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 <u>Hoffnungsau</u> congregation.

These individuals departed from Rotterdam, The Netherlands aboard the S. S. Volendam on 18 November 1924 and arrived in Tampico, Mexico on 14 December 1924, with a stop in Havanna, Cuba.

ID	Family	Last Name	First Name	Age	Arrival	GRanDMA	Notes
	ID				Date	Number	
1	1	Schellenberg	Jakob	52	14 Dec 1924	1010399	Age should be 62. Jakob died in Mexico in
							March 1925. Unable to locate family in
							CMBoC records.
2	1	Schellenberg	Helene	50	14 Dec 1924	1231412	Name should be Maria and age should be
							58. She immigrated to Canada with her
							children in August 1925. Unable to locate
							family in CMBoC records.
3	1	Schellenberg	Katharina	23	14 Dec 1924	1375498	Unable to locate family in CMBoC records.

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ID	Family ID	Last Name	First Name	Age	Arrival Date	GRanDMA Number	Notes
4	1	Schellenberg	Heinrich	19	14 Dec 1924	1375500	It is possible that the name should be Helena. Unable to locate family in CMBoC records.
5	1	Schellenberg	Gerhard	18	14 Dec 1924	1375501	Unable to locate family in CMBoC records.
6	1	Schellenberg	Jakob	16	14 Dec 1924	1375502	Unable to locate family in CMBoC records.
7	1	Schellenberg	David	13	14 Dec 1924	1375503	Unable to locate family in CMBoC records.
8	1	Schellenberg	Abraham	10	14 Dec 1924	1375504	Unable to locate family in CMBoC records.
9	2	Wiebe	Isaak	52	14 Dec 1924	265783	
10	2	Wiebe	Anna	49	14 Dec 1924	111490	
11	2	Wiebe	Johann	21	14 Dec 1924	64109	
12	2	Wiebe	Isaak	14	14 Dec 1924	224325	
13	2	Wiebe	Selma	16	14 Dec 1924	265784	
14	2	Wiebe	Anna	10	14 Dec 1924	525080	
15	3	Stobbe	Hermann	23	14 Dec 1924	110033	
16	3	Stobbe	Rosine	21	14 Dec 1924	491679	
17	3	Stobbe	Paul	1	14 Dec 1924	534159	
18	4	Fast	Gerhard	26	14 Dec 1924	109499	
19	4	Fast	Maria	25	14 Dec 1924	111489	
20	4	Fast	Anna	1.5	14 Dec 1924	1014194	
21	4	Fast	Gerhard	0.5	14 Dec 1924	1014198	
22	5	Kröker	Gustav	19	14 Dec 1924	New	Unable to locate in CMBoC records.

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