53. KENNEL

ORIGINS

Village of Kiental with Bluemlisalp (Switzerland)

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The von Känel family originated in Scharnachtal in the Bernese Oberland, southwest of Lake Thun, Switzerland, in an area known as the Kiental. The origin of the name is more obscure. It is suggested that perhaps it was given to a person or family living near the "Kanal" (canal). The Kennels are one of the few families of Amish Mennonite ancestry who may be able to claim the status of nobility. It is not likely that all of the von Kanels, Kennels, and Fonkennels in France and Germany today have a common ancestor, not even those with Mennonite ancestry.

In France and Germany, especially among the Anabaptists, the "von" was frequently dropped. This may have been because they were not "practicing" nobles, but may also have been because nobility during the French Revolution was not very popular. Kanel became Kenel, Kennel, or Kinnel in the French records. Those who wished to retain the "von" began writing the name Fonkennel. The wife of Jacob Steinmann was given as Barbe von Kennel in the late 1700s, but the males were not using the "von."

◄ ***Map showing Scharnachtal, Switzerland***

THE KENNELS IN FRANCE

In a letter by Pierre Sommer to Jean Kennel of Chassey-Beaupre in 1945, Sommer thought that the Kennels came into the Ste. Marie-aux-Mines area in the 1600s, and that three brothers left that area following the 1712 edict of expulsion, one going to Montbeliard, the other to Lorraine, and the third to the Palatinate, accounting for the Kennel families in all of these areas. The only problem with that theory is that the Kennel/von Kanel name is not found on the lists of Anabaptists in Ste. Marie-aux-Mines just prior to the expulsion, rendering this theory somewhat suspect. Since the Kennels who came to Canada are from Lorraine, we will concentrate only on them, and even there one finds more than one branch. Perhaps they have one common ancestor, but thus far that has not been possible to ascertain.

ARE OTHER KENELS RELATED TO OUR KENNELS IN LORRAINE?

If there was a common Anabaptist Kennel ancestor in Lorraine, he may have been Hans von Kanel from Aeschi, a village not far from Scharnachtal in Switzerland. According to a document (dated 1759) preserved in the Bern archives, Hans von Kanel arrived in Marienthal, Lorraine, 30 years earlier (1729) where he became an Anabaptist. (2) This indicates that at least one Kennel family came directly to Lorraine, sometime after the expulsion of the Anabaptists from Ste. Marie-aux-Mines in Alsace.

When his brother Balthasar died in Switzerland, Han's portion of the inheritance went to the government, because the Swiss had passed a law that Anabaptists, being heretics, could not receive any inheritance. When his brother Caspar died in 1759, two of Caspar's sons posted a petition that if Hans and his children were in need, they should be given their portion. Han's oldest son, however declared that the family was "well off and gladly relinquishes the part of inheritance in question."

Another document concerning the Kennel presence in Lorraine is a lease contract between the owners Hans Peter Metzinger and Michael Arnould and Johannes von Kennel for land in Marienthal on which the von Kennels were residing. The lease was signed on March 1, 1745, to begin the following year and to terminate six years later. Johannes von Kennel was identified as a "Schweitzer" (Swiss) and Anabaptist. His wife is mentioned but not named.(3) Hans von Känel of the 1759 document and Johannes von Kennel of the 1745 document may be the same person, but that will be difficult to confirm or disprove.

Joseph Peter Staker in *Amish Mennonites of Tazewell County, Illinois* has researched the Hans Kennel family of the Kirchheimbolanden District. This Hans Kennel, step-son of Nikolaus Brenneman (see Brenneman Family Genealogical Introduction), was one of the first of the original Anabaptist leasers in 1764 of the Münsterhof Estate with David Holly and Christian Gingerich. The Münsterhof Estate is located near the village of Dreisen, about midway between the cities of Kaiserslauthern and Worms in the district of Kirchheimbolanden. No family connection of this Hans Kennel family has been found thus far to the Kennels in Lorraine, France. Descendants of this Hans Kennel settled in Butler County, Ohio and in the vicinity of Tazewell County, Illinois.

A Kennel family of St. Avold, Lorraine was also researched by Joseph Peter Staker. Jean/John Kennel was born at St. Avold, Moselle on Aug. 5, 1803, son of Pierre Kennel and Catherine Schertz. John, who married Marie Schmitt, first came to Ohio, and then to Illinois in 1833. John and Marie Kennel's son Peter Kennel/Kennell was born in Tazewell County, Illinois July 3, 1833, and died July 28, 1915. He is buried in Roanoke Mennonite Cemetery, Illinois as 'Peter Kennell'. On April 8, 1857 Peter married Anne Madeleine Schertz, a daughter of Peter Schertz and his first wife Magdalena Zehr. But at this point we are not able to make connections with this branch of Kennels to the Kennel families who emigrated to Upper Canada.

In the 1980's Jean Kennel of Chassey-Beaupre and Lorraine Roth combed the civil registrations in Lorraine and came up with five different heads of families – three of them men, two of them women. Probably all of them were born in the latter half of the 1700's. Among these three men, there was a Christoph and a Christian. It is not likely they were brothers, because Christoph and Christian were used interchangeably. The two women were both named Barbe (the French for Barbara), hence they are not sisters. The five branches, however, may very well be descended from only two ancestors.

In November of 2000, I (Lorraine Roth) was contacted by Jean Francois Lorentz of Nancy, France. He is a descendant in the same branch as Jean Kennel of Chassey-Beaupré. He found a sixth Kennel branch headed by Anna Kennel married to Jean Neuhauser. The head of the sixth branch found by Lorenz is noted in a text box on the bottom right-hand corner of the chart below, but descendants are not listed due to lack of space. They go by the name Neuhauser rather than Kennel.

Lorentz and fellow researcher Maurice Hébert have also come up with a Jean Kennel (1726-1796), born and died at Diffenbach, south of Marienthal. It is possible for Jean to be the son of Hans/Johannes von Kennel mentioned above. Jean Kennell (1726-1796) first married to Barbe Kennel and then to Anne Schertz. (4) They may well be the parents of some of the heads of the six known Kennel branches in Lorraine, but which ones?

Jean Kennel of Diffembach
(1726-1796)
1m. Barbe Kennel
2m. Anne Schertz

Notes:

1) Transcribed and translated copies of the 1945 letter from Peter Sommer to Jean Kennel are found in the KENNEL, Documents file.
2) Note that "Jean" is the French form of "John".
3) Transcribed and translated copies of the 1759 document, "Berner Taufer" notes by Isaac Zurcher are found in the KENNEL, Documents file.
4) A photocopy of the 1745 Johannes von Kennel lease contract and partial translation are found in the KENNEL, Documents file. The copy was received from Nancy Burkard, East Amherst, NY. The name of her researcher is unknown to me.
5) The source of this information from Jean F. Lorenz was the internet, but he did not provide documentation. Hopefully someone will do further research and find documentation to tie at least some of the Kennel branches from Lorraine together.

BRANCHES OF THE KENNEL FAMILY FROM LORRAINE, FRANCE (a summary outline)

See the chart showing the five (six) branches and one or two lines of descendants to present-day descendants on the next page.

Lorraine Roth and Jean Kennel did most of the research in the civil registration records in France. Some details were filled in by the research of others, especially Maurice Hébert of Lunéville, near Nancy. The spellings, especially of first names, have generally been retained as they appear in the French records, sometimes followed by / and the English version. Where there have been discrepancies in dates, I (Lorraine Roth) have given the various versions, sometimes indicating the source of each version.

Discrepancies in spellings and dates are a nightmare. I tend to go along with the flow—using the spellings reflecting the documents I am working with rather than slavishly making them conform to my idea of what they should be. I am aware that this may leave the reader confused, especially if he/she has difficulty tolerating variations.

BRANCHES OF THE KENNEL FAMILY FROM LORRAINE, FRANCE

I

Christoph Kennel
Catherine Chertz
Barst

↓

Christoph Kennel
(ca.1775-1807
Marie Spenler
Sotzeling

↓

Christoph Kennel
(1800-1876)
Magdalena Jantzi
(to USA 1833,
to Canada 1839)

↓

Veronica Kennel
(1845-1914)
Christian Schrag

↓

Mary Schrag
(1873-1936)
Sidney Roth
Tavistock, Ont.

↓

Lorraine Roth
Waterloo, Ont.
Canada

II

Barbe von Kennel
Jacob Steinmann
(ca.1857-
Marienthal

↓

Christian Steinman
(1792-1865)
Veronica Eyer
(from Bavaria
to Canada 1826)

↓

Christian Steinman
(1824-1910)
Maria Honderich
Baden, Ont.

↓

Joseph Steinmann
(1855-1919)
Mary Y. Zehr

↓

Abraham Steinmann
(1887-1963)
Mary Roth

↓

Ruth Steinmann
Ross Bender
Goshen, Ind.

III

Christian Kennel
(1759-1839)
Anne Hirchi
Farm Vehneck
and Macheren

↓

Jean Kennel
(1780-1863)
Elizabeth
Salzmann
Macheren

↓

Jean Kennel
(1825-1904)
(to Canada
ca.1849)
Barbe Risser

↓

Anna Kennel
(1865-1949)
Christian Bender
Tavistock, Ont.

↓

Christian
K. Bender
((1888-1960)
Katie Bender
Tavistock, Ont.

↓ ↓

Orie Bender
Ontario

Ross Bender
Indiana

Pierre Kennel ↔
(1800-1869)
St. Avold

↓

Christian Kennel
(1837-1873)
Veronique
Saltzman
Gombervaux-
Vaucouleurs

↓

Pierre Kennel
(1862-1923)
to Canada 1881
to USA 1884)
Katharine Roth

↓

Peter Kennel
(1889-1978)
Anna Reeb

↓

Leroy Kennel
Illinois

↓

Lester Kennel

↓

Ronald F. Kennel
Goshen, Ind.

IV

Jean Kennel
(1763-1837)
Barbe Schertz
Bénéstroff

↓

Susanne Kennel
(1801-
Bénéstroff

Michel Kennel
and Pierre Kennel
les deux anciens
de l'Assemble
en Lorraine

Pierre Kennel
(1853-1931)
Marie Hirschy
Chassey- Beaupré

↓

Joseph Kennel
(1884-1959)
Chassey- Beaupré

↓

Jean Kennel
Chassey Beaupré
France

Joseph Kennel
(1792-1865)
Anne Blaise
"Ketzing"

↓

Jean Kennel
(1814-1873)
Gueberstroff
Barbe Berki
Chassey-Beaupré

↓

Annette Kennel
(1841-1921)
Pierre Neihouser

↓

Pierre Neihouser
(1863-1934)
Marie Rogi

↓

Louise Neihouser
(1893-1934)
F.P.N. Malagnoux

↓

Lucette Malagnoux
P.J.M. Lorentz

↓

Jean F. Lorentz
Nancy, France

V

Barbe Kennel
(1764-1837)
Jean Gasser

↓

Joseph Kennel
(1799-
Magd. Neuhauser
to USA 1831

↓

Samuel Kennel
(1831-1912)
Elizabeth Riehl

↓

John R. Kennel
(1857-1935)
Sarah Diener

↓

Christian D.
Kennel
Elizabeth
Fisher

↓

Elmer F. Kennel
Lancaster, Pa.

VI
Anna Kennel
m. Jean Neuhauser
6th Family head;
lacking space to include

Research done by Jean Kennel of Chassey-Beaupre, Jean F. Lorentz, Lorraine Roth, Elmer F. Kennel with additional details by Maurice Hebert. 2002

THE KENNELS COME TO CANADA

From here, this KENNEL Family Genealogical Introduction will be divided into sections and grouped into families. The above chart entitled Branches of the Kennel Family from Lorraine, France, shows five branches, but none of them are definitely connected. Only the three branches (numbered #1, #2, and #3 below) with descendants who emigrated to Canada will be featured in the remainder of this study.

1. Barbara von Kennel and Jacob Steinmann Family
2. Christoph Kennel and Catherine (Schertz) Family (Wellesley Kennels)
   a) Christian Kennel and Magdalena (Jantzi) Family [grandson of above]
      (i) Christian E. Kennel and Magdalena (Albrecht) Family
      (ii) John Kennel and Magdalena (Schweitzer) Family
      (iii) Michael Kennel and Maria (Lichti) Family
3. Christian Kennel and Anne Hirschi Family (Tavistock Kennels)
   a) John Kennel and Magdalaine (Ummel) and Elisabeth (Salzmann) Family
      (i) John Kennel and Barbara (Risser) Family
      (ii) Joseph Kennel and Barbara (Stalter) Family
   b) Pierre / Peter Kennel, 1881 Immigrant to Canada [great-grandson of #3]
4. Kennel Land Holdings

Barbara von Kennel, who was married to Jacob Steinman, did not come to Canada, but her husband Jacob and most of her known children did. Probably all of their children were born in France, but the family moved to Bavaria in the early part of the 1800s. Whether Barbara died before leaving France or whether she died in Bavaria is not known. Son Jacob came to Canada in 1824 along with the Schultz and Oesch families. Jacob, the father, and Christian and Veronica and their family came in 1826, along with the Christian and Maria Nafziger family and others. Son Peter, it is believed arrived in Canada via the port of Hamburg, arriving in Philadelphia one day ahead of his father Jacob and brother Christian. Daughter Magdalena also came, but her name does on appear on any of the lists mentioned above.

Christian and Veronica (Eyer) Steinman settled on Lot 18, North Snyder's Road, in Wilmot Township, where the present Steinmann Mennonite Church now stands. Peter had also claimed a lot in Wilmot, but soon left for Ohio. Jacob owned a lot in Woolwich Township for a number of years, but probably never occupied it. He lived in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Father Jacob probably died in Canada, although the date has not been found.

1. BARBARA VON KENNEL AND JACOB STEINMAN FAMILY

BARBE/BARBARA VON KENNEL, dates and places of birth and death not known

m. JACOB STEINMAN, b. ca.1757, Lorraine or Palatinate
d. 1827-1835, probably in Wilmot Township, Canada

1) Peter Steinman (Stineman), b. ca.1790, Marienthal, Moselle
d. 23 Feb 1862, Miami Co., Indiana
m. 25 Sep 1841, Ohio
Veronica Hochstetler, dau. of Benjamin Hochstetler and Catherine Miller
b. 28 Jun 1809, Somerset Co., PA
d. 7 Apr 1885, Wawpecong, IN

2) Christian Steinman, b. 1792, Marienthal
d. 10 Nov 1865, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery
m. Bavaria
Veronica Eyer, dau. of Jacob Eyer
b. Apr 1801, probably near Landsberg, Bavaria
d. 13 Mar 1883, bu Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery, Baden, ON

3) Jacob Steinman, b. 7 Aug 1793, Marienthal
d. 21? Feb 1877, Leacock Twp., PA
m. Lancaster Co., PA
Catherine Stoltzfus, dau. of Christian Stoltzfus and Elizabeth King
b. 16 Aug 1784, Pennsylvania
d. 13 Mar 1879, Leacock Twp., PA

4) Magdalena Steinman, b. ca.1795, probably Marienthal
d. 11 Sept 1870, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery

5) Joseph Steinman, b. 31 Oct 1796, Marienthal (no further record)

For further details on this family, see STEINMAN Family Genealogical Introduction and the *Family History and Genealogy of Christian Steinman(n) and Veronica Eyer* by the Steinman(n) Family Book Committee, Baden, Ontario, 1990.

2. CHRISTOPH AND CATHERINE (SCHERTZ) KENNEL FAMILY

WELLESLEY BRANCH OF KENNELS

The next Kennel immigrants were the family of Christoph or Christian Kennel and Magdalena (born Jantzi) as well as one of Christian's sisters and a cousin John Sommer. Christoph/Christian's grandparents were Christopher Kennel and Catherine Chertz/Schertz. Before continuing with the story of Christian and Magdalena (Jantzi) Kennel, we will give a brief outline of the Christian and Magdalena (Schertz) family as found in the records.

