

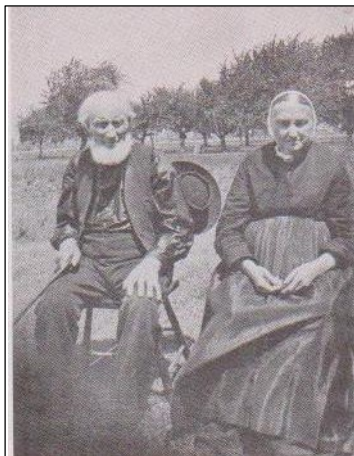
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Little is known of the immigrant Peter Brunk. According to family tradition, Peter and a brother Anthony came to Canada. Anthony left for the United States a few years after their arrival and contact was lost. The Brunks were French-speaking and Catholic. Census records also registered Peter as Roman Catholic and born in France. His death record listed him as having no religion.

Peter Brunk was born about 1814 (he was 37 in the 1851 census). Since their oldest child was born in 1845, Peter and Catherine were likely married about 1844. Peter's wife was Catherine Ernst, daughter of Christian Ernst and Magdalena Chepas. She was of the Amish Mennonite faith and seems to have raised her family in that faith as well. See the ERNST Family Genealogical Introduction for more detail on her family.

In the 1851 census the Brunk family was living in Wellesley Township. Since Christian gave his birth place as Musselburg, which is in Mornington Township, the Brunks were probably living in the West Section of Wellesley, not far from the Mornington Township boundary. Most of the children gave their place of birth as North Easthope Township. In the 1863 Perth County Directory, their location was given as Lot 18, Concession IX in North Easthope. According to family records, they farmed at Lot 25, Concession XIV in North Easthope. By the time of the 1881 census, the Brunks were again listed in Wellesley Township.

Peter and Catherine had a family of 15 children who grew to adulthood. One may have died in infancy, bringing this number to 16. Catherine died in North Easthope in 1886 and Peter in Wellesley in 1895. His death was reported by Amish Mennonite Bishop, Jacob Wagler, who reported Peter as having no religion. Their burial place has not yet been found.



◀ **Christian and Magdalena (Riser) Brunk**  
(July 1925)



**L-R: Annie (Riser) Brunk, David Riser, Magdalena (Riser) Brunk** ▶

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**The Christian and Magdalena (Riser) Brunk Family**

**L-R: Back: Amos, John, Laura (Brunk) Leis, Christian, P**

**eter, Menno, David**

**Seated: Sarah (Brunk) Bast, Catherine (Brunk) Jantzi, Christian Brunk (father)**

(May 1935)



*These 3 photos scanned from Jantzi (Boshart) Riser Ulrich, by Ruth Yantzi Ryan and Lorraine Roth*

**THE PETER AND MAGDALENA (ERNST) BRUNK FAMILY**

**Peter Brunk**, b. ca.1814, France

d. 14 July 1895, Wellesley Township, Ontario

m. ca.1844, Canada

**Catherine Ernst**, dau. of Christian Ernst and Magdalena Cheppas

granddaughter of Simon Ernst and Catherine Roth

granddaughter of Christian Jebeck/Cheppas, and Elisabeth Hertique/Hertig,

b. 21 Aug 1824, Grandvillars, Belfort, France

d. 8 July 1886, North Easthope Township, Ontario

Children:

Grandchildren:

1) Christian Brunk

b. 29 May 1845\* Wellesley

d. 13 Apr 1937 Ellice

m. 27 Feb 1872 Wellesley

Magdalena Riser

b. 26 Mar 1852 Wellesley

d. 13 May 1930 Ellice

dau. of Christian Riser &

Catherine Boshart Jantzi

Catherine Brunk (1873-1950) m. Rudy B. Jantzi

David Brunk (1874-1951) m. Anna Bast

Sarah Brunk (1877-1951) m. Peter Bast

Mary Brunk (1878-1891?)

