

MESSER / NEU MESSER

Newsletter 4

April, 2014

Hello Everyone,

I hope all of you are having a nice spring. Here is the latest version of the Messer / Neu Messer Newsletter. I would like to thank all of you for your suggestions and contributions to this newsletter. Please keep sharing your ideas. They are greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Convention in Lincoln this July. Have a GREAT SUMMER!

Regards,

Mike Meisinger
Village Coordinator for Messer and Neu Messer

Various names for Messer and Neu Messer: As we research our ancestors from Messer and Neu Messer we will run into various spellings of the village names since there were both German and Russian names for the villages and they could be written using either the German or Russian alphabet. The list below may help you in your research.

Messer

Messer	German Name and German Alphabet
Мессер	German Name and Russian Alphabet
Ust-Solicha	Russian Name and German Alphabet
Ust-Zolicha	Russian Name and German Alphabet
Усть-Золиха	Russian Name and Russian Alphabet

Neu Messer

Neu Messer	German Name and German Alphabet
Ней-Мессер	German Name and Russian Alphabet
Lysanderdorf	Alternate German Name and German Alphabet
Лизандердорф	Alternate German Name and Russian Alphabet
Pogranichnoye	Russian Name and German Alphabet
Пограничнойе	Russian Name and Russian Alphabet

Messer was the last name of the colony's first Vorsteher, (headman) Johannes Messer. The Russian name Ust-Solicha comes from the Solicha river which flowed through Messer. Neu Messer was of course New Messer since it was founded primarily by settlers from Messer. The alternate name, Lysanderdorf, was after a man named Lysander who worked in the Office of Foreign Settlers. The Russian name Pogranichnoye can be translated into Borderline. The site of the Colony lies about 2 kilometers from the current dividing line between the Saratov and Volgograd Oblasts, so that might be the origin of the name.

Comparison of Kulberg Lists and Messer First Settlers List: I recently purchased a copy of the “Kulberg Lists” by Dr. Igor Pleve. The “Kuhlberg Lists” were compiled by Titular Counselor Ivan Kuhlberg as the colonists arrived in Oranienbaum. More than 20,000 persons in 6,500 families are documented in the Kuhlberg lists. They are compiled by ship, with the date of arrival in Russia, port of departure, the name of the ship, and the name of the skipper. The name and surname of the colonists are listed, the composition of the family (age of children is indicated), location from where they came, religious confession, and place where they desired to settle. Following is a comparison of the Messer First Settlers List to the entries I found in the Kuhlberg List. I have attempted to match the families correctly but I apologize in advance for any errors I may have made. I have grouped the entries by ship of arrival from Germany. I think it is interesting to see that many of our Messer ancestors were traveling together even on the ships from Germany to Russia.

Comparison of Kulberg Lists and First Settlers Lists for Messer

Kulberg	First Settlers	Probably died in transit or shortly after	Notes	German Origin From First Settlers List	German Origin From Kulberg if different
4 of May 1766					
Public Colonists, Arrived from Danzig, with the Skipper Jacob Janson					
Pg 31 Rady Melchisedek Dorothea Elisabeth	Family 27 Miliseder [Melchisedek] (26) Dorothea Elisabeth (18) Johann Georg (1 month)			Brandenburg	Dresden
Pg 31 Masch Johann Maria	Family 29 Johann (24) Maria Dorothea (22) Johann Georg Heinrich (¼)			Brandenburg	Oderberg
Pg 32 Schmidt Daniel	Family 27a Daniel (orphan) (13)				
Pg 32 Stenzel Gottfried Maria	Family 34 Gottfried (22) Anna Maria (16)			Brandenburg	Dresden
Pg 33 Emmert Martin Elisabeth	Family 30 Emert Martin (47) Maria Elisabeth (21)			Ansbach	

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Public Colonists, Arrived from Danzig by the Danzig Galliot “Die Hoffnung” with Skipped Johann Heschke

Pg 47	Family 32		Kurpfalz	Pfalz
Weber				
Georg	Georg (40)			
Ursula	Ursula Just (35)			
Conrad (5)		X		
	Family 32a			
Anna (sister-in-law) (26)	Anna Maria Just (orphan) (25)			
Pg 48	Family 33		Ulm	
Neher				
Friedrich (widower)	Friedrich (42)			
	Rosina Dorothea (35)			
Georg (12)	Georg Friedrich (12)			
	Maria Christina (¼)			

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Public Colonists, Arrived from Lübeck by the English Frigate “Love and Unity” with the Skipper Thomas Fairfax

