

two married sisters whom I met several times, a Mrs. Jacob Friesen (deceased Oct., 1972) from Lena and a Mrs. Martens from Chortitz village near Winkler, now living with a widowed daughter in Morden. A brother died in Russia of typhus in about 1923. My step grandmother came to live with us following Grandfather's death remaining until the mid 1940s when she married a Mr. Nickel and moved to Altona. Both died there, he in late 1940s and she in mid 1950s and are buried in Altona cemetery.

A year after my mother died (buried in Boissevain cemetery) my father married Margarete Driediger. There are no children from this marriage. Born in Kalinowa, Russia, May 24, 1910, to Abran and Elizabeth Braun Driediger, she came to Canada in 1950 aboard the Beaverbrae.

My grandfather on my mother's side, PETER P. LOHRENZ, was born May 18, 1868, in Schardau or Fuerstenau, died Oct. 13, 1921, Fuerstenau. He was a farmer for a long time but was forced to discontinue because of health, later worked at whatever he could find. Mother once told me they were quite poor when she grew up, used to glean farmers' fields after the grain had been cut and removed. On Sept. 8, 1898 in Fuerstenau he married my grandmother, SARA NEUFELD.

Sara was born July 22, 1869 in Wernersdorf and died May 3, 1953, in Morden. I remember her very well and loved her dearly. Until I was four we lived in the same house, later saw her once or twice a week, and because my father and her son Peter were close friends and harvested together, often more frequently. She was a small, stooped, pleasant, religious woman and I can still see her vividly sitting in her chair reading her Bible. She died less than a year after our marriage and we were teaching at Victoria Beach. I remember clearly our driving all night to attend her funeral.

Sara's mother died when she was six and her father when she was 12. Her twin brother Henry died young and older sisters were already or soon thereafter married and living elsewhere. She then lived with her aunt and uncle Sarah and Johann Balzer who had no children.

Peter and Sara Lohrenz had six children. Of these, Katharina (Aunt Tina) and AGATHA (my mother) are dealt with elsewhere. The others were: Peter (Sept. 18, 1903, Fuerstenau), Johann (March 29, 1908, Fuerstenau - 1920, S. Russia), Jacob (Sept. 9, 1910, Fuerstenau - Feb. 27, 1921, S. Russia), Daniel (Dec. 29, 1913, Fuerstenau). Johann and Jacob died in the typhus epidemic which swept S. Russia during the famine which followed the Russian Revolution. Uncle Peter and Uncle Dan farmed in the Wassewa district for many years with Grandmother doing the housework. On Sept. 10, 1950, Peter married a widow, Anna Wiebe, with five children: Mary, John, Annie, Verner, Ernest. They moved to Winnipeg, had one son--Peter Edward--and here my uncle worked as nightwatchman in an apartment store until his recent retirement. All children except Eddie are married. Daniel lived at the Kornelius Neufelds of Lena for a while and since then in Winnipeg with his brother.

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Although I don't know when Elsie's great grandfather on her mother's mother's side, JACOB NEUFELD, was born, it's quite possible he was born in Tiegerweide for his father (good possibility he was also a Jacob) was buried in Tiegerweide cemetery and several grandchildren remember his gravestone as being the largest there. He may however have been born in Rosenort for the Neufelds lived there a long time. For a number of years Jacob was a grain buyer for Johann Cornies in Berdjansk. He married ELIZABETH RIEDIGER (one person says Regier) in about 1840-50. Elizabeth died in Ohrloff in 1933.

Elizabeth's father, ? RIEDIGER, was a very good friend of Jacob Abraham Doerksen of Ebenfeld who was Johann Cornies' secretary and well-to-do grain buyer. Riediger worked in the same plant. Both young men fell in love with Elizabeth's mother, ELIZABETH EPP (Nov. 24, approx. 1820-25 to Feb. 4, 1912--one person says 1908--Ebenfeld), daughter of PETER EPP (one person says Hermann), who came from Prussia and may have been a minister, even a bishop (elder). Jacob Doerksen withdrew from the love triangle and Riediger, also well-off, married Elizabeth Epp. They had two children: Elizabeth and Katharina. Riediger died shortly before Katharina was born. As he lay dying he begged Jacob to marry Elizabeth and look after his little family. Elizabeth did marry Jacob.

Elizabeth Epp came from a very large family. Her father married four times. The first wife was a maiden and they had children, Elizabeth being the oldest. The second was a widow with children and they had some children together. The third was also a widow with children and they also had some children together. The fourth was a maiden and they had no further children. Three of Elizabeth's siblings were: Johann, whose daughter Aganetha (Mrs. Peter Martynes) still lives in Ruddell, Sask., Jacob who lived in Blumenort, Hermann who lived in Ufa, N. Russia. Jacob Epp of Blumenort had two sons: Jacob and Heinrich, the former killed during the Russian Revolution and buried in a mass grave in Blumenort. When Elizabeth was 15, her father's farm was still virgin soil and not yet broken and when she brought lunch to her father working in the fields she feared the wild animals lurking in the tall grasses of the