THE FAMILY OF CHRISTOPH KENNEL AND CATHERINE SCHERTZ KENNEL

CHRISTOPH (CHRISTIAN) KENNEL d. 2 Apr 1805 in Barst/Marienthal (Hebert?)
m. CATHERINE SCHERTZ

I. Magdeleine Kennel, b. 2 May 1773 at Barst, Moselle
d. 19 Feb 1829 at Imling, Moselle
m. 15 July 1813 at Imling
Christian Créabil, b. 12 Mar 1770 at Imling
Christian 2m. 15 Jan 1839 at Imling to Suzanne Schrag,
dau. of Andre Schrag and Magdelaine Zehr
Child:
a) Elisabeth Craébil, b. 22 Apr 1814; d. 29 Apr 1834 at Imling

II. Christoph Kennel, b ca. 1775, weaver, resident of Marienthal
d. 26 Jan 1807 at Sotzeling, Moselle
m. 1800
Marie Spalner/Spenler, dau. of Mader (Christian?) Spalner and Marie Légère (Lichti?)
b. ca. 1781; d. 6 Dec 1815 at Sotzeling
Children:
1) Christoph/Christian Kennel, b. 16 Mar 1800 at Sotzeling
m. 12 June 1823 at Bistroff
Magdeleine/Magdalena Jantzi, b. 23 Dec 1801 at Bistroff
dau. of Christian Jantzi and Anne Farny
Christian and Magdalena's story and family list follows.

2) Anne Kennel b. 1 July 1801 at Sotzeling
d. 6 Nov 1815 at Neunkirch-les-Sarreguemines, Moselle

3) Marie Kennel, b. 22 Dec 1803 at Dedeling; resident at Hingsange
m. 19 Jan 1828 at Grostenquin, Lorraine
Pierre Wittrich/Peter Widrick, b. 20 May 1796 at Farm Breit
son of Jean Wittrich and Anne Beller
This family migrated to Lewis Co., N.Y.
See WUTHERICH/WITTRIG/WIDRICK Family Genealogical Introduction for further details.

4) Catherine Kennel, b. 28 Mar 1806 at Sotzeling
d. 12 Dec 1849 at Nancy, Meurthe-et-Moselle
m. 26 Oct 1831 at Amelecourt, Moselle
Jean Rouvenach, b. 1811 at Longeville-les-St. Avold, Moselle
son of Christophe Rouvenach and Marie Blazer
Child:
a) Christophe Rouvenach, b. 1834 at Sotzeling

III. Pierre Kennel, b. 18 Oct 1875, Barst (twin to Christoph?)
m. 12 July 1802, Harprich/Harpich, Moselle
Catherine Schertz, b. 10 Aug 1875, Romelfing, Moselle
d. 28 Sept 1831, Vilsberg, Moselle
dau. of Pierre Schertz and Marie Schwendy
Pierre Kennel, 2m. 4 Apr 1835, Vilsberg
Catherine Müller, b. 1793, Sarrbauch, Germany?
dau. of Jean Muller and Catherine Zehr
Children:
1) Sepp (Joseph) Kennel, b. 7 Nov 1815, Helgen Mihl, Macheren, Moselle
d. 14 Dec 1815 Helgen Mihl, Macheren, Moselle
2) Pierre Kennel, b. 17 Apr 1816, Assenoncourt, Moselle
3) Joseph Kennel, b. 2 Jul 1819, Hattigny, Moselle
4) André Kennel, b. 3 Feb 1835, Vilsberg

IV. Anne Kennel, b. 28 Dec 1782, Marienthal
d. 28 Nov 1828, Haboudange, Moselle
m. 29 May 1802, Altviller, Moselle
Jean/John Sommer, b. 25 Dec 1779, Mihlberg, Azoudange, Moselle
d. 29 May 1813, Haboudange

Children:

1) Jean/John Sommer, b. 28 June 1803, Berig Vintrange, Moselle
d. 5 Sept 1871, bu. East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery
m. 18 Dec 1825 (family record) 9 Jan 1826, Haboudange (French record)
Barbe Risser, b. 19 Mar 1801, Singling, Gros-Rederching, Moselle
d. 27 Oct 1868, bu, East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery
dau. of Pierre Risser and Catherine Stucker/Stucky
This family migrated to Canada, via New York State.

Children:

a) Catherine Sommer, b. 26 Oct.1825, Haboudange, Moselle
m. Christian Roth in Canada
b) Jean Sommer, b. 4 Jan. 1829 ;, d. 4 Feb. 1829, Haboudange
c) Jean/Johannes/ John Sommer, b. 6 Dec. 1829, Haboudange
m. Catherine Roth in Canada
d) Christophe/Christian Sommer, b. 28 Aug. 1832 ; d. 11 Sept.1832;, Haboudange
e) Barbe/Barbara Sommer, b. 16 Sept. 1833; d. 2 Oct.1833, Haboudange
f) Barbara Sommer, b. 25 Sept. 1834, New York State
m. Andrew Zehr in Canada
g) Anna Sommer b. 8 Mar. 1837, New York State
m. John R. Schwartzentruber in Canada
h) Peter Sommer, b. 4 Sept. 1840, East Zorra
m. Katharine Krug in Canada
For further details see the SOMMER Family Genealogical Introduction and *The Family of Johannes Sommer and Barbara Risser, 1825-1990* by Catherine Schlegel, Tavistock, Ontario

2) Madeleine Sommer, b. 26 Feb 1805, Geraumont? Meurte-et-Moselle
m. 1833
Christoph Saltzmann

3) Christoph Sommer, b. 1807; d. 20 Nov 1809, Haboudange

4) Joseph Sommer, b. 3 Mar 1810, Haboudange
(no further record)

General View of Marienthal, Moselle, Lorraine, France

(located west of Nancy, France)

Christian and Catherine (Schertz) Kennel resided at Marienthal

Credit: Verna Schwartzentruber, 1992

CHRISTIAN KENNEL AND MAGDALENA (JANTZI) FAMILY

When I first began finding Christoph/Christian Kennel in the records, I was hesitant to assume that Christoph and Christian were the same person. And then I found a copy of an inscription in a book in which he had written two notes – one in French, the other in German. In French, he called himself Christoph, and in German, Christian – no further proof needed. (1) (See notes below)

When Christian was born, he was registered "Christophe Spalner" (Spenler). After the marriage of his parents, Christoph Kennel and Marie Spalner/Spenler, his father recognized him as his son, legitimizing his birth and changing his name. A note was added to Christian's birth record giving these details as well as the names of his grandparents, Christoph Kennel (deceased) and Catherine Schertz. The actual marriage record of Christoph Kennel and Marie Spenler has not been found.

Christoph Kennel and Catherine Schertz were residents of Marienthal, or neighbouring Barst. Son Christoph and Marie Spenler lived at Sotzeling after their marriage, the residence of the Spenler family. This is where Marie gave birth to Christoph, who would emigrate to America as Christian. Three daughters were born before Christoph Sr.'s early demise in 1807, which also took place at Sotzeling.

Christian Spenler Kennel married Magdalena Jantzi at Bistroff. The Jantzi family resided at the Farm Belgrad, but the registrations of birth and death and the marriages took place at the nearby villages of Bistroff. Magdalena had also given birth to a daughter before she was married but Christian did not give her legitimate status. Probably he was not her father. She was listed as Jantzi in the family Bible.

Christian and Magdalena then resided in Guenestroff, which is now called Gébestroff (also known as Val-de-Bride), and is located south of both Bistroff and Marienthal. Barbara (called Babette in her birth record), Catherine, and Christian were born there. John and Susanna were also born in France, but it is not known where the family was living when their births took place.

The family left from Le Havre, France, on the Barque *Statera*, arriving in New York on June 19, 1833. (2) With them were two of Magdalena's sisters and their families – Anna (Jantzi) and Michael Zehr and Marie (Jantzi) and Christian Nafziger. All of these families made their way to Lewis County, New York. Two non- family members were listed with the Kennels – Nicholas, age 24, and Madaline, age 4. It is thought that Nicholas was a Moser, but Madaline's identity is not known. Magdalena Jantzi, age 13, however was not listed. Either she was missed or came with someone else at a later time.

Michael Zehr and John Jantzi, Magdalena's brother, made a trip to Canada with the view to relocating all of the Amish Mennonite families from upper New York State to Canada. Their petition for land, dated June 15, 1837, is preserved in the Canadian National Archives (3) [See JANTZI Family Genealogical Introduction]. Perhaps the response to their petition was not favourable, for the entire group did not come. Christian and Magdalena Kennel, however, were among those who did. The Kennel's arrived in the summer or fall of 1839. (4)

Christian and Magdalena Kennel settled in the "Amish Settlement" southeast of the present village of Wellesley, but in Wilmot Township. At that time, Wellesley was still a Clergy Reserve, popularly called the "Queen's Bush." The Rebellion of 1837 had made it clear to the government of Upper Canada that it needed to make some changes. In due time this reserve became available for settlement, but when the Kennels came, they stayed on the south side of the boundary in Wilmot Township. The north and south parts of Wilmot had been sold to the Canada Company, which had been organized to facilitate the settlement of

unoccupied lands. In 1840, the lease for Lots 13 and 14 in Concession IV, Block A was transferred from Peter Spenler to Christian Kennel. Christian obtained the deed to this property (a total of 80 ¾ acres) in 1848.

The four youngest of Christian and Magdalena's children were born in Wilmot between 1839 and 1847. When Christian inscribed the records in the family Bible, he must have been guessing at several of the birth dates, because they do not always agree with the records found in France or the dates given by the family. (5)

Since the Kennel family was still listed as living in a 1½ storey log house in the 1861 census, the oldest part of the house (a 2 storey brick) and still in use in 2010, was probably built by Christian and Magdalena in the 1860s or 1870s. (6) (see more below)

Christian died in 1876 and Magdalena in 1881. Although the Amish Mennonites in this area had been using a burial ground on the Michael Zehr farm, almost across the road from the Kennel farm it is said that Christian and Magdalena were buried in the cemetery on the Third line which came into use in 1870 when Leonard and Barbara (Kennel) Streicher deeded a half acre of the farm which they had purchased in the West Section of Wellesley Township to the trustees of the Amish Mennonite congregation. It is now known as the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery. There are no tombstones marking the location of Christian and Magdalena's graves.

THE FAMILY OF CHRISTIAN KENNEL AND MAGDALENA JANTZI

CHRISTIAN KENNEL, son of Christoph Kennel and Marie Spenler
grandson of Christoph Kennel and Catherine Shertz
b. 16 Mar 1800 at Sotzeling, Moselle, Lorraine, France
d. 12 May 1876, bu. Maple View Menn. Cemetery, Wellesley, ON
m. 12 June 1823 at Bistroff, Moselle

MAGDALENA JANTZI, dau. of Christian Jantzi and Anne Farny
b. 23 Dec 1801 at Farm Belgrad, Bistroff, Moselle
d. 25/28 Feb 1881, bu. Wilmot Township

Children:

1) Magdalena (Lanie) Jantzi b. 16 Mar 1820 at Belgrad
d. 17 Sept 1893 bu. at Barnes Corners, N.Y.
m. Gorden* Tanner/ Turner
b. 1818, NY
d. 17 Sept. 1891 Barnes Corners. NY

2) Barbara Kennel b. 27 June 1824 at Guenestroff, Moselle (15 July 1823 - family record)
d. 20 Mar 1900, bu. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery
m. 3 Aug 1845 in Wilmot Twp.
Leonhard Streicher son of Johann Andreas Streicher and Margaretha Barbara Weichselfelder
b. 5 Feb 1812 in Reusch, Bavaria, Germany
d. 2 Mar 1900, bu. Maple View Cemetery

First resided at Lot 14 N half, Con. I, East Section, Wellesley Twp.
For further details on this family, see STREICHER Family Genealogical Introduction

3) Catherine Kennel b. 5 July 1826 at Guenestroff (French record); July 1825 (family record)
d. 12 Nov 1903 bu. Maple View Cemetery
m. 19 Mar 1844 in Wilmot Twp.
Joseph Leis b. 9 Feb 1819 in Bavaria, Germany
d. 6 July 1896 bu. Maple View Cemetery

Resided at Lot 14 S half, Con. I, East Section, Wellesley Twp.
For further details on this family, see LEIS Family Genealogical Introduction.

4) Christian E. Kennel b. 30 Mar 1828 at Guenestroff (31 Mar 1827 - family record)
d. 16 Apr 1908 bu. Maple View Cemetry
m. 30 Sept 1851
Magdalena Albrecht b. 6 May 1833 in Bavaria, Germany
d. 6 Dec 1918 bu. Maple View Cemetery

Resided at Lot 10 E half, Con. II, East Section, Wellesley Twp.
For further details on this family, see below.

5) John Kennel b. 19 Dec 1830 in France
d. 5 June 1910 bu. Mennonite Cemetery, O'Neill, Nebr.
m.
Magdalena Schweitzer dau. of Joseph Schweitzer and Catherine Wagler
b. 26 Dec 1828 at Ste. Marie-aux-Mines, Alsace
d. 1913 bu. Mennonite Cemetery, O'Neill

Resided in Wellesley Twp., then moved to Holt Co., Nebraska
For further details on this family, see below.

6) Susanna Kennel b. 14 Jan 1833 in France
d. 8/9 Nov 1900 bu. Mennonite Cemetery, O'Neill, Nebr.
m. 21 Feb 1854 in Wilmot Twp.
Christian Ernst, son of Christian Ernst and Magdalena Chepas.
b.11 Apr 1828 at Foulian, Haute Marne, France
d. 3 May, 1908 bu. Mennonite Cemetery, O'Neill, Nebr.

Resided in Wellesley Twp., then moved to Holt Co., Nebraska
For further details on this family, see the ERNST Family Genealogical Introduction.

7) Michael Kennel b. 10 Jan. 1834 in Lewis Co., N.Y.
d. 22 Apr 1898, bu. St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery, Wilmot
m. 23 Dec 1855 in Wilmot Twp.
Maria Lichti, dau. of Nicholas Lichti and Anna Ernst
b. 25 Nov 1834 in Wilmot Twp.
d. 1912?, bu. St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery

Resided on Lot 9, Con. I, Block B, Wilmot Twp.
For further details on this family, see below.

8) Anna Kennel b. 19 Mar 1837 in Lewis Co., N.Y. (census record)
d. 25 June 1910, bu. Pigeon River Mennonite Cemetery, Mich.?
m. 1856 in Wilmot Twp.
Jacob Albrecht b. ca. 1836 in Saxony, Germany (death record)
d. 1 Mar 1882 in Wellesley Twp.

Anna Kennel 2m. 28 Feb 1886 in Wilmot or Wellesley (church record book)
Jacob Christner, son of Christian and Elizabeth Christner
b. 11 Apr 1828 in France
d. 31 Mar 1893 in Clinton Twp., Elkhart Co., IN

Anna and Jacob resided in Mornington and Wellesley Townships
For further details on this family, see ALBRECHT Family Genealogical Introduction.

9) Maria Kennel b. 24 Aug 1839 in Wilmot Twp. (near Wellesley)
d. 19 Dec 1906 bu. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery
m. 1 Feb 1859 in Wilmot Twp.
John E. Lichti, son of Nicholas Lichti and Anna Ernst
b. 14 June 1837 in Wilmot Twp.
d. 7 June 1871 in Wellesley Twp.

Maria Kennel 2m. 3 Mar 1874 in Wellesley Twp.
George Schultz, son of John Schultz and Anna Catharina Schenk
b. ca. 1850 in Germany?
d. 16 Oct 1922 bu. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery

Resided on Lot 2, Con. II, West Section, Wellesley Twp.
For further information on this family, see the LICHTI and SCHULTZ Family Genealogical Introductions

10) Joseph Kennel b. 24 Aug 1842 in Wilmot Twp.
d. 8 Nov 1913 bu. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery
m. 28 Dec 1863 in South Easthope Twp.
Catherine Schrag, dau. of Daniel Schrag and Elizabeth Gingerich
b. 24 Mar 1845 in South Easthope Twp.
d. 9 June 1830 (or June 12) bu. Maple View Menn. Cem.

Resided on Lot 14, Con. IV, Block B, Wilmot Twp. (the family residence)
Joseph and Catherine had no children.

11) Veronica Kennel b. 25 Aug 1845 (or 1844) in Wilmot Twp.
d. 22 May 1914 bu. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery
m. 23 Feb 1864 in Wilmot Twp.
Christian Schrag, son of Daniel Schrag and Elizabeth Gingerich
b. 30 Jan 1843 in South Easthope Twp.
d. 1 Feb 1901 at Perrysburg, N.Y., bu. East Zorra Cem. (19th Line)

Veronica Kennel 2m.
George Schultz (previously married to Maria (Kennel) Lichti)

Resided in Wilmot, South Easthope, East Zorra and Wellesley Twps.
For further information on this family, see SCHRAG and SCHULTZ Family Genealogical Introductions

12) Daniel Kennel b. 12 Mar 1847 in Wilmot Twp.
d. 22 Apr 1912 bu. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery?
m. 1 Nov 1870 in North Easthope Twp.
Barbara Brunk, dau. of Peter Brunk and Catherine Ernst
b. 12 July 1847 in Wellesley Twp.
d. 9 Dec 1937 bu. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery?
2m. to Christian Streicher
Resided at Wellesley, Ont.

