



# Die Huckere

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## Meet the Village Coordinator

Let me introduce myself. My name is Delores Schwartz. I'm the village coordinator for your village of Huck. Some of you have either met me or corresponded with me through the mail.

I had one grandparent (Johannes Hoffman) from Huck. You may read about this in the first issue of the Die Huckere.

I can't remember a time when I didn't know that all of my grandparents were from the country of Russia. I was born in my Hoffman grandparents' home in one of the two German-Russian communities here in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Before AHSGR was founded, I was very interested in my heritage and continue to be. When I was notified that an organization was being formed of Germans from Russia, I immediately became a charter member. My employment with AHSGR was the most interesting, enjoyable and fulfilling job that I've had.

I hope you enjoy this first newsletter and I'll look forward to hearing from you.

## Origin of the Die Huckere

At the last convention held in Lincoln (1994), a name for a Huck newsletter was discussed on Village Night. This year in Minneapolis, it was a unanimous decision to call the newsletter "Die Huckere."

In order for a newsletter to be successful, I need help from all of you. Please send family and/or individual stories and genealogy charts. Tell about contacts in Russia or Germany or any travels to either of these countries. Send photocopies of pictures you'd like to share. All of these things will help make the Die Huckere a success.

## Village Cards

Village cards are located on pages 3 & 4 of the newsletter. The cards show the code number of anyone who has ever been listed in the Surname Exchange indicating that their ancestors came from Huck. This list has been provided to the village coordinator from the international headquarters of AHSGR.

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## The Search

With four grandparents who immigrated from Russia, I knew I had a tremendous amount of research to do. My grandfather came from Huck. As I studied information on the village of Huck as well as my Hoffman surname, I became very familiar with other Huck surnames. In my search, the Huck surnames were continuously being repeated. However, this wasn't true of the Hoffman surname.

At the time I was working on this, I was an employee at AHSGR and spent many lunch hours doing research. I became frustrated because I couldn't locate information on the Hoffman surname. One day while I was expressing my frustration to Jo Ann Kuhr, she said, "Maybe they weren't originally from Huck." As time passed, I became convinced that Jo Ann was right. Now I had a new problem. If the Hoffman's weren't from Huck, then where were they from?

In 1984, I was typing biographies which accompanied the immigrant plaques that were being mounted on the wall at the headquarters building. This was just before the Lincoln convention and dedication of our new AHSGR headquarters. One biography caught my interest because it had the Hoffman name. The family had the same first names and the same family trade (shoemakers) as the information I had about my own Hoffman family. The family I was typing the biography about was from Balzer, not Huck.

About a week before the convention, my aunt (who lives in my grandparents' former home) received a letter addressed to my grandparents from Helen (Hoffman) Bach. The letter stated she had found a picture which had the date, name of my

grandparents and their address in Lincoln, Nebraska written on the back of it. Immediately, I wrote Helen and sent her a photocopy of a picture I had which I thought was the same as the one the letter referred to.

It was the very same picture and Helen's Hoffman family was the family in the biography that I had typed. Helen and I decided we had to be of the same family because pictures aren't sent to just anybody with the same last name unless there is a family relationship, right?

Since that time, we learned that one Hoffman family from Balzer moved to the village of Huck before 1861. This information came from the Hoffman genealogy chart which Dr. Pleve, from Saratov, prepared. I believe these are my great great grandparents. I spoke with Art Flegel at the Minneapolis convention and with his help, along with Dr. Pleve's help, I hope to be able to prove this relationship to be true.

Another interesting note, when the 1775 census of Huck was published, Wilhelm Hoffman was among the original immigrants. He had two daughters and one son. He was left as a juvenile in the service of Lieutenant Moizhin in Huck by two sisters who had married into various colonies.

