

ON THE SWISS VOLHYNIAN IMMIGRANTS WHO CAME TO AMERICA AFTER
THE MAIN GROUPS LEFT RUSSIA IN 1874



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INTRODUCTION:

It is common knowledge in Swiss Volhynian circles that the major portion of the clan came to America during the great Mennonite emigration from Russia in 1874. The first to cross the Atlantic Ocean was the Zahoriz Congregation from the Dubno vicinity in Russia. They came on the S.S. City of Richmond in two groups, docking at New York Harbor 05/18/1874 and 07/27/1874. The Horodyszczce and Waldheim Congregations followed on the S.S. City of Chester which docked in New York 08/24/1874. The last group was the Kutusovka Congregation which came on a later voyage of the S.S. City of Richmond arriving in New York 08/31/1874.

It may not be as well known that as many as twenty Swiss Volhynian families remained in Russia when the four congregations departed. Many of these immigrated later but a few remained in Europe indefinitely. In this report we are focused upon the dozen or so families that remained in Russia but came later to America in the months and years that followed the departure of the four main groups.

The documentation reviewed in this effort are the manifests or passenger lists of the steamships that carried Swiss Volhynian passengers to America. These hand written documents were filed by the captains of the steamships upon arrival at the Port Authority in New York and provide basis in fact for this study.

In this work an effort is made to identify the Swiss Volhynian passengers listed in the manifests and to correlate them with the available genealogical data. A number of "ship-lists" have been published in the past which list the names of Swiss Volhynian passengers from the main groups that left Russia in 1874. Here we will try to present passenger list information for about 66 individuals who came after the main groups.

James W. Krehbiel (2006) provides previous study in his paper: "The Story of the Schweitzers who stayed behind in Ukraine in 1874" [Kr06]. His discussion is available via the SMCHA website <Monthly Features>. The reader is referred to Krehbiel's research as a considerable amount of information conveyed there will not be reiterated here. At the same time it is hoped that this study will provide answers to some of the questions that arise from Krehbiel's work as well as some additional information.

The research for this work commenced in 2006. The hunt for ship records has been a formidable task. There were as many as 37,471 voyages which carried about 4.5 million German and Russian immigrants to America during the period 1834 to 1897. The Swiss Volhynians came during the period of greatest activity. After eleven years one begins to think it is time to report as one might have found all the information that one is going to find. Even so this report is considered preliminary and may be subject to updates in the future, depending.

There is some nomenclature that the reader may find confusing or obscure. An explanation of such is offered at the end of this document.

To provide an overview of this study the following table [page-2] is presented:

THE SWISS VOLHYNIANS WHO CAME TO AMERICA AFTER THE MAIN GROUPS LEFT RUSSIA IN 1874

STEAMSHIPS WHICH CARRIED SWISS VOLHYNIAN IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA:

Ship/Voyage	NY Arrival	#Persons	#Families	Generalized Surnames
SS City of Richmond (Liverpool/Queenstown/NY)	05/18/1874	59	11	Mueller, Schrag, Schwartz, Waltnr
SS City of Richmond (Liverpool/Queenstown/NY)	07/27/1874	94	15	Gering, Graber, Schrag, Schwartz, Sehner, Sutter
SS City of Chester (Liverpool/Queenstown/NY)	08/24/1874	300	61	Albrecht, Gering, Graber, Kaufman, Preheim, Ries, Schrag, Schwartz, Stucky
SS City of Richmond (Liverpool/Queenstown/NY)	08/31/1874	423	77	Albrecht, Dirks, Flickner, Gering, Graber, Kaufman, Krehbiel, Nachtigal, Ries, Schrag, Schroeder, Schwartz, Strausz, Stucky, Waltnr, Wedel, Voran, Zerger
SS Westphalia (Hamburg/Havre/NY)	11/13/1874	8	1	Gering
RMS City of London (Liverpool/NY)	11/18/1874	8	1	Wedel
SS City of Chester (Liverpool/Queenstown/NY)	04/26/1875	7	2	Gering, Graber
SS Weiland (Hamburg/Havre/NY)	09/07/1875	4	1	Gering, Waltnr
SS City of Montreal (Liverpool/NY)	09/22/1875	10	1	Waltnr
SS Frisia (Hamburg/Havre/NY)	06/26/1877	3	-	Gering, Kaufman
SS Switzerland (Antwerp/New York)	07/13/1877	2	1	Kaufman
SS Weiland (Hamburg/Havre/NY)	06/05/1878	9	1	Ortmann
SS Gellert (Hamburg/Havre/NY)	01/12/1880	3	1	Gering
SS Waesland	06/14/1883	12	1	Graber

Note: This table does not reflect approximately two dozen or so individuals who may have immigrated to America but have not been found in ship records.

THE PETER "SCHLOSSER" AND MARIA (RIES) GRABER GERING FAMILY:

Peter and Maria Gering immigrated to America with six children. They came about two months after the Waldheim congregation of which they were a part. The reason for their delay is unknown.

J.W. Krehbiel (2006) identifies them from the listings of Haury (1986) aboard the S. S. Westphalia which docked in New York 13 Nov 1874 [HaDa-36], [Kr06-2]. Harley Stucky (1999) briefly mentions this family and ship [StAd-131].

S. S. WESTPHALIA (HAMBURG/HAVRE/NEW YORK) Reporting: 11/13/1874

684	Peter	Goehring	40*	male	farmer	Russia*	United States
685	Maria	"	39*	female	wife	"	"
686	Anna	"	16	"	Child	"	"
687	Peter	"	9	Male	"	"	"
688	Louise	"	8	female	"	"	"
689	Jacob	"	7	Male	"	"	"
690	Katha.	"	4	female	"	"	"
691	Magda.	"	- 11*	"	"	"	"

The transcribed age for #691 is 11 months.

Identifications with approximate age at immigration:

#684	Peter Gering (1839-1919)	father, age 35 (Ge3.315)
#685	Maria Ries (1830-1907)	mother, age 44 (Rs2.23)
#686	Anna Graber (1857-1924)	daughter, age 17
#687	Peter D. Graber (1858-1937)	son, age 16
#688	Elisabeth Graber (1862-1948)	daughter, age 12
#689	Jacob P. Gering (1864-1947)	son, age 10
#690	Katharina Gering (1867-1947)	daughter, age 7
#691	Magdalena Gering (1872-1960)	daughter, age 2

The three older children (#686-688) are the youngest children from Maria's first marriage to (Gr2.77) Daniel D. Graber (1823-1863). The three younger children (#689-691) are from Maria's second marriage to Peter. There were no children known from Peter's first marriage to Maria Graber (1842-1862).

Maria's oldest three Graber children from her first marriage were married at the time of immigration and came to America by other paths: Her son, Johann J.D. Graber (1848-1926) came over in 1875 and will be discussed later. Her married daughters, Maria (Graber) Schrag (1851-1944) and Freni (Graber) Schrag (1853-1936) along with their spouses and children immigrated with the main groups in 1874.

The obituary of daughter, Katharina (#690) states that she came to America with her parents and that they settled in Harvey Co., KS. "Sie kam in früher Jugend mit ihren Eltern nach Amerika und die Familie siedelte sich auf einer Farm an in Alta Township, Harvey County, Kansas." [1].

The family later moved to Kingman Co., KS where according to J.W. Krehbiel, Peter and his son, Jacob P. (#689) built a mill on the Ninnescah River southwest of New Murdock in 1886 [Kr06-3]. In 1900 Peter and Maria moved into Old Mexico where Maria died. Presumably she was buried near a place called Tuxzan, Old Mexico [2].

[1]: Stucky, Kath. Gering (1867-1947), Christ. Bundes. 3 Jun 1947 p. 15

[2]: Goering, Maria (1830-1907), Christlicher Bundesbote: 1907 Nov 14 p. 6

THE JACOB B. and KATHARINA (GERING) WEDEL FAMILY:

According to J.W. Krehbiel (2006) this family belonged to the Kutusovka Congregation and for an unknown reason came a little over two months after the main groups [Kr06-2].

The following partial transcription from the passenger list of the RMS City of London which reported to the Port Authority at New York 18 Nov 1874 documents their traveling arrangements:

RMS CITY OF LONDON (Liverpool/New York) Reporting: 11/18/1874:

349	Jacob	Wendel	50	M	Laborer	Russia	United States
350	Cath	"	47	F	Wife	"	"
351	Johan	"	23	M	Laborer	"	"
352	Jacob	"	17	M	"	"	"
353	Andreas	"	14	M	"	"	"
354	Josef	"	7	M	Child	"	"
355	Peter	"	4	M	"	"	"
356	Maria	"	10	F	"	"	"

The genealogical information compares quite well with the registration on ship and the members of the family can be identified as follows:

#349	Jacob B. Wedel (1825-1914)	father, age 49 (We1.2)
#350	Katharina Gering (1827-1890)	mother, age 47 (Ge2.83)
#351	Johann P. Wedel (1851-1879)	son, age 23
#352	Jacob J. Wedel (1857-1918)	son, age 17
#353	Andreas J. Wedel (1860-1931)	son, age 13
#354	Joseph J. Wedel (1868-1937)	son, age 7
#355	Peter J. Wedel (1871-1951)	son, age 4
#356	Maria Wedel (1866-1971)	daughter, age 9

The obituary of son Andreas J. Wedel (#353) makes it clear that the family settled in Kansas. "In 1875 he came with his parents and their family to America and they settled on a farm often designated as the "Wedel Section", four miles west of Moundridge ..." [1].

The obituary of son Professor Peter J. Wedel (#355) states the following: "He was born in Wolhynia, Russia, Jan. 17, 1871, the son of Jacob and Katherine Wedel with whom he emigrated to America in 1874." [2].

The family was situated in Turkey Creek Township, McPherson Co., KS by midyear 1875 [3].

There were two daughters of this family who were married and came to America with their husbands and children. Anna (Wedel) Gering (1845-1912) crossed over on the City of Chester 08/24/1874 and Freni (Wedel) Stucky (1854-1894) came to America on the City of Richmond 08/31/1874.

- [1]: Wedel, Andreas J. (1860-1931), Mennonite Weekly Review: 1931 Feb 11 p. 3
 [2]: Wedel, Peter J. (1871-1951), Mennonite Weekly Review: 1951 Jun 7 p. 1
 [3]: Index to McPherson County, Kansas, 1875 State Census: {listed as Wedel}

THE ANDREAS and FRENI (STUCKY) GERING FAMILY and
THE JOHANN J. D. and KATHARINA (GERING) GRABER FAMILY:

J. W. Krehbiel (2006) gives a considerable discussion of the immigration story for the Andreas and Freni Gering family [Kr06-5]. In short, it seems that they attempted to immigrate with the Kutusovka Congregation but were compelled to delay when the mother, Freni (Stucky) Gering (1828-1874), became ill and passed away at about the time the Kutusovka Congregation was preparing to leave or was leaving Russia.

Later the surviving members, except the oldest son, managed to immigrate but in parts. A search of the National Archives database yields evidence that the second son, Adolph, and his sisters came to America on the City of Chester which docked in New York 26 Apr 1875. The microfilm copy of the manifest is not found at Bethel College Library and so was not examined. Even so the following information is available:

S. S. CITY OF CHESTER (Liverpool/Queenstown/New York) 04/26/1875
(NARA manifest code 33791)

Goening Adol f (21)	male	Joiner	Russia	USA
" Anne (7)	"	child		
" Caroline (18)	"	spinster		
" Maria (16)	"	"		

Grabner Joh (25)	male	Carpenter		
" Cath (24)	"	wife		
" Anne (1)	"	child		

Identifications are as follows:

Adolph Gering (1854-1915)	brother, age 20 (Ge3.383)
Anna Gering (1869-1921)	sister, age 6 (Ge3.388)
Karolina Gering (1856-1894)	sister, age 17 (Ge3.384)
Maria Gering (1859-1889)	sister, age 15 (Ge3.385)
Johann J. D. Graber (1848-1926)	husband, age 26 (Gr3.771)
Katharina (Gering) Graber (1852-1934)	wife & sister, age 23 (Ge3.382)
Anna Graber (1875-1897)	daughter, age 3 mo.

Johann J. D. is son from Maria (Ries) Graber's first marriage to Daniel D. Graber (1823-1863) [page-5]. It so happens that he was married to Adolph's oldest sister and so delayed in Russia along with the Gering family. The obituary of his daughter, Anna, states that she was born in western Russia and came in 1875 with her parents to Kansas: "war im westlichen Rußland geboren, kam im Jahre 1875 mit ihren Eltern nach Kansas" [1].

The obituary of the father, Andreas Gering (1824-1901) states that he came to America in 1885 and rejoined his children in Kansas. It has not been possible to identify him in ship records. "Im Jahre 1885 kam er als Wittwer in dieses Land und verlebte den Rest seiner Jahre in aller Ruhe unter seinen Kinder," [2].

The oldest son of this family, Jacob Gering (1847-1915) is discussed on the following page.

Sons Johann A. and Joseph A. Gering also came to America. Their immigration story will be presented later.

[1]: Graber, Anna (1875-1897), Christlicher Bundesbote 1897 Jun 10 p. 8

[2]: Goering, Andreas (1824-1901), Christlicher Bundesbote: 28 Nov 1901 p. 6

THE JACOB AND KATHARINA (SCHRAG) GERING FAMILY:

(Ge3.381) Jacob Gering (1847-1915) was the eldest son of Andreas and Freni (Stucky) Gering [page-5]. He was married to (Sg3.827) Katharina Schrag (1850-1938) a daughter of Elder Johann Schrag (1811-?) of the Zahoriz Congregation. Elder Schrag and many of his children and grand-children remained in Russia indefinitely. Likewise Jacob and Katharina and their children also remained in Russia as is stated in the obituary of Jacob's younger brother Joseph A. Gering [1].

