

Dyck Family Lineage and Data  
Jacob J. Dyck: Am Trakt To America  
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When I began collecting information and data prior to writing Jacob J. Dyck: Am Trakt To America ("ATTA") I relied on the best existing sources at that time, 1996-2000. Since the book was published in 2001 I have developed new contacts for information and acquired access to , and copies of, original source material unavailable before the book was written. The advent and rise of the Internet has been both a boon and detriment to researching family history and genealogy. Information gleaned from the Internet must be verified by original source documentation. Likewise for the commercially available CDs such as the "Grandma" series for Mennonite genealogy.

Through historian Henry Schapansky of British Columbia, Canada, I gained access to the Prussian Census records for the years 1776 and 1789, and the Danzig Territory Census records for the years 1771 and 1793. These records list Mennonite heads of household, names and numbers of children and the land holdings in the Vistula Delta area of West Prussia. Additionally Henry provided me with copies of the original Tiegenhagen Mennonite Church of West Prussia records for the years 1795-1841. This is the Mennonite congregation of the Dyck ancestors of descendants of Jacob J. Dyck.

Access to these church records confirmed my suspicion that the early Dyck lineage and data I used in "ATTA", from unconfirmed sources, was incorrect. This suspicion started when I acquired copies of the books, A Pilgrim People, Volumes I and II, edited by Cornelius J. and Wilma Dyck. These books are a family history of the descendants of Johannes D. Dyck (1826-1898) famous within the Dyck family for his exploits in the United States as a "49er" in the California Gold Rush during the years 1848-1858. Johannes eventually returned to West Prussia and thence to Am Trakt, Russia where he became Oberschulze (Mayor) of the Am Trakt Mennonite settlement in Russia. Johannes was an uncle of Jacob J. Dyck, Jacob's father Jacob Dyck (1832-1882) was Johannes' brother so we have a common lineage beginning with Dirck/Dietrich Dyck (1796-1849). In volume one of A Pilgrim People Dietrich's parents are shown as Dirck/Dietrich Dyck (1736-1814) and Oelke (Ella) nee Suckau. This is confirmed in the Tiegenhagen Mennonite Church records. Thus the Dyck Family Lineage and Data in ("ATTA") is incorrect on pages 65 and 66 to V. Dietrich Dyck (1796-1849).

It may very well be that the Dycks from I. Paul Dyck (1670-1740), page 65 "ATTA", through IV. Jacob Dyck (1767-1843), page 66 "ATTA", are ancestors of/or related to Dietrich Dyck (1736-1814) and descendants, but it can't be confirmed with documentation at this time. Indeed, a recent article in "Mennonite Historian", a publication of The Mennonite Heritage Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, about using DNA to trace Mennonite surnames

stated that all people having the Dyck surname by blood derive from a single progenitor lost in the mists of time.

From V. Dietirch Dyck (1796-1849) through the children of VII. Jacob J. Dyck (1881-1954) the lineage in "ATTA" is correct and supported by documentation. However, new data has been collected along with some name additions. These changes are in the revised lineage and data.

Additional sources for the revised lineage and data are: (A) Henry Schapansky's book Mennonite Migrations (and the Old Colony). Anyone with ancestors in the Russian Mennonite colonies of Chortitza and Molotschna would do well to acquire a copy of this encyclopedic book.

(B) Ulrich Dueck's West Prussian Mennonite genealogy charts #1-454. These handwritten charts are on large format paper, approximately 11" X 17". Copies of the originals are in the archives of many Mennonite colleges and universities. I acquired mine from Bethel College Library and Archives, North Newton, Kansas.

(C) The journals of Johannes D. Dyck (1826-1898) translated and printed in A Pilgrim People, Volumes I and II.

(D) Ebenfield Mennonite Church Register, Glidden, Saskatchewan, Canada.

(E) "Der Bote", German language newspaper, Canada, 28 September 1938, pages 3-4.

(F) Family chart by Henry Dyck, Glenbush, Saskatchewan, Canada.

