

Genealogical Information Extracted from the Diary of Johann Jacob Friesen of Paulsheim, Molotschna Colony, 1885–1923

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The following list contains about 100 events mentioned in the diary of Johann Jacob Friesen (1885-1923). These were exacted from a partial translation of the original diary and published as “The Life and Times of Johann Jacob Friesen 1852-1931, and the Gerhard Neufeld Family recorded in his diary 1885-1926 Paulsheim, Molotschna Colony South Russia”. A copy of the translation is available from the Mennonite Heritage Archives. The original manuscript is found in the Mennonite Archives of Ontario (MH_184).

The table below is extracted information only. To see what is actually written one must consult the original or the translation. All names have been standardized. Parentheses are found in the translation and not found in the original. My comments are either in square brackets or in the comments column.

Note that the event mentioned may not have happened on the day the event was entered in the diary. Some likely happened a day or more earlier.

Information from this diary can be compared to the list of Molotschna colony landowners ([Molotschna Landowners 1899.pdf](#)) and the 1917 Agricultural Census of the Molotschna colony ([Molotschna Agricultural Census 1917 Introduction.pdf](#)). The latter appears to be incomplete.

Page	Date	Event	GM No.	Comments
2	17 Jul 1885	Death of 2nd wife of Johann Schmidt after 5 months of marriage		
3	25 Dec 1885	Funeral of 3rd child of Heinrich Franzen		
7	16 Jun 1887	Cornelius Wichert died in the fallen sand; funeral on the 18th	1376346	

8	12 Feb 1888	visit by Wilhelm Unruh and bride. Wedding was in Hamberg.		
9	16 Nov 1888	Anna Klassen died.		could be maiden or married name
11	1 Dec 1889	Silver (25th) wedding celebration for Daniel Wiens	1679980	married in 1864
12	23 Nov 1890	Mrs. Gerhard Rempel died in Nikolaidorf	1679982	
14	25 Nov 1891	Alt. Franz Goertz celebrated golden wedding.	52852	married in 1841
15	8 Nov 1892	Funeral of G. Neufeld in Orloff. Beaten to death by hired help.	1679984	
18	7 Aug 1894	Gerhard Rempel left for America		
19	6 Jan 1895	Yesterday Wichert's son (John) died of scarlet fever.	1326749	
19	26 Feb 1895	Johann Boldt's 25th wedding anniversary	1376349	married in 1870
20	16 May 1895	Wedding of Cornelius and Katharina Bergen	888913	
20	9 Nov 1895	Went with family to Franzthal to bury Rev. G. Derksen	61561	
21	17 Jan 1896	Franz Ediger's young son Heinrich died.	1679987	
21	20 Apr 1896	Peter Pankratz's wife died.	1679990	
22	6 Sep 1896	Old Mrs. Tobias Schmidt died. Funeral on Sep 8.	1679992	
23	10 Feb 1897	Old Mr. Driedger died.		
23	15 Feb 1897	25th wedding anniversary at Katharina's parents (Bergens)	31690	
24	1 Dec 1897	Mrs. Schmidt [Liebenau] died. Funeral on Dec 5.		
24	14 May 1898	Funeral for son of Heinrich Franz	657565	
25	21 Jan 1898	Brother-in-law Peter Klassen died in Steinfeld. Funeral on 24th.	1680343	

25	8 Oct 1898	Funeral of Mrs. Jacob Peters in Liebenau	1679994	
26	22 Aug 1899	Teacher's sister and Abram Kliwer married in schoolhouse		
27	20 May 1902	Engaged couple Cornelius Walde [Wall] visit		
27	23 May 1902	Heinrich Goertzen's son Johann died		
27	29 May 1902	Mrs. Boldt died		
27	3 Jun 1902	Isbrand Rempel's sons and daughter died	148496	
27	9 Jun 1902	Gerhard Wiens' daughter died		
28	28 Dec 1902	Johann born to daughter Maria [m. Neufeld]	158233	
29	2 Sep 1904	Heinrich Ediger married.	1680019	
29	10 Jan 1905	Dueckmann died suddenly	899341	Peter Dickmann
29	15 Feb 1905	Heinrich Boldt's small daughter Anna died.	1680021	
30	18 Mar 1905	Isaac Boldt's child died.		
30	22 Mar 1905	Funeral for daughter of Heinrich Ediger		
30	7 Apr 1905	Neighbour Jacob Rempel died.	1680023	
30	28 Jun 1905	Mrs. Boese died.		
30	28 Jun 1905	Heinrich Peters died	1680024	
30	26 Jul 1905	Mariechen died, age 8. Funeral on 26th in Spat [Crimea]	142854	
30	22 Aug 1905	Mrs. Cornelius Unrau had a daughter	1658573	
31	9 Jan 1906	Gerhard Klassen died from a self-inflicted wound.	1680025	
32	15 Jan 1906	Jacob Franz's daughter Helena died.	1376376	
32	29 Jan 1906	Peter Enns 25th wedding anniversary	1680026	
32	13 Feb 1906	Cornelius Walde [Wall] 25th wedding anniversary	936059	m. 1881
32	7 Mar 1906	Mrs. Regehr died		
33	15 Jul 1906	Johann Enns of Rueckenau died. Funeral on the 16th	1680028	

