

RUSSIAN-MENNONITE IMMIGRANTS
of the 1920's (Ontario)

Interview #1: Tape #1, sides A and B (105 minutes) (2)

Interviewee: MARTENS, Cornelius, born 1892.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 1976.

Place: 380 Joseph St., New Hamburg, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-05 Biographical data; Forstei service
- 05-12 Government: -liquidation of land
-protest and attempted "Holländerei"
- 12-18 Revolution: -Kerensky, Stalin
-concern to preserve life
- 18-21 German army occupation
- 21-24 under the White army
- 24-27 under the Red army
- 27-32 Emigration: -B.B. Janz
American aid: -Miller
- 32-37 Economic conditions: -under Lenin and Stalin
-starvation; little hope
- 37-53 Emigration: -process and procedure
-personal feelings and reflections
-trip out of Russia; on the boat
- 53-55 Arrival in Canada: -Quebec city
-feelings upon arrival

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-10 Early years in Ontario
-on the farm, other jobs
-comment on Premier Bennett
- 10-13 Own harness and shoe repair shop
- 13-15 Influence of experiences on the family
- 15-20 Attending a Luthern church
- 20-22 Reiseschuld
- 22-26 Attitude of Canadians to immigration, immigrants,
Russia
- 26-30 Jacob H. Janzen
- 30-37 Learning the language; education of children
- 37-40 Remembering the past
- 40-45 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of Side B

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Interview #2: Tape #2, sides A and B (110 minutes) CD

Interviewee: THIESSEN, David, born in March, 1894.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 1976.

Place: 32 Elgin Street, Waterloo, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-04 Biographical data; Forstei service
- 04-08 Revolution: -welcomed by many
 -coming of the Germans
- 08-11 Peasant unrest in 1910
- 11-14 Makhno raids and flight to Crimea
- 14-19 conditions under the Bolsheviks
- 19-22 in the White army
- 22-29 Economic conditions after the Revolution
- 29-34 Emigration: -getting Reisepass
 -no hope for Russia
- 34-37 Government: -Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin
 -local gov't.
- 37-40 Religious life: -worship with the MB's
- 40-49 Emigration: -process
 -leaders
- 49-54 The trip
- 54-60 in Canada: -arrival
 -on the farm in Manitoba

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-17 in Canada: -first weeks on the farm
 -"Be careful, the people here want to
 take advantage of you."
- 17-22 Attitude of Kanadier to Rusländer
 re: Sebtschutz
- 22-24 Patriotism in Russia; freedom in Canada
- 24-31 The Depression
- 31-35 Church life: -first church
 -with the MB's
- 35-41 Jacob H. Janzen
- 41-45 Canada becomes "home"
- 45-50 Interviewer's comments

End of Side B

very good
interview

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Interview #3: Tape #3, sides A and B (111 minutes) (D)

Tape #9, sides A and B (117 minutes) (D)

Interviewees: NICKEL, Cornelius, born 1902
Agatha, born 1904

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 1976.

Place: 6 Dietz Ave. N., Waterloo, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes) of part #1, Tape #3

Side A

00-01 Introduction
01-07 Biographical information
07-17 War and Revolutionary experiences
17-24 Politics: -attitude toward the tsar
 -under Kerensky
24-47 Experiences under Makhno
47-49 Changes in education
49-60 Relationship with Russian peasants

End of Side A

Side B

00-04 Treatment of peasants, cont'
04-15 Revolution: -changes in government
 -civil war
 -affiliation with Reds and Whites
 -tax system
15-21 Disruption of society and moral standards
21-23 Selbstschutz
23-28 Disruption of society, cont.
 Famine
28-35 Post-revolutionary experiences: -economic conditions
 -foreign aid
35-45 Emigration: -concern for
 -leaders
 -process
45-51 Interviewer's summary and evaluation
 Other documents

End of Side B

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Interview #3, Part #2: Tape #9, sides A and B (117 minutes)

Date: Tuesday, June 8, 1976.

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-06 Emigration: -trip out
 -medical inspection
- 06-10 Reiseschuld: A.R. Kaufman
- 10-20 Emigration, cont.
- 20-31 Arrival in Canada: -quarantine (Mrs. Nickel)
 -billeting out with the Mennonites
- 31-52 Early days in Canada (Mr. Nickel)
 (for more detail see also his Personal Reminiscences
 on microfilm in the archives)
- 52-57 Learning English
- 57-60 Lonliness and homesickness for Russia

End of side A

Side B

- 00-01 Homesickness cont.
- 01-11 Church and religious life: -MB's out west
 -Russia and America
 -American evangelist Herbert
 Hoover in Russia
- 11-17 Immigrant churches in Ontario
 -progressive and conservative
- 17-23 The Ministry in Russia
- 23-28 Immigrant churches: -Vineland, J.B. Wiens
 -Waterloo-Kitchener
- 28-37 J.H. Janzen
- 37-41 Back in Russia: -the ministry
 -the poor people
- 41-49 Comments on the contemporary situation, esp. politics
- 49-53 Self-government in Russia; emphasis on authority
- 53-57 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of side B

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Interview #4: Tape #4, sides A and B (120 minutes)

Interviewee: CLASSEN, Alex, born 1898, died 1976

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Thursday, May 27, 1976.

Place: 175 David Street, Kitchener, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
 - 01-09 Biographical data: -in the Selbstschutz
-in the White army
 - 09-17 Attitudes toward the Tsar, the Russian homeland
 - 17-19 German liberation
 - 19-32 Political: -White army
-Provisional Government
-Lenin, Trotsky
-Soviet Government
 - 32-41 Military service: -the White army
-the Red army
 - 41-48 Conditions after the Revolution
 - 48-56 Emigration: -leaders
-Trotsky
-process and procedure
-feelings toward Russia
 - 56-60 Interviewer's comments
- End of Side A

Side B

- 00-09 Emigration con't.
 - 09-14 Arrival in Canada: -feelings, first jobs
-relations with Kanadier
 - 14-16 Flashback to Russia: why we left
 - 16-27 Life in Canada: -the language, at work
-Reiseschuld
-the first Christmas in Canada
 - 27-39 As an artist: -the "Group of Seven" painters club
(including Woldemar Neufeld)
 - 39-44 adjusting to Canadian life: almost deported
 - 44-51 Church life: -Luthern church
-Mennonite church and J.H. Janzen
 - 51-53 Attitude of Canadians
 - 53-60 Personal feelings about Canada, Russia, Communism
- End of Side B

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Interview #5: Tape #5, sides A and B (118 minutes) *CD*

Interviewee: PEPERS, Gerhard, born 1903, & Helen, born 1904.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Tuesday, June 1, 1976.

Place: 24 Rex Drive, Kitchener, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

00-01 Introduction

01-21 Biographical data: Mr. Peters

Mrs. Peters

-saved by American aid

-as a teacher

21-26 Attitude toward the Tsar

26-37 Revolution: -fear dominates

-political scene

-attitude of Canadians

-land confiscation

-landless Mennonites

37-44 German occupation

Selbstschutz

44-50 In the "German Battalion" of the White army

50-60 Conditions after the Revolution:

-contemporary comments

-fear

-economic situation

-religious life

End of Side A

Side B

00-08 Emigration: -reasons

-process

-marriage process

-feelings toward Russian people

08-10 New Economic Policy

10-16 American aid

16-24 Arrival in Canada: -divided into groups

-work

24-32 Attitude of Canadian Mennonites to them

32-45 Early years: -working for various farmers

-church

-relationship with MB's

-J.H. Janzen

45-48 Reiseschuld

48-50 Acculturation

50-52 Impact of these experiences

52-58 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of Side B

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Interview #6: Tape #6, sides A and B (101 minutes) *CD*

Interviewees: NEUFELD, Wera, born 1902, Olga, born 1904,
Alice, born 1907.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, June 2, 1976.

Place: 136 Dawson St., Waterloo, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-08 Family Background
 - Relationship with peasants
- 08-11 Attitude toward the Tsar
- 11-30 Revolution: -loss of land
 - German occupation
 - Selbstschutz
 - White army
- 30-37 Conditions after the Revolution
- 37-45 Emigration: -leaders
 - process
 - attitude
- 45-50 Arrival in Canada
- 50-53 The first years
- 53-58 Acculturation
- 58-60 Reiseschuld: A.R. Kaufman

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-03 Worship in first years
- 03-09 Attitude of Canadians
- 09-18 Church: -with MB's
 - services
- 18-25 J.H. Janzen: -"the right man"
 - in Russia
 - as playwright and author
- 25-28 Life in Russian villages
- 28-31 Adjustments in Canada
- 31-37 Survival in Russia
- 37-38 Attitudes: -political
 - toward the past
- 38-41 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of Side B

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Interview #7: Tape #7, sides A and B (100 minutes) ^{CD}

Interviewee: DICK, Jacob P., born 1905.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Thursday, June 3, 1976.

Place: 185 Marshall St., Waterloo, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-06 Biographical information
- 06-12 Emigration: -reasons
 -process
 -feelings
- 12-20 New Economic Policy: changes that resulted
- 20-25 Relationship to Russian peasants
- 25-29 Politics: -attitude toward the Tsar
 -political attitudes of Mennonites
- 29-35 Conditions after the Revolution;
 Changes in education
- 35-45 Emigration: -process
 -the trip
- 45-58 in Canada: -arrival
 -buying and working a farm
 -first impressions and feelings
- 58-60 Attitude of Kanadier

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-01 Depression
- 01-08 Immigrant church: -organization
 -J.H. Janzen
- 08-11 Education
- 11-13 Relations with MB's
- 13-18 Acculturation
- 18-22 Attitudes of Kanadier: -Selbstschutz
 -alternative service in WW II
- 22-30 Politics: -Canadian government
 -Germanism, Hitler, World War II
- 30-33 Reflection on experiences
- 33-40 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of Side B

See also the microfilm copy of the manuscript My Father, Peter J. Dick, 1873-1952 for further information.

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Interview #8: Tape #8, sides A and B (115 minutes) (2)

Interviewee: UNRUH, Cornelius, born 1902.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Monday, June 7, 1976.

Place: 208 Stanley Drive, Waterloo, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-02 Biographical information
- 02-05 Alternative service
- 05-09 Anti-German sentiments
- 09-11 Relation to peasants
- 11-14 Patriotism of Mennonites
- 14-20 Revolution: -factors in
 - Kerensky, Lenin
- 20-26 Makhno and the Selbstschutz
- 26-33 New Economic Policy: -change in conditions and attitudes
 - reversal under Stalin
- 33-37 The armies: -White army
 - Red army
- 37-42 post-Revolutionary conditions: -famine and survival
 - a miracle
- 42-46 Driving for the armies
- 46-52 Emigration: -reasons
 - leaders
 - God's hand
- 52-57 Politics: -Trotsky
 - attitude toward
- 57-60 Ingenuity under adversity

End of side A

Side B

- 00-05 Emigration and arrival in Canada
- 05-12 Relationship with Kanadier
- 12-16 Acculturation
 - Reiseschuld
- 16-23 Early years in Canada
- 23-33 Immigrant church: -with MB's
 - J.H. Janzen
 - meeting with others
- 33-39 Acculturation; relations with (Old) Mennonites
- 39-49 Reflecting on the experiences
- 49-55 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of side B

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Interview #9: Tape #10, sides A and B (74 minutes) *CD*

Interviewee: KLASSEN, Katherina, born 1885.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 1976.

Place: 468 Elizabeth St., St. Marys, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

00-01 Introduction
01-08 Biographical information
03-20 War and Revolution: -flight to Kuban
 -to Molotschna
20-27 Emigration: plans and procedure
27-34 Life in the Caucasus and Kuban
34-44 Revolution: conditions and experiences
44-49 Emigration: trip out
49-54 Early years in Canada
54-56 Reiseschuld
56-60 Impressions of Canada

End of side A

Side B

00-07 Church attendance: -the family
 -Baptist church
07-09 Reflection on experiences
09-14 Interviewer's comments and evaluation
End of side B

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Interview #10: Tape #11, sides A and B (120 minutes) (2)

Interviewees: ENNS, Herb, born in 1912

Marie, born in 1912

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 1976.

Place: 39 Dupont St. E., Waterloo, Ont.

Language: English (note restriction on Release Form)

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

00-01 Introduction
01-03 Mr. Herb Enns' family background
03-07 Impact of revolution on education
07-09 Family background of Mrs. Marie Enns
09-14 Relationship to Russians
14-18 Local government
18-20 the Tsar
20-23 Politics
23-28 Economic conditions during the Revolution
28-32 German occupation
32-36 Selbstschutz
36-45 Revolution and War
45-60 Emigration: -reasons
 -process
 -the trip out

End of side A

Side B

00-04 The trip out, cont.
04-07 Detention at Southampton
07-12 Arrival in Canada
12-20 Relations with the Kanadier
20-22 Church attendance
22-25 Education
25-36 J.H. Janzen: -progressive
 -attitude toward WW.II
 -Aeltester
 -writer
36-42 Immigrant church
42-57 Church and youth activities: -social life
 -Lutheran church
 -(Old) Mennonites
57-58 Reflecting on the experiences
58-60 Interviewer's comments

End of side B

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Interview #11: Tape #12, sides A and B (120 minutes), Part I
Tape #15, sides A and B (118 minutes), Part 2
Tape #19, side A (60 minutes), Part 3

Interviewee: FAST, Jacob C., born 1901.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Monday, June 14, 1976.

