**Genealogical Resources for the Low German Mennonite Researcher**

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I.  Canadian resources
  A.   Immigration records
    1. *Brothers in Deed to Brothers in Need*, by Clarence Hiebert, Faith and Life Press, Newton, Kansas, 1974.  Jacob Shantz Lists of heads of households with the number of people in each family found on p. 106-107 (1874), p. 242, 243 (1875), p. 287, 288 (1876), p. 322 (1877), p. 349 (1878), p. 359 (1879), and p. 383 (1880).
    2. 1874-1880 passenger lists for immigrants arriving at Quebec published in the *Bergthal Gemeinde Buch,* John Dyck editor, Hanover Steinbach Historical Society, Steinbach, Manitoba, 1993, p. 253-333; also available on the MMHS web site at http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/canada/quebec/passenger.html.
    3. 1874-1875 Kleine Gemeinde passenger lists published in *Profile of the Kleine Gemeinde 1874,* by Delbert Plett, DFP Publications, Steinbach, Manitoba, 1987, p. 61-67.
    4. 1881-1896 passenger lists for immigrants who arrived at Quebec published in *1880 Village census of the Mennonite West Reserve,* p. 489-500.
    5. List of couples who immigrated from Russia between 1889-1903 found in the *Reinländer Gemeinde Buch,* p. 521, 522.
    6. Hamburg, Germany direct emigration lists; passenger lists of emigrants who departed from Hamburg going directly to overseas ports; see http://www.familysearch.org for complete list of LDS microfilm numbers; list of Mennonite immigrants to Canada departing from Hamburg between 1890 and 1898 found at http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/canada/hamburg.htm.
    7. Hamburg, Germany indirect emigration lists; passenger lists of emigrants who departed from Hamburg going indirectly to overseas ports, usually traveling first to Scotland or England before going overseas; see http://www.familysearch.org for complete list of LDS microfilm numbers.
    8. Mennonite passengers Hamburg, Germany direct emigration lists; passenger lists of emigrants who departed from Hamburg going directly to overseas ports; see http://www.familysearch.org for complete list of LDS microfilm

numbers; list of Mennonite immigrants to Canada departing from Hamburg between 1890 and 1898 found at http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/canada/hamburg.htm.

9. 1900-1914 passenger lists for Mennonite immigrants arriving in Canada found at http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/canada/post_1900_canada_migrations_sorted.htm.

10. Immigration records for the 1920's and later found in Canadian archives; an index to passenger lists for the period 1925-1935 is available on line at http://www.archives.ca/02/020118_e.html.

11. Canadian Mennonite Board of Colonization records for the immigrants in the 1920's at the Mennonite Heritage Centre; project underway to extract these records, putting them in gedcom and text formats; index for 6000 heads of families of the immigrants available on line at http://www.mennonitehistory.org/projects/cmboc/.

12. Emigrant cards from the Deutsches Ausland Institut of German Russians who migrated to Canada 1870 to 1940 from the Berlin Document Center; LDS microfilm #1552796 items 2 to 5.

13. Emigrant cards from the Deutsches Ausland Institut of German Russians who migrated to Canada 1929 to 1930 from the Berlin Document Center; LDS microfilm #1340059 and #1340060 item 1.

B. Church records

1. Composite index to heads of households mentioned in the Bergthal Gemeinde Buch 1843-1876, Chortitzer Gemeinde Bucher, 1874, 1878, 1887, 1907, Klein Gemeinde Genealogy Register, Reinländer Gemeinde Buch 1880-1903, and Sommerfeld Gemeinde Bucher Vol. 1-5 available on line at the MMHS web site at http://www.mmhs.org/canada/super/super.htm.

2. Bergthaler Gemeinde Buch of Manitoba, 1874-?; original at Mennonite Heritage Centre
(hereafter referred to as MHC); Index for 1874-1887 published in *Working Papers of the East Reserve Village Histories, 1874-1910*, John Dyck, editor, Hanover, Steinbach Historical Society, Steinbach, Manitoba, 1990, p. 163-178.