33	13 Sep 1906	Old Mrs. Heidebrecht died. Funeral on the 14th.		
35	28 May 1907	Jacob Wichert died. Funeral on the 30th.	448879	
36	15 Nov 1907	H. Ediger 25th anniversary		
36	16 Nov 1907	Neighbour Goertzens 25th wedding anniversary.		
37	15 Apr 1908	Funeral for Mrs. Schoenke in Mariawohl	981729	All other sources say this was Mr. Schoenke.
38	5 Nov 1908	Mrs. Johann Schmidt from Margenau died in childbirth.		
38	2 Jan 1909	Abram Ediger died.	268320	
39	20 Jan 1909	Heinrich Voths 25th wedding anniversary	1680029	m. 1884
40	15 Aug 1909	Funeral of Mrs. David Unrau (79 years old)	1680031	
40	23 Aug 1909	Johann Schmidt died.		
41	17 Sep 1909	Funeral of Gerhard's mother Katharina Neufeld in Marienthal, age 70.	158247	
41	17 Jan 1910	Funeral of Johann Franz's wife.	1680033	
42	11 Apr 1910	Sister-in-law, widow Jacob Wichert of Mariawohl, died.	448880	
43	2 Oct 1910	Deacon Johann Wiebe's 16-year-old son died.		
44	30 Jan 1911	Sudden death of Aeltester Abram Goertz	412507	
44	3 Apr 1911	Death of his wife, age 70. Funeral on 7th.	158249	
45	30 Nov 1911	Death of Cornelius Unrau's daughter Liese on the 17th. Buried on the 20th	1658573	
47	9 Jan 1912	Tobias Schmidt died. Age 90.	61597	
47	9 Feb 1912	Brother-in-law Heinrich Unrau's wife died in Spat. Funeral on 11th.	332774	Probably 2nd unknown wife
47	18 Feb 1912	Funeral for wife of David Heidebrecht in Mariawohl	1680226	

48	12 Jul 1912	Tobias Schmidt's daughters, Elisabeth & Anna, died when wagon overturned. Funeral for girls in Paulsheim.	106339	
48	22 Aug 1912	Mrs. Johann Neufeld died giving birth. Buried on 24th.	163514	
51	26 Jul 1915	Buried neighbor Isbrand Rempel	148496	
52	26 Nov 1915	Jacob Dyck died suddenly	1680228	
52	21 Dec 1915	Mr. & Mrs. Diedrich Heidebrecht died 12 hours apart in Hamberg. Children were Gerhard, Neta (Anganetha) and Diedrich.	1680229	
53	20 Mar 1916	The elderly Johann Boldt died. Age 84.	51498	
53	13 Apr 1916	Alexander Ediger funeral. Teacher.	1680234	
54	12 Jul 1916	Funeral of neighbor Heidebrecht's son Peter, age 20. Cousin to Heidebrechts from Hamberg.	1680235	probably son of #209517
55	7 Dec 1916	Abram Wiebe's son died.		
56	17 Feb 1917	The old "Ziegelbrenner" Doerksen died in Gnadenthal. Age 70.		
60	22 Nov 1917	Abram Braun Sr. died in Gnadenfeld. Father of "Ewan Abramovitch" of Paulsheim.	1680236	
60	2 Dec 1917	David Goertz , brother of neighbor Goertz died in Waldheim.	787580	
64	17 Jan 1920	Cornelius Reimer of Gnadenthal died. Funeral on 19th.	427541	Diary indicates 1919.
64	23 Jan 1920	Jacob Schoenke of Margenau died.	418795	Diary indicates 1919.
64	30 Jan 1920	Funeral for Johann Thiessen of Prangenau.	134108	Diary indicates 1919.
64	1920	From Gnadenfeld: Hein. Siemens , Johann Federau , Johann Neufeld and Johann Dyck .		Diary indicates 1919.
64	1920	From Paulsheim: Johann Voth		Diary indicates 1919.

69	18 Sep 1920	Franz Thiessen our neighbor died.	1680238	Diary indicates 1919.
73	2 Feb 1921	Bishop Heinrich Peters died.	406059	Diary indicates 1920.
73	2 Feb 1921	Johann Klassen died	1680338	
73	2 Feb 1921	Peter Regier died	1680339	
73	2 Feb 1921	Heinrich Pankratz died.	1029413	
73	10 Feb 1921	Relative Heinrich Voth died.	670891	
73	13 Feb 1921	Voth's funeral. His son Peter [341495] married "papa's" sister.	670891	
74	29 Apr 1921	Franz Goertz son Jasch [Jacob] married "Njuta" Mierau.	1680340	
76	13 Sep 1921	Mariechen [Maria] Rempel died age 18.	691124	
78	1 Dec 1921	Funeral for Peter Enns .		
78	31 Dec 1921	Mrs. Cornelius Peters died		
79	10 Jan 1922	Peter Bergmann of Mariawohl died.	800027	
79	21 Jan 1922	Brother-in-law Nicolai Franzen died at age 43. Funeral on the 25th.	478738	
82	18 Jun 1922	Wedding of Gerhard Koop to Lena Dirks	1312536	
82	18 Jun 1922	Wedding of Peter Peters to Tina Dirks	1025579	
86	15 Feb 1923	Grandfather [Johann Neufeld] died on the 13th at age 89. Funeral on the 17th.	158246	
86	12 Mar 1923	Peter Pankratz died last night. Funeral on the 15th.	1679989	

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