

Nevertheless, perhaps such a possibility should not be dismissed out of hand without further checking. Family legends which were handed down orally, to be written down by some future generation, are often very inaccurate or garbled. They may be based on misunderstandings, but most of them are not purely imaginary.

More likely, this is a matter of confusion resulting from the five separate lines and not applicable for that reason.

Endnote 413: This is not the Gertrude Regehr (widow of Martin Wieb), b. 1736, bapt. in Tiegenhagen, who married Gerhard von Bergen, b. 1737, resident in Danzig at the time of this marriage but baptized Ladekopp, in 1770. That Gertrude Regehr was probably an aunt of the Gertrude Regehr among my ancestors, since she, too, was the daughter of a Jacob Regehr of Ladekopperfeld [presumably # 1652 in this pedigree chart]. If I recall correctly, Mike Hornbaker told me that she was the aunt of Elias von Bergen (more accurately, she would have been his wife's aunt).

I have a copy of a family sheet for that family, which was apparently copied from data in the parish registers, and which I probably obtained from Mike Hornbaker, who probably got it from Ulrich Dueck. This other von Bergen-Regier couple had a daughter, Gertrude, who was born on 12 July 1779, but this does not match the data on my ancestor either.

Endnote 416: The 1727 peasant census lists a Simon Reimer at Petershagen, who could have been the father of Arend or Aron and the grandfather of Heinrich.

Endnote 430: I checked Unruh thoroughly to see whether the Heinrich Wiebe family listed as headed for Blumenort, Molotschna, in the Prussian archival records pertaining to emigrants in 1803 (Unruh, p. 345) might, in fact, have ended up in Chortitza, since there is no record of it in the 1808 Molotschna revision.

I found numerous Heinrich Wiebes in Chortitza, but most of them could be ruled out because of grave age inconsistencies.

However, a Heinrich Wiebe, born in 1746, from Stobbendorf migrated first to the village of Chortitza and then to Einlage, apparently having arrived in 1803 (Unruh, p. 297). He is listed as married and having 1 son and 2 daughters, although no names are provided.

The 1808 revision list for Einlage # 18, however, shows a Heinrich Wieb, age 32, from Zeiersche Kamp as having arrived in 1789. He could have been a son of ancestor Heinrich Wiebe, who might have stayed in Chortitza with his son, despite his intended destination of Molotschna. In either case, however, it appears that he was deceased by 1808 and could not have moved from Molotschna to Einlage, Chortitza, in 1816, as indicated by the emigration entry (Unruh, p. 345), since he is not listed with his son Claas at Tiege # 2 in 1808.

Intensive research may be required to clarify his status with certainty, but the Heinrich in Chortitza is listed as from