Place: 53 Menno St., Waterloo, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes) of Part I, Tape #12

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-06 Biographical information and family background
- 06-12 War and Revolution
- 12-17 German occupation; Makhno activity
- 17-24 Selbstschutz
- 24-30 Flight to Crimea: flight from the enemy
- 30-41 Economic conditions: -during the Revolution
-drought and famine
- 41-60 Military service in the peace-time army, refusal to bear arms, anti-religious activity in the army

End of side A

Side B

- 00-10 Military service, cont.
Demobilization
- 10-31 Reasons for change of attitude toward bearing arms
-experiences and ideology
- 31-36 Mennonites and the armies: Red and White
- 36-41 Relationship with surrounding villages: Lutheran and Catholic
- 41-50 Politics: -the Tsar
-Revolution of 1905
-attitude toward politics in the home
- 50-54 Father's business
- 54-60 The February Revolution

End of side B

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Interview #11, Part #2: Tape #15, sides A and B (118 minutes)

Date: Thursday, June 17, 1976.

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-04 Engagement in Russia
- 04-22 Family background of Mrs. Anna Fast, nee Rickel
 - settlement in the Samara district(see also the Family History of the Wiebe and Nickel Families for more details. Compiled by Cornelius Nickel)
- 22-34 Emigration: -the trip
 - bout with malaria
- 34-47 Arrival in Canada: -to Vineland
 - living conditions
 - reception by Mennonites
- 47-52 On the farm in Vineland
- 52-55 Marriage in the First Mennonite Church
- 55-60 Working on the farm, cont.

End of side A

Side B

- 00-06 On the farm, cont.
- 06-14 Harvesting in Saskatchewan
- 14-18 Back to Ontario and Vineland
- 18-21 Move to Kichener
- 21-23 Attitude toward factory work: J.J. Thiessen
- 23-26 Immigrant church in Waterloo
- 26-31 Acculturation, learning the language
- 31-48 Later years: -Depression
 - Mennonites in Vineland area
 - the 30's and 40's
- 48-52 Church life: -relationship with MB's
 - W-K United Mennonite Church
- 52-58 Interviewer's comments; additional material

End of side B

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Interview #11, Part #3: Tape #19, side A (60 minutes)

Date: Tuesday, July 13, 1976.

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-06 Relationship with MB's:-in Ontario
-in Russia
- 06-19 Church life in Russia
- 19-25 Church life in Canada: -immigrant churches and their
differences
-bishops J.H. Janzen and D.H. Koop
- 25-30 Contr^oversy over recalling J.H. Janzen from Vancouver
- 30-39 The Ontario United Mennonite Conference; Janzen and Koop
- 39-46 Relationship with the (Old) Mennonite Conference
- 46-48 Attitude of J.H. Janzen toward inter-Mennonite activity
- 48-51 United Mennonite Educational Institute
- 51-60 German-English language issue

End of side A

very good
- esp. Russian
additional information

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Interview #12: Tape #13, sides A and B (110 minutes)
Tape #19, side B (60 minutes)

Interviewee: KOOP, Herman, born 1898.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 1976.

Place: 35 Dunbar St. S., Waterloo, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

- 00-01 Introduction
01-07 Biographical information and family background
 -1905 Revolution
 -church life
07-12 Anti-foreign sentiments
 Germanism
12-15 Patriotism and the Tsar
15-24 Revolution: -Kerensky
 -Mensheviks and Bolsheviks
 -the October Revolution
24-32 German occupation
32-37 Service in the White army
37-41 Father: a very liberal person
41-53 Emigration: -decision to emigrate
 -process (miraculous experiences)
 -trip out
53-56 New Economic Policy
56-60 as Industrialists
End of side A
Side B
00-08 Religious life after the Revolution
 Miraculous experience and impact on faith
08-16 Emigration: -trip out
 -feelings
 -attitude toward Russians, foreigners in
 Russia
16-25 Early years in Canada: work
25-31 Acculturation: -treatment by Canadians
 -attitude of Kanadier
31-41 Church life: -with the MB's
 -organization of W-K Church
 -J.H. Janzen
41-43 Conrad Grebel College; relations with Canadian Mennonites
43-45 Reflection on experiences; hiding Jews in 1905
45-50 Interviewer's comments and evaluation; additional information
End of side B

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Interview #12, Part II: Tape #19, side B (60 minutes)

Date: July 14, 1976.

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-11 Father: -a liberal man
 - relationship with and attitude toward employees
 - as business man
- 11-24 The family farm implement production enterprise
- 24-30 Military service: -medical corps of the White army
 - inducted into the Red army
- 30-35 Under Red control: -disarmament
 - taken hostage and interrogated
- 35-40 Post-Revolutionary conditions
- 40-44 Fate of other family members
- 44-46 Education and work in early years
- 46-53 The Koop factories: -production of war materials
 - feelings about it
- 53-57 Movement of armies during the Revolution
- 57-60 Survival until emigration

End of side B

See also the family history of Mr. Koop and other lines which includes a good portion on life in Russia now on deposit on microfilm in the archives of CGC.

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Interview #13: Tape #14, sides A and B (104 minutes)

Interviewee: SCHROEDER, Woldemar, born in 1907.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 1976.

Place: 40 Cardill Cr., Waterloo, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-05 Family background
- 05-11 Revolutionary experiences
- 11-14 German occupation
- 14-20 Conditions under the bandits
- 20-24 Armies moving through
- 24-26 Education
- 26-35 Economic conditions after the Revolution
- 35-38 American aid
- 38-55 Emigration: -process
 -discussions and plans
 -medical inspection
 -the trip
- 55-60 Arrival in Canada; detention in Quebec

End of side A

Side B

- 00-05 Farming in Saskatchewan
- 05-15 Further education and teaching
- 15-20 Farming in Canada
- 20-24 Attitude of Canadians
- 24-27 Church life
- 27-32 Politics
- 32-41 Later years and move to Ontario
- 41-44 Interviewer's comments

See also the diary Tagebuch von der Reise nach Amerika, 1923
by Woldemar Schroeder

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Interview #14: Tape #16, sides A and B (77 minutes) (D)

Interviewee: TOEWS, Mrs. Maria, born in 1897.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Tuesday, June 22, 1976.

Place: 65 Bridgeport Rd. E., Waterloo, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-02 Biographical information
- 02-07 Revolutionary experiences
- 07-13 post-Revolutionary experiences
- 13-28 Survival in Canada: -starvation
 - work
 - unemployment
 - arrival and move to Ontario
- 28-32 Learning the language
- 32-45 Emigration: -process
 - the trip
 - medical inspection
 - feelings on arrival
- 45-50 Conditions in Russia: -future husband served in White army
 - harassment after the Revolution
- 50-55 Experience with the Old Mennonites
- 55-57 Conditions during early years, cont.
- 57-60 Impact of the experiences

End of side A

Side B

- 00-04 Conditions during early years, cont.
- 04-11 Church life: -organization
 - J.H. Janzen
- 11-14 Reiseschuld
- 14-17 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of side B

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Interview #15: Tape #17, sides A and B (79 minutes) ^{CD}

Interviewee: POECKER, Henry, born in 1904.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, June 23, 1976.

Place: 60 Ramblewood Way, Kitchener, Ont.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-10 Biographical information
 - Revolution: -flight from the bandits
- 10-15 Education
- 15-19 After the Revolution: -moving from place to place
- 19-21 Marriage: anecdote
- 21-23 Comments on emigration
- 23-29 Relations with Russian peasants
- 29-39 Emigration: -reasons
 - process
 - the trip
- 39-44 Arrival in Canada: -on the farm in Vineland
 - working the first years
- 44-48 Church attendance: -in Vineland
 - attitude toward Russian immigrants
- 48-56 First years, cont.: -at Vineland
 - problems with the language
- 56-60 New Hamburg: -the church of immigrants (with MB's)

End of side A

Side B

- 00-09 Church life: -J.H. Janzen
 - the small congregation at New Hamburg
- 09-11 Relationship with MB's: anecdote from Russia
- 11-15 Reiseschuld
- 15-19 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of side B

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Interview #16: Tape #18, sides A and B (113 minutes)- Part I
Tape #27, side B only (60 minutes)- Part II

Interviewee: WIEBE, David, born in 1901.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Friday, June 25, 1976.

Place: 12 Chestnut St., Kitchener, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes) of Part I, Tape #18

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-06 Biographical information
Education
- 06-18 Political indoctrination and propaganda in the Red army (1922-24)
- 18-30 Officer training in the Red army
Legal process to obtaining non-combatant status
- 30-39 Non-combatant service in a military hospital
- 39-49 Treatment by authorities in " "
eg. death and funeral of one of the Mennonite boys
- 49-58 Medical conditions
Demobilization
Relationship with the head doctor: anecdote
- 58-60 Process of own emigration

End of side A

Side B

- 00-13 Revolution: -geographic information
-the bandits
-attitude to the Tsar
-role of Germany in fostering the Revolution
- 13-18 Attitude toward the Provisional Government
- 18-26 The landless
- 26-39 German occupation: -response and attitude of Mennonites,
Russians
-conditions after departure
- 39-45 Conditions during civil war: -quartering soldiers
-the fighting
-the armies
- 45-50 Mennonites in the armies
Selbstschutz and the bandits
- 50-53 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of side B

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Interview #16, Part II: Tape #27, side B

Interviewee: WIEBE, David

Date: Friday, July 30, 1976.

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

00-01 Introduction

01-11 NEP: implementation and conditions

11-34 Emigration: -the trip out

-difficulties at the border

-refers back to the army hospital

-on the boat

34-53 Early years in Canada: -working as a farm labourer

-other jobs

53-60 Church life

End of the Interview

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Interview #17: Tape #20, side A only (60 minutes) (2)

Interviewee: BRAUN, Gerhard, born in 1897.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Thursday, July 15, 1976.

Place: Heidehof, 600 Lake St., St. Catharines, Ont., Apt.#C-110

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

00-01 Introduction
01-05 Biographical information
05-09 Sanitätsdienst in Moscow
09-12 Service in the White army
12-14 The landed Mennonites and Germans in Russia
14-16 Anti-German activities
16-22 Pacifism
The German battalion of the White army
22-26 Conversation with a Mr. Janzen from Sagradowka who was
also present
26-28 Flight out of Russia
28-32 Collapse of White army
Post-Revolutionary conditions
32-35 Early years in Canada
35-37 Conditions in Russia
37-40 Emigration: -process
-destinations
40-46 Early years in Canada
46-50 Attitude of Kanadier toward immigrants
50-57 Working on the farm and attempts at farming
57-59 Attitude toward the church
59-60 Interviewer's comments

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Interview #18: Tape #21, sides A and B (84 minutes)

Interviewees: BERGEN, Mr. and Mrs. Johann, born in 1896^{dated}-1977

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Thursday, July 15, 1976.

Place: 59 Glen Park Rd., St. Catharines, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
 - 01-04 Biographical information
 - 04-07 Emigration to Mexico
 - 07-10 Conditions in Mexico
 - 10-20 The trip to Canada and arrival in Manitoba
 - 20-35 Life in Canada: -working in Winnipeg
-settling in Ontario
-establishing a business
 - 35-39 Sanitätsdienst
Conversation
 - 39-43 Reasons for emigration
 - 43-48 Conditions after the Revolution
Conversation
Working for the Soviet; deterioration of conditions
 - 48-50 Anti-German sentiments
 - 50-52 Conscription and alternative service
 - 52-58 Revolution and anarchy
The Selbstschutz
 - 58-60 Talk of emigration begins
- End of side A

Side B

- 00-07 Mexico: -the settlement at Yrapuate
-conditions
- 07-12 The trip out of Russia; on the boat
- 12-16 Treatment as immigrants in Canada
- 16-20 General comments about leaving Russia, impact of the
experiences and acculturation
- 20-24 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of side B

See also the microfilm copy of Mrs. Bergen's diary of the trip
to Mexico on deposit in the Conrad Grebel College Archives.

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Interview #19: Tape #22, sides A and B (120 minutes), Parts I & II
Tape #20, side B (60 minutes), Part II cont.

Interviewee: GOERTZ, Henry, born in 1898.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Monday, July 19 and Tuesday July 20, 1976.

