

hogs. Since he was very fond of horses he thought he must occupy the driver's seat and have control of the lines." The full account of this tragic event is included in *Storm and Triumph*.¹⁵ During the last days of his life Johan Harder III stayed at the home of his son Abraham in Halbstadt where he was ~~also~~ ^{and he was} nourished.¹⁶ He died in 1826 at the age of 61 years.¹⁷

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
1	Johan Harder			
m				
2	Johan Harder	May 14, 1733		Dec 27, 1803
m	?			
2m	Sara Classen	Jan 2, 1731	Jan 11, 1761	Feb 26, 1767
3	Johan Harder	Aug 4, 1764		1826
m	Helena Stees	1756	Jun 16, 1786	
4	Abraham Harder	1787		
4	Johan Harder	1789		Feb 2, 1847
4	Isbrandt Harder	1791		
4	Maria Harder	1795		
4	Elizabeth Harder	Apr 21, 1800		Oct 6, 1834

Section Two. Abraham Harder 1787-1844.

4 Son **Abraham Harder** married Maria Heide.¹⁸ Dr. Leland Harder has concluded that she was the daughter of Johan Heide, spelt Heude, owner of Wirtschaft No. 14 in Halbstadt who had three daughters but no sons.¹⁹ This Johan Heide, also spelt Heyde, is listed as follows in the 1803 emigration records: "Johan Heyde from Neuteicherhinterfeld, journeyman mason, four daughters of whom the oldest is 16. Has emigrated secretly, a writ of bankruptcy has been issued with respect to his property."²⁰

The 1808 *Revisions Liste* for Halbstadt lists the Johan Heide family as follows: "Johan Heude, 44, from Neuteicher Stadtfeld, Amt Neutech, Mason, wife Elizabeth 45, daughters Susanna 21, Maria 19, Elizabeth 16. Property 1 wagon, 1 harrow, 1 plow, 8 horses, 11 cattle, 15 loads of hay."²¹ Heide originated from Neuteicherhinterfeld which was also the place of origin of Daniel Fast whose son Bernhard Fast became Aeltester of the Flemish Gemeinde in the Molotschna in 1821. See Daniel Fast Genealogy cf. / Johan Heide was not one of those who supported the Kleine Gemeinde movement when it was founded in 1812. Klaas Reimer relates an incident which probably occurred in about 1810 when Aeltester Jakob Enns arranged for a group of men to confront the leaders of the reform movement at the home of the Schulz (presumably in Petershagen): "When we arrived at the Schulz there were about 25 men gathered there in order to discuss with me if I would not be able to support the Aeltester. Then we presented the Word of God to them whereupon they all fell silent except for three men, Klaas Rempel Schoensee, Isaac Wall Tiegenhagen, and Johan Heide Halbstadt. Heide sat in front and lead the discussion. I think that many will still remember what kind of man he was. For me it was a wonder that the Word of God was proven and discussed at the home of the Schulz by such careless people."²²

It is evident that daughter Maria Heide who married Abraham Harder did not inherit any her of father's carelessness and lack of diligence since son Bernhard Harder has written fondly of her piety and patience which made a lasting impression upon him. It was here at the home of Abraham Harders that Johan Harder III was cared for during his last days before his death in 1826. Peter M. Friesen states of the Abraham Harder family that "they were humble folk living in the lowliest of circumstances."²³

The Abraham Harder family had two daughters and seven sons, but Maria the youngest, died as a little girl. This left Bernhard as the youngest and often required to help his mother who treasured the talents of her son and encouraged his wishes and desires.²⁴ The main source of information for the children of Abraham Harder and Maria Heide are the brief biographies written by David Braeul (1861-1933) who married their granddaughter Eliese Harder (1870-1916).²⁵

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
4	Abraham Harder	1787		1844
m	Maria Heide	1789		
5	Elizabeth Harder			
5	Johan Harder			
5	Abraham Harder			
5	Isbrand Harder			
5	Jacob Harder	1827		1875
5	Peter Harder			
5	Franz Harder			
5	Bernhard Harder	Mar 15, 1832		Oct 1, 1884