

(1834-1907)

3 Daughter **Katharina Fast** (1811-1862) married Gerhard Warkentin. It is believed that they are the parents of Peter F. Warkentin who settled in Jansen Nebraska in 1878. According to the K.M.B. Gnadenau Gemeinde Buch he was born on November 18, 1834. According to the "Family Album" of Johan Fast (1813-1878), his sister Katharina and her husband Gerhard Warkentin had a son named Peter born on November 30, 1834. The variance in age is accounted for by the different calendar systems in use in Russia and the United States.<sup>59</sup> The identical birth dates appear to establish that Peter F. Warkentin, Jansen, Nebraska, was the son of Katharina Fast (1811-1882). This view is reinforced by the fact that a number of Peter F. Warkentin's relatives lived in Jansen, Nebraska.<sup>60</sup>

In her genealogy of the Peter F. Warkentin family, Clara Buschman has reported that his parents Gerhard and Katharina Warkentin lived in Tiegenhagen, Prussia.<sup>61</sup> This definitely appears to be a misreading of the "Family Register" of Peter F. Warkentin quoted later in the book where it is stated that his parents moved from Tiegenhagen to the village of Friedensdorf in 1832 (sic) where they took up a Wirtschaft. The more logical interpretation would be that the Gerhard Warkentin family moved from Tiegenhagen, Molotschna, to Friedensdorf.<sup>62</sup>

The only other information regarding the parentage of Gerhard Warkentin, is that Peter was a cousin to **Bernhard Warkentin** (1847-1908), the miller in Halbsteed, Kansas. According to family records the latter was the son of **Bernhard Aron Warkentin** (1819-1894) and **Helena Friesen** (1815-1887), both born in Altona.<sup>63</sup> Because of the middle name it is logical to assume that Bernhard's father was Aron Warkentin. There is an Aron Warkentin listed in Altona (family 12) who could have been the patriarch of this line of Warkentins.<sup>64</sup>

Another possibility is raised by the information that Gerhard Warkentin, the father of Peter, came from Tiegenhagen and that he was a brother to **Bernhard Warkentin** (1819-1894) whose father was Aron Warkentin.<sup>65</sup> There is only one possible family listed in Tiegenhagen, namely, Aron Warkentin (1783-1837) who was married to Katharina Fast (1785-1837) the daughter of Daniel Fast. This theory, if correct, would mean that Peter F. Warkentin (1834-1907) had married his father's cousin, a relatively common occurrence in those days. The latter proposition is verified by Peter Fast who states that Katharina Fast and her husband Gerhard Warkentin were cousins.<sup>66</sup> According to Clara Buschman all of the siblings of Peter F. Warkentin stayed in Russia.<sup>67</sup>

After the death of Gerhard Warkentin, his widow remarried to Peter Wiebe from Rudnerwiede whose father was a minister in the Rudnerwiede Gemeinde. His brother Isaac Wiebe married his wife's daughter **Helena Warkentin** (born 1838), he was a somewhat unusual man. According to her cousin Peter Fast, Helena had many an experience in her marriage. When the mother died in 1862, Peter Wiebe married again to a widow Walde, nee Doerksen, from Tiege, they had a fine Wirtschaft in Tiege. Son **Bernhard Warkentin** (born 1841) had an alcohol problem but he had a good Christian wife and thereby the family remained in good circumstances financially. He died in Liebenau a number of years prior to 1907.<sup>68</sup>

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
3	<b>Katharina Fast</b>	Sep 14, 1811	Oct 31, 1830	1862
m	Gerh Warkentin			
4	Kath Warkentin	Jun 23, 1832		
m	Gerhard Wiens			
4	Peter Warkentin	Nov 30, 1834		Jul 24, 1907
m	Wilh Wiens	Nov 27, 1842	Feb 15, 1862	Mar 21, 1935
4	Gerh Warkentin	Aug 17, 1836		Dec 17, 1836
4	Gerh Warkentin	Sep 22, 1837		Dec 10, 1837
4	Helena Warkentin	Oct 10, 1838		
m	Isaac Wiebe			
4	Gerh Warkentin	Dec 22, 1839		Jun 5, 1848
4	Bern Warkentin	Feb 23, 1841		
4	Aron Warkentin	(?)		
4	Eliz Warkentin	Apr 24, 1843		Sep 3, 1844
4	Maria Warkentin	Aug 5, 1844		Apr 22, 1851
4	Eliz Warkentin	Jun 11, 1851		

4 Son **Peter F. Warkentin** grew up in the village of Friedensdorf which had been founded in 1824. One of the pioneer settlers in this village was Cornelius Fast, grandfather of Kleine Gemeinde school teacher, Cornelius W. Fast (1840-1927).<sup>69</sup> In 1853 Peter F. Warkentin became a member of the Margenau Gemeinde. In 1862 he married **Wilhelmina Wiens**, a cousin to