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Chapter Meetings



Dec. 11

The Sunflower Chapter of AHSGR, Hays, Kansas group meets four - five times a year at Munjor, Kansas in the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, unless otherwise noted in the Chapter Newsletter. Munjor, Kansas was one of the six original Volga- German villages that was founded in August of 1876 from a group of settlers that came from the Volga River seeking a new life on the Kansas prairie.

CHRISTMAS MEETING

Sunday, December 11, 2017

Vincent parish Hall
Vincent, Ks.

Social Time

11:30pm - 12:30pm

Catered Meal

Cost \$15.00 per plate
Meal Time - 12:30 p.m.

Chapter Meeting

~ 1:30 pm

Program

2:00 - 3:30pm (roughly)

MEETING DATES FOR 2017

- ◆ **Sunday, February 26, 2017**
Polka Dance at Kennedy School Cafeteria
11:30 - 4:00
- ◆ **Sunday, May 7th, 2017**
Spring Mtg.
Munjor, Ks.
- ◆ **Sunday August 13th, 2017**
"Summer Picnic"
Munjor, Kansas

Chapter Website

www.sunflowerchapterofahsgr.net

Kansas Roundup Keeps Flame Alive

Judy Hoffman

True to tradition, the Kansas Roundup of Chapters once again presented a full day of guest speakers and programs that shed light on the ancestry and traditions of Germans from Russia. The opening ceremony of presentation of colors by former members of all branches of the military and memorial tribute to all members who've passed away the past year was solemnly ended with the lighting of a candle left burning the rest of the day. A short business meeting followed. The total attending the days' events was 89 which included 4 guests, 3 new members, 7 from Topeka, 7 from Wichita, 3 from Oklahoma, 1 from Denver, 1 from Missouri, and 4 from AHSGR in Lincoln.



Dodie Rotherham, shaking in her shoes, stops to take a photo with the Belznikel. Dodie is on the Board of Directors of AHSGR.

The first speaker was Hannah Witt from AHSGR headquarters, who did a power point presentation on how to connect us with AHSGR on the web. We received a "walk through" of the website and signing in. All membership information and data is very safe. Your standard membership allows access to much of what the website has to offer. Premium membership allows access to online files and clues. Lifetime membership gives premium status "forever".

Some reasons to log in: it helps AHSGR to know who we are; offers discounts in the online store; edit member information, pay invoices, check out some publications. In a nutshell, there is a LOT just waiting for your "mouse". Another special feature was Hannah was available with her computer the rest of the day to

answer questions and help members get started with user names and passwords. That was a real plus.

NORKA PASSAGE IN TIME - a DVD was a 30 minute documentary completed by AHSGR. It is a film taken in 1928 in the village of Norka, which is indicative

of typical German/Russian villages of the time. Heinrich Valker took this film at considerable risk to him as well as the people he was filming. Heinrich was living in the USA but returned to visit family in Norka. The famine was already in progress. Heinrich had left for the U.S. in 1909. In 1910 his wife and other family members joined him in Portland. His family in Russia survived the first world war and the famine. In 1927 Heinrich tried to return for a visit but it took til 1928 and the help of someone in the Ger-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

As I begin to write this message for the fall newsletter, I am sitting here with puffy eyes and a sore nose, winter must be coming because I have a cold. As with all the fall's in Kansas our was busy as usual. Our VFW Breakfast on September 11th netted the Chapter \$1,469. Thanks to all who have helped to sell these tickets especially Elmer Dreher, Leon Wolf, Dolores Pfannensteil, Wilma Braun and many others that worked to sell tickets for the benefit of our chapter.

Each year our chapter generally gives some financial assistance to AHSGR. This year the chapter decided to order the 1834 Obermunjou census and have it translated. We have received these documents and are being translated at this time and hopefully ready by the time we have our chapter meeting. No price has been set yet. AHSGR will be given full access to print the census from a finished PDF document and sold through AHSGR and keep all the proceeds which will go into a Translation of Archival Funds account to benefit AHSGR. Local copies will be sold through the Sunflower Chapter and through the Ellis County Historical Society. The chapter hope that we will be able to do this at least once a year.

