

Extraction from the 1874 Mennonite Emigration Loan Fund's Account Book (*Schnurbuch*)

In February 1874, as Mennonites prepared to emigrate from Russia to the United States, some leaders (mainly or entirely from the Alexanderwohl congregation) put together a loan fund to help poor Mennonites pay for the costs of emigration. Church members were requested to contribute, and needy people were able to apply for a loan. An account book, bound with a cord (*schnur* in German), was prepared to document the transactions. The original *Schnurbuch* is in the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College in North Newton, Kans., USA.

Below is a list of the contributors and borrowers. I started to list the Grandma # and immigration ship of each person, but then I decided that would take far too much time. There are additional pages listing the rules of the fund, some discussion about its collection and disbursement, and accounts for each borrower. There are other names listed on these pages that I did not extract.

There is a good background article on the *Schnurbuch* at <http://ml.bethelks.edu/store/ml/files/1946jan.pdf>. Melvin Gingerich, "The Alexanderwohl 'Schnurbuch,'" *Mennonite Life* 1:1 (January 1946): 45-47.

Scans of the original may be found on the MLA web site http://mla.bethelks.edu/archives/cong_15/schnurbuch/

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Suggestions, corrections, or additional information would be appreciated.

Prepared in honor of my great-great grandfather Jakob Fast, who was able to come to America because the Mennonite community loaned him 125 rubles, and in appreciation of the generous church members who contributed.

Page	Village	Name - Exact Transcription	Standardized		Amount (RUR)	Amount (USD)	Proposed GM#	Immigration Ship
			First Name	Surname				
1874 Contributors								
4	Ebenburg?	Jakob Enns	Jacob	Enns	200			
	Nikolaidorf	David Ediger	David	Ediger	100		11634	Teutonia
	Nikolaidorf	Abrah. Neufeld	Abraham	Neufeld	100		4221	Teutonia
	Margenau	Jakob Friesen	Jacob	Friesen	100		64984	Teutonia
	Tiegerweide	Gerhard Kornelssen	Gerhard	Kornelsen	25		6207	Cimbria
	Rudnerweide	Wittwe Regehr	(Widow)	Regier	400			
	Sparrau	Peter Abrahams	Peter	Abrahams	200		29400	Teutonia
	Sparrau	Peter Schröder	Peter	Schroeder	100			
	Sparrau	Abrah. Kröker	Abraham	Kroeker	50			
	Sparrau	Jakob Klaasen	Jacob	Classen	50			
	Schardau	Andreas Flaming	Andreas	Flaming	100			
	Schardau	Kornelius Dallke	Cornelius	Dalke	100			
	Kleefeld	Peter Richert	Peter	Richert	200			
	Kleefeld	Heinrich Schröder	Heinrich	Schroeder	200			
	Kleefeld	Peter Franz	Peter	Franz	50			
	5	Alexanderthal	Wilhelm Janzen	Wilhelm	Janzen	200		
Alexanderwohl		Heinrich Görtz	Heinrich	Goertz	200			
Alexanderwohl		Peter Schmidt	Peter	Schmidt	200			
Alexanderwohl		Heinrich Görtz	Heinrich	Goertz	200			
Alexanderwohl		Jakob Schmidt	Jacob	Schmidt	100			
Alexanderwohl		Kornelius Wedel	Cornelius	Wedel	75			
Alexanderwohl		Heinrich Unruh	Heinrich	Unruh	200			
Alexanderwohl		Dietrich Gäddert	Dietrich	Gaeddert	200			
Fürstenau		David Penner	David	Penner	200			
Nikolaidorf		Peter Unruh	Peter	Unruh	100			
Elisabeththal		Heinrich Epp	Heinrich	Epp	500			
Elisabeththal		Jakob Siemens	Jacob	Siemens	100			
Elisabeththal		Peter Lohrens	Peter	Lohrenz	100			
Elisabeththal		Johann Epp	Johann	Epp	100			
Franzthal		Peter Ratzlaff	Peter	Ratzlaff	300			
Franzthal		Johann Ratzlaff	Johann	Ratzlaff	100			
Franzthal		Peter Ratzlaff	Peter	Ratzlaff	100			
Franzthal		Heinrich Kröker	Heinrich	Kroeker	100			
Franzthal		Heinrich Schultz	Heinrich	Schultz	300			
Lichtfelde		Johann Harder	Johann	Harder	200			
Lichtfelde		Johann Braun	Johann	Braun	100			
Gnadenenthal		Heinrich Schmidt	Heinrich	Schmidt	100			
Gnadenenthal	Wilhelm Nikkel	Wilhelm	Nikkel	200				
Gnadenenthal	David Buller	David	Buller	200				

