

But they stopped to stay for over winter with some friends and relatives who had previously migrated to Poland. And during their stay there Eva was born. In the spring they too left to go to Russia and came to the village Alexanderwohl. Here likewise Eva grew up in the home of her parents and very likely attended the village school.

It is taken for granted as the custom was at the proper age they instructed in catechism and baptized and received as members into the Alexanderwohl Church in Russia. Andreas and Eva Schmidt were united in marriage November 18, 1839. To this union were born eleven children, 7 sons, 4 daughters of which one son the first born and one daughter died in infancy (see page 23). All their children were born in Russia.

As the privileges granted the Mennonites by the Russian government were rejected the great migration to America came to pass in 1874. Andreas and Eva Schmidt joined with the Alexanderwohl Group with their married sons and daughters and younger children. A tedious voyage of 18 days they landed in New York Harbor. (For description of travels and voyage and landing in America and settling in Kansas read Travelogue written by David A. Schmidt and Heinrich Schmidt pages 7-13). They settled in Marion County, Kansas (see pages 24-25). As they were farmers by trade they bought large tracts of land. They changed the prairie to fertile lands. These were the pioneer years. Even the first fall they broke the prairie and sowed some Red Turkey wheat. Hedges and mulberry hedges were planted around the tracts of land. Much rock and big stones were hauled from Marion Center region for foundations and threshing stones were made. These were used for threshing the grain the first years. We know they were industrious and had few conveniences.

Mother Eva died August 19, 1880 and Andreas continued to live with his youngest son David. On March 11, 1888 daughter Anna, Mrs. Jacob Unruh died. Andreas died August 22, 1899. They are buried in the Greenfield Cemetery.



ANDREAS SCHMIDT  
GEB. DEN 8 AUG. 1817 IN PREUSSEN  
GEST. DEN 22 AUG. 1899

Ruhe sanft in deiner Gruft  
bis Dich dermaleinst dein  
Jesus ruft.



EVA SCHMIDT  
GEB. DEN 17 JAN. 1821 IN RUSSLAND  
GEST. DEN 19 AUG. 1880  
ALTER 59 JAHRE  
7 MONATE 21 TAGE

Unvergeszlich bleibst Du  
den Deinen

Tombstones