

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

Interview #22: Tape #7, sides A and B (93 minutes)

Interviewees: HUEBERT, Henry, born 1898  
Clara, born 1908

Interviewer: Henry Paetkau

Date: Monday, July 26, 1976.

Place: 35 Tecumseh St., St. Catharines, Ont.

Language: English

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*Work for 1 yr. on farm. David Jaanus met us in Quebec City. Not farmers. Wanted work in factory*

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Biographical sketch:

- he was born in Sept. 1898 in Schönwiese
- his father was a business man, owned a brick and tile factory and some land
- he completed high school in Halbstadt
- she was born in 1908 in Grünfeld where her father operated a flour mill
- her education was interrupted by the Revolution
- her father saw the Revolution coming and sold the mill
- her family fled illegally through Poland to Germany in 1922 with hired guides and forged papers
- stayed in the Lechfeld refugee camp for 11 months
- he joined the White army and was later arrested by the Reds for having fought against them
- his freedom was purchased after he had served a month or more
- he emigrated in July, 1923 and settled in Altona
- she worked on the farm of some Sommerfelders near Winkler
- he worked for some Old Colony Mennonites
- she later moved to Winnipeg to work while he joined his father's attempt at farming with another family near Starbuck
- he moved to Ontario to find work in about 1927 or 28, she moved, also to the Windsor area, in 1929
- were married in 1937? and went to Germany in 1939 where he had prospects for work
- remained stranded there throughout the War, returning in 1949