

**Michael Klaassen (1860-1934) family fonds
Inventory file list**

Finding aid updated 10 January 1990 by Jim Suderman Archival Assistant . (The finding aid consolidated several personal collections belonging to the same family in order to reduce the number manuscript groups and quickly alert researchers and archivists to other related collections. (i.e. MHCA MG XX-91 and MG XX-29) Martin Klaassen (1820-1881, Michael Klaassen's father) and Jacob Klaassen (1793-1879) materials were incorporated in Michael Klaassen Manuscript Group (XX-91). Updated by Conrad Stoesz February 4, 2004, November 30, 2005, July 3, 2009, January 30, 2013.

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1. Sermons of David Hamm (1854-66) and Abraham Klaassen (1861-1866)
2. Diary of trip to Taschkent by Martin Klaassen in 1880 (Tiegenhagen) [Note: Transcription of Martin Klaassen Diary is in Volume 3477-6]
3. Diary of trip to Taschkent of Martin Klaassen in 1880 (English transcription by Esther Bergen).
4. "Bilder aus dem Heiligen Lande" (1849) Sketches by Martin Klaassen copied from H. Schubert.
5. Martin Klaassen diary: Trip to Taschent, 1880 : Transcription by Esther Bergen.
6. Diary of Margaretha Jantzen, 1880-1881 : Transcription by Esther Bergen (Acc. No. 95-113)
7. Jantzen Genealogical Material / translated by Martha L. Jantzen. – 1957. (Acc. No. 95-113)

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1. 6 loose documents
2. Michael Klaassen diary. – Dec. 1909-Oct. 1913 (original)
3. Michael Klaassen diary – Oct. 1913-Dec. 1917. (original)
4. Michael Klaassen diary. – Dec. 1917-May 1922. (original)
5. Michael Klaassen diary. – June 1922-May 1925. (original)
6. Michael Klaassen diary. – May 1925-Sept.. 1931. (original)
7. Michael Klaassen diary. – Sept. 1931-(July?) October 1934.(original)
8. Michael Klaassen autobiography. -- 1 booklet (69 pp.) (original and typed English translation done by Esther Klaassen Bergen, 1989)
9. Michael Klaassen three black notebooks containing sermon outlines (originals)
10. Miscellaneous programs
11. Michael Klaassen sermons (3): 27/09/1896, 11/10/1896, 28/02/1897 (German typewritten copies)
12. Martin Klaassen - Maria Hamm (1829-1904) Family Register.
13. Mennonite Diary/ Rose M. Klaassen, in *Liberty*, Vol. 80, No.5 September/October 1985 p. 8-11. Regarding Michael Klaassen and the death of his son John in 1918 in Levenworth prison, USA.

Volume 1664

Michael Klaassen - Johannes Klaassen correspondence, 1916-1918 (Acc. No. 148)

Many of the letters in the following volume were written between Michael Klaassen and son Johannes Klaassen while the son was in prison during WWI.

Register - Letters

Date	From	To
Jan. 21 1916	Henry Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 7 1917	Margaret Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct. 9 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct. 11 1917	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen Family
Oct. 14 1917	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Oct. 15 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct. 16 1917	Margaret Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct. 19 1917	Cornelius Krause	Johannes M. Klaassen

Oct. 19 1917	Herman Dalke	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct. 19 1917	Heinrich Krause	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct. 20 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct. 21 1917	Elizabeth Quiring	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct. 26 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct. 29 1917	Mr. H.J. Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct. 30 1917	Anna Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct. 30 1917	Michael Klassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct. 30 1917	Martin K. Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 3 1917	Johannes Klaassen	Klaassen Family
Nov. 4 1917	Martin K. Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 7 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 7 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 7 1917	H.J. Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 8 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 11 1917	JohnY	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 12 1917	Margaret Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 12 1917	Margaret Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 14 1917	Herman Dalke	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 15 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 19 1917	J.H. Klassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 19 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 21 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 23 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 25 1917	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Nov. 27 1917	Elizabeth Quiring	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 28 1917	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Nov. 28 1917	Jonas B. Becker	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 28 1917	Nettie and Jonas Becker	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 29 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov. 29 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
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Nov. 30 1917	Grete Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Dec. 2 1917	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen family
Dec. 3 1917	Johannes M. Klaassen	Gustav Dalke
Dec. 10 1917	Margaret Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Dec. 12 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Dec. 15 1917	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Dec. 16 1917	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen Family
Dec. 22 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Dec. 28 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Dec. 29 1917	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Dec. 30 1917	Margaret Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 8 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 9 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen family
Jan. 9 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 10 1918	John Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 12 1918	Johannes M. Klassen	Klaassen family
Jan. 13 1918	Elizabeth Quiring	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. ? 1918	Muttie Hinz	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 14 1918	Herman Dalke	Johannes M. Klaassen

