

# Mennonite Settlers in Glorieta, New Mexico: 1890

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Within 20 years of initially settling in Kansas and Manitoba, North American Mennonites were expanding into daughter settlements. Some of these prospered and are still around while others did not last long. One apparently short-lived settlement was that of Kansas Mennonites in the vicinity of Glorieta, New Mexico.

According to the online [GAMEO](#) Mennonite encyclopedia, Mennonite settlement in New Mexico did not start until 1908. Several articles in the *Mennonitische Rundschau* show that a community was started around in Glorieta, New Mexico in 1890. The 23 April 1890 issue lists the original settlers who arrived on 27 March of that year. This community must have dissolved by about 1895 since, by that time, many of these families had moved on to Oklahoma, which saw a large influx of Mennonites in the 1890s.

| Household Head  | GRanDMA Number | Household Head | Wife      | Children  |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Abraham Loewen  | 400130         | 1              | 1         | 7         |
| Ludwig Dell     | 1299388        | 1              | 1         | 4         |
| Peter Koop      | 10429          | 1              | 1         | 4         |
| Georg Reiswig   | 241331         | 1              | 1         | 1         |
| P. P. Koop      | 10431          | 1              | 0         | 0         |
| Isaak Martens   | 3172           | 1              | 1         | 2         |
| Henry D. Unrau  | ??????         | 1              | 0         | 4         |
| D. M. Klaassen  | 33242          | 1              | 0         | 3         |
| D. U. Klaassen  | 33285          | 1              | 1         | 4         |
| M. U. Klaassen  | 27985          | 1              | 1         | 5         |
| H. H. Buschmann | 33094          | 1              | 1         | 2         |
| P. H. Buschmann | 345198         | 1              | 1         | 2         |
| John Warkentin  | ??????         | 1              | 1         | 5         |
| Jacob Gillig    | -----          | 1              | 1         | 7         |
| C. G. Gertz     | 36886          | 1              | 1         | 0         |
| L. Sudermann    | 40511          | 1              | 1         | 0         |
| H. S. Toews     | 345499         | 1              | 1         | 0         |
| <b>Totals</b>   |                | <b>17</b>      | <b>14</b> | <b>50</b> |

There are several articles in the *Mennonitische Rundschau* on the beginning of the Glorieta settlement:

- 1) [29 Jan 1890, p1](#)
- 2) [12 Feb 1890, p1](#)
- 3) [12 Mar 1890, p1](#)
- 4) [23 Apr 1890, p1](#) (includes above list)
- 5) [7 May 1890, p1](#)
- 6) [6 Aug 1890, p3](#)

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