Wilhelm Hoffman is also listed in the 1798 Huck census. At that time, one daughter had married out of the village, the other daughter had married Philip Kindsfather. The son was not listed in the census. Therefore, I assume he died between 1775 and 1798. Otherwise, I think the Hoffman name would have been more prevalent in the village of Huck.

By the next newsletter, I hope to have more information on my Hoffman family.

B454 - Brotzmann/Bratsman  
K328 - Kreick, Eckert  
S688 - Schlegel

HUCK Volga B B-4 / #6  
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- B31 - Schleich, Zitterkopf
- D5- Niederhaus, Koch, Hausch, Schuldeis(Schulthe)
- D4 - Voelker(Felker)
- G51 - Leneschmidt
- H14 - Neu, Huck, Geier, Frick, Hein, Schuldeis(Schultheiss)
- H119 - Ault
- L55 - Frick, Niederhaus
- L12 - Wein
- L36 - Lofinz, Eckerdt, Schaffer, Roll
- M90 - Michel, Geies
- M55 - Michel
- M45 - Frick, Kindsvater

HUCK Volga B B-4/#6

- G168 - Geier, Sack, Kindsvater, Leckei
  - L194 - Leichner, Luther, Lofing, Kindsvater
  - F158 - Hein
  - G181 - Hein
  - S526 - Gier
  - W297 - Koch, Geier
  - H341 - Hempel, Bohl
  - B376 - Schwabauer
  - B394 - Mueller, Kindsvater
  - H360 - Huck, Hixt, Frick, Barth
  - R247 - Neu
  - S563 - Sterkel, Kindsvater, Zitterkopf
- F 18

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B-4/#6

- S148 - Sittner, Geier
- S138 - Sittner, Geier
- S299 - Leichner, Reich
- S170 - Weisgerber, Bohl
- F14 - Geier
- W133 - Weber, Geier
- W77 - Wilhelm
- W100 - Wilhelm
- W123 - Schleich
- W78 - Zitterkopf, Schneider, Niederhaus
- W95 - Geier, Niederhaus
- 75 - Zitterkopf, Kreick, Kindsvater
- Z30 - Zitterkopf
- M194 - Sack

M146 - Schultheis  
020 - Hein  
022 - Schuldeiss  
P19 - Voelker(Felker)  
P69 - Bohl  
P74 - Koeller  
R88 - Frick  
S6 - Sack, Schaaf, Hein  
S241 - Schleich, Dietz, Bohl  
S163 - Schleich, Zitterkopf  
S151 - Niederhaus, Fagler, Hergenrader  
S243 - Kinsvater, Weigant  
S308 - Hoffmann, Hixt  
S101 - Bohl  
S242 - Frick, Kindsvater Scheidt  
S78 - Kindsvater, Weigandt, Schuckman, Bonn.

F187 - Weisgerber  
H379 - Hempel  
M42 - Mich(a)el, Eckhardt, Luft  
S589 - Koeller  
S599 - Schafer, Zitterkopf  
N89 - Brotzman  
M354 - Huck  
M342 - Michel, Neu  
P160 - Gebhardt, Gier,  
S629 - Fein  
S632 - Wilhelm  
S640 - Schaaf, Niederhaus  
W347 - Schneider  
S664 - Kinsvater/Kindsvater  
A120 - Weigandt

C90 - Sack, Niederhaus  
K184 - Ritter, Brotzman  
K185 - Heidenreich, Koch  
V30 - Niederhaus, Luther, Lofing  
S146 - Niederhaus, Luther  
S386 - Koehler  
W217 - Eckert  
V32 - Hein  
S424 - Schleich, Dietz  
M245 - Michel  
W249 - Schleich, Leikner, Dietz, Geier, Bohl  
S63 - Kindsvater, Weigandt  
S466 - Zitterkopf, Schneider  
S475 - Sittner, Hempel, Lofing, Eckerdt, Schaeffer, Bohl  
M32 - Hein  
R201 - Schafer, Kreick, Kindsvater  
V33 - Ritter, Brotzman