

JOURNAL OF JOHN P. THIESSEN

(This journal in the possession of Henry J. Thiessen was found in an attic box in which mice had nested so is not complete. The portions which relate family genealogical information have been translated from German to English)

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My father, Peter Thiessen, was born in April 1798 in Danziger Werder, Prussia.

In 1805, he with his parents moved to South Russia, Village Muntau on the river Molotschna, and took possession of a complete farm of 65 Desjatin.

Father died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1881 at the age of 83 years, 5 months.

My beloved mother was born Oct. 5, 1801, from the Village Muntau. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Giesbrecht. She died Nov. 12, 1879, at the age of 78 years, one month and seven days.

The parents were married Thursday, Oct. 12..... (1820 per Isaac's journal).

....reached the age of 88 years

....10 p.m. Franz was born Feb. 1846

....Katrina was born in Fuerstenau....

....Sister in law died....

....Brother Peter Thiessen....

(Peter's wife was Katarina Born - they were married Feb. 16, 1848; see p28; also Isaac's journal)

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Daughter Elizabeth was born January 20, 1825. She married Peter Kroeker. She died 1859, leaving 7 children.

Daughter Susanna was born Wednesday, July 23, 1828. She married Heinrich Penner, Rueckenau. Penner died 1854 in Podwod, Crimea. Son Heinrich and daughter Elizabeth were born to this union.

She entered a second marriage with Peter Born. She died 185.. The daughter of her first marriage survived her.

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Brother David was born Sunday, October 17, 1830. Married Helena Born from Landskrone November 11, 1856. She was the daughter of Isaac Born.

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Brother Gerhard was born Friday, March 1, 1833. He married Katarina Born, 185.. She died 186.. leaving two sons, Peter and Wilhelm and one daughter Katarina. He entered a second marriage with Maria Friesen in 187...

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Brother Jakob Thiessen was born Friday, February 6, 1835. He married Maria Siemens 185.. daughter of John Siemens of Neukirch. She died June 25, 1896 at the age of 61 years, 10 months and 10 days. Jacob Thiessen died January 11, 1902 after a brief severe illness. Age - 76 years.