

Shafter German Church Photo 1930

A large higher resolution copy of this photo is attached to all 61 known members in ancestry.com. The 1915 to 1936 German Church membership books are also there.



SHAFTER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 17975 Poplar Avenue Shafter, California
Photo may have been taken in 1930 as a 15 year commemorative to the January 1915 Church Organization.
Identifications made by Evelyn Duerksen Heath, Dr. Lee Richards, Beverly Phillips and Joyce Pitts.

Many of these are descended from the 1870s immigrants who came with, or followed, Daniel Unruh (1820-1893) and his group from Bruderfeld, Crimea. They were the first Russian Mennonites to settle in Dakota Territory. They began to arrive in 1874 then formed the Brothersfield Mennonite Brethren congregation in 1876. Within six years over half went to the Adventists who, within another ten years all left for North Dakota where, starting about 1900, they settled in New Home, near Woodworth.

By 1920 most of the 1st generation had died. Their children began to migrate into Canada and Oklahoma, but most came to California and settled near Shafter.

Sixty-one of the descendants in the above photo have been identified. I hope these pages will prompt others to help identify even more.



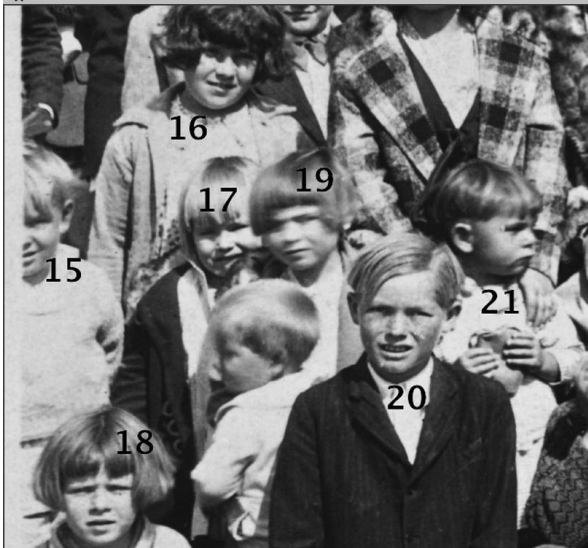
1. _____
2. ??? Suckut **William Suckut 1888-1968**
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4. Elder P. J. Buller **Peter J Buller 1873-1954**
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11. **Looks like Sam Lorenz 1889-1979**
12. _____
13. _____
14. **Louis Heinrichs 1917-2010**



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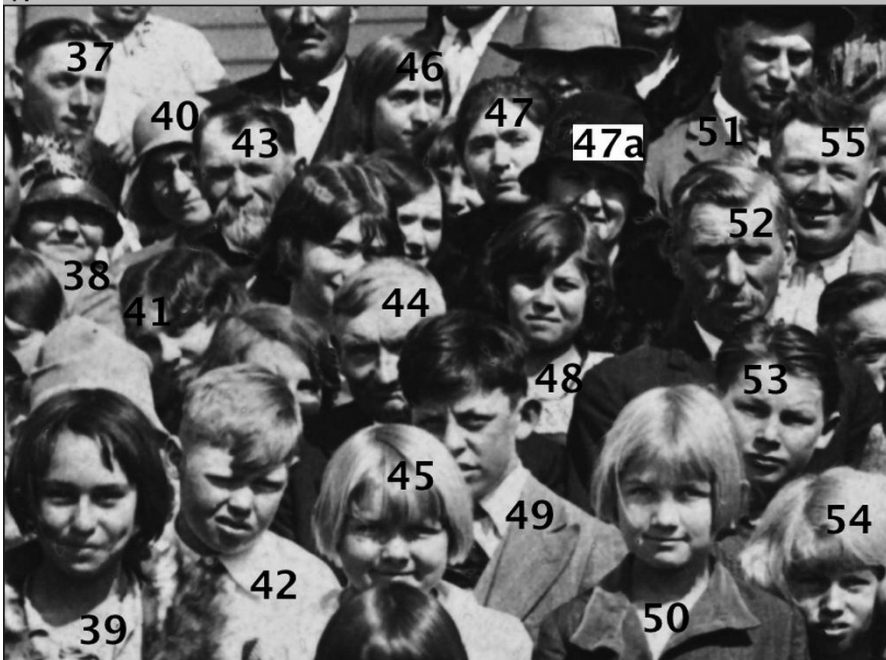
Heinrich J Heinrichs
1867-1943

Dave and Rachel Nightengale
(Nachtigal?-who are they?)