(G) Original typed manuscript for the book Am Trakt: A Mennonite Settlement in the Central Volga Region by Johannes J. Dyck, German language. An English edition of this book was published by CMBC Publications, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 1995.

(H) Correspondence between D. Frederick Dyck and Gustav J. Dyck (b. 1913, Am Trakt, Russia - d. 2010, Ravensburg, Germany).

(I) Bundesarchiv, Aachen, Germany. German Military Records.

(J) "Der Berg, Die Familienzeitung der Familie van Bergen", edited by Fritz van Bergen, 1934-1941. This typed and mimeographed periodical was available by subscription for a small fee in Germany. Articles by members of the van Bergen family. The considerable genealogy was compiled by Gustav Reimer. Hielke De Jong of Ontario, Canada provided me with copies. "Der Berg" ended with the death of Fritz van Bergen killed in Russia, 1941, while serving with the German Army. A total of six volumes, 400+ pages is available on microfilm at the Mennonite Heritage Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. See also "Mennonite Family History" July, 2012, "Descendants of Gerhard van Bergen (1704-1771): Correcting Errors in the Chronicle 'Der Berg'" by D. Frederick Dyck.

(K) Czarist Russian (pre-1917) register records from the Barnaul settlement area of Siberia for the years 1907, 1908, 1910.

(L) "Mennonite Historian" Volume 43, No. 2, June, 2017.

Our direct descendant Dyck grandfathers are in bold type.

1. **Dirck/Dietrich Dyck** , born (b.) 1736, Poppau, West Prussia (W.P.), died (d.) 26 August 1814, age 78 years, Poppau, W.P. Married (m.) Oelke/Ella nee Suckau, widow Toews, before 1764. Dirck was likely married more than once. The Danzig Census of 1771 shows Dirck owning farmland in the amount of 1 Huben (41.5 acres), 8 Morgen (2.116 acres X 8 = 16.928 acres), total of 58.428 acres. There is a strong likelihood that Dirck had more children than those that are known by reliable records. The following are the known and possible children:

1.1 Katherina Dyck, baptised 1782, Tiegenhagen Mennonite Church, W.P., b. circa (ca.) 1764, Poppau, W.P.

1.2 Maria Dyck, baptised 1796, Tiegenhagen Mennonite Church, W.P., b. ca. 1778, Poppau, W.P.

Possible--Simon Dyck who is listed as living at Glabitsch, near Poppau, W.P., in the 1793 Danzig Territory Census with one son [1] Dirk Dyck, b. 20 August 1782, baptised 1800 Tiegenhagen Mennonite Church, W.P., m. 2 June 1808 to Katherina Albrecht, b. 7 May 1778, and a daughter [2] Katherina Dyck, baptised 1804, Tiegenhagen Mennonite Church, W.P. Dirk Dyck [1] went to Russia in 1809 and was living in Margenau, part of the Molotschna Mennonite Colony in the Ukraine region of Russia.

1.3 Anna Dyck, b. 2 March 1792, Poppau, W.P., baptised 1810, Tiegenhagen Mennonite Church, W.P., m. Aron Klassen.

1.4 **Dirck/Dietrich Dyck**, b. 9 October 1796, Poppau, W.P., baptised 26 June 1814, Tiegenhagen Mennonite Church, W.P., d. 25 June 1849, Poppau, W.P. of an apparent heart attack while working in his farm fields. m. (1) 23 October 1817 to Aganetha Janzen, b. 16 January 1796, d. 26 December 1836. Aganetha is the daughter of Abraham Jantzen (1740-1808) and Catharina nee Hamm (1756-1813) and granddaughter of Jacob Jantzen (1714-1776) and Catherina nee Kroecker (1713-1767).

Children:

1.4.1 Abraham Dyck, b. 3 July 1818, Poppau, W.P., d. 31 August 1819, Poppau, W.P.

1.4.2 Dirk/Dietrich Dyck, b. 3 August 1819, Poppau, W.P., d. February, 1886, Fresenheim, Am Trakt Mennonite Colony, Russia, m. X Janzen, b. August 1823, d. June, 1911, Am Trakt, Russia. This X Janzen is the sister of Helena Janzen (1825-1887) who married Dietrich's brother Johann Dyck (1826-1898). Dietrich was living at Heubuden, W.P. when he went to the Am Trakt Colony in Russia, 1853-1855.

