

Update on Mennonite Genealogical Resources

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1772 Prussia Census

- Earliest census that gives information about the number of children in each household
- Scanned in September 2006 from 11 microfilms
- Index located at <http://www.odessa3.org/collections/land/wprussia>
- Scans available for purchase for \$300 from Ruben Drefs, 2053 Woonsocket Rd., Toledo, OH 43615-3753
- Data to be converted to an Excel file using OCR software and review as necessary by Don Fehr and Tim Janzen

1810 Schwetz Region Census

- Census includes 262 Mennonites who were members of the Przechovka Church, most of whom later emigrated to Alexanderwohl, Molotschna Colony
- Very important source for all descendents of this group of Mennonites
- Online at www.mennonitegenealogy.com/prussia/Schwetz

Tragheimerweide Church Database

- 6851 people found in the Tragheimerweide Church Records
- Events occurred between 1781 and 1862
- Created by Ernie Baergen from Esther Paetkau's transcription of the Tragheimerweide Church Records
- Two versions: original and modified
- Gedcom files available at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/prussia/Tra>

West Prussia Maps and Villages

- Large collection of maps of Poland and West Russia available at <http://www.mapy.eksploracja.pl/news.php>, including many highly detailed 1:25,000 maps
- Walter Epp's highly detailed maps of selected W. Prussian villages at <http://flash.lakeheadu.ca/~wepp>
- Glenn Penner's Mennonite villages file at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/prussia/W>

Deutsch Wymyschle Vital Records

- Data for 1840 only found on LDS microfilm #2380088, item #3
- Recently microfilmed in a Polish Archive by the LDS Church
- Data has not yet been transcribed

West Prussian Church Records transcriptions

- Many transcriptions from Mennonite, Catholic, and Lutheran church records by both Glenn Penner and Adalbert Goertz are on the www.Mennonitegenealogy.com web site in the Prussia section
- Heubuden transcription for the years 1772-1806 by John Thiesen at www.bethelks.edu/jthiesen/prussian/heubu

Mennonite Migration to Russia, 1788-1828 by Peter Rempel

- Published in 2000 by the MMHS
- Edited by Alf Redekopp and Richard Thiessen
- Contains lists of heads of households residing in the Chortitza Colony in 1797 and 1806, lists of immigrants to Russia 1803-1810, households that immigrated 1815-1828, and visas for immigration 1819-1828

Mennonite Migrations by Henry Schapansky

- Significantly enlarged and improved from The Old Colony which was published in 2001
- 813 pages in total
- 312 pages in the historical section, which is significantly expanded, particularly for the Molotschna Colony
- 441 pages in the genealogical section, which covers the Chortitza Colony and also includes the Judenplan
- Includes 15 page index to male heads of households

Positive aspects of Mennonite Migrations

- Large volume of genealogical data, much not included in The Old Colony
- Generally careful integration of genealogical data
- Helpful historical background, much of which has not published previously in English

Negative aspects of Mennonite Migrations

- Years of birth are given without noting that they are generally approximations based on Russian census data
- Doesn't include information from some major sources such as the Grandma database and the Oct 1816 Census
- Some connections are relatively speculative
- Historical narrative seems biased against Frisian Mennonites and Mennonite Brethren

Negative aspects of Mennonite Migrations

- Individual events are not footnoted, thus not providing the source of the data
- Locations of events are generally not given
- Exact parentage of children is sometimes unclear
- Index only includes a relatively small percentage of the people included in the book

Building on the Past

by Rudy Friesen

- Excellent summary of the Mennonite settlements in Russia with an emphasis on Mennonite architecture
- Includes much Mennonite cemetery data, particularly for the Chortitza Colony
- 752 pages in total including the index
- Includes many pictures
- Published in 2004

1801 Chortitza Colony Census

- Original documents found in the Odessa Archive, Fond 6, Inventory 1, File 67
- Includes 1665 Mennonites who were residing in the Chortitza Colony as of September 1, 1801
- After including 57 Mennonites from the 1801 Kronsgarten Census, a total of 1722 Mennonites are listed
- Transcription by Tim Janzen at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/russia/Chortitza> and on the MHSA web site