Menno Brunk (1880-1966) m. Eliza Hunt

Peter Brunk (1882-1948) m. Sarah Ropp

Christian Brunk (1884-1972) m. Fannie Kropf

John R. Brunk (1886-1960) m. Annie Ropp

Daniel Brunk (1889?- )

Amos Brunk (1893-1973) m. Mattie Nafziger; 2m. Mary Gerber

Laura Brunk (1894-1951) m. Joseph R. Leis

2) Magdalena (also called Ellen) Brunk

b. 5 July 1846\* Wellesley

d. 30 Nov 1931 Wellesley

\*See Notes page 6

3) Barbara Brunk

b. 12 Jul 1847 Musselburg

d. 9 Dec 1937 Wellesley

1m. 1 Nov 1870 Wellesley

2m. 12 Oct 1915

Daniel Kennel

b. 12 Mar 1847 Wilmot

d. 22 Apr 1912 Wellesley

son of Christian Kennel

and Magdalena Jantzi

Christian Streicher

b. 30 Jul 1846 Wellesley

d. 20 Apr 1933 Wellesley

son of Leonard Streicher

and Barbara Kennel

Magdalena Kennel (1872- ) m. David Grody

Jacob Kennel (ca.1878- )

step-children:

Daniel R. Streicher (1868-1922) m. Catherine Schwartzentruber

Barbara Streicher (1870-1925) m. Menno G. Erb

Catherine Streicher (1877-1959) m. Daniel Lebold

Mary Streicher (1883-1905) m. Christian Lebold

Christian R. Streicher (1892-1946) m. Mary Roth

*(only step-children who survived infancy are listed here)*

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4) Margaret Brunk

b. 4 Oct 1848\* NEasthope  
 d. 4 Dec 1942 Milford, Neb.  
 m. 11 Mar 1873 Wellesley

John Jausi

b. 23 Jun 1843 Wellesley  
 d. 2 Feb 1902 Milford, Neb.  
 son of John Jausi and  
 Catherine Nafziger

{ Nancy Jausi (1874-1945) m. Christian Schweitzer  
 Mary Jausi (1875-1935) m. Jacob G. Erb  
 Elizabeth Jausi (1877-1975) m, Daniel Erb  
 John Jausi ( 1879-1968) m. Bessie Klingsmith  
 Susan Jausi (1883-1945) m. Nicholas U. Jantzi  
 2m. Charles Danford  
 Sarah Jausi (1885-1967) m. Jacob Zimmer  
 Lena Jausi (ca.1867- m. Jesse Lee Moberly  
 Peter Jausi ( 1888 - ) m. Louise? Gasiakny?  
 Fanny Jausi (1891-1892)  
 Emma Jausi (1893-1986) m. David Stutzman

5) Catherine Brunk

b. 4 May 1850\* NorthEasthope  
 d. 27 Jan 1929 Wellesley  
 m. 19 Dec 1871 Wellesley

Noah Leis

b. 5 Jun 1845 Wellesley  
 d. 21 Aug 1930 Wellesley  
 son of Joseph Leis and  
 Catherine Kennel

{ Menno Leis (1872)  
 Catherine Leis (1873-1960) m. Joseph Gascho  
 John B. Leis (1876-1971) m. Barbara Gascho  
 2m. Sarah Albrecht Steinmann  
 Noah B. Leis (1878-1966) m. Magdalena Streicher  
 Maria Leis (1888-1892)  
 Joseph B. Leis (1890- ) m. Catherine Roth

6) Charles (Carl) Brunk

b. 8 Jan 1851 NEasthope  
 d.17 May 1925 SEasthope?  
 m.6 Feb.1870/73 SEH  
 2m. 28 Dec. 1881, NEhope

Catherine Otto

b. \_\_ Apr. 1851 SEhope  
 d.

dau. Of Jacob Otto  
 & Anna Catherine Ludwig

Ellen Grody

b. 6 Mar.1983 NEasthope  
 d. 11 June 1929 Stratford  
 dau. Of Daniel Grody  
 and Elizabeth Wildfong

