

Family Record of our Great, Great Grandparents

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Both born in Holland as notified us. (State - Prussia) Westside

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NO.	DAY	YEAR	MO.	DAY	YEAR	
		Abraham van Riesen	married		Margaretha Wiebe	Jan. 1779
		born Mar. 1736. d. Aug. 1809	53		b. Dec. 1734. d. June 1810	76
1.		Peter W. b. Nov. 1779. d. Feb. 2, 1846.	67		Children born in Prussia (Germany)	
		translated Menno Simons' book "Foundation (Fundament)" from the Dutch into German.				
		was the father-in-law to Cornelius Jansen, who moved from Kerkijansk, Russia to Beatrice, Nebr.				
		in 1873 and caused both of our parents to move to Jansen, Nebr. Peter died in Prussia.				
2.		Abraham W. b. July 13, 1782. d. July 6, 1849.	67		married Katharina Wiebe, b. Dec. 2, 1781. d. Oct. 24, 1855.	73
		had to change name to Thiesen because Russia disallowed names of descendants of Emperors. He lived in Orloff, Russia. He was the 2nd elder of the Kleine Gemeinde, now Evangelical Mennonite Church in Canada. (Klaas Reimer was the 1st elder & founder.)				
		Abt. was my, G. T. D., great grand father on grand mother Sara Thiesen's side.				
3.		Margaretha W. b. May 23, 1784. d. Aug. 5, 1875.	91		Johann Thiesen.	
		Their son, Johann, was the 3rd elder of the A.H. Gemeinde.				
4.		Anna W. b. Aug. 12, 1785. d. Aug. 7, 1837.	72		married Cornelius Sawatzky, Sept 23, 1781. Dec. 7, 1840.	59
		They were the grandparents of uncle Frank at Jansen, Nebr.				
5.		Helena b. Sept. 1787. d. Oct. 22, 1846.	59		Klaas Reimer 1770. 1837.	
		Klaas R. was elected minister in the big church in Nentouben, Danzig, Prussia in 1811.				
		In 1805 they moved to the Molotchyna colony in Russia & founded the "Kleine Gemeinde" in 1812.				
		a name of scorn given them by the big church. The K. G. was opposed to the use of tobacco and strong drinks, abstained from police service & legal duties such as holding offices and opposed weddings & funerals because even immoral beings were pronounced holy-heaven.				
		(too worldly) - dancing, drinking & immorality.				
6.		Johanna b. Feb. 12, 1789. d. Jan. 15, 1840.	51		married Jan. 19, 1828.	