no one among the brothers or uncles of Gijsbert (1640-1693) who could have been the father of Giesbert (1671-1711). While this is not conclusive evidence it does support the view that the two are father and son.

Calmeyer says Giesbert (1671-1711) married a Sara De Momper in 1697. This corresponds to a marriage entry in the Danzig Church Book and matches notes made by Thiessen. Thiessen seems to postulate that Benjamin (1690-1743) is a son of Giesbert (1671-1711). Benjamin's estimated year of birth is a problem because it predates the marriage of his parents in 1697. On the other hand, Benjamin (1690-1743) could be a son of Gijsbert (1640-1693). There is no documented birth date but often the men in the family were married in the latter half of their 20's. This date would make his mother, Katarina (1639-1718), rather old when he was born.

Marriage relationships between the De Veers and the De Mompers occurred frequently. The cousin of Gysbert De Veer (1640-1693), Debora De Veer (?-1677), married Herman De Momper (1621-1669). Debora and Herman had a daughter, Sara De Momper (1664-1735), who married Giesbert De Veer (1671-1711). Sara and Giesbert were second cousins. Sara (1664-1735) had a cousin Anton De Momper (1630-1722) who had a daughter, Barbara (1667-1726). Barbara was married to Benjamin De Veer (1690-1743) in 1716. Barbara and Benjamin were second cousins.

My hypothesis is that Benjamin (1690-1743) is the father of Benjamin (1733-1822). This hypothesis is consistent with the accepted knowledge that the lineage runs from Gysbert (1640-1693) to Benjamin (1733-1822). We know the first Benjamin (1690-1743) had a daughter born in 1734 and therefore a son, Benjamin (1733-1822), born around the same period makes sense.

This does not resolve the question of how Cornelius (1749-1823) fits into the family. There is a possibility he is a great grandson of Giesbert (1671-1711), through son Giesbert (1700-1736) and grandson Cornelius (1721-?). This is conjecture and more data is needed to demonstrate these relationships.

The Grandma Database gives the baptism date for his daughter Maria as 24 June 1691 but she is not listed in this year. The date is consistent with a marriage in 1694.

Michael Calmeyer mentions Giesbert (1671) in his self-published Genealogy of the De Veers without providing any context or familial relationship. However, Herman Thiessen has asserted that Giesbert (1671-1711) was a son of Gysbert (1640-1693). The death record of Giesbert (1671-1711) in the Danzig Church Book indicates he was a Deacon. This Giesbert married Sara de Momper. Sara is the first cousin once removed of Barbke De Momper, who

was the first wife of Benjamin de Veer (1690-1743). Giesbert and Sara had a son named Gysbert. Calmeyer says this son Gysbert was a gold lace maker in Hoppenbruch, near Danzig, and that he had a son, Cornelius, who was "mentioned" in 1740. Calmeyer does not give the context of this mention.

Gijsbert married Katarina Von Roy<sup>551</sup> 17 November 1669 in Danzig. {UsrID: 39928}

#### Children:

- i. Maria DeVeer<sup>587</sup> was born about 1670 in Danzig and died 12 August 1712 in Danzig. {UsrID: 196561}. Maria married Willem Van Dijck<sup>588</sup> 12
   September 1694 in Danzig. {UsrID: 706795}. Maria next married Wynhold Becker<sup>589</sup> 18 November 1696 in Danzig.
- ii. Giesbert DeVeer<sup>590</sup> was born about 1671 in Danzig, was baptized 17 June 1696 in Danzig, and died 30 August 1711 in Danzig. {UsrID: 694512}. Giesbert married Sara DeMomper,<sup>591</sup> daughter of Herman DeMomper<sup>592</sup> and Debora DeVeer,<sup>593</sup> 3 November 1697 in Danzig. {UsrID: 694662}
- 752 iii. DeVeer. DeVeer married an unknown person.

1505. Katarina Von Roy,<sup>551</sup> daughter of Wilhelm Von Roy<sup>594</sup> and Elizabeth Niklassen,<sup>595</sup> was born in 1639 in Elbing, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 27 October 1718 in Danzig. {UsrID: 39928}

The ancestry shown here is in accordance with research published by Joachim von Roy. This work tells us that Katarina's father was Wilhelm von Roy and his father was probably Anthonius. There are other views of the ancestry but they are based on much older research and potentially also rely on the Danzig State Archives which, according to Joachim von Roy, contain errors.

The Herman Thiessen Collection documents (Film 25, Folder 12, Pages 204-206) say that her parents were Richard von Roy and Elizabeth Niklassen. Thiessen tells us that the Le Roy name originates in Normandy. More recent information published by Joachim von Roy refutes Thiessen's conjecture.

I have captured information here relating to Thiessen's hypothesis. The Thiessen records refer to Richard as a buyer ("kaufherr") in Amsterdam and Danzig. There is a Charle Le Roi in the Amsterdam Archives who was born in Antwerp, Belgium. Charles was the owner of a grain trading business in Amsterdam according to Thiessen, who refers to him as ("grunder einer kornhandelsgesellschaft").

The Lowen material on ancestry.ca indicates that Katarina's father was Wilhelm Gall von Rudofegg. How much truth there is to this assertion is unknown but the name Wilhelm is interesting because Joachim von Roy's research tells us that her father was Wilhelm von Roye. I have used Joachim von Roy's research for Katarina's ancestry.

Horst Penner says here were von Roys in Danzig as early as 1669. This corresponds to the Danzig Church Book record listing a von Roy wife's death in 1669. Penner says the family originally came from the Netherlands. Names such as this with 'von' generally originate in the South and Spanish Netherlands. Penner does not agree with the idea that Richard was related to the Le Roy family.

The Grandma Database says that Katarina's father was named Jan. This would seem to be based on the Nederlandsche Leeuw records which indicate either a Jan or Richard von Roy. In correspondence with Joachim von Roy he told me that this information is based on errors made in 1910 in the Danzig State Archives.

Katarina died in 1718 at the age of 79 according to the Danzig Church Book. Therefore she was born in 1639. This agrees with Joachim von Roy's publication.

Three of Wilhelm's children, Magdalena, Katarina and Peter, married children of Gysbert De Veer (1600-1646).

Her second husband was Jacob Steboy. There is no record of Jacob Steboy being baptised in Danzig.

Katarina married Gijsbert DeVeer<sup>550</sup> 17 November 1669 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12907}

Katarina next married Jacob Steboy<sup>596</sup> 1 December 1697.

1532. Johann Lammert<sup>554</sup> was born before 1699.

Johann appears in the baptism records of the Orlofferfelde Frisian Church in connection with sons Johann and Jacob.

Johann married an unknown person.

#### Children:

- 766 i. Jacob Lammert. 485 Jacob married Susanna Von Niessen. 486 (UsrID: 198692)
  - ii. Johann Lammert<sup>554</sup> was born about 1719 in Polish-Lithuanian

Commonwealth and was baptized 25 July 1739 in Orlofferfelde, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

1664. Peter Epp<sup>560</sup> was born in 1681 and died in 1733 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 15855}

Date and relationship data is derived from the Danzig Family Books. This information corresponds to the data in the Grandma Database, which apparently is sourced from the Epp genealogy work completed by Anna Epp Ens. The latter information indicates another son Wilhelm Epp #55633 (1715-1781). Wilhelm is not found in the Danzig Church Book or Danzig Family Book. The genealogy of Heinrich Epp, "The House of Heinrich" indicates there was a daughter Aganetha born in 1745. Dilbert Plett's book, "Pioneers and Pilgrims" has the same information. This is a few years after the accepted date of death of both parents. The Grandma Database indicates Aganetha was possibly a daughter of Klaas Epp. I have excluded Aganetha for now.

Ancestors of Jacob Epp (1689) and Peter Epp (1681) have done DNA tests and it appears that the coalescence point is 10-11 generations back at 95% certainty. The deviation for only the five DNA samples available in 2021 for Peter's descendents is larger than the deviation when Jacob's descendent is added. For comparison, I am ten generations removed from both Peter and Jacob; their father would be eleven generations removed from me. This would make them brothers. They could also be cousins.

He lived in Petershagen, Prussia and later moved to Neuenhuben. He was elected minister in Nassenhuben in 1766 and was the leading minister of the Danzig congregation in 1798 according to the author of Pioneers and Pilgrims. He emigrated to Molotschna on 23 August 1804 with Klaas Reimer (born 14 October 1770; #3944) who was married to his niece. Some sources state that he was previously married to Sara Andres (born 2 February 1727, #12843) and had children by her prior to marrying Christina Fast, but the Danzig Church Records indicate that he was childless. One record says he died 19 October 1805.

In Chortitza his son Cornelius is listed with the family of Abraham Jantzen and his wife Anganetha Epp as an "Elternl. Pflegebef.". Peter Rempel lists him with the family of his niece's husband Claas Reimer as a relative. In this source his age is given as 48. If this is the same person his age is actually 78.

One record says his son Heinrich died on 13 August 1780 and another says 13 June 1780. Ulrich Dueck says it was the seventh month, July, and this is the date I have used. He was the

minister of the Flemish Fuerstenwerder Gemeinde between 1762 and 1780.

Peter married Anna Klassen<sup>560</sup> about 1715 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 15886}

#### Children:

- Wilhelm Epp<sup>597</sup> was born in 1715 and died in 1781 in Neu Munsterberg, Marienburg Region, Prussia. Wilhelm married Maria Klassen<sup>598</sup> in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
- ii. Heinrich Epp<sup>599</sup> was born 8 June 1721 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 13 July 1780 in Neu Munsterberg, Marienburg Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 55634}. Heinrich married Maria Wiens<sup>600</sup> 9 June 1769 in Neu Munsterberg, Marienburg Region, Prussia.
- 832 iii. Peter Epp. 481 Peter married Catharina Wiens, 482 daughter of Thomas Wiens 570 and Anna Hildebrandt, 561 24 April 1751. {UsrID: 15890}
  - iv. Cornelius Epp<sup>601</sup> was born 6 August 1728 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was baptized in Tiegenhagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and died 12 October 1805 in Molotschna Colony, Ukraine. {UsrID: 12842}. Cornelius married Sarah Andres<sup>602</sup> in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. Cornelius next married Christina Fast 22 October 1758 in Neunhuben, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

1665. Anna Klassen<sup>560</sup> was born in 1683 and died in 1730 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 15886}

Anna married Peter Epp<sup>560</sup> about 1715 in Petershagen, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 15855}

1666. Thomas Wiens<sup>570</sup> was born before 1710. {UsrID: 478965}

Thomas married Anna Hildebrandt.<sup>561</sup> {UsrID: 478966}

## Children:

- 833 i. Catharina Wiens. 482 Catharina married Peter Epp, 481 son of Peter Epp<sup>560</sup> and Anna Klassen, 560 24 April 1751. {UsrID: 15887}
  - ii. Hendrich Wiens<sup>603</sup> was born about 1738 in Danzig and was baptized 11

June 1758 in Danzig.

