

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

Interview #17: Tape #2, side A only (60 minutes)

Interviewee: BRAUN, Gerhard, born in 1897.

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

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Biographical sketch:

- born in 1897 in Lichtfeld
- when his mother died 1½ years later he was raised by a Jacob Wall family
- completed public school
- worked on the farm of his adopted father
- served as Sanitäter in Moscow for one year
- served in the "Deutscher Battalion" of the White army
- emigrated to Manitoba in 1925
- worked on the farm for six years
- tried to farm for himself for some time but without success
- moved to Ontario
- developed some resentments toward the church in Russia
- married later in life