

Genealogical Resources for the Low German Mennonite Researcher

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II. United States resources

A. Immigration records

1. *Brothers in Deed to Brothers in Need*, by Clarence Hiebert, Faith and Life Press, Newton, Kansas, 1974.
2. *Index to Mennonite Immigrants on U. S. Passenger Lists, 1872-1904*, by David Haury, Mennonite Library and Archives, North Newton, Kansas, 1986.
3. Tim Janzen's U. S. Mennonite immigrants database on the Grandma 4 CD.
4. *Migration from the Russian Empire: Lists of Passengers Arriving at the Port of New York*, edited by Ira A. Glazier, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, Maryland, 1995-1999, 6 volumes covering 1875-1891.
5. *Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U. S. Ports*, edited by Ira A. Glazier and William P. Filby, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, Maryland, 56 volumes covering 1850-1888.
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.
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. Ellis Island database for immigrants passing through New York, 1892-1924 at <http://www.ellislandrecords.org>; best search form is at <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/EIDB/ellis.html>.
9. Passenger lists for Mennonites who escaped from the Amur Region in Russia through Harbin, China and then immigrated to the U. S. in 1929 and 1930 found at <http://members.aol.com/jktsn/harbiner.htm>.

B. Church records

1. Alexanderwohl, Molotschna Colony church book; LDS microfilm #450468, extraction published in *Church Book of the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in the Molotschna Colony of Russia*, translated by Velda Richert Duerksen and Jacob A. Duerksen, Mennonite Immigrant Historical Foundation, Goessel, KS, 1987.

2. John Thiesen's database of U. S. Mennonite church records. This database now contains 53,000 people and an earlier version is included on the Grandma 3 CD. The data will be incorporated into the Grandma database. Early Mennonite church records from the following churches are included:
 - a. Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, of Alexanderwohl, S. Russia and Goessel, Kansas
 - b. Bergthal Mennonite Church, Pawnee Rock, Kansas
 - a. Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman, Kansas
 - b. Bethesda Mennonite Church, Henderson, Nebraska
 - c. Bruderthal Mennonite Church, Inman, Kansas
 - d. Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Moundridge, Kansas
 - e. Emmaus Mennonite Church, Whitewater, Kansas
 - f. Evangelical Mennonite Brethren, Henderson, Nebraska
 - g. First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, Nebraska
 - h. First Mennonite Church, Halstead, Kansas
 - i. First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, Kansas
 - j. First Mennonite Church, Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 - k. First Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas
 - l. First Mennonite of Christian Church, Moundridge, Kansas
 - m. Friedensthal (Central Heights) Church, Durham, Kansas
 - n. Goessel Mennonite Church, Goessel, Kansas
 - o. Hebron Mennonite Church, Buhler, Kansas
 - p. Heinrichsdorf Mennonite Church, Heinrichsdorf, Volhynia
 - q. Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman, Kansas
 - r. Karlswalder Mennonite Church, Marion, S. Dakota
 - s. Lehigh Mennonite Church, Lehigh, Kansas
 - t. Lonetree Church of God in Christ, Mennonite, Moundridge, Kansas
 - u. Michalin-Gnadenberg-Grace Hill Church, of Volhynia and Kansas
 - v. Mennonite church in Turner Co., S. Dakota
 - w. Mennonite Church of Mountain Lake, Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 - x. Mennoville Mennonite Church, north of El Reno, Oklahoma
 - y. Prezchowka Old Flemish (Gröningen) Church, Prezchowka, W. Prussia
 - z. Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton area, Kansas
 - aa. Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, Kansas
3. 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 stored at the Center for M. B. Studies, Fresno, California and at the Center for M. B. Studies, Hillsboro, Kansas.
 - a. California: Atwater (1922-1972); Bethania in Escondido (1908-1921); Bethany in Fresno (1956-1970's); Blossom Valley in San Jose (1974-1970's); Butler Avenue in Fresno(1942-1970's); College Community in Clovis (1963-1970's); Dinuba (1925-1970's); Kingsburg (1962-1970's); Laurelglenn in Bakersfield (1977-1970's); Madera (1919-1970's); Reedley (1905-1970's); Rosedale in Bakersfield (1910-1970's); South Shafter (1955-1987); Vinewood in Lodi (1914-1970's); Wasco (1957-1991); Zion KMB in Dinuba (1911-1988);

