

in literary and other forms. Yet, it is a hearty and enduring language. It is finding renewed vigor and expression both in the oral and written form.

Our family history spans eight generations. It begins with Berend Klippenstein, born 1781 in West Prussia, died 1841 in Russia. According to Benj. H. Unruh, two Klippensteins made the trek from Prussia to Russia. They were Anton Klippenstein, born 1788 and Bernhard Klippenstein, 1781-1841.

Anton Klippenstein lived in the village of Neuendorf, Chortitza Colony in 1795. The census of 1795 records him as 8, the owner of a farmstead, and the only member of his family. By 1802 Anton Klippenstein had died and his farm was given to Jacob Dörksen. There is no mention of his widow or of a son who might have inherited his land. No descendants of Anton Klippenstein have been found. *Berend -*

Much more is known about Bernhard Klippenstein. He was born on March 21, 1781 in the village of Krefeld in Prussia, in 1804 he moved to the Chortitza Colony in Russia. He was married in 1805 to Katharina Penner (born November 3, 1785). The Klippensteins had 12 children of whom 5 lived to maturity. They were:

A1 Heinrich (1806-1873) - a school teacher in the Chortitza Colony.

A2 Johann (1809-1877) - moved to the Bergthal Colony and deacon in the Bergthal Church, 1838-1857.

A3 Katharina (1811-1892) - married Johann Neufeld and later married Bernhard Friesen, moved to the Bergthal Colony and later to Manitoba.

A5 Peter (1819-1885) - moved to the Bergthal Colony and later to Manitoba.

A6 Bernhard (1827-1908) - lived in Blumengard in the Chortitza Colony. Some of his descendants emigrated from Russia in the 1920s and 1940s.

The Klippensteins lived in the village of Osterwick in 1814. Among their possessions in 1814 were 5 horses, 9 cattle, 2 sheep, 3 swine, 1 plow, 1 wagon, and 1 spinning wheel. Bernhard Klippenstein later moved to the village of Chortitz and lived there until his death on August 4, 1841. The cause of death was stated as "einer Krankheit von 3 1/2 Tage an die Blätter an der linken Seite." The funeral services were conducted by Lehrer David Epp of Chortitz on August 6, 1841. The text of the sermon was Hebrews 13:14. Mrs. Klippenstein died on May 17, 1856.

All the children that were alive in 1873, must have immigrated to Canada, since the whole colony went. Johann (A2) is my great-grandfather and son of Berend and the father of Johann who bears the name of this genealogy and who is my grandfather. There were eight members in great-grandfathers family of which two passed away in infancy. Peter (B1) (1831-1904) is the forebearer of all the Klippensteins who settled in the village of Neu-Bergthal east of Altona, and many of whom live there today. Margaretha (1842-1909) married Martin Friesen who was the father of Bernard M. Friesen, who married Katherina Blatz (C11). The Friesen family became a well known one, many of whom were prominent in the areas of education and one became a judge. One of them, Johann M, was also one of the founding members of what later became the Conference of Mennonites in Canada.

Heinrich (1849-1929) was the youngest member of grandfathers family.