It won't be long and it will be time to renew your AHSGR/Sunflower Chapter dues. Notices have already gone out. Please be sure to send your renewal notices back to the address given on the form. DO NOT SEND YOUR DUES TO LINCOLN. The levels of membership have changed so be sure to read the announcement on page 5 of this newsletter or the directions that were included in the renewal letter. If you have any questions what so ever please call me, 785-656-0329.

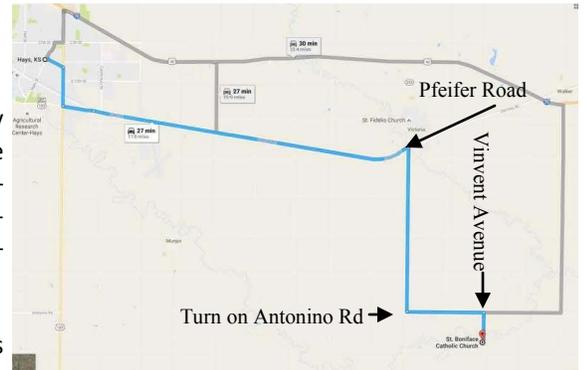
On December 11, we will have a very special Christmas meeting. All of us will met at the Vincent Parish Hall in Vincent, Kansas. If you don't know the directions I hope the map above will help. If not try car pooling with one of the members or give me a call for directions. This is our last fund-raiser for year. Dinner tickets will be \$15.00 a plate. The meal, which will be catered, will consist of wedding roast, chicken and noodles. Casenoodle, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans tea and coffee. **Please be sure to call me at 785-656-0329 and RSVP BEFORE December 5th.** After the meal, we will be given a guided tour of the St. Boniface Church and view the famous Fr. Callistus Rechtenwald's nativity scene and learn the history of this Volga German Parish on the plains which is nicknamed, "Pearl of the Prairie".

We have already made plans for the Fasnacht meeting which will be held on Sunday, February 26th in the old Kennedy School Cafeteria, next to St. Joseph's church. Our chapter will host a polka dance from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. with Wes Windholz providing the music. This will be open to the public and the entrance fee will be a german dish to share with your friends and hopefully new members! Watch for more information as we get closer.

On a final, and very exciting note, the Sunflower chapter has invited AHSGR to have the annual International Convention here in Hays in 2018. We have not yet had the final word from Lincoln, but if they accept, we are going to need all your help as well as the help from the other Kansas chapters to make this a great convention. What for details this summer as they are set in place.

Winter is almost here so please stay warm and well fed and beware of the slick roads. Pray that we have good weather for our meeting in Vincent and I hope to see you all there on December 11th!

*Machts Gut
Kevin Rupp*



**A very Merry Christmas
to all our chapter members
and of course,
the traditional New Year's Wish
to all of you.....**

Wir wuenschen euch ein
(We wish you a)

glueckliches Neues Jahr,
(Happy New Year)

ein langes Leben,
(a long life)

Gesundheit,
(good health)

Friede und Einigkeit,
(peace and goodwill)

und nach dem Tod,
(and after death)

die ewige Glueckseligkeit.
(eternal happiness)

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man embassy to get papers to visit. The filming he did at great risk and smuggled it out through the German embassy. The people were reserved and somber - emotionally scarred from famine and life under communist rule. In 1934 their last pastor was arrested and sent to Kazikstan and executed there. Farming was the major industry in Norka. Every day was filled with hard work. The village was founded Aug. 15, 1767. The deportation of Norka's villagers happened in 1941; what famine could not do, Stalin did. Deporting all German descent to forced labor camps. Most never saw Norka again. It was then settled by displaced Russian families. " This is a piece of the past we can experience with our own eyes; it is our mission to be here for generations to come, to share the story of our people."

LETTERS FROM RUSSIA - the Krug family, by Tanja (Tatjana) Schell

This power point presentation follows a trail of letters and photos of the Krug family, some of whom immigrated to America and over the years maintained contact with their family in Russia by letters and pictures. The letters sent to Russia are not preserved. The letters follow Amalie (Jerger) Krug and Jacob Jerger Jr. who immigrated to Nova Scotia, then came through Vermont to Scotts Bluff, Ne. in October, 1912.