{ Simon/Simeon Brunk (1871-1945) m. Amelia Strome  
 Jacob Brunk (1872-1875)  
 John Brunk (1875- ) m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enos Brunk (1882-1966) m. Eliza Yost  
 Elizabeth Brunk (1884-1966) m. Robert Cornman  
 Emma Brunk (1886-1921) m. John Schmidt  
 Ida Brunk (1888-1976) m. Henry Wolf  
 2m. Ed Doerr  
 Sarah Brunk (1891-1968) m. Robert Clark  
 Lavina Brunk (1893-1975) m. Ralph Stevenson  
 Adeline Brunk (1895-1985)  
 Arthur Brunk (1897-1982) m. Beatrice Reibling  
 Edwin Brunk (1900-1977) m. Alieda Jantzi  
 Norman Brunk (1902-1981) m. Laura Becker  
 Amelia Brunk (1907- ) m. Harry D. Dow

7) Peter Brunk

b. \_\_\_\_ 1854\* NEasthope  
 d. 21 Apr 1933 N. Dumfries

8) Joseph Brunk

b. 15 May 1856 NEasthope  
 d. 31 Mar 1908 Wilmot  
 m. 8 May 1877 Wellesley

Annie Riser

b. 8 Aug 1856 Wellesley  
 d. 14 Oct 1937 Wilmot  
 dau. of Christian Riser and  
 Catherine Boshart Jantzi

{ Catherine Brunk (1878-1945) m. John Everatt  
 Ezra Brunk (1879-1891)  
 Magdalena Brunk (ca.1882-1958) m. Joseph K Bast  
 Elizabeth Brunk (1883-1891)  
 Aaron Brunk (ca.1893-1918)

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- 9) Elizabeth Brunk  
 b. 3/5 Apr 1857\* NEasthope  
 d. 23 May 1913 Mornington  
 m. 11 Nov 1877 E. Zorra  
 Daniel S. Brenneman  
 b. 14 Sep 1854 SEasthope  
 d. 10 Sep 1926 Mornington  
 son of John Brenneman and Catherine Schlegel
- {  
 Christian B. Brenneman (1878-1954)  
 Daniel B. Brenneman (1880-1963) m. Catherine Albrecht  
 Catherine Brenneman (1884-1952) m. Peter S. Albrecht  
 Annie Brenneman (1885-1945) m. Christian S. Albrecht  
 Bena Brenneman (1887-1888)  
 John Brenneman (1899-1973) m. Lavina Brenneman
- 10) Mary Brunk  
 b. 3/5 Apr 1857\* NEasthope  
 d. 21 Dec 1943 SEasthope  
 m. 2 Apr 1905  
 Menno Schwartzentruber  
 b. 16 Dec 1851 SEhope  
 d. 27 apr 1928 SEhope  
 son of Jacob Schwartzentruber and Barbara Roth
- { step-daughter:  
 Emma Schwartzentruber (1897-1972)
- 11) Susan Brunk  
 b. 8 Mar 1861 NEasthope  
 d. 10 Nov 1942 Albany, Oregon  
 m. 26 Oct 1881 Wayland, Iowa  
 Daniel Roth  
 b. \_\_\_\_ 1857 East Zorra  
 d. 24 May 1939 Albany, Oregon  
 son of Nicolas Roth and  
 Catherine Christner
- {  
 Jacob Roth (1881- )  
 Christian/Christopher (1884- )  
 Joseph Roth (1886- )  
 Katherine (Kate) Roth(1888\*-1969) m Jacob Opel  
 Leah Roth (1892- )m. William A Whitacher  
 Benjamin Roth (1894- )  
 Anna Roth (1896- ) m. David Schrock  
 David Roth (1899- )  
*5 children died before 1942*
- 12) Henry Brunk  
 b. 15 Jun 1862 NEasthope  
 d. 12/13\* Jan 1948 Wellesley?
- 13) John E. Brunk  
 b. 15 Jun 1862 NEasthope  
 d. 12 Feb 1901 Haysville  
 1m. 13 Mar. 1887 NEasthope  
 Catherine Stueck  
 b. 17 Aug 1866 Nithburg  
 d. 11 Nov 1940 Mitchell, Ontario  
 dau. of George Stueck and Christina Sunmell  
 2m. 25 Oct.1905 to John Gushart
- {  
 John Adam Brunk (1888-1845) m Wilhelmina Buschlen  
 William George Brunk (1889- )  
 Elizabeth Brunk ( - ) m. Louis Elves  
 George Stanley Brunk (1899- )m. Pearl Bunkleman  
 Edward Brunk (1901- ) m. Edna Brown
- 14) Jacob Brunk  
 b. 1 Apr 1864 NEasthope  
 d. 23 Dec 1954 Wilmot  
 m. 3 Jan.1893 Milverton  
 Catherine Livergood  
 b. ca.1863 NEasthope  
 d. \_\_April 1938 Wilmot?  
 dau. Of Peter Livergood  
 and Mary Stoehr?Starr?
- {  
 Herbert H. Brunk (1894-1918)  
 Vernon G. Brunk (1895-1970) m. Clara Kenyon  
 Ada M. Brunk (1896-1918)  
 Harvey William Brunk (1898-1958) m. Ina Miller  
 2m. Mabel Kipfer