Place: Apt. #B-119, Heidehof, 600 Lake St., St. Catharines, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-07 Biographical information
- 07-09 On being a poor Mennonite
- 09-22 War and Revolution: -anti-German sentiments
-asked to join the bandits
-Selbstschutz
-Mennonites and Makhno; suffering
-Russian peasants and Makhno
- 22-25 Attitude toward Government: -the Tsar
-land liquidation
-Kerensky
- 25-27 Change in attitude toward Russia
- 27-33 Attitude of wealthy Mennonites in Russia
- 33-35 In the Selbstschutz
- 35-39 Misunderstanding of and opposition to the Selbstschutz
- 39-46 Great men and leaders: B.H. Unruh, Dr. Kytat, J.H. Janzen,
E.B. Janz, J.J. Thiessen, David Toews, Ger. Lorenz
- 46-50 Encounter with police in Kingsville, Ont. upon arrival
in Canada
- 50-54 Service in the White army
- 54-56 Fate of Bandits under the Reds
- 56-60 In the White army

End of side A

Side B

- 00-14 The chaplaincy
J.H. Janzen: -incident as a young minister
-chaplain for the "Deutsche Battalion"
-understanding and concern for his people
-principle of nonresistance
- 14-28 Escape after the collapse of the White army
-survival in Crimea
-interrogation and release
- 28-29 Interviewer's comments

End of Part I

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Part II of Interview #19; Tape #22, side B cont. and Tape #20, side B

Date: July 29, 1976

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

- 29-35 Conditions after the Revolution
- 35-50 Flight from Molotschna to the Caucasus to escape the Reds
- 50-60 Settling in Terek: -survival
 - hiding from authorities
 - efforts to escape

End of side B, Tape #22

Side B, Tape #20

- 00-08 Distinctions between rich and poor in Russia
 - Finding a wife and getting married
- 08-Work and survival until emigration: farming in Terek
- 17-44 Emigration: -preparation
 - process of obtaining papers
 - trip out of Russia, border check
 - short stay in Riga
 - feelings upon arrival in Canada
 - rich farmers who stayed behind
- 44-49 Early years in Canada
- 49-54 Attitude of Canadians toward immigrants
- 54-60 Early immigrant church
 - J.H. Janzen

End of Interview

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Interview #20: Tape #23, sides A and B (82 minutes) CD

Interviewees: ELASSEN, Maria, born 1905
Margaret

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Monday, July 19, 1976.

Place: 3 Southdale St., St. Catharines, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-05 Biographical information
- 05-32 Revolution: -chaos and anarchy
-Makhno massacre in Sagraadowka
- 32-44 Flight to Moscow, 1929: -preparations
-conditions in Moscow
-escape from authorities
- 44-51 Refugee camp in Germany: -conditions
-activities
- 51-55 Attitude toward emigration earlier in the 20's
- 55-60 Emigration to Canada: -process and procedure
-early years in Canada

End of side A

Side B

- 00-10 Early years in Canada, cont.: -work
-learning the language
- 10-12 The Mädchenheim in Winnipeg
- 12-17 Acculturation
Feelings at present
- 17-22 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of Interview

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Interview #21: Tape #24, sides A and B (96 minutes)

Interviewee: ISAAK, Nikolai

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Tuesday, July 20, 1976.

Place: 40 Grantham Ave., St. Catharines, Ont.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-08 Funeral sermon delivered by Rev. David Epp in Berdjansk at the funeral of Mr. Isaak's father. A copy of this sermon is on deposit in the archives at Conrad Grebel College.
- 08-35 Settling in Reesor, from a tape made by Mr. Isaak for his children recalling the experiences of early days in the Reesor settlement in northern Ontario. The tape is of extremely poor quality but the information fairly good. See also the book on Reesor by John Enns and the Government Report on conditions in the community on deposit in the Archives. Finally, there is also a copy of the constitution "Fuer gegenseitige Unterstuetzung in Feuersanfaellen".
- 36-52 Letter to the late Gerhard Wiens, Professor at the University of Oklahoma, an old friend of Mr. Isaak. The conversation is about their former home town in Russia and common acquaintances.

End of side A

Side B

- 00-07 Biographical information
Life in St. Petersburg
- 07-15 Revolution: -outbreak and attitude toward
-conditions during
-conditions afterwards
- 15-18 Emigration: -process and procedure
-reasons
- 18-20 Early years in Canada
- 20-28 The Reesor settlement: -purpose
-conditions
-reasons for failure
-church life
-reflections on this endeavour
- 28-36 Interviewer's comments and evaluation; additional materials
- End of Interview

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Interview #22: Tape #25, sides A and B (93 minutes)

Interviewees: HUEBERT, Henry, born 1898

Clara, born 1908

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Monday, July 26, 1976.

Place: 35 Tecumseh St., St. Catharines, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-05 Biographical information
- 05-09 21 close relatives murdered in Steinbach
- 09-16 Emigration: flight through Poland into Germany in 1922
- 16-19 Out-break of WW I: -pro-German sentiments
-relationship with Russians
- 19-24 Feelings toward the Tsar; economic conditions; sufferings
- 24-33 Service in the White army
Subsequent arrest and imprisonment
- 33-39 Emigration in 1923
- 39-49 Lechfeld refugee camp
- 49-53 Process of emigration
- 53-60 Early days in Canada: -working and paying Heiseschuld
-treatment among Mennonites in Man.

End of side A

Side B

- 00-10 Early days in Canada cont.: -working as a domestic
-attempts at farming
-learning the language
- 10-14 Church life
- 14-18 Moved to Ontario
- 18-27 Residence in Germany, 1939-49; conditions during the War
- 27-29 Return to Canada
- 29-33 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

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Interview #24: Tape #27, side A only (57 minutes)

Interviewee: STEINGART, Frank, born in 1896.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Monday, July 26, 1976.

Place: 9 Linwood Ave., St. Catharines, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-04 Biographical information
- 04-16 War and Revolution: -impact of outbreak of war
-revolutionary conditions
-incident of confrontation with Reds
as a village official
-German occupation
-Mennonite response to Revolution
- 16-20 Selbstschutz
- 20-32 Service as village official under the Red administration
-several incidents of confrontation with authorities
to protect the seed grain
- 32-36 Illustration of the lack of charity of the Mennonites
- 36-44 Emigration: -securing private passports
- 44-47 Early years in Canada
- 47-51 Collecting Reiseschuld
- 51-53 The Depression
- 53-56 Later years: move to Ontario
- 56-57 Further information

End of the Interview

See also the brief autobiography on deposit on microfilm in the
CGC Archives

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Interview #25: Tape #28, sides A and B (120 minutes) ^{CD}

Interviewee: WALL, Abram A., born in 1902.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Tuesday, July 27, 1976.

Place: 72 Rockdale Dr., St. Catharines, Ont.

Language: English and German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
 - 01-15 Biographical information
 - 15-18 Conditions under a young Mennonite serving as chairman of
the local administration
 - 18-24 Mobilization into the Soviet administration; anti-religious
sentiments
Emigration
 - 24-28 Arrival in Canada
 - 28-39 Factors in leaving Russia: -importance of the land
-freedom of religion
-feelings toward Russia
 - 39-47 Attitude toward the Tsar and the effect of his demise
 - 47-52 The fatal error: differential treatment of colonists and
Russians by the Government
 - 52-58 The plight of poor Russians and the reform movement on their
behalf
 - 58-60 NEP
- End of side A

Side B

- 00-05 NEP cont.
- 05-08 Differences between Russians and colonists in education
- 08-12 Changes in local government
- 12-18 The language problem
- 18-23 B.B. Janz
- 23-26 Member of Canadian Mennonite Board of Relief and Immigration
- 26-33 Attitude toward immigrants in the 20's
- 33-37 Work on the Immigration Board
- 37-44 Learning the language
- 44-52 Canadian politics; government response to immigration needs
- 52-60 Settlement lands and farms in Alberta
Church life and organization of immigrants in Alberta

End of Interview

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Interview #26: Tape #29, sides A and B (102 minutes) (2)

Interviewee: WICHERT, Johann J., born in 1897.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, August 4, 1976.

Place: Rittenhouse Road, Vineland, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-11 Biographical information
- 11-18 Educational system: -changes during the Revolution
 - the teacher
 - authority of the teacher
- 18-21 Outbreak of war
- 21-26 Outbreak of Revolution: -attitude toward the Tsar
 - conditions during and after
- 26-28 Selbstschutz
- 28-31 Canadian Government immigration policy
- 31-36 Emigration: -process
 - leaders
- 36-39 Arrival in Canada
- 39-45 Beginnings of the Vineland congregation
- 45-47 Worship with the (Old) Mennonites
- 47-51 Elected elder; early years of the Vineland congregation cont.
- 51-55 Relationship with the MB's
- 55-58 J.H. Janzen

End of side A

Side B

- 00-08 The Ontario Conference: -origins in the 40's
 - Prediger Konferenz, 1929 and on
- 08-13 Churches: -beginnings of the Ottawa church
 - the Port Rowan congregation
- 13-36 Service as minister to refugees in Europe after WW II, 1947-48
- 36-42 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of the Interview

See also the history of the Vineland church published on its Silver anniversary entitled 25 Jahre, Vineland Vereinigte Mennoniten Gemeinde 1936-1961.

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Interview #27: Tape #30, side ^A only (58 minutes) CD

Interviewee: HEINRICH, Abram H., born in 1902

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, August 4, 1976.

Place: Creech Road, Box 22, Virgil, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-09 Biographical information
- 09-22 Revolution: -outbreak
 - land liquidation
 - conditions
- 22-25 Post-Revolutionary conditions: -American Relief
 - NEP
- 25-35 Emigration: -the movement begins
 - process
 - the trip
- 35-45 Early years in Canada: -arrival
 - moving about looking for work
 - from one job to another
- 45-55 Acculturation, reception, finding work and working conditions during those times generally
- 55-58 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of the Interview

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Interview #28: Tape #31, sides A and B (120 minutes)

Interviewee: FEHDERAU, Nickolas J., born in 1904.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Friday, August 6, 1976.

Place: 64 Donald St., Kitchener, Ontario

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-08 Biographical information
- 08-18 Revolution: -outbreak and conditions
 -progress of the Revolution
- 18-28 Land confiscation
 Catherine the Great and Mennonite settlement in Russia
 Land confiscation, reaction to and impact of
- 28-33 The Tsar and his agricultural policies
- 33-40 The course of the war; anti-Germanism
- 40-44 German occupation of the Ukraine
- 44-59 Conditions after their departure:
 - "reign of terror" by the bandits
 - Selbstschutz formed
 - collapse of defences and occupation by troops of anarchists

End of side A

Side B

- 00-11 Revolution and Civil War: -movement of the armies
 -defeat of the White army
- 11-27 Post-Revolutionary conditions: -religious
 -economic
 -arrival of relief
 -NEP
 -illustration of inflation
- 27-36 Emigration: -process and procedure
 -reasons
- 36-44 Early years in Canada: -reception
 -work
 -attitude toward immigrants
- 44-53 Church life: -organization of early immigrant church
 -relationship between GC's and MB's
- 53-57 Adjustment to Canadian life: learning the language
- 57-60 Interviewer's comments and evaluation, additional information

End of the Interview

See also the microfilm copy of Mr. Fehderau's memoirs entitled
Skizzen aus Meinem Leben in Russland, 1904-24. on deposit in the
Archives.

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Interview #29: Tape #32, sides A and B (88 minutes)
Interviewee: DICK, Abram, born in 1896.
Interviewer: Henry Paetkau
Date: Monday, August 9, 1976.
Place: 99 Brentwood Ave., Kitchener, Ont.
Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

00-01 Introduction
01-10 Biographical information
10-15 German occupation
Selbstschutz
15-17 Working for the Reds
17-21 Famine
21-24 Biographical information
24-27 The Tsar: -feelings toward
-land confiscation
27-30 Russian peasants; wealthy land owners
30-34 NEP
34-38 Emigration: procedure
38-42 Post-Revolutionary biographical details
42-53 Emigration: -leaders
-process
-the trip
53-60 In Canada: -arrival and reception
-finding work (up to present)

End of side A

Side B

00-03 Learning the language
03-09 Church life in Canada and Russia
GC's and MB's
09-19 Depression: -work
-repaying Reiseschuld
19-22 Later years
22-25 Reflection on experiences
25-28 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of the Interview

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Interview #30: Tape #33, sides A and B (108 minutes)

Interviewee: REMPEL, Henry P. born in 1907.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Tuesday, August 10, 1976.

Place: 274 Stirling Ave. N., Kitchener, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-05 Biographical information
- 05-08 War, Revolution and Makhno
- 08-14 Post-Revolutionary conditions: -famine
-disease
- 14-25 Education: -conditions
-changes
- 25-32 German occupation
Patriotism and the Tsar
- 32-39 Civil war: -conditions
-impact
- 39-42 Selbstschutz
- 42-45 Church life during the civil war
- 45-60 Emigration: -process and procedure
-leaders
-the trip out
-feelings

End of side A

Side B

- 00-04 Emigration, cont.: the trip
- 04-10 Early years in Canada: -working
-learning the language
- 10-20 First impressions of and adjustments to Canadian life: personal experiences
- 20-27 Move to Ontario
The Depression
- 27-37 Getting established in business
- 37-45 Church life
Relationship with GC's
- 45-48 Interviewer's comments and evaluation; additional information

End of the Interview

See also the microfilm copy of the manuscript entitled The Story of My Life by Henry P. Rempel on deposit in the Archives of CGC.

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Interview #31: ^{CP} Tape #30, side B only (58 minutes)
Tape #34, sides A and B (51 minutes) ^{CP}

Interviewee: TIESSEN, Henry, born in 1905.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, August 11, 1976.