Children of Daniel and Barbara Kennel:

1) Magdalena Kennel (1872-) m. David Grody
resided in U.S.A.

2) Jacob Kennel (ca.1878- (in 1881 census)
(birth not registered; may be Joseph and Rosina's son, but in both households in 1881 census)

Except for Daniel and Joseph, the Kennel children all had fairly large families. Barbara and Catherine, married to Leonard Streicher and Joseph Leis, respectively raised their families in the southwest corner of the East Section of Wellesley Township, southwest of the village of Wellesley. All of the other children, except Michael and Veronica were also residents of Wellesley Township. John and his wife Magdalena Schweitzer and Susanna and her husband Christian Ernst, however, moved to Holt County, Nebraska. After the death of her husband Jacob Albrecht, Anna married Jacob Christner and moved her family to Michigan. Veronica married Christian Schrag from South Easthope. After his death, she married George Schultz, who had previously been married to her sister Maria, and also ended up in Wellesley Township. Family lists for the males follow below. Those of the daughters will appear under the family names of their husbands.

COMPACT FORMAT – CHRISTIAN KENNEL AND MAGDALENA (JANTZI) FAMILY

CHRISTIAN KENNEL, son of Christoph Kennel and Marie Spenler
b. 16 Mar 1800 at Sotzeling, Moselle, France
d. 12 May 1876, bu. Maple View Menn. Cemetery, Wellesley, ON
m. 12 June 1823 at Bistroff, Moselle

MAGDALENA JANTZI, dau. of Christian Jantzi and Anne Farny
b. 23 Dec 1801 at Farm Belgrad, Bistroff, Moselle
d. 25/28 Feb 1881, bu. Wilmot Township

Children	Grandchildren
1) Magdalena/Lanie Jantzi b.16 May 1820 Belgrad, Fr. d. 17 Sept. 1893 Barnes Cor. NY m. Gordon* Tanner/Turner* b. 1818 NY d. 17 Sept.1891 Barnes Cor. NY	Caroline turner (1842-1927) m. Henry Spencer Louise N. Turner (1843-1927)m. Charles D. Lucas Ella L. Turner (1847-) m. Benjamin Richards Sidney Turner (1849-1916) m. Sedate Wright (7) *spellings on tombstone
2) Barbara Kennel b. 27 June 1824 Guenestroff d...20 Mar.1900 Wellesley m.3 Aug.1845 Wilmot Leonard Streicher b. 5 Feb.1812 Reusch, Bavaria d.2 Mar.1900 Wellesley son of Johann A. Streicher and Margaretha B. Weichselfelder	Christian Streicher (1846-1933) m. Jacobena Roth 2m. Barbara (Brunk) Kennel Magdalena Streicher (1848-1924) m. Christian M. Bender Barbara Streicher (1849-1880?) m. Daniel Roth Andrew K. Streicher (1850-1935) m. Magdalena Roth John Streicher (1852-1940) m. Magdalena Bender 2m. Leah Lebold Michael Streicher (1854-1922) m. Anna Jantzi Daniel Streicher (1857-1934) m. Susanna (Gascho) Gerber 2m. Susanna Jausi Catherine Streicher (1860-1933) m. Jacob H. Bender Veronica Streicher (1864-1936) m. Jacob B. Roth

3) Catherine Kennel
b. 5 July 1826 Guenestroff
d. 12 Nov. 19103 Wellesley
m. 19 Mar.1844, Wilmot
Joseph Leis
b.9 Feb.1817 Bavaria
d. 6 July 1896 Wellesley
parentage not known

- Noah Leis (1845-1930) m. Catherine Brunk
- John Leis (1846-1920) m. Barbara Zehr
  2m. Veronica Schwartzenruber
- Magdalena Leis (1848-1919) m. Peter Jantzi
- Christian Leis (1850-1918) m. Catherine Lichti
- Joseph Leis (1852-1938) m. Catherine Roth
  2m. Magdalena Schwartzentruber
- David Leis (1855-1921) . m. Magdalena (Schwartzentruber) Oesch
- Catherine Leis (1857-1932) m. Christian Lichti
- Menno Leis (1859-1942) m. Magdalena Brenneman
  2m. Veronica Schwartzentruber
- Barbara leis (1861-1928) m. Christian Gingerich
- Daniel Leis (1863- 1939) m. Magdalena Erb
- Jacob Leis (1865- 1941) m. Elizabeth Kennel
- Veronica Leis (1867-1938) m. Nicholas S. Roth
- Solomon Leis (1869-1949) m. Anna Roegle

4) Christian E. Kennel
b. 30 Mar.1828 Guenes.
d. 16 Apr. 1908, Wellesley
m. 30 Sept.1851
Magdalena Albrecht
b. 6 May 1833 Bavaria
d. 6 Dec. 1918 Wellesley
dau. of John Albrecht
and Barbara Bösicker

- John Kennel (1856-1936) m. Elizabeth Schrag
- Barbara Kennel (1859-1943) m. John Bast
- Susanna Kennel (1862-1943) m. Peter Yousey
- Christian A. Kennel (1865-1937) m. Barbara Schrag
- Joseph Kennel (1868-1955) m Anna Wagner
- Magdalena Kennel (1871-1940) m. John Lehman
- Jacob Kennel (not registered)

5) John Kennel
b. 19 Dec.1830 France
d. 5 June 1910 O'Neill, NE
m. ca. 1853 Canada
Magdalena Schweitzer
b. 26 Dec.1828, Ste. M/M.Fr
d. 14 Jan. 11913 O'Neill, NE
dau. Of Joseph Schweitzer
and Catherine Wagler

- Catherine Kennel (1854-1934) m. Valentine Gerber
- Magdalena Kennel (1855-1936) m. Menno L. Erb
- Christian Kennel (1858/9-1933) m. Mary Jantzi
  2m. Catharine (Schultz) Lichti
- Veronica Kennel (1860-1915) m. Jacob S. Erb
- Anna Kennel (1862- 1927) m. Christian Zehr
- Elizabeth Kennel (1864-1940) m. John Bellar

6) Susanna Kennel
b. 14 Jan.1833 France
d. 8/9 Nov. 1900 O'Neill, NE
m. 21 Feb. 1854 Wilmot
Christian E. Ernst
b. 11 Apr. 1828 Foulain, FR
d. 3 May 1908O'Neill, NE
son of Christian Ernst and
Magdalena Chepas

- Christian K. Ernst (1854-1929) m. Catherine Moser
- Magdalena Ernst (1856-1934) m. John R. Bellar
  2m. Andrew Schmidt
- Barbara Ernst (1858-1859)
- John Ernst (1860-1924) m. Mary Stutzman
  Veronica Ernst (1862-1944) m. David Riser
- Joseph Ernst (1865-1936) m. Sarah Harris
  Catherine Ernst (1868-1940) m. Joseph U. Yantzi
- Mary Ernst (1871-1948) m. Emanuel Kuhns
  2m. Henry Roseler
- Jacob K. Ernst (1873-1943) m. Malinda Harris
- Susan Ernst (1874-1963) m. Frank Kubichek

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7) Michael Kennel
b. 10 Jan. 1834 LewisCo. NY
d. 22 Apr. 1898 Wilmot
m. 23 Dec.1855 Wilmot
Maria Lichti
b. 25 Nov.1834 Wilmot
d.11 Oct.1911 Wilmot
dau. of Nicholas Lichti and and Anna Ernst

- Magdalena Kennel (1857-1893) m. Abraham Herner
- Nicholas Kennel (1858-1924) m. Veronica Gingerich
- Anna Kennel (1860-1945) m. Daniel L. Zehr
- Christian Kennel (1862-1886) m. Mary Herford Mary 2m. Menno Jausi/Yousey
- Elizabeth Sander/Kennel (1869-1910) m. Jacob Ropp
- Anna Sengpal/Kennel (ca.1874-) m. Menno Boshart
- Albert Braun/Kennel (1878- 1960) m. Catherine Erb

8) Anna Kennel
b.19 Mar.1837 LewisCo.NY
d. June 1910, Pigeon, MI
m.___ ___1856 Wilmot
2m. 28 Feb.1886, Wellesley
Jacob Albrecht
b. ca. 1836 Saxony, GER
d. 1 Mar. 1882 Wellesley
son of John and Barbara Albrecht
Jacob Christner
b.11 Apr.1828 France
d.31 Mar.1893 Goshen, IN
son of Christian and Elizabeth Christner

- Christian Albrecht (1859-1879)
- John Albrecht (1860-1936) m. Maria Zehr
- Mattie Albrecht (1861-1920) m. Daniel K. Yoder
- Barbara Albrecht (1861-1944) m. Joseph S. Ropp
- Jacob Albrecht (1864-1927) m. Veronica Ropp
- Catherine Albrecht (1866-1926) m. Moses S. Erb
- Joseph Albrecht (1867-1951) m. Elizabeth Ropp
- Mary Albrecht (1869-1934) m. Christian B. Schwartzentruber
- Annie Albrecht (1871-1949) m. C. E. Swartzentruber
- Fannie Albrecht (1871-11905) m. Daniel K. Yoder
- Daniel Albrecht (1874-1951) m. Mattie Ulrich
- Susanna Albrecht (1876-1943) m. Jacob Gingerich
- Sarah Albrecht (1878-1957) m. Isaac Plank
- Leah Albrecht (1881-1965) m. John S. Erb

9) Maria Kennel
b. 24 Aug. 1839 Wilmot
d. 19 Dec. 1906 Wellesley
m. 1 Feb.1859 Wilmot
2m. 3 Mar.1874 Wellesley
John E. Lichti
b. 14 June 1837 Wilmot
d. 7 June 1871 Wellesley
son of Nicholas Lichti and Anna Ernst
George Schultz
b. ca.1850 Hesse, GER
d.16 Oct1922 Wellesley
son of John Schultz and Anna Catharina Schenk

- Magdalena Lichti (1860-1925) m. Joseph L. Ropp
- Anna Lichti (1861-1887) m. Menno Jausi;, 2m. Mary Herford
- Nicholas K.N. Lichti (1863-1928) m. Catherine Ropp
- Christian K.N. Lichti (1866-1913) m. Catherine Schultz
- Maria Lichti (1868-1946) m. Christian B.O. Schultz
- Catherine Schultz (1875-1938) m. John S. Zehr
- Elizabeth Schultz (1877-1946) m. Andrew Bast

10) Joseph Kennel
b.24 Aug.1842 Wilmot
d. 8 Nov.1913 Wilmot
m. 28 Dec.1863 South Easthope
Catherine Schrag
b. 24 mar. 1845 South Easthope
d. 9/12 June 1930 Wilmot
dau. of Daniel Schrag and Elizabeth Gigerich

no children (may have had a foster daughter)

11) Veronica Kennel
b. 24/25 Aug. 1844 Wilmot
d. 22 May 1914 Wellesley
m. 23 Feb. 1864 Wilmot
2m. 26 May 1908 Wellesley
Christian Schrag
b. 30 Jan.1843 SEasthope
d. 1 Feb.1901 Perrysburg, NY
son of Daniel Schrag
and Elizabeth Gingerich
George Schultz, (previously married to Maria (Kennel) Lichti
Son of John Schultz and Katherine Schenk

- Magdalena Schrag (1866-1930 m. Christian Baechler
- Daniel Schrag (1869-1951) m. Mary Kipfer
- Mary Schrag (1873- 1936) m. Peter S. Roth
- Christian Schrag (1876-1939) m. Mary Gingerich

12) Daniel Kennel
b. 12 Mar.1847 Wilmot
d. 22 Apr. 1912 Wellesley
m. 1 Nov.1870 NEasthope
Barbara Brunk
b. 12 July 1847 Wellesley
d. 9 Dec.1937 Wellesley
dau. of Peter Brunk
and Catherine Ernst
Barbara 2m. to Christian Streicher

- Magdalena Kennel (1872-1944) m. David B. grody
- Jacob B. Kennel (ca. 1878-1939)

THE CHILDREN OF CHRISTIAN AND MAGDALENA (JANTZI) KENNEL ESTABLISH THEIR HOMES

Magdalena Jantzi, daughter of Magdalena Jantzi and step-daughter of Christian Kennel remained in New York when the family moved to Canada. She married **Gordon Turner** (probably originally Tanner). They resided at Barnes Corners N.Y. and are buried in the Barnes Corners Cemetery. (7)

Barbara Kennel, called Babette in her birth record in France, married **Leonhard/Leonard Streicher.** Although of Lutheran parentage, Leonard chose to affiliate with the Amish Mennonites. Barbara and Leonard and Barbara's sister Catherine and her husband Joseph Leis purchased the southwest corner of the East Section of Wellesley Township - southwest of the village. The Streichers took out a lease on the north half of the lot 14 in 1849 and acquired the Crown patent (deed) in 1856. The Streichers and Leises divided the property so the Streichers had the west half along what is now Hutchison Road, and Catherine and Joseph Leis were between the Streichers and the village. Both laneways opened on what is now known as Gerber road. Streicher and Leis built almost identical one-and-a-half storey log houses in the mid 1840's. The Streicher house, presently owned by Daniel and Marlene Wagler, was still in use in 2010, but was replaced a few years later; the Leis house, presently owned by Wayne and Rosanne Kuntze, was replaced in 1940.

In 1869, Leonard and Barbara Streicher also purchased the north halves of lots 11 and 12 of Concession II in the West Section. This property ran from Hutchison Road, along the Third Line as far west as the present location of the Maple View Mennonite Church and Cemetery. There was already a private burial ground on this property, and in 1870, the Streichers deeded a half acre to the trustees of the Amish Mennonite Congregation which included the burial ground and a building in which to hold funerals. In 1875, the Streichers also purchased the east half of Lot 9 in the same concession. Lots 11 and 12 (a total of 200 acres) were sold to son Christian in 1878 and Lot 9 (100 acres) to son Daniel in 1880. The family had retained the

property in the East Section, and this was sold to son John in 1881. Barbara and Leonard are buried in the cemetery on their property, now known as Maple View Mennonite Cemetery. (8)

Catherine Kennel married **Joseph Leis**, whose parentage is not known. He came to Canada as a young lad with friends or relatives. Joseph signed a lease contract for the south half of lot 14, Concession I in the East Section of Wellesley Township, and acquired the Crown Patent in 1856. As mentioned above, Joseph Leis and Leonard Streicher exchanged properties so that their lots were divided in half into east and west. Catherine and Joseph had the east part closer to the village of Wellesley. They remained here all their lives, selling the farm to Joseph Jr. in 1893. Catherine and Joseph are buried in the Maple view Mennonite Cemetery. (9)

Christian E. Kennel married Magdalena Albrecht, a recent immigrant from Bavaria, in 1851. In 1850, Christian's father had leased the east half of lot 10, Concession II, in the East Section of Wellesley Township, almost across from the Kennel homestead in Wilmot. The lease contract was transferred to Christian E. and Magdalena in 1860. The following year, Christian E. acquired the Crown Patent and sold 50 acres back to his father. In 1880, Christian and Magdalena sold the remainder of the farm and purchased a small plot from Christian's brother-in law, Christian E. Ernst at the south end of the Village of Wellesley. In the 1891 census, Christian and Magdalena and their daughter Magdalena and her husband John Lehman were living there. Christian E. and Magdalena Kennel are buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery. (10)

John Kennel married Magdalena Schweitzer, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Wagler) Schweitzer. In 1854, John Kennel took out a lease contract on the south half of Lot 2, Concession I, in the West Section of Wellesley township - along the North Easthope –Wellesley Township boundary, not far from the hamlet of Topping. In 1862, he acquired the Crown patent. In 1875, John and Magdalena also purchased the west half of Lot 3, Concession II. In 1885, they sold the property on Concession I and in 1889, that on Concession II. It was probably at this time that the family left for Nebraska. Some would eventually return to Canada, but John and Magdalena and three of their daughters and husbands died in Holt County and are buried in the Mennonite Cemetery, north of O'Neill. (11)

Susanna Kennel, the last of the Kennel children to be born in France, married **Christian E. Ernst** in 1854. In 1864, Christian purchased an acre at what is now the southern edge of the Village of Wellesley. He sold it again to Susanna's brother Daniel in 1871, but kept a smaller acreage until 880. In the 1870's, a number of families including Kennel and Jantzi relatives were moving to the American frontier. Christian was a carpenter. He left the family in Wellesley and went to Holt County, Nebraska, built a house and some furniture, and moved the family in 1884. In 1886, the Amish Mennonites built a meetinghouse north of the town of O'Neill, and Susanna and Christian's son, Christian K. was ordained to the ministry. Susanna and Christian are buried in the Mennonite Cemetery, north of O'Neill. (12)

Michael Kennel, born in Lewis County, New York, married Maria Lichti, daughter of Nicholas and Anna (Ernst) Lichti, in 1855. In 1846 and 1848, Maria's father had purchased Lot 9, Concession I, Block B, Wilmot Township, north and a little west of the hamlet of St. Agatha. No doubt, this is where Michael and Maria took up residence, purchasing the farm in 1874. In addition to four children of their own, Michael and Maria took in a number of foster children. Albert Braun, the youngest of these, took on the Kennel name, and his descendants are Kennel's today. In 1899, the executors and Maria sold the farm to daughter Anna and son-in-law Daniel L. Zehr. Michael and Maria are buried in the St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery, situated on Maria's parental homestead. (13)

Anna Kennel married **Jacob Albrecht**, son of John and Barbara Albrecht, in 1856. In the 1860s they appeared on various lots in Mornington Township but did not own any of them. In 1872, they purchased 100 acres of Lot 1, Concession IV in the West Section of Wellesley Township and in 1878 they purchased another 50 acres. Between 1859 and 1881, Anna gave birth to 14 children and in 1882 Jacob died at the age of 46. He was survived by 13 of their children. The farm was sold in 1883 and Anna purchased a 3/8 acre

lot with a house in the hamlet of Kingwood, on the third Line (now Deborah Glaister Line) in Wellesley Township.

