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TAPE 11

RUSSIAN-MENNONITE IMMIGRANTS  
of the 1920's (Ontario)

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Interviewee: WICHERT, Johann J., born in 1897.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

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Place: Rittenhouse Road, Vineland, Ont.

Language: German

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Biographical sketch:

- born in 1897 in Mariawohl, Molotschna
- father died in 1910, mother in 1913
- after completing Centralschule he went ot Kharkov to get his teacher's training
- served 15 months in the Sanitätsdienst in the Crimea from 1917
- learned some English while here
- targht for 5 years after returning
- emigrated in 1925
- moved first to Kitchener but soon went to Vineland
- instrumental in founding the Vineland congregation and served as its first minister from 1927 on when he was ordained by J.H.Janzen
- very active in the Conference
- elected elder in 1944 and served until 1965
- served as minister to refugees in Europe (Mennonites) after WW II