Oct 1816 Chortitza Colony Census

- Includes 2760 Mennonites who were residing in the Chortitza Colony as of late September 1816
- After including 162 Mennonites from the 1816 Krongarten Census, a total of 2922 Mennonites are listed
- Data for Insel Chortitza and for some families in Schoenhorst is as of 1814, thus some children born between 1814 and 1816 aren't included
- Data is included in Grandma 5
- Surnames not given for many servants; stepchildren not generally denoted as such

1835 Chortitza and Molotschna Colony transfer data

- Original documents found in the Odessa Archive, Fond 6, Inventory 1, File 4127
- Extractions from the 1835 Chortitza and Molotschna Censuses for Mennonite families transferring to other villages
- Online at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/russia> in the Chortitza and Molotschna Colony sections

1847 Chortitza Colony Heads of Households List

- Original found in Odessa Archive, Fond 6, Inventory 2, File 11519
- Lists 796 male heads of households in December 1847
- Transcription by Glenn Penner at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/russia>

1852 and 1860 List of Mennonites living outside their colonies

- Originals found in the Odessa Archive, Fond 6, Inventory 3, File 15751 and Inventory 4, File 23949
- 1852 list translation by Ed Enns and Tim Janzen at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/russia> in the Chortitza and Molotschna Colony sections
- Census data for 184 families from the Chortitza Colony and 76 families from the Molotschna Colony
- 1860 Chortitza Colony list has been partially translated by Tim Janzen; census data for 278 families

1863 Chortitza Colony Heads of Households Lists

- Original found in Odessa Archive, Fond 6, Inventory 4, File 21164
- Lists 816 heads of households who received grain loan in 1863
- After including another group of men who signed documents about 1041 heads of households in total are listed
- Transcription by Glenn Penner at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/russia/Chor>

1869 Kuban Colony Census

- Original found in Odessa Archive, Fond 6, Inventory 5, File 278
- Translation by Nikolai Penner and Tim Janzen at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/russia>
- Census data for 67 families who settled in the Kuban Colony
- 1864 and 1866 lists also available

1873 Yazykovo Colony Census

- Original found in the Zaporozhye Archive, Fond F-59, Inventory 1, File 10
- Translation by Nikolai Mazharenko and Tim Janzen at <http://www.mhsbc.com/genealogy/yazykovo>
- Census data for 957 Mennonites in the Yazykovo Colony as of January 15, 1873

1920 Chortitza Colony Census

- Original found in Zaporozhye Archive, Fond R-121, Inventory 1, File 79
- Found on microfilm #55 in the Zaporozhye Archive microfilm collection at the MHC and the MHSBC
- Translation project underway at the MHSBC

1923 Orenburg Colony Census

- Census of the Mennonites who lived in the Orenburg Colony who were originally from the Chortitza Colony
- Doesn't include data for Kubanka, Kitschkas, and Klubnikovo
- Photocopies are at the German Russian museum in Detmold, Germany
- Transcription at <http://familienforschung.russlanddeutsche.de/index>

Fuerstenland Baptism Registers

- 1122 Mennonites baptized in the Fuerstenland Colony between 1885 and 1926 and 13 people baptized in Saskatchewan between 1885 and 1926
- Includes page numbers in the original church registers that can be used to reconstruct family groups
- Translation by Cary Desnoyers and Tim Janzen at
<http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/russia/Fuer>

Chortitza Family Registers

- Two volumes of family registers from the Chortitza and Burwalde Mennonite Churches in the Chortitza Colony
- Includes about 1000 families who were members between about 1888 and 1934
- Translation available on CD from the CMHS

Orenburg Colony Mennonite Church Records

- Three volumes of church records pertaining to the Deyevka Church and one pertaining to the Pretoria Church
- About 1050 pages of family records written in Russian
- Originals in possession of Abram Toews in Bielefeld, Germany
- Photocopies at the Mennonite Heritage Centre
- translation of Deyevka Register, Volume 1, at <http://insel.heim.at/madeira/341995/Dat/GEROr.f>

Felsenbach Church Records

- Church records for 2289 Mennonites who lived in the Borozenko Colony or that vicinity
- Original in the possession of Katharina Thiessen in Winnipeg
- Extraction by Hermann Schirmacher available as a gedcom file at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/russia>

