

of the Tiege River, which flows into a small inlet of the Frisches Haff, some ten miles to the northeast.<sup>9</sup> The Flemish families of the village belonged to the Tiegenhagen Gemeinde, centred in the village of the same name, some five miles away.<sup>10</sup> Petershagen, the birthplace of Kleine Gemeinde founder Klaas Epp Reimer (1770-1837), was situated about 3 miles away from Tiegenhof, upstream towards Tiegenhagen.<sup>11</sup>

Two sources state that the father-in-law of Gerhard Schellenberg (1725-1802), was Anton Reimer.<sup>12</sup> This is confirmed by another source which states that the wife of the patriarch was Christina Reimer.<sup>13</sup> Another source, however, indicates that the wife of Gerhard Schellenberg I, was Anna Klassen.<sup>14</sup> The matter appears to be resolved by Richard D.Thiessen, who has researched the *Petershagen Gemeindebuch* and has concluded that, Gerhard Schellenberg was married twice; for the first time to Anna Klassen, who died in about 1760, and was the mother of the oldest son Gerhard Schellenberg (1759-1813); and for the second time to Christina Reimer, who was the mother of the remaining children.<sup>15</sup> Gerhard Schellenberg died in Tiegenhof, Prussia in 1802. His second wife Christina, died in Tiegenhof in 1805.<sup>16</sup> According to Ted R.Schellenberg, all the children except David, moved to Russia. Daughter Christina, and her husband Michael Loewen, were the first settling in Chortitza. The other children moved to the Molotschna in 1804 and after.<sup>17</sup> There are several slightly different records of the children of Gerhard and Christina Schellenberg.<sup>18</sup> A reconciliation of these records results in the following listing of seven children, namely, two daughters and five sons.<sup>19</sup>

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
2	Gerhard Schellenberg	1725		May 6,1802
m	Anna Klassen			c.1760
3	Idkie Schellenberg			Oct 1,1758
3	Gerh Schellenberg	May 9,1759	Feb 10,1813	
2	Gerhard Schellenberg	1725		May 6,1802
2m	Christina Reimer	1736	May 13,1753	Dec 5,1805
3	Christina (Justina) Schellenberg	Nov 8,1761		
3	Paul Schellenberg	Dec 18,1764		
3	Jakob Schellenberg	Mar 27,1772		
3	Anton Schellenberg	Aug 24,1774		
3	Aron Schellenberg	Aug 24,1774		1853
3	Agatha Schellenberg	Jan 3,1778		Sep 19,1858
3	David Schellenberg	Apr 4,1780		

### Section Three. Gerhard Schellenberg.

3 Gerhard Schellenberg (1759-1813) married Helena Guenther in 1781 in Petershagen.<sup>20</sup> According to the records of Richard D.Thiessen, she was born in Pletzendorf, the daughter of Heinrich Guenther (1730-1806), of the same place.<sup>21</sup> Evidently, Gerhard, the oldest son of the young couple, was also born in Pletzendorf, which would indicate that they lived with her parents for the first years after their married. Pletzendorf was located several miles due east of Tiegenhof where Gerhard Schellenberg II was born and raised.

According to the research of Dr. Glenn Penner, daughter Justina Schellenberg was born in Neustaedterwald on September 5, 1788.<sup>22</sup> The emigration records later list the family as being from the village of Stobbendorf at the mouth of the Tiege River, indicating that the family had settled there sometime prior to leaving Prussia in 1803.<sup>23</sup>

Gerhard Schellenberg (1759-1813), his brother Aron and sister Agatha, and her husband Abraham Kornelsen, emigrated to Russia in 1803. Brother Jakob Schellenberg emigrated in 1804 with Anton Schellenberg following his siblings in 1807.<sup>24</sup> Brothers Aron and Gerhard settled in the village of Blumstein, Molotschna; Aron arriving on June, 1804, and Gerhard four days later.

The Gerhard Schellenberg family settled on Wirtschaft No. 5, in the village of Blumstein, and are recorded as follows on the 1808 *Revisions Liste*: "Gerhard Schellenberg 51, from Stobbendorf, District Tiegenhoff, bricklayer, wife Helena 51, children: Jakob 18, Peter 14, Davit 7, Gerhard 24 and wife Anna. Property: 1 wagon, 1 plow, 1 harrow, 6 horses, 12 cattle, 3 sheep, 200 tschwert grain in unthreshed shocks, 20 loads of hay."<sup>25</sup> It is evident that family was moderately well-to-do by this point.

It is interesting to note that the village of Blumstein was the home of a number of families who belonged to or were sympathizers of the Kleine Gemeinde, namely: Cornelius Loepp (Family 3)<sup>26</sup>, Martin Warkentin (Family 6),<sup>27</sup> Daniel Wiens (Family 8)<sup>28</sup>, Peter Harms (Family 9)<sup>29</sup>, Johan Harms (Family 12)<sup>30</sup>, Johan Fast (Family 10)<sup>31</sup>, Jakob Wiebe (Family 13)<sup>32</sup>, Johan Harder (Family 16)<sup>33</sup>, brother Aron Schellenberg (Family 18) (See Section Eight cf.) and Johan Neufeld (Family 20).<sup>34</sup> Gerhard Schellenberg was a stone and brick mason and later a farmer.<sup>35</sup> He died in Blumstein in 1812.<sup>36</sup>

Gen	Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
3	Gerh Schellenberg	May 9,1759		Feb 10,1813
m	Helena Guenther	Dec 10,1757	Feb 14,1781	
4	Anna Schellenberg	Mar 8,1782		
4	Gerh Schellenberg	Nov 14,1783		
4	Hein Schellenberg	Dec 1,1785		
4	Just Schellenberg	Sep 5,1789	Nov 28,1812	
4	Jakob Schellenberg	Sep 7,1792		Dec 22,1872
4	Peter Schellenberg	Oct 28,1794 <sup>37</sup>		
4	Davit Schellenberg	Aug 1,1800		