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Currently I am searching for genealogical information related to our FAST family which resided in the Danzig Niederung, Große Werder, and West Prussia during the 16, 17, and 1800's.

My great, great grandfather was named JOHANN FAST. Where Johann was born, when he was born, who his parents were, his brothers and sisters, and where the family resided is unknown. It is known, however, that this JOHANN FAST married an Anna Allert in Liebenbruch on February 20, 1806. Liebenbruch was an unincorporated agricultural settlement about 2 kilometers from the Dohna family palace at Finckenstein, Kreis Rosenberg. Johann was a Mennonite by religion and a kuhpächter by occupation. Anna Allert was also a Mennonite who came from the Lichtfelde area, West Prussia.

Five children were born to the JOHANN FAST family before they emigrated to the Ukraine(Russia), Molotschna Colony either during 1818 or 1819. Names of the children, their place of birth, and dates of birth are:

1. David            born in Heinrichsdorf, W. Prussia, December 21, 1806.
2. JOHANN        (my forebear) was born in Montig, W. Prussia, September 21, 1809.
3. Anna            born in Sommerau, W. Prussia, March 30, 1812.
4. Helena        born in Finckenstein, W. Prussia, December 23, 1814.
5. Gerhard       born in Riesenburg, W. Prussia, October 7, 1817.

Would you be so kind as to provide me with supporting information regarding our JOHANN FAST family before or after the time of his marriage in Liebenbruch in 1806, if possible. Your assistance in identifying resource persons, resource materials, and archives where FAST family information may be found would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone wishing additional information about our FAST family is requested to send his or her inquiry to:

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Thank you.

Cordially,

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