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Dear Gary:

While in Germany a month ago and with your neighbors, the Lichtis, I was aware of your entertaining some American guests so did not try to visit with you. I did become aware of the fact that Gerhard Hein lived not too far from Weierhof, but did not have time to visit with him. I have visited with him on several occasions at World Conferences and have tried to gain information from him about our family tree. Previously I had some good information from him about the Heins but he had not answered a letter I wrote a decade ago. Just now, however, I have heard from him again and he informs me that I should contact Gary Waltner or Horst Gerlach at the Wierhof. He doesn't know, of course, that I'm acquainted with you.

Am I being presumptuous if I ask if you would be able to trace one matter for me? I have been hopeful for ten years that I could find the spot in Gerhard Hein's family tree where my ancestors would fit in. I have a beautiful spot picked out, but no evidence. Following is the information I have:

son of
● Johan Hein, born 9-4-1830 in Fuerstenau, West Prussia
married Regina Gratz 28-11-1857
migrated 1838 to Russia (my great-grandfather)
Migrated 1878 to Kansas, USA
Died 5-4-21 in Oklahoma, USA

I have no information before the above, but following is what Gerhard Hein has forwarded to me:

KERBSHORST
● Johannes Hein, born 5-6-1805 in Jankendorf (?) (Gerhard's great-grandfather)
Baptized 1820
married 10-4-1825 to Maria Froese from Tiegerweide
died (?) in Russia

ORLOFFER FELDE
● Peter Hein, born 1780
baptized 1794 + *1850*
married 1796 to Helene Quiring *Beinhorst*
died 21-5-1850 *50 Jahre*
son of

ORLOFFER FELDE
● Bartel Hein, born ??
baptized 1751
named in farm leases 1766, 72, 76, and 89
married twice, last to Sara Quiring
died 1789

son of
Jakob Hein, from Marienau by Orlofferfelde

My question is: could Johannes Hein, born 1805 in Jankendorf be the father to my great-grandfather, Johan Hein, born 1830 in Fuerstenau? The dates would fit: the elder Johannes would have been 25 when my great-grandfather was born. I also have information that my great-grandfather Johan Hein was the oldest of nine children and that ~~my~~ they moved to Russia in 1838. Gerhard's information indicates that the Johannes Hein probably died in Russia. Everything seems to fit. Do you have access to information that would solve this little riddle.

I would be forever grateful if you can shed light on this matter. In the meantime I will pursue any other leads I get on this side of the ocean. I am being urged to do this before some of our elders pass off the scene---and I'm getting just old enough to be very interested. Thanks for anything you can do.

Sincerely,

Marvin Hein
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