- b. Kansas: Buhler (1879-1970's; Ebenfeld in Hillsboro (1874-1970's; Garden Valley in Garden City (1959-1970's; First in Wichita (1943-1970's; Inman (1916-1926); Koerner Heights in Newton (1958-1981); Ulysses (1928-1970's;
 - c. Minnesota: Carson in Delft (1875-1970's); Mountain Lake (1875-1970's);
 - d. Montana: Larslan (1928-1990); Lustre (1917-1974); Volt (1917-1948);
 - e. Nebraska: Henderson (1879-1970's); Eldorado (1903-1949);
 - f. North Dakota: Harvey (1898-1970's); Rosehill in Munich (1897-1970's); Sawyer (1909-1963);
 - g. Oregon: Dallas (1905-1970's); North Park in Eugene (1964-1970's);
 - h. Oklahoma: Adams (1905-1970's); Balco (1906-1970's); Corn (1892-1970's); Enid (1924-1970's); Fairview (1897-1970's); Gotebo (1918-1940); North Enid (1897-1970's); Pine Acres in Weatherford (1953-1970's); Westport in Collinsville (1913-1970's);
 - i. South Dakota: Bethel KMB in Yale (1902-1970's); Bethesda KMB in Huron (1943-1970's); Ebenezer KMB in Doland (1919-1970's); Emmanuel KMB in Onida (1919-1970's); Salem MB in Bridgewater (1943-1978); Silver Lake in Marion (1889-1970's);
 - j. Washington: Birch Bay in Blaine (1937-1970's); King Community in Federal Way (1978-1985); Shoreline in Seattle (1957-1970's);
- C. Census records
1. Federal censuses: 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 all available; complete set of U. S. census images on line at <http://www.ancestry.com> and for all except the 1880 Census at <http://www.heritagequestonline.com>; extraction of entire 1880 Census available on CD from the LDS Church and also on line at <http://www.familysearch.org>; 1900 Census extraction project underway for counties with high concentrations of Mennonites with date on line at <http://www.mennonitehistory.org/projects/censuses/usa/index.html>.
 2. State censuses: 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925 for Kansas; 1885 for Nebraska and the Dakota Territory; 1875, 1885, 1895, and 1905 for Minnesota; 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925, 1935, and 1945 for South Dakota.
 3. *Emigration of Mennonites from Russia to Marion County, Kansas 1874-1875 Based Upon the 1875 Kansas State Agricultural Census*, compiled by Peggy Goertzen, Center for M. B. Studies, Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, 2000.
 4. 1875 Census extractions by Esther Thieszen for Harvey County and some townships in McPherson County, Kansas at <http://www.bethelks.edu/services/mla/indexes/census/1875harvey.html> and at <http://www.bethelks.edu/services/mla/indexes/census/1875mcpherson.html>.
 5. USGenWeb extractions of selected census data on line at <http://www.usgenweb.org>.
- D. Cemetery records: see <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery> for nationwide inventory of cemetery records available on line.
- E. Vital records

1. Birth, marriage, and death records from state and county departments of vital statistics.
 2. Social Security Death Index on line at:
<http://www.cyndislist.com/socsec.htm>.
- F. Voting records; lists of eligible voters for many counties in Kansas and other states are located at county courthouses and have been kept annually since the 1890's. They can be helpful in determining which year people moved to and from various locations. The voter lists for Marion Co., Kansas are at the Center for M. B. Studies, Tabor College.
- G. Research guides
1. *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, edited by Loretto Szucs and Sandra Luebking, Ancestry Inc., P. O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-4976. 1997.
 2. *The Handy Book for Genealogists, 9th Ed.*, Everton Publishers, P. O. Box 368, Logan, Utah 84321. 1999.
 3. *Guide to German Historical Sources in North American Libraries and Archives*, by Anne Hope and Joerg Nagler, 1991.
 4. *Research Guide to German-American Genealogy*, by Mary Bellingham, Edward R. Brandt, Kent Cutkomp, Kermit Frye, and Karen Whitmer, 1991.
- H. Archives and historical societies
1. American Historical Society of Germans from Russia
631 D Street, Lincoln NE 68502-1199 Phone: 402-474-3363
<http://www.ahsgr.org>
Publishes *Clues* annually and *AHSGR Journal* quarterly
 2. Archives of the Mennonite Church, 1700 S. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526
Phone: 219-535-7477 <http://www.goshen.edu/mcarchives>
 3. California Mennonite Historical Society
4824 E. Butler Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727-5097
<http://www.calmenno.org> Publishes *CMHS Bulletin* irregularly
 4. Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies
1717 S. Chestnut, Fresno, CA 93702-4709
Phone: 559-453-2225 <http://fresno.edu/dept/library/cmbs>
Archivist: Kevin Enns-Rempel E-mail: kennsrem@fresno.edu
 5. Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies at Tabor College
400 S. Jefferson, Hillsboro, KS 67063
Phone: 316-947-3121 <http://www.tabor.edu/library/center.php>
Director: Peggy Goertzen E-mail: peggyg@tabor.edu
 6. Federation of East European Family History Societies
P. O. Box 510898, Salt Lake City, UT 84151-0898
Publishes *FEFH Journal* annually <http://feefhs.org>
 7. Germans from Russian Heritage Collection
North Dakota State University, 1301 N. University, Fargo, ND 58105
Phone: 701-231-8416 <http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/gerrus>
 8. Germans from Russia Heritage Society
1125 W. Turnpike Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501-8115
Phone: 701-223-6167 <http://www.grhs.com>

Office Manager: Rachel Schmidt E-mail: rachel@grhs.org
Publishes *GRHS Heritage Review* quarterly

9. Library of Congress: "Captured German War Materials"
101 Independence Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20540
Phone: 202-707-5000 <http://lcweb.loc.gov>
10. Mennonite Library and Archives
Bethel College, 300 East 27th Street, North Newton, KS 67117-0531
Phone: 316-283-2500 <http://www.bethelks.edu/services/mla>
Archivist: John Thiesen E-mail: mla@bethelks.edu
11. National Archives: Berlin Document Center and Deutsches Ausland Institut
materials 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001
<http://www.archives.gov>
12. Oregon Mennonite Historical and Genealogical Society
5326 Briar Loop NE
Scotts Mills, OR 97375
Secretary: Margaret Shetler E-mail: ralphshetler@juno.com
Publishes *OHMHS Newsletter*
13. Salt Lake City Family History Library
35 North West Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT 84150
<http://www.familysearch.org>
14. The German Historical Institute, 1607 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, DC 20009 Phone: 202-387-3355

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