Busau Mennonite Church Records

- Church records for 2692 Mennonites who lived in western Crimea
- Original in the Simferopol Archives
- Available on LDS microfilm #2084337
- Extraction by Tim Janzen available as gedcom files at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/russia> and on the MHSA web site

Karolswalde, Volhynia Baptism Record

- Record of 706 people who were baptized by Tobias Unruh in or near Karolswalde between 1854 and 1874
- Original book is stored in Freeman, South Dakota
- Photocopies of the original are in the possession of Ed Schmidt of Waldheim, Saskatchewan
- Transcription by Esther Paetkau is available at most Mennonite archives

1897-1917 Chortitza and Molotschna Colony Vital Records

- Birth records that include the village of birth and the names of the parents
- Data for the Chortitza Colony and the Gnadenfeld Volost of the Molotschna Colony, including some births in Crimea
- Original data in the Zaporozhye Archives
- Translated by Olga (Shmakina) Toews
- To be distributed on CD in 2007 or 2008

1920s Zaporozhye Region Emigration Questionnaires

- Detailed questionnaires that were completed by those requesting to emigrate in the 1920s
- Original data in the Zaporozhye Archives
- Translated by Olga (Shmakina) Toews
- To be distributed on CD in 2007 or 2008

Zaporozhye Archive microfilms

- Includes about 130,000 pages of documents at the Zaporozhye Archive in Zaporozhye, Ukraine
- Microfilmed on 109 reels between 1994 and 2000 under the direction of Harvey Dyck
- Microfilms available at the MHC and the MHSBC Archives
- Much material has not yet been carefully reviewed or translated

Odessa Archive, Fond 6, Inventories 1-5 microfilms

- Includes about 101,000 pages of documents at the Odessa Archive in Odessa, Ukraine
- Microfilmed on 33 reels between 2000 and 2003
- Microfilms of material from Inventory 1 are available at most large Mennonite archives in North America
- Microfilms of material from Inventories 2-5 available at the MHC and the MHSBC Archives
- Much material has not yet been carefully reviewed or translated

Odessa Archive, Fond 6, Inventory

1 digital photos

- Digital photos on 4 DVDs of about 8300 pages of original material covering the years 1838-1841 found in the Odessa Archive, Odessa, Ukraine; photographed in 2005; distributed in March 2006
- DVDs available for purchase from the California Mennonite Historical Society for \$20 each
- Most valuable material: remains to be determined

Odessa Archives, Fond 6, Inventories 6, 7, and 8

- Digital photos on 2 DVDs of about 4000 pages of original material covering the years 1805-1871 found in the Odessa Archive, Odessa, Ukraine; photographed in 2005; distributed in March 2006
- Most valuable material: transfer records with extracts from the 1858 Census
- DVDs of this material available at: Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Fresno, California; Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas; Mennonite Historical Society of B. C., Abbotsford, B. C.; Mennonite Heritage Centre and Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Winnipeg, Manitoba

All-Russian Mennonite Agricultural Union

- Microfilms of about 31,000 pages of original material covering the years ca 1920-1940 found in archives in Moscow, Russia; microfilmed in 2005.
- Most valuable material: reports of many types concerning the conditions in the Mennonite colonies throughout Russia and Ukraine
- Microfilms of available at: Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Fresno, California; Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas; Mennonite Historical Society of B. C., Abbotsford, B. C.; Mennonite Heritage Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba

American Mennonite Relief Society correspondence with the All-

Russian Mennonite Ag. Union

- Microfilms of about 6600 pages of original material covering the years ca 1920-1940 found in archives in Moscow, Russia; microfilmed in 2005
- Most valuable material: correspondence between the MCC in Russia and the MCC in the United States concerning the conditions in Mennonite colonies throughout Russia and Ukraine
- Microfilms of this material at the Mennonite Church USA headquarters, 500 S. Main St., Elkhart, Indiana

1901 Canada Census

- 1901 Census of Canada; scans of original on line at http://www.archives.ca/02/020122_e.html; extraction of census data for selected areas including the Mennonite West and East Reserves in Manitoba on line at: <http://www.ancestry.com>. Extraction of census data for Alberta available at <http://www.agsedm.edmonton.ab.ca/1901census>. Transcription of entire census at <http://automatedgenealogy.com/census/cache/i>.