Martin Schrag (1956) mentions an Andreas Gering who remained in Russia and suggests that the decision to remain may have had something to do with the family being involved in a profitable fish industry of some type [SgMa-82]. However, since it is thought that Andreas and his family attempted to immigrate with the main groups in 1874, the fish industry motive may be more applicable to the oldest son Jacob Gering?

There are records for three children, all of whom are thought to have grown to adulthood, they are Peter (1870-1939), Emelia (1874-?) and Adolph (1878-?) [SVdb]. Very little is known about them and there is no evidence to show that they ever came to America. The fact that death records are known for their parents and the oldest (Peter) may be an indication that they might have corresponded with their relatives in America well into the 1900s?

[1]: Goering, Joseph A. (1863-1943), Menno. Weekly Rev. 1943 Jan 28 p. 7

THE JOHANN J. and MARIA (KREHBIEL) WALTNER FAMILY and
 THE CHRISTIAN and MARIA (KAUFMAN) GERING FAMILY:

The evidence will show that these two families apparently immigrated together in the late summer of 1875. While the Gering family may have delayed their emigration from the Russian settlements by choice the Waltner family was delayed because of an unexpected accident.

According to the discussion of J.W. Krehbiel (2006) the Waltner family attempted to leave with the main groups in 1874. They were in transit by wagon to the nearest railroad station when their six year old son, Joseph, jumped off the wagon and broke his leg. [Kr06-2, 3].

Krehbiel gained some of his information from Joseph's obituary that was published in the Freeman Courier (08/21/1947). The obituary is said to convey that the oldest daughter, Freni, eighteen years of age, remained in Russia with her injured brother, while the rest of the family continued onward to frontier America. Freni and Joseph were thought to have followed later in 1875 with other Mennonites. The other Mennonites were not identified.

According to Krehbiel the story as told in some of the family books is somewhat different, suggesting that the whole family remained in Europe and immigrated as a unit in 1875.

The following evidence will confirm that the family did in fact immigrate in 1875 but not quite as a unit. It will show that Freni and Joseph actually preceded the rest of their family to America and not the reverse. It will also show that the other Mennonites were Christian and Maria (Kaufman) Gering who also immigrated at the same time.

It is presumable that the Waltner family traveled from the Russian settlement to the port at Hamburg, Germany along with the Gering couple. It was there that they divided temporarily.

We refer to the manifest of the S. S. Wieland which arrived at the port of New York from Hamburg, 07 Sep 1875. There we find registered Freni and Joseph Waltner along with Christian and Maria Gering. The following partial transcription from the original manifest documents the arrangements:

S. S. WIELAND (Hamburg/Havre/New York) Reporting 09/07/1875:

008	Christi an	Geri ng	22	(mal e)	farmer	Russi a	Uni ted States	
009	Mari anne	"	18	femal e	wi fe	"	"	
184	Franzi ka	Wal tner	18	femal e	si ngl e	"	"	
185	Josef	"	7	mal e	brother	"	"	3-2

These can be identified as follows:

#008	Christi an Gering (1850-1907)	husband, 25 (Ge3. 356)
#009	Mari a Kaufman (1852-1900)	wi fe, 23 (Ka4. 3422)
#184	Freni Waltner (1857-1909)	si ster, 18 (Wa3. 423)
#185	Joseph Waltner (1869-1947)	brother, 6 (Wa3. 42a)

(Continued on next page.)

The Wal tner family traveled from Hamburg to Liverpool, England where they registered on-board the S. S. City of Montreal which arrived in New York 22 Sep 1875, about two weeks after Freni and Joseph. Presumably the family reunited in New York before continuing to the Dakota Territory.

S. S. CITY OF MONTREAL (Liverpool /Queenstown/New York) Reporting 09/22/1875:

032	John	Wal dner	43	mal e	Farmer	Germany	US
033	Mari a	"	40	F	Wi fe	"	"
034	Catheri ne	"	45	"	"	"	"
035	Jacob	"	16	mal e	Lab	"	"
036	Johanns	"	10	F	Chi ld	"	"
037	Benj	"	7	mal e	"	"	"
*038	Jonn	"	2	"	"	"	"
039	Jul ius	Schul ts	18	mal e	Farmer	Germany	US
040	Mari e	Wal dner	13	F	Lab	"	"
041	Catheri ne	"	11	"	Chi ld	"	"
042	Carol i ne	"	1	"	Inft*	"	"

Identi fications and genealogical ages are as follows:

#032	Johann Wal tner (1832-1898)	father, 43 (Wa2. 42)
#033	Mari a Krehbi el (1837-1907)	mother, 38 (Kr2. 63)
#034	Kathari na Wal tner (1829-1919)	si ster, 46 (Wa2. 41)
#035	Jacob J. Wal tner (1858-1941)	son, 17
#036	Johann J. Wal tner(1863-1963)	son, 12
#037	Benjami n J. Wal tner (1867-1941)	son, 8
#038	Jonathan Wal tner (1871-1925)	son, 4
#039	?	?
#040	Mari a Wal tner (1860-1945)	daughter, 15
#041	Kathari na Wal tner (1862-1920)	daughter, 13
#042	Karol i na Wal tner (1874-1956)	daughter, 1

Observe that Johann's sister, Katharina #034, who was blind, was apparently under his guardianship at the time of immigration. Her identification here compliments a statement made in one of the family books, "as a young girl she worked hard for her brother Johann in Russia and in America," [2]. Krehbiel (1995) wrongly identifies Katharina as "Barbara Waldner" with the Zahoriz Congregation (SI Za#12) [Kr95-301]. Since this data was not available to him he had no way of knowing that she could be identified here by her own name.

The identity and status of passenger #039 is unknown.

The obituary of son, Jacob J. #035 states, "In 1875, when the great Russian emigration took place, he was 17 years of age and with his parents came to America, where they located on a farm nine miles from Yankton, So. Dak." [1].

The initial settlement in Dakota Territory is confirmed by the obituary of son, Benjamin J. #037, "At the age of about 9 years he immigrated with his parents to America and located near Yankton, S. D. ..." [3].

[1]: Wal tner, Jacob J. (1858-1941), Menno. Weekly Rev. 1941 Oct 8 p. 5

[2]: WaJo, The Joseph Wal tner Family, p. 22 [SVdb].

[3]: Wal tner, Benjami n (1867-1941), Mennonite Weekly Review: 1941 May 21 p. 2

THE JOSEPH and KATHARINA (GERING) KAUFMAN FAMILY:

This is the family of Napoleon Robert Kaufman, who was at one time a minister and elder of the Hoffnungsfeld (Hopefield) Mennonite Church [Kr95-84]. All except two members of the family remained in Europe when the main groups left in 1874. The reason why they stayed behind is unknown.

The oldest daughter, Maria (Kaufman) Stucky (1833-1889) and son Joseph Kaufman Jr. (1840-1916) were both married and immigrated with their spouses and children on S.S. City of Richmond 08/31/1874 with the Kutusovka congregation.

A daughter, Karolina Kaufman (1834-1868) died in Russia. She was the first wife of David Dirks (1825-1913). Her children immigrated with their father also with the Kutusovka congregation.

There is also a son, Adolph Kaufman (?-?) who may have lived to adulthood? Little is known of him. There is no evidence to show that he came to America.

According to J.W. Krehbiel (2006) one of the daughters, Freni (Kaufman) Kind (?-1933), remained in Europe with her husband, Friedrich. She may have immigrated at some point to South America. [Kr06-3]

Three members of the family, the parents and son Napoleon R. Kaufman are known to have come to America in the years following the great Mennonite emigration. J.W. Krehbiel (2006) was able to reckon that Napoleon immigrated sometime in 1876 or 1877 [Kr06-3]. The evidence will show that he did in fact immigrate with his mother in 1877.

The following partial transcription taken from the manifest of the S.S. Switzerland which arrived in New York 13 Jul 1877 documents the arrangements of Napoleon and his mother Katharina:

S. S. SWITZERLAND (Antwerp/New York) Reporting 07/13/1877

050 Kaufmann	Catherine	66	F	wi fe	/ (Germany)	(US)
051 "	Napoleon	15	M	chi ld	"	"

They are identified as follows:

#050 Katharina Gering (1811-1886)	mother, age 66 (Ge2.51)
#051 Napoleon R. Kaufman (1862-1929)	son, age 15 (Ka3.376)

Napoleon's father, Joseph Kaufman (1813-1896), is known to have come to America but has not been found by ship record. He is thought to have immigrated somewhat later than Napoleon and his mother. [Kr06-3]. This would date his passage sometime after 1877.

According to the obituary of the father, Joseph Kaufman (1813-1896), there were thirteen children born to this family, however only six are known in genealogical records [1]. Thus it is presumable that seven unidentified children died, probably young, in Russia?

[1]: Kaufmann, Joseph (1813-1897), Christlicher Bundes. 21 Jan 1897 p. 8

THE FRIEDRICH and WILHELMINA JULIANA ORTMANN FAMILY:

According to J.W. Krehbiel (2006) this is the only Ortmann family that joined a Swiss Volhynian church (Kutusovka) in Russia [Kr06-2].

Some reports suggest that the Ortmann family arrived in New York "22 May" 1878 [Kr06-2] but this can not be confirmed. The evidence will show that their steamship docked at the Port of New York 05 Jun 1878, about two weeks later. This is not to say that the earlier date is insignificant or mis-recollected as it may relate to another aspect of their travel such as when they departed the Russian settlements ?

S. S. WIELAND (Hamburg/Havre/New York) Reporting 06/05/1878

041	Friedrich	Ortmann	44	male	farmer	/	(Russia)	(US)
042	Julie	"	42	female	woman	/	"	"
043	Dorthea	"	17	"	children*	"	"	"
044	Louise	"	9	"	"	/	"	"
045	Johann	"	8	male	"	/	Russia	"
046	Susanne	"	6	female	"	/	"	"
047	Friedrich	"	4	male	"	/	"	"
048	Julie	"	11m	female	baby	/	"	"
049	Marie	"	20	female	single	"	"	"

Identifications with age at time of immigration:

#041	Friedrich Ortmann (1834-1910)	father, age 43 (Om2.21)
#042	Juliana Ortmann (1837-1910)	mother, age 41 (Om2.12)
#043	Dorthea C. Ortmann (1860-1933)	daughter, age 17
#044	Louisa C. Ortmann (1866-1933)	daughter, age 11
#045	Johann F. Ortmann (1869-1939)	son, age 9
#046	Susanna Ortmann (1871-1917)	daughter, age 6
#047	Friedrich Ortmann (1873-1955)	son, age 4
#048	Julia Ortmann (1876-1944)	daughter, age 2
#049	Marie ?	?

Passenger #049 "Marie" is clearly logged at 20 years of age and single. There is not enough information to identify her with any reasonable degree of confidence.

In some sources there is listed a daughter, Maria, born c.1877 in Harvey Co. KS, who was thought to have died young [SVdb]. The family did not arrive in America until 1878 so she could not have been born in Harvey Co. in 1877. Regardless it is unlikely that a very young child would have been registered as an adult 20 year old single woman. Thus it is doubtful that "Marie" (#049) is Maria Ortmann.

The eldest daughter, Wilhelmina Ortmann (1859-?), is thought to have died in Russia of small pox, between 1866 and 1876 [SVdb] or she died in infancy [Kr95-114]. The circumstances and dating of her death are uncertain. Wilhelmina, if she had lived, would have been close to 20 years age in 1878. Possibly, "Marie" (#049) is actually (Om3.211) Wilhelmina Ortmann ? If so she could have been interned at Hopefield Cemetery ?

The obituary of son, Friedrich #047, states, "At the age of three years, he came to America with his parents and settled on a farm Southwest of Moundridge, Kansas." [1]

[1]: Ortman, Fred F. (1873-1955), Menno. Weekly Rev. 1955 Apr 28 p. 8

THE JOSEPH and ANNA (NICKEL) GERING FAMILY:

(Ge3.354) Joseph Gering Jr. (1844-?) remained in Russia as did several of his siblings. There is evidence that his wife, Anna (Nickel) Gering immigrated in 1880 as a widow with two children. Thus it is presumable that Joseph Gering Jr. died in Russia before 1880.

The data presented here will show that Anna came to America on the steamship Gellert which arrived at the Port of New York 12 Jan 1880.

S. S. GELLERT (Hamburg/Havre/New York) Reporting 01/12/1880

013	Anne Gehring	25	female	woman	Russia	US
014	Eduard "	3	male	} her children	"	"
015	Emilie "	11 mo.	female		}	"

Identifications with age at time of immigration:

#013 Anna Nickel Gering (1854-1898) mother, age 25 (Nc1.3)
 #014 Emelia Gering (1876-1958) daughter, age 3
 #015 Edward Gering (c. 1879-?) son, age unknown

Notice that the manifest ages of the children are switched.

Anna (Nickel) Gering was a daughter of (Nc0) Andreas (1822-1882) and Elisabeth (Gering) Nickel (1832-1868). Anna's mother was a granddaughter of Gering patriarch Moses Gering (1751-?). Her father is thought to have been born at Michalin, Russia and there is the connection with the Swiss Volhynians [SVdb].