Jan. 15 1918	H.J. Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 18 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 20 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Jan. 24 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Jan. 25 1918	Michael Klaassen and family	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 27 1918	Frieda Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 28 1918	J.H. Wiebe	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 29 1918	Henry J. Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 29 1918	H. Schmidt	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 29 1918	Michael Klaassen and family	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan. 31 1918	Michael Klaassen and family	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 1 1918	J.C. Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 3 1918	David	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 5 1918	Muttie Hinz	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 6 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 8 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen family
Feb. 10 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 12 1918	Herman Dalke	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 14 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Gustav Dalke
Feb. 15 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen Family
Feb. 17 1918	Henry Krause	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 18 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Feb. 18 1918	William Penner	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 20 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 23 + 24 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 25 1918	Margaret Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 25 1918	Margaret Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Feb. 26 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Mar. 1 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen Family
Mar. 2 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Mar. 5 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Gustav Dalke
Mar. 6 1918	Muttie Hinz	Johannes M. Klaassen
Mar. 6 1918	Herman Dalke	Johannes M. Klaassen
Mar. 8 1918	P. Jantzen ?	Johannes M. Klaassen
Mar. 12 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Mar. 13 1918	Jacob Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Mar. 19 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Mar. 20 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Mar. 21 1918	Frieda Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Mar. 21 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Mar. 22 1918	Herman Dalke	Johannes M. Klaassen
Mar. 23 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen and family
Mar. 25 1918	Joahannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen and family
Mar. 29 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Mar. 30 1918	Grete	Johannes M. Klaassen
Mar. 30 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen and family
Mar. 31 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Apr. 2 1918	Margaret Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Apr. 2 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	"To whom it may concern"
Apr. 3 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen family
Apr. 3 1918	William Penner	Johannes M. Klaassen

Apr. 4 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen family
Apr. 4 1918	Herman Wiebe	Petrus Quiring and Johannes M. Klaassen
Apr. 6 1918	John and Lizzie Nickel	Johannes M. Klaassen
Apr. 8 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Apr. 13 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen family
Apr. 19 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen family
Apr. 20 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Cornelius Klaassen
Apr. 25 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen family
May 6 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Lena
May 21 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
May 28 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen family
May 29 1918	Johannes Klaassen	Dear Ones at Home
May 31 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen family
June 4 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen family
June 9 1918	Margaret Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
June 10 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen family
June 12 1918	Anna	Johannes M. Klaassen
June 22 1918	Margaret	Johannes M. Klaassen
June 27 1918	Ben	Johannes M. Klaassen
June 29 1918	Arthur J. Nickel	Johannes M. Klaassen
July 8 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Klaassen Family
July 18 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
July 23 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
July 26 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
July 29 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Aug 3 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Aug 6 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Aug 6 1918	Johannes M. Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Aug 9 1918	Anna Klaassen	Johannes Klaassen
Aug 9 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes Klaassen
Aug 9 1918	Johann Klaassen	Dear ones at home
Aug 13 1918	Grete Klaassen	Johannes Klaassen
Aug 14 1918	Margaret Jantzen	Johannes Klaassen
Aug 24 1918	Johannes Klaassen	Michael Klaassen
Aug 26 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Aug 27 1918	Johannes Klaassen	Klaassen Family
Sept 4 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes Klaassen
Sept 10 1918	J. H. Wiebe	Johannes Klaassen
Sept 11 1918	Jacob J. Jantzen	"To the Superior"
Sept 11 1918	Margaret Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Sept 14 1918	Johann Klaassen	Dear One at Home
Sept 16 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Sept 23 1918	Anna Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Sept 23 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Sept 27 1918	Johannes Klaassen	Klaassen Family
Oct 1 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct 8 1918	John H. Wiebe	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct 9 1918	County Treasurer	Gustav Dalke
Oct 12 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Oct 16 1918	Michael Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen

Oct 19 1918	Anna Klaassen Peter Buller	Johannes M. Klaassen Brother Klaassen and Harder
Oct 26 1918	Jacob Toews	Michael Klaassen
Oct 31 1918	David Nickel	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov 17 1918	Gustav Klaassen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Nov 20 1918	David Nickel	Johannes M. Klaassen
Dec 20 1918	Jacob Jantzen	Johannes M. Klaassen
Jan 31 1918	Herman Horn	Michael Klaassen

Volume 2113 (Christian Heritage Library Collection)

2. Miscellaneous sermon notes and a one page school class schedule (11 pp.).

Volume 3477

Martin Klaassen diary: 1852-1870 with German transcription. For Translation see volume 4221.
Miscellaneous other documents

Volume 3625 (Acc. No. 88-141)

2. A Brief Klaassen family history. -- [197-?]. -- 124 pages.

Volume 3751 (Acc. No. 88-140)

2. Memoirs of Henry T. Klaassen. -- [197-?]. -- Note: Restrictions apply.

Volume 3800

Michael Klaassen sermons, 1896-1898 (Acc. No. 88-201)

Volume 4221 (Acc. No. 93-066)

1. Translation of Diary and Journal of Martin Klaassen (1820-1881), West Prussia and Am Trakt, Russia covering 1852-1870. Translated by Esther Bergen. -- 1991-1992. -- Note: 2 copies. For original see volume 3477.
2. Martin Klaassen diary of the Trek to Central Asia covering 1880-1882. Translated by Esther Bergen. -- [198-?].
3. Klaassen Children's Stories. Consists of family stories in the Klaassen family in Holland, Prussia, Russia, Canada, and the United States/ compiled by Esther Bergen. -- [199-].

