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NORWICH, KANSAS

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Heer J. Richert
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Zeist Holland.

Dear Mr. Richert:

One of my correspondence friends in Utrecht Mr. J. W. Koenders, gave me your address some weeks ago. I am anxious to find out more about my family tree which runs back to Holland, and wonder whether you are one of my third or fourth cousins. I hope you can read English or German. I can use either if more convenient.

I am told that my great-great grandfather named Cornelius (van) Richert journeyed to Prussia, Germany many years ago from Holland. Then the Richerts stayed in Prussia one generation and moved to Southern Russia because they desired military exemption, being Mennonites. When the Russian Government deled the Mennonites military exemption in 1874, my grandfather, Heinrich Richert, came to America with many others. My father, Peter Heinrich Richert, was born in Southern Russia in 1871.

I am told that the above named Cornelius Richert was a cobbler or shoe repair man in Holland.

Could you please tell me whether any of the above facts fit into your family history any where? Any information you can give me would be appreciated. Thank you.

Very Cordially yours,

A. S. Richert
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*Presume (assumption) between 2 questions 25 years
than:*

- great great grandfather born ca 1800 → went from Holland to Prussia*
- great grandfather " " 1825*
- grandfather " " 1850 → born in Prussia? Probably emigrated from Russia to USA in 1874.*
- father of AS Richert " " in 1871 (fact) in Russia*