Pg 126	Family 36		Isenburg	
Ochsenhirt				
Jacob	Jacob (39)			
Maria		X		
	Philippina (33)			
Johann (11)	Johann Adam (13)			Son of first wife
Catharina (13)	Anna Katharina (15)			Daughter of first wife
Elisabeth (3)		X		
Wilhelmina (½)		X		
	Anna Maria (½)			Daughter of second wife
Pg 126	Family 37		Isenburg	
Willmann				
Johann	Johann Ernst (40)			
Anna	Anna Maria (27)			
Pg 126	Family 38		Isenburg	
Weber				
Peter	Johann Peter (25)			
Catharina	Katharina (29)			
Anna (Widow)		X		
Johann (16)	Johann Philipp (17)			
Heinrich (11)	Johann Heinrich (12)			
Pg 126	Family 39		Isenburg	
Goetz	Götz			
Conrad	Konrad (26)			
Anna	Anna Margaretha (25)			
Susanna (1)		X		
Pg 126	Family 40		Isenburg	
Meininger				
Friedrich	Friedrich (36)			
Barbara	Barbara (23)			
	Family 40a			
Anna (Mother-in-law)	Anna Maria Zeller (47)			
Johann (Brother-in-law) (16)	Johannes (16)			

Pg 127 Dickmann Konrad Anna Heinrich (1.5) Catharina Maria (7) Catharina (4) Anna (sister-in-law)	Family 3 Konrad (38) Anna Appolonia (40) Katharina Maria (9) Katharina (5)	X	Isenburg
Pg 127 Meininger Johann Anna Johann (13) Peter (6.5) Just (5.5) Heinrich (¼) Christina (17) Anna (11)	Family 41 Johannes (42) Johannes (15) Peter (6) Just (5) Heinrich (3) Christina (18) Maria (12)	X	Isenburg
Wilhelm (Brother-in-law) (20)	Family 41a Wilhelm Daut (21)		
Pg 127 Meininger Johann Catharina Maria (1)	Family 42 Johannes (34) Katharina (28)	X	Isenburg
Pg 127 Mueller Johann	Family 43 Müller Johann Michael (20)		Isenburg
Pg 127 Goetz Wilhelm Dorothea (daughter)	Family 44 Götz Wilhelm (44) Katharina (44) Dorothea (12) Johannes (9)		Isenburg
Pg 127 Schmidt Philipp Anna Johann (18) Elisabeth (8) Catharina (5)	Family 45 Philipp (33) Anna Maria (38) Johannes (18) Elisabeth (11) Katharina (8)		Isenburg
Pg 127 Hinckel Ludwig Anna	Family 49 Henkel Ludwig (24) Anna Margaretha (24)		Isenburg
Pg 127 Sattler Heinrich Anna Engel (mother) Elisabeth (sister) (20)	Family 50 Satler Johann Heinrich (32) Anna Elisabeth (27)	X	Isenburg

Pg 128 Trachmueller Jacob Catharina	Family 51 Trautmüller Jacob (35) Katharina (31) Anna Maria (½)		Isenburg
Pg 128 Schaefer Christoph Maria Johann (1) Anna (single) (17)	Family 52 Schäfer Christoph (27) Maria Elisabeth (28) Maria Elisabeth (1)	X	Isenburg
Pg 128 Schlegel Conrad Christina Johann (16) Louisa (24) Dorothea (8) Maria (6)	Family 53 Schlägel Konrad (52) Christina (50) Johannes (18) Anna Dorothea (12) Anna Elisabeth (8)		Isenburg
Pg 128 Lang Michael Elisabeth Peter	Family 56 Johann Peter (34) Anna Katharina (29)	X X	Isenburg
Adam	Family 57 Adam (23) Anna Margaretha (20)		Isenburg
Pg 128 Meisinger Valentin Anna Johann (9) Anna (24) Margaretha (20) Elisabeth (17.5)	Family 57a Johann Heinrich (10)	X X	Isenburg
Pg 128 Geist Heinrich Anna Catharina (5) Anna (½)	Family 59 Geis Johannes (20) Anna Appolonia (32) Katharina (7)	X	Isenburg
Pg 128 Lorey Johann Anna Johann (20)	Family 65 Johannes (41) Anna Elisabeth (48)		Isenburg
Pg 129 Herd Anton Anna	Family 58 Anton (25) Anna Maria (22)		Isenburg

