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FRANZ XAVERIUS SCHAEFER
(ANNA MARIA _____ (1st WIFE)
(ANNA MARGARETHA DIETZ (2ND WIFE)
AND
ANDREAS SCHAEFER
(MARGARETHA WISSNER (1st WIFE)
(CATHARINA STANG (2nd WIFE)
AND
JOSEPH M SCHAEFER
(AGNES MAGRANE SCHAEFER, WIFE)
GERMANY
TO
RUSSIA
TO
HAYS, KANSAS

GENESIS CHAP 1, VERSE 28 BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY

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RUNNING COMMENTARY

I have decided to keep a running commentary while I write this "treatise.". This will hopefully enable me to keep track of running iterations of this writing as I proceed, since I tend to think during the nite and write during the daytime! It is being drafted on Microsoft Word so changes are made and saved as I go along.

[Another section will be added—People, Places and Documents—where I can add and explain as I progress. References to this section as one reads will hopefully make it easier to keep track of such things.]

HERE ON JAN 2, 2010 I'VE DECIDED TO PUT THIS DOCUMENT IN A THREE RING BINDER AS NEW THOUGHTS KEEP COMING TO MIND THAT NEED TO BE ADDED. THIS WAY SUCH ITEMS OR EXPANSION OF OTHER ITEMS CAN BE ADDED AS DIVULGED FROM RUSSIA.(IT NEVER ENDS-AS NOTED IN A FOLLOWING SECTION) ANYONE LEGALLY OBTAINING THIS DOC WILL RECEVE NEW OR REWRITTEN SECTIONS AS THEY OCCUR.

Now I know how writers feel when someone tells you "Your ought to write a book" with the knowledge acquired about your ancestors. Yeah—if you have a professional writer, editor, publisher, a proof reader and file clerk to continuously find "things"! So far I am all of these!!! I have a friend here who writes and he has four books in the works and not getting any of them finished. This is only one for me. Writing a book is easier said than done!!! Uncle Vic always wanted to write this kind of book but never reached the point of having completed his research of the facts. We used to tell him that he was going to meet his ancestors in eternity before he got around to writing about them!! Aunt Sister Rosaria Schaefer tired to waiting and wrote her own that is included herein entitled "A GOODLY HERITAGE."

My information for this book came from various sources acquired over a period of time. My main endeavor has been to obtain the facts about the ancestors and their history from books and documents from the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (the Society) located in Lincoln, Nebr. and contacts in Russia, Uncle Vic, Sister Rosaria.and I had to read an awful lot of background matter and history to understand the setting in which the people lived. This endeavor requires reading a lot of history I was supposed to learn in school.

J.M. Schaefer and his wife Agnes Magrane had 12 children. Uncle Vic and Aunt Rosaria were my only direct sources from the family. When I was in high school I used to drive my father Leo J Schaefer from Salina to Hays Kansas on a regular basis so dad could check over J.M. as dad was a doctor. Dad died in 1966 and I never got any information from him and I never got any information from J.M. during the visits. An unmarried aunt Agnes lived with J.M. and his wife and, although she had a wealth of knowledge, I never talked to her on the subject because my interest in the genealogy of the family did not begin until the 1980's. So I did not obtain information from J.M., his wife Agnes nor any of the other 12 children other than Vic and Rosaria. J.M.'s mother Catherina who came from Russia with him lived at his house but she died before I knew she was there.

'A cousin, Henry Hermann, who was an attorney in Hays, Ks wrote a book on the Herman side but only passingly mentioned J.M. and Agnes although his mother Margaret was a child of J.M. and Agnes. He had access for years to aunt Agnes in Hays, Ks but did not include any Schaefer genealogy in his book entitled "I'm the Son of Adam."

Although interested in the history of the Magrane family, as J.M.'s wife Agnes was a Magrane, this book will only briefly include information on the Magranes. Sister Rosaria includes that information in her writings. We are still trying to verify the details on the family in Ireland.

While serving on the Board of the Society for a number of years I heard over and over the fact that people interested in their ancestry never talked to the older family members when they had the chance. I fit into that. We therefore promoted the idea of oral interviews and conversations being recorded.

As a practicing attorney for over 50 years in Green Bay, Wisc I was taught and learned early how to write legal briefs. My senior employer always emphasized the need to get ones best case out first with your authorities . Other and lesser positions could follow.

Therefore it is my intention herein to **first** give to the readers the information that they really want i.e who are my ancestors and fellow descendants Following that information I will detail how we know that information and where and how we got it. This approach makes the job easier as one does not have to fit all that data logically and timely into the end result. I can freely include facts and information at any reasonable time. The reader may not be interested in all that information. But it will be included for those who may be. Nice to know how much work went into obtaining the information and what it looks like.

Thus the book will start with the family tree prepared and maintained by my aunt Sister Rosaria and my cousin Joe Schaefer and his wife Charlene on son Dave's internet web page <http://www.daveschaefer.com/clan/index.html> which they promise they will continue to maintain **forever** adding family as they are born. So far, since J.M. and Agnes began "the begat" (as that song was used in Finian's Rainbow), over 200 new members of the clan have been born. A real Heritage as Sister Rosaria mentions in her writing "A Goodly Heritage."

This paragraph used to call for a plea to someone to take over the documents and continue the history. However since I first started I called on the Un of Notre Dame library to establish a special department for the records, etc in honor of Vic Schaefer, who was the Director of the Library. They have willingly agreed. However every new addition to the clan will have to be reported to Joe and Charlene so they can keep up the web page for the family.

Another new idea came to me last nite. To keep this project LIVING, aside from the web page Joe and Charlene are maintaining, I am including another section in which I ask that members of the clan write the history of their father/mother of the clan and subsequent family members. To start I'll include histories of J.M. Schaefer's children. Sister Rosaria wrote her own bio-STEPPING STONES- including references to Sister Felix and also bio's on other member of the family. See the new section 16. This is an attempt to give life to this doc over the years .The study of geneology too often only gives names and no "flesh and bones."

ENJOY THE SOJOURN!!!!

