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THE AHSGR MISSION STATEMENT

"An international organization dedicated to the discovery, collection, preservation, and dissemination of information related to the history, cultural heritage and genealogy of Germanic Settlers in the Russian Empire and their descendants. "

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Regular meetings are held bi-monthly at 2:00pm, the second Sunday of the month in the basement of St. Joseph's Church, at the corner of 3rd Street and Van Buren Street, Topeka, KS. Guests are always welcome.

Library resources including books, videos, newsletters, audiocassettes, etc. are available for review during the meetings or may be checked out for more in depth review. See Ike Appelhanz for more details. Donations to our library are always welcome.

August 10, 2003 Program

The annual NE Kansas AHSGR picnic will be held Sunday, August 10 at the Tecumseh Public Park, Tecumseh, KS. We have the park reserved from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm. Dinner will be at 1pm. Please bring a meat dish and one other covered dish and your table service. Beer and soft drinks will be provided. This is for everyone – children, grandchildren, parents – anyone you want to bring. Please bring any interesting activities for games and enjoyment. Games, including Bunnock, will be available. Playground facilities are also available. Come share the good times and good company. This picnic is in place of the meeting at St. Joseph's.

From the Librarian:

Ike Appelhanz has suggested we donate our entire library to the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. These items would then be available every day to the public vs. once every two months limited to our own membership. This would give our organization and the international more exposure. He suggested we give thought to also donating our videos. We will need a listing of what items are presently in our library.

Martha Issinghoff presented her book "The Sauer Family in Russia & America 1847 – 1991. John Conrad Sauer and John George & Anna Mary Stoecklein Sauer and Descendants". She also presented her book "The History and Genealogy of the Anton & Christina Schaefer Stremel Descendents 1815 – 1988."

From the President:

Volunteers are needed!! We need volunteers for the following: 1) Food & Courtesy Committee 2) Committee on picnic and other activities; and 3) Christmas Party Planning meetings.

Computer and Genealogy:

Gary Ubert stated AHSGR had a booth at the Sacred Heart Summer fest with numerous inquiries. Kevin Rupp has a new book out about Herzog and Pfeiffer.

The NE KS Chapter received 1881 Argentine Census data for 1 Protestant and 5 Catholic villages. The villages are: San Jose (Brasilera), Spatzenkuter, Valle Maria, Koeller, Pfeifer (San Francisco) and Protestante. Make inquiries of Gary Ubert or Frank Jacobs

Upcoming Events:

August 8-9 – Herzogfest. Honey Braun Park, Victoria – Celebrate the German heritage of this Volga German community. Carnival, polka music, concerts, parade, talent show, food booths, free swimming. Website: www.herzogfest.com

August 10 - NE Kansas AHSGR picnic at Tecumseh Public Park, dinner starts at 1pm.

September 20-21 – Midwest Deutsche Oktoberfest – Ellis County Fairgrounds – Polka bands, craft booths, German food, polka dancing, German story telling, games, horseshoes, wheat threshing demonstrations, German singers, Polka mass, pony rides. For more information call 785-625-5394 or 785-628-1040. Website: www.geocities.com/deutschefest . A new feature this year will be a genealogy-book sale room in the Schenk Building. Kevin Rupp and Oren Windholz have confirmed that they will be available to staff the room and offer a unique service to the many people attending the fest. The room will give an opportunity for genealogists to consult with each other, provide information to the public, and sell books and other materials connected with the German heritage. Anyone interested in joining in this event is welcome and can contact Windholz at 785-625-9492 or at owindholz@ruraltel.net .

October 11-12 – FHSU Knights of Columbus Annual Polkafest – Fanchon Ballroom – East Highway 40, Hays. Two days of dancing, door prizes, raffle, buffet. Music by The Country Dutchman, Olmer Wittman, The Polka Nuts & The Polkaneers. For more information call 785-625-4210 or email acctant@ruraltel.net .

October 12 – NE Kansas AHSGR meeting in the basement of St. Joseph's Church, at the corner of 3rd Street and Van Buren Street, Topeka, KS. Guests are welcome.

October 18 – The Annual Kansas Roundup of Chapters will be held in Salina, KS at the Red Coach Inn. Registration begins at 8am. Additional details will be mailed at a later date. Russell will host the 2004 roundup and Topeka will host in 2005.

December 14 – NE KS Chapter Annual Christmas Party

Personal Notes:

Our sympathy is extended to Frank Jacobs in the loss of his brother, Thomas Casper Jacobs, who passed away June 27, 2003.

Henrietta Gleason is recovering from several weeks of illness.