22. _____
 23. _____
 24. _____
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 26. Dave Nightengale (?)
 27. _____
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 32. Rachel Nightengale
 33. _____
 34. _____
 35. _____
 36. Heinrich J. Heinrichs
 68. _____



IV



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- 37. _____
- 38. _____
- 39. Mildred Oblander
- 40. _____
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Who is she?

53. Laverne Buller 1919-2005

54. _____

55. Gus Tisch Gustav Tisch 1894-1966





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60. _____

61. _____

62. _____

63. _____

64. [Raymond Epp \(?\)](#) Raymond Epp 1920-2007

65. [Fred Heinrichs \(?\)](#) Fred Heinrichs b.1919

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36. Heinrich J. Heinrichs 1867-1943

67. _____

68. Justina Fast Heinrichs 1872-1945

69. _____

70. ?? Ebel (? husband of Dorothy Dirksen?) C Ebel (who is he?)

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72. _____

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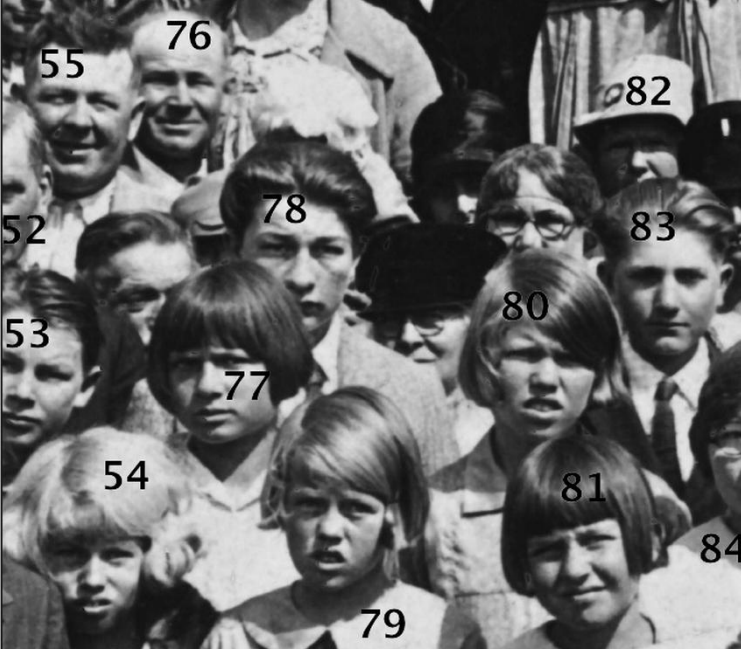
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52. _____

53. Laverne Buller 1919-2005

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55. Gus Tisch 1894-1966

76. Cornelius "C.C." Duerksen 1886-1969

77. Esther Schmidt (Ratzlaff) 1921-2004

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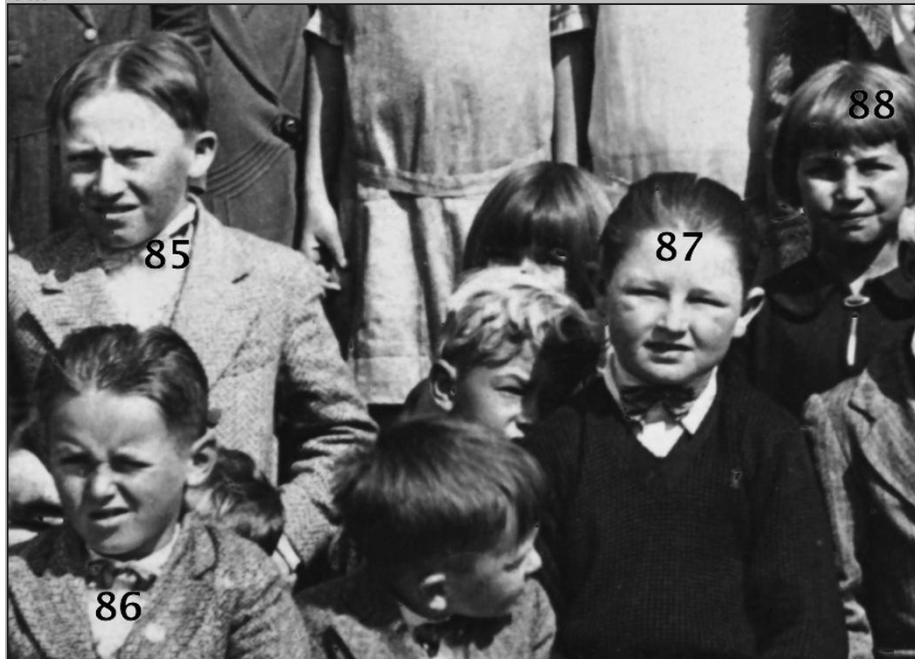
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87. Leroy Buller 1921-2012