	Gnadenenthal	Kornelius Voth	Cornelius	Voth	200			
	Mariawohl	Jakob Schmidt	Jacob	Schmidt	200			
	Mariawohl	Gerh. Abrahams	Gerhard	Abrahams	400			
	Landskrone	Benj. Nachtigall	Benjamin	Nachtigal	200			
	Landskrone	Johann Krause	Johann	Krause	25			
	Hierschau	Jakob Wall	Jacob	Wall	100			
	Hierschau	David Buller	David	Buller	200			
	Waldheim	Kornelius Wedel	Cornelius	Wedel	100			
	Paulsheim	Peter Balzer	Peter	Balzer	400			
6	Paulsheim	Peter Thiessen	Peter	Thiessen	200			
	Paulsheim	Peter Buller	Peter	Buller	200			
	Prangenu	Peter Jost	Peter	Jost	100			
	Steinfeld	Heinrich Franz	Heinrich	Franz	100			
	Steinfeld	Peter Pankratz	Peter	Pankratz	200			
	Steinfeld	Peter Buller	Peter	Buller	200			
	Steinfeld	Heinrich Ratzlaff	Heinrich	Ratzlaff	100			
	Waldheim	Abrah. Richert	Abraham	Richert	100			
	Rudnerweide	Benj. Ratzlaff	Benjamin	Ratzlaff	200			
	Rosenort	Kornelius Dirksen	Cornelius	Dirksen	200			
	Sparrau	Gerh. Thiessen	Gerhard	Thiessen	50			
	Rückenau	Heinrich Dahl	Heinrich	Dahl?	100			
	Hamburg	Johann Nikkel	Johann	Nickel	200			
	Paulsheim	Kornelius Funk	Cornelius	Funk	200			
	Ohrloff	Jakob Friesen	Jacob	Friesen	200			
	Waldheim	Heinrich Schmidt	Heinrich	Schmidt	100			
	Klippenfeld	David Unruh	David	Unruh	200			
	Pordenau	Derk Thiessen	Dirk	Thiessen	500			
	Rudnerweide	Dietrich Neufeld	Dietrich	Neufeld	500			
	Alexanderwohl	Johann Schmidt	Johann	Schmidt	100			
	Alexanderwohl	Abraham Reimer	Abraham	Reimer	100			
	Alexanderwohl	Heinrich Dirksen	Heinrich	Dirksen	50			
	Landskrone	Peter Voth	Peter	Voth	200			
	Alexanderwohl	Peter Vibe	Peter	Wiebe	50			
				TOTAL	11625			