Place: 291 Weber St. E., Kitchener, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #30, side B

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-14 Biographical sketch
- 14-22 Outbreak of war with Germany: impact
- 22-31 Treatment of workers
Makhno
- 31-33 Verband der Bürger Holländischer Herkunft
- 33-36 The Tsarist regime
- 36-42 Attitude toward the Revolution
Government
- 42-46 Service as assistant to the presiding officer in Ladekopp
- 46-48 Ambition to become mechanical engineer
- 48-56 Improvement in conditions after the famine; impact on
attitude toward emigration
- 56-58 Situation of relatives in Russia now

End of side B

Tape #34, side A

- 00-04 Emigration: trip out of Russia
- 04-08 Arrival in Canada: reception and work
- 08-11 Distinctions between landed and landless in Russia
- 11-14 Treatment of immigrants in Canada
- 14-17 Teaching at Reesor
- 17-21 Early years in Canada: -working
-becoming a teacher
- 21-26 Teaching
- 26-30 The Depression

End of side A

Side B

- 00-12 Church life: -in Reesor and later
-relationship between denominations in Ontario
and in Russia
- 12-16 Contemporary religious situation in Russia
- 16-21 Interviewer's comments and evaluation; additional information

End of side B

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Interview #32: Tape # 35, sides A and B (60 minutes) CPA

Tape #36, side A only (29 minutes) CPA

Interviewee: KLASSEN, Jacob J., born in 1910.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, August 11, 1976.

Place: 66 Monroe St., Kitchener, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #35, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-05 Biographical information
- 05-14 Revolution: -bandits and troops moving through
 - impact
 - conditions
- 14-17 German occupation
- 17-19 The Tsar
- 19-20 Education
- 20-30 Post-Revolutionary conditions: -famine
 - relief

End of side A

Side B

- 00-13 Emigration: -preparations
 - feelings
 - the trip
- 13-18 Arrival in Canada: on to the farm
- 18-25 Early years in Canada
- 25-30 Farming in Manitoba

End of side B

Tape #36, side A

- 00-10 Church life: -in Manitoba (with the Old Colony Mennonites)
 - with the GC's in New Hamburg
- 10-21 The Depression
- 21-26 Later years
- 26-29 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of the Interview

very good
- info. Russia

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Interview #33, Part I: Tape #37, sides A and B (62 minutes) ^{CD}
Tape #38, side A only (30 minutes) ^{CD}

Interviewee: HIEBERT, Henry, born in 1896.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Friday, August 13, 1976.

Place: 37 Jackson Ave., Kitchener, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #37, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-10 Life on the estate
- 10-18 Service in the Russian army, 1915-17
- 18-22 German occupation of the Ukraine
- 22-24 In the Selbstschutz
- 24-31 The White army: -offensive against the Reds
-defeat

End of side A

Side B

- 00-08 White army, cont.: -Wrangel
-building an armoured car destroyer
-collapse
-attitude toward Mennonites
- 08-12 In the Russian army (during WW I again)
- 12-15 Attitude toward the Tsar
- 15-18 Relationship with the Russian peasants
- 18-26 Revolution and anarchy: -under Makhno
-under the Red army
- 26-31 Service in the Soviet administration, 1921-23
-duties as secretary
-taxation policy

End of side B

Tape #38, side A

- 00-08 Progress and development under the Mennonites in the Ukraine
- 08-13 Post-Revolutionary conditions; present conditions
- 13-15 NEP: the chance to emigrate
- 15-25 Emigration: -process and procedure
-the trip
- 25-30 Arrival in Canada: reception in Waterloo

End of side A

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Interview #33, Part II: Tape #46, side B only (31 minutes) *CD*

Tape #54, side A only (19 minutes) *CA*

Interviewee: HIEBERT, Henry, born in 1896.

Date: Friday, August 27, 1976.

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #46, side B

00-01 Introduction

01-19 Early years in Canada: -reception and adjustments
-working on the farm, various experiences
-as a machinist

19-23 Attitude toward immigrants
Learning the language

23-26 Politics

26-28 Conditions re: immigration

28-31 Church life: immigrant church

End of side B

Tape #54, side A

00-06 Church life in Russia

06-14 The Depression: hard times in Canada (and earlier in Russia)

14-19 Interviewer's comments and evaluation; additional information

End of the Interview

See also the microfilm copy of the manuscript Recollections of my Life in Russia by Henry Hiebert on deposit in the archives of CGC.

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Interview #34: Tape #39, sides A and B (61 minutes) ^{CA}

Tape #36, side B only (14 minutes) ^{CA}

Interviewee: KLASSEN, Dietrich, born in 1901.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Monday, August 16, 1976.

Place: 30 Maurice St., Kitchener, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #39, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-07 Biographical sketch
- 07-23 Service in the peacetime Red army, 1922-24:
 - political instruction
 - life and conditions at the hospital
- 23-26 WW I
- 26-31 The Tsarist regime and the Russian people

End of side A

Side B

- 00-04 German occupation
 - Economic conditions during the Revolution
- 04-07 Flight to Moscow: general conditions and reasons
- 07-09 NEP
- 09-11 Conditions under the collectives
- 11-19 Conditions in Moscow, 1929
- 19-21 Trip to Germany
- 21-30 Conditions in the Müln refugee camp

End of side B

Tape #36, side B

- 00-06 In Canada: -adjustments and reception
 - working on the farm
- 06-08 Conversation
- 08-09 Church life
- 09-10 Selbstschutz
- 10-14 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of the Interview

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Interview #35: Tape #40, sides A and B (61 minutes) (2)

Tape #41, sides A and B (60 minutes) (2)

Interviewee: REIMER, Henry J., born in 1899.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, August 18, 1976.

Place: 27 Randerson Ave., Kitchener, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #40, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-06 Biographical information
- 06-09 Outbreak of WW I: conditions
- 09-16 Revolution: -outbreak
 -German occupation
- 16-30 Selbstschutz: -formation and drills
 -fighting the Makhno
 -the battle at Blumental against the Reds
 and the bandits

End of side A

Side B

- 00-12 Comment
 The battle of Blumental, cont.
 Peace with the Reds and disarmament
- 12-14 Post-Revolutionary conditions
- 14-28 White army: -mobilization under Wrangel
 -the battle
 -fall and collapse
- 28-31 Famine

End of side B

Tape #41, side A

- 00-07 Famine, cont.
 Relief
- 07-10 Land confiscation and division
 NEP
- 10-20 Emigration: -process and procedure
 -the trip
- 20-24 Arrival in Canada: -reception
 -work
- 24-30 Early years
 A comment

End of side A

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Interview #35: Tape #41, side B

00-01 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

01-11 Church life: -early immigrant church
-relationship between conferences in Ontario
and in Russia

11-14 Adjustments to Canadian life: -the language
-attitude toward immigrants

14-18 The Depression

18-26 Early years: -working in the lumber camp
-meeting with other immigrants

26-30 Selbstschutz again: -"Not that God condoned it but he
protected it."
-attitude toward it

End of the Interview

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Interview #36: Tape #42, sides A and B (61 minutes) ^{CD}
Tape #43, side A only (30 minutes) ^{CD}

Interviewee: REIMER, Mrs. Gertruda, born in 1884.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Wednesday, August 18, 1976

Place: 51 Brick St., Kitchener, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #42, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-04 Biographical information
- 04-10 Settlement in Ufa (Davlekanovo)
- 10-20 The flight south, 1921: -the journey
-difficulties getting permission
- 20-25 Survival in south Russia: -American aid
-in Rückenau and Tiege
- 25-31 Early years in Canada: -reception in Winnipeg
-working
-repaying Reiseschuld

End of side A

Side B

- 00-04 Conditions among refugees fleeing south (at Stalingrad)
- 04-11 Outbreak of war and Revolution: -conditions
-attacks by bandits
- 11-13 Attitude toward the Tsar
- 13-22 Emigration: -process of obtaining passports
-the trip
- 22-30 Relationship with the Russians (Tartars)
Life on the estate
Incidents of Tartar attacks

End of side B

Tape #43, side A

- 00-09 Incidents, cont.
- 09-14 Reception in Winnipeg: -work
-family situation
- 14-16 Move to Ontario and work on the farms, 1930
- 16-24 Death of her husband of pneumonia in 1931
- 24-27 The Depression and repaying the Reiseschuld
Later years
- 27-30 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of the Interview

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Interview #37: Tape #44, sides A and B (60 minutes) ^{CA}
Tape #43, side B only (16 minutes) ^{CA}

Interviewee: MATHIES, John, born in 1904

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Thursday, August 19, 1976.

Place: 645 Weber St. E., Kitchener, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #44, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-12 Revolution: -conditions
 - murder by the bandits
 - move from the estate to the colony
- 12-16 The Russian people: -their life
 - treatment
- 16-19 The Tsar: -policies
 - land liquidation
- 19-21 Conversation: books (Miracles of Grace and Judgement)
- 21-24 Famine
- 24-27 Contemporary situation: Russian Baptist Delegation to Canada, etc.
- 27-30 Church life after the Revolution
 - Bandits

End of side A

Side B

- 00-04 Teaching after the Revolution
- 04-08 Emigration: -process and procedure
 - the trip
- 08-17 In Canada: -reception
 - work
 - learning the language
- 17-23 In Vineland: Church life
- 23-30 New Hamburg: -conditions
 - Church life (MB's and GC's together)

End of side B

Tape #43, side B

- 00-04 J.H. Janzen
- 04-08 Adjustments to Canadian life
- 08-13 The Depression: -conditions
 - attitudes
- 13-16 Interviewee's comments and evaluation

End of the Interview

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Interview #38: Tape #45, sides A and B (59 minutes) (2)
Tape #46, side A only (28 minutes) (2)

Interviewee: KLASSEN, Abram P., born in 1893

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Monday, August 23, 1976.

Place: 47 Dupont St. E., Waterloo, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #45, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-05 Biographical information
- 05-11 Outbreak of WW I: -conditions and treatment in Germany
-work
- 11-22 Internment as an enemy alien in Germany:
-conditions and treatment
-activities
- 22-27 Post-war work in a military hospital in Germany
- 27-31 Return to Russia

End of side A

Side B

- 00-03 Return to Russia cont.
- 03-08 Conditions in Russia (Revolutionary)
- 08-15 Confrontation with bandits
- 15-18 Post-Revolutionary conditions
- 18-22 Emigration: process and procedure
- 22-28 Looking for work in Canada
Later years and family; talks about his faith

End of side B

Tape #46, side A

- 00-06 Immigrant church: -with the MB's
-JH Janzen (and other ministers)
- 06-10 Organization of the Waterloo congregation
- 10-13 Other congregations
- 13-20 Expansion of George Street (W-K U M Church)
Ministers at George Street
- 20-25 J.H. Jazen as writer
- 25-28 Interviewer's comments and evaluation

End of the Interview

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Interview #39: Tape #47, sides A and B (61 minutes) ^{CD}
Tape #48, sides A and B (62 minutes) ^{CD}

Interviewee: REGIER, Abram P., born in 1895

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Tuesday, August 24, 1976

Place: 1 Pine St., Virgil, Ont.

Language: English (some German)

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #47, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-08 Biographical information
- 08-13 Outbreak of WW I: conditions and treatment
Attitude toward the Tsar
- 13-18 Relationship with Russians: churches and schools built for
them
- 18-29 Land confiscation and anti-German sentiments
VBHH: formation and meetings (eg. use of Russian lang.)
Other organizations
- 29-30 Revolution

End of side A

Side B

- 00-06 Revolution, cont.: personal involvement and response
- 06-09 Service in the military during the war
- 09-16 Experiences in the Sanitätsdienst
- 16-19 Local administration during the Revolution.
- 19-25 Selbstschutz: -organization
-action
- 25-31 Post-Revolutionary conditions and activities

End of side B

Tape #48, side A

- 00-05 Post-Revolutionary activities cont.
- 05-09 VBHH
- 09-18 Emigration: -efforts begin
-meetings
- 18-22 -process and procedure
- 22-31 -the trip

End of side A

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Interview #39, Tape #48, side B

- 00-05 The trip cont.
 - 05-10 Arrival in Canada
 - 10-18 Arrival in Acme, Alberta; work on the farm
 - 18-20 Collecting Reiseschuld
 - 20-22 Other work
 - 22-24 Church life
 - 24-29 Adjustments and learning the language
Working on farms
 - 29-31 Interviewer's comments and evaluation; additional information
- End of the Interview

not in Canada

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Interview #10: Tape #49, sides A and B (61 minutes) (C)
Tape #50, sides A and B (56 minutes) (C)

Interviewee: FRANSEN, Nick, born in 1907

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Tuesday, August 24, 1976

Place: R.R.#3, St. Catharines, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #49, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
 - 01-05 Biographical information
 - 05-14 Post-Revolutionary conditions: -famine
 - 14-16 -American aid
 - 16-19 -famine, cont.
 - 19-23 War years
 - 23-27 Fall of the Tsar and Revolution
Bandits
 - 27-30 German occupation and Selbstschutz
- End of side A

Side B

- 00-04 Emigration: reasons
 - 04-09 Local administration under the Soviets
NEP
 - 09-21 Emigration: -process and procedure
-the trip and detention in Riga
 - 21-29 Early years in Canada
 - 29-31 Reception of immigrants
- End of side B

Tape #50, side A

- 00-04 Relationship with (Old) Mennonites
Early immigrant church in Vineland
- 04-11 Relationship with the MB's: -in Ontario
-in Russia
-in Kitchener
- 11-18 Vineland congregation organized
- 18-23 Ontario Conference
Prediger Konferenz
- 23-31 J.H. Janzen: -as Aeltester
-as writer

End of side A

Interview #40, Tape #50, side B

00-03 J.H. Janzen: -writer, cont.
 -as educator

03-11 Language question
 Acculturation and patriotism (Canada)

11-13 Sunday School Conference (with the MB's)

13-16 Churches and Bishops

16-21 The Depression: -work
 -economic conditions

21-25 Interviewer's comments and evaluation; additional information

End of the Interview

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Interview #41: Tape #51, sides A and B (56 minutes) (D)

Interviewee: FNNS, Gerhard J., born in 1885

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Tuesday, August 24, 1976

Place: #14 Tabor Manor, 1 Tabor Dr., St. Catharines, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-06 Biographical information
- 06-09 Outbreak of war: feelings
- 09-15 Outbreak of Revolution
Service as Sanit ter
- 15-23 Revolution: various experiences and incidents
- 23-25 Famine
- 25-28 Emigration: process
- 28-31 On the estate; the Russian people; local government after
the Revolution

End of side A

Side B

- 00-03 Emigration: the trip
- 03-05 Arrival in Canada
- 05-11 Immigrant church
Organization of Kitchener MB congregation
- 11-15 Work and the Depression
- 15-19 Attitude of Canadians; politics
Acculturation
- 19-21 Reflection on experiences
- 21-25 Interviewer's comments and evaluation; additional information

End of the Interview

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Interview #42: Tape #52, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Tape #53, sides A and B (62 minutes)

Interviewee: DUECK, Henry, born in 1902.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Thursday, August 26, 1976.