In 1886, **Jacob Christner**, who had spent his childhood and youth in Canada returned to Canada and married **Widow Anna**. He took her back to the Goshen area in Indiana where he died seven years later. Anna then went to Pigeon, Michigan where several of her children had settled. She is believed to be buried in the Pigeon River Mennonite Cemetery although there is no tombstone. (14)

Maria Kennel according to all reports was born in Wilmot Township in 1839. In 1859 she married **John E. Lichti**, brother to Maria Lichti, married to Michael Kennel. John's father, Nicholas Lichti, had purchased Lot 2, Concession II in the West Section of Wellesley Township in 1857. No doubt this is where Maria and John settled after their marriage. Maria had given birth to five children when John died in 1871. It appears that Maria remained on the farm, and perhaps **George Schultz** was her hired man, for she married him in 1874. George was of Lutheran parentage, but chose to affiliate with Maria's church – Amish Mennonite. Maria had two daughters with George Schultz.

In 1881, Nicholas Lichti sold a 1/3 share in the farm to George Schultz and the 2/3 share to the Lichti children. Between 1881 and 1889, the children each signed off a Quit Claim to their share to George Schultz as they reached the age of 21. In 1901, George sold the farm to their youngest daughter, Elizabeth, married to Andrew Bast. Maria and George are buried in Maple View Cemetery, although there are no tombstones. (16)

Joseph Kennel married Catherine Schrag, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Gingerich) Schrag of South Easthope in 1863. They came to be affectionately known as "Sep" and "Ket". Probably Joseph and Catherine remained with the Kennel parents on the homestead. They purchased the farm after Christian's death in 1876. Joseph and Catherine had no children, although in the 1891 census a 12 year-old female (cannot decipher her name) was living with them and designated as a "daughter. Joseph and Catherine sold the farm in 1889 to Christian Gerber, their neighbour across Settlement Road to the east. No doubt, they continued to live in the house. Joseph and Catherine are said to be buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery, although there are no tombstones. (16)

Veronica Kennel married **Christian Schrag**, brother to Catherine married to Veronica's brother Joseph. Christian was a cheese maker, and they moved from place to place, cheese factory to cheese factory. They began in Wilmot with the Oak Grove Cheese factory when it was still located on a farm on Bleam's Road, east of New Hamburg. They also made cheese at what had been Fryfogel Inn on the 7 & 8 Highway between New Hamburg and Shakespeare. They were also at the German Union Cheese Factory on the Townline, west of Punkeydoodles Corner at Winthrop, northeast of Seaforth in Huron County. Their last stint was at Perrysburg, N.Y., southwest of Buffalo. Christian died there in 1901. His body was brought back to Ontario and buried in the 19th Line Cemetery, East Zorra.

Veronica then married **George Schultz**, who had been previously married to Veronica's sister, Maria, widow of John E. Lichti. Veronica and George resided in Wellesley Township but had no children. Veronica is buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery. (17)

Daniel Kennel, the youngest of the family, married Barbara Brunk, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Ernst) Brunk, in 1870. In 1871, they purchased an acre at what is the southern end of the Village of Wellesley from Daniel's brother-in-law Christian E. Ernst. The house of log construction (extensively renovated) is still in use in 2010. Daniel was a tailor by trade, but became blind. They had a daughter Magdalena who married David Grody. Jacob B. Kennel and Mattie and Dave Grody are found buried in Circle Hill Cemetery, Williamsburg, Grand Traverse, Michigan. Daniel died in 1912, after which their property was sold. Barbara remarried to Christian Streicher. Daniel and Barbara are both buried in the Maple View Cemetery.

NOTES:

The files referred to in these notes are kept in Lorraine Roth's Collection in the Archives at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario. Digital copies of some of the transliterations and translations of records in Bibles or other old books can be obtained from Bruce W. Jantzi at bwjantzi@gmail.com

1) Christian Kennel's inscription is reproduced in *Ontario Fraktur* by Michael S. Bird. Toronto; M. F. Feheley Publishers, 1977, page 88.
2) National Archives, Washington, D.C., microfilm series M-237, between Rolls #15 and #22.
3) Letter addressed to Sir Francis Bond Head, Governor of Upper Canada, June 15, 1837, Archives of Canada at Ottawa, Ministry of Revenue, MG 19, Vol. 4447. This letter was found by E. Reginald Good when he was brought an incorrect file. Recognizing its value, he made a copy for us.
4) Daughter Maria was born in August of 1839, and all records indicate she was born in Canada. Christian's naturalization record gives September as their date of entrance into Canada.
5) A transcribed copy of the record in the family Bible is found in the KENNEL Documents file. Since there are so many discrepancies in the birth dates given in the Bible, and extra column has been added showing the dates found in other records.
6) See the section below entitled, "Christian and Magdalena (Jantzi) Kennel Homestead" and accompanying photographs.
7) In about 1976 I visited the daughter-in-law of Sidney Turner, son of Magdalena and Gorden (spelling on tombstone). I took some very sketchy notes on the family, found in the Kennel-Christoph Notes and Correspondence file.
8) For more details, see the STREICHER file and *The Streichers, 1812-1970* by David L. Erb. (Wellesley)
9) For more details, see the LEIS file and "Joseph and Catherine (Kennel) Leis Genealogy' an unpublished genealogy by Katie (Leis) Moser and Lorraine Roth, Waterloo, Ontario, 1994.
10) A somewhat more complete list of the Christian E. and Magdalena (Albrecht) Kennel family is found later in this KENNEL Introduction.
11) A more detailed family list of John Magdalena (Schweitzer) Kennel is found later in this KENNEL Introduction.
12) For more details see the ERNST file. Contact was made with this family on a visit to O'Neill in 1978 and has been sporadically maintained since then.
13) See a more detailed family list of Michael and Maria (Lichti) Kennel found later in this KENNEL Introduction.
14) For further details, see the ALBRECHT file.
15) For further information on this family, see the LICHTI and SCHULTZ files.
16) See the "Christian and Magdalena (Jantzi) Kennel Homestead" and photos of the farm and house below.
17) For further details, see the SCHRAG and SCHULTZ files. Also see the *The Daniel Schrag Family History & Genealogy* by Keith G. Schrag et al, (2nd edition) Kitchener, Ontario, 1981.
18) The deaths of Daniel and Barbara (Brunk) Kennel's children were found by researcher Wendy Wild.

THE CHRISTIAN AND MAGDALENA (JANTZI) KENNEL HOMESTEAD

Peter Spenler obtained a lease from the Canada Company for Lots 13 and 14, Concession IV, Block B, Wilmot Township, in 1839. Because of the slanting boundary with Wellesley Township, these lots are of small and irregular size, totalling only about 80 acres. In 1840, the lease was transferred to Christian Kennel who had arrived with his family from upper New York State in September of 1839. In 1848 he completed payment and acquired a deed.

The Christian Kennel Homestead
View from the south-west
Located between Settlement Road and the Wellesley-Wilmot boundary

After Christian's death in 1876, the farm was sold to son Joseph who was married to Catherine Schrag. Joseph and Catherine had no children, so sold the farm in 1889 to Christian Gerber across the road. His son Solomon bought it in 1906. In 1917 Nicholas Steckley, also across the road from the Kennel homestead, purchased the farm, selling it to John W. Jantzi in 1923. Since then the farm has been in the Jantzi family, with Delmer J. and Eleanor (Gerber) Jantzi and their family occupying it in 2002.

In the 1861 census the Kennels were reported living in a 1 ½ storey log house. The date of the present house is not known, but certain features would indicate it was built in the late 1860s or early 1870's, The north wing (or main house) may have been built before the kitchen wing, although both are built of brick. The walls must be at least three bricks thick with air space between. The main house had a fireplace and a spring (and still does) in the basement. There was also an outside door on the north side which has been bricked in.

The kitchen wing has identical dormer windows on both the east and west sides. The kitchen wing used to have a woodshed and outhouse attached to the west side. A free-standing smoke house was also on the west side. These buildings have been removed and replaced by a deck.

There is evidence that there was another house prior to the present house, a short distance to the south of the kitchen wing. It may be possible that it was the earlier storey and a half log house, which continued to be occupied as a summer kitchen. The Jantzis remembered that this house burned during the time the Kennels occupied it. The fire started while deep-frying doughnuts. Remains of a foundation and broken glass are still found on the site.

The Jantzis inherited another tradition from the Kennel family. The farms in this narrow wedge of land between Settlement Road and the Wilmot-Wellesley boundary had laneways on to both roads. Because of the Nith River, Settlement Road ended at the laneway to the Michael Zehr family Lot 16, Concession III. So the neighbours from the Settlement road used these laneways as a short-cut to the village of Wellesley. The Lichtis to the west discouraged the use of their laneway by keeping gate closed, but Joseph Kennel was more easy going and did not object to people using his lane.

House built by Christian and Magdalena (Jantzi) Kennel,
before 1875 (view of house from east side)

Unfortunately, the use of the laneway eventually became very troublesome. The general public began to use the laneway. Even car rallies included it on their route. Delmer Jantzis had small children and did not appreciate this traffic through their farm. When Delmer inquired about closing his laneway to public traffic, he was told that after so many years of use it was similar to "squatters rights" and it would be illegal to close the route. The township suggested that if Delmer gave a strip of land on the west side of his farm, they would build a road there, and give him permission to eliminate the lane on to the boundary between Wilmot and Wellesley.

CHRISTIAN AND MAGDALENA (JANTZI) KENNEL FAMILY BIBLE

BIBLIA,
Das ist:
Die ganze
Heilige Schrift
Alten und Neuen Testaments,
verdeutschet durch
Dr. Martin Luther.

Reutlingen.
Druck und Verlag der B. G. Kurtz'schen Buchhandlung.
1854.

The Family Register is found at the back of the Bible, shown here by Mary Zehr, owner of the Bible.
Photographs by Susan Best, 2008

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1854

Translation:
B I B L E,
This is the whole
Holy Scripture
Old and New Testaments

(Continued)

This Bible was printed in Reutlingen, Germany in 1854 after all of the Amish Mennonites who migrated to Canada had left Germany; so the publisher or a book salesman canvassed the community to sell it and found considerable interest in the Amish community in Canada.

The family register page includes space for all the information - marriages, births, and deaths. It appears that some guessing was done on the birth dates. Several of the dates as recorded in France are different. In Canada, there were no formal records with which to compare them, but some family records also differed.

It is likely that Daniel Kennel, the youngest son of Christian and Magdalena (Jantzi) Kennel, received the Bible, because he added his wife's birth date and their marriage. Daniel's death was also recorded - perhaps by his wife who outlived him. Since Daniel and Barbara had only a daughter, it was probably

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CHRISTIAN AND MAGDALENA (JANTZI) KENNEL'S BOOK OF PSALMS

"Illus. 104
Inscribed Book with Decorated Cover
Inside the cover of this 1706 edition of the *Psalms* there appears in both French and German an inscription identifying the owners as Christian and Magdalena (Jantzi) Kennel, early settlers of Wellesley in western Waterloo County. The leather cover is embellished by a punched tin decorative edging and clasp, faintly suggestive of borders in some Mennonite and Schwenkfelder Fraktur illuminations in Pennsylvania.
Open 15cm x 18cm
Private Collection"

This illustration appeared in *Ontario Fraktur, A Pennsylvania-German Folk Tradition in Early Canada*, by Michael S. Bird.
M.F. Feheley Publishers Limited, Toronto, Canada, copyright 1977, page 88
This book of Psalms is now (2008) located in the Michael Bird Collection at the Joseph Schneider Haus Museum, 466 Queen Street, Kitchener, Ontario

Top half in German:
Transcription:
Dieses Buchlein
gehort mir Christian
Kennel
und Magdalena
Jantzi
1832
Bottom half in French:
Cet livre appartien à moi
christoph Kennel *et* Ma-
deleine Jantzy *mil huit*
cent trente deux le dix
décembre 1832

Translation:
This little book
belongs to me Christian Kennel
and Magdalena Jantzi 1832

This book belongs to me
Christoph Kennel and Madeleine
Jantzy eighteen hundred thirty two
the tenth December 1832

Die CL.
Psalmen
Davids
Nach Französischer Meloden in
Deutsche Neunen gebracht
Durch
D. Ambrosivi?
Lobwasser:
Sampt
Dr. Martin Luthers und anderer
Gottseeliger Männern
Kirchen "und Fest" Gesänge/
und Geistlichen Liedern
Nebst beygfügten
Undächtigen Gebättern vor und
Nach dem H. Abendmahl
Basel/
Gedrucht bey Joh. Conrad von Mechel/
Im Jahr Christe 1706

book ends with:
Register über die Gesänge dieses Anhange
E N D E
Birth records on remaining flyleaf
and ending on cover

Anna Kenel geboren Martz 19ten 1837	Anna Kennel born March 19th 1837
Maria Kenel geboren August 27ten 1839 //////	Mary Kennel born August 27th 1839 24 August 1839
Mer geburten	More births [in the Deaths Column]
Joseph Kenel geboren August 24ten 1842	Joseph Kennel born August 24th 1842
Veronica Kenel geboren August 24ten 1844	Veronica Kennel born August 24th 1844 25 August 1844/45
Daniel Kenel geboren Martz 12ten 1847	Daniel Kennel born March 12th 1847
Barbara Brank geboren July 12ten 1847	Barbara Brunk born [wife of Daniel] July 12th 1847
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November 1ten Jahr 1870	November 1st, year 1870 [marriage of Daniel and Barbara]
Magdalena Kennel geboren April 12ten 1872 /////////	Magdalena Kennel born [dau. of Daniel and Barbara] April 12th 1872
Christian Kennel ist 1876? gestorben den 12ten Mai	Christian Kennel died the 12th May 1876?
Magdalena Kennel 1881 gestorben den 28 Februar ihr alter war 79 Jahr und haben im [Ehe]Stand 53 Jahr und 10 Monat	Magdalena Kennel died the 28 February 1881 her age was 79 years and they lived together 53 years
Michael Kennel 1898 gestorben den 22 April	Michael Kennel [son of Christian and Magdalena] died the 22 April 1898

Father Daniel Kennel
died April 22th
1912 was buried
April 24th his
age was 65 years
1 month 10 days
[son of Christian
and Magdalena]

Left: (photographer)
Susan (Manson) Best
Descendant of
Michael Kennel
Right: (translator)
Lorraine Roth
Descendant of
Veronica (Kennel)
Schrag

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Birth Register at end of Book of Psalms:

Translation:
Births of the children
of Christoph Kennel and
Madeleine Jantzi
– Madeleine Jantzi was born
in May _____ 1820
in the municipality of
Bistroff

Barbara Kennel was born
at Guenestroff near
(cannot decipher) 1823
Then Kathrini Kennel
born 1826
Then Christle Kennel 1827
Johannes Kennel 1830
in December (Christmas month)
in the municipality Huntuy?

Susan Kennel was born the
14 January 1833
Michel Kennel was born
the 10th December (Christmas) 1834

Notes: Names of children have generally been left as Christian had recorded them. Daniel Kennel, the youngest, born in 1847, was not recorded. Did he record the other names before Daniel was born?