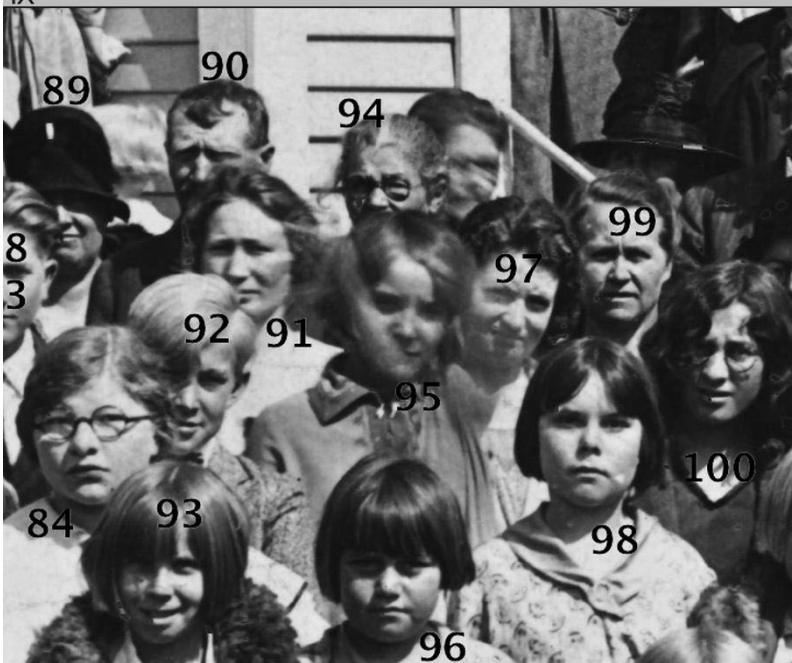
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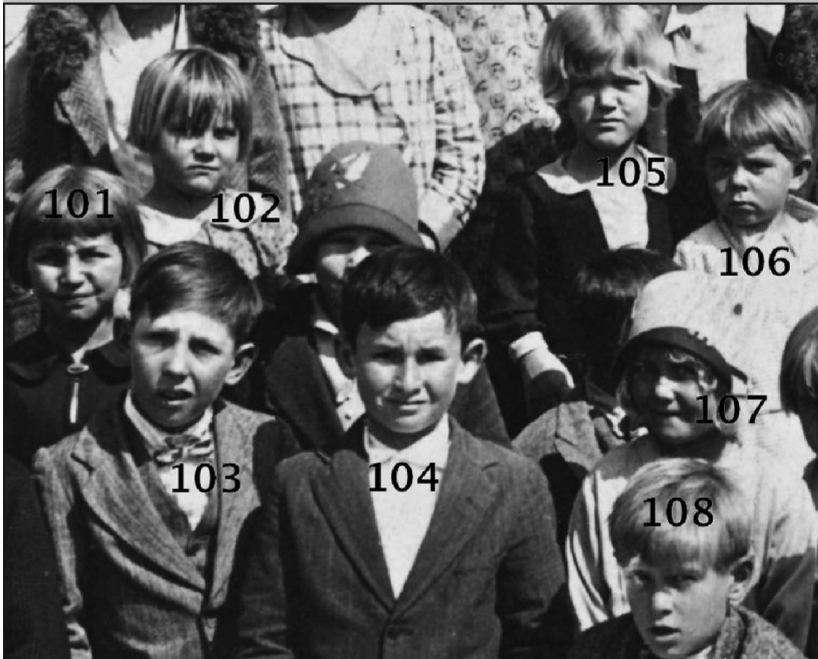


- 83. _____
- 84. Alvina Buller/Wirtz/Barnes 1917-2009
- 89. _____
- 90. _____
- 91. _____
- 92. Irvin Duerksen(?) and (confirmed) 1917-2012
- 93. Della Baerg (?) 1920-2005
- 94. _____
- 95. _____
- 96. _____
- 97. _____
- 98. Mildred (Evelyn Mae) Dirksen (Barling) Confirmed by Beverly Phillips.
- 99. Jake Dollinger (?) Is this a woman? Who is he/she?
- 100. _____

