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THE PETER EPP FAMILY TREE 1690

Section One. The Family Patriarch.

The Epp family was one of the more prominent among the Prussian-Russian Mennonites.¹ Apparently the Epp name was Frisian in origin.² Most of the Epp in the Mennonite Church belonged to the Flemish Branch of the movement.³ The Epp name was first found in the West Prussian town near Danzig in 1584 and by 1775 there were 46 families descended of that name.⁴

Of special significance, particularly in terms of service to the Mennonite Church, was the family of Peter Epp born 1690.⁵ Peter Epp Sr. was married to Anna Clasen and their family lived in Pelsa Dagen near Torgel in the Gossowden.⁶ According to genealogist Glen Penner, "Peter Epp is listed in the Tieshaufen B. Buchhaltung" which is Pelsa Dagen in 1777 and as a "Lau-Helfer" (Mergen of Land) which appears to be Peter Epp born 1690.⁷ Little else is known about this family except that many of their descendants, including three sons, held civil or military offices.⁸

The following family tree of Peter Epp and Anna Clasen is largely based on information graciously shared by Margaret Kroemer/McNeill's Genealogy and Anne Epp Frey, Binsberg, and Glen Penner, Elm Grove, Manitoba, and on the work of E.H. David.⁹ An attempt has been made to provide brief biographies of the first four generations where information was available.

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
1	Peter Epp	1690		
2	Anna Clasen			
3	Heinrich Epp	1721	Jan 2, 1760	1780
3	Peter Epp	May 22, 1725	Apr 24, 1751	Nov 17, 1797
3	Georgius Epp	Aug 6, 1728		Oct 10, 1805
3	Agathe Epp	1745		
3	Wilhelm Epp			1791