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15) Leah Brunk

b. 8 Oct 1868 NEasthope  
d. 20 Nov 1959 Wellesley?  
m. 5 Mar 1893 Wellesley

John Lebold

b. 5 Jul 1846 Wilmot  
d. 14 Mar 1915 Wellesley?  
son of Jacob Lebold and  
Magdalena Blank

{ Noah Lebold (1894-1976) m. Edith Leis  
Katie Lebold (1897-1960)

## RESIDENCES OF THE BRUNK FAMILY

**Christian Brunk** married Magdalena Riser, daughter of Christian Riser and Catherine (Boshart) Jantzi. Christian Brunk was a carpenter. In 1887, he purchased a 3/4 acre of the southern part of Lot 17, Concession III, Mornington Township from the Crown. He purchased Lots 6 and 7, Concession XII in Ellice Township in 1902 and sold the Mornington property in 1903. When the youngest son Amos married in 1918, Christian sold the Ellice property to him. Christian and Magdalena are buried in the Poole Mennonite Cemetery.

**Magdalena Brunk**, age 29, was living with her parents in Wellesley Township in the 1881 census. She was unmarried, and must have lived with relatives or friends in the Wellesley area after her parents' death, because she was buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery when she died in 1931.

**Barbara Brunk** married Daniel Kennel, son of Christian Kennel and Magdalena Jantzi. Daniel was a tailor, and they lived on a small acreage at the southern end of the Village of Wellesley. At the time of the 1881 census, their children were Magdalena, age 9 and Jacob, age 3. Jacob's records of birth and death have not been found. Charles Brunk, age 30, was living with them. He was listed as Methodist and a carpenter.

After Daniel's death in 1912, **Barbara** married **Christian Streicher**. Barbara, Daniel, and Christian are all buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery.

**Margaret Brunk** married **John Jausi**, son of John Jausi and Catherine Nafziger. Several of the Jausi family moved to Milford, Nebraska in the late 1870s or early 1880s. Margaret (also known as "Gret") and John were among them. We were able to obtain a list of the family, but with few dates of birth and death. Margaret and John died and are buried at Milford, Nebraska.

**Catherine Brunk** married **Noah Leis**, son of Joseph Leis and Catherine Kennel (sister to Daniel married to Barbara Brunk). They farmed in the West Section of Wellesley Township (the east half of Lot 4, Concession III and the west half of Lot 5, Concession IV), selling their farm to their son Noah B. Leis -- Lot 4 in 1914 and Lot 5 in 1929. Catherine and Noah are buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery.

**Charles** (known as **Carl**) **Brunk** was first married to Catherine Otto, then to Ellen Grody. During his youth he had spent some time in the Nicolaus Schlegel home in South Easthope Township. From 1874 to 1876 Charles and Catherine lived on a three-acre place on Pork Street (now Line 33) not far from the Schlegel homestead. Carl is credited with building the house which is still in use.

In the 1881 census Charles was listed as Methodist and a carpenter with his sister Barbara and her husband Daniel Kennel in Wellesley. This was probably during the time he was a widower. Where he lived during his second marriage is not known, but he and both wives are buried in the Lingelbach Cemetery in South Easthope, as are their son Jacob and daughter Adeline. The Lingelbach Church, located in North Easthope,

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across the road from the cemetery was Evangelical United Brethren but was frequently referred to as Methodist.

**Peter Brunk** was unmarried, but with whom he lived is not known. He probably lived in the Wellesley area at the time of his death, because he is buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery. A tombstone marks his grave.