1.4.3 Aganetha Dyck [1], b. 23 July 1824, Poppau, W.P., d. 18 January 1828, Poppau, W.P.

1.4.4 Catherine Dyck, b. 28 July 1824, Poppau, W.P., d. 7 August 1892, Hauskampe, W.P., m. 20 November 1849, Jacob Dyck. Henry Schapansky opined that this is Jacob Dyck, b. 22 May 1807, Hauskampe by Steegen, W.P., d. 19 December 1882, Hauskampe, W.P., son of Jacob Dyck, b. 18 November 1743, Hegewald, W.P., d. 9



April 1820, Poppau, W.P. This has not been verified by records.

1.4.5 Johann Dyck, b. 5 December 1826, Poppau, W.P., d. 11 November 1898, Am Trakt, Russia, m. 5 May 1859, W.P., to Helene Jantzen, b. 31 August 1825, Huebuden, W.P., d. 28 January 1888, Am Trakt, Russia. The descendants of Johann Dyck and Helene nee Jantzen can be found in "A Pilgrim People", two volumes, edited by Cornelius J. and Wilma Dyck.

1.4.6 Aganetha Dyck, [2] b. 2 August 1829, Poppau, W.P., d. 12 June 1832, Poppau, W.P.

1.4.7 **Jacob Dyck**, b. 3 May 1832, Poppau, W.P., d. 4 April 1882, Am Trakt, Russia. m. (1) Maria Siebert. m. (2) 23 February 1871 to Anna Wiebe Penner, widow with two children. Anna Wiebe b. 3 November 1842, d. 1872, Am Trakt, Russia, m. (1) 24 February 1863 to Peter Penner, b. 10 June 1839, Weissshof by Danzig, W.P. Children of Anna and Peter Penner [1] Catharina Penner, b. 24 May 1867, Neuendorf by Danzig, W.P., d. 22 January 1929, Lysanderhoeh, Am Trakt, Russia. [2] Peter Penner, b. 1 August 1870, Lysanderhoeh, Am Trakt, Russia, d. 4 August 1957, Reedly, California, U.S.A.

Children of **Jacob Dyck** and Anna Wiebe Penner Dyck:

1.4.7.1 Anna Dyck, b. 22 December 1871, Lysanderhoeh, Am Trakt, Russia, d. 1945, Berlin, Germany during Allied bombing raid. m. December, 1891, to Peter Tgahrt, b. ?, d. 1928, California, U.S.A.

Children:

1.4.7.1.1 Daughter b. and d. before 1908.

1.4.7.1.2 Bruno Tgahrt, b. 2 October 1908, d. August, 1980, Hughsonville, Dutchess Co., New York, U.S.A. m. (1) to Gertrud Rassloff, b. Furstenfeldbruck, Goethestrasse 15. Two children are born of this marriage. All died in World War II. m. (2) Elizabeth Graham, d. 1969, Dutchess Co., New York, U.S.A. Additional information can be found in "Mennonite Family History", October, 2003, "Threads of a Life: Searching For Bruno Tgahrt" by D. Frederick Dyck.

m. (3) **Jacob Dyck**, 26 September 1873 to Justine Wall, b. 1 February 1855, Mierauerwald, W.P., d. Siberia, Russia, ca. 1927-1930.