1906 Canada Census

- 1906 Census of Canada for the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba; scans of original on line at http://www.archives.ca/02/02015303_e.html
- Extraction of census data for selected areas in Saskatchewan at <http://www.mennonitehistory.org/projects/censuses/canada> and in Manitoba at <http://www.afhs.ab.ca/data/census/1906/manitoba/3/index.html>
- Transcription of entire census at <http://automatedgenealogy.com/census06/index.html>.

1911 Canada Census

- 1911 Census of Canada; scans of original on line at <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1911>
- transcription of Mennonites for selected areas at <http://www.mennonitehistory.org/projects/census>
- Transcription of entire census at [http://automatedgenealogy.com/census11/Test4.](http://automatedgenealogy.com/census11/Test4)

Reinlaender Gemeinde Buch

- Revised version published in 2006 by the MMHS
- Edited by Martha Martens, John Penner and Mavis Dyck
- Update of the older version published in 1994 by the MMHS
- Don Fehr's Reinlaender Gemeinde Buch project is ongoing

Sommerfeld Gemeinde Buch

- Published in 2004 by the MMHS
- Edited by Henry Unger, Martha Martens, and Adolf Ens
- Includes Volumes 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, and the Untitled Register
- Includes index to males and females

Composite Index of Heads of Households in Mennonite Church Records

- Includes heads of households from the Bergthal, Chortitzer, Reinlaender, Sommerfelder, and Kleine Gemeinde Churches
- Maintained by Loren Koehler
- Found at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/cana>

Western Canada Land Grants

- Includes grants in Western Canada between 1870 and 1930
- Found at <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/02/02011>
- Searchable by surname, section, town, range, and meridian

1900 U. S. Census

- Transcription project started for counties with large numbers of Mennonites in 2005
- Data for Cottonwood Co., Minnesota has been transcribed by James Winters and data for Turner Co., South Dakota has been transcribed by Steve Goertzen
- Data is being placed on the Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta web site after it has been edited

1930 U. S. Census

- Available since 2002
- Scans and index available online at www.Ancestry.com
- Scans of earlier censuses also available at www.Ancestry.com and elsewhere

John Thiesen's database of U. S Mennonite church records

- Database extracted from U. S Mennonite church records includes genealogical data for over 55,000 people
- Data has been integrated into Grandma 5

Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online (GAMEO)

- Currently contains 8134 articles on a wide variety of topics and includes a selection of biographies
- Eventually all articles from the Mennonite Encyclopedia will be incorporated into GAMEO
- Online at <http://www.gameo.org>

The EWZ Project

- Project to extract data from the Berlin Document Center EWZ-50 series
- These microfilms contain extensive genealogical information about Mennonites and other German Russians who left Ukraine to go to Poland with the German troops in 1943 and 1944
- Documents found on 847 microfilms at the U.S. National Archives

Elli Wise's initial involvement

- Elli Wise began reviewing the microfilms in 1998 shortly after they became available in 1996.
- Elli began indexing the films in 2000, extracting the names, birth dates, and birthplaces of all people for whom a birth date was given in the record.
- Indexes are posted to the Odessa3 web site at www.odessa3.org.
- Ed Bischoff and others became involved.

Tim Janzen's initial involvement

- Tim and Elli initially began corresponding about the BDC microfilms in 1999 after Dale Wahl suggested I contact her.
- In August 2000 we began discussing my interest in the Mennonite genealogical data found in the EWZ microfilms.
- In April 2001 I offered to purchase EWZ microfilms for Elli if she ever began to “run low” on films to index.

Richard Thiessen's involvement

- Richard reviewed all of the indexes and chose which families were of Mennonite ancestry.
- He placed the data for all people of Mennonite ancestry in the EWZ Mennonite Excel file.
- In 2002 Richard placed this file at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/russia/ewz/>
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- Richard maintains an Excel file that summarizes the status of each film in the entire project.

Tim's ongoing involvement in the project

- In August 2001 I purchased 3 EWZ-50 series films covering the Janzens for Elli to index.
- Between 2001 and June 2005 I purchased films in groups of 5-20 for Ed and Elli to index.
- In June 2005 we learned of a pending price increase at the National Archives that would raise the price of each film from \$34 to \$65.

