

their freedom of worship was taken away, persecution and other hardships followed.

During the latter years of World War I, when liquidation threatened the Mennonite settlements in South Russia, and many Mennonites got ready to leave for Canada, Kornelius Koepf decided to take his family to Canada.

Kornelius & Margaretha Koepf with their families boarded the ship, Santa Melita, on route to Canada, and landed in the fall of 1925.

They spent the first winter with friends at La Salle, Manitoba, then settled on a farm, 8 miles east and 2 1/2 miles north of Morris. They lived there with their son, Kornelius and his mother, and then family, until their deaths.

Kornelius Koepf was one of the founders of the Mennonite Church in Canada. He was buried in the cemetery of the Mennonite Church in Morris, Manitoba. Margaretha Koepf was buried in the cemetery of the Mennonite Church in Morris, Manitoba. The grave of Kornelius Koepf is in the cemetery of the Mennonite Church in Morris, Manitoba. The grave of Margaretha Koepf is in the cemetery of the Mennonite Church in Morris, Manitoba.

For those who were for the Mennonite Church, their families, our destinies might have been very different.

Those of us of the present generation must praise God for having loved ones who were willing to suffer the hardships of a new country. Their religious convictions, which brought them to Canada, have laid the cornerstone for our heritage. Let us not forget them.

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