Children:

1.4.7.2 Jacob Dyck [1], b. 1874, Am Trakt, Russia, d. 1874, Am Trakt, Russia.

1.4.7.3 Maria Dyck, b. 1 October 1876, Lysanderhoeh, Am Trakt, Russia, d. 16 October 1957, Saskatchewan, Canada, m. 17 May 1898, Russia, to Heinrich (Henry) Kornelius Dyck, b. 15 August 1871, Halbstadt, Russia, son of Kornelius Dyck and Anna nee Wiebe, d. 10 July 1938, Kindersley, Saskatchewan, Canada. Maria and Henry came to Canada in 1927 by separate routes and reunited in Saskatchewan. In February, 2001 this author received a handwritten chart of three generations of the descendants of Henry and Maria Dyck from their grandson Henry Dyck, b. 1936, of Glenbush/Rabbit Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada. It shows names

and birth years only up to 1992. In July, 2018, I received a batch of old photographs from Willi Frese of Rodgau, Germany. I was able to identify one photograph as Heinrich and Maria Dyck and their three oldest children; Henry Dyck, b. 1897, Anna Dyck, b. 1899, Jacob Dyck, b. 1910. Photograph dates circa 1913 in Siberia. The family had moved to the Barnaul Mennonite settlement, Siberia, Russia, in 1908.

1.4.7.4 Johannes Dyck, b. 27 February 1878, Am Trakt, Russia, d. 1 December 1921, Am Trakt, Russia, m. 1904, Am Trakt, Russia, to Maria Wall, b. 1 March 1886, d. 13 April 1974, Siberia, Russia. Maria is the daughter of Johann Wall, b. 23 September 1848, Ladekopp, W.P., d. 10 August 1917, Orloff, Am Trakt, Russia, and Katharina nee Wall, b. 23 March 1854, Pragenau, W.P., d. 5 September 1932, Orloff, Am Trakt, Russia. The descendants of Johannes Dyck and Maria nee Wall can be found in "Jacob J. Dyck: Am Trakt To America, Sixty Years of Silence" ("ATTA") by D. Frederick Dyck and Alice Sitler Dyck.

1.4.7.5 Justine Dyck, b. 26 September 1879, Am Trakt, Russia, d. ca. 1930-40, Siberia, Russia, m. Heinrich Penner. According to a Russian register record of 1908 Justine was living with her mother Justine Wall-Dyck-Froese, half-brother Gustav Froese (b. 1888), and Gustav's wife Margaretha Ekkert in the Barnaul, Siberia Mennonite settlement.

1.4.7.6 **Jacob J. Dyck**, [2] b. 17 August 1881, Ostenfeld, Am Trakt, Russia, d. 30 November 1954, Newton, Kansas, U.S.A. m. 22 February 1911 at Emmaus Mennonite Church, Whitewater, Kansas, to Marie G. Harder, b. 2 October 1884, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 29 October 1973, Whitewater, Kansas, daughter of Jacob Harder (1849-1937) and Anna nee Claassen (1862-1949). See "Am Trakt To America" by D. Frederick Dyck ("ATTA") for this Harder genealogy and history.

Children:

1.4.7.6.1 Kaete Justine Dyck, b. 6 December 1911, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 30 August 1987, Newton, Kansas.

1.4.7.6.2 Edward Jacob Dyck, b. 17 February 1913, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 20 September 1960, Newton, Kansas.

1.4.7.6.3 Will Gustav Dyck, b. 17 March 1914, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 26 June 1974, Wichita, Kansas, m. 10 August 1950, to Muriel C. Binford, b. 6 May 1928, Wichita, Kansas, d. 13 November 2001, Portland, Oregon.

1.4.7.6.4 Irene Anna Dyck, b. 16 July 1915, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 5 October 1920, Whitewater, Kansas.

1.4.7.6.5 Robert Hans Dyck, b. 20 September 1916, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 31 August 1966, buried El Centro, California.

1.4.7.6.6 Bruno George Dyck, b. 4 September 1917, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 25 January 1984, Wichita, Kansas, m. (1) 15 August 1943, to Ellen L. Claassen, b. 31 December 1924. m. (2) 24 November 1948 to Pearl G. Scovell, b. 6 August 1914, Murdock, Kansas, d. 5 March 1987, Wichita, Kansas.

1.4.7.6.7 Otto Dyck, b. and d. 4 April 1919, Whitewater, Kansas.

1.4.7.6.8 Gertrude Marie Dyck, b. 16 February 1920, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 28 April 2011, Newton, Kansas, m. 26 September 1941 to Ernest H. Schmidt, b. 5 December 1915, Bessie, Oklahoma, d.

