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Dear Mr Thiessen:

I have just recently been loaned the family history book on the "Mefelburger" family with you as the author. In the book you mention having extensive information on Mennonites in West Prussia born before 1820. This just happens to be my interest as I have been trying to research my family tree (Wieler, Wiehler,) and it is the period before 1820's where I am stuck.

My family moved from the Dammig area to Prussia in the early 1500's etc. I have good records back to my grandfather's father Jacob born in Alexanderthal, Prussia in 1821. Then I was able to obtain the 1885 census of the Mennonites of the Metelshinz area of Prussia and in it I have found my grandfather's grandfather as being called Hans Wieber born in 1777 and with a wife named Anna. I have one other bit of information taken from the same census under the village of Paderne where a Jakob Klaus Wieber is shown as being a ward of George George Adam and a few pages back indicating he was part of a group that arrived in 1819. Copies of the book that my wife and I have on Jakob Klaus which would indicate he would have been born in 1777. I would think if Jakob Klaus went have been born in Prussia and either came with the family to Russia or came alone.

You probably receive similar requests for help and I can appreciate it if you are no longer willing or able to respond. But if there is anyway that you could provide me with photo copies of whatever you might have on my Wiebers or Wiehlers starting in Prussia in 1800 and particularly who might be the parents and brothers and sisters of Jakob Klaus Wieber, I would be eternally grateful. I have some family writings which state that our family must have come from Prussia and that is all I have of our Prussian background.

Incidentally, I do have the family history book called "The Grand Doe Familie Wiehler" by Frank Wiehler of Leisnberg. I have the feeling that this is one distant wing of my family but I have so far been unable to make the connection and in my case he only deals with Stephan Wiehler born 1802 and whose father was Fawelme Wiehler and mother Agneta Funk. I have written to Frank Wiehler but he is unable to help me. His book also mentions the name needed as being Hans Von Wieber. I am on 4 pages 19, 20 and 26 of his book which lists a number of Wiebers. One of those listed must be the parents of Jakob Klaus Wieber. Perhaps you might have information that can help me.

I am on to my own family pedigree chart and one I find one to any. I would be happy to pay you for whatever time and costs you would incur in responding to my request. Looking forward with great anticipation to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

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