There is evidence that one of Anna's siblings, Elisabeth "Louisa" (Nickel) Siebert (1850-1915), settled at some point in the Pretty Prairie, KS area. So Anna may have had some connection with Kansas when she came over in 1880.

Anna married her second husband, J.P. Unruh, in McPherson Co., a few months after arrival in America [2]. Thus it is probable that she immigrated directly to Kansas. He was born at the Dutch Mennonite settlement of Ostrog [3] which had associations with some of the Swiss Volhynian settlements in Russia.

At some point they moved to Kingman Co., KS. Anna had five children with Unruh, 4 girls and 1 boy. She died in childbirth. The baby survived and was nursed by her eldest daughter, Emelia, who also had a baby a few months prior [1].

Anna was interned at the Old Bross Cem., Nashville, Kingman Co., KS [4]. After her death her husband, Jacob P. Unruh, moved to Pawnee Rock, KS [3]. The names of both Jacob and Anna are inscribed on the monument at his burial site in the Pawnee Rock Cem. [5]. Thus it may appear wrongly to some that she is buried there.

Emelia, Anna's daughter, was a life long member of the First Menno. Ch. at Pretty Prairie, KS [6]. Little is known of Anna's son, Edward, other than he died young. Since his mother was resident in McPherson Co. for a time it is possible that he was buried at a McPherson Co. cemetery ?

- [1]: Discussion w/decendent Letha (Stucky) Schrag, Pretty Prairie, KS.
- [2]: McPherson County Marriages 1870-1915, (Transcribed)
- [3]: Jacob P. Unruh, obituary, The Hutchinson News, Tue., May 30, 1933
- [4]: Anna A. Nickel Unruh, <http://www.findagrave.com>
- [5]: Anna A Unruh, <http://www.findagrave.com>
- [6]: Kaufman, Emelia (1876-1958), Mennonite Weekly Review: 14 Aug 1958 p. 6

THE JACOB P. and MARIA (GRABER) GRABER FAMILY:

Jacob P. Graber was a son of Peter Graber (1805-1882) of Podolia. The evidence will show that he immigrated with his family in 1883 after the death of his father. The parents of his wife, Christian Graber (1818-1902) and Elisabeth (Schrag) Graber (1818-1881), had already gone to America with the main groups on S. S. City of Chester 08/24/1874 about nine years earlier.

Martin Schrag (1956) mentions a Jacob Graber who remained in Russia [SgMa-82]. It may be this family to whom he refers?

The following transcription from the microfilm copy of the ship's manifest documents the family's immigration:

Steamship: S. S. WAESLAND (Antwerp/New York) Reporting 06/14/1883:

*418	Jacob	Graber	47	(M)	Farmer	(Germany)	Marion Junction
419	Maria	"	45	F	?	"	"
420	Anna	"	13	"	"	"	"
421	Johann	"	21	"	"	"	"
422	Jacob	"	19	M	"	"	"
423	Peter	"	17	"	"	"	"
424	Christian	"	15	"	"	"	"
425	Joseph	"	13	"	"	"	"
426	Carl	"	11	"	"	"	/ "
427	Maria	"	8	F	"	"	"
428	Julie	"	5	F	"	"	"
429	Cath	"	3	"	"	"	"

Identifications and genealogical age at time of immigration:

#418	Jacob P. Graber (1837-1918)	father, age 45 (Gr3.614)
#419	Maria Graber (1839-1913)	mother, age 44 (Gr3.811)
#420	Anna Graber (1858-1915)	daughter, age 23
#421	Johann J. Graber (1860-1944)	son, age 22
#422	Jacob J. Graber (1863-1942)	son, age 20
#423	Peter J. Graber (1865-1955)	son, age 18
#424	Christian Graber (1867-1914)	son, age 15
#425	Joseph J. Graber (1869-1959)	son, age 13
#426	Karl J. Graber (1872-1967)	son, age 11
#427	Maria Graber (1874-1940)	daughter, age 9
#428	Julia Graber (1875-1954)	daughter, age 8
#429	Katharina Graber (1878-1960)	daughter, age 5

The obituary of son Johann J. (#421) states that in 1883 he came with his parents to Dakota Territory: "1883 kamen seine Eltern mit ihrer Familie nach Süd Dakota, wo eine Anzahl von ihren Verwandten und Freunden sich schon früher angesiedelt hatten," [1].

The obituary of son Jacob J. (#422) states that he came to America with his parents when he was 20 years of age to Dakota Territory: "kam als 20 jähriger Jüngling mit seinen Eltern nach Freeman, S. Dakota." [2].

It is clear that the family settled initially in Dakota Territory. Note that they indicated their destination in the ship record as "Marion Junction". In later times some of the sons branched out into the Swiss Volhynian settlements of Montana and North Dakota.

[1]: Graber, Johann J. (1860-1944), Christlicher Bundes. 18 Apr 1944 p. 14

[2]: Graber, Jakob J. (1863-1942), Christlicher Bundesbote: 20 Oct 1942 p. 14

THE JACOB K. and FRENI (GRABER) SCHRAG FAMILY:

(Sg3.822) Jacob K. Schrag (1836-1911) was a son of Elder Johann Schrag of Zahoriz. He immigrated with his wife (Gr3.616) Freni (Graber) Schrag (1841-1895) and presumably seven children about 1891. Freni was a daughter of Peter Graber Sr. of Podolia who represents another family group where many of the members remained in Russia. It has not been possible in the processing of this study to identify this family in ship records.

Jacob K. and Freni had eight children who were living in 1891: Peter R. (1861-1934), Jonathan (1867-1920), Katherina (1873-1956), Ludwig (1875-1955), Leon (1877-1946), Maria (1879-1930) and Matilda (1881-1966). It is thought that all of the children immigrated to America with exception of their daughter, Anna (Schrag) Schchikirtsy (1869-1956) who was married to a Russian [Kr06-4].

The obituary of their daughter Katharina (1873-1956) states, "On Sept. 9, 1891, she immigrated to America with her parents" [1]. A search of the National Archives database and other Swiss Volhynian records was not successful in confirming 9 Sep 1891 as an arrival date in New York for this family.

Martin Schrag (1956) mentions a Jacob Schrag who remained in Russia and comments that "Jacob Schrag sent his boys to America as they became old enough for the draft." [SgMa-82]. As a consequence of that statement it is not certain that the family immigrated as a single unit as some of the sons may have come ahead of the parents and younger children?

The marriage date for the oldest son, Peter R. (1861-1934), is stated imprecisely as 1891 [SVdb]. His wife was Dakota born. If he came to America with his sister in the fall of 1891 (and not earlier) he would have had only about three months to choose a bride and marry. If he came earlier he may have wanted to delay the wedding until his parents arrived from Russia? So there may be something to Martin Schrag's statement. However without ship records it is impossible to say.

J. W. Krehbiel (2006) provides a good discussion and additional information for this family [Kr06-4].

[1]: Waltner, Katie Schrag (1873-1956), Mennonite Weekly Review: 1956 Jul 12 p. 10

THE JACOB "DOUHI" and FRENI (SCHRAG) KAUFMAN GERING FAMILY:

The immigration history for this family is complicated. J.W. Krehbiel (2006) is the most complete source of information [Kr06-8]. The family remained in Russia when the congregations left in 1874. It has not been possible to find ship records for this family.

(Sg3.821) Freni (Schrag) Kaufman Gering (1833-1909) was daughter of Elder Johann Schrag (1811-?) of Zahoriz. Her marriage to Jacob "Douhi" Gering (1842-?) was troubled. It seems that difficulties came about as much as a year before the main groups left Russia in 1874. Her obituary states that they were living apart while still in Russia [1].

Freni had three children with her first husband, (Ka3.342) Peter Kaufman (1824-1859). Of those one daughter, Elisabeth (Kaufman) Graber (1850-1886) immigrated on the City of Chester 08/24/1874. Her daughter Maria (Kaufman) Gering was married to Christian Gering (brother of Jacob "Douhi") and immigrated in 1875 [page-7]. Freni's son, Jacob P. Kaufman (1858-1934) was 16 years old and unmarried at the time of immigration. His passage to America is presented in the next section [page-15].

According to Freni's obituary she came to America about five years after the main groups left in 1874. This would date her passage in about 1879: "Als die Auswanderung in 1874 gewesen, ist sie mit ihrer Familie zurückgeblieben, wo sie sich dann sehr einsam und verlassen fühlte. Dazu war das Eheleben ein trauriges, ein Tränenleben. Vor ungefähr fünf Jahren kam sie nach Amerika, war aber immer sehr schwächlich" [1].

Freni had two sons from her second marriage who are known to have immigrated: Johann Gering (1866-?) and Jonathan Gering (1869-?). They would have been of minor age in 1879 and may have come to America with their mother?

According to Krehbiel (2006) Jacob "Douhi" Gering came to America possibly about 1904. He resided for a time in America and is thought to have returned to Russia during World War I where he was found murdered in his home [Kr06-9].

Freni's obituary states that she was survived by her husband, 2 sons and 1 daughter in Russia and 2 sons in America: "Sie hinterläßt den Gatten (die aber schon jahrelang nicht mehr zusammen lebten), 2 Söhne und 1 Tochter in Rußland und 2 Söhne hier," [1].

According to genealogical records her son, Jacob P. Kaufman did not die until 1934. Therefore one of her sons, Johann or Jonathan Gering must have perished in America before their mother's death 25 Mar 1909.

Of her children who remained in Russia, the surviving daughter is undoubtedly Anna (1863-?). There were three sons in Russia, Joseph (1861-?), Peter (1869-?) and Edward (1873-?). Based on the discussion of J.W. Krehbiel (2006), Peter survived his mother's death. Therefore it is presumable that either Joseph or Edward preceded their mother's death in 1909 [Kr06-6].

THREE YOUNG MEN WHO CAME ON THEIR OWN:

Jacob P. Kaufman was son of Peter Kaufman (1824-1859) and Freni (Schrag) Kaufman, daughter of Elder Johann Schrag. After his father died, his mother remarried to Jacob "Douhi" Gering and the family remained in Europe [page-14].

From a study of Jacob P.'s obituary, J.W. Krehbiel (2006) finds that he was thought to have immigrated in 1874 along with two companions, both younger than himself. Neither of the companions were identified. As the story goes, Jacob ran out of money by the time he set foot in New York and ended up spending about two years in the east working his way to Dakota Territory. It was thought that he completed his journey by 1877 [Kr06-8].

The evidence presented below will show that Jacob's companions were brothers, Johann A. and Joseph A. Gering, sons of Andreas and Freni (Stucky) Gering whose family remained in Europe due to the unexpected illness and death of their mother. It is obvious that they wished to rejoin their older brother, Adolph, and their sisters who immigrated to Kansas in 1875 [page-5].

From study of Joseph Gering's obituary, J.W. Krehbiel (2006) was able to estimate that the two Gering brothers arrived in America sometime in 1877 [Kr06-5]. This can be confirmed. What can not be confirmed is the notion that Jacob P. Kaufman left Russia in 1874. The evidence will show that he left Russia in 1877 at the same time as the Gering brothers.

The manifest of the steamship S.S. Fresia which reported to the Port of New York 26 Jun 1877 documents the passage of these three young men.

S. S. FRESIA (Hamburg/Havre/New York) Reporting 06/26/1877

044	Jacob	Kaufmann	16	male	farmer	Russia	USA
045	Johann	Gohring	16	"	"	"	"
055	Joseph	Gohring	9	male	boy	Russia	"

The manifest ages compare poorly with genealogical records, but this is not unusual in some cases for transcribed passenger list data and is not of great concern.

Identification is as follows:

#044	Jacob P. Kaufman (1858-1934)	son, age 19 (Ka4.3423)
#045	Johann A. Gering (1861-1929)	brother, age 16 (Ge3.386)
#055	Joseph A. Gering (1863-1943)	brother, age 13 (Ge3.387)

Harley Stucky (1999) makes a brief mention of this particular voyage but gives no identifications [St99-131].

The obituary of Joseph A. Gering states the following: "... at the age of 13 with his brother also ventured the journey to this country." [1].

Presumably the trio split up in New York as Jacob P. was aimed at Dakota Territory while the Gering brothers were destined to rejoin their siblings and friends from the Kutusovka Congregation (Hoffnungsfeld) in Kansas.

According to genealogical records Jacob P. Kaufman married Katharina Schrag (1863-1949) on 21 Jun 1879 in Dakota Territory [SVdb]. The time span from arrival in New York to that marriage is about two years. So as the story suggests he would have had some time to work in the east.

[1]: Goering, Joseph A. (1863-1943), Menno. Weekly Rev. 1943 Jan 28 p. 7

THE FAMILIES of ELDER JOHANN SCHRAG of ZAHORIZ:

(Sg2.82) Johann Schrag (1811-?) was a grandson of Schrag patriarch Johannes Schrag (1740-?) who came to East Galicia, Polish-Austria from the Palatinate about 1784 [Kr95-4]. He was minister and elder of the Zahoriz congregation when the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites decided to leave Russia in 1874 [Kr95-11]. He however elected to remain in Europe as did the majority of his children and their families.

Elder Schrag's wife, Katharina (Graber) Schrag (1812-1865), had already passed away some years prior to the great immigration. He had seven children that were living at the time, all of which were married with their own families. Of them only two went to America with the main groups. These were Maria (Schrag) Mueller (1839-1919) and Anna (Schrag) Mueller (1847-1928). Both of them immigrated with their husbands and children on the S. S. City of Richmond which transported the first half of the Zahoriz Congregation to New York 05/18/1874. They settled in Dakota Territory.

