

115. Raymond F. Wiebe, *The Groening- Wiebe Family 1768-1974*, (Hillsboro, Kansas, 1974), 17-18. This record differs somewhat in referring to the husband of Aganetha Groening as Jakob Baerg and not Johan Baerg. Presumably this is a minor discrepancy from Benjamin H. Unruh, in the reading of the original records which were still available at the time that the research for the first *Groening Wiebe* book was done.

116. Raymond F. Wiebe, 47-50.

117. Peter Fast, 21.

118. Unruh, 308.

119. Abraham J. Harder, "Auto-Biographie von Prediger Abraham J. Harder Alexanderwohl, Russland, Geschrieben im Jahre 1899." Unpublished Transcribed Journal, 15-19. Received courtesy of Leland Harder, Newton, Kansas, 1988.

120. Peter Fast, 21, reports that she was his cousin. It seems that this would be on the Isaac side as Peter Fast's mother had a sister Maria Isaac married to a Johan Wiebe who owned a Vollwirtschaft in Tiege.

121. Peter Fast, 85.

122. Unruh, 305. ~~See also~~ *The Golden Years*, 177.

123. Cornelius Krahn, "Bernard Fast", ME 2, 315. ~~See also~~ *The Golden Years*, 313-315, and *Profile*, 303.

124. Abraham J. Harder, *op.cit.*

125. See J.H. Lohrentz, "Franz J. Wiens (1880-1942)", ME 4, 948-949. Franz Wiens (1880-1942) was the son of Jakob Wiens of Henderson, Nebraska. For additional information see, "Wiens Families in the Kleine Gemeinde", cf.

126. Peter Fast, 85.

127. Unruh, 353. See Dr. Carl Bangs, "The Ancestry of Heinrich Warkentin (1824-1910)" published in Sol. Warkentin ed., *Helarich and Maria Regehr Warkentin 1824-1910*, (Inman, Kansas, 1981), pp 8-11. One difficulty with this proposition is that Arend Warkentin is listed as having married in 1802 whereas Katharina Fast is still shown as single and with her parents in the listing of 1804. The answer may be that Aron Warkentin married in 1802 for the first time and that his bride died almost immediately.

128. Clara B. Buchman, *op.cit.*

129. Peter Fast, 68. Peter Fast goes on to mention that his cousin uncle Bernhard Warkentin had a mill driven by water from a spring which provided enough water to power the mill for eight hours after which they had to stop the mill and wait for the water to build up again. Peter Fast also reports that during this visit he ate fried rabbit for the first time.

130. Bernhard Warkentin, "Familien Verzeichnis", Unpublished family record, 4 pages. No author or date given. Courtesy Mennonite Library and Archives, North Newton, Kansas.

131. Cornelius Krahn, "Bernhard Warkentin (1847-1908)", ME 4, 888.

132. See *Profile*, 16. It appears that he was also the father of Helena Siemens (1812-1888) the wife of Kleine Gemeinde minister Abraham F. Friesen (1807-1891) of Neukirch who settled in Jansen, Nebraska, in 1874. He also appears to be the father of Sara Siemens (1809-1885) who married Cornelius Janzen (1812-1864) of Neukirch. ~~Many of~~ All of their children belonged to the Kleine Gemeinde and emigrated to Jansen, Nebraska, or Manitoba, in the 1870s. *Profile*, 9. Classz Siemens (born 1758) has also been identified by genealogist Edward Brandt, as being the father of Elisabeth Siemens (born 1788) who married Peter Brandt of Blumenort, Molotschna, (Wirtschaft 11), the grandfather of the Brandt brothers who settled in Manitoba, in 1874. Edward Brandt, *Brandt Roots 1605-1968*, (13-27th Ave, S.E., Minneapolis, Mn., 55414), 16.

133. Peter Fast, 85. See also *Profile*, 104-105, and 271. Johan S. Friesen (1852-1920) Jansen, Nebraska, was the son of Abraham F. Friesen (1807-1891) and Helena Siemens. It appears that he married his first cousin a daughter of Gerhard Siemens which explains why the family had the nickname "Siemens Friesens".

134. Peter Fast, 85.

135. Eduard Fast, *op.cit.*

136. For detailed information on this Isaac Family see, Peter P. Isaac, *Stammbuch Melner Vorfahren*, (Stern, Alberta, 1966), 89 pp. All references herein are to the English translation published by Prairie View Press, Rosencort, Manitoba, in 1981. See pages 44-47. See also Part Two cf. for a complete reprint of this book.

137. Orlando Harms, *Pioneer Publishers: The Life and Times of J.F. Harms*, (Hillsboro, Kansas, 1984), 116.

138. Peter Fast, 85.

139. Peter Fast, 85, states that he was married first to Cornies widow (?) and then to a Hildebrand's daughter from Muensterberg.

140. Peter Fast, 85, also states that at the time that the Orloff Gemeinde had all the trouble with Aeltester Goertz, Johan Fast was apparently encouraged to try to take over the office, but did not do it.

141. This son Johan Fast (1892-1845) was the father of Eduard Fast (1919-1960) whose records provided the information for this section. His brother Alexander has recently been kind enough to share these records with Leland Harder and the writer.