

## THE BUHLER FAMILY

### 1. ABRAHAM BUHLER \*

Abraham Buhler died during the emigration from Prussia to Russia at Dubrowna,<sup>1</sup> a collection or gathering place for those immigrating to Russia.<sup>2</sup>

Anna, born in Walldorf (Gross Werder) Prussia in 1762<sup>3</sup> is shown in Unruh's book to be the widow of Abraham Buhler,<sup>4</sup> and on the first census in the Chortitza Colony of August 1, 1789<sup>5</sup> wife of Heinrich Schwartz.<sup>6</sup> After the death of Schwartz, she married Isaac Töws around 1802.<sup>7</sup>

Anna is shown to have had two sons by Heinrich Schwartz, both born in the Chortitza settlement - Heinrich (born 1790) and Johann (born 1793).<sup>8</sup>

It is believed by the Buhler family that the family immigrated to Russia in the 1770's and settled in the village of Mariental.<sup>9</sup> The first colonists arrived in Chortitza on July 20, 1789.<sup>10</sup> Since Bernhard (1785-1821) was born in Prussia (Germany) in 1785<sup>11</sup> and Abraham above, I think the Buhler family immigrated to the Chortitza colony with the first settlers in 1789 moving on to the Neuosterwick colony where Bernhard's children were born. Then later, they moved on to Mariental, a Molotschna village, when it was established.

#### 1.1

##### BERNHARD BUHLER \*

Bernhard was born in Prussia July 14, 1785 and married his first wife Elizabeth Penner on November 7, 1807 in Russia.<sup>12</sup> The family lived in Neuosterwick in the Chortitza colony and appear with their two children in the census list of 1814.<sup>13</sup>

After the death of Elizabeth, Bernhard married Justina Rempel on May 25, 1815.<sup>14</sup> At the age of 36 years, Bernhard died leaving Justina a widow after six years of marriage. Justina died in Russia in 1857 at the age of 62 years.

#### 1.1.4

##### ABRAHAM BUHLER \*

Abraham Buhler was born September 1, 1817<sup>15</sup> in the Chortitza village of Neuosterwick in South Russia. He received his education in the Russian village school. He married Maria Schroeder on September 28, 1837. After her death he married Helena Klassen from the village of Pordenau on July 1, 1852. Abraham was a farmer and a blacksmith on the side. He served as village mayor in Mariental where they made their home.