There were three children, two sons and a daughter, who chose to remain in Europe indefinitely, these were Benjamin Schrag (1841-?), Jonathan Schrag (1844-?) and Katharina (Schrag) Gering (1850-1938):

(Sg3.824) Benjamin Schrag was married to Maria (Graber) Schrag (1848-?). She was daughter of Peter Graber (1813-1898) and Katharina (Schrag) Graber (1822-1892). Her parents and siblings all immigrated on the S. S. City of Chester which transported the Horodyszczce and Waldheim Congregations and arrived in New York 08/24/1874. Maria remained with her husband and children. Martin Schrag (1956) mentions a Benjamin Schrag, who came out of Volhynia during World War I to settle in Lemberg (Polish-Austria). It is written that his two sons, Johann and Julius, left the Mennonite Church [SgMa-82]. Alternatively, J.W. Krehbiel (2006) has reason to think that Benjamin's family may have been living in Austria as early as 1892 [Kr06-6].

(Sg3.825) Jonathan Schrag was married to Katharina (Graber) Schrag (1855-?). Katharina was daughter of Peter Graber Sr. (1805-1882) of Podolia and Magdalena (Archelaus) Graber (1819-1891) who also remained in Europe. Four children are listed: Karolina (1873-?), Lydia (?-?), Maria (c.1876-?) and Sas (?-?) [SVdb]. There is no evidence to show that Jonathan and his family ever came to America. There is however a reference to one named Lydia (Schrag) Nykel in 'A History of the First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie, Kansas' which mentions considerable correspondence between her and cousins in America as late as 1954 [FMPP-6].

(Sg3.827) Katharina (Schrag) Gering was married to Jacob Gering (1847-1915). Jacob was the oldest son of Andreas Gering (1824-1901) and Freni (Stucky) Gering (1828-1874) [page-5]. Although it is probable that Jacob never intended to immigrate it is thought (as previously discussed) that his parents and siblings did attempt to leave with the main groups when his mother became ill and compelled them to delay.

Two of Elder Schrag's children delayed in Russia but immigrated later. These were Jacob K. Schrag (1836-1911) [page-15] and Freni (Schrag) Kaufman Gering (1833-1909) [page-14].

THE FAMILIES of PETER GRABER SR. of PODOLIA:

(Gr2.61) Peter Graber Sr. (1805-1882) and his second wife Magdalena (Archelaus) Graber (1819-1891) remained in Russia. Martin Schrag (1956) mentions that there was a picture of the tombstone of Peter and Magdalena, engraved in the Russian language, located at Halsbeufka, Podolia, Russia [SgMa-82].

Magdalena had two married daughters from her first marriage to (Ka3.312) Christian Kaufman (1819-1844) who were living in 1874. Both immigrated with the main groups. Freni (Kaufman) Krehbiel (1841-1925) went to America on the S.S. City of Chester 08/24/1874. Maria (Kaufman) Schrag (1843-1928) was on the S.S. City of Richmond 08/31/1874. Both settled in Dakota Territory.

Peter Graber Sr. was a grandson of Graber patriarch Christian Graber (1746-1808) who came from Montbeliard, Wurttemberg (modern day France) to the circle Michelsdorf, West Galicia, Polish-Austria by way of Podolia sometime in the period from 1791 to 1795. The history for both West Galicia and Podolia in that period is quite complicated and vague, involving not only the Polish authorities who were host to the Swiss Volhynians, but also the Russian and Austrian armies. It would appear that the Russians gained control in Podolia by 1793 and the Austrians in West Galicia by 1795. Either way it was during this window in time that the Swiss Volhynian association with both places was established. It is apparent that the association with Podolia (located south-east and adjacent to Volhynia) persisted even to the time of immigration.

Peter had five children with his first wife Elisabeth Richert (?-1844) who were living at the time of immigration and there were three children from Magdalena. All of Peter's children remained in Russia with the exception of two daughters who left with the main groups in 1874. These were Elisabeth (Graber) Gering (1833-1907) and Anna (Graber) Gering (1834-1900). Elisabeth immigrated as a widow with her children along with the Kutusovka Congregation on City of Richmond 08/31/1874 and settled in Kansas. Anna came to America with her husband and family on City of Chester 08/24/1874 and settled in Dakota Territory.

Peter's son Jacob P. Graber stayed behind in Russia but immigrated to America in 1883 to settle in Dakota Territory. His family has been presented in a previous section of this report [page-12].

Peter Sr. had two daughters who were married to sons of Elder Johann Schrag. Katharina (Graber) Schrag was married to Jonathan Schrag and remained with him in Russia. Freni (Graber) Schrag was married to Jacob K. Schrag and immigrated with him and their children about 1891 as previously mentioned [page-13].

(Gr3.613) Peter Graber Jr. (1836-?) was married to Anna (Gering) Graber (1840-?) and remained in Europe indefinitely. After the turn of the century three of their children came to America on their own, however it appears that they did not join Swiss-Volhynian settlements. J.W. Krehbiel (2006) discusses the family in considerable detail [Kr06-6].

Peter Graber Sr. had two sons from his marriage to Magdalena, Joseph Graber (1846-?) and Johann Graber (1852-?). In 'A History of the First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie, Kansas' (1983) there is mentioned a Joseph Graber who remained in Russia and corresponded with those in America in the period 1874 until after the turn of the century. It can not be said with certainty but it is possible that the letter writer was Peter Sr's son (Gr3.618) Joseph Graber (1846-?) ? [FMPP-5,6]. Very little is known about Johann (1852-?) or what became of him, if he ever married or even if he was living at the time of immigration?

OTHERS WHO MAY HAVE REMAINED IN RUSSIA:

There are two members of the Christian Graber (1807-?) and Magdalena (Rindfleisch) Graber (c. 1809-?) family who may or may not have remained in Europe. These are daughters (Gr3.623) Maria (Graber) Siebert (1834-?) and (Gr3.624) Katharina (Graber) Meyer (?-?). Judging from their apparent ages it is likely that both of them were married before the 1874 immigration. They as well as their parents are not found on passenger lists with the Swiss Volhynians. Two of their brothers immigrated with the Kutusovka Congregation and one went with the Horodyszczce/Waldheim group. J.W. Krehbiel (2006) discusses Maria and Katharina briefly [Kr06-3].

In the English translation of P.P. Wedel (1960) he suggests that only two individuals from the Kutusovka Congregation remained in Russia. Certainly he is referring to those who remained indefinitely and not those who immigrated later. His statement was translated as follows:

"On August 6, 1874, the fourth and last and largest group from the congregation of Kotosufka began the long journey to America. There were 73 families in this group. This was the entire congregation with exception of two persons, one unmarried man, Voran by name, and one married man, Sutter by name, but his family was in the group." [WePp-41].

Martin Schrag (1956) states it a little differently, "... two unmarried men, one named Sutter and the other Voran." He gives as source an interview with one named J.D. Graber of South Dakota [SgMa-82].

Of the adult Voran men who were living in 1874 all of them can be identified from passenger list documents with exception of only one individual who may be the Voran that was said to have remained. This is (Vn1.3) Johann Voran (1812-?). He would have been 62 years of age in 1874 if he was living. He was thought to be disabled by blindness.

The Sutters are predominantly associated with the Zahoriz Congregation and not Kutusovka. With respect to adult Sutter men, only two are found who do not have death records by 1874 and who are not identified on passenger lists. These are Christian Sutter (1857-?) and Jacob Sutter (1823-?).

(Su3.23a) Christian Sutter would have been only 17 years of age in 1874 (if he was living). No marriage record for him was found. His father is recorded deceased in 1856 and his mother is presumed so. One sister is identified on City of Chester 08/24/1874. All other siblings who were living can be identified with the Zahoriz Congregation on City of Richmond 07/27/1874. This includes two sisters who were yet unmarried in 1874 and are identified with older siblings. Christian is not found with any of them. There is no known connection to Kutusovka and the best bet is that he was deceased by 1874?

(Su2.26) Jacob Sutter (1823-?) could possibly satisfy Wedel's statement although there is no direct evidence in his particular genealogy that points to a Kutusovka connection. For that we must stretch a bit. J.W. Krehbiel (1995) points out an obscure source [SlJe-7] which suggests a possible marriage for Jacob Sutter to one named Freni Krehbiel [Kr95-247]. The speculation is that this Freni Krehbiel could be a daughter of Peter Krehbiel (1785-?) and Katharina M. (Zerger) Krehbiel (1779-1865) [Kr95-247]. Even so, J.W. Krehbiel (1995) did not see fit to assign her to that family or any other family. Three members of that family immigrated with the Kutusovka Congregation on City of Richmond 08/31/1874. Freni can not be identified with them and the Sutter surname is not found on that ship.

Wedel's recollection, "and one married man, Sutter by name, but his family was in the group", is somewhat of a puzzle? [WePp-41]. However, it does bring to mind the family of Jacob Sutter (1848-1874) and Katharina (Albrecht) Sutter (1844-1917) who are registered with the Zahoriz Congregation (not Kutusovka) on the S.S. City of Richmond 07/27/1874. Katharina was wrongly stated to have died on the voyage to America and there were stories that her husband Jacob abandoned his family. These stories, which even persist in the memories of some of our elderly today, are believed to be completely false but might have influenced Wedel's thinking? Notice that Jacob Sutter (1823-?) and Jacob Sutter (1848-1874) both have the same name. A more detailed discussion of the Sutter problem is offered in a previous paper, 'Who Really Died on the City of Richmond and What Happened to Jacob Sutter,' available on SMCHA website.

P.P. Wedel (1960) states, "In all about seven families out of the four congregations remained in Russia" [WePp-41]. Rev. Wedel does not name the families but his estimate is probably not far off considering those families who appear to have remained permanently in Europe.

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When we study the history of our ancestors, the Swiss-Volhynians, we do so with sincerity, with pride and with the utmost of respect and admiration.

THE PRINCIPAL SWISS VOLHYNIAN SETTLEMENTS IN AMERICA



These settlements are defined & dated on the basis of the establishment of a Swiss Volhynian Church. The church is the glue that holds a settlement together. In almost all cases, just as it was in Europe, a church structure was created usually before the families left the parent settlement or as soon after arrival in the new settlement area as was possible.

The Oklahoma and Oregon settlements are extinct. In the case of the Oregon settlements the families and congregation relocated to Washington state.

NOMENCLATURE:

PASSENGER LIST ENUMERATIONS:

In this study the passenger enumerations assigned to various individuals are those that were assigned to them in the original manifests. The enumerations assigned in ship-lists which have been published over the years are arbitrary.

SURNAMES, GIVEN NAMES, PLACE NAMES:

In this report names are generalized. Alternative spellings and misspellings are avoided. It was necessary in the research phase of study to use generalized names in order to create a manageable database. Apologies to anyone who may find this discomfoting.

NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR INDIVIDUALS:

In his 1995 publication, 'Swiss Russian Mennonite Families Before 1874', J.W. Krehbiel introduced a numbering or coding system for individuals. The most useful property of the system is that it identifies an individual uniquely. This is helpful when dealing with European born folk where many often had the same names and one is often times uncertain as to whom one is referred.

The codes, for example "Gr2.62", consist of a 2-letter family code, such as Gr for Graber, followed by a numeral indicating the number of generations since the zero or root family. That is followed by a period and a series of numerals indicating the birth order of successive parents and ending with the birth order of the individual. For example, Gr2.62 indicates Graber, 2nd generation from the patriarch Christian Graber (Gr0), the 2nd born of the 6th born.

Naming customs changed about the time of immigration, both in America and in Europe. Given names became much more varied. The code nomenclature is less useful for those born after immigration since the codes lengthen as generations unfold and eventually become unwieldy. For those born after immigration it is a lot easier just from the persons name to know who is being discussed.

The codes in this study are retained as Krehbiel defined them in his 1995 work, 'Swiss Russian Mennonite Families Before 1874'. Any changes found in his later works or the works of others are not recognized here.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC AND SOURCE CODES:

In his 1995 book, J.W. Krehbiel also introduced bibliographic codes as a shorthand method of pointing to a source of information. He continued to create additional codes as needed in his later works. This is helpful especially for frequently referenced sources. An effort has been made in this study to use the same bibliographic codes defined by Krehbiel whenever possible. Reference codes are enclosed in brackets, e.g. [Kr95-144] points to 'Swiss Russian Mennonite Families Before 1874', p. 144.

CALENDAR DATES:

A calendar date may be followed by a subscript 'j' or 'g' indicating the calendar system, Julian or Gregorian. As example, Palm Sunday, 09 Apr 1867j indicates a Julian calendar date which corresponds to the Gregorian date Easter Sunday, 21 Apr 1867g. These subscripts are used mostly in the genealogical summaries which follow.

The calendar used by the Swiss Volhynians was dependent upon who was governing them. The French and Polish districts adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1582. Most Germanic and Austrian districts followed suite in 1700. Russian districts lagged, continuing the Julian system until after the communists took power in 1917. It would have been about 1793 when Swiss Volhynian ancestors at Podolia would have been subject to Russian governance. From that point in time there was a slow and intermittent movement into Russian areas until the last families left Polish Austria in 1837. Thus from about 1793 to 1837 some were using the Gregorian and others the Julian calendar. After 1837 and until immigration in 1874 dates can be expected to be in Julian terms as the Swiss Volhynians were predominantly living in Russian ruled districts.

