

with the notation that six children died in childhood. According to the 1900 census listing of the Molutschna Peter Klassen owned the following goods: 2 wagons, 1 plow, 2 harrows, 4 horses, 12 cattle, 11 sheep, and 14 loads of hay. Also living with the family is a friend, Heinrich Boch age 24 and a servant girl Maria age 20.

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
2	Sara Epp	Dec 15, 1752	Oct 14, 1772	Oct 11, 1772
m	Peter Klassen	May 7, 1749		
4	Peter Klassen	Jul 7, 1775	Mar 22, 1804	
4	Carl Klassen	Nov 23, 1772		
4	Margareta Klassen	Apr 25, 1785		

1. Oldest son Peter Klassen. In 1772 he married Sara Epp, the daughter of Michael Epp (born 1747) and Agathe Peter from the village near Dorpat. Also emigrated to the Molutschna village of Molutschna in 1805.15 The young couple emigrated to Russia with their parents in 1801 and settled in the village of Molutschna. By 1800 they owned the following property: 1 wagon, 1 harrow, 2 horses, 5 cattle, 2 sheep and 10 loads of hay. The last of 11 children of Peter Klassen (1775-1844) - later known as Peter Peters, Genealogy of Johann Jacob 1750-1877 17

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
1	Peter Klassen	Jul 7, 1775	Mar 22, 1804	Jan 4, 1844
m	Sertrude Peger	Aug 1, 1775		Aug 30, 1849
5	Peter Klassen	Oct 22, 1805		Aug 8, 1815
5	Kath Klassen	Jan 8, 1809	Dec 5, 1832	
m	Jakob Peger			
5	Gerh Klassen	Apr 10, 1812	Dec 5, 1832	
m	Sara Klassen			
5	Carl Klassen	May 19, 1814	Dec 5, 1840	May 22, 1891
m	Anna Peger	May 18, 1810		Oct 22, 1899
5	Gerh Klassen	Oct 16, 1818	Oct 21, 1840	Nov 15, 1849
m	Sara Klassen			

4. There is some evidence to indicate that daughter Sertrude Klassen married Franz Wiers (Molutschna, Russia) who emigrated to Petersburg, Russia, 1804 as an employee. He is listed as single at the time of the emigration. Five years later in 1809 he is listed as the owner of Barshoff No. 7 in Petersburg, a wife Sertrude age 21, daughter Carl age 2 and daughter Maria 6 months.

From Peter Klassen Sr. had a daughter of the appropriate age and husband Franz Wiers was residing in the same village. There is some basis to suppose that the two were married after arriving in the Molutschna in 1804. In 1805 Franz Wiers was elected as a minister.18 He was the third member of the Lehrdienst resident in Petersburg. By 1808 the young couple owned the following property: 1 wagon, 1 plow, 1 harrow, 4 cattle, and 15 loads of hay.