

His genealogy has been the subject of an exhaustive compilation by his grandson, Ben D. Klippenstein of Winnipeg and I believe is available for purchase from:

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For this reason, I have not pursued that branch of the family.

Then we come to my grandfather, Johann (1845-1923), which is really the purpose of this genealogy. Grandfather moved from the east side of the Red River to the west side shortly after coming to Manitoba and settled in the village of Gnadenfeld. All the children from Katherina 1878 on, presumably were born there. The others were born in Russia. Two daughters were adopted, Gertrude and Katherina Blatz who were sisters. One of them then subsequently married her step-brother Abram. The family at some time after 1882 moved to the Old Altona Village which is presently situated just south of the town and has already been integrated into the town proper. Life in the Old Altona Village must have been a stable one. The social structure remained intact. Most of the inhabitants were members of one church. However, occasionally this calm was punctured with a dramatic event like the one in which a school teacher, Heinrich Toews, shot three of his school children of which one died and later committed suicide in prison. This was the original settlement of the Mennonites. I know that the Bergs and the Loepkys both lived in the village till the respective deaths of the parents. In both cases, one of the children lived in the parental homes till the 1950's. Other members of the family scattered. A note of interest on the Loepky family is that their oldest son Abram, passed away on his wedding day apparently due to a heart attack. Abram moved to Saskatchewan in 1901, settling in the Laird, Saskatchewan area. In 1921 the family moved to Long Beach, California where he established a lumber business. All of the family, with the exception of Agatha, are in the United States at present. The John P. Braun family was resident in the Altona community till both of them passed away. Peter on the other hand, lived at various places but in later life settled in Altona where he passed away in 1948.

Uncle Bernhard lived in the Altona community all his life as do his children and widow. He became one of the prominent citizens of Altona and was occupied both in farming and in business. My mother Sara and her husband David W. Friesen, have lived in the community of Altona all of their lives till their deaths. Most of the children with the exception of John, still live here. Katherina Blatz, the adopted daughter, married Bernhard M. Friesen of which mention has already been made above. Early in the century they moved to Rush Lake, Saskatchewan and from there to Winfield, a suburb of Kelowna, British Columbia, where he died and at the present time she is still alive having reached the age of 92. The generation following that or the grandchildren of Johann, which is my generation, which are the ones that are identified by the letter D, are those that have now reached middle and old age. Following that, there are three other generations identified by the letters E, F and there are 3 in the G bracket. These families as you can see from the genealogy, are scattered all over North America and even overseas. Few have remained in the original vocation of farming. Most have gone into business, a