

6	Peter Harder	Jun 15, 1867	Sep 15, 1923
m	Helena Epp	Jul 20, 1871	
6	David Harder		
6	Bernhard Harder		
6	Maria Harder		
m	Gerhard Penner		
6	Gerhard Harder	1857	1931
m	Justina Peters		
6	Nikolai Harder		
m	Katharina Friesen		
6	Franz Harder		
6	Helene Harder		
m	Hein Harder		
6	Anna Harder		
5	<b>Bernhard Harder</b>	Mar 15, 1832	Oct 1, 1884
2m	Helena Ewert		
6	Eliz Harder		
6	A Son		
6	A Daughter		
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**Section Three. Johan Harder 1789-1847.**

4 **Johan Harder** emigrated to Russia with his parents in 1803 and helped them to establish their Wirtschaft No 16 in the village of Blumstein. In 1810 he married **Elizabeth Plett** the daughter of Johan Plett (1765-1833) of Furstenwerder, Prussia.<sup>45</sup> Her father had been expelled from his parental home when he married Elizabeth Baer, a Lutheran widow working as the family maid, contrary to his fathers wishes.<sup>46</sup> After this occurrence son Johan Plett (1765-1833) lived in various places and experienced the seige of Danzig during the Napoleonic Wars.

Their first daughter Elizabeth Plett must have been born in about 1790.<sup>47</sup> It seems that Elizabeth emigrated to Russia by herself as a young girl. Benjamin H. Unruh has record of an Elizabeth Plett who emigrated to Russia in 1804 who is listed as being "from Neumuensterberg, born in Furstenwerder, and with the family of Jakob Wiens."<sup>48</sup> Elizabeth did have an aunt Margaretha Plett (born 1771) married to a Jakob Wiens of Wernersdorf and it is possible that she travelled to Russia in their company although no specific listing of this family is reported in the emigration records. At the time of the *Revisionsliste* in 1808 an Elizabeth Plittin age 22 is shown as residing with the Michael Plett family on Wirtschaft No 1 in Halbstadt.<sup>49</sup> Although the age listed is too old it is possible that Elizabeth was working for her uncle Michael Plett in Halbstadt at the time. She may have met her future husband Johan Harder (1789-1847) here when he visited his brother Abraham Harder (1787-1844) who had married Maria Heide, and was living in the same village. See Section Two.

By 1820 father-in-law Johan Plett had ~~no doubt~~ tired of his itinerant lifestyle and being aware that his daughter had made a good home for herself in Russia decided to moved there as well. After spending some eight years to obtain the necessary passes, the family arrived in the village of Blumstein in 1828. Johan Plett had repented in his last years and evidently joined the Kleine Gemeinde since all five of the children of his last marriage belonged to this reform movement.<sup>50</sup>

It is noteworthy that the Kleine Gemeinde related fellowship in the village of Blumstein, included nine of the twenty-one farmers listed there in 1808, namely: Cornelius Loepp (family 3), his daughter married Kleine Gemeinde deacon, Jakob W. Friesen; Gerhard Schellenberg (family 5), See Gerhard Schellenberg Genealogy cf; Martin Warkentin (family 6), See Martin Warkentin Genealogy cf; Daniel Wiens (family 8), their son Franz settled in Jansen, Nebraska in 1875;<sup>51</sup> Johan Fast (family 10);<sup>52</sup> Johan Harms (family 12), See Johan Harms Genealogy cf; Johan Harder (family 16); Aron Schellenberg (family 18) and Johan Neufeld (family 20) who had married the daughter of Gerhard Schellenberg. See Gerhard Schellenberg Genealogy cf.

Johan Harder (1789-1847) farmed together with his father for a number of years. His father had remained quite active as a horse lover until his death in 1826 although he lived with his son Abraham in Halbstadt for the last while. See Section One. Eventually son Johan Harder (1789-1847) inherited or purchased the family Wirtschaft No 16 in Blumstein and continued a successful farming operation. Abraham J. Harder (born 1840) has recorded some memories of his grandparents Johan and Elizabeth Harder which have been translated and published by Dr. Leland Harder in *The Harder Family Review* and are quoted here verbatim:

"I recall less about grandmother than grandfather. I do not know whether grandmother was still living when I was born. By birth she was a Plett. Two brothers, Julius and Johan