To me was born
a daughter – Anna
Kennel, the 19th March
in the year – 1837

Then to me was born
a daughter – the
27th August 1839
Maria Kennel

Then to me was born
a son Johannes (stroked out)
Joseph Kennel
the 24th August
in the year 1842

Then to me was born
a daughter Freni
Kennel – the 24th? August
1844

On the inside of back cover:
Christian Kennel (two
undecipherable words)

Photos by Susan Best, 2008

CHRISTIAN E. KENNEL AND MAGDALENA (ALBRECHT) FAMILY

CHRISTIAN E. KENNEL, son of Christian Kennel and Magdalena Jantzi
b. 30 Mar.1828, Guenestroff, Moselle (31 Mar. 1827 - family record)
d. 16 Apr. 1908, Wellesley
m. 30 Sept.1851, Canada

MAGDALENA ALBRECHT, dau. of John Albrecht and Barbara Bösicker
b. 6 May 1833, Bavaria, Germany
d. 6 Dec. 1918, Wellesley

Children:

1) John Kennel, b. 3 Aug 1856, Wellesley Twp.; d. 5 Mar 1936
m. 3 Feb 1878 at East Zorra
Elizabeth Schrag, dau. of John Schrag & Magdalena Schwartzentruber
b. 28 Jul 1854, East Zorra Twp.; d. 11 Mar 1922
Resided at Beaver Crossing, Nebraska

Children: *(See Michael Schwartzentruber genealogy, pp. 32, 40, 41)*
1) Christian Kennel (1880-1953) m. Elizabeth Ernst
2) Lavina Kennel (1883-) m. Ben Whitaker
3) Saul Kennel (1886-) m. Hazel Moulton
4) Eli Kennel (1888-) m. Lydia Beckler
5) Nancy Kennel (1891-) m. Joseph Whitaker

2) Barbara Kennel, b. 16 July 18159, Wellesley Twp.; d. 29 Apr. 19143, Wellesley
m. 25 Feb 1877, Wellesley Twp.
John Bast, son of George Bast and Magdalena Ernst
b. 21 May 1853, Wellesley Twp.; d. 7 Sept 1825

Children:
a) Christian Bast (ca. 1879- after 1891)
b) Magdalena Bast (1880-1954) m. Joseph K. Kennel
c) Joseph K. Bast (1882-1965) m. Magdalena Brunk; 2m. Lydia (Honebene) Robinson
d) Leah/Lillian Bast (1884-1886)
e) Nancy Bast (1886-1930) m. Michael G. Erb
f) Catherine/Lovina Bast (1888-1962)
g) Christina Bast (1893-1976) m. Joseph Mogk
h) David K. Bast (1895-1974) m. Veronica Gascho

3) Susanna Kennel, b. 6 Aug 1862, Wellesley Twp.; d. Sep 1943
m. 14 Nov 1880, Wellesley Twp.
Peter Yousey, son of John Jausi and Catherine Nafziger
b. 1 Jan 1856, Wellesley Twp.; d. 6 Oct 1932
Resided at Carthage, N.Y.

Child:
a) Ilona Yousey m. Fred Abrams

4) Christian A. Kennel, b. 21 Jul 1865, Wellesley Twp.;
d. 20 May 1937, bu. Maple View Menn. Cemetery
m. 14 Sep 1886, probably South Easthope Twp.
Barbara Schrag, dau. of Daniel Schrag and Magdalena Steinman
b. 28 Aug 1865, South Easthope Twp.; d. 9 Nov 1944, bu. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery
Resided in Wellesley Township

Children:
a) Samanda Kennel (1887-1888)
b) Magdalena (Mattie) Kennel (1890-)
c) Daniel Kennel (1891-1953) m. Adaline Ropp
d) Susan Kennel (1893-1958) m. John J. Jutzi
e) Clara Kennel (1894-1974) m. Samuel H. Lehman
f) Sarah Kennel (1899-1987) m. Emanuel Steinman
g) Minetta Kennel (1902-1978) m. Samuel Erb
h) Priscilla Kennel (1903-1975) m. Irvin Ropp

5) Joseph Kennel, b. 27 Dec 1868, Wellesley Twp.; d. 1955, bu. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery
m. 10 Jan 1899 Wellesley Twp.
Anna Wagner, dau. of Adam Wagner and Veronica Boshart
b. 1884; d. 1966, bu. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery
Resided in Wellesley Twp.

Children:
a) Jonas Kennel m. Miriam Farney
b) Azor Kennel (1905-1984) 1m. Beatrice Mary Zehr (F-V-Zehr, p. 1565)
c) Naason Kennel, d. young
d) Elkanah G. Kennel (1911-) m. Elizabeth Erb

6) Magdalena Kennel, b. 2 Aug. 1871 Wellesley Twp.; d. ?
m. 25 Dec 1890, Wellesley Twp.
John Lehman, son of Peter and Maria Lehman
Resided at Croghan, N.Y.

Children:
a) Helena Lehman , died
b) Susanna Lehman, m. Ben Zehr

7) Jacob Kennel, b. & d. 1872-1881, Wellesley Twp.
(not in 1881 census)

JOHN KENNEL AND MAGDALENA (SCHWEITZER) FAMILY

JOHN KENNEL, son of Christian Kennel and Magdalena Jantzi
b. Dec 19, 1830 in France
d. June 5, 1910, bu. Mennonite Cemetery, O'Neill, NE
m. ca.1853 in Canada
MAGDALENA SCHWEITZER dau. of Joseph Schweitzer and Catherine Wagler
b. 26 Dec 1828, Ste. Marie-aux-Mines, Haut-Rhin
d. Jan 14, 1913, bu. Mennonite Cemetery, O'Neill, NE

1) Catherine Kennel
b. 4 Jan 1854 Wellesley
d. 13 Mar 1934 Hay Twp.
m. 11 Feb 1873 Mornington
Valentine Gerber
b. 23 Feb 1853 Wilmot
d. 23 Sep 1928 Hay Twp
son of John Gerber
and Veronica Oesch

- Magdalena Gerber (1876-1960) m. Michael B Jantzi
- Rachel Gerber (1879-1954) m. Moses S. Jantzi
- John Gerber (1880-1940) m. Barbara Yoder
- Valentine Gerber (1883-1969) m. Emma Gingerich
- Moses K. Gerber (1886-1960) m. Mary Ann Gingerich
- Veronica Gerber (1889-1973) m. Aaron Erb

2) Magdalena (Mattie)Kennel
b. 25 Dec 1855 Wellesley
d. 25 Jul 1936 O'Neill, NE
1m. 4 Feb 1879 Wellesley
2m. 26 Sep 1916
Menno L. Erb
b. 3 Dec 1857 Wellesley
d. 25 Oct 1915 O'Neill, NE
son of Christian S. Erb
and Anna Maria Litwiller

- Katherine Erb (1880-1926) m. John E. Beller
- Christian K. Erb (1882-1964) m. Barbara Oswald
- John K. Erb (1884-1960) m. Lena Oswald
- Moses K. Erb (1889-1961) m. Ida Schweitzer Heyen
- Rachel Erb (1893-1949) m. Jacob O. Grieser
- David K. Erb (1896-1966) m. Anna Marie Grieser
- Menno R.? Erb (1896-1971) m. Mary Ann Grieser

Magdalena 2m. to Jacob S. Erb, who had been previously married to Veronica Kennel(see #4 below)

3) Christian Kennel
b. 10 Jan 1858 Wellesley
d. 19 Jan 1933 Wellesley
m. 23 Dec 1879 Wellesley
Mary Jantzi
b. 6 Nov 1859 Wellesley
d. 3 Aug 1920 Wellesley
dau. of Christian B.
Jantzi and Anna Lichti
2m. to Catharine Schultz
(1869-1948) widow of Christian Lichti

- John Kennel (18 Oct. 1882-7 Sept. 1932)
- Anna Kennel (1883-1964) m. Christian O. Jantzi
- Daniel J. Kennel (1888-1965) m. Laura Schweitzer
- Fannie Kennel (1890-1944) m. Christian S. Roth
- Mattie Kennel (1894-) m. Joseph Kaufman
- Ida Kennel (1898-) m. Wesley Stutzman

4) Veronica Kennel
b. 22 Jun/Jul 1860 Wellesley
d. 6 Apr 1915 O'Neill, NE
1m. 23/28 Feb 1882
2m. Sept 26, 1916 O'Neill
Jacob S. Erb
b. 20 Jul 1858 Wilmot Twp.
d. 3 Apr 1937 O'Neill, NE
son of Jacob S. Erb and
Catherine Steinman

- Elizabeth Erb (1883-1963) m. Jacob W. Oswald
- Mattie Erb (1886-1945) m. William Oswald
- Catherine Erb (1889-1963) m. Lorenzo A. Ott
- Albert Erb (1893-1957) m. Agatha Huebert
- John Erb (1896-) m. Hilda Swanson
- Harry Erb (1902-1906)

Jacob 2m. Magdalena Kennel Erb (sister to Veronica), widow of Menno L. Erb

5) Anna Kennel
b. *9 Jul 1862 Wellesley
d. 24 Nov 1927 Kearney, NE
m. 6 Jun 1882 E. Zorra
Christian Zehr
b. 1851 Wilmot
d. 28 Jul 1924 _____
son of Joseph Zehr and
Maria Lichti
Christian 1m. Magdalena Miller

Anna's step-children:
Mary Zehr (ca.1876-)
Jacob Zehr (ca.1878-).m. Florence___
Allen Zehr (ca.1880-) m. Edith_____
Children:
John Zehr (1886 -) m. Margaret_____
Mattie Zehr (-) m. _____ Kisser/Kaiser
Lydia Zehr (1890 -) m. _____ Stevens
Bessie Zehr (ca.1892-) m. A.B. McIntire
Edith Zehr (1894- 1966) m. Frank C.? Oswald
Gladys Zehr (ca. 1903-) m. _____
Irvin Zehr (1906- 1968) m._____
Clays Baker?

6) Elizabeth Kennel
b. 16 Aug 1864 Wellesley
d. __ ___ ____ O'Neill, NE
m. 17 Feb 1885 Wellesley
John 'Yankee' Bellar
b. 28 Dec 1854 Lewis Co.,NY
d. 27 Feb 1921 O'Neill, NE
son of Peter Bellar and
Anna Widrick
John's 1m. Katie Moser

John K. Beller (1887-1938) m. Jennie Schweitzer
Anna Beller (1889-) m. Christian Spenler
Peter K. Beller (1892-) m. Grayce Watson
Mattie Beller (1895-) m. Aaron Oswald
Katherine Beller (1897-) m. Harry Ott

7) Rachel Ropp
b. 17 Feb.1877 Mornington
d. 24 Sept.1945 Poole AM Cem.
m. 19 Feb.1895 Minnesota
Daniel Gerber
b.25 June 1871 Mornington
d. 10 Jan. 1929 Poole AM Cem.
son of Joseph Gerber
and Magdalena Brenneman

David R. Gerber (1896-) m. Sarah Nafziger
Moses R. Gerber (1898- 1963) m. Rachel Jantzi
Elizabeth Gerber (1903-1993 m. Rudy Nafziger
Daniel R. Gerber (1905-1980) m. Idella Zehr
Amos Gerber (1911-) m. Clara Helen Jantzi
Solomon R. Gerber (1913-1999) m. Edna Jantzi

Daniel Gerber 1m. Katie Jantzi (no children)

Note: Rachel Ropp was the daughter of Joseph U. Ropp and Elizabeth Schweitzer. At the age of six she joined the Kennel family.

MICHAEL KENNEL AND MARIA (LICHTI) FAMILY

MICHAEL KENNEL, son of Christian Kennel and Magdalena Jantzi
b. 10 Jan. 1834 LewisCo. NY
d. 22 Apr. 1898 Wilmot
m. 23 Dec.1855 Wilmot
MARIA LICHTI, dau. of Nicholas Lichti and Anna Ernst
b.25 Nov.1834 Wilmot
d.11 Oct.1911 Wilmot
Children: *on next page*

) Magdalena Kennel, b. 4 Aug 1857, (est. from age at death) Wilmot Twp.
d. 5 Dec 1893, probably bu. St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery
1m. 22 Nov 1874, Wilmot Twp.
Abraham Herner, son of Peter and Sarah Herner
b. 15 Apr 1854
d. 10 Oct 1925, bu. St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery
2m. 15 Nov 1894 to Katherine Roth
Adopted Nancy Golden, who married Nicholas S. Lichti.

See Nicholas and Barbara (Schmidt) Lichti Ancestors and Descendants by Willis Lichti and others, New Hamburg, Ontario, 1985, pp. 56-83.

2) Nicholas Kennel, b. 17 Aug 1856, Wilmot Twp.
d. 29 May 1924, bu. Blake Mennonite Cemetery, Hay Twp.
m. 30 Nov 1880
Veronica Gingerich, dau. of Jacob Gingerich and Marie Brenneman
b. 4 Feb 1862
d. 22 Dec 1926, bu. Blake Mennonite Cemetery, Hay Twp.

Resided in Hay Township.

Children:
1) Mary Kennel (1881-1967) m. John Alexander Manson
2) Katherine Kennel (1887-1947) m. Eli Boshart
3) Nancy Kennel (1888-) m. Oscar Koehler
4) Emma Kennel (1890-1961) m. Solomon Gingerich
5) Clara Kennel (1892-) m. Ezra Koehler
6) Michael Roy Kennel (1897-) m. Mildred E. Rice
7) Ada Kennel (1900-1960) m. Henry Boshart
8) Jacob Kennel (1902-1969) m. Gertrude Matilda ___ibling
9) Mattie Kennel (1904-) m. Edmund Erb
10) Elda Violet Kennel (1906-) m. George Edward Smith

See Family History and Genealogy of Jacob (Wagner) Gingerich and Veronica Litwiller, 1825-1975 by Clara Roth and Alvin Gingerich, et al, Baden, Ontario 1975, pp. 68-90.

3) Anna Kennel, b. 26 Aug 1860, Wilmot Twp. (source: Peter Litwiller)
d. 22 Jul 1945, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery
m. 16 Mar 1879, Wilmot Twp.
Daniel L. Zehr, son of Joseph Zehr and Maria Lichti
b. 26 Mar 1859, Wilmot Twp.
d. 23 Feb 1944, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery
Children:
1) Mary Zehr (1880-1954) m. Noah Roth
2) Noah K. Zehr (1882-1963) m. Catherine Gingerich
3) Abram Zehr (1887-1963) m. Lydia M. Eash
4) Catherine Zehr (1890-1956) m. Daniel Christner
5) David Zehr (1894-) m. Emma Boshart

4) Christian Kennel, b. Oct 1862, Wilmot Twp.
d. 13 Mar 1886, Wilmot Twp. (died of inflammation of the lungs within two weeks of his marriage)
1m. 2 Mar 1886 Wilmot Twp.
Mary Herford, dau. of John Herford and Magdalena Erb
b. 9 Nov 1866, Mornington Twp.
d. 27 Oct 1948, bu. White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI

No children born to this marriage

Mary 2m. 29 Sep 1887 to Menno Jausi/Yousey, son of John and Catherine (Nafziger) Jausi
Menno 1m. Anna Lichti, dau. of John and Maria (Kennel) Lichti
.

Foster children of Michael and Maria (Lichti) Kennel:
5) Elizabeth (Sander) Kennel, b. 28 Mar 1869
d. 10 Mar 1910, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery
m. 15 Dec 1891, Wilmot Twp.
Jacob Ropp, son of Joseph Ropp and Elizabeth Schweitzer
b. 11 Mar 1867
d. 4 Feb 1944, Mich.

6) Anna (Sengpal) Kennel, b. ca.1874; d. ?
m. 16 Jan 1898 by Bishop Jacob M. Bender
Menno Boshart, son of Joseph E. Boshart and Mary Roth
b. 15 Oct/27 Aug 1853, Wilmot Twp.
d. 20 Dec 1934, Lewis Co., NY (or is this Anna's death date?)
This was Menno's third marriage. No children were born to this marriage.

