

<u>Gen</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Marriage</u>	<u>Death</u>
3	Susanna Bearg			
m	Jakob Janzen			

3 Daughter Aganetha Bearg was baptised in 1872 by Bernard Peters of the Margenau Gemeinde. She married Jakob Reimer who was baptised in 1871 by Bernard Peters of the Margenau Gemeinde. His parents were Jakob Reimer and Helena Poettiger. The couple are listed as charter members of the First Mennonite Church of Mountain Lake.<sup>16</sup>

Section Six. Peter Bearg.

2 Son Peter Bearg was born in 1817. He married Susanna Neumann who was born in 1820.<sup>17</sup> They were one of families who pioneered in the village of Nikolaidorf, Molotschna, when it was founded in 1852. This village was also home to a number of families with Kleine Gemeinde origins, including Kornelius Heidebrecht (1808-1890),<sup>18</sup> Jakob Friesen (1837-1901) who later settled in Jansen, Nebraska,<sup>19</sup> Abraham F. Neufeld (1819-1899) later of Inman, Kansas,<sup>20</sup> and Martin Thielman (1812-1856).<sup>21</sup>

In 1861 the Peter Bearg Family moved to the Crimea wherethey settled in the village of Schwesterthal located about 17 werst from the larger village of Annenfeld.<sup>22</sup> According to Johan Wall, of Ebenfeld, Russia, three of his brothers and others had purchased a block of land in the Crimea in 1861 where two villages, Bruderthal and Schwesterthal, were laid out.<sup>23</sup>

It appears that Peter Bearg was elected as a minister of the Flemish Gemeinde under Aeltester Toews in Blumenort, Molotschna, before he moved to the Crimea. In 1864 he joined the Kleine Gemeinde congregation in the Crimea and became its sole minister until the election in 1867 of Jakob A. Wiebe, Annenfeld, formerly of Margenau, Molotshna. At the time of the defection of Wiebe in 1869 to form the Krimmer Mennonite Brethren, Peter Bearg remained by the solemn covenants he had made with God becoming one of the senior minister of the Kleine Gemeinde.<sup>24</sup>

In 1874 the Peter Bearg family moved to Manitoba, except for the two oldest sister who were already married and stayed in Russia. Peter Bearg settled in the village of Gruenfeld where they lived until 1886 when he sold his farm and moved to Neuanlage. After the death of his first wife in 1891 Peter Bearg married for the second time to Katharina Schellenberg who had been married twice before.<sup>25</sup> In his retirement years Peter Bearg worked as a shoemaker.<sup>26</sup>