

At Mennonite Genealogy, Inc., I found a record of a Dietrich Reimer, who had married an Enns and died in Neukirch. This certainly does not fit.

In the Tiegenhagen, Prussia, church records, I found a son Heinrich born to a Derk Reimer of Altendorff on 17 March 1797, but this does not fit either.

But a further review of my excerpts from the Tiegenhagen church records, prompted by the new information mentioned below, revealed a birth entry for Anna, the daughter of Dirk Reimer of Altendorff, which matches the 1808 entry in Unruh. It seems clear that there were two Derk Reimers in Altendorff around 1800, possibly father and son.

I recently learned that, according to Henry Schapansky, Jacob Reimer, who emigrated to Molochna and arrived in Muntau on 21 June 1804, had a son, Dirk, who was baptized in 1803. Schapansky believes that this was the person in question and indeed the age would seem to fit. If this is correct, then Dürck Reimer must have been the stepfather, not the father, of # 18.

Heinrich Reimers' first daughter was Maria, named for her mother. Their second daughter was Elisabeth, named for her maternal grandmother. Their third daughter was Susanna, indicating that this was her paternal grandmother's name.

Their first son was Heinrich, named for his father. Their second son was Abraham, named for his maternal grandfather. There was no son Dirk. The remaining sons, in chronological order, were named Aaron, Peter and Jacob.

In analyzing this, I speculated that if the paternal grandfather had indeed been murdered, the horror of this memory might have prevented a grandson from being named for him. Heinrich might, then, have named his third son for his oldest brother instead.

Alternatively, the father of Heinrich Reimer (b. ca. 1792) might have been named Heinrich or Abraham, thus duplicating other first names in the family.

However, since Aaron was the name of Heinrich Reimers' third son, it could be that both Aron (b. ca. 1789) and Heinrich (b. ca. 1792) had had a real father by the name of Aaron, with Dürck as the stepfather. Based on Schapansky's information, this would appear to be the case.