

# Starvation Deaths in Orenburg, Russia (1921-1922)

Extracted from the *Mennonitische Rundschau* 6 September 1922

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Dietrich R. Hoepfner of Hillsboro, Kansas, was the District Supervisor for American Mennonite Relief, a part of the Mennonite Central Committee, in Orenburg, Russia, in 1922-1925. On 6 September 1922, a letter from Hoepfner was published in the *Mennonitische Rundschau* that listed forty Mennonites who had died of starvation.

The Orenburg settlement, also called Deyevka or Kitschkass, was established in about 1894 and had about 25 villages.

Some of the ages are not printed clearly. Also, I have left the names in the original order because Hoepfner appeared to list family members together. It seems likely that Hoepfner did not list all the starvation deaths in that place and time period but only the ones of which he became aware.

Source: D. R. Höpfner, "Hungertod in einer Mennonitischen Ansiedlung," *Mennonitische Rundschau* (6 September 1922): 6.

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Date	Name	Age	Residence
2/Sep/1921	Johann Peters	?	Romanovka
22/Sep/1921	Johann Klippenstein	?	Romanovka
16/Oct/1921	Aganetha Warkentin	?	Romanovka
25/Oct/1921	Abraham Unger	35	Deyevka
1/Jan/1922	Peter Friesen	54	Deyevka
1/Jan/1922	Johann Thiessen	34	Fedorovka
16/Feb/1922	Jacob Olfert	27	Sabangul
18/Feb/1922	Julius Schlag	12	Sabangul
2/Mar/1922	Olga Schlag	6	Sabangul
9/Mar/1922	Aron Ens	12	Sabangul
16/Mar/1922	Katharina Dyck	16	Romanovka
18/Mar/1922	Jacob Peters	38	Kanzerovka
11/Mar/1922	Jacob Schierling	35	Selenoe
23/Mar/1922	Helena Schierling	31	Selenoe
16/Mar/1922	Peter Ens	36	Liubimovka

7/Mar/1922	Abraham Wiebe	27	Deyevka
17/Mar/1922	Helena Wiebe	54	Deyevka
2/Apr/1922	Augusta Schierling	2	Sabangul
13/Apr/1922	Johann Redekop	1 m	Sabangul
23/Apr/1922	Cornelius Friesen	17	Sabangul
20/Apr/1922	Abraham Olfert	?	Chortitza
20/Apr/1922	Johann Olfert	20	Chortitza
26/Apr/1922	David Olfert	11	Chortitza
16/Apr/1922	Peter Olfert	7	Chortitza
10/Apr/1922	Abraham Wiebe	32	Deyevka
15/Apr/1922	Anna Friesen	58	Deyevka
14/Apr/1922	Maria Neufeld	1 d	Deyevka
24/Apr/1922	Abraham Unger	10	Deyevka
19/Apr/1922	Anna Unger	14	Deyevka
30/Apr/1922	Maria Unger	14	Deyevka
26 Apr 1922	Karl Bonnelis	36	Klubnikovo
23/May/1922	Peter Peters	?	Romanovka
15/May/1922	Johann Esau	8	Dolinovka
2/May/1922	Cornelius Siemens	53	Petrovka
27/May/1922	Margaretha Dyck	53	Selenoe
7/May/1922	Isaac Rempel	32	Chortitza
20/May/1922	Heinrich Neufeld	39	Chortitza
15/May/1922	Isaac Neufeld	5	Deyevka
6/May/1922	Jacob Wall	4	Deyevka
19/May/1922	Cornelius Penner	30	Deyevka

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