

Russian Mennonites who Immigrated to Mexico

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Due to initial difficulties in immigrating to Canada, many Mennonites in the Soviet Union applied to immigrate to Mexico. The story of this movement is described in some detail in chapter 12 of Frank H. Epp's *Mennonite Exodus*. In the end this attempted settlement was a failure. Many of those who applied to go to Mexico ended up going straight to Canada or were denied exit visas. Nearly all the 124 families that did go to Mexico moved on to Canada as soon as the opportunity presented itself. In 1938 the few remaining families formed the [Hoffnungsau](#) congregation.

Russian Mennonites who Immigrated to Mexico: A List from 1924

ID	Family ID	Last Name	First Name	Birth Date	Arrival Date	GRanDMA Number	Notes
1	1	Derksen	Is[aak]	27 Dec 1890	19 Jan 1926	552815	
2	1	Derksen	Katarina	12 Dec 1891	19 Jan 1926	216697	
3	1	Derksen	Isaak	29 Mar 1913	19 Jan 1926	552818	
4	1	Derksen	Gerhard	5 Oct 1914	19 Jan 1926	552819	
5	1	Derksen	Heinrich	23 Jul 1921	19 Jan 1926	552822	GRanDMA indicates a birth date of 21 Jul 1920.
6	1	Derksen	Peter	10 May 1926	19 Jan 1926	552826	
7	1	Derksen	Helena	31 Mar 1918	19 Jan 1926	552820	
8	1	Derksen	Katarina	18 Mar 1919	19 Jan 1926	552821	GRanDMA indicates a birth date of 31 Mar 1919.
9	1	Derksen	Margareta	29 Nov 1922	19 Jan 1926	552823	GRanDMA indicates a birth date of 28 Nov 1921.

ID	Family ID	Last Name	First Name	Birth Date	Arrival Date	GRanDMA Number	Notes
10	1	Derksen	Maria	26 Sep 1924	19 Jan 1926	552825	
11	2	Bergen	Abram	27 Dec 1893	1 Oct 1924	1020372	GRanDMA indicats a birth date of 25 Dec 1893.
12	2	Bergen	Anna	22 Mar 1897	1 Oct 1924	1020371	
13	2	Bergen	Bernhard	30 Mar 1920	1 Oct 1924	512121	
14	2	Bergen	Peter	30 Jul 1923	1 Oct 1924	173860	
15	2	Bergen	Isaak	15 Mar 1926	1 Oct 1924	1017399	GRanDMA indicates a birth date of 15 Apr 1926.
16	2	Bergen	Margareta	15 Jan 1922	1 Oct 1924	1006196	GRanDMA indicates a birth date of 5 Jan 1922.
17	3	Warkentin	Peter	3 Mar 1890	1925	957108	
18	3	Warkentin	Luise	23 Jul 1903	1925	957105	
19	3	Warkentin	Heinrich	6 Apr 1923	1925	335832	GRanDMA indicates that Luise is Heinrich's stepmother.
20	4	Bergman	Isaak	11 Apr 1892	31 Dec 1925	171615	
21	4	Bergman	Anna	23 Feb 1898	31 Dec 1925	171614	
22	4	Bergman	Isaak	9 Oct 1923	31 Dec 1925	765974	GRanDMA indicates a birth date of 28 Sep 1923.
23	4	Bergman	Heinrich	1 Mar 1925	31 Dec 1925	765973	
24	4	Bergman	Peter	11 May 1926	31 Dec 1925	765972	
25	4	Bergman	Anna	11 Jul 1922	31 Dec 1925	765975	GRanDMA indicates a birth date of 29 Jul 1922.
26	4	Dück	Katarina	23 Sep 1910	31 Dec 1925	652134	Katarina is a foster daughter in the Bergman family. Her mother, Helena, #659617, is the sister to Anna Bergman. GRanDMA indicates that her birth date is 22 Sep 1910.
27	5	Rabe	Friedrich	17 Jan 1890	Jan 1925	532670	
28	5	Rabe	Katarina	16 Oct 1882	Jan 1925	1117469	
29	5	Rabe	Karl	19 Feb 1915	Jan 1925	1102258	Der Bote 13 Feb 1968 p.7 indicates that he is a nephew.

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30	5	Rabe	Heinrich	26 Aug 1917	Jan 1925	New	Der Bote 13 Feb 1968 p.7 indicates that he is a nephew.
31	5	Rabe	Wilhelm	7 Oct 1919	Jan 1925	New	
32	6	Wiens	Abram	17 Sep 1890	16 Jun 1925	473595	
33	6	Wiens	Luise	11 Dec 1890	16 Jun 1925	473022	
34	6	Wiens	Peter	20 Oct 1914	16 Jun 1925	473092	GRanDMA indicates a birth date of 20 Oct 1915.
35	6	Wiens	Abram	19 Jul 1923	16 Jun 1925	473099	
36	6	Wiens	Luise	26 Mar 1918	16 Jun 1925	473095	
37	6	Wiens	Maria	28 Nov 1920	16 Jun 1925	473097	
38	7	Dücker	Wilhelm	1 Sep 1867	21 Apr 1925	453905	
39	7	Dücker	Katarina	6 Mar 1869	21 Apr 1925	1015436	
40	7	Dücker	Peter	29 Apr 1906	21 Apr 1925	New	
41	7	Dücker	Anganeta	28 Nov 1903	21 Apr 1925	New	
42	7	Dücker	Sara	27 Aug 1910	21 Apr 1925	New	
43	7	Dücker	Helena	5 Jan 1913	21 Apr 1925	New	
44	8	Dirks	Luise	27 May 1862	Oct 1924	76722	GRanDMA indicates a birth date of 28 May 1862.
45	8	Dirks	Jakob	24 Jul 1894	Oct 1924	76728	GRanDMA indicates a birth date of 22 Jul 1894.
46	8	Dirks	Johann	15 May 1896	Oct 1924	76729	

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