

4 Elias Epp ?
 4 Claas Epp ?
 4 Maria Epp ?
 4 Wilhelm Epp May 27, 1818

Section Seven. Conclusion

It is evident that the children and grandchildren of Peter Epp 1690 were prominent and leading people within the Mennonite community. The Epps were especially influential within the Church, two of the sons were ministers and one son was a leading Aeltester. One Aeltester and two ministers are found among the grandsons and two granddaughters were married to ministers.

The family appears to have been well off financially at all three censuses listed in the ordina wealth category on the 1774 Konfession, a favorable status only shared by a small percentage of the population at the time. This may also explain why so many members of the Epp family were able to devote so much time to the ministry, an unpaid avocation at the time.

The Epp family is also interesting in that the various family branches followed all the major movements and migrations of the 18th and 19th century. Several members of the family migrated to the United States in 1793 and after, while others migrated to the Netherlands in 1800 and after, and still others remained in Prussia. The family is also interesting in that it spread widely, founding churches in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Prussia. At least two members of the family are found in the village of Paterlager, Westphalia, while others were found in the Prussian Mennonite colonies of Chivilich and Metelich.

One of the most interesting facts of the Epp family is the number of descendants settling in the village of Paterlager, Westphalia, including two children and ten or more grandchildren. One may conclude that the presence near the village of the Mennonite Church was dramatically expressed by Aeltester Peter Epp (1725-1799) was shared by many members of this family. Much of this deep religious and family loyalty was expressed for the Kleine Gemeinde church of the movement which was founded in the village of Paterlager, Westphalia, in 1771. Peter Epp (1771-1837).

The Epp family includes the last of the original settlers of the village of Paterlager, including the presence of the village of Paterlager in the Kleine Gemeinde movement. Paterlager is essentially settled by two major family groups, the last of the Epps, all of whom were relatively wealthy. A third family, that of the last of the Wittich family, supported the Kleine Gemeinde church of the movement which was founded in the village of Paterlager, Westphalia, in 1771. The Aeltester of the church recorded from the Prussian Government in 1818 that the K.M.G. church of Paterlager was