7) Albert (Brown) Kennel, b. 10 Mar 1878
d. 1960, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery
m. 26 Feb 1906
Catherine Erb, dau. of Joel Erb and Barbara Lichti
b. 9 July 1885
d. 1982, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery

Resided at Shingletown, Wilmot Township
Children:
1) Mabel Kennel (1909-)
2) Adeline Kennel (1911-) m. Joseph Brenneman
3) Fannie Kennel (1923-) m. Reuben Gingerich
4) Reuben Kennel (1915-) m. Florence Steinman; 2m. Mabel Steinmann
5) Eileen Kennel (1917-) m. Edward Calvert
6) Edgar A. Kennel (1922-) m. Eileen Jantzi
7) Anson Kennel (1924-) m. Esther Schwartzentruber
8) Lillian Kennel (1926-1996)
See Erb Genealogy, pp. 182,191-193

3. CHRISTIAN KENNEL AND ANNE (HIRSCHI) FAMILY

TAVISTOCK BRANCH OF KENNELS

We will now look at the third branch of Kennels with immigrants to Canada. We have looked at that of Barbe von Kennel and Jacob Steinmann only briefly, because their descendants go by the name Steinmann, not Kennel. The other branch was that of Christoph/Christian Kennel and Catherine Schertz. Their grandson Christoph /Christian Kennel married to Magdalene Jantzi, emigrated to Lewis County, New York, in 1833 and to Canada in 1839. They settled in the northwestern part of Wilmot Township, and since their address was Wellesley, we thought of them as the Wellesley Kennels to distinguish them from the Kennels which we now want to look at who settled in East Zorra Township, with Tavistock as their address. The ancestor of the Wellesley Kennels is named Christian, and the Tavistock Kennels' ancestor is also named Christian, but they are two different persons.

Christian Kennel (1759-1839) and his wife Anne Hirschy had five known children. Although their children were born in various places, at the time of their marriages they were living at the Farm Vehneck (also spelled Venheck), just south of St. Avold. The Vehneck Farm belonged to the Abbey of St. Nabor from 1332 to the time of the French Revolution when it was sold as national property to cover the keep of the monks after the closing of the abbey. This farm was also occupied by Anabaptists during the course of the 18th and early 19th centuries, and it is believed they buried their dead in the garden near the dwelling. According to the birth, marriage and death records, Christian and Anne Kennel and Jean/John and Elisabeth Kennel were living at this farm between 1810 and 1818. A booklet printed in 1977 contains a picture of a 1733 portal. A dwelling house dates from the same period. At that time the farm buildings were used as warehouses and workshops. (1)

Macheren, Moselle, Lorraine, France
(located east of St. Avold)
Christian and Anna (Hirschi) Kennel resided here

Two daughters of Christian and Anne (Hirschy) Kennel migrated to America – Anne, married to John Beller, to Lewis County, New York and Barb/Barbara, married to Joseph Zehr, to Canada. Children or grandchildren of sons Jean and Pierre Kennel also emigrated and will be discussed in more detail below.

CHRISTIAN KENNEL b. ca. 1759 in France
d. 1839 in France
ANNE HIRCHI/HIRSCHY b. 1767; d. ?

Children:

I. Jean/John Kennel b. 5 May 1780 at Diffembach-Hellimer, Moselle (Lorraine)
d. 3 May 1863 at Hampont, Moselle
m. 6 Mar 1810 at St. Avold, Moselle
Magdelaine Ummel, dau. of Jean Ummel (d. 25 Jan 1809) and Barbe Blanck (d. 25 July 1796)
b. 12 Jan 1789 at Creutzvald, Lorraine
d. 20 Oct 1811 at Venheck, St. Avold

Jean Kennel 2m. 2 Apr 1812 at Sarralbe, Lorraine
Elisabeth Salzmann, dau. of Joseph Salzmann and Barbe Littwiller
b. 15 Feb 1791 at Denting, Lorraine
d. 2 Nov 1866 at Hampont

Their family will be featured next

II. Anne Kennel b. 30 Apr 1886 at Farm Bohnhausen (Bonehouse) Faulquemont
d. 1870-75, Lowville, N.Y.
m. 2 July 1814 at St. Avold
Jean/John Beller, son of Anne Beller
b. 2 July 1783 at Farm Breidt, Grostenquin, Moselle
d. ca. 21 Mar. 1860, New Bremen, N.Y.

For further details on this family, see BELLAR/BELLER Family Genealogical Introduction

III. Barbe Kennel b. 9 June 1789 at Diffembach-Hellimer
d. 26 Sept 1877 Wilmot Twp., Waterloo County, Ontario
m. 23 Jan 1819 at St. Avold
Joseph Zehr son of Joseph Zehr and Barbe Aymann (Eiman)
b. 1791 at Ottweiler, Bas Rhin, (Alsace)
d. 25/27/19 Jan 1845 in Woolwich Twp., Waterloo County

Joseph was previously married to Anne Beller. For further details see the ZEHR Family Genealogical Introduction

IV. Magdelaine Kennel b. 16 Oct 1793 at Diffembach-Hellimer (Lorentz)
d. 7 Aug 1794 at Diffembach-Hellimer (Lorentz)

V. Christel/Christian Kennel, b. 31 Aug. 1797 (2)

VI. Pierre Kennel (22 Feb.1800-1869)
m. Suzanne Kennel (1891-), dau. of Jean/John Kennel and Barbara Schertz
A grandson, Peter, emigrated to Canada in 1881 and to Nebraska in 1884. His story will be told below

VII. Christine Kennel, b. 3 Jan. 1803 (2)

VIII. Suzanne Kennel, b. 4 Apr. 1805 ((2)

The Vehneck Farm

St. Avold, Lorraine France

(from the book Industries Anciennes de la Region de St. Avold, by Jean-Claude Eckert 1977)

The Vehneck Farm belonged to the Abbey of St. Nabor from 1332 to the Revolution when it was sold as national property to cover the keep of the monks after the closing of the abbey. Estimated at 19,288 pounds on the 26th of March 1790, Clement Remach purchased it for 31,200 pounds. The farm was operated for 20 years by a Benedictine, Brother Roch. Previously in 1443 (perhaps 1743) the Bishop of Metz, Conrad of Boppart gave him the right to the pasture around St. Avold, Petite-Ebersviller and Valmont.

This farm was also occupied by the Anabaptists during the course of the 18th century. They must have buried their dead in the garden near the dwelling. The town became proprietor of the farm and sold it again in 1919 to George Neu. The farm land was divided after 1950 to permit the construction of the City of Vehneck, and again in 1974 for the development of Park Neu.

Ferme du Wehneck - Porche fortifié de 1733

The farm preserves a fortified aspect by the presence of a tower, a 1733 portal. The dwelling house dates from the same period. Surrounded by new construction, the farm has been transformed into warehouses and workshops. One should be able to hope that it will be preserved, because it is actually an interesting monument, although secondary, to safeguard.

Notes:

1) Either the second half of the first paragraph is lacking some information or the date 1443 is incorrect.
2) Some of the Anabaptists who occupied this farm were Christian Kennel (and wife Anne Hirchi) and son Jean/John Kennel (second wife Elisabeth Saltzmann). John Kennel's children born between 1810 and 1818, according to the civil records, were born on this farm.

Translation and notes by Lorraine Roth
Waterloo, Ontario, October, 1992

JOHN KENNEL AND MAGDELAINE (UMMEL) AND ELISABETH (SALZMANN) FAMILY

John Kennel is the son of Christian Kennel and Anne (Hirschi)

Jean/John Kennel (3) and Magdelaine Ummel had only one known child and she died at a young age. Jean/John and Elisabeth Salzmann had eight children. This family became separated by emigration. A few remained in France, others emigrated to Canada, and one daughter to Algeria.

Jean/John and Elisabeth were still at the Farm Vehneck when their daughter Catherine was born in 1818, but then moved to nearby Macheran where the rest of the children were born. Susanne, the youngest, died there in 1832.

The family then moved to Hampont, some distance south and a little east of St. Avold. Several of their children were married there. Jean and Elisabeth were still living when a number of their children left for Canada. They died at Hampont - Jean in 1863 and Elisabeth in 1866. According to family tradition several single Kennel siblings came at the same time as their sister Jacobena, married to Michael Jantzi/Yantzi. We have found the Jantzi's on the Ship *Seine* which arrived in New York on September 17, 1849, but we have not been able to find the Kennels. (4)

THE FAMILY OF JEAN/JOHN AND MAGDELAINE (UMMEL) AND ELISABETH (SALZMANN) KENNEL

The family as found in the civil registrations and the family traditions is as follows:

I. JEAN/JOHN KENNEL, son of Christian Kennel and Anne Hirschi
b. 5 May 1780 at Diffembach-Hellimer, Moselle (Loraine)
d. 3 May 1863 at Hampont, Moselle
m. 6 Mar 1810 at St. Avold, Moselle
MAGDELAINE UMMEL, dau. of Jean Ummel (d. 25 Jan 1809) and Barbe Blanck (d. 25 July 1796)
b. 12 Jan 1789 at Creutzvald, Lorraine
d. 20 Oct 1811

JEAN KENNEL 2m. 2 Apr 1812 at Sarralbe, Lorraine
ELISABETH SALZMANN, dau. of Joseph Salzmann and Barbe Littwiller
b. 15 Feb 1791 at Denting, Lorraine
d. 2 Nov 1866 at Hampont

Child of Jean and Magdelaine:
1) Anne Kennel, b. 25 Dec. 1810, St. Avold, Moselle, France
d. 14 May 1813, St. Avold, Moselle, France

Children born to John and Elizabeth
2) Barbe Kennel, b. 10 Mar. 1813, Venheck, St. Avold
Child:
a) Catherine Kennel, b. 3 June 1848, Hampont, Moselle

Barbe Kennel remained France. According to family tradition, she was married to a Stalter. Her marriage record has not been found. It may be that the family had arrived at this conclusion, because in 1911 they received the death notice for the widow of Jacob Stalter. The death record of this woman, however reveals that she was Susanna Stalter, sister to Joseph Kennel's wife, Barbara Stalter. Joseph is No. 9 in this list. The destinies of Barbe Kennel and her daughter Catherine, listed on the previous page, remain unknown.

3) Madelaine Kennel. b. 2 June 1814, St. Avold
m. 23 mar. 1846, Hampont
Jean Guingrich, (called Joseph in index), son of Madelaine Guingrich
b. ca. 1820, miller Mill Lucey?

According to family tradition, one of the sisters was married to a Gingerich and migrated to Algeria. Two photographs of children taken in Algeria confirm this tradition. It is quite certain that the family migrated with other French families, but whether they were Mennonites is not known. It is believed that these families returned to France, but how long they were there and whether any of them died there is also not known.

4) Anne Kennel, b. 25 June 1816, Venheck, St. Avold
m. before 1861 to Matthew Kern in Canada

It appears that Anne Kennel had two children born out of wedlock. They were both given the surname Kennel. Both Anne Kennel and her son Joseph came to Canada. In the 1861 census Anna and her husband Matthew Kern were listed as Mennonites in Hay Township, Huron County. When they moved to Michigan, and where they lived while there, is no known.

Children of Anne Kennel:

a) Joseph Kennel, b. 19 Mar. 1841, Hampont (French record) (24 Nov. 1841 - family record)
d. 25 Apr. 1892, Wilmot Township
m. 30 Sept. 1862
Rosina Kuepfer, dau. of Andrew Kuepfer and Lydia Goetz
b. 5 Nov. 1837, Switzerland
d. 10 Jan. 1921, Wilmot
Joseph 2m. 27 Dec. 1894 to John Eiman

Children of Joseph and Rosina (Kuepfer) Kennel
1) Annie Kennel (5 Jan. 1864-29 Feb. 1916) m. Joel Boshart
2) Lydia Kennel (28 Mar. 1866-27 Apr.1922) m. Joseph Boshart
3) Andrew Kennel (13 Mar. 1868-6 Jan. 1872)
4) Elizabeth Kennel (20 Nov.1869-20 Dec.1944) m. Jacob Leis
5) John K. Kennel (24 Nov. 1872-5 Mar. 1911) 1m. Katie Lichti; 2m. Mary Lichti
6) Mary Kennel (28 Mar.1875-5 Oct.1946) m. Peter Lehman
7) Joseph K. Kennel (12 Apr. 1877-5 Apr. 1947) m. Magdalena Bast
8) Jacob Kennel (12 Apr. 1879-7 July 1948) m. Elizabeth Saltzman
9) Sarah Kennel (12 Oct.1882-22 Nov. 1892)

For further details on this family see the Andrew Kuepfer genealogy. (5)

b) Anne Kennel, b. 16 June 1844; d. 30 Nov. 1845, Hampont, France

c) It is believed that Anne and Matthew Kern had a daughter.

5) Catherine Kennel, b. 24 Mar. 1818, St. Avold
d. 25 Dec. 1875, Wilmot Township
m. 14 Oct. 1851 ,Wilmot Township
Peter Spenler (John Pierre), probably the son of Madeleine Spenler
b. 26 Dec. 1813, Sotzeling, Moselle
d. 3 Nov. 1893, Poole, Mornington Township
Children:
1. John Spenler (1852-1928) m. Magdalena Daub
2. Elizabeth Spenler (1854-1931) m. Joseph Wagler
3. Catherine Spenler (1855-1946) m. Christian H. Bender
4. Peter K. Spenler (1857-1935) m. Elizabeth Steinman
5. Barbara Spenler (1859-1921) m. Christian Mayer

Catherine migrated to Canada with her siblings. According to the story passed down to her descendants they were on the ocean voyage nine weeks. Catherine married Peter Spenler. He had leased some property in the Amish Settlement in northwest Wilmot Township even before he was married and then also invested in land in East Zorra Township, but by 1853 he had purchased some land at the east end of the hamlet which was named Baden in 1854. The Spenlers lived here until the death of Catherine. In some census records, Peter was listed as a farmer (they did not have a large acreage) and in some as a shingle maker. Catherine died in 1875 and was buried "near Baden" – likely the cemetery at the east end of Baden, which would have been across from their property. Peter was living with a daughter near Poole when he died and was buried in the Poole Mennonite Cemetery (Poole North) (6) See the SPENLER Family Genealogical Introduction.

6) Jacobée/Jacobena Kennel, b. 17 Dec. 1820, Macheron
d. 28 July 1909, East Zorra Township
m. 8 Oct. 1847, Hampont
Michel/Michael B. Jantzi/Yantzi, son of Michel Jantzi and Barbe Beller
b. 14 Sept. 1823, Valmont; d. 2 Nov. 1865, Sebringville, Perth Co.

Children:

1. Michael K. Yantzi (1847-1917) m. Barbara Ruby
2. Barbara Yantzi (1850-1850)
3. John Yantzi (1851-1851)
4. Joseph K. Yantzi (1852-1926) 1m. Mary Bender; 2m. Mary (Lichti) Kropf; 3m. Anna (Schwartzentruber) Bender
5. Elizabeth Yantzi (1854-1925) m. Joseph Ruby
6. Daniel K. Yantzi (1856-1927) m. Magdalena Bender
7. Christian Yantzi (1858-1860)
8. Catherine Yantzi (1861-1939) m. Joel Schwartzentruber; Joel 1m. to Veronica Erb

Jacobena, her husband Michael Jantzi (the family later used the spelling Yantzi)and their son Michael landed in New York in 1849. Michael was a miller and found work first in a mill at what is now Bridgeport, then Baden, and then Sebringville, where he died. Jacobena and her family then went to East Zorra, closer to her brother, John. For Jacobena and Michael's family see the Yantzi genealogy.(7) See also the JANTZI Family Genealogical Introduction.

7) Elizabeth Kennel*, b. 9 May 1823, Macheron, Moselle
d. 24 Jan. 1881, Haboudange, Moselle
m. 2 Dec. 1858, Haboudange]
Jean/John Guingrich, son of Jean Guingrich and Anne Chertz
b. 28 Aug. 1816, Haboudange
d.
Children:

a) Jean Jules Kennel Guingrich*, b. 12 Feb.1856, Haboudange
d. 1921, Haboudange
b) Adèle/Elise Kennel Guingrich*, b. 18 Nov. 1857, Haboudange
d. 1944, Haboudange
c) Josephine Emma Guingrich b. 30 May 1859, Haboudange
d. 17 Dec. 1957, Colmar, Haut-Rhin
d) Joseph Emile Guingrich b. 15 Feb. 1862; d.?
e) Joseph Emile Guingrich*, b. 27 Feb. 1864, Haboudange
d. 1905, Haboudange

Elisabeth Kennel was also married to a Gingerich, but this family probably remained in France. Tombstones for Elisabeth and three of her children (marked*) are found at Haboudange, the place of marriage of the couple and the place of birth of their children.