NOMENCLATURE:

Krehbiel (1995) mentioned that he recorded dates as he found them [Kr95-vii] and he sets a good example thereby. When dates are converted from the Julian to the Gregorian system, or vice-versa, cultural understanding is lost as much of what the Swiss Volhynians did was in strict concert with the church calendar. This is especially true for baptismal and marriage dates. Even so, there are sometimes cases in more recent works, where conversions are known to have been applied.

DISCREPANCIES:

Information that is put down by recollection many years after the actual event is often inaccurate. When there are multiple sources there are often various quotes for the same event. In most cases all of those can not be right. This is true for both genealogical and historical information. J.W. Krehbiel (1995) in his 'Swiss Russian Mennonite Families Before 1874', made specific mention of conflicting data in the Notes section of his book. His efforts are much helpful.

Sometimes one must choose for themselves which data they will trust and for that there must be criteria. In this study, data that is put down near the time of the actual fact is trusted more so than something different that is put down many years later. For instance, a date of birth from a Russian source is trusted more than a conflicting date of birth from a cemetery stone or even an obituary written decades later? On the other hand, a date of death, recorded on a cemetery stone or in an obituary is perceived more trustworthy than some other date that is recalled at some distant time and place.

A date that is documented by a civil authority, or some entity for which there is an organized discipline, is generally recorded near the time of the event and although not infallible is trusted more so than a recollection. In practice a date of arrival for a steamship recorded in the ship's manifest is believed more reliable than some other date that comes by oral tradition.

THE PETER "SCHLOSSER" AND MARIA (RIES) GRABER GERING FAMILY:

S. S. WESTPHALIA (HAMBURG/HAVRE/NEW YORK) Reporting: 11/13/1874

4	Peter Graber	dr	40	male	farmer	
5	Maria	dr	29	female	wife	
6	Anna	dr	16		child	
7	John	dr	9	male	dr	
8	Louise	dr	5	female	dr	
9	Jacob	dr	4	male	dr	
69	Katharina	dr	4	female	dr	
1	Margda	dr	—		dr	

THE JACOB B. and KATHARINA (GERING) WEDEL FAMILY:

RMS CITY OF LONDON (Liverpool/New York) Reporting: 11/18/1874:

9	Jacob Wedel		50	"	Maner	
357	Katharina		47	"	Wife	
1	John		23	"	Labourer	
2	Jacob		17	"	"	
3	Andres		14	"	"	
4	Josef		7	"	Child	
5	Peter		4	"	"	
6	Maria		10	"	"	

THE JOSEPH and KATHARINA (GERING) KAUFMAN FAMILY:

S. S. SWITZERLAND (Antwerp/New York) Reporting 07/13/1877

66	Kaufmann Katharina		66	"	Wife	
	Joseph		66	"	Child	

THE JOSEPH and ANNA (NICKEL) GERING FAMILY:

S. S. GELLERT (Hamburg/Havre/New York) Reporting 01/12/1880

3	Anna Graber		26	female	woman	
4	John		3	male	child	
5	Emilie		—	female	child	

THE JOHANN J. and MARIA (KREHBIEL) WALTNER FAMILY and
 THE CHRISTIAN and MARIA (KAUFMAN) GERI NG FAMI LY:

S. S. WIELAND (Hamburg/Havre/New York) Reporting 09/07/1875:



S. S. CITY OF MONTREAL (Liverpool /Queenstown/New York) Reporting 09/22/1875:

2	Johan Waldner	43	Male	Farmer	Germany	
3	Maria	40	Female	Wife		
4	Catherine	45	Female			
5	Jacob	16	Male	Lab		
6	Johannes	10	Male	Child		
7	Benj	7	Male			
8	John	2	Male			

39	Julius Schults	18	Male	Farmer	Germany	US
40	Maria Waldner	13	Female	Lab		
1	Catherine	11	Female	Child		
2	Caroline	4	Female	Inf		

THE FRIEDRICH and WILHELMINA JULI ANNA ORTMANN FAMI LY:

S. S. WIELAND (Hamburg/Havre/New York) Reporting 06/05/1878

11	Friedrich Ortmann	44	Male	farmer		
2	Julie	42	Female	woman		
3	Dorothea	17	Female			
4	Louise	19	Female			
5	Johann	8	Male	children		Russia
6	Susanne	6	Female			
7	Friedrich	4	Male			
8	Luise	11	Female	baby		
9	Maria	20	Female	single		

THE JACOB P. and MARIA (GRABER) GRABER FAMILY:

Steamship: S. S. WAESLAND (Antwerp/New York) Reporting 06/14/1883:

1	Jacob Graber	37	"	farmer			
2	Maria	45	f	none			Manor Junction
420	Anna	13	"	"			"
1	Johann	21	"	"			"
2	Jacob	19	m	"			"
3	Sara	17	"	"			"
4	Christian	15	"	"			"
5	Joseph	13	"	"	/		"
6	Carl	11	"	"	/		"
7	Maria	8	f	"	/		"
8	John	5	f	"	/		"
9	Carl	3	"	"	/		"

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Gering (Goering), Adolph (Ge3. 383):
birth: 4 Jun 1854, at Futtur, Rus. [Kr95-48].
death: 20 Sep 1915 [SVdb].
burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. photo].
marriage: Thanksgiving Friday, 23 Nov 1877 [SVdb], Maria Gering (1857-1933) [Kr95-48].
immigration: S. S. City of Chester 04/26/1875, Kansas [NAdb].

Gering, Andreas (Ge2. 38):
birth: 10 Mar 1824, at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-43].
death: 12 Nov 1901, at Hopefield, Moundridge, KS, age 77y-8m-2d [1].
burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. list].
survived by: 7 children [1].
baptism: Palm Sunday, 7 Apr 1840j, at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-43].
marriage: 1846, Freni Stucky (1828-1874) [Kr95-43].
immigration: ship record was not found, Kansas.

[1]: Goering, Andreas (1824-1901), Christ. Bundes. 28 Nov 1901 p. 6

Gering, Anna (Ge3. 388):
birth: 1869 [Kr95-48].
death: 1921 [SVdb].
burial: unknown.
marriage: 24 May 1886 [1], Joseph G. Graber (1865-1959) [Kr95-48].
immigration: S. S. City of Chester 04/26/1875 [NAdb], Kansas.

[1]: McPherson County Marriages 1870-1915, (Transcribed)

Gering, Christian (Ge3. 356):
birth: 19 Feb 1850, at Waldheim, Rus. [Kr95-47].
death: 13 Feb 1907, at Freeman, SD [1].
burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].
survived by: his second wife, 8 children from m1, 3 children from m2 [1].
marriage-1: Ascension, 25 May 1872j, Maria Kauf. (1852-1900), Waldheim, Rus. [Kr95-47].
marriage-2: 1901, Freni Flickinger (1878-1934) [Kr95-47].
immigration: SS Weiland 09/07/1875, #008, Dakota.

[1]: Goering, Christian (1849-1907), Christ. Bundes. 1907 Mar 7 p. 6

Gering, Eduard (Ge4. 3542):
birth: unknown, probably c. 1879
death: unknown, died young in America
burial: unknown.
immigration: S. S. Gellert 01/12/1880, #014, Kansas.

Gering, Emelia (Ge4. 3541):
birth: 14 Mar 1876, in Russia [2].
death: 11 Aug 1958, Anthony, KS (Hosp.) [2].
burial: First Menno. Ch. Cem., Pretty Prairie, KS [cem. list].
survived by: 5 sons & 2 daughters [2].
marriage: 4 Sep 1892, Johann C. Kaufman (1868-1946) [1].
immigration: S. S. Gellert 01/12/1880, #015, Kansas.

[1]: Kaufman, Johann C. (1868-1946), Christ. Bundes. 18 Jun 1946 p. 14

[2]: Kaufman, Emelia (1876-1958), Menno. Weekly Rev. 14 Aug 1958 p. 6

Gering, Jacob "Douhi" (Ge3. 353):
*birth: 21 Aug 1842 [1], at Waldheim, Rus. [Kr95-46].
death: unknown.
burial: unknown.
marriage: Sunday, 31 Jan 1860j, Freni Schrag Gering (1833-1909) [Kr95-209].
immigration: not found in ship records, possibly 1904 [Kr06-9].

*His birth is also recorded 21 "Sep" 1842 in some sources. [Kr95-209].

[1]: VoBo, Volhynian Ch. Book Num. Three, p. 26 [Kr95-209].

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Gering, Jacob P. (Ge4. 3151):

*birth: 20 Dec 1864 [1], [2].
death: 17 Feb 1947, at Kingman, KS, age 82y-2m-28d [1].
burial: Bethany Menno Ch. Cem., Kingman Co., KS [cem. photo].
preceded by: his wife and 1 infant son [1].
survived by: 1 daughter and 1 adopted daughter (his neise) [1].
family: "son of Peter and Marie Reese Graber Gering" [1].
baptism: at age 16y, Hoffnungsfeld [1].
marriage: 23 Mar 1892 [1], Maria Kaufman (1874-1938) [Kr95-52].
immigration: S. S. Westphalia 11/13/1874, #689, Kansas.

*His birth is also reported 20 "Nov" 1864 [Kr95-214]. The date 20 Nov is also reported for his sister, Katharina, in some sources.

[1]: Gering, Jacob Peter (1864-1947), Mennonite Weekly Review: 6 Mar 1947 p. 6
[2]: VoBo, Volhynian Ch. Book Num. Three, p. 23 [Kr95-214].

Gering, Johann (Ge4. 3533):

birth: 22 Mar 1866 [Kr95-53].
death: unknown, survived 25 Mar 1909 [1], preceded 21 Nov 1934 [2].
marriage: unknown.
immigration: ship records not found.

[1]: Schrag, Freny (1833-1909), Christlicher Bundesbote: 1909 Apr 8 p. 6
[2]: Obituary of Jac. P. Kaufman (half-bro.), Freeman Courier 11/29/1934 [Kr06-9].

Gering (Goehring), Johann A. (Ge3. 386):

birth: 16 Feb 1861 [Kr95-48].
death: 26 Feb 1929, at Halstead, KS, age 68y-11d [1].
burial: First Menno. Ch. Cem., Pretty Prairie, KS [cem. photo].
preceded by: his wife and eldest son in early childhood [1].
survived by: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 1 brother and 1 sister [1].
family: had 6 children, 3 sons & 3 daughters [1].
baptism: Good Friday, 19 Apr 1878 [1].
marriage: 14 Aug 1881 [1], Anna Graber (1857-1924) [Kr95-48].
immigration: S. S. Fresia 06/26/1877, #045, Kansas.

[1]: Goehring, Johann (1861-1929), Menno. Weekly Rev. 13 Mar 1929 p. 8
[2]: Harvey Co., Kansas, Marriage License Index 1872-1913 (Transcribed): 8 Aug 1881

Gering, Jonathan (Ge4. 3535):

birth: 31 Jul 1869 [Kr95-53].
death: unknown, survived 25 Mar 1909 [1], preceded 21 Nov 1934 [2].
burial: unknown.
family: twin to brother Peter [Kr95-53].
marriage: unknown.
immigration: ship records not found.

[1]: Schrag, Freny (1833-1909), Christ. Bundes. 1909 Apr 8 p. 6
[2]: Obituary of Jac. P. Kaufman (half-bro.), Freeman Courier 11/29/1934 [Kr06-9].

Gering, Joseph (Ge3. 354):

birth: 23 Nov 1844, at Waldheim, Rus. [Kr95-46].
death: before 1880, possibly at Sabara, Rus.
burial: unknown.
*marriage-1: Sunday, 13 Feb 1872j [1], Anna Nickel (1854-1898), Sabara, Rus. [Kr95-46].
immigration: Gellert 01/12/1880, not found, presumed deceased.

*marriage date also reported "Sat., 12" Feb 1872j in some sources [Kr95-209, 256].

[1]: VoBo, Volhynian Ch. Book Num. Three, p. 28 [Kr95-256].

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Gering (Goering), Joseph A. (Ge3. 387):
birth: 15 Nov 1863 [2], [3], [1], [Kr95-48].
death: 12 Jan 1943 [2], [3], age 79y-1m-27d [3].
burial: Eden Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. photo].
preceded by: 6 of 10 children [3].
survived by: his wife, 1 son, 3 daughters [3].
baptism: Good Friday, 19 Apr 1878, at Hoffnungsfeld [3].
marriage: 9 Mar 1886, Maria Wedel (1866-1971) [3].
immigration: S. S. Fresia 06/26/1877, #055, Kansas.

[1]: Goering, Joseph A. (1863-1943), The Mennonite: 1943 Mar 2 p. 7
[2]: Goering, Joseph A. (1863-1943), Christ. Bundes. 26 Jan 1943 p. 12
[3]: Goering, Joseph A. (1863-1943), Menno. Weekly Rev. 1943 Jan 28 p. 7

Gering (Goering), Karolina "Caroline" (Ge3. 384):
birth: 6 Sep 1856 [Kr95-48].
death: 14 Jul 1922 [SVdb].
burial: First Menno. Ch. Cem., Pretty Prairie, KS [SVdb].
marriage-1: 26 Feb 1876, at Turkey Creek [1], Johann Wedel (1851-1879) [Kr95-48].
marriage-2: 1887 [SVdb], Benjamin P. B. Unruh [Kr95-48].
immigration: S. S. City of Chester 04/26/1875 [NAdb], Kansas.