**Joseph Brunk** married Anna Riser, sister to Magdalena, wife of Joseph's brother Christian. Joseph, like several of his brothers, was a carpenter. Between 1877 and 1888, they owned and lived on two different acreages on Lots 4 of Concession II and III in the West Section of Wellesley Township. In 1894 they bought five acres of Lot 5, South Snyder's Road in Wilmot Township, just west of Petersburg. In 1897 Joseph deeded the property to Annie and in 1936 Annie sold it to Doerbecker. Joseph and Annie are buried in the St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery.

**Elizabeth Brunk** married **Daniel S. Brenneman**, son of John Brenneman and Catherine Schlegel. In the 1881 census, Elizabeth and Daniel, with their two oldest children, were listed in the South Easthope census. They also resided in North Easthope, Ellice and Mornington Townships and are buried in the Mornington Amish Mennonite Cemetery (Poole West).

**Mary Brunk** was a house servant in the home of Jacob Merklinger (whose wife was probably Ida Grody) at the time of the 1901 census, and in 1905 she became the second wife of **Menno Schwartzentruber** and the step-mother of his daughter Emma. Mary had no children of her own. They lived on the three-acre lot, formerly owned by Mary's brother Carl. They sold it to Emma in 1924, but probably continued to live with her at least until Menno's death in 1928. Mary and Menno are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16<sup>th</sup> Line.

**Susan (or Susanna) Brunk**, at age nine, was with the Christian E. Lichti family in Wilmot at the time of the 1871 census. In 1877, the Lichti family moved to Wayland, Iowa, and probably took Susanna with them. In 1881, she married **Daniel Roth** at Wayland, Iowa. He was the son of Nicholas Roth and Catherine Christner of Henry County, Iowa, but formerly of South Easthope, Canada. Susan and Daniel moved to Oregon. Susan's obituary gave the names of seven children living -- all in Oregon -- and stating that five were deceased. Susan and Daniel were buried in the Knox Butte Cemetery, Albany, Oregon.

**Henry Brunk** was unmarried. In the 1891 census he was a laborer in the Henry Merlaw home in Wellesley Township. He is buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery with a tombstone marking his grave.

**John E. Brunk** married Catherine Stueck. They probably lived in the southern part of Wilmot Township for John is buried in the Pine Ridge Cemetery, east of Haysville. John was killed in 1901 while digging a well. Catherine, remarried to John Gushart in 1905, but died as a widow in Mitchell in 1940.

**Jacob Brunk**, age 24, was in the John L. Trussler home in Wellesley Township in the 1891 census. He married Catherine Livergood, and their place of residence was Wilmot Township. A son Herbert and a daughter Ada both died of the flu in 1918. Jacob and Ida are buried in the old part of the New Dundee Cemetery, but they have no tombstones. Herbert and Ada do have tombstones

**Leah Brunk** married **John Lebold**, son of Jacob Lebold and Magdalena Blank. They probably lived in Wellesley Township. When John died in 1915 he was buried at Maple View, but when Leah died in 1959 she was a member of what is now known the Cedar Grove Amish Mennonite Church and was buried in the church cemetery.

NOTES:

\*For these dates there were discrepancies in the various sources, and I may not always have chosen the most authentic one.

Wellesley Township is in Waterloo County; Mornington, North Easthope, South Easthope, and Ellice are in Perth County.

**Sources of Information:**

- 1) The basic outline of the Peter Brunk family as well as the family of Catherine Brunk and Noah Leis was received from Salome Leis of Wellesley, now deceased.
- 2) Some additions and changes were made from a manuscript *The Brunk Family* by Thomas Brunk, Detroit Michigan. He was told Peter was buried at Maple View (see 1955 letter in BRUNK file). The late Alieda (Jantzi) Brunk of Tavistock also supplied a number of additional details. All of these various sources contributed to the discrepancies in dates. Catherine (Mrs. Clare) Schlegel was also helpful in finding some details. Wendy Wild also found a number of additional details. Her notes and copies of some documents are found at the end of this file.
- 3) Through the aid of Howard Brunk, I was able to find some details concerning Jacob Brunk, married to Catherine Livergood.