Francis Stadler is recovering from a recent hospitalization.

We are having great success with our bierock sales at the Topeka Farmer's Market!! Thanks to all our dedicated members who have donated their time and effort to make this happen every week.

Submitted by Frank Jacobs:

The Topeka Diversity Program will be held at the Expocentre on October 18, the same day as the Kansas Roundup of Chapters in Salina. We have been asked to sell bierocks at that program, and to do a presentation if we choose. Several of the Chapter members have participated in this program in the last several years. However it seems unlikely that we can do a presentation at the Expocentre on the same day of the Roundup. I have asked the organizers to be sure and approach the German American Club for an ethnic dance program. However the sale of bierocks on that day would be an excellent opportunity to help our treasury. We will be looking for members who will not be making the trip to Salina for the Roundup to man a bierock sales booth for that day. Thank you for your consideration. Frank Jacobs

The following article describes the treatment of the Volga German clerics in post-revolutionary Russia. Many familiar family and village names appear.

"Witnesses for Christ: A German 20th Century Martyrology: German-Russian Bishops, Diocesan Priests, and Priests from Religious Orders" By Anton Bosch and Eugen Reinhardt, Zeugen fr Christus: Das deutsche Martyrologium des 20. Jahrhunderts, Band II, Ferdinand Schningh, Paderborn, Deutschland, 2001. Translation from German to English by Alex Herzog, with editing by Beverly Wigley Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, North Dakota State University Libraries, Fargo, North Dakota, 2003, 42 pages, soft cover.

The Germans from Russia Heritage Collection is pleased to announce publication of this important work, Witnesses for Christ: A German 20th Century Martyrology: German-Russian Bishops, Diocesan Priests and Priests from Religious Orders. The publication covers these areas: 1) Historical Overview; 2) Soviet State Terror: Destruction of Churches and Murder of Clerics; 3) Mini-Biographies including the following Catholic Bishops, Deacons, Prelates, and Priests: Paul Ascheberg, Johann Bach, Johannes Bahl, Georg Baier, Augustin Baumtrog, Josef Baumtrog, Johannes Beilmann, Josef Beilmann, Adam Bellendir, Gottlieb Beratz, Adam Dosch, Alexander Dornhof, Jakob Duckardt, Leonhard Eberle, Peter Eisenkrein, Ludwig Erck, Johann Falkenstein, Martin Fix, Bishop Dr. Alexander Frison, Johann Furch, Adam Gareis, Bishop Dr. Markus Glaser, Robert Glaner, Josef Graf, Deacon Michael Hazenbller, Peter Heut, Anton Hoffmann, Johannes Hoffmann, Philipp Jaufmann, Jakob Kaiser, Aloisius Kappes, Joseph Klsch, Theobald Kopp, Nikolaus Kraft, Josef Krummel, Prelate Joseph Kruschinsky, Johannes Lang, Deacon Ralphael Loran, Josef Neugum, Johannes Nold, Joseph Nold, Alois Ocks, Paul Olisberg, Josef Paul, Ferdinand Pflug, Adolf Philipp, Franz Rau, Ziriak Reichert, Peter Riedel, Peter Rolhuser, Johannes Roth, Georg Sauer, Joseph Scheiner, Johannes Schneider, Andreas Schnberger, Klemens Schnheiter, Paul Schubert, Ignatius Schuckel, Emmanuel Simon, Michael Still, Johannes Thauberger, Adam Wagner, Michael Wallieser, Jakob Warth, Peter Weigel, Leo Weinmayer, Klemens Weienburger, Jakob Wolf, Josef Wolf, Lorenz Wolf, Michael Wolf, and Johann Zimmermann. There are dramatic photographs included for some of the clergy.

Many of the Catholic clergy were members of the Diocese of Tiraspol-Saratov. These are some of the locations where the clergy were born: Blumenfeld, Heidelberg, Simperopol, Solothurn, Crimea; Dudnikova (Yekaterinoslav); Gbel, Herzog, Khler, Landau, Mariental, Neukolonie, Pfeiffer, Rohleder, Rothammel, Seelmann, Seewald, Vollmer, Zug, Volga region; Baden, Karlsruhe, Kleinliebental, Klosterdorf, Kotschube, Mannheim, Neu-Baden, Neukolonie near Seelmann, Rastatt, Selz, Speyer, Strasburg, Sulz, Odessa region; Krasna, Krasnoye, Neu-Liebental, Bessarabia; Leitershausen, Prishib; Zabolotye; Berdishev; Schnfeld, Cherson region; Yekaterinovka near Jamburg; Probudzeniye Wolf, (Mariupol); and Novaya Krasnovka (Ukraine).