[1]: McPherson County Marriages 1870-1915, (Transcribed)

Gering, Katharina (Ge2. 51):
birth: c. 1811 [Kr95-43].
death: 17 Feb 1884, Moundridge, KS, age 70y-7m-6d [1].
burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. photo].
marriage: date unknown, Joseph Kaufman (1813-1896) [Kr95-43].
immigration: S. S. Switzerland 07/13/1877, #050, Kansas.

[1]: Kaufmann, Katharina (1813-1884), Christ. Bundes. 1 Apr 1884 p. 54

Gering, Katharina (Ge2. 83):
birth: 8 Jun 1827 [Kr95-44].
death: 24 Jan 1890, at Moundridge, KS, age 62y-7m-17d, asthma [1].
burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. photo].
baptism: Sunday, 31 Jan 1843, at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-44].
marriage: {Thurs., 27 Apr 1844}, Jacob B. Wedel (1825-1914) [Kr95-44].
immigration: S. S. City of London 11/18/1874, #350, Kansas.

[1]: Wedel, Katharina (1827-1890), Christ. Bundes. 1890 Feb 20 p. 8

Gering (Georing), Katharina (Ge3. 382):
birth: 25 Mar 1852 [Kr95-48].
death: 26 Jun 1934 [cem. photo].
burial: First Menno. Ch. Cem., Pretty Prairie, KS [cem. photo].
marriage: Sunday, 17 Oct 1871, Johann J. D. Graber (1848-1926) [Kr95-48].
immigration: S. S. City of Chester 04/26/1875 [NAdb], Kansas.

Gering, Katharina (Ge4. 3152):
*birth: 27 Nov 1867 [2], [Kr95-52].
death: 15 Apr 1947, at Moundridge, KS, age 79y-4m-25d [1].
burial: First Menno. Ch. of Christian Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. list].
preceded by: her husband, 2 sons & 1 daughter [1].
survived by: 3 sons & 2 daughters and 2 sisters [1].
baptism: {20 Dec 1883}, Hoffnungsfeld [1].
marriage: 8 Nov 1885, Jonathan H. Stucky (1862-1937) [1].
immigration: S. S. Westphalia 11/13/1874, #690, Kansas.

*Her birth is also reported "20" Nov 1867 in some sources [Kr95-214]. The date "20 Nov" is also reported for her brother Jacob.

[1]: Stucky, Katharina Gering (1867-1947), Christ. Bundes. 3 Jun 1947 p. 15
[2]: VoBo, Volhynian Ch. Book Num. Three, p. 23 [Kr95-214].

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Gering, Magdalena "Lena" (Ge4. 3153):

*birth: 17 Nov 1872 [1].

death: 22 Sep 1960 [2], Garden Grove, CA [Kr95-52].

burial: Westminster Mem. Park, Westminster, Orange Co., CA [2].

marriage: 7 Sep 1890, Jacob P. Wedel (1861-1940) [Kr95-52].

immigration: S. S. Westphalia 11/13/1874, #691, Kansas.

* Her birth is also reported "15 May" 1872 in some sources [Kr95-214]. Her shiplist age, 11 months, is more consistent with 15 May.

[1]: VoBo, Volhynian Ch. Book Num. Three, p. 23 [Kr95-214].

[2]: Magdalena "Lena" Gering Wedel, <http://www.findagrave.com>

Gering, Maria (Mary) (Ge3. 385):

birth: 30 Nov 1859 [Kr95-48].

death: 14 Apr 1889 at Lake View (Moundridge), KS, age 29y-4m-14d, childbed [1].

burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. list].

survived by: her husband, 3 small children and a baby [1].

marriage: 19 Feb 1879 [SVdb], Johann H. Wedel (1857-1932) [Kr95-48].

immigration: S. S. City of Chester 04/26/1875 [NAdb], Kansas.

[1]: Wedel, Johann J. (Mrs.) Goering (1860-1889), Christ. Bundes. 16 May 1889 p. 7

Gering, Peter "Schlosser" (Ge3. 315):

birth: 4 Jul 1839 [Kr95-45].

death: 29 Jul 1919 [SVdb].

burial: unknown.

marriage-1: 1860 [SVdb], Maria Graber (1842-1862) [Kr95-45].

marriage-2: Sunday, 16 Feb 1864j [1], Maria Ries Graber (1830-1907) [Kr95-45].

immigration: S. S. Westphalia 11/13/1874, #684, Kansas.

[1]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 77 [Kr95-208].

Graber, Anna (Gr3. 774):

birth: 1857 [Kr95-66].

death: 24 Apr 1924 [1].

burial: First Menno. Ch. Cem., Pretty Prairie, KS [cem. photo].

marriage: Sunday, 14 Aug 1881[1], Johann A. Gering (1861-1929) [Kr95-66].

immigration: S. S. Westphalia 11/13/1874, #686, Kansas.

[1]: Goehring, Johann (1861-1929), Menno. Weekly Rev. 13 Mar 1929 p. 8

Graber, Anna (Gr4. 6141):

birth: 15 Nov 1858 [Kr95-72].

death: 25 Nov 1915 [SVdb].

burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].

marriage: 1884, Andreas A. Schmidt (1862-1940) [Kr95-73].

immigration: S. S. Waesland 06/14/1883, #420, Dakota.

Graber, Anna (Gr4. 7711):

birth: 13 Jan 1873 [Kr95-75].

death: 25 May 1897 [1].

burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [Kr01-11].

baptism: 1889, at Hoffnungsfeld [1].

marriage: presumably single.

immigration: S. S. City of Chester 04/26/1875 [NAdb], Kansas.

[1]: Graber, Anna (1875-1897), Christ. Bundes. 1897 Jun 10 p. 8

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Graber, Christian "Pol t" (Gr4. 6145):
birth: 6 Sep 1867 [2].
death: 1 Oct 1914 [1].
burial: Banner Township Cem., Cavalier Co., ND [1].
marriage: 9 Dec 1891 [3], Freni Graber (1872-1956) [Kr95-73].
immigration: S. S. Waesland 06/14/1883, #424, Dakota.

[1]: KrJw, Cemeteries of North Dakota, Vol. 30, Cavalier Co., p. 75
[2]: EdKu, Eduardsdor-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 41 [Kr95-231].
[3]: KrJw, p. 86 [SVdb].

Graber, Elisabeth (Gr3. 776):
birth: 12 Nov 1862 [Kr95-66].
death: 27 Jan 1948, Kingman, KS [Kr02-26].
burial: First Menno. Ch. Cem., Pretty Prairie, KS [cem. list].
baptism: Sunday, 2 Apr 1876, at Hoffnungsfeld [Kr02-26].
marriage-1: 15 Jun 1884 [SVdb], Elisabeth Graber (1862-1948) [Kr02-26].
marriage-2: 23 Jul 1903 [SVdb], Johann Vogt (1858-1932) [Kr95-66].
immigration: S. S. Westphalia 11/13/1874, #688, Kansas.

Graber, Freni "Verena" (Gr3. 616):
*birth: 14 May 1841 [1].
*death: 22 Aug 1895, at Childstown, SD, age 55y-8m [3].
burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. list].
survived by: her husband and 8 children [3].
marriage: Sunday, 16 Oct 1855j [2], Jacob K. Schrag (1836-1911) [Kr95-64].
immigration: ship records not found, said to have immigrated 9 Sep 1891 [Kr95-141].

* Her birth is also reported 14 May '1840' in some sources [Kr95-223].
* Her death is also reported '19' Aug 1895 [SVdb].

[1]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 16 [Kr95-223].
[2]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 31b [Kr95-272].
[3]: Schrag, Verena Graeber (1840-1895), Christ. Bundes. 5 Sep 1895 p. 8

Graber, Jacob J. (Gr4. 6143):
birth: 8 Apr 1863 [1], [2], [Kr95-73].
death: 2 Sep 1942, age 79y-5m-20d [1].
burial: Alsen Cem., Alsen, Cavalier Co., ND [cem. photo].
preceded by: 1 son of 4 children [1].
survived by: by his wife, 2 sons, 1 dau., 2 sisters, 4 brothers [1].
marriage: 23 Sep 1887 [1], Anna Graber (1871-1967) [Kr95-73].
immigration: S. S. Waesland 06/14/1883, #422, Kansas.

[1]: Graber, Jakob J. (1863-1942), Christ. Bundes. 20 Oct 1942 p. 14
[2]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 47 [Kr95-231].

Graber, Jacob P. (Gr3. 614):
birth: 26 Sep 1837 [1]
death: 25 Mar 1918 [cem. photo].
burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].
marriage: Sunday, 22 Jan 1856j, Maria Graber (1839-1913) [Kr95-64].
immigration: S. S. Waesland 06/14/1883, #418, Dakota.

[1]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 16 [Kr95-223].

Graber, Johann J. (Gr4. 6142):
birth: 14 Nov 1860 [Kr95-73].
death: 12 Mar 1944 [cem. photo].
burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].
marriage: 28 Oct 1884 [1], Anna Schrag (1864-1954) [Kr95-73].
immigration: S. S. Waesland 06/14/1883, #421, Dakota.

[1]: Graber, Johann J. (1860-1944), Christ. Bundes. 18 Apr 1944 p. 14

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Graber, Johann J. D. (Gr3. 771):
birth: 22 Jun 1848 [Kr95-66].
death: 3 Apr 1926 [cem. photo].
burial: First Menno. Ch. Cem., Pretty Prairie, KS [cem. photo].
marriage: Sunday, 17 Oct 1871j, Katharina Gering (1852-1934) [Kr95-66].
immigration: S. S. City of Chester 04/26/1875 [NAdb].

Graber, Joseph J. "Pol t" (Gr4. 6146):
birth: 4 Dec 1869 [Kr95-73].
death: 7 May 1959, at Glendive, Dawson Co., MT [3].
burial: Bethlehem Menno. Ch. Cem, Bloomfield, MT [2].
marriage: 29 Mar 1894 [1], Agnetha "Nettie" Goertz (1876-1939) [Kr95-73].
immigration: S. S. Waesland 06/14/1883, #425, Dakota.

[1]: KrJw, p. 86 [SVdb].
[2]: KrCe, Bethlem Menno. Ch. Cem. list, Bloomfield, MT.
[3]: Joseph J. Graber, <http://www.findagrave.com>

Graber, Julia (no Kr95 code):
birth: 7 Apr 1876 [1].
death: 6 Jun 1954 [1].
burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].
marriage: 28 Jan 1897 [SVdb], Joseph J. Schwartz (1872-1938) [SVdb].
immigration: S. S. Waesland 06/14/1883, #428, Dakota.

[1]: Julia Graber Schwartz, <http://www.findagrave.com>

Graber, Karl J. (Gr4. 6147):
birth: 25 Mar 1872 [Kr95-73].
death: 29 Jan 1967 [SVdb].
burial: Salem Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [1].
marriage: 28 Jan 1897 [cem. photo], Karolina Ries (1878-1968) [Kr95-73].
immigration: S. S. Waesland 06/14/1883, #426, Dakota.

[1]: Carl Graber, <http://www.findagrave.com>

Graber, Katharina (no Kr95 code):
birth: 23 May 1878, at Pultawa, Rus. [1].
death: 27 Aug 1960 [SVdb].
burial: Salem Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [SVdb].
marriage: 11 Jun 1896, Joseph J. Waltner (1869-1952) [SVdb].
immigration: S. S. Waesland 06/14/1883, #429, Kansas.

[1]: Waltner, Katherina Graber (1878-1960), Menno. Weekly Rev. 1960 Sep 15 p. 8
[2]: WaJo, p. 151 [SVdb].

Graber, Maria (Gr3. 811):
birth: 22 Jan 1839 [1], [Kr95-67].
death: 13 Jan 1913 [cem. photo].
burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].
marriage: Sunday, 22 Jan 1856j, Jacob P. Graber (1837-1918) [Kr95-67].
immigration: S. S. Waesland 06/14/1883, #419, Kansas.

[1]: VoBo, Vol hynian Ch. Book Num. Three, p. 59 [Kr95-226].

Graber, Maria (Gr4. 6148):
birth: 20 Feb 1874 [Kr95-73].
death: 10 Feb 1940 [SVdb].
burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].
marriage: 31 Oct 1890 [1], Johann M. Schrag (1868-1956) [Kr95-73].
immigration: S. S. Waesland 06/14/1883, #427, Dakota.

[1]: SgMe, p. 58 [SVdb].

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Graber, Peter D. (Gr3.775):

birth: 9 Apr 1858, at Waldheim, Rus. [1].

death: 13 Jun 1937, Hutchinson, KS, age 79y-2m-4d [1].

burial: First Menno. Ch. Cem., Pretty Prairie, KS, [cem. photo].

preceded by: 1 daughter of 6 children from m1 [1].

survived by: 12 of 13 children (7 from m2), 2 sisters, 1 half-bro. & 2 half-sis. [1].

baptism: 1873 by Elder Stucky [1], {at Kutusovka, Rus.}

marriage-1: 10 Feb 1885 [Kr02-22], Maria Krehbiel (1865-1895) [1], [2].

marriage-2: 26 Sep 1896 [Kr02-22], Freni Krehbiel (1878-1925) [Kr95-66].

immigration: S. S. Westphalia 11/13/1874, #687, Kansas.

