

6	Mariechen Harder	1866		
m	Herman Rempel	1870		
7	Abram Rempel			
m	? Klassen			
7	Kath Rempel			
m	Abr Fast			
7	Johan Rempel			In Youth
7	Mariechen Rempel		Remained single	
7	Wilhelm Rempel	Nov 19, 1891		Jun 18, 1938
m	Luisa Braeul	Mar 9, 1895		May 14, 1949
6	Eliese Harder	Aug 20, 1870	May 16, 1893	Feb 25, 1915
m	David Braeul	Sep 8, 1861		Oct 18, 1933

5 Son **Franz Harder** was married and lived in Karassan, Crimea. He was pockmarked. They were a fine loveable couple. They remained childless. Dr. Leland Harder has determined that Franz Harder was married to Aganetha Schulz, a sister to the wives of Franz Harder's first cousin's Johan Harder (1811-1875) and Isbrandt Harder (1817-1840). See Section Three of.³¹ According to a family record, Franz Harder had previously lived in Annenfeld.³² In *The Harder Family Review*, Dr. Leland Harder also refers to letter correspondence dated December 25, 1879, which indicates that Franz Harder served as the administrator of the estate of his first cousin Aeltester Johan Harder (1811-1875) of Blumstein.³³

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
5	Franz Harder			
m	Aganetha Schulz	Dec 22, 1835		

5 **Bernhard Harder** (1832-1884) married Katharina Boschmann, who appears to be the daughter of Gerhard Boschmann (born 1795) and Catharina Berg (born 1800) of Pletzendorf, Prussia, who emigrated to Russia in 1847 and had a daughter Catharina of appropriate age.³⁴ He married for the second time to Helena Ewert from Berdjansk.³⁵

Bernhard Harder was a school teacher for 26 years teaching in Halbstadt, Blumstein, Friedensruh and Alexanderwohl.³⁶ In 1860 he was elected as a minister of the Orloff Gemeinde. He was a powerful speaker and many people were awakened from their sinful sleep through his preaching.³⁷ He adopted the eschatological views of Jung-Stilling which somewhat dated the value of his ministry.³⁸

These teachings held that the true church would be gathered in Russia where they would be spared from the tribulation. This teaching was widely adopted among those Russian Mennonites influenced by the pietist movement and was one of the major reasons why many of this persuasion chose not to emigrate in 1874.³⁹

The extend of these influences is illustrated by the following story as recounted by M.B. Fast (1858-1949): "After the death of Johan Harder, Abraham Goertz was elected as Aeltester in his place. As a young youth, I was also present. It was somewhat late by the time the ordination was completed. Thirty one ministers and Aeltesten were in attendance. Then Ohm Berend went before the audience, Aeltester Toews who was chairing the proceedings motioned to his watch, but Ohm Berend was not intimidated. He went to the podium and took full advantage of the situation and read out his interpretation of the millennium. The people started to shuffle with their feet, and by the time he was finished over half had left the sanctuary. I remained until the final word. My uncle was sitting nearby, then someone asked him, "Mr Fast, what is the meaning of this?" Uncle answered, "that is called spiting the tiger in his den."⁴⁰

Bernhard Harder wrote numerous poems many of which were published in a major collection by his son Gerhard.⁴¹ Peter M. Friesen regarded Bernhard Harder and Johan Cornies as being the two greatest leaders ever produced by the Russian Mennonites.⁴²

6 Son **Johan Harder** (1867-1923) was a teacher in Petershagen. Son **Peter Harder** was a teacher and author of several books, including, "Die Lutherische Cousine", and others.⁴³ Son **David Harder** was a teacher in the Kuban and Memrik. Son **Bernhard Harder** married Helena Martens of Tiegengagen. The family lived in the Terek Settlement and were regarded as fine Christians. Daughter **Marla Harder** married Gerhard Penner, the son of Aron Penner. They lived in the Crimea where he was a factory employee. Son **Gerhard Harder** married Justina Peters, Berghal. He was a teacher in the Halbstadt Model School and served as a minister and Reisprediger of the Orloff Gemeinde.⁴⁴

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
5	Bernhard Harder	Mar 15, 1832		Oct 1, 1884
m	Kath Boschmann	1832	Mar 16, 1854	Oct 16, 1878
6	Johan Harder			