1667. Anna Hildebrandt<sup>561</sup> was born before 1710. {UsrID: 478966}

Anna married Thomas Wiens.<sup>570</sup> {UsrID: 478965}

1850. Jacob Epp $^{573}$  was born 29 October 1688 in Danzig and died 9 June 1765 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1142081}

The relationship between Jacob and his daughter Agnetha is established by her baptism record found in the Danzig Church Book.

I hypothesize that Jacob married Escke Reimer and they had at least two children, Agnetha and Cornelius. Much of this hypothesis is supported circumstantially by data in the Grandma Database and entries in the Danzig Church Book. The Danzig Marriage Book lists their marriage. I think that there are two entries in the Grandma Database for Jacob and they refer to the same individual. The Grandma Database gives a specific date of birth for Jacob of 29 October 1688 but I can't confirm the accuracy of this. However he must have been born before 1691 based on the date of his marriage.

Ancestors of Jacob Epp (1688) and Peter Epp (1681) have done DNA tests and it appears that the coalescence point is 10-11 generations back at 95% certainty. The deviation for only the five DNA samples available in 2021 for Peter's descendents is larger than the deviation when Jacob's descendent is added. For comparison, I am ten generations removed from both Peter and Jacob; their father would be eleven generations removed from me. This would make them brothers. They could also be cousins.

Jacob married Elscke Reimer<sup>574</sup> 18 January 1711 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1161815}

### Children:

- 925 i. Agnetha Epp.<sup>525</sup> Agnetha married Peter Penner<sup>524</sup> 23 July 1741 in Neuendorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 16597}
  - ii. Cornelius Epp<sup>604</sup> was born 11 July 1721 in Danzig, was baptized 21 June 1744 in Danzig, and died 28 November 1766 in Danzig. {UsrID: 684331}

1851. Elscke Reimer<sup>574</sup> was born in 1688 in Danzig, was baptized 6 July 1710 in Danzig, and died 15 April 1773 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1161815}

The Danzig Church Book tells us she was 85 when she died in 1773, leading to a year of birth around 1688.

Elscke married Jacob Epp<sup>573</sup> 18 January 1711 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1142081}

1852. Wiebe Woelke<sup>575</sup> was born about 1654 in Danzig, was baptized 22 June 1681 in Danzig, and died 3 November 1720 in Danzig. {UsrID: 400263}

His name is given in the Danzig Church Book in connection with the marriage of his daughter, Elscke. Elscke was baptized on the same day as Cornelius and my hypothesis is they are siblings. The names of a number of his other children can also be found there. The Grandma Database lists only the children who are explicitly linked to him by name in the Danzig Church Book baptism records or marriage records. As a result Cornelius doesn't appear as his son in the Grandma Database.

His dates of baptism and death are also in the Danzig Church Book. He must have married his first, unidentified wife, around 1688, before the estimated birth of the first daughter, Saeke. His first wife died on 23 November 1704 but her name is not listed in the records.

He remarried and his second wife, Maria, died in 1709. That year 409 congregants of the Danzig Mennonite Church died, a huge number in relation to other years before and after. A plague spread throughout Europe and the Baltic between 1702 and 1713, reaching Danzig in 1709 and wiping out about half the population.

He once again remarried and his third wife, Anna, died in 1715.

The Great Northern War Plague Outbreak 1702 - 1713

Plague outbreaks occurred with surprising frequency throughout history. This particular outbreak probably originated in central Asia and made its way to Europe through Constantinople. It was first recorded in 1702 in a Swedish military field hospital situated in Southern Poland. It reached the Baltic coast and Danzig by spring, 1709. Danzig was a major commercial hub and in order to keep the town open and maintain trade volumes the town councillors actively downplayed the seriousness of the problem, allowing the epidemic to spread without constraint. The death toll in the town and surrounding area was extensive, the plague killing half the population or some 32,000 people before itself dying out in December of that year..

Wiebe married an unknown person.

#### Children:

- i. Saerke Woelke<sup>605</sup> was born about 1688 in Danzig and was baptized 22 June 1708 in Danzig.
- ii. Abraham Woelke<sup>605</sup> was born about 1689 in Danzig and was baptized 23 June 1709 in Danzig.
- iii. Jacob Woelke<sup>605</sup> was born about 1692 in Danzig and was baptized 8 July 1712 in Danzig.
- iv. Elscke Woelke<sup>606</sup> was born about 1698 in Danzig and was baptized 9 July 1718 in Danzig. Elscke married Herman Schroeder<sup>606</sup> 30 July 1719 in Danzig.
- 926 v. Cornelius Woelke.<sup>528</sup> Cornelius married Ancke Reimer<sup>529</sup> 1 January 1719 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1169235}

Wiebe next married Marike Von Dyck, 607 daughter of Gert Von Dyck, 19 January 1705 in Danzig.

Wiebe next married Ancke Donckels,<sup>609</sup> daughter of Anthony Donckels, 2 February 1710 in Danzig.

1904. Johann Sawatzky<sup>577</sup> was born in 1680 in Walldorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 27 November 1752 in Gross Mausdorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 8405}

There is a Hans Sowatzki listed in the 1727 Brandregister in the Elbing area. A Hans Sawatski also appears in Neustadterwald and Neuwaldtdorf (Waldorf); both have 1 Hufe of land. It is possible that the two entries refer to the same individual and that this is Johann; Horst Penner also mentions these two entries but draws no conclusion. Later, in the 1776 census, Johann Sawatsky is listed in Ellerwald. He is possibly a Flemish Mennonite. H. Schapansky says that Johann and Johanna were the grandparents of Johann Sawatsky (born 1742). The elder Johann was the minister of the Rosenort Gemeinde in 1743 in Prussia and was likely the ancestor of most Mennonite Sawatskys.

According to the Danzig Flemish Mennonite Familienbuch, Vol. A, p. 6, Johann lived in the Grosswerder region of West Prussia. H. Schapansky confirms that he may have been the minister of the Rosenort Gemeinde in 1743. The Grandma Database says it is possible that he was the Johann Sawatzky mentioned in the Gross Mausdorf Lutheran Burial Register as having been buried 27 November 1752, since the Gross Mausdorf Parish covered much of the area where Mennonites members of the Rosenort Mennonite Church lived. The Doreen Ediger submission contains a sheet that states that he was the only Sawatzky from the group known

as the Quietists, who joined the Mennonite Church.

Johann's son Daniel immigrated to Chortitza in 1803-04.

Johann may have had a son named Thomas. The Grandma Database suggests he was born in 1733. Therefore he may be a grandson of Johann and Johanna rather than a son. Possibly his father is Daniel (Johann's son) but there is scant evidence, rather some speculation based on geographic proximity and timing.

A person who could be the father of Johann attended the Elbing Gymnasium (upper school) around 1670. Unfortunately a lot of linkages are made between people with the same surname in the genealogical record and these are hypothetical.

Johannes Zawacky, the probable grandfather of the Elbing Gymnasium student, was born about 1605 in Danzig. He died after 1670. In 1620 Johannes Zawacky, preumably the same person, who was a Polish noble and companion of Count Von Lessen, attended the Elbinger Gymnasium. An Internet source adds to this that he matriculated in the second class (eighth year) in the German Secondary School in Elbing. 20 years later he had become the Castellan, or warden, of Danzig and the Starost (essentially the sheriff) of Schwetz. The former position stems from the old feudal system of land ownership while the latter position is an appointed position as the king's representative. The Starost system was designed to rein in the decentralized control of the Castellans and other nobles. In this role he apparently came into close contact with the Mennonites who lived in the area surrounding Schwetz. He renewed a contract for 50 years with the Mennonites who leased 24 farms in Duetsch Westphalen. Three years earlier Zawacky had leased 16 farms to the Mennonites for 50 years. The village of Przechowen was also leased for 50 years to the village of Brattwin and the Mennonites there. Starost Zawacky's relationship with the Mennonites was apparently possible because of his earlier attendance at the German Secondary school in Elbing and thus his acquaintance with the people in the area. In 1670 the Elbing council protested that he had harmed the town, presumably due to his relations with the Mennonites (Penner doesn't say). Over time the situation worsened. This is according to Penner and is inconclusive. Penner says that there was a Zawacky at the Elbing Gymnasium around this time. Possibly this was the son of Johannes. The two Swedish wars (1655-1660 and 1700-1721) eventually ruined numerous Polish nobles who had financed the wars, and Penner tells us that the nobles so impacted had to find a new way of life. The implication is that this is what happened to Zawacky. We are led to believe that this is the ancestor of the Sawatsky Mennonites. The general Elbing proximity and land ownership supports such a conclusion. However, it was also common practice at the time to name people after the nobles who owned the land they worked.

The Starost system was established under Wladyslaw the Short (1320 -1333). At the outset

the system was a corps of royal officials, including a central secretariat and regional starosts, which counterbalanced the older system of less controllable Castellans and palatines. Essentially the Starosts were royal sheriffs who represented the king.

The Castellans, who were the dignitaries of the realm, had always in the past been the mainstay of royal authority in the regions and the palatines, who were virtually governors of their regions, became very powerful. This arrangement, with the decentralized regions holding power, was not an effective means of exerting strong royal control. The palatines in particular had become a major political force. Both palatines and Castellans held seats on the grand council which advised the throne.