Pg 129 Hoffmann Balthasar Anna Elisabeth (2)	Family 54 Balthasar (50) Christina (30) Katharina (¾)	 X X		Isenburg
Pg 130 Kraner Andreas Catharina Catharina (12)	Family 55 Krecker? Andreas (56) Katharina (30) Katharina (13)			Isenburg
Pg 130 Lipps Wilhelm Anna Johann (2)	Family 68 Wilhelm (28) Elisabeth (25) Johannes (4)			Isenburg
Pg 130 Lehr Johann Elisabeth Johann (13.5) Philipp (11)	Family 69 Johannes (41) Elisabeth (42) Johann Heinrich (14.5) Philipp (12.5)			Isenburg
Pg 130 Lehr Just Catharina Johann (21) Just (19) Elisabeth (17.5)	Family 70 Just (48) Johann Just (20) Charlotta (Second Wife) (40) Johann Ernst (1)	 X	 Son of first wife Son of second wife	Isenburg
Pg 130 Zieg Caspar Catharina Susanna (mother-in-law)	Family 71 Kaspar (23) Katharina (22) Johannes (1)	 X		Isenburg
Conrad (brother-in-law) (7)	Family 71a Holland Konrad (Orphan) (8)			
	Family 72 Lehr Johannes (23) Susanna Margaretha (16)		Probably Johann (21), son of Just Lehr above	Isenburg
Pg 130 Zieg Johann Catharina	Family 73 Johann Georg (28) Katharina (20)			Isenburg

Pg 130 Deisel Peter Maria Johann (11) Catharina (15)	Family 74 Peter (50) Maria Elisabeth (48) Johann Karl (11) Katharina Elisabeth (16)		Isenburg
Pg 130 Kraus Johann Anna Friedrich (11) Conrad (½)	Family 76 Johann Heinrich (34) Anna Barbara (33) Friedrich (13)	X	Isenburg
Pg 130 Herd Thomas Anna Johann (8) Anna (11)	Family 78 Thomas (42) Anna Margaretha (33) Johann Heinrich (11) Anna Elisabeth (13)		Isenburg
Pg 131 Hardt Christoph Anna Conrad (23) Johann (20) Carl (12) Sophia (17.5) Susanna (15) Jacobina (7)	Family 62 Herdt Christoph (43) Johann Heinrich (23) Karl Friedrich (13) Sophia (18) Susanna (16) Jacobina (9)	X See family 63 below	Isenburg
Pg 131 Hardt Conrad (23)	Family 63 Herdt Konrad (24) Maria Elisabeth (19)	Son of Christoph shown above	Isenburg
Pg 131 Arenbrecher Maria Johann (16) Catharina (7)	Family 70a Ambrecht [Armbrecht] Johann Georg (stepson) (17) Katharina (8)	May be Charlotta, second wife of Just Lehr	
Pg 131 Ulrich Lorenz Elisabeth Johann (3)	Family 75 Ulrich [Ulrich] Lorenz (27) Elisabeth (24) Johannes (4)		Isenburg
Pg 131 Goebe Johann Magdalena	Family 77 Göbe Johannes (33) Magdalena (23) Johannes (1)		Isenburg
Pg 132 Klap Andreas	Family 61 Klapp Andreas (20) Anna Katharina (39)		Isenburg

Pg 132	Family 64	Isenburg
Schott		
Caspar	Kaspar (25)	
Anna	Margaretha (26)	
	Johannes (¼)	

Pg 132	Family 67	Isenburg
Schmidt		
Thomas	Thomas (35)	
Catharina	Katharina (38)	
Jacob (9)	Jacob (10)	
Anna (16)	Anna Maria (17)	
Elisabeth (6)	Elisabeth (7)	
	Philipp (4)	

Pg 133	Family 81	Isenburg
Betz		
Johann	Johannes (44)	
Anna	Anna Maria (47)	
Johann (12)	Johannes (14)	
Anna (6)	Anna Margaretha (9)	

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Public Colonists, Arrived from Lübeck
by the Lübeck's Ship “Der Junge Mathias”
with the Skipper David Wollert

Pg 138	Family 82	Isenburg
Popp		
Caspar	Kaspar (60)	
Anna	Anna Dorothea (46)	
Johann (13)		X
Maria Elisabeth (16)	Maria Elisabeth (17)	

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Public Colonists, Arrived from Lübeck
by the Russian Galliot “Tsitadel” under the command
of Midshipman Grigory Bukharin

