

I spell all this out here, even though some of it seems to be obsolete, as far as relevance is concerned, in the hope that someone may be able to profit from my experience and perhaps clarify the uncertainties that remain.

Meanwhile, after receiving Schapansky's information, I rechecked Unruh's index for all Molochna entries to see whether there was an immigrant family under any surname that was identified as headed by Susanna or Widow, which might match the 1808 census list entry. There was none.

I also checked to see whether there was any immigrant family headed by an Aron or Arend which might match the 1808 entry. Again the result was negative. It is, of course, true that Unruh's book, comprehensive as it is, does not list all of the settlers nor does it provide complete information on all of the families which are listed.

Hence, we still do not have any actual data on Heinrich Reimer's father, even though it seems almost certain now that Dürck was only the stepfather. I am currently checking to see whether the province of Manitoba, which reportedly has complete vital statistics since 1882, has an 1884 death certificate which might list the father.

The negative results in the search for a migrant family whose head was listed as Aron, Susanna or Widow, however, make it virtually certain that Heinrich's actual father died in Prussia before 1803, when Anna, who must have been Heinrich's half-sister, was born.

Note 6: After considerable research, it seems clear to me that our Pötger line (despite its numerous spellings) is distinct from the Peterckau/Petkau line traced by Esther L. Patkau.

Helena Pötger (# 29) must have been the daughter or granddaughter of one of the following 1821-23 migrants from the Kulm area (which is well south of the principal Mennonite settlements in Prussia) to Molochna:

(a) Jakob Pätkau (Petker), farmer, married to Elisabeth Brandt, and son Jacob, emig. from Schöneich to Tiegerweide in 1821 (Note: There are records of Brandts in the Frisian congregations of Montau (Schwetz) between 1685 and 1785.)

(b) Heinrich Poetker, Jamerau, emig. 1822