[1]: Graber, Peter D. 1858, Christ. Bundes. 13 July 1937 p. 14

[2]: Harvey Co., KS, Marriage License Index 1872-1913 (Transcribed), 21 Feb 1885

Graber, Peter J. P. (Gr4.6144):

birth: 23 Apr 1865 [Kr95-73].

death: 25 Oct 1955 [1].

burial: Salem Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].

marriage: 9 Dec 1891 [2], [cem. photo], Freni Schrag (1870-1958) [Kr95-73].

immigration: S. S. Waesland 06/14/1883, #423, Dakota.

[1]: GrAr, p. 190 [SVdb].

[2]: KrJw, Swiss Russian Mennonite Church & Family Books, p. 85 [SVdb].

Kaufman (Kauffman), Jacob P. (Ka4.3423):

birth: 21 Nov 1858, at Waldheim, Rus. [1].

death: 21 Nov 1934, at Turner Co., SD [SVdb].

burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].

marriage: 21 Jun 1879, at Turner Co., SD [SVdb], Kath. Schrag (1863-1949) [Kr95-89].

immigration: S. S. Fresia 06/26/1877, #044, Dakota.

[1]: KaPg, p. 580 [SVdb].

Kaufman, Joseph (Ka2.37):

birth: 22 Apr 1813 [2], [Kr95-81].

death: 26 Nov 1896, Moundridge, KS, age 84y-7d [1].

burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. photo].

survived by: 2 of 13 children [1].

preceded by: his wife 12y before [1].

marriage: date unknown, Katharina Gering (1811-1884) [Kr95-81].

immigration: not found in ship records, known to have immigrated.

[1]: Kaufmann, Joseph (1813-1897), Christ. Bundes., 21 Jan 1897 p. 8

[2]: GrAr, p. 212 [Kr95-237].

Kaufman, Maria "Mary" (Ka4.3422):

birth: 19 Feb 1852 [2], at Waldheim, Rus. [Kr95-89].

death: 14 Jun 1900, at South Dakota [1].

burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].

survived by: her husband and 9 children [1].

marriage: Ascension, 25 May 1872j, Maria Kaufman (1852-1900), Waldheim, Rus. [Kr95-47].

immigration: SS Weiland 09/07/1875, #009, Dakota.

[1]: Gering, Maria Kaufman (d. 1900), Christ. Bundes. 1900 Jun 28 p. 7

[2]: GrAr, p. 266 [Kr95-243].

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Kaufman, Napoleon R. (Ka3. 376):
birth: 6 Jan 1862, Beresofka, Rus. [Kr95-84].
death: 30 Mar 1929 [cem. photo].
burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. photo].
baptism: Good Friday, 19 Apr 1878, at Hoffnungsfeld [SVdb].
ordained: Hopefield minister 1895 & elder 1903 [Kr95-85].
marriage: 19 Jan 1883, Freni J. Stucky (1864-1933) [1].
immigration: S. S. Switzerland 07/13/1877, #051, Kansas.

[1]: McPherson County Marriages 1870-1915, (Transcribed)

Krehbiel, Maria (Kr2. 63):
birth: 1837 [Kr95-97].
death: 2 Nov 1907, at Marion, SD, age 70y [1].
burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. list].
preceded by: her husb. 10 years before [1].
survived by: 6 sons and 4 daughters [1].
baptism: Sunday, 17 Jul 1849j, at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-97].
marriage: Easter Monday, 31 Mar 1852j, Johann Waltner (1832-1898) [Kr95-97].
immigration: S. S. City of Montreal 09/22/1875, #033, Dakota.

[1]: Waltner, Maria Krehbiel (1837-1907), Christ. Bundes. 28 Nov 1907 p. 6

Nickel (Nichel), Anna A. (Nc1. 3):
birth: 6 Dec 1854, at Sabara, Rus. [Kr95-111].
death: 29 Jun 1898, at Nashville, Kingman Co., KS, age 43y-6m-23d [cem. photo].
burial: Old Bross Cem., Nashville, Kingman Co., KS [cem. photo].
*marriage-1: Sun., 13 Feb 1872j [1], Jos. Gering (1844-c. 1879), Sabara, Rus. [Kr95-111].
marriage-2: 2 Oct 1880 [2], Jacob P. Unruh (1851-1933) [3].
immigration: Gellert 01/12/1880, #013, Kansas.

*Her marriage date to Jos. Gering is also reported "Sat., 12" Feb 1872j in some sources [Kr95-209, 256].

[1]: VoBo, Volhynian Ch. Book Num. Three, p. 28 [Kr95-256].
[2]: McPherson County Marriages 1870-1915, (Transcribed)
[3]: Jacob P. Unruh, obituary, The Hutchinson News, Tue., May 30, 1933
[4]: Anna A. Nichel Unruh, <http://www.findagrave.com>
[5]: Anna A Unruh, <http://www.findagrave.com>

Ortmann, Dorothea C. (Om3. 212):
birth: 13 Jul 1860 [Kr95-114].
death: 29 Apr 1933 [SVdb].
burial: St Paul Lutheran Cem, Stickney, SD [SVdb].
marriage: 6 Jan 1886, Phillip Rittaler (1857-1924), at Spring Valley [1].
immigration: S. S. Wieland 06/05/1878, #043, Kansas.

[1]: McPherson County Marriages 1870-1915, (Transcribed)

Ortmann, Friedrich (Om2. 21):
birth: 30 Dec 1834, at Adelhof, Prussia [Kr95-113].
death: 4 Jan 1910, age 75y-5d [1].
burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. list].
preceded by: 3 children [1].
survived by: 7 children [1].
baptism: 14 Sep 1856, at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-113].
marriage: 14 Sep 1856, Wilhelmina Ortmann (1837-1910) [Kr95-113].
immigration: S. S. Wieland 06/05/1878, #041, Kansas.

[1]: Ortman, Friedrich (1835-1910), Christ. Bundes. 1910 Jan 27 p. 6

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Ortmann, Friedrich F. "Fred" (Om3.216):

birth: 23 Dec 1873 [1], probably at Kutusovka, Rus.

death: 14 Apr 1955, at Moundridge, KS, age 81y-3m-22d [1].

burial: First Menno. Ch. of Christian, Moundridge, KS [1].

preceded by: 2 sons, Edward (1909), Harold (1938) [1].

survived by: his wife, 2 sons & 5 daughters of 9 children, 1 brother (Henry) [1].

family: "son of Fredric and Julia Ortman" [1].

baptism: Sunday, 4 Oct 1891, at Hoffnungsfeld, by Elder Jac. Stucky [1].

marriage: 20 Feb 1902, Christina Brubacher (1886-1969), at Perry, OK [1].

immigration: S. S. Wieland 06/05/1878, #047, Kansas.

[1]: Ortman, Fred F. (1873-1955), Menno. Weekly Rev. 1955 Apr 28 p. 8

Ortmann, Johann F. (Om3.214):

birth: 26 May 1869j [Kr95-114].

death: 18 Apr 1939 [SVdb].

burial: Church of God Cem., Max, ND [SVdb].

marriage: 19 Jan 1902, Amelia "Mollie" Pschigoda (1882-?), at Elyria [1].

immigration: S. S. Wieland 06/05/1878, #045, Kansas.

[1]: McPherson County Marriages 1870-1915, (Transcribed)

Ortmann, Julia (no Kr95 code):

birth: 25 Feb 1876, at Kutusovka, Rus. [1].

death: 22 Dec 1944 [SVdb].

burial: unknown.

marriage: 1894, Christian K. Ortmann (1870-1947) [SVdb].

immigration: S. S. Wieland 06/05/1878, #048, Kansas.

[1]: Mennonite Family History, Oct 1989 [SVdb].

Ortmann, Louisa (Om3.213):

birth: 7 Oct 1866 [Kr95-114].

death: 20 Jan 1933 [2].

burial: Rose Hill Cem., Marion, SD [SVdb].

baptism: Sunday, 31 Oct 1880, at Hoffnungsfeld [Kr02-30].

marriage: 4 Feb 1886 [1], Gottlieb K. Ortmann (1862-1927) [Kr95-114].

immigration: S. S. Wieland 06/05/1878, #044, Kansas.

[1]: KrJw, Swiss Russian Mennonite Church & Family Books, p. 79 [SVdb].

[2]: OrCh, F. Christian & Anna Eleanora (Zafft) Ortmann Fam. History: 1800-1992, p. 202

Ortmann, Maria (no Kr95 code):

birth: uncertain.

death: uncertain, probably death young.

burial: unknown.

immigration: S. S. Wieland 06/05/1878, not found.

Ortmann, Susanna (Om3.215):

birth: 26 Jun 1871 [1].

death: 7 Feb 1917 [SVdb].

burial: Garden Township Cem., Hesston, KS [SVdb].

marriage: 8 Apr 1894, Henry Ewy (1870-1934) [SVdb].

immigration: S. S. Wieland 06/05/1878, #046, Kansas.

[1]: OrCh, p. 166 [SVdb].

[2]: Harvey County, Kansas, Marriage License Index 1872-1913 (Transcribed) (13 Apr 1894).

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Ortmann, Wilhelmina Juliana (Om2. 12):

birth: 14 Jan 1837, at Adelhof, Prussia [Kr95-113].

death: 16 Jan 1910, at Moundridge, KS, age 73y-2d [1].

burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. list].

preceded by: 3 children [1].

survived by: 7 children [1].

baptism: Sunday, 18 Apr 1871j, at Kutusovka, Rus. [Kr95-113].

marriage: 14 Sep 1856, Friedrich Ortmann (1834-1910) [Kr95-113].

immigration: S. S. Wieland 06/05/1878, #042, Kansas.

[1]: Ortman, Friedrich (Mrs.) (1837-1910), Christ. Bundes. 1910 Jan 27 p. 6

Ortmann, Wilhelmina (Om3. 211):

birth: 22 Mar 1859 [Kr95-114].

*death: uncertain.

burial: unknown.

marriage: unknown.

immigration: possibly S. S. Wieland 06/05/1878, #049, Kansas.

* In some records she is thought to have died in infancy [Kr95-114] and in others to have died of small pox between 1866 and 1876 ? [SVdb]. Her possible identification in ship records indicates that she may have been able to immigrate ?

Ries, Maria (Rs2. 23):

*birth: 14 Mar 1830 [2], [Kr95-119].

death: 4 Aug 1907, Tuxzan, Old Mexico, age 77y-5m-22d [1].

burial: unknown, possibly Old Mexico.

*preceded by: 1 child [1].

survived by: her second husband and 9 children [1].

marriage-1: c. 1847, Daniel D. Graber (1823-1863) [Kr95-119].

marriage-2: Sunday, 16 Feb 1864j [2], Peter Gering (1839-1919) [Kr95-119].

immigration: S. S. Westphalia 11/13/1874, #685, Kansas.

* Maria's birth is also reported 12 Jun 1830 [3].

* The identity of the child that preceded Maria in death is unknown.

[1]: Goering, Maria (1830-1907), Christ. Bundes. 1907 Nov 14 p. 6

[2]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 14, 77 [Kr95-262].

[3]: VoBo, Volhynian Ch. Book Num. Three, p. 37

Schrag, Freni (Francis) (Sg3. 821):

birth: 13 Mar 1833 [2].

death: 25 Mar 1909, at Marion, SD, age 75y-10m-14d [1].

burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo]

survived by: her husband, 2 sons & 1 dau. in Russia and 2 sons here [1]

baptism: Sunday, 17 Jul 1849j, at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-134].

marriage-1: {Fri.}, 9 Jun 1850, Peter Kaufman (1824-1859) [Kr95-134].

marriage-2: Sunday, 31 Jan 1860, Jacob "Douhi" Gering (1842-?) [Kr95-134].

immigration: not found in ship records, 1879, Dakota [1].

[1]: Schrag, Freny (1833-1909), Christ. Bundes. 1909 Apr 8 p. 6

[2]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 17 [Kr95-272].

Schrag, Jacob K. (Sg3. 822):

birth: 20 Mar 1836 [Kr95-135].

death: 7 Jun 1911 [SVdb].

burial: unknown.

baptism: Sunday, 17 Jul 1849j, at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-135].

marriage: Sunday, 16 Oct 1855j [1], Freni Graber (1841-1895) [Kr95-135].

immigration: ship records not found, maybe immigrated about 9 Sep 1891 [Kr95-141].

[1]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 31b [Kr95-272].

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Schrag, Jonathan (Sg4.8227):
birth: 20 Jan 1867 [SVdb].
death: 8 Jul 1920 [SVdb].
burial: unknown.
marriage: 1897, Anna Senner (1877-1957) [Kr95-142].
immigration: ship records not found, 1891 or before [Kr95-141].

Schrag, Katharina "Katie" (Sg4.8229):
birth: 14 Jul 1873 [1], [2], at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [2], [Kr95-142].
death: 18 Jun 1956, at Freeman, SD, age 82y-11m-4d [2].
burial: Salem Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [2].
preceded by: her husb. in 1925 [2].
survived by: 4 of 5 children, 1 sister [2].
family: "daughter of Jacob and Frances Schrag" [2].
baptism: {Sat., 20 May 1889j}, at Lemberg, Aus., by Elder Mueller [2].
marriage: 26 Apr 1894, Jonathan Waltner (1871-1925) [2], [Kr95-142].
immigration: ship records not found, 9 Sep 1891 [Kr95-141], [2].

[1]: KrJw, p. 17 [SVdb].

[2]: Waltner, Katie Schrag (1873-1956), Menno. Weekly Rev. 1956 Jul 12 p. 10

Schrag, Leon J. (no Kr95 code):
birth: 4 Apr 1877, at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [SVdb].
death: 14 Nov 1946 [1].
burial: Arlington Park Cem., Greenfield, Milwaukee Co., WI [1].
marriage: 17 Nov 1908, Ida May Waltner (1890-1992) [SVdb].
immigration: ship records not found, about 9 Sep 1891 [Kr95-141].