In 1914 at the outbreak of WWI many German/Russian men were conscripted into the military, against their will. Then followed civil war in Russia and the famine. The letters document what was happening. The letters before that were just of family interest (1913-14). Then there is a significant break in communication until 1921-22 and the letters are filled with mixed messages. Times are very hard; civil war; food shortages; refugees trying to escape war zones; cholera and typhoid are raging. Military passing through, camping in fields, hampering harvests. Most of the letters start off the same "Dear children". An aunt writes: There is not enough to eat. Our son is ready for Confirmation but he has no suit. A family member tried to leave and to to America through Poland to Germany. But the Polish robbed them and they couldn't continue and they had to return to the Volga.

Many people tried to get out and reach a camp for famine victims but couldn't make it. The letters began to ask for money. An American organization called "American Relief Society" helped by getting food supplies directly to the families Americans were trying to help. (AHSGR has copies of letters from recipients of this aid.)

"WEICHNACHTZEIT IM OKTOBER" - presented by the Sunflower Chapter began by tracing the history of Christmas trees. Interesting to note is that German settlers introduced the Christmas tree to America bringing claim to the fame of the first city in the USA to decorate a Christmas tree: Lancaster, Pa. (1800's)

On display the chapter had a cotton wrapped Christmas tree made by Betty Pfannenstiel and Rose Staab. This custom also came from the Pennsylvania Germans in the 1800's. To preserve trees, they stripped the branches and wrapped cotton on them so they could be used for years. All joined in singing "O TANNENBAUM" while children decorated the cotton wrapped tree with home-made ornaments. Then a brief history of "Kristkind" and "Belznicel" was given. Suddenly there was a loud knock and into the room burst "Belznicel" (in all his glory) - gruff, clothed in animal fur, heavily bearded face...pounding his whip on the table and searching for any bad boys or girls, ready to give fair warning to straighten up before Christmas or there'd be no gifts! After he left we could hear bells jingling heralding the entrance of "Kristkind" who gently and quietly wended her way among the crowd to speak to the children. "I need to know who has a birthday on Christmas?!" One child shouted "Me!" Not exactly the answer expected, for sure. Kristkind went on to encourage children to be good, to pray, to obey their parents, ending with presenting each with a bag of treats. All joined in singing "Silent Night" in German and English. What a great way to bring tradition to life.

"ANALYZING PERSONAL LETTERS SENT FROM VOLGA GERMAN VILLAGE" by Tanya Schell . In this presentation we learned the history of Tanya's family. Her family was rounded up in 1941, put on trains for a 2 week journey, then transported by river to villages in Siberia. A distant relative was arrested on Christmas Eve in

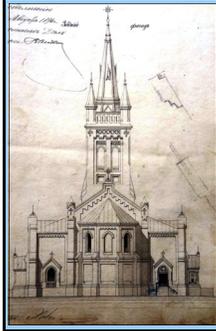
1937 at his daughter's house. He was Franz Mari and his "crime" was a statement of not being in favor of tractors for farming. It was considered "anti-government" talk. Three men testified to this. Franz was 69 years old; he was sentenced in 3 days to 10 years of hard labor. He was too weak to survive forced labor, and soon died.

Tanya's grandfather remembers the start of WWII. Usually before every school year there'd be new books, painting and renovations to the school. On the first day of school they were told of the evacuation. Their story continues to mirror stories of the deportation of Volga Germans.

LIMESTONE ON THE TREELESS GREAT PLAINS by Guy Windholz showed the ingenuity of the Volga Germans in creating homes and magnificent buildings from native limestone. When the immigrants first arrived to the Kansas plains trees were scarce. First homes were dug-outs. Soon the hardy immigrants were extracting limestone from all around the area to build their homes, farm buildings, businesses and churches. Some of the most beautiful and majestic churches in the area were built by the hardy German/Russian settlers. They would be assigned wagonloads of limestone for the churches and skimp and save to fund the necessary supplies to build a church fit for the King of Kings. A local artist, Pete Felten, is famous for his carvings from limestone that can be found in towns and at AHSGR.

The keynote speaker was Tanja Schell presenting a history lesson on Volga German villages as we joined her photo tour of a journey there in 2013. Many of the buildings and villages have quite the history. Some are falling to ruin, others restored. In Moscow is a newly opened Gulag museum. Many artifacts you would understand without a word being spoken. Many items there that were made by prisoners in the Gulag camps which were usually located at construction sites, woods, mines and industrial factories.