GENEALOGY
BEGINS AS AN INTEREST
BECOMES A HOBBY
THEN AN AVOCAION
THEN AN OBSESSION
AND IN THE LAST STAGES
IS AN INCURABLE
DISEASE

AND ENDS WITH THIS BOOK
AS A PARTIAL CURE!

AUTHORED

BY

ROBERT W SCHAEFER
(Russian research, computer compilation and book)

AND

VICTOR ANTHONY SCHAEFER
(deceased-First family researcher)

AND

SISTER ROSARIA SCHAEFER
(A GOODLY HERITAGE)
(early family tree)

AND

JOSEPH D SCHAEFER AND CHARLENE SCHAEFER, wife
(web page and family tree)

AND

DAVID SCHAEFER
(web site)

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PREFACE

Sometime in the Fall of 1988, while I was visiting my uncle Victor Schaefer in South Bend, Ind at a football weekend we began talking about the genealogy of the Schaefer clan beginning with his father J.M. Schaefer of Hays, Kansas. J.M. is my grandfather and father of my father Leo J. Schaefer (deceased) of Salina, Kansas.

Vic shared with me some of his records he had acquired over the years while serving at Catholic Un, the Un. of Michigan and Notre Dame Un in the capacity of librarian or director of Library. That whetted my appetite and got me to start my own searches. While Vic showed me some documents, he would not, at that time, share any copies. I did learn that J.M. Schaefer came from Kamenka, Russia arriving in the U.S. at the age of 17 with his mother Catherina and siblings.

I then purchased Karl Stumpf book in July 1988 and began reading. His book is entitled "The Emigration from Germany to Russia in the Years 1763 to 1862." It provided me with a vast background but nothing definite about the Schaefer clan and their emigration from Germany.

I also visited the headquarters of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia in Lincoln, Nebr. visiting with staff and purchasing books and publications which I read for background. Nothing in any of those documents provided me with help regarding the Schaefer clan movements except the arrival of their ship in the U.S. I later was asked to and did serve on the Board of Directors of the Society.

My first real break occurred when I met in Green Bay (where I was practicing law) a lady who had been working in Russia. She befriended a Russian film maker who wanted to and did come to Green Bay to shoot film on elementary schools. I met him and his crew and we talked about my Russian family background. He offered to help find someone in Russia to do some research. When he returned to Russia he just that and put me in touch with Prof Igor Pleve who ultimately undertook the research in Kamenka, Russia. This was one of his early efforts in such work in Kamenka. He has since become a provider of information for people in the U.S. seeking their familys roots.

Soooooo with the Prof Pleves help I began to compile information. Uncle Vic in his work did not have the advantage of searches directly from Russia. While the Morman Church was active in providing genealogy data in their Salt Lake Center they were not able to get information out of Russia. Supposedly they were cut off because they would not limit their work to genealogy without expounding their beliefs. Further the Russian directors of Russian sources would only deal with Russian researchers. Thus Prof Pleve was a FIND.

Robert W Schaefer

SOURCES

ORIGINAL ACCESS TO RUSSIAN INFORMATION

What opened the door to original information from Russia was a chance meeting in Green Bay, Wisc with Carol Logan who was a consultant for Soviet programs at St. Norbert College. She had made several trips to Russia and was fluent in the Russian language. She had met, in Russia, Rolan Bykov, a film producer who was interested in doing a semi-documentary on how children are taught about cultures. When he came to Green Bay I met him and discussed my interest in the ancestry of our family ties in Russia. He expressed in interest in helping. He put me in touch with the proper contacts in Russia leading to Prof Igor Pleve a candidate in Historical Sciences at the Saratov State University. He wrote on 7/26/91 that "as an historian occupying myself with the problems of Germans living along the Volga between XVIII-XIX centuries, he had already had the occasion to complete geneological projects" for people in the U.S. He said he "could undertake the completion of the investigation of your (my) geneology."

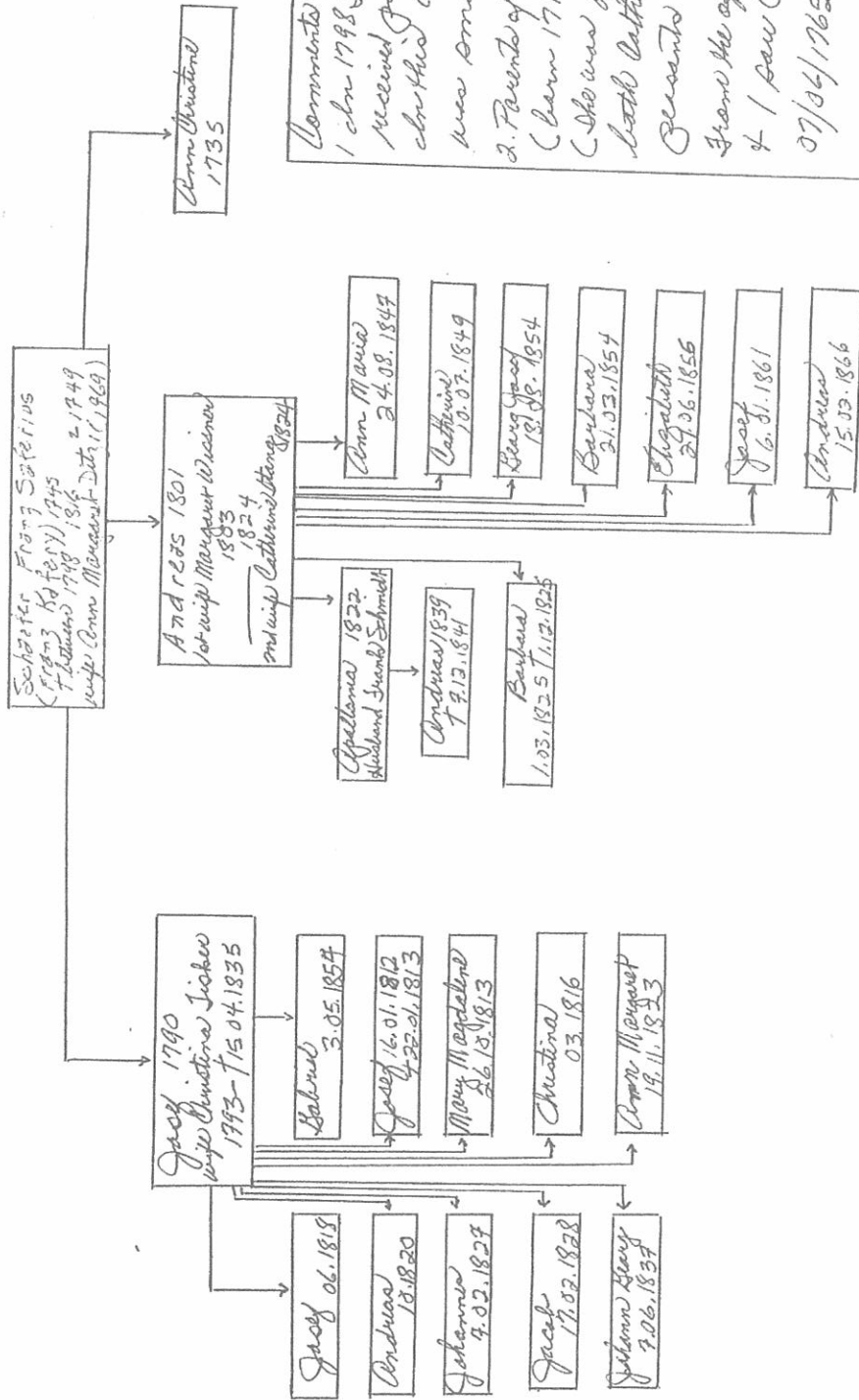
I therefore commissioned him to undertake the family history in Russia. In July 1992 I received the first family history chart from Prof Pleve in Russian. It was translated and a copy is included in this section following the text. Later in 1999 I received, thru Rick Rye, Prof Pleve's list of original settlers for Kamenka as published in his book "German colonies on the Volga in the 2nd Half of the XVIII Century". Therein was listed Franz Xaverius Schaefer from Nagelstadt as mentioned below.