Pg 332	Family 91	Isenburg
Roeder	Röder	
Johann Adam	Adam (40)	
Susanna		
	Katharina (20)	
Johann (8)	Johannes (9)	Child of first marriage
Maria Dorothea (20)	Maria Dorothea (20)	Child of first marriage
Anna Margaretha (10.5)	Anna Margaretha (18)	Child of first marriage

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Public Colonists, Arrived from Lübeck by the Lübeck's Hooker "Die Jungfer Dietrika" with the Skipper Christian Korsholm

Pg 364	Family 88		Isenburg
Muss	Nuss		
Johann Jacob		X	
Anna Elisabeth	Anna Elisabeth (widow) (51)		
Johann Georg (20)	Johann Georg (20)		
Georg Ernst (18)	Georg Ernst (18)		
Johann (11)	Johannes (12)		
Johann Heinrich (8)	Johann Heinrich (10)		
Anna Elisabeth (21)	Elisabeth (22)		
Johanna Amalia (16)	Anna Magdalena (16)		

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Colonists of Preqourt and Public Colonists, Arrived from Lübeck with the Skipper Johann Grapp

Pg 376	Family 84		Darmstadt
Nunius	Nenies [Nunius]		
Philipp	Johann Philipp (24)		
Anna	Anna Eva (20)		

Pg 376	Family 87		Isenburg
Schneider			
Anna (Widow)	Anna Dorothea (Widow) (47)		
Conrad (19)			
Johann (19)	Johannes (20)		
Elisabeth (23)	Elisabeth (23)		
Barbara (22)			
Catharina (16)	Katharina (16)		

Family 87a
Burbach
Konrad (widower) (20) brother of Anna Dorothea Schneider

Pg 376	Family 92		Darmstadt
Emerling	Emmerling		
Johann	Johann Heinrich (18)		

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Public Colonists, Arrived from Lübeck by Lübeck's Ship with the Skipper Reders

Pg 412	Family 86	This may not be the correct match	Isenburg	Pfalz
Zoeller	Zeller			
Jacob (single)	Jacob (36)			
	Barbara (22)			
Pg 412	Family 90		Isenburg	Hessen
Wiederholt				
Johann	Johann Heinrich (24)			
Elisabeth	Anna Elisabeth (19)			

Wayne Bonner's Volga German Settlers Identified in Isenburg and Other German Church Records, Volume II: Wayne Bonner is working on Volume II of his Isenburg Church Records and has graciously sent me a preview of the entries for Messer. It includes documentation on Marriage and Baptismal Records from the German villages of Aulendiebach, Büches, Düdelsheim, Eckartshausen, Glasenbach, Hüttengesas, Lorbach, Rinderbüngen, Vonhausen, and Wolf. Family names mentioned include Bopp (Popp), Dickmann (Ditman), Daut, Hardt, Holland, Kayser, Lang, Lotz, Meisinger, Ochsenhirt, Röder, Satler, Schneider, Schröder, Trautmüller, Weber, and Wilmann. Please let me know if you have questions on any of these records.

SOAR , (Save our Ancestral Records), Update: As you may know the SOAR Website hosted by CIC from Greeley, Colorado was shut down on February, 28, 2014. This was by a mutual agreement between CIC and the AHSGR. Work is underway to make the records that were on SOAR available to our members. The biggest SOAR collection of records was our obituary database. An effort is underway to transfer those records to FamilySearch. FamilySearch has launched an indexing project and as of April 22nd, 97% of our records had been indexed and 65% had been verified. *(FamilySearch uses a process where every obituary is indexed by two individuals. The results are then matched, or "verified" to make sure they are correct.)* A very small sampling has been "published" on the FamilySearch website, and we hope the rest will be published by the end of the summer.

The link on the AHSGR home page that previously took you to the SOAR website, now takes you to a page called SOAR / Research your German Russian Ancestors. On that page are links to the obituary sample on FamilySearch as well as three other links.

Cemetery Records: On SOAR we had records for three cemeteries with a high concentration of Germans from Russia. We now have a link to "Find-a-grave" which has records for thousands of cemeteries and over a million graves.

Federal Land Records: On SOAR we had homestead records for one county in Oklahoma. These records included all of the documentation available relative to the homestead, (application, verification, and completion). We now have a link to the Bureau of Land Management which has records of all federal land transfers in the Western States. These records only include the completion documents for homesteads, so we will be working on a future indexing project with FamilySearch to index our collection.