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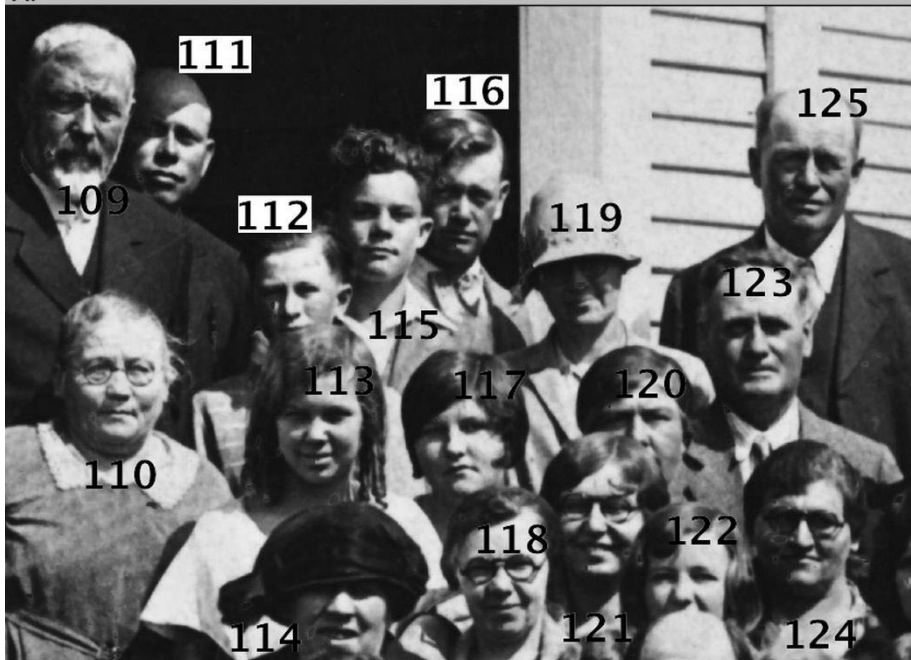
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- 103. _____
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- 105. _____
- 106. ??? Barling (?)
- 107. _____
- 108. _____



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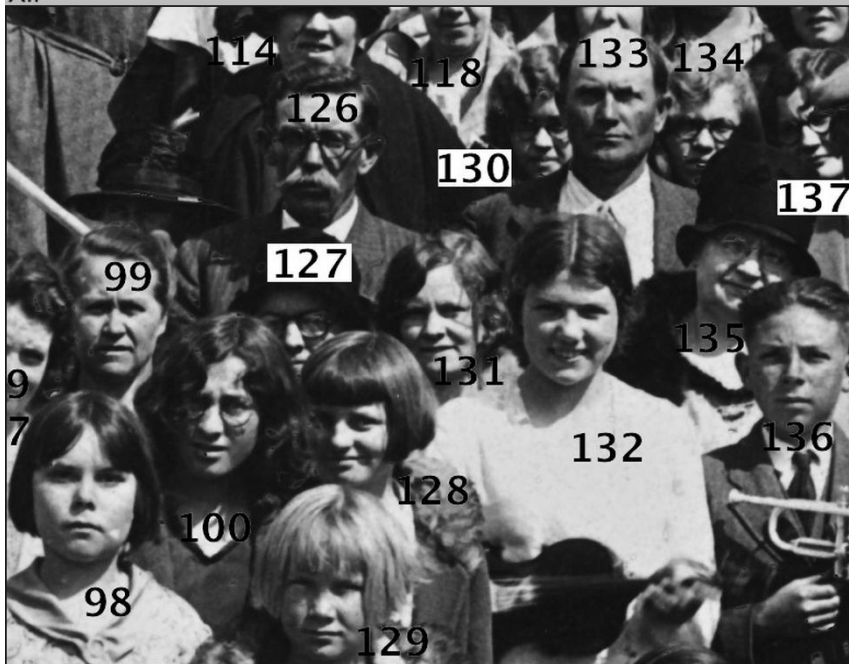


- 109. [Jacob C. Thomas \(per Beverly\)](#) 1865-1952
- 110. _____
- 111. [Ezra Schneider](#) 1892-1959
- 112. _____
- 113. [Alice Duerksen Ashbaugh](#) 1915-2008
- 114. _____
- 115. _____
- 116. [Willard Neuman](#) (confirmed) 1905-1990
- 117. [Rachel Dirksen Morse](#) (confirmed) 1914-1998
- 118. [Lydia Voth Johnson \(?\)](#) 1898-1988
- 119. [Ida Fast Voth \(?\)](#) 1882-1951
- 120. _____
- 121. [Alice Mayer Richert](#) (identified by [Evelyn Dirksen Heath](#))
- 122. [Elda \(Vera?\) Neuman \(?\)](#) Hulda ? 1912-2001
- 123. [John Voth](#) 1869-1949
- 124. _____
- 125. Might be John's brother 1864-1935
[Daniel Voth](#) who died in Shafter 8 Sep 1935 (?)