In Aug 1998 I received from Prof Pleve the second ancestry chart listing ALL Schaefer (four) families from Kamenka, including our family ancestors with more information regarding wives and children. The other three Schaefer family's listed are not part of our ancestry. Prof Pleve stated that "in Kamenka colony, as it is shown in the chart, there lived 4 lineages of Schaefer, and most likely, they were no relatives(because they had arrived from different places at different times."

On the chart below only the family of Andreas is our line of ancestry. We have not followed the line of the other children of Franz Xavier---Ann Christine or Joseph. Our clan is listed on the right side of the chart. The second chart is 24x24 in size.

Prof Pleves' charts. appear on the CD included. Only the Schaefer on the right side are in our lineage.

Kamenka

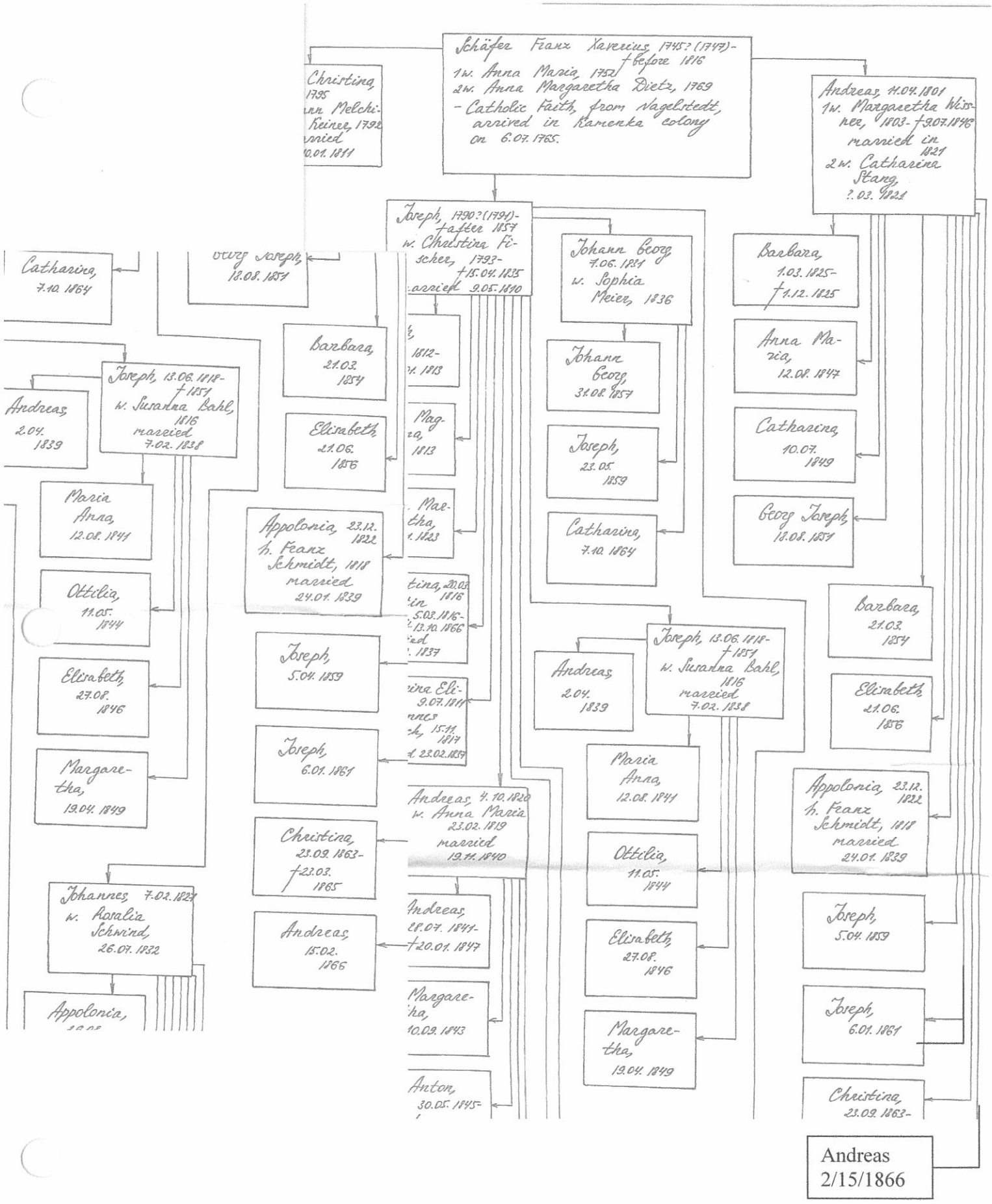


Comments

1. In 1798 Jungbierig perhaps paid all state debts & received passport which permitted him to business in this colony he did not have any land but was small scale merchant.