Blackberries, a favorite in this area, are considered weeds in Russia, yet our ancestors brought them here and they are always in demand every summer, for Kuchen, pies, dumplings.

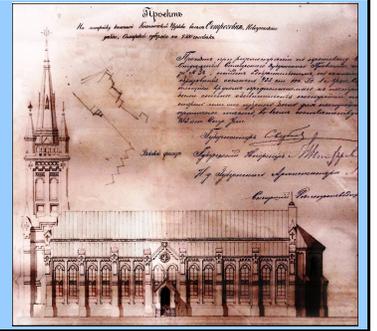


Lui (Louis, Otrogovka, Ostrogovka, Mechetnaya)

Today: the *Rayon Center Stepnoye* of the *Rayon Sovietski*, Saratov region
Geographical Location and Administrative-Territorial Situation in the 19th and 20th Centuries

Researched and Written by Olga Litzenberger, Russia

Translated from Russian to German by Johannes Herzog, Germany
 and German into English by Alex Herzog, Boulder, Colorado



We continue the final pages to the history of the colony of Louis, Russia.....

The Village Today

Its name today is Stepnoye, Rayon Sovyetski, Saratov Region. In 1953 Ostrogovka was given the name of Stepnoye, and in 1958 Stepnoye was classified as an urban settlement. It had been the center of the Rayon Sovietski since 1967. During recent years, its population has been decreasing. While there were 13,139 residents in 2010, by 2013 there were 12,696.

During the second half of the 20th Century, prospectors arrived in the vicinity to provide access to the gas and oil reserves of the area and to establish an oil and gas industry there. Currently the region is an important Russian gas pipeline junction. The most important economic development future of Stepnoye lies in oil and gas extraction, and in agriculture it is grain processing and animal husbandry. Currently the locale houses the largest gas container in Europe, with a capacity of 8 million cubic meters. The town is well situated with two public middle schools, a children's school for the arts, a house for creative activities for youth, a school for sports, and a cultural house.

Geographically, the locale is divided into two parts: the new "Upper Village" with modern 5-story buildings, and the old "Lower Village" along the Karaman River, and which still includes homes that had once belonged German settlers. The former church square and the cemetery have been built over. Today's residents do not recall anything of a onetime German colony. In 2013 Stepnoye celebrated "55 years (!) of existence of the rayon settlement." This clearly indicates that the local authorities do not wish to remind themselves of their actual, 250-year history.

Archival Sources

State Historical Archive of the Volga Germans (in Engels, Saratov region). Volume 162. Collection of documents of the Roman Catholic churches in the villages of the rural county of Kamyshinski, Gouvernement Saratov, and of the rural counties of Nikolaievski and Novouzenski, Gouvernement Samara. They cover the years 1789 – 1944. Documents 89 – 105, Circulars and Decrees of the Roman Catholic Consistory of Tiraspol, and other documents. Also documents 106 – 110.

Questionnaire for conducting marriage examinations for residents of Ostrogovka (Louis) covering the years 1877 – 1921. Document 111. List of families of members of the Roman Catholic parish community of the Ostrogovka village (Louis) for 1893. Document 136. Circulars and Edicts of the Roman Catholic Clerical Consistory in Tiraspol; lists of members of the Roman Catholic church community Ostrogovka for the years 1835, 1839, 1846 – 1849. Documents 139 – 160. Registers of births, baptisms, marriages and deaths of Louis for the years 1837 – 1897; plus a questionnaire for conducting marriage exams for the years 1837 – 1897. Documents 9 and 10 contain scattered entries on births and baptisms, a document 12 includes entries for deaths in Ostrogovka (Louis).

State Archive of the Region of Saratov. Volume 637. Collection of Roman Catholic church registers of the Gouvernement Saratov (1780 – 1917). Index 25, documents 1 – 9. Registry of the Roman Catholic church in Louis (Ostrogovka, Ostrogovka [sic - repeated], Mechetnaya) for the years 1861 – 1870, 1875 – 1882, 1892 – 1888, 1889 – 1895, 1895 – 1903, 1903 – 1913, 1913 – 1916, 1916 – 1920;.

