

A3 - B1 - C4 - D8

Peter H. Riediger\*July 7/20, 1891 Nikolaipol (Jas)R. +July 20, 1979 Leamington, ON

oo Sep. 11, 1921 Millerowo (Bo) USSR

Agatha Unger \*Apr. 21, 1897 New York (I)R. +Aug. 11, 1984 "

Dtr. of Peter H. Unger \*June 7, 1857, Einlage (OC)R, +Sep. 6, 1933, Leamington & Maria H. Koslowski \*June 6, 1860, Einlage, +May 17, 1899, New York. (oo June 24, 1879, R).

Children Riediger:

- E1 Elsa \*June 21, 1923 Bachmut (Bo) USSR +Oct. 22, 1926 New York (I) USSR
- E2 Harry \*May 16, 1927 Leamington, ON Harrow, ON
- E3 Peter \*Apr. 29, 1929 Kingsville, " Oakville, "
- E4 Vera Louise \*June 10, 1936 Harrow, " Washington, MI, USA

After graduating from the Chortitza Secondary School in 1909 Peter went to a 'Machine Mfg. Technical School' in Hildburghausen, Germany for 2 years. After 4 semesters he passed his exams in 1911. He then returned to Russia & got a job in the Niebuhr Factory, New York as engineer. Here he also met his future wife, who was studying at the Gymnasium in Kharkov. When the war started in 1914 the factory was closed & he volunteered service in the Medical Corps in Moscow. (Here he happened to shake the hand of Molotov, a Soviet official). In Russia they lived in Millerowo, Bachmut, Swatowo, Borissowo & New York. They left for Canada from Artymovsk Dec. 2, 1926; Riga, Latvia Dec. 22; London Dec. 28; Liverpool Dec. 31 & arrived in St. Johns, N.B. Jan. 9, 1927 & booked to Kingsville. They lived first in Leamington, Kingsville, Harrow, Leamington again. In Canada his engineering papers were not acceptable so he farmed. He was director of the Harrow Menn. Church choir.

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Jacob H. Riediger\*Dec. 7/20, 1894 Nikolaipol (Jas)R. +Mar. 9, 1951 Harrow, ON (Windsor H)

oo Feb. 17, 1923 Arkadak (S) USSR

Maria Neufeld\*July 20/Aug. 2, 1896 Nieder Chortitza (OC)R. 10.17AM+Dec. 28, 1973 Leamington, ON

Dtr. of Jakob Isaak Neufeld\*Aug. 18, 1862, "+Feb. 1, 1920, Arkadak & Maria Rempel\*Sep. 23, 1868, N.C., +Jan. 31, 1920 (both typhus) "

Children Riediger:

- E1 Heinrich 8.10PM \*Apr. 26, 1924 Gretna, MB "
- E2 Alice 5.30AM \*Dec. 2, 1925 " "
- E3 Helena 9AM \*Apr. 22, 1927 Brunkild, " "
- E4 Theadora 10AM \*June 1, 1928 " "

Jacob served in the Reforestation Division of the Forestry Service (alternative service to military service) at Veliko-Anadolskoje near Ekaterinoslav, R as a young man. Baptised June 17, 1918, Nikolaipol, Rev. Heinrich Epp. Maria baptised May 10/11 (23/24), 1915, Arkadak, Rev. Isaak Dueck. Jacob came to Arkadak 1921 where his brother Heinrich lived (more stable conditions) & taught school in Dmitrovka, #3 till 1923 (he was music & elementary teacher). Here he met Maria. Shortly after their marriage they came to Canada (with brother Heinrich & family & Anna Neufeld, her sister). Left Arkadak July 17, ; to OC; left there July 27; crossed border at Sebesch Aug. 10 to Riga; landed at Quebec City Aug. 24, 1923. Lived first at Herbert, SK working in the wheat harvest for a Mr. Unger. He then taught a Low-German speaking Mennonite school in Chortitza, SK for a few months. He then went to school himself in the MCI at Gretna (Jan. 1924-Dec. 1925). The English language was too much for him & he failed. So in Jan. 1926 he gave up his teaching profession & joined 2 brothers-in-law, Jacob Wallman & Jacob Neufeld on a farm near Brunkild. He & J. Neufeld were riding in a horse-drawn box-wagon one day in 1928 when a vehicle, driven by an intoxicated man, smashed into them from the rear. They were sent sprawling into a ditch. (Around 1934 he started to have trouble walking & it was thought the accident somehow was the cause of his lameness from the waist down. He got around only in a wheelchair the last 10-15 years of his life). In 1929 his brother Peter wrote him from Leamington & advised him to move to his area for better opportunities. So on Aug. 5 the family arrived in Kingsville & then a Harrow farm in fall. He died in Grace Hospital, Windsor. Maria suffered a stroke & died in Leamington Hospital (she had moved to Leamington on Nov. 11, 1970). They are both buried in Evergreen Memorial Park, Leamington, ON.

Jacob's friend as a teenager in Russia was Jacob Jakob Unrau \*Dec. 16/29, 1893, Nikolaipol, +Oct. 30, 1992, Winnipeg. I, Henry, met him in the Bethania Haus in Winnipeg in 1988 & remembered my Dad well. He was an erect, stalwart looking man at 95!