2. Parents of Ann Margaret Ditz: father Philip Ditz (born 1711) mother Barbara (born 1735) who was second wife of Philip Ditz. They are both Catholics from town of Abz. Both are Protestants

From the office they have received 200 marks & 1 saw (?) they have arrived to Kamenka 07/04/1765



PEOPLE, PLACES and READINGS REFERRED TO IN THIS BOOK

I START THIS INDEX ON 11/27/09 AND WILL AMEND IT AS I PROGRESS. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO TELL YOU WHAT NAMES, PLACES, ETC YOU'LL RUN ACROSS AS YOU READ; COME BACK OFTEN.

COVER—REPRESENTS THE BIBICAL DIRECTION TO “BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLE” AS THE SCHAEFERS HAVE SINCE 1745 WHEN FRANZ XAVIER SCHAEFER WAS BORN IN GERMANY. THUS THE USE OF THE WORD “begat” FROM THE MUSICAL “FINIAN’S RAINBOW.”

“The Lord made Adam, The Lord made Eve,
He made ‘em both a little bit naïve,

The Begat, The Begat
So they Begat Cain, and they Begat Abel
Who Begat the rabble at the tow’r of Babel.”
Etc,etc, etc

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SCHAEFER, ROBERT—ME. SON OF LEO AND IRMA SCHAEFER BORN IN SALINA, KS (100 MI EAST OF HAYS/ELLIS CTY KS), EDUCATED IN SALINA AND THEN AT NOTRE DAME AND THE UN OF KS LAW SCHOOL. PRACTICED LAW IN GREEN BAY, WISC FOR ABOUT 40 YEARS AND RETIRED TO COCOA, BEACH, FL. GOT STARTED IN THIS GENEALOGY ON A VISIT TO HOME OF UNCLE VIC SCHAEFER IN SOUTH BEND, IN. AT THE TIME OF A ND FOOTBALL GAME. VICTOR SCHAEFER AND MY FATHER LEO ARE BROTHERS AND SONS OF JOSEPH SCHAEFER, BOB’S GRANDFATHER. BOB LATER SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AM HIST SOC OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA (SOCIETY). HE GOT HIS FIRST BREAK THRU A LADY IN GREEN BAY DOING BUSINESS IN RUSSIA. HER FRIENDS PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH PROF.IGOR PLEVE WHO UNDERTOOK THE RESEARCH IN RUSSIA AND PROVIDED THE FAMILY CHARTS. HE STARTED HIS WORK WHEN COMMUNISM FAILED. HIS REMARK WAS “THANK GOD THAT EXPERIMENT IS OVER.”

SCHAEFER, SISTER ROSARIA—SISTER OF LEO AND VIC AND DAU. OF JOSEPH M. HAS WORKED YEARS ON GENEALOGY WITH BOB AND VIC AND HAS KEPT FAMILY RECORDS. WROTE HER OWN FAMILY HISTORY “A GOODLY HERITAGE.” A MEMBER OF THE BENEDICTINE ORDER LOCATED IN ATCHISON, KANSAS SERVING AS A TEACHER IN SEVERAL COMMUNITIES.

SCHAEFER, VICTOR—DECEASED. SON OF JOSEPH M WHO WAS THE FIRST TO RESEARCH THE GENEALOGY OF THE SCHAEFER FAMILIES. HIS SUPPORT AND RECORDS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS BOOK.

SCHAEFER, JOE AND CHARLENE—BOB'S COUSIN. HE, WIFE CHARLENE AND SON DAVID, HAVE KEPT UP A WEB PAGE OF FAMILY NAMES AND TREES. THEY HAVE A WEB PAGE NOTED ABOVE. JOE IS SON OF DR JOSEPH SCHAEFER (DECEASED) WHO WAS A SON OF J.M. SCHAEFER.

SCHAEFER, JOSEPH M—(NO ONE KNOWS WHAT THE "M" STANDS FOR) BOB'S GRANDFATHER WHO CAME TO AMERICA FROM KAMENKA RUSSIA AT AGE 17. HE, WITH HIS MOTHER, CATHERINA LOCATED IN PFIEFER, KS AND LATER MOVED TO HAYS. HE IS BURIED IN HAYS AT THE FAMILY PLOT. PICTURES OF THE HEADSTONE WITH OTHERS ARE IN THE FILES.

KAMENKA, RUSSIA—THE PLACE WHERE THE ORIGINAL SCHAEFER LOCATED IN 1765. HE WAS FRANZ XAVIER SCHAEFER, GRANDFATHER OF JOSEPH SCHAEFER AND GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER TO BOB SCHAEFER.

SCHAEFER, FRANZ XAVIER—DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM OR WHERE IN GERMANY HE ORIGINALLY CAME FROM. HE WAS 25 YRS OLD. PLEVE/S CHART SHOWS HE CAME FROM NAGELSTADT, GERMANY BUT THAT IS QUESTIONABLE. HE WAS CATHOLIC AND NAGELSTADT WAS LUTHERAN. BOB'S RESEARCH LEADS HIM TO BELIEVE HE MAY HAVE BEEN BORN IN EMPFLINGEN, GERMANY, A CATHOLIC AREA WHERE THE GERMANS CAME FROM. HIS FIRST WIFE WAS ANNA MARIA _____ AND SECOND WIFE WAS ANNA MARGARETA DIETZ.

SCHAEFER, ANDREAS—SON OF FRANZ XAVIER AND FATHER OF JOSEPH M.. DIED IN RUSSIA APPROX 18__ BEFORE J.M. ,HIS MOTHER AND SIBLINGS CAME TO THE U.S.