An Especially Interesting Archival Document

Among the document of the Saratov Welfare Committee for Foreign Settlers that have disappeared [?] there is in the State Archive of the Saratov region one entitled "The matter concerning the hunt for Elisabeth Heiz (Heinz? Geiz?), daughter-in-law of the colo-

nist Johannes Tarr of the Ostrogovka colony," dated "the year 1820." Article 35 of the "Instruction for internal order and administration in the Volga colonies," which was confirmed by the monarch on September 16, 1800, reads: "It is strongly ordered that no colonist leave unnecessarily the colony in which he was registered during the previous census, and roam around the colonies at leisure." Article 10 of the same Instruction orders as follows: "In the colonies no one without papers can be tolerated. And should unknown, suspicious or fleeing persons be noticed, the county 'captain' must be notified." The clergy played an active part in the arrest of fleeing people. Not rarely did the churches have a notice to the effect "Announcement on Sunday from the pulpit concerning the flight of the wife ..." or "The search will be announced from the pulpit via a three-time reading on Sundays and holy days..." or "Must look through church parish books for marriages and deaths in order to locate the fleeing person..." and that was followed by the name of the person being sought.

Louis in the Press, April 1, 1898

"In the recently erected parish church in Louis, wall coverings have recently been started, for which purpose scaffolding has been put up that reaches all the way to the ceiling. A few days ago an accident occurred at this location. During the early morning, as the workers were already standing on the scaffolding, the pastor was called to the home of an ill parish member. The cleric walked toward the workers to ask them to stop working until he returned from anointing the sick person. When one of the workers (a Russian) heard the bells ringing, he looked down wondering what was going on, but lost his footing and fell down, a depth of four faden [more than about 80 feet.].

And now the unfortunate man can walk only with the help of crutches."



AHSGR CHANGES MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Karen Soeken, Chair
Membership and Public Affairs Committee

We have made some changes to our membership and I want to share them with chapter leaders before information about renewing membership goes out to the members.

Annual Membership. As of our July board meeting, annual memberships now run for one year from the date of joining (or renewing) rather than for the calendar year.

- ◆ Currently almost all of our members will renew January 1st so this decision will not affect them – unless they renew late. In that instance, their one year will be from the date of renewal.
- ◆ As you might imagine, recruiting new members in the last half of the year has been difficult when people realized their membership would end in just a few months. Often they said they would wait until January – and then we lost them. Since we instituted this change the beginning of July, we have had over 45 people join.

Membership Dues. Annual dues are now \$50 for Standard Member and \$100 for Sustaining (Contributing) Member. Sustaining members will receive a receipt for the amount that can be considered a tax deduction. This is the structure we have had in the past. With the increase in costs of all types to run the society, we have eliminated the \$35 membership.

Method of Distribution. Beginning in January, we will distribute the AHSGR Newsletter and AHSGR Journal electronically. The publications have not changed; only the method of delivery is changing. The money saved by moving to electronic distribution – approximately \$15/year per member – is substantial and with this change in the method of distribution, we can use that money for other activities such as obtaining records from Russia or translating materials.

We realize that some members still prefer receiving print materials and we want to accommodate those members. Standard Members who prefer to receive the publications in printed form can pay an extra \$15 (a total of \$65) to receive print publications. Sustaining Members who pay \$100 in dues can receive the print versions as part of their dues if they request.

There are some advantages to receiving electronic versions. Any color photos will be in color electronically as compared to black and white when in print form. Another advantage is the ability to search these publications for a name or topic when in electronic form. Also, it is easier to store them electronically rather than in print form.

Life Members will continue to receive either electronic or print versions as they have requested. We will let them know about the cost to AHSGR to print and mail the journal and newsletter and encourage them to change to electronic distribution or consider paying \$15/year to cover the cost. You can help us by encouraging your Life Members to submit their email address and receiving the publications electronically. Again, the savings to AHSGR is substantial. Going forward, any new Life Members will receive the publications electronically.

Members Only Website. With the change in our membership structure, we decided to make items previously limited to Premium and Life Members available to all members. ‘Members Only’ will now benefit all members. Just a word of warning: it will take a while for staff to work through all the pages on our website to change the previously limited access.