Collective purchase of the remaining EWZ-50 microfilms

- In July 2005, Elli, Ed, Richard Thiessen, and I began a collective effort to raise funds for the purchase of the remaining EWZ-50 films.
- As of June 2005 we owned 473 films.
- By September we collectively purchased the remaining 374 films before the price increase took effect. GRHS chapter in Calgary and others contributed funds.

Summary of those who have purchased EWZ-50 series films

- All 847 films have been purchased
- Tim Janzen: 439 films
- David Obee: 43 films
- Mennonite Historical So. of B. C.: 34 films
- Ed Bischoff: 30 films
- Rich Aspenleiter: 20 films
- Elli Wise: 20 films?
- Dale Wahl: 12 films
- Valerie Ingram: 11 films

Summary of those who have indexed EWZ-50 films

- About 800 out of 847 films have been indexed
- Elli Wise: 315 films
- Ed Bischoff: 240 films
- Aubrey Marthaller: 81 films
- Jonathan Neufeld: 22 films
- Helga Rempel: 17 films
- Megan Wiebe: 11 films
- Waylon Klix: 11 films

Duplication of microfilms

- In Oct 2003 199 EWZ-50 microfilms were duplicated and copies were distributed to GRHS and 4 Mennonite archives.
- At some point hopefully within the next two years the remaining films that contain Mennonite data will be duplicated.
- All archives will have an opportunity to purchase copies of duplicates.

Summary of the indexes

- About 475,000 people have been extracted from the EWZ 50 microfilms and have been added to the indexes.
- 62,056 people in the EWZ Mennonite 1 file
- 8754 people in the EWZ Mennonite 2 file
- Probably about 75,000 people of Mennonite ancestry will be included in the two files when the all of the EWZ 50 films have been indexed.
- All microfilms with a large percentage of Mennonites have been indexed.

Mennonite EWZ BK 6 database

- In May 2004 Tim Janzen converted the Excel spreadsheet containing 62,056 people to a gedcom file using the mail merge feature in Word and by manipulating the file in other ways.
- In the fall of 2004 Erica Suderman and Jean Neufeld began extracting additional information from the EWZ microfilms and entered it into the database Tim created.

EWZ Mennonite BK 6 database

- As of July 2007 the database contained about 70,000 people, indicating that about 8000 new people had been extracted from the microfilms and added to the database.
- Only the first 7000 people in the database have been linked together and have had the additional data extracted for them from the microfilms.

Future of the EWZ project

- Remaining information needs to be extracted from the microfilms into the EWZ Mennonite database.
- New database will need to be created for the estimated 15,000 people of Mennonite ancestry found in the EWZ indexes but not included in the original EWZ Mennonite database.

Future of the EWZ project

- Duplicate individuals in the EWZ Mennonite database will need to be merged.
- Locations in the EWZ Mennonite database will need to be standardized.
- When above completed, the EWZ Mennonite database will be merged into the Grandma database.

History of the Grandma database

- CMHS Genealogy Project Committee formed in 1991 by Alan Peters, Jeff Wall, and Jane Friesen
- Name code system developed by Alan Peters and Jeff Wall about 1992
- Brother's Keeper chosen as the software for Grandma about 1992
- Jay Hubert became involved in 1995 and worked with Fu Su to develop Gedtool for merging databases

Versions of Grandma

- Grandma 1 released in 1996; 135,482 people
- Grandma 2 released in 1997; 267,864 people
- Grandma 3 released in 2000; 401,268 people
- Grandma 4 released in 2002; 672, 293 people
- Grandma 4.23 released in November 2005; 813, 831 people
- Grandma 5 released in December 2006; 941,465 people
- Grandma 5.03 currently has 987,231 people

Grandma 5 highlights

- Much new material from Prussian Mennonite church records, particularly the Tragheimerweide Church Records
- 1816 Chortitza Colony Census data
- Zionsbote obituary data
- Grandma Online available
- See www.calmenno.org for details

Supplemental information on the Grandma CDs

- Rosenort Church Records on Grandma 1
- Benjamin H. Unruh's book Die niederlaendisch-niederdeutschen Hintergruende der mennonitischen Ostwanderungen im 16., 18. und 19. Jahrhundert on Grandma 2
- Tragheimerweide and Orlofffelder Church Records on Grandma 3
- Tiegenhagen Church Records on Grandma 4
- Tim Janzen's database of 14,059 Mennonite immigrants to the U. S. between 1872 and 1913 on Grandma 4 and Grandma 5