8) John Kennel, b. 14 July 1825, Macheron
d. 21 July 1904, East Zorra Township, Oxford County, Ontario
m. ca. 1852, Wilmot Township
Barbara Risser, dau. of Joseph Riser and Madeleine Zehr
b. 5 Oct. 1826, Hesse, Moselle
d. 13 Feb. 1903, East Zorra
Children:

1. Joseph Kennel (1853-1880)
2. John R. Kennel (1855-1944) m. Magdalena Ropp
3. Christian Kennel (1857-1949) m. Magdalena Schwartzentruber
4. Anna Kennel (1865-1949) m. Christian S. Bender
5. Elizabeth Kennel (1869-1953?) m. John F. Ropp

More about this family will follow below.

9) Joseph Kennel, b. 29 Aug. 1827, Macheron, France
d. 19 Mar. 1910, East Zorra Township, Oxford County, Ontario
m. 5 Feb. 1863, Bistroff, Moselle
Barbara Stalter, b. 10 Jan. 1834, Guersberg (Guisberg, Alsace?)
(11 Feb. 1833 on tombstone)
d. 19 Jan. 1908, East Zorra
Details on Joseph and Barbara will follow on page 22.

10) Susanne Kennel, b. 15 Oct. 1829, Macheron
d. 9 Nov. 1832, Macheron

NOTES:

1) Industries *Anciennes de la Région de St. Avold* by Jean-CLaude Eckert, 1977, pages 26,27. A copy of photos of Vehneck is found in the Exhibits at the end of this introduction, Exhibit #4.

2) One of Nancy Burkard's researchers found "Christel," Christine, and Suzanne as part of this Kennel family in a St. Avold "Anabaptist" list. (1999)

3) The spellings, especially of first names have generally been retained as they appear in the French records, sometimes followed by a slash(/) and the English version.

4) National Archives, Washington, D.C., Microfilm Series M-237,Roll #83.

5) *History and Genealogy of Andrew and Lydia (Getz or Goetz)* Kuepfer by Mrs. Menno AW. Kuepfer and Alvin N. Roth, Millbank and London, Ontario, ca.1974, pages 8-31.

6) *Genealogy of Peter Spenler & Katherine Kennel, 1849-1971*, by Jacob Spenler and Diane Spenler (Mustard). (Wallaaceburg/Waterloo, Ontario, ca. 1972)

7) *The Family History and Genealogy of Michael B. Yantzi and Jacobena (Kennel) Yantzi*, by Henry and Mae Yantzi, New Hamburg, Ont. 1991.

JOHN KENNEL AND BARBARA (RISSER) FAMILY

By the time of the 1851 census John Kennel was working for Joseph Zehr in Wilmot Township. Joseph's mother was Barbara Kennel, sister to John's father, making John Kennel and Joseph Zehr first cousins. Although Barbara Risser (sometimes spelled Riser) was not in this home in the 1851 census list, it is likely that John and Barbara met here.

John and Barbara (Risser) Kennel home
Lot 28, East half. Concession XV, East Zorra Township
Built in 1868

By 1852 John and Barbara were married. They must have gone to Downie Township in Perth County not long after their marriage. The family tradition is that they lived near Sebringville, which is where sister Jacobena and Michael Yantzi lived. When they signed the Lease Transfer in East Zorra in 1859, their place of residence was given as Downie.

John Kennel obtained a Canada Company lease transfer to the E 1/2 of Lot 28, Concession XV, on the 16th Line , in East Zorra Township in 1859. He negotiated a mortgage with Louis Roi who had been living there for nine years. Roi had cleared some land and built some buildings. In 1860, the Kennels acquired the deed and finished paying the mortgage in 1865.They probably replaced the log house built by the Rois with a brick house in the 1860's. The barn was built in 1874. The farm passed down through daughter Annie who had been married to Christian Bender and is still in the Bender family in 2010. (1) (See Notes on page 22). Barbara and John died in 1903 and 1904, respectively, and are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line.

The John and Barbara (Risser) Kennel Homestead
(16th Line East Zorra Township)

The 1½ storey red brick house was probably built in the late 1860's The date, 1874, engraved on the barn leaves little doubt when it was built.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN AND BARBARA (RISSER) KENNEL

JOHN KENNEL, son of John Kennel and Elisabeth Salzmann
grandson of Christian Kennel and Anne Hirschi
b. 14 July 1825, Macheron, Moselle, France
d. 21 July 1904, East Zorra Township
m. ca. 1852, Wilmot Township

BARBARA RISSER/RISER, dau. of Joseph Riser and Madeleine Zehr
b. 5 Oct. 1826, Hesse, Moselle
d. 13 Feb. 1903, East Zorra

Children	Grandchildren
1) Joseph Kennel b. 1 Sep 1853 DownieTwp? d. 5 Jun 1880 East Zorra	
2) John R. Kennel b. 5 July 1855 Downie Twp. d. May 1944 Michigan m. 2 Dec. 1879, Mornington Magdalena Ropp b. 14 Jan 1856 Morningtom d. June 1936 Michigan dau. of Joseph R. Ropp and Magdalena Lichty	David R. Kennel (1881-1958) m. Leona Ohara/O'Hara? Daniel Kennel (12 Jan. 21-Aug.1883) (Wellesley) Fanny Kennel (1884- 1891) Isaac R. Kennel (1892- 1994) m. Matilda G. Ropp Elizabeth Kennel (1898- 1981) m. Oscar Uhl
3) Christian R. Kennel b. 30 Aug 1857 Downie Twp. d. 13 Jul 1949 Albany, OR m. 20 Apr 1880 East Zorra Magdalena Schwartzentruber b. 27 Jun 1859 East Zorra d. 22 Jan. 1936 Albany, OR dau. of Chr. Schwartzen- truber & Magdalena Schultz	Moses Kennel (1881-1929) m. Kathryn Widmer Eli Kennel (1883-1972) 1m. Elizabeth Mayer 2m. Stella Bowman Emma Kennel (1885-1972) Sarah Kennel (1888-1965) m. John Krabill 2 infant sons (not named) (Thurman Colo.) Samuel Kennel (1894-1968) m. Kathryn Alliman David Kennel (1896-1897) John Kennel (1899-1986) 1m. Magdalen Eicher 2m. Anna Widmer
4) Anna Kennel b. 20 Mar 1865 East Zorra d. 21 Oct 1949 East Zorra m. 9 Oct 1883 East Zorra Christian S. Bender b. 15 Aug 1861 East Zorra d. 21 Nov 1887 SEasthope son of Jacob Bender and Christena Schlegel	Elias Bender (1884-1888) Jonathan Bender (1886-1888) Christian K. Bender (1888-1960) m. Katie S Bender
5) Elizabeth Kennel b. 22 May 1869 East Zorra d. 1953? Arizona m. 6 Sep 1904 East Zorra John F. Ropp b. 12 Dec 1880 Poole	no children (adopted) Alvin Ropp (last seen in 1923 in Albany, OR

d. 1960s Arizona son of John M. Ropp and Fannie Ropp

THE DISPERSION OF THE JOHN AND BARBARA (RISSER) KENNEL FAMILY

Joseph Kennel, the oldest son of John and Barbara , died at the age of 26,in a barn-raising accident. The accident happened on the Cassel Sideroad, at the farm where Vernon and Katie Zehr later lived.

John R. Kennel married Magdalena Ropp of Mornington Township in 1879. John and Magdalena were living in Wellesley Township at the time of the 1881 census, and John was designated as a farmer. They have not been located in the land records in the Registry office; so they must not have owned their property. They may have moved to Colorado after the birth of Margaretha (known as Maggie) in 1887/9. They eventually moved to Michigan. They are buried in the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church Cemetery (formerly Berne), at Pigeon, Michigan.

Christian R. Kennel, born in Downie Township, near Sebringville, married Magdalena (known as Mattie) Schwartzentruber, a neighbour up the road, in 1880.According to a family tradition they lived briefly in Auburn, Huron County. In 1881, Christian purchased a small property in East Zorra – the northeast corner of Lot 30, Concession XV, on the corner of the 16th Line and the Maplewood Sideroad, between the Kennel homestead and the farm of Henry Schumm, Magdalena's step-father. Christian was a carpenter, and in 1883 was given the contract for building the East Zorra Amish Mennonite meetinghouse – the first one built in Canada. The meetinghouse was built beside the 16th Line Cemetery, part of which was on the northwest corner of the Schwartzentruber farm.

Christian and Magdalena sold their property in 1886 and joined the trek to the American west. They moved to Nebraska where they lived about a year and then to Thurman, Colorado. Sarah and Samuel and two unnamed infant sons were born at Thurman . In the fall of 1894, they moved to Oregon. Christian and Magdalena were members of Fairview Mennonite Church and are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Albany, Oregon.

Anna (Annie) Kennel married **Christian S. Bender**, son of Jacob and Christina (Schlegel) Bender, in 1883. They took up farming on Christian's father's property in South Easthope. Their laneway and the 16th Line, East Zorra, were almost across the road from each other. Annie gave birth to two sons (Eli and Jonathon) in 1885 and 1886. In November, 1887, Christian died, and Annie returned to her parental home. On January 8 and 9, 1888, her sons died of diphtheria, and in August her third son, whom she named Christian was born.

Annie and Christian remained with her parents. After the deaths of the parents, the farm was deeded to Annie, and she and young Christian carried on the farming operation. Christian married Catherine (Katie) Bender in 1913, and they became owners of the farm in 1939.

Elisabeth (Lizzie) Kennel, the youngest of the John and Barbara Kennel family married **John F. Ropp** in September, 1904. At the time when Annie received the deed to the homestead, the executors (Annie was one of them) also purchased 50 acres (northwest quarter of Lot 32, Concession XVII) for Elizabeth and John. Evidently the Kennel family was not very impressed with John Ropp; so they made out the deed to Elizabeth with the stipulation that she could not sell it during the lifetime of her husband. Eventually, her brothers took action, allowing Elizabeth to sell, which she did in 1913.

Elizabeth and John then moved to Oregon where they adopted a son, Alvin. They owned and operated a butcher shop in Albany. Adventure beckoned, and they went to Mexico where they put in a land claim, but during the turbulent times in Mexico's many revolutions, they fled to Arizona, where they lived out in the Paloverde Desert. Elizabeth's nephew Isaac attended her funeral which is believed to have been in 1953. Her husband probably died in the early 1960s.

JOSEPH KENNEL AND BARBARA (STALTER) FAMILY

Joseph Kennel also came to Canada with the family group but returned to France again. In 1863 he married Barbara Stalter, 1834-1908, daughter of Joseph Stalter (1792- ?) and granddaughter of Christian Stalter, 1755-1832, sister to Maria Stalter, married to Ulrich Schrag, whose family migrated to Canada in 1837. (2)

Although he had planned to return to Canada, he was delayed and in the meantime was drafted into the army to serve as interpreter during the Franco-Prussian War. Germany won the war and annexed Alsace and Lorraine in 1871. The inhabitants were given the option of accepting German nationality or retaining French citizenship. If they wished to remain French, they had to leave the annexed area. On September 1, 1872, Joseph signed the "Option for French Nationality," and moved further west.

THE JOSEPH AND BARBARA (STALTER) KENNEL HOUSE AT CASSEL
(1892-1908)

The 1872 document was signed by the mayor of Ugny, Canton Vaucouleurs, Department of Meuse. His passport, dated in 1891 gave his residence as Vaucouleurs. Other members of the Kennel family were also residents in this area at that time. Joseph Kennel's cousin Christian Kennel was living on the farm at the Gombervaux Estate. Then there was the family of Jean Kennel (1814-1873) at Chassey-Beaupre, who was likely a distant cousin and whose descendants are still living there today.

Joseph and Barbara purchased a Trans-Atlantic ticket on the steamer *Bourgogne* to New York which was dated April 9, 1891. They brought with them a collection of documents and family-related photographs, secured over the years. They must also have been intrigued by the story of Joan of Arc, who was outfitted by the town of Vaucouleurs with an army to fight the English. She led the French in several victories, but the English eventually captured her and burned her at the stake in 1431. Joseph and Barbara brought with them to Canada a statuette of the valiant maiden who would, in the 20th century be canonized as a saint.

According to family tradition, the Kennel family in Canada had not heard from Joseph for 30 years, and one day in the spring of 1891, Joseph and Barbara knocked (unannounced) on his brother John's door.

JOSEPH KENNEL, son of John Kennel and Elisabeth Salzmann
grandson of Christian Kennel and Anne Hirschi
b. 29 Aug. 1827, Macheron, France
d. 19 Mar. 1910, East Zorra Township, Oxford County, Ontario
m. 5 Feb. 1863, Bistroff, Moselle

BARBARA STALTER, daughter of Joseph Stalter (1792- ?) and Susanne Rinkenburg
granddaughter of Christian Stalter, 1755-1832,
b. 10 Jan. 1834, Guersberg(Guisberg, Alsace?) (11 Feb. 1833 on tombstone)
d. 19 Jan. 1908, East Zorra

Joseph and Barbara lived the rest of their lives at Cassel, a little hamlet south of brother John Kennel's farm. Joseph was engaged in weaving. His specialty was horse blankets. Joseph and Barbara had no children, but the John Kennel family preserved the papers and memorabilia which Joseph and Barbara had brought with them, as well as photographs which they had received from France and Algeria throughout the years. Unfortunately, they were not very well labelled, and the present generation can no longer identify most of them.(3)

NOTES:

1) The farm documents and family photographs are in the possession of Harold C. Bender, who was the second last owner of the Kennel/Bender farm in 2004. Harold and his wife Maria are also in possession of the statuette of Joan of Arc, mentioned above.
2) The Stalter family outline was extracted from "The Kirschbacher Hof Estate and the Stalters" by Hermann Guth in Mennonite Family History, July 1988, page 95. (Copy in the STALTER file) See STALTER Family Genealogical Introduction.
3) The French documents and the 19th century photographs from France and Algeria were in the collection of the late Orie Bender and are now in possession his son Robert.
4) See the "KENNEL FAMILY EXHIBITS" at the end of the KENNEL file for copies of many of these documents and photos.

PETER KENNEL, 1881 IMMIGRANT TO CANADA

Pierre and Suzanne (Kennel) Kennel (see chart above entitled, Branches of the Kennel Family in Lorraine, France) had a son Christian (1837-1873) who was married to Veronique/Veronica Saltzman. They farmed on the estate Gembervaux and are buried at Vaucouleurs, Department of Meuse. Christian died unexpectedly from a hemorrhage one day while working in the fields. The eldest son, Pierre, managed to finish his primary education and then worked on the farm. As the eldest son, he could get exemption from military service, but his younger brothers would not be eligible. It was decided that Pierre would emigrate, and that the other sons as they reached military age would do the same.

On the 9th of September 1881, Pierre secured his church letter - the document in German called him "Petter". (1) On November 10 he obtained his passport at Bar-de-Duc. Pierre headed for his cousin John Kennel's house near Tavistock. From then on he was Peter – in German and English – and the French language was exchanged for German in the home and English in business – but perhaps not without a sense of loss.

In the granary in the barn of John Kennel's cousin Joseph Zehr, there are some vestiges of French writing. Since the barn was probably not built while John Kennel was working for Joseph, it was not likely the work of John. A few of the still visible snatches "Vive la France (Long Live France)" "unfortunately there are many Canadians who wish to mock (the French language)," "return to our ……"These betray a certain nostalgia for the French language and homeland the writer has left behind and does not find among his Canadian relatives. Who else except Pierre/Peter could have been the author?

Peter did not stay in Canada long. A friend convinced him to try the western United States, and in 1884, Peter left for Milford, Nebraska, where he married Katherine Roth. They later moved to Filmore County where Peter was ordained first as a minister in 1905 and then as bishop in 1913 in the Salem Amish

Mennonite Congregation. Peter's story and that of his family is well told in two editions published by a grandson Ronald L. Kennel. (2)

PETER KENNEL (3), son of Christian Kennel (1837-1873) and Veronica Saltzman
Grandson of Pierre (1800-1869) and Suzanne (Kennel) Kennel
b. Aug. 12, 1862 at Vancouleursm, Muese, Lorraine, France
d. Feb. 11, 1923, Strang, Cuming County, Nebraska
m. Mar. 27, 1887 Nebraska

KATHERINE ROTH, dau. of Christian and Katie (Zehr) Roth
b. Apr. 7, 1868 at Flanagan, Livingstone County, Illinois
d.Apr. 27, 1939 at Strang, Cuming Co., Nebraska

Children (exact order unknown)

1. Peter R. Kennel (1889-1978) m. Anna Reeb
2. Benjamin Kennel
3. Joseph Kennel
4. Emma Kennel (1891-1977) m. Lloyd Troyer Sr.
5. Louis R. Kennel (1898-1981) m. Fannie Elizabeth Lauber
6. Edward Kennel (1902-1970) m. Neoda E. Lichti
7. Ezra Kennel
8. Christian Kennel
9. Daniel Kennel
10. Raymond Kennel (1916-1957) m. Wilda Mae Lauber

Christian Kennel Family Grave Marker in France

Tombstone at Vaucouleurs, Meuse, Lorraine
Parents of Peter Kennel, 1881 Immigrant

Credit: Lorraine Roth 1992

Farm at Gembervaux
in Muese, Lorraine

Home of Peter Kennel,
1881 Immigrant

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Peter Kennel Church Letter:

CHURCH LETTER

My Christian, brotherly and well-meaning greetings to all elders and fellow ministers who help work in the house of the Lord, as also to all brothers and sisters who get to see this and who desire to lead their life and walk according to the Christian order (Ordnung). Besides this, I and you joined in one, hold fast in prayer and in all Christian submission.

