

couple was living with her parents in Tiegenhagen. According to Dr Carl Bangs there is only one Warkentin family listed in the 1803/4 emigration records with a son Aron of appropriate age to be the husband of Katharina Fast, namely, "Elizabeth Warkentin, Kleine Lichtenau, son Arend (married June 28, 1797 Heuboden) proprietor, in Klein Montau, Maria born May 8, 1788 Klein Montau, Elizabeth born July 7, 1797 Usnitz."¹²⁷

There is strong evidence that Gerhard Warkentin, the father of Peter F. Warkentin of Jansen, Nebraska, was the son of Aron Warkentin (born 1783) and Katharina Fast (born 1785). See Section two cf. for further discussion of this proposition and detailed information regarding the family of **Gerhard Warkentin**. This connection is further established by the information that Bernhard Warkentin (1847-1908), wheat miller of Halstead, Kansas, was a cousin to Peter F. Warkentin.¹²⁸

This proposition is verified by Peter Fast (1831-1916) who reports that in 1875 he went to visit his cousin uncle Bernhard Warkentin in Terpenie who had just returned from a trip to America where he had visited his son Bernhard Warkentin and inspected the land and people there.¹²⁹

3 According to a "Familien Verzeichnis" son **Bernard Aron Warkentin** (1819-1894) was born in Altona which would indicate that his parents had moved there sometimes after 1808. He married Helena Friesen who was also born in Altona. They farmed on a Wirtschaft in Altona until the 1860s when they moved to the Russian village of Terpenie where he built a water driven mill, house, barn, hay shed and laid out a fruit garden. At this time the Wirtschaft and treadmill in Altona was given over to the married children. After the death of his wife, Bernhard Warkentin (1819-1894) moved from Terpenie to Orloff, Molotschna, where he lived with his daughter Helena, Mrs Johan Wiebe, where he died. He was buried in the graveyard in Altona 10 days after his death.¹³⁰

| Gen | Name | Birth | Marriage | Death |
|-----|-------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| 2 | Katharina Fast | 1785 | | |
| m | Aron Warkentin | 1783 | | |
| 3 | Gerhard Warkentin | (?) | | |
| m | Kath Fast | Sep 14, 1811 | | 1882 |
| 3 | Bern Warkentin | Dec 19, 1819 | | Feb 10, 1894 |
| m | Helena Friesen | Dec 30, 1815 | | Mar 13, 1887 |
| 4 | Eliese Warkentin | Nov 6, 1842 | | Dec 3, 1925 |
| 4 | Helena Warkentin | May 12, 1848 | | Feb 2, 1918 |
| 4 | Bern Warkentin | Jun 18, 1847 | | Apr 1, 1908 |
| 4 | Gerh Warkentin | Oct 11, 1852 | | Aug 3, 1911 |

4 Daughter **Eliese Warkentin** married Jakob Enns the son of Johan Enns. Son Bernhard married three times. There were two sons and two daughters living of the first marriage, two daughters of the second marriage, and one son and a daughter from the third marriage.

| Gen | Name | Birth | Marriage | Death |
|-----|------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| 4 | Eliese Warkentin | Nov 6, 1842 | | Dec 3, 1925 |
| m | Jakob Enns | Aug 17, 1839 | | Mar 24, 1917 |
| 5 | Bern Enns | Aug 7, 1864 | | |
| m | Gert ? | Apr 12, 1864 | | 1896 |
| 2m | Kath ? | May 24, 1870 | | 1905 |
| 3m | Eliese ? | Oct 28, 1872 | | |
| 5 | Johan Enns | Aug 14, 1869 | | |
| m | Kath Wiens | | | |
| 5 | Dietrich Enns | May 4, 1875 | | |
| 5 | Gerhard Enns | Mar 14, 1878 | | |
| 5 | Helena Enns | Apr 20, 1868 | | |
| 5 | Eliese Enns | Nov 23, 1873 | | |
| 5 | Maria Enns | Mar 14, 1877 | | |

4 Son **Bernhard Warkentin** (1847-1908) moved to the United States in 1873 where he settled in Halstead. He quickly became involved in various business enterprises, and established the Newton Milling Company in 1886. In 1886/1887 he built a stately home in Newton which serves as a house museum to the present day. He was accidentally killed while on a trip to Beriot in 1908.¹³¹

| Gen | Name | Birth | Marriage | Death |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|----------|-------------|
| 4 | Bern Warkentin | Jun 18, 1847 | 1875 | Apr 1, 1908 |
| m | Mina Eisenmayer | | | |