CHARTS—TWO WERE DONE BY PLEVE. THE ORIGINAL OF THE ANDREAS SCHAEFER LINE AND A SECOND ONE OF ALL SCHAEFERS IN KAMENKA. ONLY THE SCHAEFER ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALL SCHAEFER CHART ARE OUR RELATIVES. ORIGINAL CHART COST WAS \$500 AND SECOND \$400. WELL EARNED. BOB'S FEEL THAT HIS EARLY CONTACTS WITH PLEVE GOT HIS EARLY RESPONSE ON EACH OCCASION.

CENSUS'—SEVERAL ARE IN THE FILES FOR KAMENKA AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES.

AHSGR—AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA. LOCATED IN LINCOLN, NEBR. BOB WAS ON THE BOARD FOR YEARS.

OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AND BOOKS. HAS A WEB PAGE. AT <http://www.ahsgr.org/>.

KURR, JO ANN—FORMER (DECEASED) HISTORIAN AT THE SOCIETY. HELPFUL TO BOB IN THE BEGINNING. FIRST IN SOCIETY TO ADOPT USE OF A COMPUTER PROGRAM BOB GAVE THEM.

SCHULTZ, CATHY—FORMER EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SOCIETY. WAS VERY HELPFUL TO BOB.

RYE, RICK—FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE SOCIETY. TRANSLATED MANY RUSSIAN DOC'S TO ENGLISH. STILL AROUND LINCOLN. HELPED BOB OFTEN. HAS TRANSLATED PLEVE BOOKS.

GOLDEN JUBILEE BOOK —VALUABLE (PUBLISHED IN 1926).BOOK ON GERMANS FROM RUSSIA IN ELLIS AND HAYS KS. GOOD HISTORY WITH NAMES, ETC. EXCELLENT SOURCE FOR HISTORY OF THE WHOLE MOVEMENT OF GERMANS TO RUSSIA TO THE U.S. WITH REFERENCES TO THE J.M. SCHAEFER CLAN. AVAILABLE WITH OTHER GERMAN-VOLGA SOURCE BOOKS FROM ELLIS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN HAY, KS. FOR \$16.95. LOCATE WITH GOOGLE.

RUSSIAN VILLAGES OF KAMENKA, PFIEFER, VOLLMER AND SCHUCH(K). PLACES TOUCHING THE ANCESTORS AND WIVES.

LARSON, ROSEMARY—COUSIN THRU MARRIAGE OF DAUGHTER OF ANDREAS-- ANNA MARIA BY HIS FIRST MARRIAGE IN RUSSIA. SHE IS LIVING IN MINN AND SERVES ON THE SOCIETY VOLUNTEER STAFF AS VILLAGE COORINDINATOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF KAMENKA. (SEE SOCIETY WEB PAGE) SHE HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR YEARS IN GENEALOGY RESEARCH AND HAS SCHAEFR INFO AS A RESULT. HER WIESNER FAMILY CONTACTS. WIESNERS HAVE PUBLISHED THEIR OWN BOOK.

GIESINGER, DR ADAM—EDUCATOR FROM CANADA WHO WAS PAST PRESIDENT OF AHSGR AND WRITER OF SEVERAL ARTICLE AND DOCUMENTS REGARDING GERMAN-RUSSIANS.

ROOSIANS—PHRASE USED TO IDENTIFY THE GERMAN-RUSSIANS WHO ARRIVED IN KANSAS.

GRHC—GERMANS FROM RUSSIA HERITAGE COLLECTION. ANOTHER GERMAN-RUSSIAN SOCIETY LOCATED AT NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY AT FARGO, ND.

CATHERINE STANG SCHAEFER—WIFE OF ANDREAS SCHAEFER OF KAMENKA, RUSSIA. CATHERINE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN VOLMER, RUSSIA A NEIGHBORING COLONY TO KAMENKA. SHE WAS BORN IN 1821 .

DENNIS STANG—OF EDMUNTON, CANADA. WROTE A TREATISE ON THE MICHAEL STANG HEIRS—INCLUDED ON THE ATTACHED CD. THE COMMON LINEAGE WITH CATHERINE STANG SCHAEFER IS SEBASTIAN STANG OF VOLMER, RUSSIA, BORN 1730. (THE TREATISE IS 90 PAGES LONG AND WELL WORTH READING FOR LINEAGE AND HISTORY OF THE GERMANS IN RUSSIA).

FIRST SETTLERS LIST OF KAMENKA AND CENSUS' OF 1775 AND 1798.
(SEE THE FOLOWING DOCUMENTS)



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May 6, 1999

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Dear Bob:

Here is a photocopy of Igor Pleve's list of original settlers for Kamenka, as published in his book "German Colonies on the Volga in the 2nd Half of the XVIII Century," as well as my translation of the list. As you can see, there are still many spelling inconsistencies, etc.

In his heading for the 10 lists he published, Pleve indicates that all the available lists "will be published in the nearest future" in a joint venture with people in Germany.

I hope you enjoy this list.

