

Mennonite Refugees in Constantinople: 19 April 1923

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An unknown person sent the following two lists to *Die Mennonitische Rundschau*. The first list is of those who had been living in Constantinople. The second list is of those who had recently arrived from Batum and were in “Bethesda” home.

GM# refers to the person’s number in the GRANDMA genealogical database.

For more information on the refugees who went through Batum and Constantinople see:

- 1) *Mennonites in Ukraine Amid Civil War and Anarchy (1917-1920): A Documentary Collection*. Translated by John B. Toews. CMBS Fresno (2013).
- 2) *God’s Mercy and Man’s Kindness: memoirs of the group of Mennonites who left the Crimea in Russia during the early 1920s and came to America via Batum and Constantinople*. Compiled by Mary Dirks Janzen (1974).
- 3) *Constantinople: Escape from Bolshevism*. Edited by Irmgard Epp (2006).
- 4) GAMEO article: [https://gameo.org/index.php?title=Constantinople_\(Turkey\)](https://gameo.org/index.php?title=Constantinople_(Turkey))

List 1

Name	Birth Location	Age	GM #	Wife's Name	Birth Location	Age	GM #	Occupation	Comments (in German)
Abram Michael Froese	Kronsthal, Chortitza	36	149378	Susanna Peters	Liebenau, Molotschna	31	149106	Teacher	Travel money and affidavits received. In Batum son Herbert born and died. Son Werner died in Batum. Husband and wife suffered from malaria for a long time and in Constantinople husband suffered from typhus: wife hospitalised for 3 months with neuralgia.

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									Husband weak and in the service of the group, wife recovering. Destitute.
Johann Johann Wilms	Fuerstenwerder, Molotschna	42	1034213	Christina Penz	Friedensfeld, Chortitza	35	663220	Teacher and Minister	Children: Heinrich 10, Johannes 8, Erna 5. Travel money and affidavits not yet received. Husband in Tbilisi has had abdominal typhus. Children currently healthy. Husband and wife weak. Destitute.
Peter Abraham Dick	Tiege, Molotschna	53	65135	Anna Dick	Hamburg, Molotschna	46	65378	Farmer	Children: Abram 19, Katharina 16, Woldemar 5. Ship pass and affidavits received. Son Abram and daughter Katharina suffered from malaria in Batum. Abram and Katharina are still not free of malaria. Means of subsistence available.
Jacob Jacob Toews	Gnadenfeld, Molotschna	41	162906	Susanna Rempel	Gnadenfeld, Molotschna	37	162907	Farmer	Children: Heinrich 11, Helena 10, Jacob 7, Kornelius 3. Travel money and affidavit received. The whole family suffered from malaria. The whole family still suffering. Destitute. Earns very little.
Karl Abram Rempel	Gnadenfeld, Molotschna	26	225734	Agatha Krause	Schoenfeld, Ekaterinoslav	23	225703	Farmer	Travel money received. Affidavit not. Husband and wife suffering from malaria since June. Husband

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									seriously ill with malaria - unable to work and to earn a living.
Aron Aron Rempel	Gnadenfeld, Molotschna	41	225714	Susanna Krause	Schoenfeld, Ekaterinoslav	31	225701	Farmer	Children: Maria 13, Aron 9, Agatha 5, Susanna 4, Willi 4 months. In Batum the whole family suffered from malaria, except daughter Maria. Husband and wife suffering from malaria. Earnings not enough to live on.
Wiens			755626	Agatha Voth	Konteniusfeld, Molotschna	47	755625	Landowner	Children: Elisabeth 18, Heinrich 15, Aganetha 12. Affidavit received. In Batum husband Johann Heinrich Wiens died, the others all had typhus. At present all except Elisabeth suffering from malaria. Destitute. No income.
Becker			369422	Helena Janzen	Franzthal, Molotschna	42	369421	Landowner	Children: Jakob 16, Katharina 13, Nikolai 11, Anna 7. ...not received. Husband, David J. Becker 45 and son Johann 3, died in Batum, the others suffered from malaria. All healthy. Destitute. No income.
Peter Kornelius Sawatzky	Schoenthal, Crimea	32	1380537	Anna Rosenfeld	Jalentsch, Crimea	32	532862	Farmer	Son Peter 4. Travel money and affidavits received. Wife has typhus, malaria and pneumonia. Husband healthy, able to work,

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									receiving low daily wages. Wife suffering.
Johann Johann Dick	Margenau, Molotschna	43	65359	Katharina Regehr	Alexandewohl, Molotschna	43	65028	Farmer	Children: Johann 17. Not received. Died in Batum: Katharina 18, Bernhard 15, the others suffered from typhus and malaria. At present all still suffering from malaria, capable of light work. Destitute.
Bergen				Frieda Bergen	Mariawohl, Molotschna	14	280785		Not received. Father born Old Colony, 33, mother born Loewen, in Molotschna 36. Brother Jacob 12, John 6, Henry 4, Alexander 1. Sister Lydia - all died in Batum. Suffering. Is with Johann Dick.
Johann Abram Pankratz	Gnadenfeld, Molotschna	24	802348					bookseller	Received. Suffered in Batum with malaria for 2 moths. Still suffering. Currently has means.
Hermann Gustav Rempel	Konteniusfeld, Molotschna	21	507570					Landowner	Brother Dietrich, born in Anadol-Mariupol 19. Travel money and affidavits not received. Healthy. Capable of work.