**Published Genealogies containing some Brunk families:**

- 1) *The Family History and Genealogy of Joseph and Catherine (Boshart) Jantzi, Christian and Catherine (Boshart, Jantzi) Riser, John and Anna (Jausi) Ulrich*, by Ruth Yantzi Ryan and Lorraine Roth, Kitchener, Ontario, 1982 (For the families of Christian Brunk and Magdalena Riser see pages 352-358, Joseph Brunk and Annie Riser, pages 359-369 and Nancy Jausi and Christian Schweitzer, pages 174-179)
- 2) *The Family History and Genealogy of Nicolaus and Barbara (Roth) Schlegel*, by Henry and Mae Yantzi, New Hamburg, Ontario, 1986 (For the Elizabeth Brunk and Daniel S. Brenneman family, see pages 22-30)
- 3) *Family History and Genealogy of Jacob and Catharine (Roth) Schwartzentruber, 1835-1969*, by Lorraine Roth, Kitchener, Ontario, 1969 (For the Mary Brunk and Menno Schwartzentruber family, see page 97)
- 4) *The Jacob Lebold and Magdalena Blank Family, 1800-1993 . . .*, by Lorraine Roth and John Bradley Arthaud, Waterloo, Ontario, 1994 (For the Leah Brunk and John Lebold family, see pages 39 and 40)

Lorraine Roth  
Tavistock, Ontario  
January, 2010

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ELLICE TOWNSHIP

BRUNK, Christian (son of Peter Brunk and Catherine Ernst)
m. 1872 to Magdalena Riser, dau. of Christian Riser and Catherine (Boshart) Jantzi
Lots 6 & 7, Con. XII, 1902-1918 (sold to son Amos Brunk)

BRUNK, Christian R. (son of Christian Brunk and Magdalena Riser)
m. 1908 to Fannie Kropf, dau. of David N. Kropf and Magdalena Lichti
Lot 3, E 1/2, Con. XIV, Can. Co. Lease in 1909; Deed in 1915
Sold to son Ivan W. Brunk in 1956

MORNINGTON TOWNSHIP

Christian Brunk (son of Peter Brunk & Catherine Ernst)
m. 1872 to Magdalena Riser (dau. of Christian Riser & Catherine (Boshart) Jantzi)
Lot 17, 3/4 ac. of S 1/4, Con. III, 1887-1903 (from Crown)

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP, WEST SECTION

David Brunk 1900 W-II 12 S pt 1/2 ac. purchase Chris. Streicher
(Annie Bast) 1906 W-II 12 S pt 1/2 ac. sale Burgener
(became Wellesley Cheese & Butter Co. property)

Joseph Brunk 1877 W-II 4 NW pt 3/8 ac. purchase W. Daub
(Annie Risser) 1880 W-II 4 NW pt 3/8 ac. sale W. Thompson
1881 W-III 4 SW cor. 1 ac. purchase Schneider
1888 W-III 4 SW cor. 1 ac. sale Jacob K. Albrecht
1883 W-IV 4 NE cor. 2 ac. purchase David Gascho
1885 W-IV 4 NE cor. 2 ac. sale David Gascho

Peter Brank/Brunk 1851 census (1-storey log house)
Peter: Catholic; wife Catherine and children: Mennonite

WILMOT TOWNSHIP

Joseph Brunk, 5/1/1 acres, Lot 5, S Snyder's Road
1894-1897 -- sold to his wife Annie
1936 -- Annie sold to Doerbecker
(Annie Brunk, sole exec. of Christian Riser, her father. Annie certified that Joseph Brunk, carpenter
had satisfied all money due or to grow due on mortgage, dated 10 Oct 1896. Letters Probate of Will
of Christian Riser was issued to Annie, 26 Mar 1897; Annie declares she is entitled to receive money
and mortgage is therefore discharged, 25 Apr 1908. (microfilm Roll #C-21, #11589))

SOUTH EASTHOPE TOWNSHIP

Charles (Carl) Brunk, 3 acres, NW part of Lot 3, Concession 11, 1874-1876
Carl is credited with building the house, which is still in use, on this 3-acre lot.

Menno Schwartzentruber, (same acreage as above), 1895-1924
(2nd wife Mary Brunk) (sold to daughter Emma, 1924-1940)