

1808 the young couple was resident on Wirtschaft No. 4 in Lichtenau which they seem to have recently purchased from his mother or her estate as his sister Agatha and brother Peter and his family are living with them. At this time Cornelius Heidebrecht is listed as owning the following property: 1 wagon, 3 horses, and 8 cattle. They also have a baby boy Cornelius who is six months old.

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
3	Corn Heidebrecht	1780		
m	Marg _____			
4	Corn Heidebrecht	1808		1890
4	Cath Heidebrecht	Nov 9, 1812	vs Johann Friesen	
4	Daughter Heidebrecht	?		
4	Daughter Heidebrecht	1815	Martha vs Heide, vs Wiens	
4	Daughter Heidebrecht	1827	Agnes vs Jakob H. Brasol	

4 Son Cornelius Heidebrecht (1808-1890) was a prosperous Vollwirt resident in Nikolaidorf, Molotschna, founded in 1851. He was married to Susanna who may have been his second wife. A number of letters written by Cornelius and Susana Heidebrecht to Gerhard S. Kornelsen (1816-1894) in Lichtenau near Steinbach, Manitoba, are extant.<sup>13</sup> Cornelius Heidebrecht born 1808 (later of Nikolaidorf) and Gerhard S. Kornelsen (1816-1896) evidently were well known to each other from their childhood days in Lichtenau where they grew up only two doors away from each other and where Kornelsen later served for several decades as the village teacher.

Given the fact that Cornelius Heidebrecht's second wife was born in 1806 and his statement in a letter of 1887 that he is getting senile it is logical to assume that he is the young Cornelius born to Cornelius Heidebrecht in Lichtenau in 1808.<sup>14</sup> Henry Fast, Steinbach, Manitoba, has reported that Cornelius Heidebrecht was a cousin of Peter Heidebrecht (1815-1896) of Jansen, Nebraska.<sup>15</sup> In a letter to the Mennonite Rundschau of November 15, 1882, Cornelius Heidebrecht states that he is 75 years old and that his wife is 76 years of age. This confirms that he is the Cornelius Heidebrecht born to Cornelius and Margaretha Heidebrecht in Lichtenau in 1808.<sup>16</sup>

According to a letter of April 25, 1878, the Cornelius Heidebrecht family had nine children. Another letter refers to four children and four step-children. One of the step-daughters was married to Jakob Bergman/Barlman who had a son Cornelius born 1869, a very large person, and a daughter Elizabeth born 1887. Cornelius Heidebrecht had four of his own children, a daughter married to Franz Hassen who lived on the Braas Settlement in Russia, and three sons Cornelius, Johan and Peter.

5 According to a letter of March 29, 1887, son Cornelius Heidebrecht had ten children three of whom were married.<sup>17</sup> Grandson Cornelius Heidebrecht, born 1859, married Maria Williams daughter of Gerhard Williams of Nikolaidorf. By 1887 Cornelius Heidebrecht born 1808 had 7 grandchildren, but son Johan Heidebrecht married rather late at the age of 23 so that his father believed that this number would still increase quite substantially.<sup>18</sup> Daughter Heidebrecht was married to Franz Hassen and lived on the Braas Settlement north