[1]: Leon J. Schrag, <https://www.findagrave.com>

Schrag, Ludwig J. (no Kr95 code):
birth: 18 Dec 1875 [SVdb].
death: 14 Aug 1955 [SVdb].
burial: unknown.
marriage: 21 Oct 1898, Helena Geri ng (1879-?) [SVdb].
immigration: ship records not found, about 9 Sep 1891 [Kr95-141].

Schrag, Maria (no Kr95 code):
birth: 19 May 1879, in Russia [SVdb].
death: 31 Dec 1930, at Freeman, SD [SVdb].
burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [1].
marriage: 27 Oct 1898, Peter J. Kaufman (1872-1953) [SVdb].
immigration: ship records not found, about 9 Sep 1891 [Kr95-141].

[1]: Maria Schrag Kaufman, <https://www.findagrave.com>

Schrag, Matilda (no Kr95 code):
birth: 27 Dec 1881 [SVdb].
death: 7 Oct 1966
burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [2].
marriage: 27 Oct 1898 [1], Jacob D. Graber (1876-1961) [SVdb].
immigration: ship records not found, about 9 Sep 1891 [Kr95-141].

[1]: KrJw, p. 95 [SVdb].

[2]: Matilda Schrag Graber, <https://www.findagrave.com> [William Ewing].

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Schrag, Peter R. (Sg4. 8224):

*birth: 14 Mar 1861 [1].

death: 29 May 1934

burial: Alsen Cem., Alsen, Cavalier Co., ND [2].

marriage: 1891 [SVdb], Elisabeth Graber (1874-1964) [Kr95-142].

immigration: ship records not found, 1891 or before [Kr95-141].

* his birth is also stated 20 Mar 1860 and 14 Mar 1860 [Kr95-278].

[1]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 31b

[2]: KrCe, Swiss Russian Menno. Cem. Records, 1999.

Stucky, Freni (St3. 62a):

birth: 8 Oct 1828, in Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-157].

death: 6 Sep 1874 [Kr06-4], or Nov 1874, in Austria [1].

burial: unknown.

baptism: {Wed., 3 Oct 1845}, at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-157]. {1845-1828= 17y}

marriage: 1846, Andreas Gering (1824-1901) [Kr95-157].

immigration: died in Austria or Russia.

[1]: Joseph A. Goering, Menno. Weekly Rev. 1943 Jan 28 p. 7 (her son)

Wal tner, Benjamin J. (Wa3. 429):

birth: 25 May 1867 [2], at Waldheim, Rus. [Kr95-179].

death: 6 May 1941, at Freeman, SD, age 73y-11m-4d [1].

preceded by: 4 bro. (Jac., Joh., Jos., And.), 2 sisters (Mary, Carolina) [1].

survived by: his second wife, 2 bro. (Jon., Benj.), 2 sisters (Kath., Frances) [1].

family: "son of John and Mary (Krehbiel) Wal tner" [1].

baptism: Sunday, 20 Jul 1884, Salem-Zion, by Elder Chris. Kauf. [1].

marriage-1: 6 Nov 1888, Katharina Graber (1870-1928) [Kr95-179].

marriage-2: 16 Feb 1928, Anna Jantz (1884-?) [Kr95-179].

immigration: S. S. City of Montreal 09/22/1875, #037, Dakota.

[1]: Wal tner, Benjamin (1867-1941), Menno. Weekly Rev. 1941 May 21 p. 2

[2]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 30 [Kr95-304].

Wal tner, Freni (Wa3. 423):

birth: 29 Jan 1857 [Kr95-178].

death: 12 Dec 1909, at Marion, SD, age 52y [1].

burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].

preceded by: her husband 9 years before [1].

survived by: 9 children [1].

marriage: 22 Oct 1876 [2], Andreas P. Kaufman (1854-1901) [Kr95-178].

immigration: S. S. Wieland 09/07/1875, #184, Dakota.

[1]: Kaufmann, Freny Wal tner (1858-1910), Christ. Bundes. 1910 Feb 17 p. 6

[2]: KrJw, p. 78 [SVdb].

Wal tner, Jacob J. (Wa3. 424):

birth: 14 Jul 1858 [2], at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [1], [Kr95-178].

death: 14 Sep 1941 [1].

burial: Salem Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].

preceded by: an infant son and 19y daughter Anna [1].

survived by: his wife, 5 sons & 1 dau. (of 8 children), 3 bro. & 2 sisters [1].

marriage: 7 Nov 1879 [3], Freni Miller (1862-1942) [1].

immigration: S. S. City of Montreal 09/22/1875, #035, Dakota.

Note: "The name Volhynia he often said meant battle ground, for many bloody battles had been fought there in bygone days." [1].

[1]: Wal tner, Jacob J. (1858-1941), Menno. Weekly Rev. 1941 Oct 8 p. 5

[2]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 30 [Kr95-303].

[3]: Freni Mueller Wal tner, Mennonite Weekly Review: 1942 Aug 13 p. 3

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Waltner, Johann (Wa2. 42):

birth: 8 Mar 1832 [2], at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-175].
death: 10 Aug 1898, at Yankton, SD, age 65y-5m-27d [1].
burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].
survived by: his wife, 6 sons and 4 dau. [1].
baptism: Sunday, 17 Jul 1849j, Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-175].
marriage: Easter Monday, 31 Mar 1852j, Maria Krehbiel (1837-1907) [Kr95-175].
immigration: S. S. City of Montreal 09/22/1875, #032, Dakota.

[1]: Waltner, Johann (1832-1897), Christ. Bundes. 26 Aug 1897 p. 8
[2]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 15 [Kr95-301].

Waltner, Johann J. (Wa3. 427):

*birth: 21 Dec 1863 [1].
death: 26 Apr 1963 [SVdb].
burial: Salem Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].
marriage: 1885, Katharina Mueller (1869-1941) [Kr95-179].
immigration: S. S. City of Montreal 09/22/1875, #036, Dakota.

*His birth is variously reported: "29" Dec 1863, "24 Nov" 1863 and "24 Dec" 1863 in some sources [Kr95-303].

[1]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 30 [Kr95-303].

Waltner, Johathan (Wa3. 42b):

birth: 11 Jan 1871, at Kutusovka, Rus. [Kr95-179].
death: 20 Apr 1925 [cem. photo].
burial: Salem Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].
marriage: 26 Apr 1894 [SVdb], Katharina Schrag (1873-1956) [Kr95-179].
immigration: S. S. City of Montreal 09/22/1875, #038, Dakota.

Waltner, Joseph J. N. (Wa3. 42a):

birth: 27 Jan 1869 [2].
death: 24 Jul 1947, at Freeman, SD [1].
burial: Salem Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].
marriage: 2 Nov 1892 [SVdb], Karolina Muller (1874-1960) [Kr95-179].
immigration: S. S. Wieland 09/07/1875, #185, Dakota.

[1]: Waltner, Joseph J. N. (d. 1947), Menno. Weekly Rev. 1947 Aug 28 p. 5
[2]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 30 [Kr95-304].

Waltner, Karolina "Carrie" (Wa3. 42c):

birth: 31 Jan 1874, at Horodyszczce, Rus. [Kr95-179].
death: 21 Mar 1966, at Freeman, SD [SVdb].
burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. list].
marriage: 2 Sep 1891 [SVdb], Peter Graber (1874-1920) [Kr95-179].
immigration: S. S. City of Montreal 09/22/1875, #042, Dakota.

Waltner, Katharina (Wa2. 41):

birth: 30 Jun 1829 [1], [Kr95-175].
death: 1919 [cem. photo].
burial: Salem Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].
baptism: 3 Oct 1845, at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-175].
marriage: single, blind
immigration: S. S. City of Montreal 09/22/1875, #034, Dakota.

[1]: WaJo, p. 38 [SVdb].

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Waltner, Katharina "Katie" (Wa3.426):

birth: 29 Jul 1862 [Kr95-179].

death: 24 Feb 1920 [cem. photo].

burial: Salem-Zion Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].

marriage: 23 Oct 1880 [SVdb], Joseph J. Graber (1858-1926) [Kr95-179].

immigration: S. S. City of Montreal 09/22/1875, #041, Dakota.

Waltner, Maria (Wa3.425):

birth: 11 Aug 1860 [1].

*death: 9 Jul 1925 [cem. photo].

burial: Salem Menno. Ch. Cem., Freeman, SD [cem. photo].

marriage: 18 Jun 1878 [2], Jacob Preheim (1845-1925) [Kr95-178].

immigration: S. S. City of Montreal 09/22/1875, #040, Dakota.

*In some sources her death is reported 18 May 1945 [3], [4] which does not compare to her cemetery monument.

[1]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 30 [Kr95-303].

[2]: PrFa, [SVdb].

[3]: PrFa, p. 231 [SVdb].

[4]: GrAr, p. 636 [Kr95-303].

Wedel, Jacob B. (We1.2):

birth: 22 Mar 1825 [Kr95-182].

death: 12 Jul 1914 [cem. photo].

burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. photo].

baptism: Palm Sunday, 7 Apr 1840j, at Eduardsdorf, Rus. [Kr95-182].

marriage-1: {Thurs., 27 Apr 1844j}, Katharina Gering (1827-1890) [Kr95-182].

marriage-2: 17 May 1892, Anna (Sutter) Krehbiel (1832-1915) [1].

immigration: S. S. City of London 11/18/1874, #349, Kansas.

[1]: McPherson County Marriages 1870-1915 (Transcribed)

Wedel, Andreas J. (We2.26):

birth: 21 Nov 1860 [1], [2], at Kutusovka, Rus. [1].

death: 28 Jan 1931 at Halstead Hosp., age 70y-2m-7d [1].

burial: Eden Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. list]

preceded by: first wife after about 10 years [1].

survived by: second wife, 4 sons, 3 dau. of 7 children, 2 bro. and 1 sister [1].

baptism: Sunday, 2 Apr 1876, at Hoffnungsfeld [1].

marriage-1: 9 Mar 1886, Anna Gering (1869-1896) [1].

marriage-2: 10 Dec 1896, Elis. Gering (1877-1955) [1].

immigration: S. S. City of London 11/18/1874, #353, Kansas.

[1]: Wedel, Andreas J. (1860-1931), Menno. Weekly Rev. 1931 Feb 11 p. 3

[2]: EdKu, Eduardsdorf-Kutusovka Ch. Book, p. 27 [Kr95-306].

Wedel, Jacob J. (We2.25):

birth: 9 Sep 1857 [Kr95-183].

death: 1 Dec 1916 [cem. photo].

burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. photo].

baptism: Palm Sunday, 9 Apr 1872j, at Kutusovka, Rus. [Kr95-183].

marriage: 9 Jan 1879 [1], Anna (Stucky) Schrag (1857-1909) [Kr95-183].

immigration: S. S. City of London 11/18/1874, #352, Kansas.

[1]: McPherson County Marriages 1870-1915, (Transcribed)

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARIES:

Wedel, Johann P. (We2. 23):

birth: 1 Jun 1851 [1], [Kr95-183].

death: 11 Nov 1879 [2].

burial: Hopefield Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [KrHf-10].

baptism: Palm Sunday, 9 Apr 1867j, at Kutusovka, Rus. [Kr95-183].

marriage: 26 Feb 1876, at Turkey Creek [3], Karolina Gering (1856-1894) [Kr95-183].

immigration: S. S. City of London 11/18/1874, #351, Kansas.

[1]: WeJc [SVdb].

[2]: KrJw, p. 14 [SVdb].

[3]: McPherson County Marriages 1870-1915, (Transcribed)

Wedel, Joseph J. (We2. 29):

birth: 29 Mar 1868 [Kr95-183].

death: 30 Jun 1937, at Moundridge, KS [SVdb].

burial: Eden Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [1].

baptism: 1883, at Hoffnungsfeld [Kr95-183].

marriage: 27 Feb 1889, at Lake View [2], Anna Schrag (1871-1951) [Kr95-183].

immigration: S. S. City of London 11/18/1874, #354, Kansas.

[1]: GeJd [SVdb].

[2]: McPherson County Marriages 1870-1915, (Transcribed)

Wedel, Maria "Mary" (We2. 28):

birth: 9 Jan 1866 [Kr95-183].

death: 9 Jan 1971 [cem. photo].

burial: Eden Menno. Ch. Cem., Moundridge, KS [cem. photo].

baptism: 1880, at Hoffnungsfeld [Kr95-183].

marriage: 9 Mar 1886, in McPherson Co. [1], Joseph A. Gering (1863-1943) [Kr95-183].

immigration: S. S. City of London 11/18/1874, #356, Kansas.

Note: At 105 years of age, she is thought to be the last surviving member of the 1874 Swiss Volhynian immigrants in Kansas [Kr95-183].

[1]: McPherson County Marriages 1870-1915, (Transcribed)

Wedel, Peter J. (We2. 2a):

birth: 5 Jan 1871j [Kr95-183] or 17 Jan 1871g [1].

death: 4 Jun 1951 [2].

burial: Greenwood Cem., Newton, Harvey Co., KS

baptism: 1886, at Hoffnungsfeld [Kr95-183].

marriage: 20 Aug 1899 [1], Magdalena Krehbiel (1875-1945) [Kr95-183].

immigration: S. S. City of London 11/18/1874, #355, Kansas.

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