445 pages

Best Regards,

Rick Rye

The Colony of Kamenka
Founded June 7, 1765

1. Beer [Bähr, Bayer?], Samuel, 33, Cath., turner, from Bamberg.
wife: Catharina, 35
children: Franz Jacob, 1½, Heinrich, 2 mo., Elisabetha, 17, Juliana, 15½
arrived May 14, 1765
Received from the Office of Oversight in Saratov: 75 rubles. In 1768 the household had 2 horses, 2 cows, 2.5 desyatina of plowed land, 1 chetvert of seeded rye.
Vorsteher of the colony.
- 1a. Kenner, Georg, 14, Cath., farmer, from Wimmelbach, orphan, after the death of his father, Georg Kenner, resides with Samuel Beer [Bähr, Bayer?].
2. Bauer, Johann, 39, Cath., farmer, from Pressburg.
wife: Maria, 30
arrived July 6, 1765
received from the provincial chancery in Saratov: 205 rubles. In 1768 the household had three horses, 5 cows, 25 desyatina of plowed land, 1 chetvert and 5 chetverik of seeded rye.
Beisitzer of the colony.
- 2a. Kettler, Johann Gottlieb, 17, Cath., from Switzerland, an orphan. After the death of his father, Johann Kettler, resides with Johann Bauer.
sister: Sophia, 16, resides with Johann Georg Plattner [Blattner?].
received from the provincial chancery in Saratov: 150 rubles.
3. Plattner [Blattner?], Johann Georg, 43, Cath., farmer, from Retz.
wife: Maria
children: Johannes, 12, Maria Barbara, ½.
arrived July 6, 1765
received from the provincial chancery in Saratov: 150 rubles. In 1768, the household had 3 horses, 4 cows, 5 sheep, 1 goat, 1 pig, 2.5 desyatina of plowed land, 1 chetvert and 4 chetverik of seeded rye.
4. Rumpel, Andreas, 47, Cath., soldier, from Würzburg.
wife: Barbara, 41
arrived July 6, 1765
received from the provincial chancery in Saratov: 190 rubles, a copper kettle. In 1768 the household had 2 horses, 4 cows, 3 pigs, 2.5 desyatina of plowed land, 1 chetvert and 1 chetverik of seeded rye.
5. Vogel, Michael, 30, Cath. farmer, from Weisensulz
wife: Dorothea, 32
children: Joseph, 15, Hartman, 5, Catharina, 8, Eva Rosina, 2
arrived July 6, 1765
received from the provincial chancery in Saratov: 178 rubles, a copper kettle. In 1768, the household had 5 horses, 7 cows, 2 pigs, 2.5 desyatina of plowed land, 1 chetvert and 5 chetverik of seeded rye.
6. Ditze [Dietze?], Philipp, 54, Cath., farmer from Alzey

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received from the Office of Oversight in Saratov: 2 horses, 1 cow, bridle, 2 horse collars, 2 saddles with cinches, set of wheels, shaft, 2 axles, shaft bow, braces, 20 sazhen of rope, 2 scythes. In 1768 the household had 2 horses, 1 cow, 1½ desyatina of plowed land, 1 chetvert of seeded rye.

96. **Rekowsky, Johann**, 21, Cath., shoemaker, from Copenhagen
wife: **Maria Magdalena**, 18
arrived July 6, 1765
in 1768 the household had 2 horses, 1 cow, 2 goats, ½ desyatina of plowed land, 1 chetvert and 1chetverik of seeded rye.
97. **Räder, Bernhardt**, 27, Cath., potter, from Orba [P]
single
arrived June 20, 1767
98. **Schäfer, Franz Xaverius**, 22, Cath., from Nägelstadt
single
arrived July 6, 1765
received from the provincial chancery in Saratov: 30 rubles. Resides as a worker in the colony of Gryaznovatka [Schuch].
99. **Raab, Joseph**, 62, Cath., miller, from Iksfel'ts [P]
widower
arrived July 6, 1765
received from the provincial chancery in Saratov: 150 rubles. Resides as a worker
100. **Augustus Wilhelm**, 28, Cath., innkeeper, from Brandenburg
wife: **Catharina**, 32
arrived September 16, 1764
received from the provincial chancery in Saratov: 150 rubles
- 101.. **Ese [P], Joseph**, Cath., grinder, from Bohemia
wife: **Maria**, 42
arrived September 11, 1764
received from the provincial chancery in Saratov: 150 rubles, 1 horse, 1 cow
- 101a. **Kindermann, Joseph**, 24
single
resides at the household of Joseph Ese [P]

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A list of the colonists of the colony of Kamenka, either by testimony or in the presence of State Counsellor of the Office of Immigrant Oversight, Lodyzhinsky presiding; testimony of entire district, including pastors and priests of the entire community, listing those declared unable to farm and the specific reasons and why; with an indication of the number of sou quantity of livestock, farm implements, and buildings personally held; who knows what trades and whether or not it produces and what; who is responsible for their subsistence and wher able to pay their debts to the state, the year 1775.

No.	Names of colonists	No. of souls		Livestock										Farm Implements										Buildings, reni		
		M	F	Age	horses	colts	cows	bulls	calves	sheep	swine	plows	waggon	pitchforks	scythes	sickles	axes	shovels	horses	colts	bulls	horses	stables	grain		
1.	Vorsteher Johannes Stetler wife Elisabetha sons: Adam Sebastian Peter daughters: Susanna	1	1	37 27	3	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	
2.	Beisitzer Nikolaus Kokthum [?] wife Katarina sons: Jonas Friedrich daughters: Barbara Charlotte	1	1	37 45	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	
3.	Beisitzer Johannes Scherndt wife Anna Margareta son: Johannes daughter: Susanna	1	1	32 23	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
4.	Johannes Kerling wife Anna Maria sons: Johannes Anton Georg Michael daughter: Christina	1	1	34 37	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	

87.	Peter Schlitter wife Eva son: Konrad	1 1 1	1 22 3	37	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
88.	Johannes Schneider wife Margareta sons: Nikolaus Gabriel	1 1 1	1 26 23	26 4 1 1/2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
89.	Kasper Bostelman wife Maria Christina	1	52 25	2	2	2	2	3											1	1
90.	Josef Vogel wife Elizabeth daughters: Anna Maria Elizabeth	1 1	1 24 23	24	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
91.	Heinrich Polak wife Anna son: Nikolaus	1 1	1 26 23	3	2	2			1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
92.	Valentin Weiszner wife Katarina stepson: Peter Metter	1 1	1 23 22	1 1/2	2	1	2	3										1	1	1
93.	Franz Xavier Schärer wife Anna Maria 	1 1	1 26 23	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
94.	Heinrich Beier wife Maria Barbara son: Josef daughters: Maria Barbara Charlotte Maria Sophia stepson: Samuel Weber	1 1 1	1 45 34 7 1/2	9	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
95.	Johann Andreas Schieberle wife Maria Elizabeth son: Johannes Andreas	1 1	1 51 57	19	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
96.	Michael Flohr wife Maria Anna son: Gottlieb	1 1	1 60 50	14	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

Comments about the colony in general:

1. The inhabitants worked diligently this recent summer, but gophers destroyed all the fields on the right side of Kamenka Brook. The fields on the other side remained intact. They p
 thatched and need re-covering. Nothing else is needed.