The emergence of the starosts, with a royal mandate to keep law and order, was a countervailing force. Eventually they became the core of local governments. By the 1500's the starosts had become large estate owners, administering the estates on behalf of the king and taking a 20% cut of the estate rents as income. The balance went to the crown. In principle all starosties were the property of the crown and were to revert to the crown on the death of the incumbent. In practice the position became a sinecure, often awarded to the son on the death of the incumbent, and over time these evolved to hereditary positions held by the richer families in the kingdom.

Johann married Johanna Wiens<sup>578</sup> about 1710 in Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 8406}

#### Children:

- i. Thomas Sawatzky<sup>610</sup> was born in Walldorf, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
- ii. Daniel Sawatzky<sup>611</sup> was born in Pordenau, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
- iii. Peter Sawatzky<sup>610</sup> was born in Klein Mausdorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
- 952 iv. Johann Sawatzky.<sup>537</sup> Johann married Catharina Janzen,<sup>538</sup> daughter of Jacob Janzen<sup>583</sup> and Triencke Berends,<sup>584</sup> 23 November 1733 in Danzig. {UsrID: 8408}. Johann next married Magdalena Penner,<sup>581</sup> daughter of Dirk Penner<sup>582</sup> and Katharina Wieler,<sup>582</sup> 8 February 1778 in Danzig. {UsrID: 8412}

1905. Johanna Wiens<sup>578</sup> was born 2 January 1682 in Markushof, Elbing Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 2 September 1777 in Schidlitz, Danzig Region, Prussia. {UsrID: 8406}

Her birth date and location is taken from the Grandma Database. The name Wiens originates in the Koln and Wismar areas. According to Horst Penner, there was a migration from Koln, through Wismar to Danzig and eventually to Gross Werder (also know as Danziger Werder). Penner mentions a Hermann Wiens in the Danzig area in 1642 who possibly is an ancestor. The death date comes from the Danzig Church Book where it lists "the old Sawatzky wife". It probably is Johanna but there is no conclusive proof.

There are German church records that list a Johanna Weins who was christened on 14 April 1682 in the Saint George Evangelical Church (rebuilt in the 1700s after a fire destroyed it, and renamed Trinity Church) in Speyer, Pfalz, Bavaria. This is a Lutheran church. The ancestry of this woman can be traced back three generations using these records. Some genealogists have assumed this person is the Johanna who married Hans Sowatzki but there is no proof of which I am aware. If the German records point to the same Johanna then the birth location in the Grandma Database is incorrect. Further research is needed to establish a concrete linkage.

The German records tell us that Johanna's parents were Johann Adam Wein and Anna Elizabetha Rentzler from Neckerhausen, Wurttemberg. She had two siblings, Anna Barbara (1680) and Heinricus (1678). Her mother's parents were Michel Rintzler (1611-1686) and Anna Maria Sterr (1619), also from Neckerhausen. Michel's father was Jerg Rintzler from Neckerhausen and Anna Maria's parents were Michell Sterr and Anna.

Johanna married Johann Sawatzky<sup>577</sup> about 1710 in Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 8405}

1906. Jacob Janzen<sup>583</sup> was born about 1668 in Danzig, was baptized 28 June 1693 in Danzig, and died after 1727 in Orlofferfelde, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 1171182}

The Grandma Database lists two Jacob Janzens #828513 and #1171182. The estimated year of birth from the Grandma Database for one of them is 1668; there is no date for the other. My sense is they are the same individual. The Danzig Church Book says he was baptized in 1693 although there are possibly multiple different individuals this could refer to. However, the proximity to a marriage date in 1694 indicates a probable relationship. The marriage was to a daughter of Hans Berents. There are two possible daughters. I believe Jacob married Triencke, as explained in the notes about her.

The Grandma Database says Jacob had a daughter Christina who married Hans Sowatzki; the Danzig Family Book says the daughter was Catharina.

There is a Jacob Janzen in the 1727 Brand Register in Orlofferfelde, listed as a landowner. Subsequently there a Jacob Janzen listed in the 1776 census in the same place, also as a landowner, living alone. Possibly this is a son. The Elbing St. Annen Death Records (1713 - 1799) list a Jacob Janzen who died in 1762; there may be some connection.

Piecing this together I hypothesize that Jacob was born and baptized in Danzig or at least registered there and either moved to Marienburg or had lived there all along. Whether he was a member of the Orlofferfelde Frisian Gemeinde is unknown. The Danzig Church Book is for the Flemish congregation.

Orlofferfelde was originally part of the Danzig Frisian Gemeinde and eventually became a separate Frisian Gemeinde. The Frisians were somewhat less conservative than the Flemish.

Jacob married Triencke Berends<sup>584</sup> 22 August 1694 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1171183}

#### Children:

953 i. Catharina Janzen.<sup>538</sup> Catharina married Johann Sawatzky,<sup>537</sup> son of Johann Sawatzky<sup>577</sup> and Johanna Wiens,<sup>578</sup> 23 November 1733 in Danzig. {UsrID: 8407}

1907. Triencke Berends, <sup>584</sup> daughter of Hans Berends, was born about 1663 in Danzig and was baptized 4 July 1683 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1171183}

In the Danzig Church Book there are three possible women who could be the wife of Jacob Janzen, Ancke, Triencke and Sancke. The first two were baptized in 1683 after which there were weddings on 10 September 1684, 25 December 1688 and 27 August 1694, none of which specified which woman was getting married. Sancke was baptized in 1688. The husbands were, in respect of the dates, Isaac Houenier (Hovenier, Howenehr), Matis Kraemscke and Jacob Jantzen. Sancke married Kraemscke; we know this because she died in 1709 and the Danzig Church Book entry mentions her husband. Either Ancke or Triencke married Janzen. Houenier's unnamed wife died in 1696 in Danzig. He died years later in Danzig in 1726. This suggests they lived in the Danzig area for an extended period. In contrast to this there is information suggesting Janzen lived in the town of Orlofferfelde in the Marienburg district. His daughter Catharina married Hans Sowatzki whose family lived in Gross Werder (the district of Marienburg). The only clue we have as to the name of Janzen's wife is the name of their daughter, Catharina. If she was named after her mother then Triencke is Janzen's wife. This is the assumption I have made. More children need to be found to validate this assumption. By tradition a third daughter is named after her mother. A first daughter is named after her maternal grandmother and a second daughter after her paternal

grandmother.

Triencke married Jacob Janzen<sup>583</sup> 22 August 1694 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1171182}

#### 12th Generation

3008. Gijsbert DeVeer,<sup>585</sup> son of Gysbert DeVeer<sup>613</sup> and Debora Harnasveger,<sup>614</sup> was born 7 November 1600 in Amsterdam, Netherlands and died 16 February 1646 in Poggenpfuhl, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 12803}

The Nederlandsche Leeuw is the primary source for information about Gijsbert. It tells us that Gijsbert (1600-1646) was born in Amsterdam. His parents had returned there from Danzig when his father became a citizen of Amsterdam around 1600-1601. His father was a grain merchant in Amsterdam and Danzig.

Gijsbert lived and died in Danzig. Both of his marriages were there and his children were born there. His first marriage was to Anna van Buygen who was 11 years his senior. She died only 2 years after they married. His only child with Anna was a boy named Gijsbert who died as a young child. Gijsbert remarried a year later to Maria van Dijck and all of his surviving children were from this marriage. One of those children was a son they named Gijsbert (1640-1693).

Three of the children of Gijsbert (1600-1646), Philip, Gijsbert and Agneta, married children of Wilhelm Von Roy. It appears that the De Veer family made numerous strategic marriage decisions for commercial reasons. Beyond these relationships with the wealthy Von Roy family, who also had marital links to the wealthy Koenigsberg Marun family, there were a number of marriages between De Veer children and De Momper children. These will be described in the notes relating to Gijsbert (1640-1693).

His son Philipp was an important broker for trade and exchange in Klein Mausdorf, west of Elbing. The date of Philipp's marriage to Magdalena von Roy is stated in the Grandma Database to be 1682; however I can not substantiate this. Philipp's location is important in relation to the whereabouts of a future descendant, Benjamin de Veer. If the de Veer family had a base in Klein Mausdorf, it might explain where Benjamin grew up if he was an orphan.

Gijsbert married Anna Von Buygen,<sup>586</sup> daughter of NN Von Buygen<sup>615</sup> and Janneke -,<sup>615</sup> 2 February 1625 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12898}

#### Children:

i. Gysbert DeVeer $^{615}$  was born 26 January 1626 and died 23 December 1634. {UsrID: 12899}

Gijsbert next married Maria Van Dijck<sup>586</sup> 7 May 1628 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12900}

#### Children:

- i. Philipp DeVeer<sup>616</sup> was born 1 May 1629 in Danzig and died 26 April 1683 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12901}. Philipp married Magdalena Von Roy,<sup>617</sup> daughter of Wilhelm Von Roy<sup>594</sup> and Elizabeth Niklassen,.<sup>595</sup> {UsrID: 426419}
- ii. Anna DeVeer<sup>615</sup> was born 14 October 1630. {UsrID: 12902}. Anna married Jacob Janz.<sup>615</sup> {UsrID: 426420}
- iii. Maria DeVeer<sup>615</sup> was born 16 February 1632 and died 22 January 1690. {UsrID: 12903}
- iv. Jacob DeVeer<sup>615</sup> was born 19 July 1633. {UsrID: 12904}
- v. Cornelius DeVeer<sup>615</sup> was born 26 October 1634 and died 1 June 1635. {UsrID: 12905}
- vi. Cornelius DeVeer<sup>615</sup> was born 13 April 1636 in Danzig and died 27 November 1699 in Neugarten, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 12883}
- vii. Karel DeVeer<sup>615</sup> was born 30 July 1638. {UsrID: 12906}
- 1504iii. Gijsbert DeVeer.<sup>550</sup> Gijsbert married Katarina Von Roy,<sup>551</sup> daughter of Wilhelm Von Roy<sup>594</sup> and Elizabeth Niklassen,<sup>595</sup> 17 November 1669 in Danzig. {UsrID: 39928}
  - ix. Debora DeVeer<sup>615</sup> was born 7 August 1642 in Danzig and died 10 January 1683 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12908}. Debora married Cornelius Kauenhowen<sup>615</sup> 8 May 1672 in Danzig.
  - x. Agneta DeVeer<sup>618</sup> was born 18 July 1644 in Danzig and died 10 September 1680 in Neugarten, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. Agneta married Peter Von Roy,<sup>619</sup> son of Wilhelm Von Roy<sup>594</sup> and Elizabeth Niklassen,<sup>595</sup> 11 May 1670 in Danzig. {UsrID: 39935}

3009. Maria Van Dijck,<sup>586</sup> daughter of Philipp Van Dijck<sup>620</sup> and Maria Grauwert,<sup>621</sup> was born 31 July 1606 in Danzig and died 30 August 1676 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12900}

The Nederlandsche Leeuw genealogy says that she was the second wife of Gijsbert. She was born in Danzig; her parents were Philip van Dijck and Maria Grauwert.

