

Section Four. Isaac Bearg.

2 Son Isaac Bearg may have lived in Lichtenau since his son Jakob Bearg was formerly from that village. Son Jakob served as Waisenvorsteher for 20 years.<sup>5</sup> On February 24, 1873, an Isaac Bearg, Lichtenau, listed as Waisenvorsteher, signed a certificate appointing Gerhard Enns of Fischau as the Guardian of the widow Peter Esau of Fischau.<sup>6</sup> This seems to raise a question whether it was the father or the son who was the Waisenvosteher, or if the Isaac Bearg referred to is somebody else.<sup>7</sup>

<u>Gen</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Marriage</u>	<u>Death</u>
2	Isaac Bearg			
m	(?)			
3	Jakob Bearg			

Section Five. Johan Bearg

2 Son Johan Bearg lived in Nikolaidorf, Molotschna, from where he moved to Mountain Lake, Minnisota.<sup>8</sup> According to the Gemeinde Buch of the First Mennonite Church in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, Johan Bearg was the son of Jakob and Katharina Bearg. He was baptised in 1834 by Jakob Warkentin into the Margenauer Gemeinde. He was married to Katharina Neuman, who was baptised into the Rudnerweide Gemeinde in 1834 by Aeltester Franz Goertzen. Katharina Neuman was the daughter of Jakob Neumann and Maria Peters.<sup>9</sup> Assuming that Johan Bearg and his bride were 18 years of age at the time of baptism their birth year would be approximately 1816.

Unfortunately the family of Johan Bearg is not listed in the Ship lists compiled by David A. Haury.<sup>10</sup> The 1880 census records for Odin Township, Warowan County, Minnesota, lists a Johan Bearg age 67, wife Catharina age 62 and daughter Annita age 24. According to a family history the Johan Bearg family settled on a farm 5 1/2 miles south east of Mountain Lake.

A report of all the Mennonite family heads in the Mountain Lake area published in the German language periodical Der Berichtstatter August 12, 1879, lists the families of Johan Bearg and Gerhard Bearg both from the village of Nikolaidorf, Molotschna Colony, South Russia. Gerhard Bearg was baptised in 1858 the son of Gerhard Bearg and Anna Walde, and therefore does not seem to belong to the family of Johan Bearg.

According to the "History of the late Peter Friesen Family" Johan Bearg had nine daughters and one son.<sup>11</sup> Three of the daughters have been identified, namely, Anna, (married Peter Friesen),<sup>12</sup> Susanna (married Jakob Janzen), and Aganetha (married Jakob Reimer).<sup>13</sup>