2. The land allotment of this colony is sufficient for 103 families, but in the "small 23 [?]", there are insufficiencies. They are also dissatisfied with the higher lands, which are
 most distant fields have inadequate water for their livestock. There is insufficient forest land, there being only 6 of the allotted 294 desyatina good for use. These 6 are some 15 v
 It has been proposed to transfer other land to the inhabitants of this village, but they will still suffer want. There are 318 desyatina of hay meadow, which is not sufficient, on th
 forests, but these are located in two dry places. The situation with forest lands and hay meadows is impossible, so several families would like to move to some better distant place,
 matter has been referred.

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of those in the colony of Kamenka who testified in the presence of the State Counsellor, the Office of Immigrant Oversight. Chief Justice Lodyzhinsky presided at the meeting of the e
 pastors and priests therefrom. Listed are those who have been declared unable to farm and for what specific reasons, with an indication of the number of souls in each family, the qual
 farm implements, and building held; an indication of their trades and if they produce or not, how they intend to subsist, and who can pay debts. The year 1775.

1.	Widow Maria Dick son: Andreas Kasper	1	36	10	Because of illness, they cannot subsist without aid from the state or the community. Conduct is good. The commun mother work, or she will not be able to subsist. Her son can work until her other son returns, it is hoped, and debts.
2.	Widow Maria Lutz son: Georg	1	39	4	She wants to work. Allow her to remain, but take her son to be raised in the colony of Ust Gryaznukha [Göbel], w The only hope is that she will marry and her husband will pay her debts.
3.	Juliana Keller	1	22		Lame. Living in Saratov. She came to Russia with her grandfather Peter Gervikh [Herwig?], who with her mother di orphan and now lives with the widow of her other grandfather in Saratov. She should be allowed to remain. The del [Herwig?] and her other grandfather should be further examined by the book keeper.
4.	Jost Litter wife Elisabetha	1	49	50	Knows nothing about farming. He and his wife intend to subsist in the colonies by day labor. Allow them to remain is successful and has a farm. They received a loan, but he has yet to repay the food money. The Chancellery of Ir review the matter, because other than cutting firewood and praying, they do no other work and cannot pay their de

The following observations, notations, and recommendations were made by Chief Justice Lodyzhinsky. Numbers refer to families. All are farmers unless otherwise indicated. "Grain" c

1. Coach builder and farmer. Hopes to subsist on his own grain and have enough for sowing, despite gophers having consumed much of it.
2. Supply another horse to replace one which lost a leg. Gophers destroyed almost all of his grain. He will not have enough for the next autumn. Does not have enough grain to last half ti
3. Has grain.
4. Supply with a horse to replace one disabled. Grain insufficient for 4 months.
5. House, stable, and barn burned on August 14, 1775. Because he has another worker, he must be supplied with another horse, all farm implements, and 10 rubles to settle accounts. His home b
 and property. He has one cart and harness. Grain insufficient for 8 months.
6. A miller, also farms. He and his family have enough to subsist.
- 7, 8, 9. Have grain.
10. Grain insufficient for 5 months.
11. Supply another horse to replace one disabled. Grain insufficient for 3 months.

68. Grain insufficient for 3 months.
69. Supply a horse to replace one disabled. Grain insufficient for 6 months.
70. Has grain.
71. Will get grain himself.
72. Grain insufficient for 3 months.
73. Grain insufficient for 6 months.
74. Has grain.
75. Grain insufficient for 3 months.
76. Has grain.
77. Baker and farmer. Has grain.
78. Stone mason and farmer. Supply 2 horses, all farm implements, cart and harness, plot of land for another worker. Grain insufficient for 3 months.
79. Grain insufficient for 4 months.
80. House burned in 1775. Has grain.
81. Miller. Owns a mill with Nikolaus Schmidt. Has grain.
82. Grain insufficient for 6 months.
83. Grain insufficient for 7 months.
84. Metal smith and farmer. Has grain.
85. Grain insufficient for 3 months.
86. Grain insufficient for 4 months.
87. Grain insufficient for 5 months.
88. Grain insufficient for 3 months.
89. Cabinetmaker and farmer. Supply with all he needs, and 10 rubles to settle accounts. On August 14, 1775, everything burned except the stable. Grain insufficient for 9 months.
90. Grain insufficient for 3 months.
91. Has grain.
92. Grain insufficient for one-half year.
93. Has grain.
94. Grain insufficient for 9 months.
- 95, 96. Grain insufficient for one-half year.
97. Has grain.

The Census of Saratov colony
Kamenka
No. 133

The census is made by the Office of Foreigner's Guardianship by The Deputy Chief Judge, court councillor Popov, of the colony of Kamenka, inhabited by foreigners. The census is completed using information from the mayor [Vorsteher] of the colony, from other people and according to personal observation. September 16, 1798.

This colony is located in the Saratov province, in the district of Kamyshin at the hilly side of the Volga River, near Kamenka Brook, near the Astrakhan road. The distance to the colony from the province city of Saratov is 110 verst; from uyezd city Kamyshin - 70; from neighbour colonies Kopenka - 2, Elshanka - 5, Gnilushka - 5, Panovka - 10, from Volga-river - 15, from Sudovoi dock - 15. There are 307 male and 318 female inhabitants, totaling 625 souls and consisting of 102 families. All are Catholics. The colony has a church and priest. The schoolmaster, under the supervision of priest, teaches reading, writing, and religion to their young children in the specially organized school.