Maria married Gijsbert DeVeer<sup>585</sup> 7 May 1628 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12803}

3010. Wilhelm Von Roy,<sup>594</sup> son of Anthonius Von Roy<sup>622</sup> and Gertrud Maraun,<sup>594</sup> was born about 1610 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

Joachim von Roy says that he was probably a trader in Elbing and not a manufacturer of

trimmings. Another genealogist, Volker Ohliger, says "He was probably a merchant and trader in Elbing. The family's origins are obscure. Around 1612 almost all family members were of the Reformed faith. It was only when the three siblings Magdalena, Katharina and Peter von Roy married the three siblings Philipp, Giesbert and Aganetha de Veer that that branch of the family turned to the Mennonite faith. The other family members remained reformed."

His son Peter is a brother to Katarina Von Roy. Herman Thiessen puts his birth date at about 1640 (Hermann Thiessen Film 25, Folder 12, Page 204) but I am going with the date of 1644 from the Nederlandsche Leeuw. I note that in the Grandma Database a woman who died in Danzig in 1669, referred to in the Danzig Church Book only as the wife of Von Roy, is identified as Peter's wife. I doubt this is correct. De Nederlandsche Leeuw mentions nothing about Peter having a previous wife, nor does Joachim von Roy. Joachim von Roy says he was a merchant and handler in the silk and gold trade in Neugarten, as well as the owner of a manufactory for the production of gold, silver and silk trim. He apparently testified on 27 February 1690 before the Council of the City of Danzig that the brothers Cornelius and Gysbert in Alt Schottland, sons of the deceased married couple Gysbert and Maria De Veer, were the sole heirs of their recently deceased, unmarried, sister, Maria De Veer.

I have seen family trees online that include Elisabeth Niklassen as Wilhelm's wife. This is probably carried over from the records of Jan von Roy in Nederlandsche Leeuw who is shown with Elisabeth as his wife. There is no information that I am aware of to substantiate a relationship between Elisabeth and Wilhelm. However it strikes me as possible that although there is confusion about the husband's name, which I believe to be Wilhelm based on Joachim von Roy's research, the wife's name could be correct. Accordingly I have associated her with Wilhelm.

#### Notes about his family

Son Johann was the owner of a factory for the production of gold, sliver and silk trim. His death is recorded in the list of Mennonite deaths in the Elbing St. Annen Lutheran Church. He is buried in the cemetery of the St Anne Church in Elbing. Apparently his descendants appear occasionally in the Elbing records.

The Nederlandsche Leeuw gives the name of his daughter Magdalena as Magdalena von Rise but the Danzig Church Book gives her name as Magdalena von Roy in her death record, in association with her husband Phillip de Veer and in accordance with Joachim Von Roy.

Wilhelm married Elizabeth Niklassen<sup>595</sup> before 1635. {UsrID: 764513}

#### Children:

- Johann Von Roy<sup>623</sup> was born about 1635 in Elbing, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in April 1720 in Elbing, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
- ii. Magdalena Von Roy<sup>617</sup> was born about 1637 in Danzig and died 10 March 1683 in Danzig. {UsrID: 426419}. Magdalena married Philipp DeVeer,<sup>616</sup> son of Gijsbert DeVeer<sup>585</sup> and Maria Van Dijck,<sup>586</sup> {UsrID: 12901}
- 1505iii. Katarina Von Roy. 551 Katarina married Gijsbert DeVeer, 550 son of Gijsbert DeVeer and Maria Van Dijck, 586 17 November 1669 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12907}. Katarina next married Jacob Steboy 596 1 December 1697.
  - iv. Peter Von Roy<sup>619</sup> was born in 1644 in Elbing, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 6 December 1698 in Neugarten, Danzig Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 39935}. Peter married Agneta DeVeer, 618 daughter of Gijsbert DeVeer<sup>585</sup> and Maria Van Dijck, 586</sup> 11 May 1670 in Danzig. Peter next married Catharina Kroecker, 624 daughter of Nikolaus Kroecker, 19 October 1681 in Danzig.

3011. Elizabeth Niklassen<sup>595</sup> was born before 1617 and died 31 August 1669 in Danzig. {UsrID: 764513}

There is a death record in the Danzig Church Book that simply indicates the Von Roy wife. I suspect it refers to Elizabeth. The Nederlandische Leuw says she is the mother of the various Von Roy children who married into the De Veer family. If we assume this is correct and apply the correction maintained by Joachim Von Roy as to the name of the father, if follows that she is the wife of Wilhelm Von Roy.

Elizabeth married Wilhelm Von Roy<sup>594</sup> before 1635.

3814. Hans Berends<sup>612</sup> was born before 1643 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 4 July 1699 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1141605}

Jacob Janzen married a daughter of Hans Berends. I speculate that the Hans Berents who died in 1699 is this person. It is unproven. However, there are limited numbers of individuals and considering that the daughters were all listed in the Danzig Church Book as baptized and married within the community it follows that the parents lived in the community served by the Danzig Church. For the same reason I suspect that the wife who died on 20 September 1691 in Alt Schottland in the Danzig Region is the wife of this person. There is no name associated with this wife. I don't find any other Hans Berends who would be appropriate.

His daughter Sancke is the wife of Matis Kraemscke according to the Danzig Church Book death register. She died in 1709 when the plague was decimating Danzig.

Whether younger daughter Judke belongs to him is speculative.

His second wife was Liesbetje Schroeder. All of the information about her is taken from the Danzig Church Books with the exception of her year of birth which is estimated.

Hans married an unknown person.

#### Children:

- 1907 i. Triencke Berends.<sup>584</sup> Triencke married Jacob Janzen<sup>583</sup> 22 August 1694 in Danzig. {UsrID: 1171182}
  - ii. Ancke Berends<sup>625</sup> was born about 1663 in Danzig, was baptized 4 July 1683 in Danzig, and died 23 May 1696 in Danzig. Ancke married Isaac Houenier<sup>626</sup> 10 September 1684 in Danzig.
  - iii. Sancke Berends<sup>627</sup> was born about 1668 in Danzig, was baptized 11 July 1688 in Danzig, and died 9 September 1709 in Danzig. Sancke married Matis Kraemscke<sup>628</sup> 25 December 1688 in Danzig.
  - iv. Judcke Berends<sup>629</sup> was born about 1672 in Danzig and was baptized 5 June 1692 in Danzig. Judcke married Isaac Raets<sup>589</sup> 4 March 1696 in Danzig.

Hans next married Liesbetje Schroeder<sup>630</sup> 7 June 1693 in Danzig.

#### 13th Generation

6016. Gysbert DeVeer, 613 son of Jan DeVeer, was born 14 May 1556 in Schiedam, Netherlands, was baptized in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and died 17 May 1615 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12796}

Gysbert was the son of Jan De Veer. His middle name, Jansz, is a reference to his father. Horst Penner says he was born in Schiedam, not far from Rotterdam. Luise Dick, in her Dick-Schmidt Ancestry, concurs. James Fehr tells us he thrived due to the merchant trade he developed between Danzig and Amsterdam. He married in 1580 and settled in Danzig sometime between 1583 and 1588 according to Fehr. He was among the first to join the Danzig Mennonite Church. He was in the grain trading business. The Nederlandsche Leeuw genealogy says more specifically he was a grain merchant in Danzig and Amsterdam and Fehr confirms he traded on the North Sea trading route between the Netherlands and the Baltic coast. He returned to Amsterdam from Danzig in 1600 and was wealthy enough to become a citizen there in 1601. He returned to Danzig in 1612 and died there. His descendents lived in Amsterdam and Danzig and carried on the successful trading business he founded. Luise Dick is the source for the location of his baptism.

Odette Franssen notes that his son, Nicolaes, was a "merchant and Baltic navigator". The family appeared to be involved in commercial activities spanning Amsterdam and Danzig. She also says he was a teacher or minister in the Mennonite community in Amsterdam. Gysbert's son Harman was a merchant in Amsterdam and Danzig.

His son Isaac Isaac had to be born in Danzig because his parents lived there from about 1583-4 until 1600 when they returned to Amsterdam for about 12 years.

