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

Interview #41: Tape #17, sides A and B (56 minutes)  
Interviewee: ENNS, Gerhard J., born in 1885  
Interviewer: Henry Paetkau  
Date: Tuesday, August 24, 1976  
Place: #14 Tabor Manor, 1 Tabor Dr., St. Catharines, Ont.  
Language: German

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Biographical sketch:

- born in Dec. 1885 in Tiegenhof, third youngest of a family of 6 children (6 others had died)
- father had an estate of 425 acres
- completed Centralschule in Halbstadt, then managed the estate for a time
- served in the Forstei, then as a Sanitätler from Dec. 1914 to Dec. 1917
- moved off the estate into the Molotschna colony in fall 1918
- emigrated in June 1924
- came to Waterloo and worked on the farm for a year, then got a job at Dominion Tire
- laid off in 1932 and became a door to door salesman for Watkins in which he continued for 30 years
- "not for a second" did he think of returning to Russia

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