List 2

Name	Origin	Age	GM #	Wife's Name	Age	GM #	Occupation	Comments (in German)
Peter Gerhard Bergen	Spat, Crimea	51		Ella	31		Landowner	Son Peter 4. Travel money received from J. Friesen, Mountain Lake, MN. In good health. Unemployed. All were sick and brother Jacob 25 years old, buried.
Emil Daniel Becker	Alt Fidorovka, Cholm	31					Landowner	No definite outlook yet. Sick and been sick a lot; always suffered from malaria.
Jakob Jakob Dick	Mariawohl, Molotschna	33		Liese	24		Landowner	Ready to go, equipped by John Nissley, Lancaster, PA. In good health. Both have been ill. Child Jacob died, 1 year.
Hermann Peter Dick	Gnadental	52	50193	Anna Friesen	51	50187	Landowner	Children: Abram 17, and Mary 15. Travel money promised by Isaac Friesen, Inman, KS. Suffering from the effects of malaria. Children healthy. Unemployed. Me and my wife are sickly.
Heinrich David Dirks	Gnadenfeld, Molotschna	43	225704	Agatha Dick	62	225394		Children: Heinrich 18, Maria 17, and Katharina 16. No official news of help yet. Wife and children have after effects of Malaria. Unemployed. All have been ill.
Heinrich Johann Eckert	Spat, Crimea	39		Maria Neufeld	37		Miller	Ravaged by the effects of malaria. Unemployed. Both had been ill. Children: Lena 6, Tina 5, Heinrich 4, Agatha 2 and Hans 12 days - all children died.
Peter Peter Heinrichs	Schoental, Crimea	30	6330	Maria Bergen	30	63331		Still no official news on help. Currently healthy. Both have been ill; child Liese died 8 at months old.
David David Hildebrand	Dubrovka, Jazykovo	36	104395	Rosalie	40	104385	Landowner	Daughter Maria 6. Travel money pledged by Jakob Enntz, Mountain Lake, MN. Healthy. Unemployed. All have been ill. Children Heinrich 21 and Jakob 17 both have died.
Peter Martin Janzen	Nikolejwka, Ebental, Memrik	25					Landowner	Student. Travel money received from P. P. Buller, Lushton, NE. Affidavit missing. Presently in good health, assistant to the Mennonite representative in Gospoli. Has been ill with typhus and malaria.
Jakob Jakob Janzen	Kalinovo, Memrik	23	466635				Landowner	Student. No official promise of help. Healthy. Unemployed.

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Jakob Jakob Koop	Jalantusch, Crimea	35	56582	Maria Dick	30	56583		Children: Suse 11, Jacob 9 and Mary 7. Travel money and affidavits received from Ben Hover, New-Holland, PA. In good health. Unemployed. All suffered from malaria.
Heinrich Aron Penner	Tiegehagen, Molotschna	36	43734	Maria Ens	33	43731		Children: Heinrich 10, Peter 6, Mary 4 and Liese 2. No official news on help. Except for wife, all healthy. Unemployed. All were down with fever.
Abram Jakob Reimer	Elisabethfeld, Ufa	21	496662				Landowner	Travel money received from P. P. Buller, Lushton, NE. Affidavits missing. Still have malaria fever attacks from time to time. Unemployed. Suffered much from Malaria.
Heinrich Abram Regehr	Rohrbach, Terek	34					Landowner	No official news on help. Healthy. Suffered from jaundice and malaria.
Heinrich Jakob Rosenfeld	Jalantusch, Crimea	55	531848	Elisabeth Wall	54	510578	Landowner	Children: Johann 21, David 18 and Gerhard 12. No official news on help. Healthy. Unemployed. All have been ill. Child Maria 8, died.
Heinrich Heinrich Rosenfeld	Jalantusch, Crimea	27	353076			350068	Landowner	Travel money and affidavits received from Samuel Martin, Lancaster, PA. Presently in good health. Wife Anna Wiens, 20, died.
Peter Johann Rogalsky	Beck Bulatschi	36	475296	Elisabeth Reimer	30	475297		Children: Liese 8, Tina 4 and Mary 3. No official news on help. Tina has eye disease, Mary has malaria, otherwise all healthy. Unemployed. All have been ill. Son Johann 10 and daughter Lena 2 died.
Agatha Dietrich Rempel	Alexanderwohl, Molotschna	21	118437				maid	Sister Agnes 17 and brother Heinrich 15. No official news of help. All healthy and unemployed. Parents: Dietrich and Aganetha Rempel and siblings: Katja, Johann, Dietrich, Annchen, Maria and Abram buried in Batum.
Maria Abram Wiens	Buslatschi	22	670061				maid	Brother Johann 15. No official news on help yet. Healthy. Unemployed. Both have been ill. Parents Abram and Elisabeth [Wiens] both died.
Jacob Johann Kroeker		33	663265	Suse Dick		663264	Landowner	Children Hans 6 and Franz 1, [born in?] Buslatschi. Travel money received from P. Flaming, Hillsboro, KS. In good health. Unemployed. All have been ill.

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