

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

The 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 Averbach, 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.

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STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1916

Lot Section 11 Township 12 Range 4 West East Meridian  
 Concession Post Office Bird's Hill Province Manitoba December 1916  
 Name of Husband Moses Deitler Age 44 Name of Wife Sarah Age 44  
 When arrived in Canada 1906 in Colony 1912 Came from Russia  
 Occupation before arrival in Canada Dealer

FAMILY CONSISTS OF

Boys	Age	Girls	Age
Simcha	23	Freda	18
Israel	21	Guendel	16
Jacob	11	Chana	14
Abraham	8	Sheina	5

Assets	\$	c	Liabilities	\$	c
Acres Homesteaded (value)	1900		Indebted for		
Acres Purchased 10			Land to	450	
Acres suitable for cultivation 10			Store Acct.		
Actual acres under cultivation 10			Implements		
House	250		Lumber		
Barn, Outhouses, Fences, Wells, Etc.	200		Horses		
Implements	150		Cattle	300	
Horses 2 Head, Value	100		Govt. Seed		
Oxen			Sundry		
Cows 13 " "	600				
Young Stock 6 Head, Value	60				
Poultry 20 Head, Value	20		Judgments for		
Value of this year's crop			Other Assets		
Other Assets					
Total amount of Assets			Total amount of Liabilities	750	

CROP OF 1916

Acres Wheat	Bushels, Value	\$
Acres Flax	Bushels, Value	\$
Acres Barley	Bushels, Value	\$
Acres Oats	Bushels, Value	\$ 45
Acres Potatoes	Bushels, Value	\$ 30
Hay	Tons, Value	\$ 50
Garden		\$ 50
Sundries		\$ 125
	TOTAL	\$ 300
Dairy Products		\$
Earnings		\$ 420
	GRAND TOTAL	\$

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Children: Simcha, Israel, Jacob, Abraham, Freda, Guendel, Chana, Sheina  
 Report Date: 1916



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**STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1916**

Lot ..... Township ..... Range ..... 4 ..... West ..... 3881 ..... Meridian  
 Section ..... 11 ..... Concession .....  
 Post Office ..... Bird's Hill ..... Province ..... Manitoba ..... Date ..... December 1916 ..... 191  
 Name of Husband ..... Moses Deitler ..... Age 47 ..... Name of Wife ..... Sarah ..... Age 45  
 When arrived in Canada ..... 1906 ..... in Colony ..... 1912 ..... Came from ..... Russia  
 tion before arrival in Canada ..... Deitler

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**FAMILY CONSISTS OF**

Boys		Girls	
Name	Age	Name	Age
Simone	24	Freda	19
Israel	22	Queneda	17
Jacob	18	Ohana	16
Abraham	9	Sheina	6

Assets		Liabilities	
	\$ c		\$ c
Acres Homesteaded ..... value		Indebted for	
Acres Purchased ..... 10 ..... "	1000	Land to	450 00
Acres suitable for cultivation ..... 10		Store Acct.	
Actual acres under cultivation ..... 10		Implements	
House	250	Lumber	
Barn, Outhouses, Fences, Wells, Etc.	200	Horses	
Implements	150	Cattle	
Horses ..... 2 ..... Head, Value	200	Govt. Seed	
Oxen ..... " " "		Sundry	
Cows ..... 5 ..... " " "	200		
Young Stock ..... 11 ..... Head, Value	200	Judgments for	
Poultry ..... 60 ..... Head, Value	20		
Value of this year's crop			
Other Assets			
<b>Total amount of Assets</b>	<b>2850 00</b>	<b>Total amount of Liabilities</b>	<b>450 00</b>

**CROP OF 191**

Acres Wheat	Bushels, Value	\$
Acres Flax	Bushels, Value	\$
Acres Barley	Bushels, Value	\$
Acres Oats	Bushels, Value	\$
Acres Potatoes	Bushels, Value	\$ 550
Hay	Tons, Value	\$ 150
Dundies		\$
		<b>TOTAL</b>
		<b>\$ 490 00</b>
Dairy Products		\$ 600 00
Earnings		\$
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>
		<b>\$ 820 00</b>

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Spouse: Hinda  
Children: 4 boys, 2 girls

### STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1914

Lot .....  
Section ..... 11 ..... Township ..... 12 ..... Range ..... 4 ..... West ..... E ..... Meridian  
Concession .....  
Post Office ..... Bird's Hill ..... Province ..... Manitoba ..... November ..... 1914.  
Name of Husband **Moses Deitler** ..... Age ..... 45 ..... Name of Wife ..... Sarah ..... Age ..... 43 .....  
When arrived in Canada ..... 1896 ..... in Colony ..... 1912 ..... Came from ..... Russia  
..... before arrival in Canada ..... 1891

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#### FAMILY CONSISTS OF

Boys	Age	Girls	Age
Simon	22	Freda	17
Israel	20	Emmel	16
Jacob	10	Chana	13
Abraham	7	Sheina	7

Assets		Liabilities	
	\$ c		\$ c
Acres Homesteaded ..... value	500	Indebted for	
Acres Purchased ..... 10		Laid to Vendor	375
Acres suitable for cultivation ..... 10		Store Acct.	
Actual acres under cultivation ..... 10		Implements	
House ..... 250		Lumber	
Barn, Outhouses, Fences, Wells, Etc. .... 100		Horse	
Implements ..... 150		Cattle	400
Horses ..... 1 ..... Head, Value	100	Govt. Seed	
Oxen ..... " " "		Sundry	
Cows ..... 6 " " "	600	Judgments for	
Young Stock, & ..... Head, Value	40		
Poultry ..... 40 ..... Head, Value	20		
Value of this year's crop ..... 250			
Other Assets ..... 100			
<b>Total amount of Assets</b> .....	<b>1860</b>	<b>Total amount of Liabilities</b> .....	<b>775</b>

#### CROP OF 1914

Acres Wheat	Bushels, Value	\$
Acres Flax	Bushels, Value	\$
Acres Barley	Bushels, Value	\$
Acres Oats	Bushels, Value	\$
3 Acres Potatoes	Bushels, Value	\$ 150
3 Hay	Tons, Value	\$ 80
1 Sundries		\$ 30
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>
Dairy Products		\$ 250
Earnings		\$ 500
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>

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