Gysbert married Debora Harnasveger<sup>614</sup> in 1580 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 12797}

### Children:

- Nicolaes DeVeer<sup>632</sup> was born in March 1583 in Amsterdam, Netherlands and died 8 September 1646 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 12798}. Nicolaes married Margaretha Loten<sup>633</sup> 23 August 1603 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Nicolaes next married Anna Kotermans<sup>633</sup> after 1611 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- ii. Abraham DeVeer<sup>634</sup> was born about 1585 in Danzig and died about 1652 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12799}. Abraham married Catharina Pasch<sup>634</sup> in Danzig. {UsrID: 12817}
- iii. Anneke DeVeer<sup>634</sup> was born in 1588 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12800}. Anneke

- married Abraham Van Amersfoord, son of Hans Van Amersfoord and Cecilia Fijans, 6 March 1612 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 484686}
- iv. Hans DeVeer<sup>635</sup> was born about 1590 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12802}. Hans married an unknown person.
- v. Jacob DeVeer<sup>636</sup> was born 4 March 1594 in Danzig and died in 1654 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. {UsrID: 12801}. Jacob married Agneta Van Dijck,<sup>637</sup> daughter of Philipp Van Dijck<sup>620</sup> and Maria Grauwert,<sup>621</sup> 15 November 1615 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12833}
- vi. Isaac DeVeer<sup>633</sup> was born before 1595 in Danzig.
- vii. Cornelius DeVeer<sup>632</sup> was born 7 November 1600 in Amsterdam, Netherlands and died 16 February 1645 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12804}. Cornelius married Emerentia Von Bargen.<sup>633</sup>
- 300&iii. Gijsbert DeVeer.<sup>585</sup> Gijsbert married Anna Von Buygen,<sup>586</sup> daughter of NN Von Buygen<sup>615</sup> and Janneke -,<sup>615</sup> 2 February 1625 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12898}. Gijsbert next married Maria Van Dijck,<sup>586</sup> daughter of Philipp Van Dijck<sup>620</sup> and Maria Grauwert,<sup>621</sup> 7 May 1628 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12900}
  - ix. Harman DeVeer<sup>633</sup> was born in 1602 in Amsterdam, Netherlands and died in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 12805}

6017. Debora Harnasveger,<sup>614</sup> daughter of Claes Harnasveger<sup>638</sup> and Weijn Peters,<sup>639</sup> was born about 1560 in Amsterdam, Netherlands and died 14 August 1627 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12797}

The Nederlandsche Leeuw genealogy says that Debora married Gijsbert in 1580 in Amsterdam and specifies that she was born there. Further, she died in Danzig. This genealogy says she was the daughter of Claes Jacobsz Harnasveger and Weyn Pieters. Her middle name is stated as Claesdr which is a reference to her father.

Debora married Gysbert DeVeer<sup>613</sup> in 1580 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 12796}

6018. Philipp Van Dijck $^{620}$  was born about 1564 in Danzig and died in 1634 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12831}

I have used date approximations from the Grandma Database. The Grandma Database lists its source as the Ancestry of David Dick & Katharina Schmidt, Clearbrook, BC Mennonite Centre. The year of death I have used is published on the Meissner site at myheritage.com. I have no source reference for this date.

Horst Penner lists Philipp as one of the Mennonite congregants in Gross Werder (Marienburg Region).

He may have had a son named Philipp but I have found no concrete information about this, only Internet sources without source citations.

His father may have been named Johannes based on some Internet references. I have found no proof of this.

He had a daughter named Agneta or Apeta. I am unsure if her name is correctly spelled Apeta, as shown in De Nederlandsche Leeuw, or if it should be Ageta as shown in the original work done by Calmeyer in 1929, or possibly the way Ulrich Dueck spells it. I have used the latter.

He may have had a son named Klaas. Information about him is found in the Luise Dick's Dick-Schmidt Ancestry but no mention of him is made in the Nederlandsche Leeuw.

Names such as this with 'Van' generally originate in the South and Spanish Netherlands. More specifically Penner says the name Van Dyck originates in Flanders, a county in the Spanish Netherlands at the time.

There are web sites indicating Philipp's father was Gysbert op den Dyck from Wesel in the Westphalia region of Germany, and his mother was Maria Ryswick. The op den Dyck genealogy is well researched in a book entitled "The op Dyck Genealogy" by Charles Wilson Opdycke, published in 1889. This book does not contain any references to Philipp Van Dijck.

From a geographic standpoint this relationship is tenable. Henry Schapansky says that one of the main centers of the Radical Reform movement, of which the Mennonite movement was a part, was the Lowlands area around the Maas and Rhine river deltas and adjacent territories. This reformation movement sprang up long before the Netherlands was the modern country constituted as we know it. The area was comprised of modern day Netherlands, Flemish speaking parts of modern Belgium and France, East Friesland and the northern lower Rhine area of modern Germany (of which Westphalia is a part). Opdycke's book speaks at length about the Reformation and the resulting inquisition.

However, a thorough study of the research in this Opdycke genealogy disproves the possibility of a family relationship to Philipp Van Dijck. It is clear that Gysbert was a prominent member of the Wesel community all through the period in which Philipp was born and raised in Danzig. Gysbert was a town councillor for many years and held other civic administration positions as well. Unless information arises to indicate Philipp was a child of Gysbert in Wesel and only later lived in Danzig it seems clear this hypothesis is disproven.

There are other absurd familial relationships in the online databases that indicate many

genealogical errors. The most common information shows Gysbert with four children, Anne (born 1563 in Wesel), Philip (born 1564 in Danzig), Lodowick (born 1565 in Netherlands) and Sara (born about 1650 in New York). Obviously Sara is not a daughter and if she exists it is a few generations later on a different continent. Anne is always shown married to a Deric Kalenbuiter; this Anne is actually a sister of Gysbert. Philip has been discussed above. Whether Lodowick was born in Germany or Netherlands isn't clear but the Opdycke book points to Wesel in Germany.

Philipp married Maria Grauwert<sup>621</sup> about 1589 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12832}

#### Children:

- Klaas Van Dijck<sup>640</sup> was born about 1590 in Danzig and died in Danzig. {UsrID: 207778}. Klaas married Oeselia DeVeer,<sup>641</sup> daughter of Hans DeVeer, in Netherlands.
- ii. Agneta Van Dijck<sup>637</sup> was born 2 April 1594 in Danzig and died 18 March 1673 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12833}. Agneta married Jacob DeVeer,<sup>636</sup> son of Gysbert DeVeer<sup>613</sup> and Debora Harnasveger,<sup>614</sup> 15 November 1615 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12801}
- 3009iii. Maria Van Dijck.<sup>586</sup> Maria married Gijsbert DeVeer,<sup>585</sup> son of Gysbert DeVeer<sup>613</sup> and Debora Harnasveger,<sup>614</sup> 7 May 1628 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12803}

6019. Maria Grauwert<sup>621</sup> was born about 1568 in Klein Mausdorf, Marienburg Region, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died after 1606 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12832}

There are numerous hits on the Internet all showing a death date of 1606. I haven't found a concrete source for this date. It may simply related to the birth of her daughter, Maria, in 1606, in which case she may have lived longer. I imagine she died in Danzig. Ulrich Dueck indicates she was born in Klein Mausdorf in the Marienburg region. Her husband Philipp was there in 1592 according to Horst Penner.

In a random Internet search I found another son of Philipp and Maria, Philipp Van Dijck, born around either 1600 or 1610. I can't find any source to confirm his existence.

There is genealogy work appearing on many web sites showing her father as Cornelius Grauwert. I have not been able to find any substantiating sources yet. There is a Cornelius Grauwert who married Magdalene van Ammersfort in 1587, probably in Danzig. Magdalene was born in Danzig in 1567. This precludes Cornelius and Magdalene from being Maria's parents. However, Cornelius was a son of Johann Grauwert and I can imagine a scenario

where Johann is the father of siblings Cornelius and Maria. Coincidentally, Cornelius Grauwert had a second wife, according to Ulrich Dueck. She was Anna van Dijck. It is interesting that Anna's surname is the same as Philipp Van Dijck, husband of Maria Grauwert.

Ulrich Dueck has identified a number of individuals named Grauwert in Utrecht dating back to the fourteenth century. It appears that some members of the Grauwert family were leaders in the Church. Tydemannus Grauwert was the Carthusian Prior in Brugge in the fourteenth century. A couple men were Canons of the St. Salvator Church in Utrecht beginning with Johannes who held that post until his death in 1369. Walter Grauwert was also a Canon until his death in 1456. Walter was a deacon at St. Salvator prior to this, beginning in 1429. Finally, Dirk Grauwert was a deacon at St. Salvator in the years before his death in 1476. It is unclear how these men relate to each other or to the Mennonite Grauwerts in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the sixteenth century.

St. Salvator was built around 695-724. It was destroyed in 1587-1588.

Maria married Philipp Van Dijck<sup>620</sup> about 1589 in Danzig. {UsrID: 12831}

6020. Anthonius Von Roy<sup>622</sup> was born about 1560.

Joachim von Roy indicates that Anthonius, the father of Katharina and Johann, is probably the father of Wilhelm, Peter and Sara, although possibly the father is Peter von Roy. Joachim von Roy said, in a blog post on Heraldik im Netz, that the first record of a von Roy affiliating with Reformers is Anthonius when he married Gertrud Maraun in the Calvinist Church of Saint Peter and Paul in Danzig.

Based on what I have read of Joachim's research it seems certain that the von Roy family were members of the aristocracy in Polish Prussia.

The date of death of son Peter's wife Maria is given by Joachim von Roy and it matches the date of death in the Danzig Church Book for an unnamed wife of a von Roy. This correspondence supports Joachim's data and it also indicates that some members of the family were members of the Mennonite congregation by this time.

Anthonius' daughter Katharina and son Johann were baptised in the Reformed Church of Saint Peter and Paul in Danzig.

Construction of the Church of Saint Peter and Paul began in the 1390s. It burned down in the 1420s in a great fire in the Danzig suburbs where it was located. It was rebuilt in the 1450s and was a Catholic Parish Church until the mid 1500s when it became a Lutheran Church.

Later, in 1622, it became a Calvinist Church. At the time of Anthonius' wedding it would have been a Lutheran Church.

Joachim von Roy says that one of Anthonius' great grandsons, Wilhelm (grandson of Peter), was permitted to convert from the Calvinist Church to the Mennonite Church after which he married a Magdalena Goosen.

Joachim von Roy goes on to say that the Goosen family was particularly widespread in Elbing, where the students Abraham Goosen (a Hollender) entered the grammar school in Elbing in september 1598, Wilhelm Gossen (a Hollender) in 1604, Heinrich Goosen in 1641 and Isaak Goosen in 1643. This is significant because it points to a greater level of educational integration than is generally understood to have been accepted by Mennonites. Certainly there is are many writers who indicate that Mennonites opted to manage their own educational affairs within their community. This is not necessarily the case.

Anthonius married Gertrud Maraun<sup>594</sup> 3 May 1587 in Danzig.