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- 97. _____
- 98. [Mildred \(Evelyn Mae?\) Barling \(?\) Dirksen](#) 1912-1973
- 99. [Jake Dollinger \(?\)](#) Is this a woman? Who is he/she?
- 100. _____
- 114. _____
- 118. _____
- 126. _____
- 127. _____
- 128. _____
- 129. _____
- 130. _____
- 131. _____
- 132. _____
- 133. [Jacob D. Ratzlaff](#) 1885-1963
- 134. _____
- 135. [Sara Duerksen Ratzlaff](#) (confirmed) 1884-1960
- 136. [Orly \(Lee?\) Baerg](#) 1918-2012
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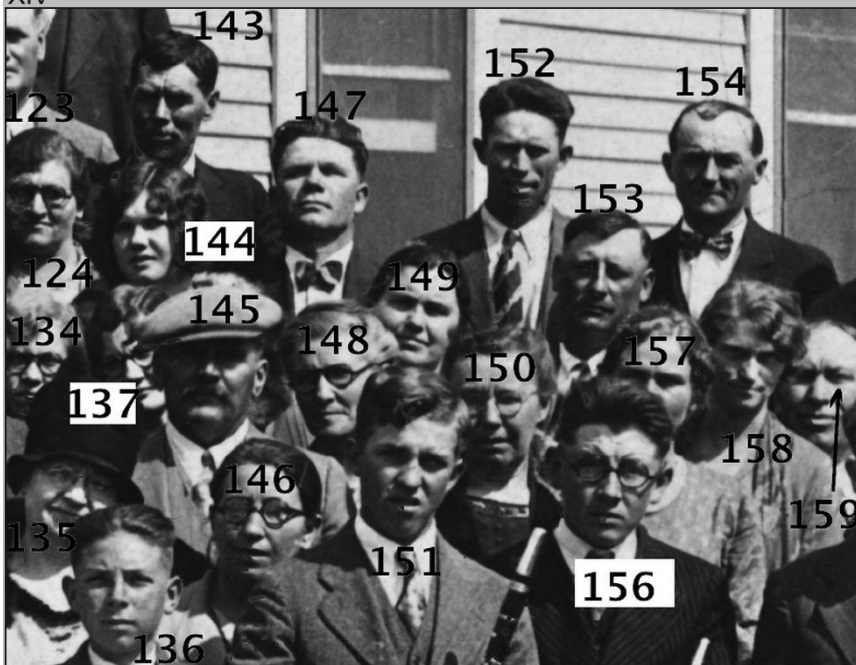
142. Levi Richert (Dr. Lee Richards)



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- 123. [John Voth](#) 1869-1949
- 124. _____
- 134. _____
- 135. [Sara Duerksen Ratzlaff](#) (confirmed) 1884-1960
- 136. [Orly \(Lee\) Baerg](#) 1918-2012
- 137. _____
- 143. _____
- 144. _____
- 145. _____
- 146. _____
- 147. _____
- 148. [Sarah Dirksen Richert](#) 1881-1953
- 149. _____
- 150. _____
- 151. [Gideon Richert](#) 1910-1998
- 152. [Carl Heinrich](#) 1898-1990
- 153. [Wilhelm Johnson](#) 1887-1956
- 154. [Aaron Neufeld](#) (Possibly "A. Neufeld") 1880-1964
- 155. _____
- 156. [Dave Duerksen](#) 1913-1993

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XV



157. _____

158. _____

159. _____

164. Harry Ratzlaff 1907-1979



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- 160. Jacob F 'Jake' Richert 1884-1980
- 161. Peter T Wall 1888-1981
- 162. _____
- 163. _____
- 164. Harry Ratzlaff 1907-1979
- 166. Rudy Nightengale 1917-2006
- 167. _____
- 169. Albert Baerg 1909-2005
- 170. _____
- 171. David B Baerg 1915-2001
- 172. Clarence Trubey 1895-1975
- 173. _____

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