3. Bergthaler Church Records of Saskatchewan 1893-1926; photocopies at MHC.

4. Chortitzer Mennonite Church records; scanned images of the original church books covering the period 1876 to ca 1930 published on CD-ROM by the Hanover Steinbach Historical Society ca 1997; copies of the CD-ROM are at most Mennonite archives and are available for purchase; microfilm of original at MHC; indexes to the Chortitzer Church records, published in the *Bergthal Gemeinde Buch*, John Dyck editor, Hanover Steinbach Historical Society, Steinbach, Manitoba, 1993; gedcom files of the 1878 and 1887 Chortitzer Gemeinde Buch Registers available from Marianne Janzen.

5. Kleine Gemeinde; extraction published in *Profile of the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde 1874*, by Delbert Plett, DFP Publications, Steinbach, Manitoba, 1987, p. 5-59.

6. Old Colony Church Records of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, 1904-1923.

7. *Reinländer Gemeinde Buch*, 1880-1903, edited by John Dyck and William Harms, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1994. This book covers Vol. 1 of the Reinländer Gemeinde Buch from Manitoba only. Index available on the MMHS web site at http://www.mmhs.org/canada/reinland.htm. Revised version to be published in the near future.
8. Rosenorter Church Records of Saskatchewan, 1895-?; original at MHC.
9. Sommerfeld Gemeinde Buch; transcription done by John Wall at MHC; photocopies of originals at MHC; indexes to Volumes 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, and the untitled register in *History of the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church* by Peter Bergen, p. 253-295; indexes to Vol. 1-5 available on the MMHS web site at http://www.mmhs.org/canada/sommerf.htm.; transcription of Volumes 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, and the untitled register in published in *Sommerfeld Gemeinde Buch, Registers of the Church at West Lynne 1881-193,* MMHS, 2004.
10. Sommerfeld Church records of Saskatchewan, 1908-1917; photocopies at MHC.
11. Old Colony Church Records of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, 1904-1923, at MHC.
12. Mennonite Brethren church records. Microfilm copies of the church records for the following churches from when they were founded through the late 1970's are at the Center for M. B. Studies, Fresno, California and at the Centre for M. B. Studies, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
    a. Alberta: Coaldale (1926-1970's); Gem (1929-1970's); Lendrum in Edmonton (1958-1970's); Linden (1930-1970's); Tofield (1928-1970's); Vauxhall (1933-1970's); Westview in Grass Lake (1927-1970's).
    b. British Columbia: Arnold (1943-1970's); Bakerview in Abbotsford (1965-1970's); Black Creek (1935-1970's); Central Heights in Abbotsford (1950-1970's); Clearbrook (1936-1970's); Culloden in Vancouver (1937-1970's); East Aldergrove (1947-1970's); Fraserview in Vancouver (1954-1970's); Greendale in Sardis (1931-1970's); Hillside in Aldergrove (1963-1970's); Kelowna (1947-1970's); Kennedy Heights in Delta (1944-1970's); Killarney Park in Vancouver (1961-1970's); Matsqui (1946-1975); Oliver (1947-1970's); Richmond Bethel in Richmond (1970-1970's); South Abbotsford (1932-1970's); Valleyview in Kamloops (1969-1970's); Vancouver (1957-1970's); Willingdon in Burnaby (1960-1970's); Yarrow (1929-1970's).
    c. Manitoba: Alexander (1926-1973); Arnaud (1927--1970's); Boissevain (1928-1970's); Brooklands in Winnipeg (1962-1970's); Carman (1955-1970's); Central in Winnipeg (1960-1970's); Domain in Osborne (1926-1981); Elm Creek (1925-1970's); Elmwood in Winnipeg (1907-1970's); Fort Garry in Winnipeg (1955-1970's); Gnadenthal (1925-1955); Justice (1930-1970's); Kronsgart (1896-1973); Lakeview in Killarney (19-1970's); McIvor in Winnipeg (1976-1970's); Newton (1928-1970's); Niverville (1929-1970's); North Kildonan in Winnipeg (1926-1970's); Portage Avenue in Winnipeg (1933-1970's); Richmond Park in Brandon (1954-1970's); River East in Winnipeg (1962-1970's); Salem (1960-1970's); Springstein (1932-

1962); Steinbach (1927-1970's); Westside in Morden (1929-1970's); Westview in Portage La Prairie (1954-1973); Winkler (1888-1970's).

