

NOTES CONCERNING PROBABLE ANCESTORS

Note 1: Cornelius Reimer (# 6) first wrote to us in 1940 from Campo 30, which is Heuboden. His stepchildren told me that he first resided at Hoffnungsau, which is the adjacent village, according to Schmiedehaus's map. David Friesen of Mexico told me that these two villages were known as the "Kansas villages," which might explain the confusion. I have chosen to regard the written record as authoritative. On December 8, 1940, Cornelius Reimer wrote from Blumenfeld (Campo 16).

Note 2: Unruh lists Peter Brandt's wife in 1808 as Elisabeth, age 20. I checked through the Unruh book, name by name, and found that the only Elisabeth of even approximately the right age among the 1804 immigrants was Elisabeth Siemens. Therefore, this entry must be right unless one assumes that the bride came from among those minors who were not listed by name or age in 1804. The fact that the couple had a son by the name of Klaas tends to support this inference, since Elisabeth Siemens' father was Nikolaus (Klaas), whereas neither the father nor the paternal grandfather of # 8 was named Klaas.

There is no question as to who Elisabeth Siemens' ancestors were.

The Petershagen church records list a Hans Siemens family at each of the following places in 1784-1800: Vollwerk, Reimerswald, Reinland and Kleinmausdorferweide. Only the family shown for Kleinmausdorferweide is correct for this genealogy.

Note 3: Of # 21, an unknown Heidebrecht, we know that her son was the stepson of Jakob Wiens in Neukirch. That son, Peter H. Unger (# 10), reportedly corresponded with an uncle by the name of Jakob Heidebrecht in Didsbury, Alberta.

The Mennonitische Rundschau of May 30, 1923, carried the obituary of a Jakob Heidebrecht, who was born in Neukirch on 14 January 1842 (almost at the same time as Peter H. Unger) and who died in Moundridge, Kansas, on 12 February 1923. I believe that this was a close relative. Unfortunately, Hermann Thiessen was unable to obtain information concerning the lineage of that family (page 365 of Peter Heydebrecht und seine Nachkommen).

All the Heidebrechts who lived in Russia, from whom those who came to North America are descended, have Peter Heidebrecht (Ancestor 168 and also Ancestor 376) as a