y Great Grandparents as residents of the Birds Hill farming community in the Rural Municipality of Springfield, Manitoba and colony of the Jewish Colonization Association.

he Jewish Colonization Association (JCA, in Yiddish ICA) was created in 1891 by the Baron Maurice de Hirsch. Its aim was to facilitate the mass emigration of Jews from Russia and other Eastern European countries by settling them in agricultural colonies on lands purchased by the committee, particularly in North and South America. A Canadian committee of the JCA was established in November 1906 to assist in the settlement of the thousands of Jewish refugees fleeing Russia and other European countries and to oversee the development of all the JCA settlements in the country. Colonies were established prior to 1906 throughout the west and in Quebec. These colonies included: in Saskatchewan -Hirsch (1892), Qu'Appelle or Lipton (1901), Cupar, near Regina (1901), Edenbridge east of Prince Albert (1906), and Sonnenfeld, west of Estevan (1906); in Manitoba - Bender Hamlet or Narcisse, north of Winnipeg (1903); in Quebec - La Macaza (1904) and Ste-Sophie (1904), both north of Montreal; and Trochu (1906) and Rumsey (1906), halfway between Calgary and Edmonton in Alberta. After the establishment of the Canadian committee, the JCA founded several others, including: Pine Ridge (1907), not far from Winnipeg; Eyre (1910), near Alsask in Saskatchewan, and Montefiore (1911), Alberta, on the western border between Alberta and Saskatchewan near Alsask in Saskatchewan; Bird's Hill (1911), east of Winnipeg; Camper or New Hirsch (1911), 150 kilometres north of Winnipeg; and Rosetown (1911), near the town of the same name in Saskatchewan. Economic factors, notably the Great Depression, led to the dissolution of all the Western colonies by the end of World War II. Thereafter concentrating its work in the East, the Canadian JCA purchased farms or made loans to farmers in Ontario and Quebec: the Niagara Peninsula, the regions of Brantville-Woodstock, Spencerville-Kemptville, and Beamsville in Ontario, and Saint-Hyacinthe, Saint-Damase, Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Frelighsburg, and Clarenceville, in Quebec. The JCA Canadian Committee made no more loans after 1970 and ceased all legal existence in 1978. The JCA deposited the major part of its papers at the National Archives of the Canadian Jewish Congress in 1978, and the remainder of its documents (the "S" collection) there in 1989.

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A summary of these documents:

A peek into the life of my great –grandparents Moses and Sarah Daiter (spelled Deitler) and their children listed as Simcha(Sam), Israel(Saul), Jacob(Jack Norman), Abraham(Harry), Freda, Guendel(Genendel/Gertie), Chana(Annie) and Sheina(Jean) 1914-1916.

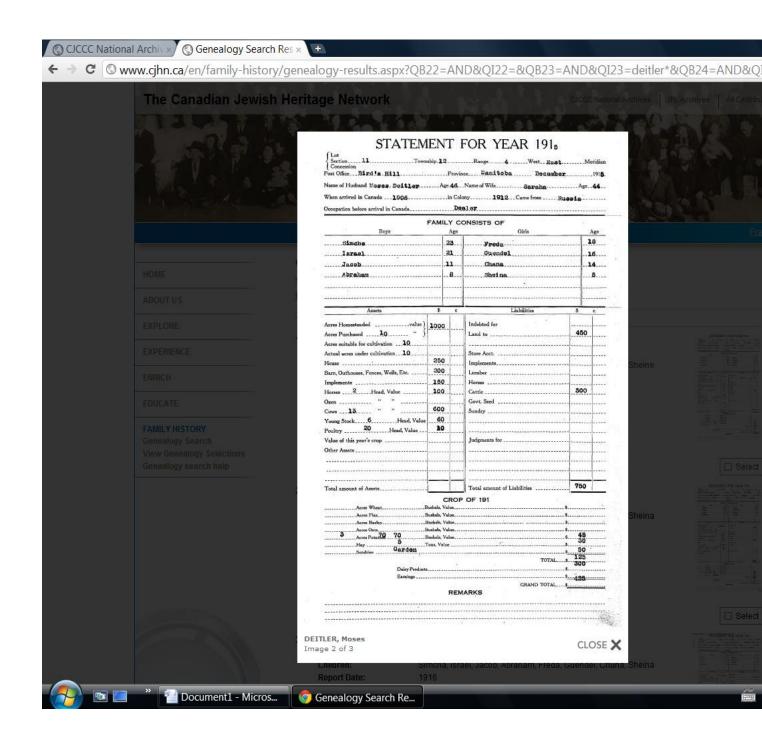
The documents list my great grandfather arriving in Canada in 1906 and joining the colony in 1912.

