

Introduction

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This register goes back to Heinrich Thiessen born 1755 (1759?) in Walldorf, Prussia, who migrated to Russia 1803. Apparently he went to the Molotschna, but left some time after to settle in Ekaterinoslav, while his oldest two children - Dietrich and Catharina - remained here.

It is possible that this son Dietrich is the one who married Judity von Bergen and had the four sons mentioned on p.6, but no record of this has been found yet. This explains the word 'presumed'.

By doing work of this nature problems do arise. One of them is the different spelling of names. Some names have the german spelling, while the person involved might use the english spelling. I have tried to be accurate, but if errors have crept in, I hope you will bear with me.

A few pointers to get familiar with this book. Each generation is identified with a letter - 1st generation A, 2nd generation B, and so on. The number next to the letter - as B5 - identifies the fifth child in the second generation, F3 - the third child in the fifth generation.

In case where the Thiessen descendant deceased and husband or wife remarried and had more children (rather than leaving them out, as they are not direct descendants), they are identified with a small letter like A4-B5-C2-d6-p.59, telling us that the partner of C2 remarried and d6 is of this union.

Now if you like to find the connection between - lets say
Martha Rempel p.47 A4-B4-C6-D8-E4 and
Robert George Konrad p.161 A4-B7-C15-D1-E2
you will notice that in both cases there is A4, then follows
B4 and B7 - sister and brother
C6 and C15 - first cousins
D8 and D1 - second cousins
E4 and E2 - third cousins.

Charts also make it easier to find the connections, and in the back of the book you will find a register of names of the people born prior to 1960.

Symbols used in this book are:

Birth *
Baptism =
Marriage ∞
Death +
Burial ()

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