#### Children:

- i. Katharina Von Roy<sup>594</sup> was born in 1588 in Danzig and was baptized 24 April 1588 in Danzig.
- ii. Johann Von Roy<sup>594</sup> was born in 1589 in Danzig and was baptized 8 October 1589 in Danzig.
- iii. Peter Von Roy<sup>594</sup> was born about 1600 in Danzig and died 3 September 1667 in Danzig. Peter married Ewertien -<sup>594</sup> before 1636 in Danzig. Peter next married Maria -<sup>642</sup> before 1640 in Danzig.
- 3010 iv. Wilhelm Von Roy.<sup>594</sup> Wilhelm married Elizabeth Niklassen<sup>595</sup> before 1635. {UsrID: 764513}
  - v. Sara Von Roy<sup>594</sup> was born in 1614 and died 8 March 1679 in Elbing, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. Sara married Isaak Nesselrode<sup>594</sup> in Elbing, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

6021. Gertrud Maraun, <sup>594</sup> daughter of Georg Maraun, was born about 1565 in Danzig.

Gertrud married Anthonius Von Roy<sup>622</sup> 3 May 1587 in Danzig.

#### 14th Generation

12032. Jan DeVeer,<sup>631</sup> son of Gijsbert DeVeer, was born 11 August 1521 in Veere, Netherlands. {UsrID: 196491}

There are many web sites that provide the specific birth date that is used here. No doubt they are replicating data but the date agrees with other data I have collected. I have seen sources stating a death year of 1615 but I think this is the son's year of death. A spouse is also given on some sites but that requires confirmation (Katharina Pasch; there is a woman of this name who marries a grandson). Finally, a middle name, Gijsbert, is mentioned and based on typical conventions of the time wherein a middle name is a direct reference to the father's name I have recorded his father accordingly. I haven't authenticated the information.

James Fehr has done extensive research on the De Veer and Fehr ancestry. I borrow from his genealogical article here, although I have made a number of corrections. The De Veer name extends back to a time preceding the Reformation. The spelling evolved over the years, at times due to the influence of different languages as the Mennonite group migrated from the Netherlands, through the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, to Ukraine. The Dutch Mennonites retained their use of the Dutch language for two centuries after settling in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the sixteen century. This contributed to the treatment they received from the indigenous populace, who regarded them as social as well as religious outsiders. Eventually the Dutch language was replaced by the Low German dialect commonly used among the neighbouring population, although Dutch was maintained for Church services until the end of the 1770s. Low German was widely used among the merchant class for many years as the language of business stemming from the days of the Hanseatic League. High German became more widely used due to economic influence over time and particularly after the partition of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, when most Dutch Mennonites found themselves citizens of Prussia. During this period the name changed from De Veer to De Fehr, as it became germanicized. The pronunciation of the name Fehr is similar to Veer, since the "v" is pronounced the same as an "f". High German was adopted for life outside the home but certainly Low German was retained within the Mennonite community, and it was brought to Canada and is used to this day. By the 1920s, immigrants to Canada from the Mennonite Settlements in Ukraine spoke Low German, High German, Ukrainian and Russian. Some spoke all of these languages.

According to Fehr, the port of Veere was caught up in political disputes over the control of the Netherlands in the early 1500's. Residents fled the town to settle in Schiedam (in modern times a suburb of Rotterdam). They took on the same "De Veere" at this point.

The first Mennonite to carry the De Veer name was Gysbert Jansz. De Veer, born in Schiedam

on 14 May 1556. Based on his name, it was clear that his father's name was Jan. In fact, there is a record of a Janss Gysbrecht, born 11 August 1521, in the Veere archives.

According to Fred Wall in an email (I have not seen) to James Fehr on 29 March 2000, Schiedam was a trading port under the control of one of the mercantile trading companies established by the Dutch state and all citizenship records prior to approximately 1700 were taken to the state archives in Amsterdam where they remain. A Dutch archivist in Veere suggested to Fred that the name De Veer could have originated in Schiedam where many Veere residents fled after Veere came under the control of the Duke of Burgundy in the early 16th century as an endowment of his new wife. This perspective is congruent with Fehr's analysis. The archivist said these refugees would usually adopt the name De Veer. There is a citizen registry book in Veere started in the 15th century with an entry for a Janss Gysbrecht born 11 August 1521. Given the assertion that Gysbert Jansz De Veer (1556 - 1615) was from Schiedam there could well be a relationship, speculating that the father had moved from Veere to Schiedam and passed on the name. This leads to the further speculation that Janss Gysbrecht's father was Jans from Veere.

Mennonitedna.com has published an outline of the genetic evidence to substantiate the ancestral linkages stemming from Jan De Veer. Note that the reference numbers that appear here refer to the Grandma Database. Quoting from the Mennonitedna.com site "There are at least partial results back for many different descendants of Benjamin De Fehr (ca 1733-1822) #196504 as well as a grandson of Eduard De Veer (b. 23 Feb 1893) #1074024, who is a descendant of Jan De Veer (b. 11 August 1521) #196491 through his grandson Abraham De Veer (b. ca 1585) #12799. The haplotypes are consistent with each other, suggesting that these families all descend from Jan De Veer (b. 11 August 1521) #196491. Benjamin De Fehr (ca 1733-1822) #196504 is a descendent of Gysbert De Veer (b. 7 Nov 1600) #12803, the brother of Abraham De Veer (b. ca 1585) #12799. These results are of interest since the haplotypes confirm that the descendants of Abraham De Veer (b. ca 1585) #12799 who stayed in the Netherlands are related to the descendants of Gysbert De Veer (b. 7 Nov 1600) #12803, who moved to Poland. This is the earliest connection to a common ancestor that has been confirmed by DNA testing in the Mennonite DNA project and the first Mennonite lineage that has been confirmed through DNA testing as having originated in the Netherlands."

The relevance to this genealogical research is that the ancestral linkages to Benjamin De Fehr (1733) are well documented and most of the other links through to 1556 are also quite well researched. While there are some looser relationships due to gaps in the reference materials, the DNA information supports the broader genealogical structure.

Jan married an unknown person.

#### Children:

6016 i. Gysbert DeVeer.<sup>613</sup> Gysbert married Debora Harnasveger,<sup>614</sup> daughter of Claes Harnasveger<sup>638</sup> and Weijn Peters,<sup>639</sup> in 1580 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 12797}

12034. Claes Harnasveger, 638 son of Jakob Harnasveger and Dieuwertje Janz, 633 was born before 1534 in Netherlands and died in 1600 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 476570}

The marriage information is taken from the Grandma Database, which references "Stammtafel De Veer in Mennonit. Forschungsstelle Weiherhof/Pf". His middle name, Jakobsz, is a reference to his father. Jakob.

A source note in Odette Franssens's work says he buried a son at the Oude Kerk on 26 May 1554: "26-05-1554 (begraven een kind van) Hernisveger, Claes Jacopsz. begraafplaats: Oude Kerk. Begraafregisters voor 1811; NL-SAA-9103592; Is op den xx6 ontfangen van Claes jacopsz Hernisveger sijn kint onder den arm ... hijr begraven 1- 9-".

I located his son, Jan, by his second wife, at research.frick.org. This web site contains the Montias Database of 17th Century Dutch Art Inventories and documents a household inventory of art works belonging to Jan Harnasveger. The inventory is dated 22 September 1611. It was made at the request of creditors. The commentary says this person was likely an insolvent armourer. Since the date corresponds to his death I wonder if this is more likely an estate settlement than a bankruptcy. The house was on Breestraet in Amsterdam (this is probably Van Breestraat). The inventory lists 44 items including maps, drawings, paintings, alabaster carvings and a deer head.

A source note in the Odette Franssen ancestry work says: "22 April 1600: Marriage Bann (with Metje Heijrics van Zevenbergen) - Amsterdam Jan Claes Harnasveger out xx4 jare ... opde nieuwezijss voorburghwall geassisteert met Claes Jacobs Harnasveger sijn vader ..... Metgen Heijnrics, van Sevenbergen .... out xx? jare ........ agterburgwal geassisteert met heijnrik van sevenbergen haer vader .......haer moeder (....) Getekend Jan Claess Harnasveger Metgen Heijndrick van ... Sources: DTB 665/109". His middle name is given as Claes which is a reference to his father. The middle name of Jan's wife, Heijndrick, indicates the name of her father and I have recording him accordingly.

His son Frans is listed in the Montias Collection at frick.org as a signatory of the Remonstrant Petition of 1628. The Remonstrants were a group who disagreed with the Calvinist principle of predestination. Odette Franssen provided some information about Frans and his wife Geertgen Pieters Dommer. I believe the middle name Pieters is a reference to her father and I

have recorded him accordingly. Frans had a second wife named Aeltje Hendricks Wijntjes. I believe the middle name Hendricks refers to her father's first name and have recorded her father accordingly.

Claes' second wife was Claertijen Franssen. The source of this information is the ancestry work done by Odette Franssen.

Claes married Weijn Peters<sup>639</sup> before 1554 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 476841}

## Children:

- i. NN Harnasveger was born before 1554 in Amsterdam, Netherlands and died 26 May 1554 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 6017 ii. Debora Harnasveger.<sup>614</sup> Debora married Gysbert DeVeer,<sup>613</sup> son of Jan DeVeer, in 1580 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 12796}

Claes next married Claertijen Franssen<sup>633</sup> in 1571 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

#### Children:

- Frans Claessen Harnasveger<sup>646</sup> was born in 1571 and died in 1649.
   Frans married Geertgen Dommer, daughter of Pieter Dommer, in 1597.
   Frans next married Aeltje Hendricks Wijntjes, daughter of Hendricks Wijntjes, in 1608.
- ii. Jan Harnasveger<sup>647</sup> was born in 1576 in Amsterdam, Netherlands and died in 1611 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Jan married Metjen Van Zevenbergen,<sup>633</sup> daughter of Heijndrick Van Zevenbergen, in 1600 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

12035. Weijn Peters<sup>639</sup> was born about 1531 in Amsterdam, Netherlands and died before 1571 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 476841}

According to the Grandma Database she was born between 1530 and 1540. One source (http://www.genealogieonline.nl/fr/genealogie-spaan/l508579.php) says she was born in 1531 in Amsterdam and died in 1560 at the age of 29. This is around the time that Debora was born so the death may be related to the birth. The same source says she was married in 1554. Claes remarried in 1571, meaning she died prior to 1571.