Software Programs for Grandma

- Brother's Keeper 5 (and earlier versions) was used until the release of Grandma 4 in 2002
- Brother's Keeper 6 in use since then
- Legacy 6 used by Jay Hubert for merging gedcom files into Grandma

Grandma User's Manual

- 94-page manual published by the CMHS for use with Grandma 4
- Manual now available online at <http://www.calmenno.org/grandma/index.htm>
- Contains information about proper source citation, as well as entry of dates, locations, and immigration information
- Explains use of name codes and includes a list of all of the name codes

Grandma Online

- Software developed beginning about 2001 by Ken Ratzlaff in Topeka, Kansas
- On the internet at <http://www.grandmaonline.org>
- Updated every one to two months
- Does not contain personal data for living people less than 90 years old
- Has some features such as pair search and married name search not found in Brother's Keeper 6

Strengths of Grandma

- Large size
- Multiple contributors (over 300)
- Ongoing review by multiple users
- Ready access to all data by all users
- Many early church registers and genealogies have been entered

Weaknesses of Grandma

- Lack of source citation for many people included in the database
- All information in the database is not perfectly accurate; error rate likely in the 1% range or so
- The Record Index Numbers (RINs) or Grandma numbers were accidentally renumbered in 1997 between the release of Grandma 1 and Grandma 2; some old messages thus refer to the incorrect RIN.

Grandma compilation files

- Compilation file for all data included in Grandma 2 found on the Grandma 2 CD
- Compilation file for all data merged into Grandma between release of Grandma 2 and Grandma 3 found on the Grandma 3 CD
- No compilation file available for Grandma 4 or 5
- CMHS Grandma database updates from Fresno not in compilation files

Name Codes

- Primary surname codes (surcodes) numbered 001 to 301; 600 Swiss surcodes also in use
- A sample surname code is 036, which is the surname code for Klassen
- Given name codes are generally 2-digit abbreviations of common Mennonite given names
- A sample given name code is “co” for Cornelius
- A name code combines a surname code with a given name code, for example “036co” for Cornelius Klassen

Locations in Grandma

- Currently 20,162 locations in the master location list
- Russian locations generally spelled as found in the Mennonite Historical Atlas
- U. S. locations generally spelled as found in the Geographic Names Information System
- Canadian locations generally spelled as suggested by the Geographic Names Board of Canada
- Legacy master global location file also used

Sources in Grandma

- Currently 4120 sources in the master source list
- Source list was revised in 2005 by Jay Hubert

Date problems

- Julian calendar in use in Russia until 1917
- Many dates were converted to the Gregorian calendar when people immigrated from Russia to North America in the 1870s through the 1910s.
- 12 day difference between the calendars in the 1800s
- 13 day difference between the calendars in the 1900s

Data entry into Grandma

- Decide whether you want to enter data directly into Grandma or whether you want to create your own database
- If you decide you want to create your own database then decide whether or not you want to create a split file from Grandma to serve as your basic database or whether you want to enter all the data yourself

Grandma Purchase Information

- \$34 for Grandma 5
- \$10 for older versions of Grandma
- \$10 for Grandma Online if purchased with Grandma 5
- \$20 for Grandma Online alone
- \$45 for Brother's Keeper

Submission of new material

- Send gedcom files to Jay Hubert (jayhubert@comcast.net) or Kevin Enns-Rempel (kennsrem@fresno.edu)
- Send photocopies of material to Kevin Enns-Rempel
- Send data in e-mails to Jay Hubert or Kevin Enns-Rempel
- Report errors or duplicate people in Grandma to Jay Hubert by e-mail

Gedcom merging by Jay Hubert

- Ancestral lines not of Mennonite ancestry are removed
- Resolution of conflicting parents
- Review the master list of surnames for spelling accuracy
- Review new locations not already in the master source list and check them for accuracy
- Review new sources and modify format if necessary
- Check for bad dates and gender inconsistency for all given names
- Search for duplicates in the new database
- Add name codes using the REFN program

Opportunities for Involvement in the Grandma Project

- Submit gedcom files or genealogical data in some form
- Review gedcom files other people submit and prepare them for eventual merging into the master Grandma database by Jay Hubert; protocols are available for anyone interested in doing this