If you have any questions about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me. It’s important that we work together as we continue to Keep our Heritage Alive.

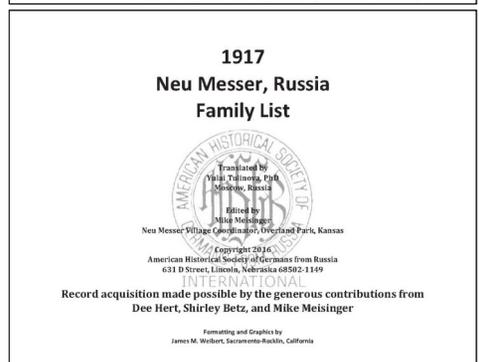
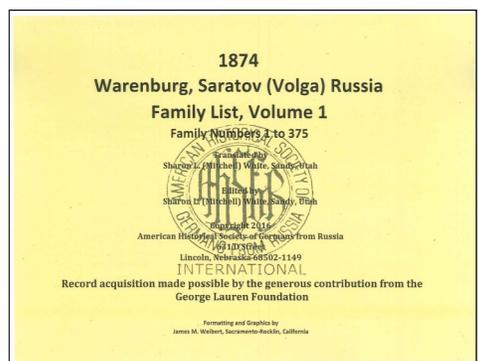
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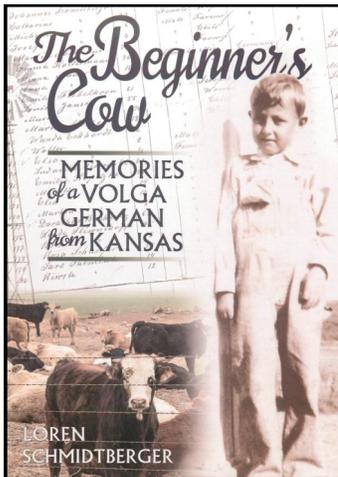


The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia have aggressively begun the step of making documents available to their members and researchers. This fall they released the 1879-1912 Herzog Family list which is of great interest to the Ellis County, Kansas area.



Two other books were released soon after, 1874 Warenburg and 1917 Neu-Messer Family list. Schoenchen 1920 family list is scheduled to be available before Christmas from AHSGR. The Hays Sunflower Chapter hope to have the 1834 Obermunnjou census ready by Christmas as well. Watch the newsletter for more updates!





THE BEGINNER'S COW: MEMORIES OF A VOLGA GERMAN FROM KANSAS

Loren Schmidtberger

At the age of seven, Loren Schmidtberger was assigned to a beginner's cow - the gentlest cow in the herd and the easiest for a child beginning to milk. As he learned to milk with the help of the cow, he also learned the art of living the unforgiving reality of the Dust Bowl years tempered by the steadfast resilience of his Volga German community.

After he left the family's isolated Kansas farm and throughout his teaching career, Schmidtberger's life was filled with ever-present memories of family and community. Now he offers us those memories in stories told with wry humor and gentle grace. These tales span the decades with clear-eyed gaze, reflecting a cultural legacy that laid the foundation for a life well-lived, and illustrated the deep cultural changes between America in the 1930s and the America we know today. Loren Schmidtberger's parents were Mike & Catherine (Meier) Schmidtberger from Victoria, Kansas whose original village was Herzog on the Volga. *This book may be order by calling the Truman State University Press at 1-660-785-7336 or tsup.truman.edu*

AN OLD GERMAN POLKA

Oren M. Windholz

From years of attending hochzeits, listening and dancing to the music of the German bands in western Kansas, there is one polka imbedded in my memory. Although a musician in several dance bands, I never played the tune I am writing about. We played many polkas, backed up by written scores, whereas most early musicians learned to play "by ear" from their mentors.

In 2010 we were honored to host Windholz cousins of Herzog, Russia heritage. Their ancestors emigrated to Brazil, then Argentina, descendants of our common ancestor, Anton who was the sole Windholz from Regensburg, Germany who answered the call of Catherine the Great to immigrate to Russia.

When Adolfo Lorhrman and his son Carlos ended their week in Hays, we had a Windholz family dinner after which many songs and stories were shared. Adolfo is a musician and knew lots of German songs he plays on his accordion in Buenos Aires. Using the Lawrence Weigel/N. J. Pfannenstiel German Folk Songs (1956) lyrics, we enjoyed singing together on the final evening of the visit.