In some ancestry.ca genealogy records there is a claim that her parents were Pieter Meeusz Hartogh (1500-1588), possibly born in Antwerp and dying in Amsterdam, and Elisabeth Jansdr

Pauw (1512-1566), possibly born and dying in Antwerp. I think this information is from the Netherlands Genealogy Index (1000-2015) and I suspect it relies on the coincident knowledge that Weijn's father was a Pieter and that the dates hang together. I have not been able to find sources to prove this information is correct.

Weijn married Claes Harnasveger<sup>638</sup> before 1554 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 476570}

12042. Georg Maraun,<sup>643</sup> son of Matthaus Maraun<sup>648</sup> and Katharina Marquard,<sup>649</sup> was born about 1510 in Konigsberg, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

Joachim von Roy says that Gertrud Maraun was the daughter of Georg Maraun who was "...probably from the important Danzig or Konigsberg patrician family Marun". Internet entries I have seen indicate he was born in Konigsberg.

The name has its origin in East Prussia. In Königsberg there was a district called Maraunenhof, named for people who settled there in the sixteenth century. Whether this was the originating family in that area is unknown.

The Piwkowski familiy tree (https://stammbaum.piwkowski.org/familychart.php? personID=I827&tree=Piwkowski) contains a few other Maraun family members. The source is the Danzig State Archives. The patriarch here was Matthäus Maarun, born in Konigsberg-Kniephof in the late fifteenth century. He was a councilor and businessman. He had a wife named Katharina. They had two children, Kurt and Georg. Kurt was born in Konigsberg in 1490; this is known from his death record. He lived in Danzig where he was a Councilor and Magistrate for Life. He died of the plague on 26 August 1547. Georg was born in Konigsberg and in 1518 he was a student (the abbreviation Lyz. is used here to indicate the institution or city).

There is a report of a claim being made in Konigsberg on 24 October 1512 on behalf of Matthaus Maraun to pay out salvage money for a shipment of goods stranded near Balga on the Vistula Lagoon. The shipment appears to have been on its way to Konigsberg. Maraun was guarantor for the shipment being made by Paul Goltbeck of Alt Stettin. The intent was to pay out the salvage monies so as to release Maraun from the pledge for the goods.

Georg married an unknown person.

Children:

6021 i. Gertrud Maraun.<sup>594</sup> Gertrud married Anthonius Von Roy<sup>622</sup> 3 May 1587

in Danzig.

### 15th Generation

24064. Gijsbert DeVeer<sup>644</sup> was born before 1501.

This hypothesis that he is the father of Jan De Veere is based only on information that Jan had Gijsbert as his middle name in records; usually that means his father was Gijsbert. In some sources the name is spelled De Veere but I have standardized the spelling.

Andrea Hampton has published further genealogical information on FamilySearch as follows.

Gerit Gijsbert de Beer (\*1400 's Hertogenbosch Noord Brabant) = Katarina Nicolaasdr Schilder (\*1410 's Hertogenbosch Noord Brabant)

-- Daughter Aleijt Gerit de Beer (\*1420 Oirschot Noord Brabant, +1505 Oirschot Noord Brabant)

Aleijt Gerit de Beer = Jan Gisjbert Arnoud (Poeldonk or Zeeland Noord Brabant) -- Son Gijsbert van der Veer (\*1475)

Gijsbert van der Veer = Sophia van Hooven (\*1480) -- Son Gijsbert de Veer (\*1500 Schiedam, +1550 Schiedam)

Gijsbert de Veer = Katarina Wijts (\*1500 Schiedam) -- Son Jan de Veer (\*1521 Veere, +1615 Schiedam)

Jan de Veer = Catharina Pasch

Some of the names and locations are garbled and clearly have not been understood before being copied. I have corrected these to the best of my knowledge. Further, Jan de Veer has a date of death in 1615, the same as his son. I doubt that is correct. There are no primary sources to prove any of this is correct.

Gijsbert married an unknown person.

Children:

12032 i. Jan DeVeer. 631 Jan married an unknown person.

24068. Jakob Harnasveger, 645 son of Claes Harnasveger, was born about 1480 in Netherlands and died before 1563 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 485003}

According to the Grandma Database he was born between 1480 and 1500. I found a reference to Jacob Harnasveger in a book by Irvin Horst, The Dutch Dissenters, in which he was quoted as saying "The papist regime would not hold out more than 22 months.". A reference is then made to his trial on 6 April 1537. Nothing further is said in the book. Odette Franssen provides the death date and indicates that his father was named Claes, as Jakob's middle name, Claesz, suggests. She also suggests that he "...must have belonged to the anabaptist fellowship in 1534 under the leadership of the bishop Jacob van Kampen and the deacon Jan Paeuw at Amsterdam.".

Franssen sent me some of her research on Harnasveger. The historic context of this relates to the German city of Munster being taken over in February 1534 by radical anabaptists, who held it until July 1535. There followed a plot later in 1534 in Amsterdam with the intent to take over this city as well. That plot was foiled, and the perpetrators aimed to get to safety in Munster. In October 1534 Harnasveger was part of a group of local anabaptists involved in assisting the plotters to escape from Amsterdam, apparently by boat, to Munster. His role was to provided weapons for the self-defense of the travelers. He was arrested and charged. The court proceedings seem to have dragged on for a considerable time, during which he escaped the authorities once and was captured in The Hague on 5 July 1535. Eventually on 15 October 1535 he was sentenced to a two-year banishment from Amsterdam. The historical records comment that this light sentence was due to the long running duration of the legal proceedings. In fact, the prosecution had requested execution by decapitation.

He predeceased his wife according to her burial record. It was recorded that Dieuwer Jans, the widow of Jacob Harnasveger, was buried at the Oude Kerk in Amsterdam on 17 February 1563.

A rough translation of the Amsterdam Archives Records provided by Odette Franssen follows:

1534 October. The new sheriff took prosecution measures by arresting some figures who had been noticed because of their behavior during the visit of the governor or earlier. The point of indictment against them was mainly that they had tried to influence the officers of the militia during the raids on the Dam. They were people baptized by Jacob van Kampen, including Jan Evertsz. Van Wij, his neighbor Cornelis de Bakker, and Jacob de Harnasmaker. The probably no less guilty Jan van Schellingwoude fled from his trial and was banned from the city in absentia for eternity with the confiscation of his goods to the amount of 100 pounds (in accordance with the city privilege). Cornelis de Bakker, who had once housed five rebaptized persons, including the brother of the executed Jan Pouwelsz., was banished with his wife for seven years and Jacob the armor maker, who at the time had supplied weapons

for those departing to Munster, for two years.

1534 December 11. Judgment of Jacob Claesz. So my lords of justice have shown that Jacob Claesz Harnasveger, at the time the Anabaptists had prepared to sail to Munster, had sold and ordered certain guns for the benefit of the same Anabaptists and to that end he was twice in the company of people who have been gathered in the city without the consent and the will of the mayor, and that all those must not remain unpunished, so is Jacob Claesz sent over for correction and he will leave the city for the period of two years. This sentence was handed down on 10 December 1535 by Claes Hillebrantsz., Claes Heyn, Joost Buyck and Claes Basgen.

1534 December 29th. Letter from Attorney General to Hof van Holland. Last night I apprehended three exiles from Amsterdam (including Jan van Schellingwoude and Jacob Claesz. Harnasveger) and sent them to the Hague because they were involved in the gathering at the gate throughout the Christmas period. These three prisoners have been among the principals of the uproar here in Amsterdam and know all the secrets. Today one of those imprisoned people, Jan Paeuw, has tried to name some of his companions and confesses to have spoken here in Amsterdam with a person sent from Munster representing Jan van Campen (Jacob van Campen), was a rebaptist, and has lived for a long time in The Hague but does not want this betrayal of his companions to become known. (The next paragraphs are indecipherable.)

1535 January 23. Memorandum to the attorney general of Holland. We find Johan van Schellinckwoude and Jehan Pauw, also Cornelis Coenenz the baker and Jacob Harnasmaker guilty as charged of the commotion that occurred in the city of Amsterdam. Thus done and advised by the kingdom in Brussels on the 23 January 1535.

1535. First days of May. Hendrik Goedbeleid must have taken care of the equipment of the brothers. A few days before, he had thirty pairs of warrior boots and a stock of weapons (swords, busses) prepared in quick succession. A later statement by Annetgen, the procurer, says that these weapons were bought from the wife of Jacob the armor-maker with the permission of Mr. Pieter Colin. In addition, Goedbeleid took a banner and a drum, which served during the advance to the dam.

1535 May 10. Riot on the Dam.

1535 May 17. First trial of Jacob van Campen. Jacob van Campen is a farmer from Yselmuden at Campen near Mastebrouck, aged 30 years. He confirmed that Jacob Harnasveger was baptized at the home of Jan Paeuw last summer.

1535 October 15. In October 1535, in The Hague, the Court of Holland also ordered Jacob Claesz the armor-maker and Jan van Schellingwoude to sentences of two and five years respectively in exile. These relatively light sentences concluded a long-running procedure that went back to the disturbances in Amsterdam during the visit of the governor in the autumn of 1534. In the case of these two notorious heretics, the Attorney General had demanded execution by beheading. Jacob Claesz's contacts with Jacob van Kampen and Jan Paeuw were not unknown and Jan van Schellingwoude had owned forbidden books. For the investigation of this case, Counselor Sandelijn went to Amsterdam with a secretary. The verdict is remarkably mild considering the facts. Both prisoners also made an attempt to break out.

1537 in the Easter feast days. Cornelis Adriaansz Harnasveger examined under oath affirmed that in the Easter days he was at a meal in the house of Jacob Cock also attended by Jacob Harnasveger, who he witnessed saying that the papist regime would not last more than another 22 months. Gheryt Otsz, the servant of Cornelis Harnasveger, examined under oath, stated that he was also there and heard Jacob Harnasveger say this. Ael Ysbrants, Jacob Cock's wife affirmed under oath that at the time and place she heard a man sitting with them who said the papists were enjoying their final 21 or 22 months.