Place: Lounge of the W-K United Mennonite Church

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #52, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-07 Biographical information
Conditions in 1929
- 07-15 Farming: -estate in Siberia
-in the Crimea (wine and many vineyards)
- 15-19 Outbreak of war
the Tsarist regime
- 19-25 Totalitarian rule in Russia
Anti-Germanism
- 25-30 Post-Revolutionary conditions and activities

End of side A

Side B

- 00-03 Loss of land in Siberia
- 03-06 German occupation
- 06-10 Bandits and the Selbstschutz
- 10-17 In the White army
- 17-21 Post-Revolutionary experiences
- 21-29 Famine: -clandestine threshing operation
- 29-30 -hiding grain from the authorities

End of side B

Tape #53, side A

- 00-04 Famine, cont.
NEP
- 04-10 Emigration: -early movements
-trip to Moscow, spring 1929
- 10-18 -flight to Moscow, fall 1929
-arrest
- 18-31 -escape
-return to Moscow and efforts to emigrate

End of side A

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Interview #42, Tape #53, side B

00-13 Emigration process, cont.: -securing documents
-obtaining permission
-the trip out of Russia
13-23
23-27 Reception in Germany
Conditions
27-30 Immigration to Canada
30-31 Comment by Interviewer
End of the Interview

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Interview #43, Part I: Tape #54, sides A and B (60 minutes) ^{CP}

Tape #55, side A only (30 minutes) ^{CP}

Interviewees: REMPEL, J. J., born in 1836

Elizabeth, born in 1895

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: April 25, 1978

Place: #115 Pleasant Manor Apts., Virgil, Ontario

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #54, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-10 Biographical information
- 10-12 In the Russian army during W. W. I
- 12-22 Experiences at the hands of bandits
- 22-25 The German occupation of the Ukraine
- 25-30 Bitter hardships of the pre-emigration years

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-04 The civil war
- 04-10 Arrangements for emigration: -the Studiencommission
-B. B. Janz
-as leader of emigrant group
- 10-11 Emigration to Kitchener
- 11-14 About Mr. Shantz, their first Canadian host
- 14-17 Move to Manitoba
- 17-21 Mr. Rempel as Vertreter in Grunthal
- 21-26 Farming in Grunthal
- 26-29 About the Sommerfelder

End of Side B

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Part I of Interview #43 concl.; Tape #55, Side A

Date: April 25, 1978.

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

00-01 Memories of farm in Grunthal
01-04 Move to Ontario; working in cannery
04-16 The nature of Russians: -Hungersnot
 -experience with bandits
 -characterization: song, theft, and faithfulness
16-20 On Czechoslovakians; on the role of bandits in civil war
20-23 Thoughts on Russian Jews
23-28 Help from American Mennonites during Hungersnot
28-30 Blank

Part II of Interview #43: ^{CP} Tape #55, Side B and Tape #64, Side A
Tape #55, Side B

00-14 As leader in Verband: -in Tiege
 -B. B. Janz in Kharkov
 -internal opposition to emmigration efforts
 -Philip Cornies
 -experiences in arranging emmigration
14-16 Emmigration; help received
16-20 Memories of Irwin Shantz
20-28 Working for Colonization Board: -collecting Reiseschuld
 -buying cattle
28-30 About Tiegenhof
End of Side B

Tape #64, Side A

00-02 Industry and farming in Tiegenhof
02-05 The factions in the civil war
05-08 Story of the "funf Leichen" (murdered Thiessen family)
08-10 The Depression in Canada
10-17 Feeling of connection to Germany; to Russia
17-19 Feelings on coming to Canada
19-21 Ties to German culture in Canada
21-24 Learning English
24-26 Biographical information on Mrs. Rempel
26-30 Becoming Canadian citizens; feeling about Canada

End of Interview

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Interview #44, part I: Tape #56, side A and part side B (51 minutes)

Interviewee: HAMM, David, born in 1898.

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: April 25, 1978

Place: #118-D Heidehof, 600 Lake St., St. Catherines

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #56, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-05 Biographical information

05-07 War; feelings toward czar; Germany

07-09 Start of the revolution

09-13 Feelings about Kerensky; events of the war

13-18 About Makhno's deeds

18-24 In the White army: -terror of bandits convinces him to join
-in artillery
-manoeuvres

24-26 More experiences with bandits

26-30 Taken Prisoner by Reds

End of side A

Side B

00-05 Experiences as prisoner of the Red army

05-12 In the Red army: -poses as deserter to save his life
-signs up as volunteer in Red army to avoid detention
-on leave

12-18 Walks home; illness

18-19 Recaptured by Red army

19-21 As bookkeeper in the Red army

End of part I

Part II of interview #44; Tape #56 side B cont. and Tape #66, side A and side B

Date: May 10, 1978

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #56, side B cont.

- 21-22 Introduction
- 22-23 Getting a job in the Red army as bookkeeper
- 23-26 In the Red army on the Polish front
- 26-28 Hospital inmates killed by bandits
- 28-30 Leaving the army

End of Tape #56, side B

Tape #66, side A

- 00-02 Coming home from the army; ravages of war
- 02-10 Experience with post-civil war police
- 10-11 Obtains official release from army
- 11-13 Marriage to Maria Funk in 1923
- 13-17 In the Communist civil service: -attempts to use Mr. Hamm as spy
-in co-operative
- 17-20 On inflation
- 20-21 The abruptness of change under Russian Government
- 21-30 In the civil service: -as bookkeeper in formerly Mennonite-owned factories
-his brother Henry in civil service
-lack of trust between Communists

End of side A

Side B

- 00-04 Refuses to spy on fellow workers; given ultimatum
- 04-13 Emmigration: -borrows money to pay for passes
-via Riga, London, Liverpool
-crossed on Montrose; land in Halifax on 11th of Jan., 1929
-to brother's place in Windsor
- 13-16 Moves to Hanover; works for 14 years hand-sanding mouldings
- 16-18 Move to St. Catherines
- 18-24 Paying Reiseschuld
- 24-26 Working during the Depression
- 26-28 Helping post-war emmigrees
- 28-29 Eating habits
- 29-30 Blank

End of Interview

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Interview #45: Tape #57, sides A and B (60 minutes) ^{CA}
Tape #58, sides A and B (39 minutes) ^{CB}

Interviewee: WEIER, John, born in 1909.
Susan, born in 1909.

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 1978.

Place: #215 Pleasant Manor, Virgil, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #57, side A

- 00-02 Introduction
- 02-08 Biographical information
- 08-10 War; influence of German culture on Mennonites
- 10-17 Selbstschutz: -organization
-method of defense
-role of German soldiers
-difference between Red army and Makhno
- 17-25 Famine: -food wasted by roving bands
-self-rationing of food
-help from abroad
-distribution of food sent by Mennonite relief organizations
- 25-30 Preparation for emmigration: -role of leaders
-land division by Bolsheviks

End of side A

Side B

- 00-03 Sale of farm
- 03-13 Emigration: -train to Moscow
-through the Red Door
-to Quebec via England
- 13-17 Arrival in Canada: -feelings on arrival
-first winter in Canada
- 17-22 Settling in Manitoba
- 22-23 Reiseschuld
- 23-25 Problems with the English Language
- 25-28 Mennonite settlement of Lena, Manitoba
- 28-30 Establishing the church

End of side B

Tape #58, side A

- 00-12 The depression years
- 12-15 Move to Niverville
- 15-16 Lay minister in Niverville
- 16-17 Buying a farm in Virgil, Ont.
- 17-21 Contact with Mennonites still in Russia
- 21-22 Biographical information, Mrs. Weier
- 22-26 On Makhno's terror
- 26-28 Emigrated from Russia in 1925
- 28-30 Reflections on Russia; Canada

End of side A

Side B

- 00-07 Depression Memories
- 07-09 Interviewer's comments
- End of tape.

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Interview #46: Tape #59, sides A and B (60 minutes), Part I
Tape #64, side B, and Tape #65, side A and part side B (76 minutes),
Part II

Interviewee: ENNS, Jacob, born in 1898.

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Dates: April 25, 1978, and May 9, 1978.

Place: Creek Rd., Virgil (Box 123), Ont.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #59, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-06 Biographical information
- 06-08 Russian soldiers receive free supplies from his boss
- 08-12 As Sanitaeter: -volunteered for extra salary
-in bunkers against German air attack
-on trains for wounded
- 12-14 On leave in Kharkov
- 14-17 Bribes his way out of army; black market dealings
- 17-19 Acts of sabotage during the civil war
- 19-25 In Moscow in Oct. 1917: -smuggling flour into Moscow during Revolution
-bloodbath in Moscow; mass grave
- 25-29 Fleeing from bandits
- 29-30 On mission to get seed

End of side A

Side B

- 00-03 In the Selbstschutz
- 03-10 Service in the White army: -in the 7th Division under Gen. Thiele
-training; as machine gunner
-fighting with the White army
-Mennonites who were wounded in service
- 10-15 On leave; flight to Schoenau
- 15-20 White army returns: -from Crimea
-Deniken, Wrangel
-English interests in the White army
- 20-30 Emigration: -start of emmigration
-decision to leave
-difficulties in obtaining papers

End of Part I

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Part II of Interview #46: Tape #64, side B, and Tape 65, sides A and B

Date: May 9, 1978.

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #64, side B

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-04 Illness prevents May 5, 1929 emmigration
- 04-17 Working in Soviet co-operative: -elected to co-op
 - co-op moves to Melitopol
 - method of operation
 - buying and selling goods
- 17-19 "I have German blood but a Russian soul"
- 19-30 Working towards emmigration: -papers brought in order
 - Jacob Doerksen, Communist, arranges papers
 - more difficulties with papers
 - attempts to bribe official
 - auction sale
 - to Memrik

End Side B

Tape #65, side A

- 00-13 Final preparations for emmigration: -Jan. 1, 1930, Mennonites forbidden to go
 - German consulate arranges permission
 - further complications
 - borrows money for trip
- 13-30 Emmigration: -to Moscow for visas and tickets
 - train to Riga; loses baggage
 - to Hammerstein
 - has pneumonia at Hammerstein; stays until May 12, 1930
 - McKenzie King
 - Benjamin Unruh: known as Father Unruh

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-13 In Brazil: -given 22 Ha. of land
 - as cobbler; cutting ebony
 - fighting communism
 - prefers Brazil to Canada
- 13-14 Comes to Canada; to Leamington
- 14-15 Black market in Russia
- 15-16 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #47: Tape #60, sides A and B (60 minutes) *CD*
Tape #61, sides A and B (41 minutes) *CD*

Interviewee: TOEWS, Gerhard, born in 1897.

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 1978.