During the 2015 holiday, Adolfo played his accordion at a party. Carlos sent a video of two polkas to us by email. The first tune he played was the very polka I recalled over the years. It seems the polka is widely played in settlements in Argentina of Volga German heritage. YouTube sites have excellent recordings available on the Internet. Go to: youtube.com and enter some key words in the search line. Use key words such as: Volgadeutsche polka Argentina, Alemanes Volga German Polka, or Wolgadeutsche polka Argentina. I give these variations as an example, other key words will also work. Most searches do not require capital letters and some do not require Volgadeutsche as two words. You will have access to over a thousand videos of the accordion, dulcimer, singing and dancing delights.

I forwarded the Lohrmann videos to other Volga German family members and received a surprising response. Phyllis Windholz Hoover wrote "Dad taught me that one at about age 11 on a little accordion." She and her family knew it as Die Hingle und Die Giegle habe fetter an ihr Feees, Des Macht Des Supe So Sees!" The chicken and the rooster have feathers on their feet, that makes the soup so tasty. With some variation due to dialect pronunciations, this name was the consensus of the accordionists I talked to, including my classmate Jon Kisner formerly of the Eddie Basgall band. My Bukovina German cousin Joe Erbert knows and has played the polka for years. Carlos said his father called it "The Brush". Mein Vater laeuft meine Mutter mit der Buerste nach. My father runs after my mother with the brush. These German lyrics are heard among the songs on YouTube. Numerous German musicians interviewed all recall Die Hingle, but no paper would be complete without the input of the venerable Herman Dinges. In our conversation he quickly sang the song to me, which his brother's band played in the 30s.

Gary Batt, an organizer of the Dutch Masters recalled the many bands from this area and Colorado who all played Die Hingle polka, virtually all committing it to memory from older musicians. Oral history indicates this and many other songs were brought from Russia with the settlers, some of them traceable back to their roots in Germany. It is easy to suppose the polka also made its way to Argentina from Russia. Gary noted that the lead band instrument in early times was the violin. The piano accordion became popular in Kansas in the early 1900s.



2017 AHSGR-SUNFLOWER CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership renewals will now be on the date of your membership anniversary



Members Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Birth date: Month _____ Day _____ Year (optional) _____ German-Russian Heritage Yes ___ No ___

Ancestral Names (Self) _____

Ancestral Villages (Self) _____

Spouses Name _____ Spouses Maiden Name _____

Birth date: Month _____ Day _____ Year (optional) _____ German-Russian Heritage Yes ___ No ___

Ancestral Names (Spouse) _____

Ancestral Villages (Spouse) _____

Sunflower Newsletter: By e-mail ___ By Postal Mail ___

Privacy Option: ___ Check here if you do **NOT** want your information published to others in the Society. (Clues/GED List)

DUES: Renewal _____ New Member _____ **Dues for year 2017**

Date Paid _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

You must be a member of the International Organization (AHSGR) before joining the local Sunflower Chapter.

Membership Levels:

___ **On-Line Membership \$60.00** - This fee includes the International Society Dues of \$50.00 plus \$10.00 for Chapter dues. At this level you will **receive ALL materials via e-mail**. No printed newsletter, Journal, or clues will be sent in the mail.

___ **Printed Membership \$75.00** - This fee includes the International Society Dues of \$50.00 plus \$15 for all material mailed to you via post office (Hard copies), and \$10.00 for local Sunflower Chapters dues.

___ **Life Membership** - contact Kevin if you are interested in a Lifetime Membership.

Life Members will continue to receive either electronic or print versions as you have requested you you first joined. If you have been a live member and would prefer to receive your mailings from headquarters via email, instead of printed material, and saving AHSGR a few dollars, please let us know.

Make your check payable to:
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HELP OUR CHAPTER!!!!

These are the little ways in which you can help our chapter

___ Program ___ Folklore
___ Hospitality ___ Newsletter Submissions

If new member, how did you hear about AHSGR?
Website ___ Facebook ___ Magazine Ad ___ Society Visit ___ Other ___
Name of referring Chapter or Member: _____
Comments: _____



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