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Dear Mr. Thiessen:

I have been researching my family history for three years, and have been having difficulty tracing my Thiessen ancestors. I read an article by Ed Brandt of Minneapolis in the Menonite Historian (June 1993) which described several genealogies you have published. I was interested in the two Thiessen genealogies--Martin Thiehsen... and Bartholomaeus Tiessen....

I have been able to trace my Thiessen ancestors back to Johan Thiessen (10 May 1835-22 July 1901), son of Cornelius Thiessen and Maria Nikkel. Johan married Helena Hiebert (14 April 1841-11 April 1922). I know they emigrated to Canada in the 1870s, but I am unable to learn exactly when and from where. Johan Thiessen does not appear on any of the Quebec passenger lists or any passenger records from the United States that I have consulted. I am hoping that Johan Thiessen appears in one of your Thiessen genealogies. If he does, could you please send information as to which country he emigrated from to my address below. I would be interested in purchasing a copy of any Thiessen genealogy which lists the ancestors of this Johan Thiessen, since I have been having trouble researching them. I enclose a brief outline of my descent from Johan Thiessen to assist you in determining whether Martin Thiehsen or Bartholomaeus Tiessen is one of my ancestors.

With thanks,

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