Locations of the deaths of these clergy include: Soloverski Islands; 1937 USSR concentration camp; 1931 exile in USSR; Kamyshin; 1940 in Belbaltlag concentration camp; 1935 in Medveshya Gora concentration camp; Herzog; exile in Astrakhan (Caspian Sea); 1920 in Katharienthal (Odessa region); 1931 exile in Archangelsk; 1936 in Siberia; 1931 in Novosibirsk prison; 1937 in Moscow prison; 1938 exile in Karaganda; 1921 in Marienburg and Mariental, Volga region; 1937 in Yoshar-Ola concentration camp; 1940 exile in Talgar; 1937 in Solovetski Gulag; 1937 in Nagayev Bay concentration camp; 1938 in Vladikavkas (Ordshonikdse); 1937 in Solovets Gulag; and 1970 exile in Georgyevka, South Kazakhstan.

The price of the publication is \$20 plus postage and handling (\$3 for shipping in the U.S.; \$5 for shipping to Canada; \$8 for shipping outside the U.S. and Canada). All publications must be paid in U.S. dollars. Make check or money order payable to NDSU Library.

A Letter Received By Frank Jacobs:

Note the surnames, Jacobs, Lell, Hirschfeldt, Konrade, Kissner, Suppes, Lambrecht and Schoenfeld. The family sought ended up in Argentina.

June 30, 2003

Dear Francis Jakobs,

My name is Anna. I am the daughter of Jakow Johannes Peter (Jasch)Jakob. Emanuel Lell has told me, that I must fill out a form, if I want to find my relatives, but I do not know where I should begin. Emanuel Lell died so fast. Now Viktor Lambrecht gave me some references. If you know or heard something about my relatives, so I please ask you to help me. My grandma Susana Jakowlewna Jakob, (born in the year 1873 is died in the year 1974), was 101 years old. She was married with Johannes Peter Jakob (my grandpa). He has had two sons from the first marriage. The older son Johannes Peter Jakob went to the USA. The younger son George Johannes Peter Jakob was born in the year 1894. He died to 3.10.1963. George Johannes Peter Jakob was married with Emalij Philipowna Hirschfeldt, who was born in the year 1895. She died to 6.03.1988. George Johannes Peter Jakob had five children with Susana:

1. Jakow (Jasch) Johannes Peter Jakob, (born to 25.11.1901, died to 17.03.1984). He's my father. He was married with Katarina Georgiewna (my mother). She is born to 18.10.1901. My mother Katharina Georgiewna died to 18.12.1993. Their parents were called Georgi Goergiewitsch Konradi and Margarita Philipowna.
2. Ignatz Jakob was born in the year 1903 and he died in the year 1960. He was married with Maria Petrowna Schoenfeld. She was born in the year 1910 and she died in the year 2001 in Germany.
3. Hansjerg Jakob was born in the year 1905 and died in the year 1973. He was married with Marij Alexandrowna Kissner (born in the year 1904, died in the year 1969). Their father was a writer and he died at the desk during the work. Their mother had been killed by a Kasak woman, where she wanted to spend the night.
4. Rafael Jakob was born in the year 1909 and died in the year 1943 in a work deposit. He was married with Berta. She was born in the year 1915. The parents were Georgij and Margaret Suppes .
5. Joseph Jakob was born in the year 1915. He already died. His wife was called Karmonij.

I still know that my father, Jakow Johannes Peter Jakob, got once a letter from the USA, where also a photo was enclosed. In the photo stood my uncle Johannes Peter Jakob with his family. My uncle wore boots over the knees and before him stood a girl that wore a long dress. His wife sat beside him, she wore a multicolored dress. Behind them stood two people, a man and a woman. Further I cannot remember any longer. (this appears to be Argentine clothing). I still know I that my father told me that the children of Johannes Peter Jakobs (father of my father) had a butcher's shop. They bought, slaughtered and sold cows. (This part was confirmed in family letters.)

In Russia it was not permitted to look for relatives, which left the country to go abroad. That was strictly forbidden to look for relatives, and you were pursued by the government. (Mr. Stang documented an execution of a Marienfeld family in front of the village for receiving an American letter in the mid 1920s.)

When I moved to Germany, I inquired me in the Red Cross, how I can find my relatives. It was told me that I need the exact address of the relatives, which moved. And also the year, in which my relatives went to America and still another photo of my relations and into which relative circumstances I stand to them. But these questions I could not answer so far, so I please you for your assistance. If you know something about my relatives, then please write me.

I thank you in advance and wish you all the best.

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A response has been sent. Frank Jacobs