1554 May 26 A child of Hernisveger, Claes Jacopsz. was buried at Amsterdam, Oude Kerk.

1562 List of rebaptized persons joining the Mennonite sect: Claes Jacobssen Harnaschmaker in Sint Olofscapel.

1563 February 17 Dieuwer Jans, the widow of Jacob Harnesmaecker buried on February 17 at Amsterdam, Oude Kerk.

1584 June 3 The wife of Claes Jacobsz Harnisfeger, Claertijen Franssen was buried at Amsterdam, Oude Kerk.

1597 Saturday, November 8: Frans Claesz. Harnasveger, son of Claes and Claertijen, married in Amsterdam to Geertgen Pieters Dommer. Geertgen is a daughter of Pieter Jansz Dommer and Haesgen (Hadewij) Willems Vrient.

1598 Sunday, December 6 Jacop Frans Harnasveger, child of Frans and Geertgen, baptized in the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam. Child Jacop, father Frans Claesen, mother Geert Dammes.

1600 Saturday, April 22 Jan Claesz. Harnasveger, son of Claes and Claertjen, married in Amsterdam to Metje Heijrics van Zevenbergen.

1600 Sunday, December 24 Pieter Fransz Harnasveger, child of Frans and Geertgen, baptized in the Oude Kerk in Amsterdam. Child Pieter, father Frans Claessen, mother Giertgen Pieters Getuige.

1603 Sunday, May 18 Claertge Frans Harnasveger, child of Frans and Geertgen, baptized in the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam. Child Claertge, father Frans Claesz, mother Grietge Pietters.

1606 September 15 Jan Classen Harnasveger lives on Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal at Dirk van Hasseltesteeg in the King of Portugal. [A note about this location: Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal refers to the "new side front bastion wall", a defensive structure that today is a road running north and south through central Amsterdam. Dirk van Hasseltesteeg is a cross street. Presumably the King of Portugal was a building at that location.]

1608 Thursday, April 3 Frans Claesz. Harnasveger married Aeltje Wijntjes in Amsterdam.

1608 (circa) Annetjen Jans Harnasveger, child of Jan and Metje born about 1608 in Amsterdam.

1611 In 1611 Jan Clasen Harnasveger has an account with the Wisselbank, which covers 2 folios.

1611 September 22 Inventory and specification of the goods found in the case of Jan Claesz. Harnesveger. Thus inventoried at the home of Jan Claesz. Harnasveger resident on Breestraet within this city of Amsterdam on September 22, 1611, at the request of several of his creditors by Notary Jacob Gysberts. In the front of the house: 2 maps of the entire world, 1 map, 1 painting of a flowerpot, 2 elongated landscapes by Emaus, 1 smallish landscape, 1 painting of six canary birds, 2 deer heads, 4 hanging plates, 1 piece of gold calligraphy. In the side room 4 paintings of the 4 Evangelists, 1 map of Netherlands, 1 landscape. In the inner room: 1 ship painting, 1 ship painting, 1 painting of Moses, 1 painting of a ship in a storm, 1 country painting, 1 painting by Vroom. In the back room: 1 case painting with doors (triptych). In the front room: paintings of the 7 planets without frames, 9 gilded marble statues, 1 elongated painting for the fireplace. [A note about the painting by Vroom: Hendrick Vroom (1562 - 1640) was a famous Dutch master during the Dutch Golden Age and is recognized as the founder of the school of Dutch marine art.]

1611 Deed of transfer, signed by Notary J. Haions Vallingius in Amsterdam, of five morgens of land located at Gorinchem, by Jan Claesz Harnasveger, citizen of Amsterdam, to Meerten Andriaensz Boom.

Jakob married Dieuwertje Janz. 633

### Children:

12034 i. Claes Harnasveger.<sup>638</sup> Claes married Weijn Peters<sup>639</sup> before 1554 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. {UsrID: 476841}. Claes next married Claertijen Franssen<sup>633</sup> in 1571 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

24069. Dieuwertje Janz,<sup>633</sup> daughter of Jan -, was born about 1500, died in 1563 in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and was buried 17 February 1563 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Odette Franssen's ancestry site tells us that a Dieuwer, widow of Jacob Harnasveger and daughter of Jans, was buried at the Old Church on 15 February 1563 and mentions the Koestraet. The Oude Kirk is not situated on Koestraat but very near it. I assume the interment was in a graveyard on Koestraat related to the church. The specific reference is "Begraven Oude Kerk: Dieuwer Jans dogter in de Koestraet (?) weduwe van Jacob Harnesmaecker den 17 februarij begraven." A source note is also given: Burial: GA Amsterdam DTB 1040, p.34 en p.35.

The Oude Kirk refers to a specific church in Amsterdam, dating back to the 13th century. Today it is a museum during the week and a Protestant church on Sundays.

The church was originally a wooden chapel built around 1213. Later it was replaced by a stone church and in 1306 it was consecrated by the bishop of Utrecht. Saint Nicolas was its patron saint. Over the years numerous revisions and additions were made to the structure to complete the building that stands there today. After the reformation in Amsterdam in 1578 it became a Calvinist Church. It remains a Calvinist Dutch Reformed Church.

Dieuwertje married Jakob Harnasveger.<sup>645</sup> {UsrID: 485003}

24084. Matthaus Maraun<sup>648</sup> was born before 1470 in Konigsberg-Kneiphof, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died in 1521 in Konigsberg-Kneiphof, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

The rationale for associating Matthaus Maraun with Georg Marun, the father of Gertrud is circumstantial.

The Piwkowski Genealogy lists a Matthaus Maraun born in Konigsberg-Kneiphof, a small district in Konigsberg. Piwkowski indicates that the alternate form for Matthaus is Thewes, and this is the form we see in Teutonic Order records referring to Matthaus in the early 1500s. In this genealogy two sons are listed: Kurt (1490-1547) and Georg. Both sons were born in Konigsberg. Kurt died in Danzig. Georg appears in a school record in 1518, implying that he must have been born between 1500 and 1510. The google translation says he attended high

school (probably meaning the Gymnasium).

Piwkowski says that the the alternate form of Kurt is Conrad, and we see this in one reference to him in the Teutonic Order records for the year 1523. He appears on the matriculation registration list for the University of Frankfurt in 1511. It appears that Kurt lived in Danzig from 1531 until his death in 1547. He was a Councillor and Magistrate there. He died of the plague and may have been buried in St. Mary's Church in Danzig. St. Mary's was originally a Catholic Basilica. Lutheran services were introduced in 1536, concurrent with Catholic services. This continued until 1572 when Catholic services were discontinued.

The Lilienthal Genealogy lists a Matthaus Maraun who was a merchant in Kneiphof and this database has records showing he lived in Kneiphof in 1512 and 1516. One daughter is listed: Regina (-1595) who married Peter Glogau in 1563. Glogau was born in 1494, placing him in the same generational line as the sons of Matthaus. Regina and Peter had a daughter Anna born in 1564.

The Joachim von Roy genealogy lists one daughter for Georg Maraun: Gertrud, who married in 1587. This puts her birth around 1560, around the same time as the daughter of Regina and Peter. The import of this is that it makes it plausible from a dating perspective that this Georg Maraun in the same person as Georg, the son of Matthaus.

Von Roy tells us that the Maraun family was an important patrician and business family in Konigsberg. We have evidence that Matthaus was a businessman of signifigance. See the reference to the Virtual Prussian Document Book.

There are two references to the widow of Matthaus Maraun in the Prussian Cultural Archives, dated 1523. There are multiple references to Matthaus leading up to 1519 in the Regesta Historico-Diplomatica and then beginning in 1521 references to his widow Katharina. I gather he must have died around 1521.

Matthaus married Katharina Marquard<sup>649</sup> about 1490 in Konigsberg-Kneiphof, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

### Children:

- i. Conrad Maraun<sup>650</sup> was born in 1490 in Konigsberg, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 26 August 1547 in Danzig.
- 12042 ii. Georg Maraun.<sup>643</sup> Georg married an unknown person.
  - iii. Regina Maraun<sup>651</sup> was born in Konigsberg, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and died 8 March 1595. Regina married Peter Glogau<sup>651</sup>

in 1563 in Konigsberg, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

24085. Katharina Marquard<sup>649</sup> was born before 1470 in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

We know her name was Katharina from Konigsberg records that name her explicitly as Katharina, widow of Matthaus (Thewes is the form used in the records).

Her sister was Ursula, possible Marquard. Ursula was the wife of Bernt Pyning, large scale merchant, Councilor and judge in Konigsberg-Kneiphof. Based on records from Konigsberg it seems that Ursula and Bernt had a daughter (name unknown) who married Hans Fahrenheid. They had children. Both Bernt and Ursula died (Ursula in 1522) and Katharina was cited in the records working to have the estate settled and there is a further reference to the children of Fahrenheid. I suspect those parents died earlier and Katharina had an obligation to care for the children.

Katharina married Matthaus Maraun<sup>648</sup> about 1490 in Konigsberg-Kneiphof, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

### 16th Generation

48136. Claes Harnasveger<sup>633</sup> was born before 1460 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Information for the Harnasveger ancestry, in addition to the Grandma Database sources, is derived from:

- 1. Odette Franssen https://gw.geneanet.org/cofranssen
- 2. Fred Tiedemann Croese https://gw.geneanet.org/tiedemanr

His son was known as Jakob Claesz, implying he was the son of Claes and was also an armorer or harness maker.

Claes married an unknown person.

## Children:

24068 i. Jakob Harnasveger.<sup>645</sup> Jakob married Dieuwertje Janz,<sup>633</sup> daughter of Jan -.

48138. Jan -633 was born about 1480 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

See the notes for his daughter. He is mentioned as her father in her burial record, with no surname.

Jan married an unknown person.

### Children:

24069 i. Dieuwertje Janz.<sup>633</sup> Dieuwertje married Jakob Harnasveger,<sup>645</sup> son of Claes Harnasveger. {UsrID: 485003}

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