

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

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Tape # 9, Side A only

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Biographical sketch:

- born in Sept., 1896 in Ruckenu
- father owned a mill and a farm
- worked as a book-keeper for a mill after his education
- was elected as the village official during the Revolution
- worked hard to represent his people even in the face of repeated pressure and threats from Red officials
- secured the passports for himself and 24 others despite innumerable barriers
- emigrated in 1924
- moved to Alberta to work on a farm for one winter
- soon moved to Manitoba to buy a farm on Mennonite Terms
- was employed as a field man for the Intercontinental Land Company which was selling farms to Mennonites
- also worked with C.F. Klassen collecting the Reiseschuld
- almost lost his farm during the Depression but was saved by Government intervention
- moved to Ontario in 1937 when conditions became too critical