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5 Son **Johan Fast Jr.** (born 1861) became the Hillsboro banker during the first decade of the 1900s, then a partner with Heinrich J. Martens the notorious land schemer. Son **Heinrich H. Fast** (born 1874) served as editor of **Der Deutsche Westen, The Hillsboro Journal** and others. Their father was a frequent contributor to these and other papers.¹⁰² Daughter **Helena Fast** (born 1871) married **Jakob H. Balzer**, apparently the son of Heinrich Balzer (1821-1895) and **Katharina Reimer** (1824-1901) of Carson County, Minnesota.¹⁰³ The family lived in Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
4	Johan Fast	Mar 17, 1837	Mar 17, 1857	Sep 18, 1924
m	Kath Letkeman	Feb 11, 1837		Jan 27, 1917
5	Johan Fast	1861		
m	?			
5	Jakob Fast	1868		
m	?			
5	Helena Fast	1871		
m	Jakob H. Balzer	1862		
5	Heinrich Fast	1874		
m	?			
5	Herman Fast	1876		

4 Daughter **Maria Fast** (died 1862) married widower **Klaas Brandt** (1813/1817-1857).¹⁰⁴ The couple apparently lived in Tiegengagen where their only son **Jakob** was born.¹⁰⁵ **Maria Fast** married for the second time to **Heinrich Loewen**, the son of **Kleine Gemeinde** deacon **Isaac Loewen** (1787-1873) of **Lindenau**.¹⁰⁶ **Heinrich Loewen** came to a ~~premature~~ death when he was stuck by lightning while ~~was~~ sitting between two men in a church.¹⁰⁷

5 Sons **Jakob F. Brandt** (1857-1924) and **Heinrich F. Loewen** were raised as foster children by their uncle **Jakob W. Fast**. Both **Jakob Brandt** and **Heinrich Loewen** became prosperous farmers. **Jakob Brandt** stayed in **Jansen, Nebraska**, eventually joining the **Mennonite Brethren Church**. **Jakob F. Brandt** married for the first time to **Maria Enns**, evidently the daughter of **Jakob Enns** of **Jansen**. He married for the second time to **Karolina Flaming**, the daughter of **David Flaming** (1815-1883). Son **Heinrich F. Loewen** (1862-1935) remained in the **Kleine Gemeinde** and moved to **Meade, Kansas**. He married for the first time to **Margaretha Friesen**, the daughter of **Kleine Gemeinde** minister **Peter W. Friesen** (1815-1892). He married for the second time to the widow **Martin Doerksen**, nee **Margaretha Wiens**, of **Inman**, the daughter of **Heinrich F. Wiens** (1830-1901), **Inman**.¹⁰⁸

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
4	Maria Fast			1862
m	Klaas Brandt	1813/1817		1857
5	Jakob Brandt	Mar 23, 1857	Jan 16, 1879	May 21, 1924
m	Maria Enns	1853		1894
2m	Kar Fleming	Sep 13, 1872	May 31, 1894	1924
5	Hein Loewen	Feb 9, 1862		May 18, 1935
m	Marg Friesen	Feb 21, 1860	Jan 11, 1882	Mar 19, 1897
2m	Maria Wiens	Nov 27, 1858	Feb 22, 1899	May 31, 1904
3m	Marg Heibner	Jan 26, 1869	Mar 14, 1905	Nov 29, 1930
4m	Kath Friesen			

Section Five. The Gerhard W. Warkentin Family.

2 **Gerhard W. Warkentin** (1796-1848) came to Russia with his parents as an 8 year old boy in 1804. He grew up in the village of **Blumstein** where his parents settled. He married and had a family residing in the village of **Pordenau** and later **Lindenau**.¹⁰⁹ It is reported that he died a slow death of cancer in 1848.¹¹⁰ His wife's sister **Mrs Hans Thiessen** was resident in **Muensterberg** in 1898.¹¹¹

An interesting comment is found in the "1848-1862 Diary" of **Rev. Johan Dueck** (1801-1866) who reports a discussion at a brotherhood meeting in **Tiege** of June 5, 1849, "if anyone would wish to take the widow **Gerhard Warkentin** into quarters." On June 12, 1849, **Reverend Dueck** was "notified to attend in **Schoenau** to instruct the widow **Warkentin**."¹¹² Although it cannot be assumed that these references automatically refer to family of **Gerhard Warkentin** (1796-1848) of **Lindenau**, it is possibly so.

A number of the children of **Gerhard Warkentin** have been positively identified, all of whom were faithful members of the **Kleine Gemeinde**, namely, **Mrs Peter Harms**, nee **Cornelia Warkentin** (1822-1892); **Heinrich Warkentin** (1833-1888); **Martin Warkentin** (1824-1891); **Mrs Johan Toews**, nee **Anna Warkentin** (1831-1900); and **Mrs. Peter K. Barkman**, nee **Elisabeth**