Place: 74 Louisa St., St. Catherines, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #60, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-03 Biographical information
- 03-12 Before the Revolution: -Communist minority in Dumas
-Mennonite patriotism before the war
-rise in strength of robber bands
-change in loyalty of German-speaking people
- 12-21 War and Revolution: -Kerensky and the provisional government
-Lenin's plan for civil war and terror
-political ignorance of Mennonites
-German-Ukranian peace
-land appropriation
- 21-29 Civil war: -education interrupted
-mismanagement of Collectives
-decision by Mennonites to defend themselves
-anarchism of Makhno in 1905
-Ukranian government
-White army: -beginning of White army
-the draft
-non-combatant status of Mennonites

29-30 Blank

End of side A

Side B

- 00-01 Blank
- 01-06 White army: -insufficient support by France and England
-retreat to Crimea
-disbanded in Crimea, 1920
- 06-07 Red promise of freedom after civil war
- 07-08 Murderous Red regiment in Crimea
- 08-10 Dispersion of the White army
- 10-12 Help for refugees from M.C.C.: Orrie Miller, Schlaeger, and Stolfuss
- 12-15 Emigration begins: -Mennozentrums and Studienkommission
- 15-17 Year as refugee in Baltic states and Germany
- 17-21 Medical inspection and Lechfeld
- 21-25 Fate of White army and its leaders
- 25-30 As group leader in Canada: duties and responsibilities

End of side B

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Interview #47 concluded: Tape #61, sides A and B

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-03 School system of Russizn Mennonites
- 03-05 Origin of Low German in Friesland
- 05-10 Experience in the White army: -military training in school
-service in the cavalry
-provisioning the army
- 10-12 German army and Selbstschutz
- 12-14 As refugee: aid from M.C.C.
- 14-17 In Saskatchewan: relationship to Kanadier
- 17-19 Marriage to Elias and origin of unusual Mennonite surnames
- 19-21 Appropriation and distribution of property by Bolsheviks
- 21-25 Move to Germany 1939: -severity of Canadian depression
-service in the German army on the Russian front
- 25-26 Return to Canada in 1951
- 26-29 Hitler's mistakes
- 29-30 Blank

End of side A

Side B

- 00-01 Blank
- 01-03 Authorship: -Schoenfeld, Heimat in Truemern, Heimat in Flammen, Hinten
der Roten Mauer
-Arnold Dyck, Jacob Janzen
- 03-04 Contact with those still in Russia
- 04-09 Canadian situation and Politics
- 09-11 Interviewer's comments

End of interview

See also Schoenfeld, 1939, Rundschau Publishing House, Winnipeg, Man.

Die Heimat in Trümmern, 1936, Warte Publishing House, Steinbach, Man

Die Heimat in Flammen and Hinten der Roten Mauer, date of publication
and publisher unknown.

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Interviewee: REMPEL, Agatha, born in 1906.

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 1978.

Place: 2 Pearce Ave., St. Catherines, Ont.

Language: English

Interview #48: Tape #62, sides A and B (60 minutes)

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-06 Biographical information
- 06-16 War and revolution: -father as C. O. in W. W. I
 - lost land in 1918
 - fled to Molotschna in 1919
 - cattle disease brought by Red army
 - did statistical work for provisional government in Wachmut
- 16-20 Teaching school; stopped by Red government
- 20-25 Conditions prior to and leading up to emmigration
- 25-30 Emmigration: -delay in trip
 - quarantine in Southampton
 - to Altona, Manitoba; received by Gerbrandt family

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-03 Working in Altona
- 03-07 Reesor experiences
- 07-11 Left Reesor; moved to Grunthal area in 1927; were cheated in farm purchase
- 11-15 Father's death in 1928
- 15-24 Working and moving
- 24-25 Reiseschuld
- 25-27 Learning English
- 27-28 The church in Grunthal; in Niverville
- 28-29 On Kanadier; on leaving Russia
- 29-30 Interviewer's comments

End of Interview

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Interview #49: Tape #63, side A only (30 minutes) CD

Interviewee: BRAUN, Sara, born in 1895.

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: May 2, 1978

Place: 10 Draper St., St. Catherines, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-03 Biographical information
- 03-05 Emmigration to Rosthern, Sask.
- 05-07 Working and paying Reiseschuld
- 07-10 Going to school in Canada; teaching school
- 10-15 On school and teaching school in Russia
- 15-16 Mennonites in Russian society
- 16-17 Bandits in Russia
- 17-22 Emmigration: -possibilities
 - working with refugees
 - difficulties in emmigrating
 - A. P. Regier, group leader (see Interview #39, tapes #47 and #48)
- 22-25 Further biographical information
- 25-27 Purchase of farm near Hague, Sask.
- 27-28 Interviewer's comments

End of tape

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Interview #50: Tape #67, sides A and B (60 minutes) ^{CD}

Interviewee: BERG, Maria, born in 1887.

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: May 24, 1978.

Place: 2nd Ave. Louth, R. R. #3, St. Catherines, Ont.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

- 00-01 Introduction
01-07 Biographical information
07-15 The War: -enmity against Mennonites because of economic disparity
 -husband was Wolost leader; served as Sanitaer
 lived with her mother while Mr. Berg was in the service
15-22 Experiences with Makhno
22-28 As refugees in Alau; experiences with bandits
28-30 The German occupation
End of Side A
Side B
00-01 Beginning of emmigration; Studiencommission
01-07 Help from North America during the famine
07-08 Relations between Russians and Mennonites
08-15 Emmigration: -left in 1923
 -husband was group leader on the train
 -medical examination
 -through Riga; landed at Quebec; to Morris, Man.
15-17 Met in Morris by Abram Eidse
17-18 About Makhno's bandits
18-23 Early years in Morris; Reiseschuld
23-24 Move to their own land
24-28 Move to Reesor; stayed there 18 years; move to Ontario
28-29 Interviewer's comments
End of Interview

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Interview #51: Tape #68, sides A and B (56 minutes) C9

Interviewee: ANDREWS, Cornelius, born in 1898.
Anna, born in 1900.

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Place: 52 Leeper St., St. Catherines, Ont.

Date: May 24, 1978.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

00-01 Introduction

01-05 Biographical information

05-10 War and revolution: -to Caucasian front as Sanitaer
-German occupation
-start of revolution

10-19 Civil war: -fighting for White army; retreat from Moscow to Crimea
-Selbstschutz; service in Selbstschutz
-chaos in Russia

19-20 Aid from America; end of Selbstschutz

20-23 Feelings on Russian people; Russian-Mennonite relations

23-28 Emmigration in 1925

28-29 On communism

29-30 Blank

End of Side A

Side B

00-05 Emmigration; arrival in Winnipeg; Directed to Arnaud

05-06 Working for H. W. Friesen on farm

06-13 Experiences with Kleine Gemeinde: -Abram Eidse
-necktie and harmony singing in church
-helping other Russian Mennonites
-generosity of Kleine Gemeinde

13-15 Depression memories

15-20 Opinions: -on having come to Canada
-on Germany; Hitler
-on Jews; on rich people
-on travel

20-25 Paying Reiseschuld; helping others immigrate

25-26 Interviewer's comments

End of Interview

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Interview #52: Tape #101, sides A and B (60 minutes) (D)
Tape #102, side A only (30 minutes) (D)

Interviewees: DRIEDGER, N.N., born in 1895
JANZEN, Jac. D., born in 1895

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: August 22, 1977

Place: R.R. #4, Leamington, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape # 101, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-06 Biographical Information
- 06-15 Early years in Canada
- 15-29 Organization of the United Mennonite church:
 - Jac. H. Janzen
 - Mr. Driedger is elected elder in Leamington
 - separation of the M.B. church
 - why 1932 conference was not held
 - connections between Reesor, Essex County, and Kitchener
 - ministers' conference

End of side A

Side B

- 00-04 The function of the Predigerkonferenz; Jac. H. Janzen's role
- 04-11 Difficulties in serving the new church
- 11-14 Youth activities in the church
- 14-20 Increase in education:
 - intermarriage with non-Mennonites
 - drift from tradition
- 20-30 Anti-German sentiments and activities during W.W. 2

End of Side B

Tape #102, side A

- 00-14 W.W. 2:
 - Rev. Janzen's house searched by police
 - the Deutsche Bund
 - Mennonite pro-German sympathy
 - youth and the army
- 14-21 The Vertreter Versammlung:
 - Reiseschuld question
 - discord between the church and the Versammlung
 - B.B. Wiens and Elder Janzen

21-25 The Sunday school teachers' conference
25-30 M.B. - U.M. relations after split

End of the Interview

See also Interview #59 with Rev. Janzen and Interview #66 with Altester Driedger for further information and biographical sketches.

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Interview #53: Tape #70, sides A and B (60 minutes) ^{CA}

Interviewee: DUECK, H. J., born in 1899.

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Place: #215 Tabor Apartments, 3 Tabor Dr., St. Catherines, Ont.

Date: May 29, 1978.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-05 Biographical information
- 05-09 Service in the Sanitaetsdienst
- 09-12 The Selbstschutz: -in the cavalry
-people they protected most critical of Selbstschutz
- 12-15 Father loses land; marriage
- 15-16 On dislike of ministers
- 16-17 The German occupation
- 17-22 Feelings on Russians: -characteristics of Russians
-father beloved by Russian people
- 22-24 On the czar
- 24-26 Makhno; the famine
- 26-30 Preparing to emmigrate

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-03 Getting papers for emmigration
- 03-08 Emmigration; to his sister in Saskatchewan
- 08-19 Early years in Canada
- 19-20 On the Canadian government
- 20-23 On learning English; on homesickness for Russia
- 23-28 Personal contributions to the church
- 28-29 Interviewer's comments

End of Interview

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Interview #54: Tape #71, sides A and B (42 minutes) *CD*

Interviewee: WUERFFEL, Renate, born in 1898.

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Place: Tabor Manor, 1 Lawrence Ave., St. Catherines, Ont.

Date: May 29, 1978.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

00-01 Introduction
01-04 Biographical information
04-06 The first World War
06-11 Story of her husband's escape from a Russian prisoner-of-war camp
11-15 Husband in Selbstschutz; parents oppose their emmigration to Germany
15-17 Life in Germany after first World War
17-21 Joining her family in Manitoba
21-29 Early years in Canada: -in knitting factory
 -move to Alberta
 -own knitting shop in Lethbridge

End of Side A

Side B

00-08 Move to Ontario; activities in Ontario
08-10 Feelings about Germany
10-11 About her sore leg
11-12 Interviewer's comments

End of Interview

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Interview #55: Tape #72, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Interviewee: MATHIES, John, born in 1910.

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: May 31, 1978.

Place: 42 Neptune St., St. Catharines, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #72, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-05 Biographical information
- 05-06 About his grandfather
- 06-12 About Makhno; maternal grandparents (Balzer) murdered (see also
Tape #79, Interview #60, J.P. Driedger)
- 12-17 After the visit of the bandits; on the defencelessness of the
Mennonite colonies
- 17-24 The Hungersnot
- 24-27 Inequality between the Mennonites and the Russian peasants
- 27-29 The Selbstschutz
- 29-30 Emmigration: - trachoma

End of side A

Side B

- 00-03 Emmigration continued
- 03-15 Early years in Canada
- 15-18 On Canadian Mennonites
- 18-23 Learning English
- 23-24 Politics in Canada
- 24-29 On conditions in Russia; anti-Communist feelings
- 29-30 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #56: Tape #73, sides A and B (60 minutes) CD

Interviewee: WALLMAN, Paul, born in 1901

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: May 31, 1978

Place: #416 Tabor Apts., 3 Tabor Dr., St. Catherines, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #73, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-10 Biographical information
- 10-12 The Revolution and unrest
- 12-16 Alternative service at a hospital for nervous disorders
- 16-21 Flight to Moscow in 1929
- 21-25 Emigration
- 25-27 Service in the White army
- 27-29 Relations with Russian people
- 29-30 How the '29 flight to Moscow started

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-12 Emigration: -refugees at Moscow
 - to Hammerstein; epidemic there
 - to Arnaud, Man.
- 12-18 Going to school and Normal school in Canada
- 18-20 Tuberculosis
- 20-23 Working in Manitoba; move to Ontario
- 23-26 Reiseschuld; the church in Canada
- 26-29 Contacts with his brother in Russia; biographical information
- 29-30 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #57: Tape #74, sides A and B
Tape #75, side A only (78 minutes)

Interviewee: PETERS, John, born in 1902

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 5, 1978.