Borrowers

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8	Tiegerweide	Jakob Block	Jacob	Block	355			
	Landskrone	Jakob Born	Jacob	Born	680			
	Franzthal	Johann Kliewer	Johann	Kliewer	405			
	Franzthal	Franz Adrian	Franz	Adrian	400			
	Franzthal	Peter Ratzlaff	Peter	Ratzlaff	35			
	Franzthal	Aron Dück	Aron	Dyck	234			
	Franzthal	Wittwe-Fast	(Widow)	Fast				
	Steinfeld	Johann Klaassen	Johann	Classen		161.15		
	Lichtfelde	Abrah. Sperling	Abraham	Sperling	790		106033	Teutonia
	Lichtfelde	Jakob Fast	Jacob	Fast	125		35385	Teutonia
	Rückenau	Martin Hamm	Martin	Hamm	560	36		
	Nikolaidorf	Abrah. Kooz?	Abraham	Kooz?				
	Alexanderwohl	Johann Thiessen	Johann	Thiessen	225			
	Alexanderwohl	Peter Dallke	Peter	Dalke	175	10		
	Alexanderwohl	Jakob Gäddert	Jacob	Gaeddert	680			
	Alexanderwohl	Andreas Block	Andreas	Block	495			
9	Alexanderwohl	Peter Wedels Tochter?	(dau. of Peter)	Wedel				
	Friedensdorf	Jakob Nachtigall	Jacob	Nachtigal	270	36		
	Grossweide	Franz Spent	Franz	Spent	50	80		
	Grossweide	Korn. Vogt	Cornelius	Voth	330			
	Prangenu	Peter Kliewers	Peter	Kliewer	510			
	Prangenu	Peter Kliewers	Peter	Kliewer	220	10		
	Elisabeththal	David Schröder	David	Schroeder	280			
	Hierschau	Bernhard Löwen	Bernhard	Loewen		91.35		
	???	David Buller	David	Buller				
	Konteniusfeld	Johann Dück	Johann	Dyck	110			
	Fürstenwerder	Franz Görtz	Franz	Goertz	440			
	Waldheim	Johann Wedel	Johann	Wedel				
	Rudnerweide	Heinrich Nikkel	Heinrich	Nickel	25	25		

Grossweide	Franz Vogt	Franz	Voth	240			
Krimm?	Aron Peters	Aron	Peters	715	55		
Waldheim	Franz _____	Franz	???	535			
???	???	???	???				
Alexanderwohl	Wittwe Heinr. Buller	(widow of Heinrich)	Buller	43	87		
Hierschau	Jakob Janzen	Jacob	Janzen		100		
Alexanderwohl	Peter Dalke	Peter	Dalke		80		
Fischau	Peter Warkentin	Peter	Warkentin		50		
Blumstein	Johann Warkentin	Johann	Warkentin		25		
Fischau	Peter Warkentin	Peter	Warkentin		25		
Rückenau	Martin Ham̄	Martin	Hamm		10		
Franzthal	Aron Dück	Aron	Dyck		6		
Alexanderwohl	Wittwe Buller	(widow)	Buller		25		
	Wittwe Buller	(widow)	Buller		10		

Additional Borrowers?

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10	Prangenu	Peter Kliewers	Peter	Kliewer		25		
	Blumstein	Johann Wark.	Johann	Warkentin		25		
	Franzthal	Aron Dück	Aron	Dyck		5		
	Franzthal	Peter Ratzlaff	Peter	Ratzlaff		20		
	Prangenu	Peter Kliewers	Peter	Kliewer		5		
	Prangenu	Peter Kliewers	Peter	Kliewer		50		
	Rudnerweide	H. Nikkel	Heinrich	Nickel		25		
	Gnadenheim	David Görtz	David	Goertz		45		
	Kansas McPherson	Joh. Krause	Johann	Krause		20		
	Alexanderwohl	Kor. Franz	Cornelius	Franz		15		
	Alexanderwohl	Heinr. Franz	Heinrich	Franz		80		
	Alexanderwohl	Jakob Franz	Jacob	Franz		15		
	Gnadenheim	David Görtz	David	Goertz		10		
	New Alexanderw.	Jakob Buller	Jacob	Buller		201.23		
		Heinrich Richert	Heinrich	Richert				
	New Alexanderw.	Jakob Buller	Jacob	Buller				
		Heinrich Richert	Heinrich	Richert		100		
	Alexanderwohl	Kornelius Franz	Cornelius	Franz		10		
	Heinrichsdorf	Kornelius Schmidt	Cornelius	Schmidt		10		
	Kansas	Kornelius Wedel	Cornelius	Wedel		185		