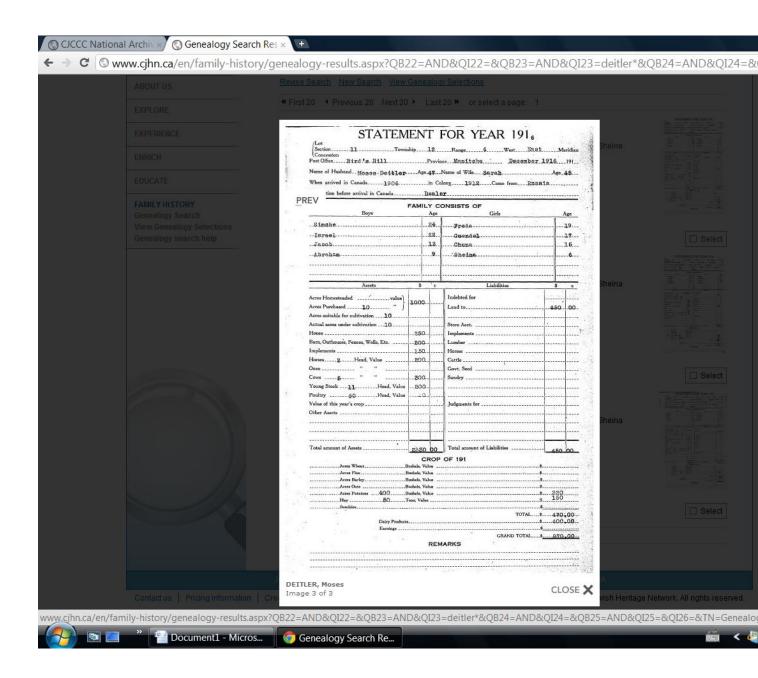
It records 10 acres of land valued at \$1,000.00 2 horses worth \$100.00, 18 cows valued at \$600 and twenty chickens. The land was planted with potatoes, hay and a garden. They were one of forty three Jewish families in the area with their Bird's Hill neighbours listed as:

Mr. I. and Luba Altzitzer, Sam and Mary Averback, Abram and Sonny Conzavoy(Conzivoi), Jack and Sarah Cooperstock, Abo and Hinde Davidor, Joseph and Rachel Gordon, Nathan and Rachel Lazar(my other set of great – grandparents), K. and Fannie Marcolansky, Leizer and Gittel Merovitch, Elihah and Esther Norvolansky, Kamil and Fannie Narvolansky, Sam Pekarsky and S.Robinson as well as neighbours in nearby Pine Ridge Kofman and Zivie Debruchyn, Jacob and Fannie Freedman, Beer and Malka Freedman, Sam and Rosie Freidman, Lazar and Rosie Gladstone, Louis and Rachel Gladstone, Sam and Hudessa Geroshke, Israel and Rachel Greenberg, Sam and Edues Grooske(Grusky), Jacob and Bassia Harris, Marcus and Zivie Kottler, Issac and Chava(Eva) Lifshitz, Zelick and Eva Lifshitz, Joseph and Eva Maslovsky, David and Sarah Mazo, Max and Rachel Myerovitch, John and Rachel Moore, Davis and Sarah Mozyr, Sam, Harry and Rachel Rabkin, Leib and Chaia Spratusky, Israel and Tauba Schwartzman, Mr. H and Sarah Segal, Moses and Dvoria Schlakovsky, Sam and Fannie Simkin, Motel and Chaie Slododoff, Jacob and Ida Sternberg, Myer and Jessie Thompson, Wolf and Rachel Thompson, and Wolf and Sadie Thompson.

Nearby Jewish farmers also in the R.M. of Springfield were the Sucherov and Gurovitch families and the Diamond family of Transcona.

Rosalie Lazar October 2011





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