The property of this colony has borders with the wood lots of the colonies stated above; treasury lands, village of Lapti, and Mr. Sushnov and General-Major Rezanov's lands. At the previous guardianship land-survey for this colony it was allocated arable ploughed lands of 7,626 dessiatina, haymaking lands - 300, forests - 324. Additional to that, due to lack of latter two type of lands, 577 dessiatina of haymaking lands and forests were given at the waste plote in the distance of 16 verst near the place called Aivoznoi. Total is 8,827 dessiatina. According to the resident's statements the amount of land occupied for country estates (farmsteads) is 50, for roads - 80. There are up to 3,000 dessiatina of ploughed fields suitable for arable farming. The rest are lands with stony, sand-containing and saline soils, and no crop can be grown in it, that's why in these lands are used for cattle grazing. Arable farming is practiced, in addition to their own suitable lands, in the mentioned above treasury lands, totaling near 400 dessiatina. Each year substantial part of harvest in their own lands is eaten up by gophers. During the summer of this year of 1798 300 dessiatina of rye, wheat and oat was eaten up by them. Colonists don't know any means of extermination but filling gopher's burrows with water. However, no noticable part of gophers can be exterminated. They have in their wood lots and waste plot haymaking lands 527 dessiatina. Also they have 400 dessiatina of birch and oak woods, which are suitable only for fire-wood production. This forest is exploited, although they hew wood in very small amounts, and usually use dung instead of wood. This colony lacks arable farmland, meadow-lands, and forests. Among these deficiencies of the colony two can be granted for them: arable and meadow-lands, from the state lands bordering its woodlots. Forests can not be granted to them from anywhere. However, as one can observe, this seems not a problem for colonists, because they can buy enough wood for low prices.

There are no other deficiencies of the colony and its people, except flax and hemp, which they grow very little due to their land's insuitability. All the people practice arable farming. From the masters there are two shoemakers and two weavers. They all are diligent toward work. Colonists live in a satisfactory condition. Buildings are in most parts, except few new ones, old, but all are repaired. There are no stone or wattle and daub

houses. Yards are enclosed by fences and wattle-fences. There is no stone in their wood plot. Also, they don't have any apiaries or gardens. Almost everyone has kitchen-garden in the field. There are three flour-mills.

Ploughed fields are one to 10 verst far from the colony in their own lands, and 16 verst in the outside lands. Harvest of any crop is satisfactory. They harvest the crops and tresh that in the treshing-floors, built in their yards. Thus, according to the instruction of Office of Foreigner's Guardianship, they have to build treshing-floors in the remote, flood-safe places, and additionally build facilities for grain drying.

They sell grains in the cities of Saratov and Kamyshin. Selling prices are according to that time period. During the previous 1797 year's summer and 1798 year's winter the prices were: rye - 2 rouble, wheat - 3 rouble, oat - 1.30 rouble, millet - 2.25 rouble. The public granary here is old but is built in the safe place. 90 quarters of each rye, oat, and wheat are collected up to now in it. Part of it is allocated to the local people, the rest is present [available for sale].

This document is authentic and approved by Popov and signed by colony's mayor.

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The census is made by the Office of Foreigner's Guardianship by The Deputy Cheif Judge, court councillor Popov in the colony of Kamenka, about the number of foreigners who live in it: Males and females with their ages; of them being able to work counting from the age of 16 years to 60 years. And additional notes which are made according to personal observation of colonists. September 16, 1798.

FOREIGNER'S NAMES (both genders)	A G E	# of souls; out of them - who ab- le and not ab- le to work				NOTES about colonists who are dis- able to work or permitted to leave with and without pas- ports. Also who are absent, but included to Register of 3-rouble payments
		M	F	Y	N	
1. Johann Adam Stremel from Gnilushka colony	42	1		1		
his wife: Anna Maria Oberberger	37		1			
sons:						
Johannes	15	1		1		
Michael	8	1		1		
Martin	6	1		1		
Friedrich	2	1		1		

97. Peter Rochel	14	1			1	
Peter's brother:						
Johann	12	1			1	
98. Joseph Vogt	55	1		1		This Vogt has paid his debt and has free passport and now owes for his wife
his wife: Anna Maria Schwartz	27		1			
daughters:						
Maria Theresia	4		1			
Maria Katerina	6m		1			
99. Peter Schwerdt	55	1		1		
his wife: Avdotia Yermolaeva,	30		1			
daughter of lieutenant from Rostov Fortress						
Peter's children from dead wife: sons:						
Joseph	22	1		1		
his wife: Eva Avdotya from Krasnoyarskaya Sloboda	21		1			
their children:						
son:						
Gavrily [Gabriel]	1	1			1	
daughter: Alexandra	3		1			
Paul	17	1		1		

Total number of souls: 615
including males: 301
 females: 314
able to work: 150
not able to work: 151

The census made by the Office of Foreigner's Guardianship by The Deputy Chief Judge, court councillor Popov in the colony of Kamenka, about the number of foreigners according to their treasure debts, attained passports for the free living in Russia, and who lives in this colony, and who use and not use benefits equally with others. Their ages and families are shown and additional notes which are made according to personal observation of this colony's inhabitants. September 16, 1798.

FOREIGNER'S NAMES	A	No.	NOTES:
(both genders)	G		Do they have
	E	o	passports or
		f	receipts?
		s	Do they use
		o	equally with
		u	others benefits
		l	or what they
		s	don't use?
			Do they wish

			to stay here or not?
	M	F	
1. Jacob Giesler his wife: Christina Wiedeman son: Johann Georg	47	1	Receipts of treasury debt's payments and passports of free living are present. In the colony they don't use any arable lands, but prac- tice trade and henceforth would like to stay here and to be allowed to use benefits equally
	50	1	
	11	1	
2. Franz Xavier Schäfer his wife: Anna Margarita Dietz son: Josef daughter: Christina	51	1	Has one passport but no receipts, was not given to him. As he said his debt for payment was tran- ferred to Ivan Mihalis. In the colony doesn't use any arable land, practice shoemaking and henceforth would like to stay here and to be allowed to use benefits
	29	1	
	8	1	
	3	1	
3. Josef Schäfer his wife: Susanna Margarita Dietze son: Andreas	28	1	Has one passport but no receipts, was not given to him. As he said his debt for payment was tran- ferred to Ivan Mihalis. In the colony doesn't use any arable land, practice shoemaking and henceforth would like to stay here and to be allowed to use benefits
	24	1	
	4	1	

Total number of souls: 10
including males: 6
females: 4

The Register made by the Office of Foreigner's Guardianship by The Deputy Cheif Judge, court councellor Popov in the colony of Kamenka, about the foreigners who have left this colony to the different places and about married widows and girls. September 16, 1798.

No	Who, where left colony	When (yr)
1	Matias Zwinger, has been allowed to go to Kremenchug with his passport and didn't come back	1787