Further, I the undersigned certify that Petter Kennel from Gombervaux is a brother in the church as it should be in the Christian "Ordnung" (is in good standing), and he can be served according to the Christian "Ordnung."

I certify this as a humble fellow elder from
the Welschlander Congregation
With us (Himit) Emanuel
P. Kennel
Vaucouleurs (Meuse) the 9th September 1881

Original Church Letter in Mennonite Archives,
Conrad Grebel University College
Waterloo, Ontario
(Western Ontario Mennonite Conference
Historical Amish Materials,
Box IV-6.1, Old Church Letters
(letters of transfer) Folder IV-6.1.16

Comment: "Welschlander" was the name given to the congregation or cluster of congregations in the French part of Lorraine.

Translated by Lorraine Roth
Kitchener, Ontario
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NOTES:

1) The church letter is preserved in the Mennonite Archives at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo Ontario. Western Ontario Mennonite Conference Historical Amish Materials, , Box IV-6.1, Old Church letters (letter of transfer), Folder IV-6.1.16
2) Papers and publications: "Peter Kennel, 1862-1923" by Ronald L. Kennel, Goshen Biblical Seminary, 1966
3) The family listing of Peter Kennel and Katherine Roth was compiled using several online sources. Corrections welcomed.
4) *Journey Home; Peter Kennel Sr., Reflections of His Life and Times* by Ronald L. Kennel, Goshen, Indiana, n.d. (photocopy in legal-size file).
5) *Journey Home; Peter Kennel, Sr., Reflections on His Life and Times*, Second Edition by Ronald L. Kennel, Goshen, Indiana, 2002. (copy in Conrad Grebel University College archival collection) (Lorraine's copy was probably loaned out and, to date has not been returned)
6) *Cousins in Contact IV* (and additional photo pages) by Ron Kennel, Goshen, Indiana, 2008 – stories and photos of contacts with Kennel cousins in France. (copy in KENNEL, Peter file)

KENNEL LAND HOLDINGS

Wilmot Township, Block B

Christian Kennel	1840	B-IV	13,14	80 3/4 ac.	lease/trans. P. Spenler
(Magdalena Jantzi)	1848	B-IV	13,14	80 3/4 ac.	deed Canada Co.
Estate	1876	B-IV	13,14	80 3/4 ac.	sale Joseph Kennel
	Apr 1840	B-IV	15	56 ac.	lease Canada Co.
	Jun 1840	B-IV	15	56 ac.	lease/trans. P. Spenler
Christian E. Kennel	1883	B-IV	21	1/2 ac.	purchase Alles
(Magdalena Schweitzer)	1899	B-IV	21	1/2 ac.	sale Zinkann
Daniel Kennel	1878	B-IV	17	4 ac.	purchase Christian E. Boshart
(Barbara Brunk)					
Estate	1912	B-IV	17	4 ac.	sale Ottmann
Joseph Kennel	1876	B-IV	13,14	80 3/4 ac.	purch. Christian Kennel Estate
(Catherine Schrag)	1889	B-IV	13,14	80 3/4 ac.	sale Christian Gerber
Joseph Kennel	1890	B-I	5	E pt 2 ac.	purchase John Roth Jr.
(Rosina Kuepfer)					
Estate	1893	B-I	5	E pt 2 ac.	sale Jacob L. Zehr

Michael Kennel	1874	B-I	9	All 200 ac.	purchase Nicholas Lichti
(Maria Lichti)					
Estate	1899	B-I	9	All 200 ac.	sale Daniel L. Zehr
(with N.E. Lichti)	1874	B-II	11	S 1/2 100 ac.	purchase J.L. Lichti Est.
	1895	B-II	11	S 1/2 100 ac.	sale Abraham Herner
	1875	B-II	10	SW pt 20 ac.	purchase M. & J. Schmitt
Estate	1908	B-II	10	SW pt 20 ac.	sale John K. Roth

Wellesley Township, East Section

Christian Kennel	1850 lease contract, Lot 10, E 1/2, Con. II				
	The lease was transferred to Christian E. Kennel in 1860 (see below)				
Christian Kennel	1861	E-II	10	E pt 50 ac.	purchase Christian E. Kennel
(res. of Wilmot)					
Estate	1876	E-II	10	E pt 50 ac.	sale Joseph Kennel
Chris. A. Kennel	1891-1902	E-I	12	purchase several small acreages from	
(Barbara Schrag)				four different owners	
	1909	E-I	12	?	sale Freeborn
	1891	E-III	13	0/2/7	purchase J. G. Reiner
	1909	E-III	13	0/2/7	sale Christian Streicher
	1900	E-I	13	3/3/2	purchase Hill & Ratz
	1909	E-I	13	1.11 1/2 ac.	sale A.K. Freeborn
	1909	E-VI	12	lot 136 ac.	purchase R. Campbell
	1924	E-VI	12	lot 136 ac.	sale Samuel O. Erb
Chris. [E.] Kennel	1861 census (1857 brick house)				
Christian E. Kennel	1860 lease transfer, Lot 10, E 1/2, Con. II				
	(see Christian Kennel above)				
	1861 lease contract, Lot 10, NWpt of E 1/2, Con. II				
Chris. E. Kennel	1861	E-II	10	E 1/2 134 ac.	patent Crown
(Magdalena Albrecht)	1861	E-II	10	E pt 50 ac.	sale Christian Kennel
	1880	E-II	10	E pt 84 ac.	sale J. Dietrich
	1880	E-I	13	Village 69 per.	purchase Christian E. Ernst
					(no sale registered)
Daniel Kennel	1871	E-I	13	Village 1 ac.	purchase Chr. E. Ernst
(Barbara Brunk)					
Estate	1912	E-I	13	Village 1 ac.	sale Christian S. Zehr
Joseph Kennel	1876	E-II	10	E pt 50 ac.	purchase Christian Kennel
(Catherine Schrag)	1891	E-II	10	E pt 50 ac.	sale J. Dietrich
(res. of Wilmot)					
Joseph K. Kennel	1902	E-VIII	10	SE 1/4 50 ac.	purchase J.R. Ernst
(Magdalena Bast)	1915	E-VIII	10	SE 1/4 50 ac.	sale L. J. Strub
	1916	E-V	9	E pt 106 ac.	purchase Michael G. Erb
	1926	E-V	9	E pt 33 ac.	purchase Michael G. Erb
	1946	E-V	9	E pt 140 ac.	sale Emanuel Kennel

Wellesley Township, West Section

Daniel Kennel	1915	W-V	12	N 1/2 100 ac.	purchase Gilmar
(Adaline Ropp)	1937	W-V	12	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale Berg
John Kennel	1861	census (log house)			
	1854	lease contract, Lot 2, S 1/2, Con. I			
John Kennel	1862	W-I	2	S 1/2 100 ac.	patent Crown
(Magdalena		(no record of purchase of S 1/2 of N 1/2)			
Schweitzer)	1885	W-I	2	S 3/4 150 ac.	sale Joseph R. Zehr
	1879	W-II	3	W 1/2 100 ac.	purchase Nicholas Ulrich
	1889	W-II	3	W 1/2 100 ac.	sale A. Eydt
Joseph K.? Kennel	1877	W-II	4	NW pt 3/8 ac.	purchase W. Daub
(Rosina Kuepfer)	1890	W-II	4	NW pt 3/4 ac.	sale Christian B. O. Schmidt
(with Daniel Jantzi)					

(The sale document gives Joseph the initial "K." and his wife's name as "Rosina." Rosina's husband did not use the initial "K." There was another Joseph K. Kennel in the Wellesley community and Joseph and Rosina's son Joseph used the "K," but not Joseph married to Rosina)

East Zorra Township

John Kennel	1859	XV	28	100 ac. E 1/2	transfer Canada Company/Schaefer
(Barbara Risser)	1860	XV	28	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase Canada Company
	1860	XV	28	100 ac. E 1/2	mortgage Louis Roy
Estate	1905	XV	28	100 ac. E 1/2	deed Annie Bender, widow
Estate	1905	XVII	32	50 ac. NW 1/4	purchase William Kaufmann
Estate	1905	XVII	32	50 ac. NW 1/4	deed Elizabeth Ropp (wife of John F. Ropp)
Joseph Kennel	1892	XVI	26	1/3 ac. SW cor.	Purchase Seltzer & Stock
(Barbara Stalter)	1908	XVI	26	1/3 ac. SW cor.	sale Christian Beller
Christian R. Kennel	1881	XV	30	1/2 ac. NE cor.	purchase Wettlaufer
(Magdalena	1886	XV	30	1/2 ac. NE cor.	sale Grey
Schwartzentruber)					

John and Anna von Kennell, 10 ac. pt S 1/2 of E 1/2, Lot 33, Con. XVII
(Wittmer) 1864-1895, from Jacob Merner to Menno Kuepfer
(Christian M. Bender, exec. for estate sale)
son Jacob Kennell, 1912-1931 Lot 13, Con. III, South Easthope,
(wife: Louisa Nicklas)

North Easthope Township

Nicholas Kennel (son of Michael Kennel and Maria Lichti)
m. 1880 to Veronica Gingerich, dau. of Jacob Gingerich and Marie Brenneman
1882-85 Lot 13, NW 1/4, Con. III,

Hay Township

Nicholas Kennel, son of Michael and Maria (Lichti) Kennel, married Veronica Gingerich, daughter of Jacob L. and Maria (Brenneman) Gingerich.
Between 1910 and 1929, the Kennels owned a 5 1/2-acre lot, part of Lot 26, Concession XII, Hay Township.

KENNEL – DOCUMENT, NOTES, CORRESPONDENCE

The files referred to in these notes are kept in Lorraine Roth's Collection in the Mennonite Archives at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario. Digital copies of some these documents, including the transliterations and translations of records in Bibles or other old books, can be obtained from Bruce W. Jantzi at bwjantzi@gmail.com

1) Land Leases, Agreements, Mortgages for Kennel individuals in the 1800s
2) John Kennel's Record Book (1876-1893) with translations (wife: Barbara Risser)
3) Christian Kennel Family Bible Register (wife: Magdalena Jantzi) seen at the John L. Zehr home, Settlement Road, Wellesley.
4) Kennel / Bender Photographs: Captions, Documents
5) Joseph Kennel and Magdalena (Neuhauser) Family list

KENNEL -- JEAN (Tavistock)
A number of documents from the Orie Bender Collection are also found in this file. Photos, however, are only photocopies.

6) Photocopy of 1839 inscription in Barbara Risser's New Testament (2 copies) – transcription, translation and comments (daughter Annie Kennel added her signature)
7) photocopy of Vehneck farm (laser copy and translation in KENNEL FAMILY EXHIBITS)
8) Birth Certificate for Joseph Kennel, from mayor of Macheren, issued 1975
9) #VI-A -- photo of French farm scene -- has not been identified
10) #VI-D, 1. -- Joseph Kennel, army photo 4. -- children's photos from Algeria
11) #VI-C -- Option/Choice for French Nationality
12) "When Germany took over Lorraine," local, undated newspaper clipping
13) VI-E -- Joseph Kennel's passport
14) VI-F -- Joseph Kennel's letter of good conduct from Vaucouleurs
15) VI-G/1/2 -- Joseph and "Barbe's" Trans-Atlantic ticket, 9 April 1891
16) VI-H -- Photo of John and Barbara Kennel, Elizabeth and Annie, and Christian K. Bender (1 laser copy, 1 photocopy)
17) Copy of death notice of Widow Jac. Stalter at Goldene Bremm [Germany] 1911 -- and copy of death record which indicates she was Susanna Stalter, born Stalter
18) Laser copy of Christian K. Bender family with Christian's mother, Anna, and 2 children outdoors. A studio photo of the C.K. Bender family, Anna, foster son, and 2 children (2 photocopies) and a collection of family-related snapshots (photocopies) (a list of captions provided)
19) John [R.] Kennel and "Lena" Ropp marriage record (civil registrations)
20) John R. Kennel and the Winter of 1889, a pen and ink sketch by Edna Kennel, 1985
21) Christian R. Kennel and Magdalena Schwartzentruber marriage record
22) "The Kennels Are Coming! The Kennels Are Coming!" depicting the Christian R. Kennel family on the way to church in horse-drawn carriage, a pen and ink sketch by Edna Kennel, 1988
23) Pierre Kennel church letter -- 2 copies of original and translations -- for publications re Peter Kennel, see the KENNEL, Peter file (includes correspondence with Ron Kennel)
24) East Zorra Farm History, Lot 28, Concession XI -- notes from abstracts in Registry Office

KENNEL FAMILY EXHIBITS

1) 1859 Document re Hans von Kanel (translation)

2) a) Map portion of Lorraine, places circled were residences of Kennels, especially those of Canadian ancestry
b) Enlarged map portion showing Wenheck, Marienthal, and others
3) Farm Vehneck: photos of portal and farm building; translation of description
4) Chart showing five Kennel branches in Lorraine
5) Copy of section of ship passenger list (Kennel on both sides)
6) a) The Christian Kennel Homestead (photos)
b) The Christian and Magdalena (Jantzi) Kennel Homestead (description)
7) The Family of Christian E. and Magdalena (Albrecht) Kennel (family list)
8) The Family of John and Magdalena (Schweitzer) Kennel (family list)
9) Photocopy of photo of Susanna Kennel and Christian Ernst family
10) The Family of Michael and Maria (Lichti) Kennel (family list)
11) The house built by John and Barbara (Risser) Kennel on the 16th Line, East Zorra, perhaps built in the 1860s. (Pen and ink sketch by Edna Kennel, 1982)
12) The John and Barbara (Risser) Kennel Homestead (photos)
13) The Joseph and Barbara (Stalter) Kennel house at Cassel
14) Statuette of Joan of Arc (photos)
15) Elizabeth (Kennel) and John Ropp at their Mexican "Hacienda" (Pen and ink sketch by Edna Kennel from a photograph)
16) KENNEL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTS (Orie Bender Collection – except for series of maps of Lorraine, showing Kennel places of residence) The list includes translations of any printing on photographs as well as all the documents. (Copies of documents and photographs are found in a legal-size file.)
17) KENNEL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTS (Harold C. Bender Collection) List of documents and photographs and translations of documents and comments. (Copies of documents and photographs are found in a legal-size file.)
18) Photo: John and Barbara Kennel with daughters Elizabeth and Annie and grandson Christian K. Bender (photocopy) (some laser copies in legal file)

DOCUMENT FILE -- GENERAL

1) 1945 letter from Pierre Sommer to Jean Kennel, Chassey-Beaupre
-- transcription of French copy
-- translation and comments
1948 letter from Michael Kennel to Joseph Kennel, Chassey-Beaupre
-- translation only

2) 1759 Document re Hans von Kanel formerly from Aeschi, Switzerland
-- Copy of notes made by Isaac Zurcher (deposited at MPH, Goshen, IN)
-- translation

3) 1745 Johannes von Kennel lease document (in German), summary (in French)
-- translation of summary and comments

JOHN KENNEL FAMILY PHOTOS & DOCUMENTS -- two collections in a legal-size file

1) Orie Bender Collection – These are photos and documents relating primarily to the family in France and Joseph Kennel who did not come to Canada to stay until 1891. Photos in this collection are usually laser copies. A detailed list of the collection is found in the KENNEL FAMILY EXHIBITS and in the file containing the collection.
2) Harold C. Bender Collection – These documents and photos are farm documents and photos relating to the family in Canada -- primarily the John and Barbara (Risser) Kennel family. Photos in this collection are usually laser

copies. A detailed list of the collection is found in the KENNEL FAMILY EXHIBITS and in the file containing the collection.

3) JOURNEY HOME, Peter Kennel, Sr., Reflections on His Life and Times, 1966? by Ronald L. Kennel. (photocopy in legal file)

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