    d. Ontario:  Fairview in St. Catharines (1963-1970's); Grantham in St. Catherines (1973-1970's); Hespeler (1932-1953); Kitchener (1925-1970's); Leamington (1931-1970's); Mountview in Stoney Creek (1958-1970's); Neu-Hamburg (1926-1952); Niagara in Niagara-on-the-Lake (1957-1970's); Port Rowan (1927-1970's); Scott Street in St. Catharines (1943-1970's); Virgil (1937-1970's); Waterloo (1967-1970's); Yorkdale in Toronto (1961-1970's); Zion in Kitchener (1964-1982).

    e. Saskatchewan:  Aberdeen  (1906-1960);  Arelee (1903-1970's); Beechy (1925-1970's); Bethania in Turnhill (1913-1969); Borden (1903-1970's); Bridgeway in Swift Current (1934-1970's); Brotherfield in Waldheim (1900-1988); Central in Saskatoon (1932-1970's); Dalmeny (1901-1970's); Ebenezer in Rush Lake (1912-1938); Elbow (1934-1970's); Elim in Hodgeville (1910-1970's); Foam Lake (1938-1970's); Forest Grove in Saskatoon (1964-1970's); Gilroy (1927-1945); Glenbush (1928-1970's); Gnadenau in Flowing Well (1908-1970's); Greenfarm in Herbert (1912-1961); Hepburn (1910-1970's); Herbert (1905-1970's); Laird (1898-1970's); Lashburn (1936-1979); Main Centre (1904-1970's); Mullingar (1928-1954); Neuhoffnung in Dalmeny (1903-1946); Parliament in Regina (1941-1970's); Philadelphia in Watrous (1927-1970's); Reinfeld in McMahon (1927-1966); Speedwell in Fairholme (1926-1970's); Waldheim (1919-1970's); Warman (1932-1970's); West Portal in Saskatoon (1932-1970's).

C. Census records

    1. 1880 Census of the Mennonite West Reserve, Manitoba; extraction of census with supplementary family and immigration information published in *1880 Village Census of the Mennonite West Reserve*, John Dyck and William Harms, editors, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society, Winnipeg, 1998.

    *2.* 1881 Census of Canada; extraction of 1881 Census data for the Mennonite West Reserve, the Mennonite East Reserve, and the Scratching River Settlement published in the *Bergthal Gemeinde Buch*, p. 337-409; extraction of the entire census on line at http://www.familysearch.org.

    *3.* 1891 Census of Canada; census data for the Mennonite West Reserve published in *1880 Village Census of the Mennonite West Reserve*.

    4. 1901 Census of Canada; scans of original on line at http://www.archives.ca/02/020122_e.html; extraction of census data for selected areas including the Mennonite West and East Reserves in Manitoba on line at:  http://www.ancestry.com.  Extraction of census data for Alberta available at http://www.agsedm.edmonton.ab.ca/1901census.  Transcription for entire census at http://automatedgenealogy.com/census/cache/.

    5. 1906 Census of Canada for the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba; scans of original on line at http://www.archives.ca/02/02015303_e.html; extraction of census data for selected areas in Saskatchewan at http://www.mennonites.ca/canada_sk.html and in Manitoba at

http://www.afhs.ab.ca/data/census/1906/manitoba/3/. Transcription for entire census at http://automatedgenealogy.com/census06/index.html.

6. 1911 Census of Canada; scans of original on line at http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1911/index-e.html; transcription of Mennonites for selected areas at http://www.mennonitehistory.org/projects/censuses/canada/1911/. Transcription for entire census at http://automatedgenealogy.com/census11/Test4.jsp.

D. Cemetery records
  1. Alberta Mennonite cemetery records on line at http://www.mennonites.ca/canada_ab.html
  2. British Columbia
    a. Selected cemetery records on line at: http://www.islandnet.com/bccfa/homepage.html
    b. Abbotsford area cemetery records on line at: http://www.rootsweb.com/~bcags/interment_index.htm
  3. Manitoba cemetery records and list of cemeteries transcribed with ordering information from Manitoba Genealogical Society: http://www.mbnet.mb.ca/~mgs/mgs_mis.html
  4. Ontario cemetery records on line at: http://www.islandnet.com/ocfa
  5. Saskatchewan cemetery records;
    a. Woodlawn Cemetery, Saskatoon on line at http://www.city.saskatoon.sk.ca/org/parks/cemetery/default.htm
    b. Saskatchewan Mennonite Historical Society index of Mennonite cemetery records in Saskatchewan on line at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~skmhss

E. Vital records
  1. British Columbia index to vital records on line at http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/index.htm
  2. Manitoba index to vital records on line at http://web2.gov.mb.ca/cca/vital/Query.php
  3. Saskatchewan index to births on line at http://vsgs.health.gov.sk.ca/vsgs_srch.aspx
  4. Vital records to other provinces available through provincial departments of vital statistics.