Place: Leamington Home for the Aged, 22 Garrison St., Leamington, Ont.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape # 74, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-04 Biographical information

04-08 About the Revolution

08-19 Post-revolutionary Russia: - Red Army in Siberia
- service in the Red Army
- changes under Stalin

19-21 Emmigration from Siberia

21-30 Experiences in China: - emmigrated to China
- working in China

End of Side A

Side B

00-10 About Emmigration: - on merchant vessel
- by train through France
- to Brazil; to Paraguay

10-28 In Paraguay: - buying land from the Board of Colonization
- equipment given to them by Germany
- conditions in the Mennonite Colony

End of side B

Tape #75, side A

00-05 About eye infection; about Mennonite congregations in Paraguay

05-07 Working in Canada

07-09 Feelings about Russia

09-18 More about his service as a prison guard in the Red Army

End of the Interview

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Interview #58: Tape #76, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Tape #77, side A only (14 minutes)

Interviewees: PENNER, Jac. P, born in 1901

Katherina, born in 1901

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 6, 1978

Place: Leamington Home for the Aged, 22 Garrison St., Leamington, Ont.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #76, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-05 Biographical information
- 05-10 The First World War
- 10-13 The Revolution
- 13-20 Makhno: - living in fear
- bandits bring typhus
- 20-30 Conditions after the Revolution

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-14 After the Civil War: - flight to Memrik
- teaching school
- in the Red Army
- 14-25 Emigration: - B.B. Janz
- arrival in Saskatoon
- dispersal of family
- 25-30 Early years in Canada

End of Side B

Tape #77, side A

- 00-04 As teacher and minister in Saskatchewan
- 04-08 On learning English; contact with non-immigrants
- 08-13 Biographical information on Mrs. Penner
- 13-14 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #59, Part I: Tape #78, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Tape #77, side B only (28 minutes) ~~CD~~

Interviewee: JANZEN, Jac. D., born in 1895

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 6, 1978

Place: 33 Poplar St., Leamington, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape # 78, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-09 Biographical Information
- 09-15 W.W. #1; in Sanitätsdienst
- 15-16 Conditions in Russia at the time of the Revolution
- 16-21 Kerensky and the election
- 21-30 After the Communist take-over:
 - atheism of the government
 - relations between Russians and Mennonites
 - conditions of workers

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-11 The nature of Russian people; Mennonite-Russian relations
- 11-19 Plan to draft Mennonite Sanitäter; their response
- 19-23 Imprisoned for writing a letter of complaint to the government
- 23-29 Organizing emigration:
 - B.B. Janz
 - emigration lists
- 29-30 Organizing the United Mennonite Church

End of Side B

Tape #77, side B

- 00-10 Leamington ministry begun:
 - ordination of the first ministers
 - difficulties in serving a diverse congregation
- 10-28 The Selbstschutz:
 - delegation to Halbstadt to obtain arms
 - organization of the Selbstschutz
 - opposition to the Selbstschutz
 - story of bandits in their home
 - return of arms to Halbstadt

End of Part I

Interview #59, Part II: Tape #89, sides A and B (60 minutes)
Tape #90, sides A and B (52 minutes)

Interviewee: JANZEN, Jac. D., born in 1895

Date: June 21, 1978

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #89, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-16 Preserving the German language in Canada: - German schools
- feelings of church members
on preserving German

16-30 Pro-German sympathy during W.W. #2: - German agents and propaganda
- secret police search his house
- anti-Mennonite feelings

End of Side A

Side B

00-12 W.W. #2 continued: - Mennonites burning "Mein Kampf"
- first all-Mennonite peace conference
- police activity against the church
- suicides related to pro-Hitler sentiments

12-28 The future of the Mennonite church; story of his daughter's inter-marriage

28-30 Setting emigration in motion

End of Side B

Tape #90, side A

00-01 Blank

01-15 Preparation for Emigration: - conditions imposed by Russian government
- arrangements by B.B. Janz
- initial meeting in Rickenau
- favouritism connected with emigration lists
- circumstances of his family prior to
emigration

15-20 Emigration

20-28 Arrival and early experiences in Manitoba: - unscrupulous land agents
- move to Ontario

28-30 On Canadian Mennonites

End of side A

Side B

00-01 Blank

01-06 On Canadian Mennonites; move to Leamington

06-16 Working in tobacco in Leamington

16-21 Further biographical information
21-22 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

For further information see also interview #52.

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Interview #60: Tape #79, sides A and B (60 minutes) ^{CD}

Tape #80, sides A and B (60 minutes) ^{CD}

Interviewee: DRIEDGER, J.P., born in 1901

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 6, 1978

Place: R.R. #5, Leamington, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #79, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-05 Biographical information
- 05-12 Life on the estate in Russia
- 12-18 W.W. #1: - mobilization
 - aid for soldiers' families
 - anti-German sentiment
- 18-23 Attitude towards the czarist government
- 23-27 Post-czarist government: - Kerensky
 - Bolshevik Putsch
 - land liquidation
- 27-29 The German occupation of the Ukraine
- 29-30 Bandits and civil war

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-14 Experiences at the hands of bandits: - uncle murdered
 - Toews estate burned (see Interview #47 with Gerhard Toews)
 - Balzer family murdered (see also Interview #55 with John Mathies)
 - flight to Orloff
- 14-25 In the Red Army: - landowners' sons were not given weapons
 - breeding horses in the army
- 25-30 Preparations for emigration

End of Side B

Tape #80, side A

- 00-05 Conditions in Russia at the time of emigration
- 05-21 Account of emigration
- 21-30 First year in Waterloo

End of side A

Side B

- 00-05 Pelee Island: - share-cropping tobacco
 - Reiseschuld paid in two years
- 05-12 Account of activities through the depression; after the depression
- 12-16 The church on Pelee Island; in Leamington
- 16-20 On politics in Canada
- 20-23 Feelings towards Russia
- 23-29 Orloff described
- 29-30 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

Side B

- 00-05 Pelee Island: - share-cropping tobacco
 - Reiseschuld paid in two years
- 05-12 Account of activities through the depression; after the depression
- 12-16 The church on Pelee Island; in Leamington
- 16-20 On politics in Canada
- 20-23 Feelings towards Russia
- 23-29 Orloff described
- 29-30 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #61: Tape #81, sides A and B (90 minutes) (D)

Interviewee: THIESSEN, Gerhard, born in 1894

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 7, 1978

Place: 74 Danforth Ave., Leamington, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape # 81, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-03 Biographical information
- 03-06 As Sanitär
- 06-09 Completing his education
- 09-25 The Sanitätsdienst: - on trains bringing wounded to Moscow
- story of a cholera case
- 25-29 Flight from Makhno
- 29-36 Return to their estate; the German occupation
- 36-41 In Schönau as refugee; Hungersnot
- 41-45 The Selbstschutz

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-07 The Selbstschutz continued
- 07-11 Preparing to leave Russia: - N.E.P.
- confiscation of property
- 11-20 Emigration: - to Riga
- medical inspection
- arrival in Quebec
- 20-26 Pelee Island: - share-cropping
- the church
- 26-30 Reasons for leaving the island for Leamington
- 30-32 Difficulties with the English language
- 32-35 Farming in Leamington
- 35-41 As minister on Pelee Island
- 41-43 Feelings about Russia
- 43-44 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #61: Tape #81, sides A and B (90 minutes)

Interviewee: THIESSEN, Gerhard, born in 1894

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 7, 1978

Place: 74 Danforth Ave., Leamington, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape # 81, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-03 Biographical information
- 03-06 As Sanitär
- 06-09 Completing his education
- 09-25 The Sanitätsdienst: - on trains bringing wounded to Moscow
- story of a cholera case
- 25-29 Flight from Makhno
- 29-36 Return to their estate; the German occupation
- 36-41 In Schönau as refugee; Hungersnot
- 41-45 The Selbstschutz

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-07 The Selbstschutz continued
- 07-11 Preparing to leave Russia: - N.E.P.
- confiscation of property
- 11-20 Emigration: - to Riga
- medical inspection
- arrival in Quebec
- 20-26 Pelee Island: - share-cropping
- the church
- 26-30 Reasons for leaving the island for Leamington
- 30-32 Difficulties with the English language
- 32-35 Farming in Leamington
- 35-41 As minister on Pelee Island
- 41-43 Feelings about Russia
- 43-44 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #62, Part I: Tape #82, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Interviewee: FAST, John, born in 1905

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 19, 1978

Place: #10-129 Division St., Kingsville, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #82, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-04 Effect of the war on the schools

04-08 Mennonites and War: - the Selbstschutz

- C.O. status

- hypocrisy of Mennonites

08-12 Freedoms in Russia at the time of the Revolution

12-30 Churches in Russia: - Russian-Canadian Mennonite rift

- Baptist influence on Mennonite church

- Greek Orthodox church

- religious restrictions in Russia

- reaction of Mennonites to inter-marriage

End of Side A

Side B

00-05 Intellectual atmosphere of Mennonite schools in Russia

05-07 On Russian-Mennonite interaction

07-15 Emigration and the post-revolutionary climate

15-20 Attitude of Mennonite emigres towards Russia

20-30 W.W. II: - in the Canadian army

- German sympathizers in Canada

End of Part I

Part II of Interview #62: Tape #95, Sides A and B (60 minutes)

Tape #95, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-04 Keeping food cool

04-30 Russian-Mennonites at the time of the Revolution:

- Neuhaibstadt; Tiege-Orlof

- progress, freedom and wealth

- comparison of Mennonite youth to the hippie movement

- anti-semitism

End of Side A

Tape #95, side B

00-07 Amenities in Russia
07-12 Jews in the Communist hierarchy
12-20 Music in Russia
20-29 Post W.W. II Russian theatre
29-30 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #63: Tape #69, sides A and B (60 minutes) CD
Tape #63, side B (20 minutes) CD

Interviewee: BARG, Abram, born in 1895

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 20, 1978

Place: 1 Margaret St., Leamington, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #69, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-08 Biographical information

08-10 The Balzer family murder (see also Mathies, Interview #55); Thiessen family murder

10-30 Civil War: - flight to Molotschna
- Selbstschutz
- avoiding service in the Selbstschutz

End of Side A

Side B

00-05 The Mennonite leaders

05-09 On the Reiseschuld problem

09-25 Emigration and the early years in Canada

25-30 Old Order Mennonites

End of Side B

Tape #63, Side B

00-04 Adjusting to life in Canada

04-19 W. W. II: -on W. W. II
-Trudeau and the welfare state
-Jewish plot to control the world
-which side was right?

19-20 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

(See also Barg, Abram "My Life My Story" in the Conrad Grebel archives)

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Interview #64: Tape #84, sides A and B (60 minutes)
Tape #85, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Interviewee: FISCHER, Alex, born in 1894

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 20, 1978

Place: 166 Talbot St. E., Leamington, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #84, side A

00-01 Introduction
01-15 Biographical information
15-19 Service in W.W. I
19-30 The Revolution: - breakdown in military discipline
- death of Rasputin
- dissolution of the cavalry

End of Side A

Side B

00-30 The Civil War: - expropriation of property
- fighting the Bolsheviks
- hiding from the Red Army
- in the White Army
- disarmament

End of Side B

Tape #85, side A

00-04 Dispersal of the White Army; Wrangel in Crimea
04-18 The German Battalion; the Selbstschutz
18-25 Emigration; baptism into the Mennonite faith
25-30 Additional biographical information

End of Side A

Side B

00-05 Biographical information
05-08 Comparison of Mennonite and Roman Catholic lifestyles in Russian villages

08-22 Emigration: - as a train leader
 - dinner in Poland
 - arrival and reception in Waterloo
22-30 Working in Canada

End of the Interview

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Interview #65: Tape #86, sides A and B (46 minutes)

Interviewees: PAULS, Henry, born in 1904

Mrs. Henry, born in 1908

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 20, 1978

Place: Blytheswood, Ontario

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #86, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-09 Biographical information

09-14 Relations with Russians during W.W. I

14-17 The Civil War

17-20 Emigration

20-24 First years in Canada

24-27 Reflections on hardships suffered in Russia

27-30 More on emigration

End of Side A

Side B

00-05 Life in Saskatchewan during the Depression

05-09 The children of Mr. and Mrs. Pauls

09-10 The move to Ontario

10-13 Sunningdale Sask., during the Depression

13-15 On Mr. Pauls' paintings

15-16 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #66: Tape #87, sides A and B (60 minutes) ^{CD}

Tape #88, sides A and B (46 minutes) ^{CD}

Interviewee: DRIEDGER, N.N., born in 1893

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 21, 1978

Place: R.R. #4, Leamington, Ont.

