

IMMIGRANT WALTER MIERAU

The following are notes about Walter Mierau's family history: [Res. Reg. #'s 772, 777, 778, 779]

Walter Mierau came to America alone as a young man in his early twenties. He lived with the Henry J. Wiebe family on a farm near the Emmaus Mennonite Church, Whitewater, Kansas. I have also heard that Walter lived with Henry J.'s father's family whose farm was on the same section. Henry J. Wiebe is the father of Gertrude Roten, long time New Testament Greek teacher at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Notes in the Emmaus Cemetery records indicate Walter was a cousin of John Wiebe.

Walter worked for the Santa Fe railroad in Newton. He was killed in a train accident while switching cars. The cemetery records indicate he was run over by the switch engine. He is buried in the Emmaus Mennonite Church Cemetery, near Whitewater, Butler County, Kansas.

Walter was born 12 Apr 1903 in Liebemuhl, West Prussia, and died on 11 Jan 1928. His parents were Wilhelm Mierau and Klara geb. Warkentin.

Curtis Wiens reported that Walter was related to the William Mierau family who settled at Halstead then at Newton, Kansas.

HELENE MIERAU OF DANZIG

The following are notes about Barbel (Mierau) Grey's family history: [Res. Reg. #780, 781]

Helene Mierau had a son, Louis Gottlieb Mierau, born 3 Dec 1851 in Danzig, West Prussia. His religion was listed as Evangelical. He was baptized 1 Jan 1852 in the St. Katharinen Evangelical Church. Apparently Helene was not married when Louis was born.

Louis Mierau had a son, Max Albert Mierau, who was born 3 Nov 1884 in Danzig and who died there on 8 Nov 1906. Max's religion was listed as Catholic.

Max Mierau had five children: Arthur (who at 85 lives in Danzig), Edith (who has died), Hans, Kurt, and Margot (who has died). Arthur is the oldest. Kurt, who was born 23 Jan 1915, is believed to have died in 1962 in Danzig. His religion was also Catholic.

Kurt Mierau had two children, a son Dieter Detlev Mierau, who was born 23 Nov 1943, and a daughter Barbel Brita Mierau, who was born 28 Jan 1941. Dieter died 11 Feb 1988. Barbel immigrated to the Los Angeles, California, area in 1960.

Barbel (Mierau) Grey is married and lives in Kansas City, Kansas. Her address is 3803 N. 107, Kansas City, KS 66109, phone (913) 788-3577.