

2	Elisabeth Warkentin	1795	
2	Gerhard Warkentin	1796	1848
2	Heinrich Warkentin	Sep 5,1798	May 26,1881
2	Anna Warkentin	1800	
2	Martin Warkentin	1806	

Section Two. Peter W.Warkentin Family.

2 **Peter W.Warkentin** was born in 1789. He and his family lived in the village of Blumstein as did all his brothers.¹³ He was married to Sarah Fast, the daughter of Bernard Fast (born 1758) who settled on Wirtschaft No. 20 in the village of Lichtenau in 1804.¹⁴ Nothing further is presently known about Peter Warkentin or his spouse. Several of his sons immigrated to the Inman, Kansas, area in the 1870s with their families.

The letter collection of Gerhard S. Kornelsen, Steinbach, Manitoba, contains various correspondence from sons Bernard and Peter F.Warkentin, and grandson Peter S. Warkentin of Inman.¹⁵ In this correspondence Gerhard S. Kornelsen is repeatedly referred to as brother-in-law which could mean that his second wife Cornelia Warkentin (1822-1892) was a sister to Bernard and Peter F. Warkentin Sr. After considering the various documentation available at this time, this writer is of the opinion that Cornelia Warkentin (1822-1892) was a daughter of uncle Gerhard Warkentin (1796-1848) which would make her a first cousin to Bernard and Peter F. Warkentin. It was quite common at the time to use the term "Schwager" or "brother-in-law" to refer to anyone married to a blood relative.

Other references to members of the Warkentin family in the Steinbach and Rosenort areas as cousins would indicate that the Warkentin brothers of Inman represented another branch of the Martin Warkentin (1764-1839) clan. Much of the biographical information in this section is based on the letter collection of Gerhard S. Kornelsen above referred to. Contact has also been made with the descendants of the family in Kansas which has provided a good deal of additional data.

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
2	Peter W.Warkentin	1789		
m	Sarah Fast	1794		
3	Peter F.Warkentin	Feb 23,1820		1898
3	Johan F.Warkentin	Mar 11,1825		1877
3	Kath Warkentin	1828		1890
3	Anna Warkentin			
3	Hein F.Warkentin			
3	Bern F.Warkentin	Jun 15,1834		1893

3 Son **Peter F.Warkentin** (1820-1894) married Helena Reimer, the daughter of Peter Reimer (1806-1886) and Helena Fast (1805-1892).¹⁶ Helena Reimer had brothers Peter and Bernard Reimer, of Kansas, Jakob Reimer of Friedensruh, Russia, and a sister, Agnes, Mrs.Johan Born, who lived in Konteniusfeld, Russia.¹⁷ The family lived in Fischau where they owned a treadmill.¹⁸

In a letter of 1886, Peter F.Warkentin advises as to his birth date and that of his wife which makes it possible to make a positive identification with ship and census records.¹⁹ A Peter Warkentin 54 years of age is listed on board the "S.S.Teutonia" which arrived in New York on September 3,1874. The name of the spouse fits and therefore this must be Peter F.Warkentin. It is noted, however, that the age of 40 given for Helen is not correct as she was 45 in 1874. Their children are listed as Peter born 1854(?) and Helen born in 1865. In a letter to the *Rundschau* of January 10, 1894, Peter S.Warkentin reports that his father P.P.M.Warkentin formerly of Fischau died on December 29, 1894.²⁰

4 Son **Peter S.Warkentin** (born 1854) evidently lived in the town of McPherson. He used the initial "S" for identification and will be referred to as such in this study. In a letter of 1889 Peter F. Warkentin reports that his son has finally moved away from McPherson and settled on a farm nearby. Peter "S" Warkentin was married to Susanna Janzen.²¹ In a letter of 1883 he refers to his wife's uncle Johan Hooge. In another letter Peter S. Warkentin reports that "uncle A. Reimer, uncle Aron Wiens, and my wife's uncle Jakob Janzen from Rudnerweide, had arrived just before the harvest."²²

Peter "S" Warkentin seems to be quite active. In a letter of November 30,1880, he reports that he is a correspondent for the *Mennonitische Rundschau*. In the same year he reports that he is a Sunday School teacher. In a letter of 1882 he reports that he has bought the 80 acre farm of in law Heinrich Janzen, formerly owned by uncle J. Warkentin. According to another source the Peter S. Warkentin family was living in Harris County, Texas, in 1901.²³

4 Daughter **Helena Warkentin** (1865-1875), the sister of Peter S.Warkentin, died in 1875 a year after the arrival in America. Her mother, Mrs Peter F.Warkentin, nee Helena Reimer,