Passenger Lists: On SOAR we had passenger lists that had been collected over the years for many of our ancestors. We now have a link to the FamilySearch passenger lists which includes many of our records plus others, such as the Hamburg departure lists. FamilySearch does not have our Galveston records so we will be working on a future indexing project with them to add these records.

Short "how_to" documents are available to help you get started with the links above. We are also working on a project to make our old Journals, (pre-1999), and Work Papers available on our AHSGR web site. We hope to have that project completed soon. The AHSGR technology committee is also working to develop an AHSGR Members only website. Once that website is available we will be working to add more records for our members to view online.

German Origins: I wanted to make sure all of you were aware of the German Origins section of our AHSGR Website. Dick Kraus has done a remarkable job of collecting information from multiple sources on the German origins of our ancestors. If you haven't already checked out this section of our website, you may want to. Here is the link:

http://ahsgr.org/Find_Your_Ancestors/German_Origins.htm

2014 Convention: The 2014 AHSGR Annual Meeting and Convention will be held at The Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, July 6th through 12th. Additional information will soon be available at:

http://ahsgr.org/Conventions/Convention_2014.htm

Please let me know if you are planning to attend and if you would like to get together for a Messer Village meeting while we are in Lincoln.

Weber Story: Don Beavers has provided the following summary of his research on the Weber and Lorenz families from Messer. This is a very interesting story. Thank you Don!

Summary:

An unrelated Weber boy (Frederick Henry Weber, b 1847) turned up in Messer from another town and married a Lorenz girl in 1868, whose mother was one of our Weber's. This is unusual in itself, because of how the Messer 10 year census divided the common land for farming among the male men.

Frederick Henry Weber and family moved to Hillsboro, KS in 1882 about the time the Lorenz family moved to KS.

Frederick Henry Weber's younger brothers moved to Argentina around 1893/1894. Because the family did not have enough money for everyone to get a ticket to Argentina, some were left at the port in Bremen, Germany for two years.

Problems in Argentina: Our USA English system is based on private land ownership, while in Argentina it is based on the Spanish system of government ownership, with the farm land rented out by the leaders.

Knowing the problems in Argentina, Frederick Henry Weber in Okeene, OK helped pay for the brothers to come to the USA in 1904. The brothers then worked hard to pay for the rest of the family in Argentina (estimate: 25 people total) to move to Okeene, OK.

If anyone would like additional information on this story, please contact Don Beavers at:

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Frederick Henry Weber family



Photo courtesy of Kristi Walsh

Sources for researching a family's "Village of Origin" in Germany: Neil Nuss has provided the following list of sources on the internet and facebook which can be useful when researching your family's Village of Origin. Thank you Neil!

Internet sources:

<http://cvgs.cu-portland.edu/> - The Center for Volga German Studies

<http://kenho.50webs.com/> - German migration-Russia

<http://www.geneanet.com/> - a family search site.

<http://www.balticconnections.net/> - Lower Saxony State Archives

<http://wolgadeutsche.ru/> - Search site in Russian - Need translator app

www.rollintl.com/roll/links.htm - German-Russian Resource Links

<http://compgen.de/> - Ahnenforschung/Genealogie

Facebook sources:

(NOTE : Some fo the Sites have separate sources listed as a link or its content.)

Genealogy & Historical Databases
Germans From Russia
Baden Genealogy
Russians German International
Genealogisk Forum
Oberdorf Village, Russia
Genealogy Lower Saxony
Volga Germans
Suchdienst der Russlandeutschen
Genealogy - Improving your searches
Wolgadeutsche Republik
Ahnenforschung
German Genealogy
Genealogy
Oklahoma Genealogy Network
Kansas Genealogy Network
Ahnenforschung in Hessen
Volgaland
German Russian Connections
Alemanes Del Volga en Argentina
Russlanddeutsche new Generation
Technology for Genealogy

Questions: Noreen Nash would like to know if anyone knows where the newcomers to Messer or Neu Messer originated. She also would like to know if anyone knows the name(s) of the marriage broker(s) who arranged marriages in Messer.

If you have answers to Noreen's questions, please contact her at:

nnash@shaw.ca

Noreen, in answer to your first question, there is one record in the 1775 Messer census of Georg Achzig, a blacksmith, had come to Messer from Hussenbach. The 1798 Messer census lists several people who left Messer for other colonies and there are probably similar

lists for the other colonies. If there is a specific family name you are researching, it might be found in the First Settlers List for another colony. By comparing family members you might be able to determine the origin of a Messer family that was not on the First Settlers List. Looking through the indexes for all four volumes of the First Settlers List books might get you what you are looking for.