7 October 1989, Newton, Kansas. Son of Cornelius F. Schmidt.  
 1.4.7.6.9 Louise Irene Dyck, b. 15 February 1921, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 14 April 2003, Newton, Kansas.  
 1.4.7.6.10 Walter Dietrich Dyck, b. 10 March 1922, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 4 February 2012, Albuquerque, New Mexico, m. (1) 25 December 1948 to Barbara Kroll, b. 21 May 1926, Holyoke, Massachusetts, d. 24 September 2016, Underhill, Vermont. m. (2) 16 January 1976 to Marion Lammell, b. 8 July 1950, Burlington, Vermont, d. 23 December 1999, Albuquerque, New Mexico.  
 1.4.7.6.11 Esther Helena Dyck, b. 4 June 1923, Whitewater, Kansas, m. 24 August 1949 to Walter J. Schmidt, b. 9 October 1923, Beatrice, Nebraska, d. 12 March 2000, Wichita, Kansas. Son of Cornelius F. Schmidt and brother to Ernest H. Schmidt above.  
 1.4.7.6.12 Arthur Paul Dyck, b. 26 August 1924, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 8 June 1991, Whitewater, Kansas, m. 17 November 1951 to Wanda J. Swarts, b. 17 May 1932, Newton, Kansas, d. 11 January 2015, Wichita, Kansas.  
 1.4.7.6.13 Irene Emma Dyck, b. 5 March 1926, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 13 August 2009, Beatrice, Nebraska, m. 20 January 1951 to Ernest G. Claassen, b. 2 March 1922, Beatrice, Nebraska.  
 1.4.7.6.14 Herbert Cornelius Dyck, b. 20 October 1927, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 1 August 2012, Washington, Kansas, m. 28 November 1948 to Alice Nadine Sitler, b. 11 September 1929, Axtell, Kansas.  
 1.4.7.6.15 Linda Sarah Dyck, b. 6 April 1929, Whitewater, Kansas, d. 8 March 2006, Newton, Kansas.

1.4.7.7 Johanna Dyck, b. 17 August 1881, Ostenfeld, Am Trakt, Russia (twin of 1.4.7.6, Jacob J. Dyck), d. 7 January 1970, Curitiba, Brazil, m. 3 July 1907 to Jacob Cornelius Froese, b. 14 November 1877, Mendenhall, Am Trakt, Russia, d. Curitiba, Brazil. Additional information can be found in "Mennonite Family History", April, 1990, "The Story of Johanna Dyck Froese" by Alice Sitler Dyck.

1.4.8 Cornelius Dyck, b. 23 August 1835, Poppau, W.P., d. 8 July 1893, Woodland, Washington, U.S.A, m. Cornelia Pauls, b. 4 May 1842, d. 21 March 1913, Woodland, Washington, U.S.A. Descendants of Cornelius Dyck and Cornelia nee Pauls may be found in "ATTA."

1.4 **Dirck/Dietrich Dyck** m. (2) 19 February 1839, to Agnete Jantzen, b. 31 May 1813, d. 15 November 1868. Daughter of Peter Janzen and Katherina nee Dyck, originally from Klein Mausdorf, W.P., moved to Heubuden, W.P. ca. 1816.  
 Children:

1.4.9 Peter Dyck, b. 27 January 1840, Poppau, W.P., d. 2 April 1840, Poppau, W.P.  
 1.4.10 Agnete Dyck, b. 10 February 1841, Poppau, W.P.  
 1.4.11 Maria Dyck, 11 September 1846, Poppau, W.P., d. 15 January 1932, Tiegenghagen, Poland. m. 21 February 1871 to Cornelius Jantzen.  
 1.4.12 Justina Dyck, b. 6 October 1848, Poppau, W.P., m. 24 March 1870 to Jacob Dyck, b. 21 March 1841, son of Gerhard Dyck of Platenhoff, W.P.