Volume 4167 (Acc. No. 92-058) + (09-032)

1. Trauredede bei unserer eheliche Verbindung...[with transliteration] / David Hamm. -- 1833.
2. Weihnachts und Jeujahrswunsch (with transliteration) / Martin Klaassen. -- 1861-1867.
3. Herold Mennonite Church (Morden) reunion programs; the history of the Herold Mennonite Church, Burials at the Herold Mennonite Church Cemetery; Etwas ueber die Herold Gemeinde in Der Bote; Geschichte der Herold Mennonitengemeinde, Washita County, Okla. -- 1969-1974.
4. Tagebuch der Margaretha Jantzen 1880/Tagebuch des Michael Klaassen 1890-1896
5. Tagebuch fuer Michael Klaassen. -- 1897-1902.
6. Michael Klaassen Obituary (1860-1934). -- 1934.
7. Michael Klaassen's Response at his ordination (with transliteration), text of first sermon delivered at Bessie, Oklahoma (1896)]; Notes on sermons (1896, 1901, 1906) and sermon notebook (1917-1919).
8. Jesus unser Fuehrer; Reichtum ist Unbefriedigend; Teil eine Referates / Katharina Klaassen. -- 1932. (Youth program)
9. Letters by Michael Klaassen (3) to J. Jantzen, Bessie, Okl. (1910); to brother (1933); by Jacobus Klaassen to parents (1865); A Boys Idea of Girls by David Harms (1919).

10. "Die Schule" and "Gelegenheiten der Gemeinde Gottes" / Michael Klaassen published in *Der Mitarbeiter*. – 1925-1926.
11. Allgemeine Sonntagschul-Konvention (Sunday School Convention)...im Park zu Morden, Manitoba—Program. –1922.
18. Taufpredigt, gehalten am 2ten Pfingstfeiertage 1877 von David Hamm in Köppenthal zum gesegneten Andenken von Deinem onkel u. geistlichen Lehrer D. Hamm 1880 = Baptism sermon given on the second day of pentecost 1877 by David Hamm in Köppenthal on blessed remembrance of your uncle and spiritual teacher D. Hamm. Text: Luke 12:49-50, "The fire which is to burn in the hearts of the truly prepared baptismal candidates"
19. Notes on scripture passages by Michael Klaassen. -- 1914.

Volume 4181 (Acc. No. 92-058)

13. Michael Klaassen pencil sketch of 3 of his children. Helena as an infant in a casket, Maria who dies at the age of 19 and Michael as a boy. -- ca. 1865.
14. Martin Klaassen family ledger and journal handcopied from original Martin Klaassen book. -- [1962?]. -- note: includes information dating back to 1680 and includes other family names such as Hamm, Andres, Penner, Toews, Epp.
15. Michael Klaassen diary. -- 1903-1907.

Photograph Collection 662 (Acc. No. 2009-021)

1. Village of Tiegenhagen, Prussia. - 1847,1871,1941. - 45 x 19 cm [col].
This painted photograph is of the Prussia village Tiegenhagen which is the Klaassen ancestral village. The original was painted by Martin Klaassen. It is surmised that he sketched the village in 1847 (see date lower left) and then finished the art work in 1871 (see date lower right). Then in 1941 this copy was made in Morden, Manitoba. The image depicts a large flat plane in the foreground with people and animals working in the field harvesting. In the background are rows of trees, sailboats on the canal, windmill, houses, and a church with a tall spire. With the backing the piece is 52 x 25 cm. Encapsulated June 2009.
2. Sketch of Vorwerk Juschanlee. - [19-?]. - 41 x 16 cm [b&w].
This item is a copy of the original pencil sketch that depicts the Johann Cornies experimental farm known as Vorwerk Juschanlee, on the Juschanlee [Yushanlee] river near the city of Orloff [186-?]. The original was given to the Tsar and hung in his palace. The image depicts a rider herding horses in the lower left, a headsman with cattle in lower front and another herdsman herding [sheep?] in the lower right. A rider on horse with sword drawn is riding towards the lower right. 16 well developed barns and other buildings are depicted with rows of trees in the background. With the backing the image is 49 x 27 cm. Encapsulated June 2009.

Microfilm 69

Familienbuch of Jacob Klaassen (1793-1879) and Martin Klaassen (1820-1881). (microfilmed from originals at Bethel College, Newton, KS)

Microfilm 180

Diaries (1908-1934) and Autobiography of Michael Klaassen (1860-1934) (Microfilm Project #23)

Audio Video # 80

Interview with H.T. Klassen [H.T. Klaassen] by Gerald Loewen. -- [197-?]. -- U-Matic 3/4 inch format. (Acc. No. 94-107)