F. Tax records
  1. 1880-1882 tax records for the Mennonite West Reserve published in 1880 *Village census of the Mennonite West Reserve*, p. 57-131.
  2. 1883-1883 tax records for the Mennonite East Reserve published in *Profile of the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde 1874*, p. 75-82.
  3. 1887 tax records for the Scratching River Settlement published in *Profile of the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde 1874*, p. 85.

G. Land records
  1. Records of land grants between 1870 and 1930 on line at http://www.archives.ca/02/02011102_e.html

2. Sales of agricultural land by the Canadian Pacific Railway to settlers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta between 1881 and 1906 on line at http://ww2.glenbow.org/search/archivesCPRSearch.aspx

H. Kleine Gemeinde genealogy books
1. *Profile of the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde* 1874, by Delbert Plett, DFP Publications, Steinbach, Manitoba, 1987.
2. *Pioneers and Pilgrims*, by Delbert Plett, DFP Publications, Steinbach, Manitoba, 1990.
3. *Dynasties of the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde in Imperial Russia and North America*, by Delbert Plett, Crossway Publications, Steinbach, Manitoba, 2000. This is a comprehensive genealogy of early Kleine Gemeinde families.

I. Canadian Genealogical Projects Registry: http://www.afhs.ab.ca/registry

J. Research guides
1. *Researching your Canadian Roots*, 2nd Ed., by Angus Baxter, Genealogical Publishing Company.
2. *The Canadian Genealogical Handbook*, 2nd Ed., by Eric Jonasson, Wheatfield Press, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1978.
3. *Guide to the Genealogical Resources at the Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies in Canada*; compiled by Alf Redekopp, 1999.
4. *Guide to German Historical Sources in North American Libraries and Archives* by Anne Hope and Joerg Nagler, 1991.

K. History
1. *Mennonites in Canada*, by Frank Epp and Ted Regehr, Mennonite Historical Society of Canada, 1974-1996, 3 volumes.
2. Canadian Mennonite Encyclopedia on line at: http://www.mhsc.ca

L. Archives and historical societies
1. Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies
   1310 Taylor Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3M 3Z6
   Phone:  204-669-6575 http://www.mbconf.ca/mbstudies
   Director:  Ken Reddig
   Archivist:  Conrad Stoesz  E-mail:  cmbs@mbconf.ca
   The large collection of Mennonite genealogies compiled by Katie Peters is stored here.
   Publishes *Mennonite Historian* quarterly jointly with the Mennonite Heritage Centre
2. Hanover-Steinbach Historical Society, Box 1960, Steinbach, MB  R0A 2A0
   Publishes *Preservings* annually  http://www.hshs.mb.ca
3. Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society, 169 Riverton Ave., Winnipeg MB R2L 2E5      Publishes the *Heritage Posting* quarterly  http://www.mmhs.org
4. Mennonite Archives of Ontario, Conrad Grebel University College
   200 Westmount Rd. N., Waterloo, ON N2L 3G6
   Phone:  519-885-0220 x238  http://grebel.uwaterloo.ca/mao
5. Mennonite Genealogy, Incorporated, Box 393, 790 Wellington Ave.
   Winnipeg, Manitoba  R3C 2H6 Phone:  204-772-0747
   Archivist:  Margaret Kroeker  E-mail: mkroekr@cc.UManitoba.CA
6. Mennonite Heritage Centre, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4

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7. Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta
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8. Mennonite Historical Society of British Columbia
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9. Mennonite Historical Society of Canada http://www.mhsc.ca
 E-mail:  mhsc@watserv1.uwaterloo.ca

10. Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan
http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~skmhss
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