Language: German, some English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #87, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-10 Biographical information

10-24 Alternative service in W.W. I: - about the Sanitätsdienst
- work as orderly on trains
- as secretary in Moscow

24-28 Learning English at a university in Moscow

28-30 Abdication of the Tzar

End of Side A

Side B

00-04 Lenin's return to Russia; choosing a system of government

04-08 The Revolution

08-12 The German occupation of the Ukraine

12-19 Post-occupation reaction of Russian peasants against Mennonites

19-30 The terror of Makhno; the Selbstschutz; the Civil War

End of Side B

Tape #88

Side A

00-05 The hungry years; help from America

05-10 Emigration

10-18 Early years in Canada: - move from Manitoba to Ontario
- on learning English
- ordination as minister

18-28 W.W. II: - registration of Germans
- German sympathizers among the Mennonites
- non-resistance organizations

End of Side A

side B

00-15 The future of the Mennonite church: - language
- intermarriage
- the office of Elder

15-16 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #67: Tape #91, sides A and B (60 minutes) (D)
Tape #92, sides A and B (51 minutes) (D)

Interviewee: EPP, Jacob, born in 1888

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 28, 1978

Place: #102-28 Garrison St., Leamington, Ont.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #91, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-15 The Russian-Mennonite village: - division of villages
- non-Mennonites in villages
- Anwohner
- inheritance laws
- spread of colonies

15-29 In school; the Japanese-Russian War; students' strike in the school

End of Side A

Side B

00-04 Tiegenhagen and Schönau; his marriage

04-08 Forestry service during W.W. I

08-15 The change in government; the curse of property

15-22 His parents' flight to Moscow; family members who stayed in Russia

22-29 Hungersnot; Makhno

End of Side B

Tape #92, Side A

00-03 The Civil War

03-12 The Selbstschutz; the German occupation

12-17 The New Economic Policy

17-25 Mrs. Epp's history in brief

25-28 Story of the murder of Mrs. Epp's father

28-30 Relations between Russians and Mennonites

End of Side A

Side B

00-03 Relations with Russians
03-06 Emigration
06-12 Getting established in Canada
12-15 Pro-German sympathy among Mennonites during W.W. II
15-17 On the family; on old age
17-20 The Depression
20-21 Interviewer's Comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #68: Tape #93, sides A and B (60 minutes)
Tape #94, side A (25 minutes)

Interviewee: ENNS, John, born in 1901

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 28, 1978

Place: #101-28 Garrison St., Leamington, Ont.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #93, side A

00-01 Introduction
01-09 Biographical information
09-11 W.W. I
11-17 The Revolution; Russians and Mennonites
17-22 The German occupation of the Ukraine
22-28 The Civil War: - roving bands
- the Selbstschutz
- travelling home during the Civil War

End of Side A

Side B

00-13 Emigration: - retreat to Crimea with the White Army
- escape through Turkey
- as refugees with the M.C.C.
13-22 Working in Saskatchewan and in Manitoba
22-26 Move to Ontario
26-30 The illness of his first wife

End of Side B

Tape #94, Side A

00-10 The nature of Russians; their attitude towards Mennonites
10-12 Discipline and military exercises in school
12-16 On Canadian Mennonites
16-20 Learning English
20-21 Reiseschuld
21-24 Sympathies during W.W. II
24-25 Contact with relatives in Russia

End of the Interview

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Interview #69: Tape #96, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Tape #97, sides A and B (50 minutes)

Interviewees: THIESSEN, Johanna, born in 1898

TIESSEN, Justine, born in 1891

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 29, 1978

Place: #304-6 Garrison St., Leamington, Ont.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

00-01 Introduction

01-10 Biographical information

10-30 Life as a refugee: -flight in 1918
-flight to Marienpol in 1920
-losing land, money to insurrectionists
-working on emigration papers

End of Side A

Side B

00-02 Further biographical information

02-06 Murder of Justine's parents

06-14 Flight from bandits

14-19 The civil war

19-21 Feelings on the death of the czar

21-26 Adoption of seven orphans; the American relief work

26-30 Emigration

End of Side B

Tape #97, side A

00-05 About relatives in Russia under Stalin's rule

05-15 Settling in Canada

15-17 Reiseschuld

17-26 On the hard times in Russia and in Canada

26-28 Life on a Gut in Russia

28-30 Crossing the Russian-Polish border during W. W. I

End of Side A

Side B

00-03 Conclusion of the border crossing story

03-06 The start of the Revolution

06-09 Relatives who stayed in Russia

09-12 No German sympathy during W. W. II

12-19 On learning English; on maintaining the German language

19-20 Interviewer's comments

End of the interview

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Interview #70: Tape #98, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Interviewee: FOUNK, Helen

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 29, 1978

Place: R. R. 3, Leamington, Ont.

Language: Low German

This interview has been deleted at Mrs. Founk's request.

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Interview #71: Tape #99, sides A and B (60 minutes)
Tape #100, side A (17 minutes)

Interviewee: SAWATZKI, Peter J., born in 1894

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: June 29, 1978

Place: 1 Countess St., Leamington, Ont.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #99, side A

00-01 Introduction
01-05 Biographical information
05-06 The teacher's position in the community
06-16 In the Vorstei during W.W. I: - method of drafting soldiers
- working in the forestry service
- leaving the service after the revolution
16-20 The proportion of Russian to German taught in Mennonite schools
20-24 Differences in wealth and status between Germans and Russians under the
Czar
24-30 After the Revolution: - no religion taught in the schools
- the Civil War

End of side A

Side B

00-06 After the Civil War: - famine
- payment to teachers
06-10 Emigration
10-17 Early years in Manitoba
17-25 Differences between Kanadier and Rüssländer: - differences in education
- differences in practising
religion
25-30 The move to Leamington

End of side B

Tape #100, side A

00-07 About keeping bees
07-13 Farming in Leamington
13-16 Mrs. Sawatzki is permanently injured in a car accident
16-17 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #72: Tape #103, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Interviewees: BAERG, Aron, born in 1904

Gertrude, born in 1905

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: May 31, 1978

Place: 28 Old Oxford Rd., St. Catharines, Ont.

Language: English

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #103, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-08 Biographical information

08-14 W.W. I: - horses requisitioned
- quarantined because of smallpox
- Austrian prisoner of war on their farm

14-24 Experiences at the hands of the bandits

24-30 The hungry years

End of side A

Side B

00-05 Emigration and re-settlement

05-09 The trip from Russia

09-15 Early years in Canada

15-19 Learning English

19-20 Political affiliation in Canada

20-23 In Coaldale after W.W. II

23-30 Story of escape from Makhno

End of the Interview

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Interview #73: Tape #104, sides A and B (55 minutes) (2)

Interviewee: REGEHR, Henry, born in 1903

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: July 11, 1978

Place: 387 Second St., Steinbach, Man.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #104, Side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-07 Biographical information
- 07-09 The beginning of the Revolution
- 09-21 The terror of Makhno: account of the murder of 20 members of his family in one hour
- 21-25 Working towards emigration
- 25-27 Detained in Southampton; Benjamin Unruh's role in solving difficulties
- 27-29 Arrival in Steinbach; move to Saskatchewan
- 29-30 The famine in Russia

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-03 Relations between Russians and Mennonites
- 03-07 The Depression in Saskatchewan
- 07-10 The church in Foam Lake, Sask.; ordained as minister
- 10-13 Thoughts on W.W. II
- 13-17 About C.C. Peters; on education
- 17-19 Difficulties with the English language
- 19-24 Relatives in Russia; the recent emigration to West Germany
- 24-25 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #74: Tape #105, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Interviewee: WIEBE, W.J., born in 1902

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: July 11, 1978

Place: 110 Barkman Ave., Steinbach, Man.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #105, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-04 Biographical information

04-12 About W.W. I

12-30 Experiences in the post-revolutionary period

End of Side A

Side B

00-02 Selbstschutz partly responsible for Mennonite hardships

02-05 Avoiding the draft into the Red Army

05-13 Incidents during the famine

13-20 Emigration

20-29 Early years in Canada

29-30 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #75: Tape #107, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Interviewee: EPP, H.H., born in 1901

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: July 12, 1978

Place: 345 Hanover St., Steinbach, Man.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #107, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-05 Biographical information

05-15 War and revolution: - possessions taken
- forced to flee several times

15-18 The famine

18-28 Service in the Red Army

28-30 Emigration

End of side A

Side B

00-07 Emigration and early years in Canada

07-10 On Steinbach

10-14 About Canadian Mennonites

14-17 Reiseschuld; about his wife

17-20 Sympathies during W.W. II

20-29 Philosophy on various subjects

29-30 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #76, Part I: Tape #106, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Tape #108, side A (30 minutes)

Interviewee: VOGT, Peter A., born in 1900

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: July 13, 1978

Place: 383 Main St., Steinbach, Manitoba

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #106, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-16 Mennonites in Russia: - industry in Schönwiese
- Flemish-Friesian origins
- intermarriage
- relations between Mennonites and Russians

16-20 On father's farm and business

20-30 About the Mennonite schools; W. W. I and anti-Germanism

End of Side A

Side B

00-05 On schools; start of the Revolution

05-23 Emigration: - B. B. Janz
- emigration lists
- bribery connected with emigration
- arrival in Clearspring

23-30 Early years in Canada

End of Side B

Tape #108, Side A

00-04 The Revolution

04-18 The Selbstschutz: - influence of the German occupation
- bandits were considered to be animals

18-24 After the Revolution: - repatriation of land
- in the civil service

24-29 The Studiencommission; those who did not emigrate

End of Part I

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Part II of Interview #76: Tape #108, side B (30 minutes)

Tape #109, side A (9 minutes)

Date: July 22, 1978

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #108, side B

00-01 Introduction

01-14 Relations between Russian and Canadian Mennonites: - Friesen-Braun suit
- influence on education

14-26 More on Russian-Mennonite schools

26-29 Mennonite pro-German sympathy during W. W. II

End of Side B

Tape #109, side A

00-08 Hitler; German occupation; Bernhard Bott

08-09 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #77: Tape #110, sides A and B (60 minutes) CD
Tape #111, side A (30 minutes) CD

Interviewees: PENNER, Jacob, born in 1897
Aganetha, born in 1897

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: July 14, 1978

Place: Main St., Grunthal, Man.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #110, side A

00-01 Introduction
01-05 Biographical information
05-18 Revolutionary experiences: - devaluation of money
- life threatened by bandits
18-23 More biographical information
23-25 The Sanitätsdienst
25-29 Anti-German sentiments

End of Side A

Side B

01-09 Persecution because of wealth
09-25 After the Revolution: - American help during the famine
- typhus epidemics
- robbed by bandits
25-30 Emigration

End of side B

Tape #111, side A

00-08 Early years in Canada
08-13 Learning the English language; loss of the German language
13-22 More biographical information
22-23 On the Reiseschuld
23-26 Becoming a Canadian citizen
26-29 Feelings on Canada; on Russia

End of the Interview

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Interview # 78: Tape #112, sides A and B (60 minutes) *CD*

Interviewee: GUENTHER, Franz, born in 1891

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: July 14, 1978

Place: #3, Senior Citizen's Apartments, Main St., Grunthal, Man.

Language: German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #112, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-06 Biographical information

06-15 Discussion of Russian-Mennonite contemporaries

15-18 The Japanese-Russian War

18-20 Mennonite schools in Russia

20-24 Civil prisoners during W.W. I

24-30 W.W. I

End of side A

Side B

00-06 Emigration

06-12 Life under the Bolshevik government

12-21 Early years in Canada

21-28 As merchant in Grunthal

28-29 On W.W. II

29-30 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #79: Tape #113, sides A and B (60 minutes)
Tape #114, side B (28 minutes)

Interviewee: BESTVATER, Abram, born in 1899

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: July 14, 1978

Place: Grunthal, Man.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #113, side A

00-01 Introduction
01-11 Biographical information
11-30 W. W. I: -German citizenship
 -internment as an undesirable alien
 -return home; famine

End of Side A

Side B

00-03 Biographical information on Mrs. Bestvater
03-06 The Selbstschutz
06-12 The post-revolutionary years
12-30 Emigration: -difficulty with passes
 -in Germany

End of Side B

Tape #114, Side A

00-05 As refugees in Germany
05-16 Early years in Canada
16-19 Differences between Chortitzer and Molotschna
19-22 Learning English from grandchildren
22-27 On their church in Canada
27-28 Interviewer's comments

End of the interview

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Interview #80: Tape #115, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Tape #114, side B (16 minutes)

Interviewee: DUECK, Gerhard G., born in 1891

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: July 18, 1978

Place: Springstein, Man.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #115, side A

00-01 Introduction

01-04 Biographical information

04-13 Service in the Vorestei

13-20 The Revolution: -parents' flight to Molotschna
-farming after the Revolution

20-25 The German occupation

25-28 Death of the czar; Kerensky

28-30 The Selbstschutz

End of Side A

Side B

00-05 More on the Selbstschutz

05-10 Preparing for emigration

10-13 Relatives in Russia today

13-15 Emigration

15-21 First home in Canada: communal farm in Manitoba

21-24 Reiseschuld

24-30 The Depression: -worthlessness of farm produce
-development of the local church
-learning English

End of Side B

Tape #114, Side B

00-05 The school in Springstein; lawsuit to enlarge school district

05-10 Pro-German sympathies during W. W. II

10-15 Thoughts on the current Canadian condition

15-16 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #81: Tape #116, sides A and B (60 minutes)

Interviewee: FROESE, Franz Peter, born in 1883

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: July 20, 1978

Place: #201-171 Donwood Manor, Winnipeg, Man.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (in minutes)

Tape #116, side A

- 00-01 Introduction
- 01-06 Biographical information
- 06-09 Service in the Vorstei; loss of patriotism
- 09-11 Appropriation of property; the Vorstei
- 11-14 M.B.'s in Siberia
- 14-16 N.E.P.; emigration
- 16-22 Early years in Saskatchewan
- 22-29 Working in Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia

End of Side A

Side B

- 00-05 After his retirement
- 05-10 On Russians and Mennonites
- 10-14 On Jews
- 14-16 Loss of rights during the Revolution
- 16-18 Pro-Hitler sympathies
- 18-28 On Canadian Mennonites
- 28-29 Interviewer's comments

End of the Interview

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Interview #82: Tape #117, sides A and B (44 minutes)

Interviewee: REMPEL, Anna, born in 1893

Interviewer: Stan Dueck

Date: July 20, 1978

Place: #303-165 Donwood Manor, Winnipeg, Man.

Language: Low German

SUBJECT INDEX (In minutes)

Tape #117; side A

00-01 Introduction
01-11 Flight and famine after the Revolution
11-15 Lifestyle before the Revolution
15-21 Uncles killed by Makhno
21-26 Getting emigration papers

End of side A

Side B

01-04 Early years in Canada
04-08 As a city missionary in Saskatchewan
08-14 Move to Donwood Manor; feelings on Russia

End of the Interview