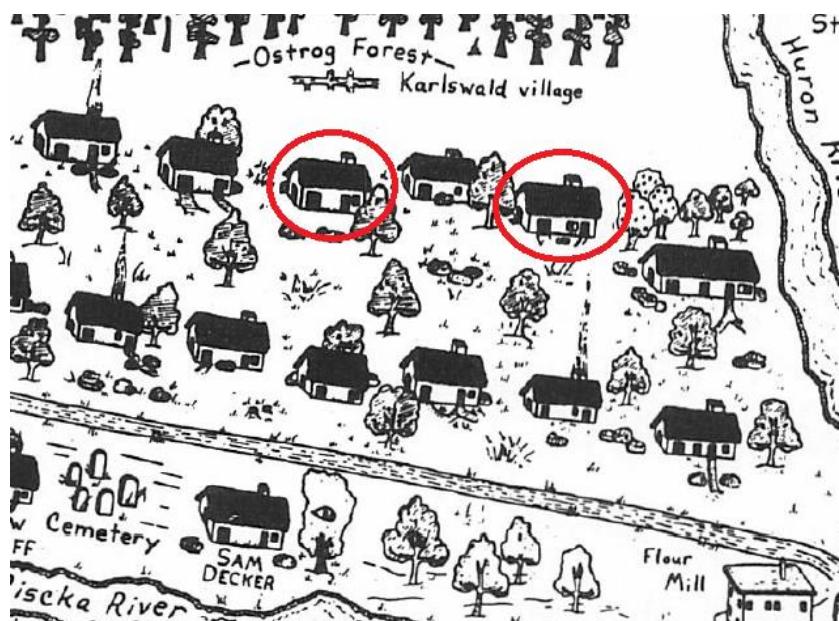


Leeleva Online Map

Benjamin Boese Tobias Boese

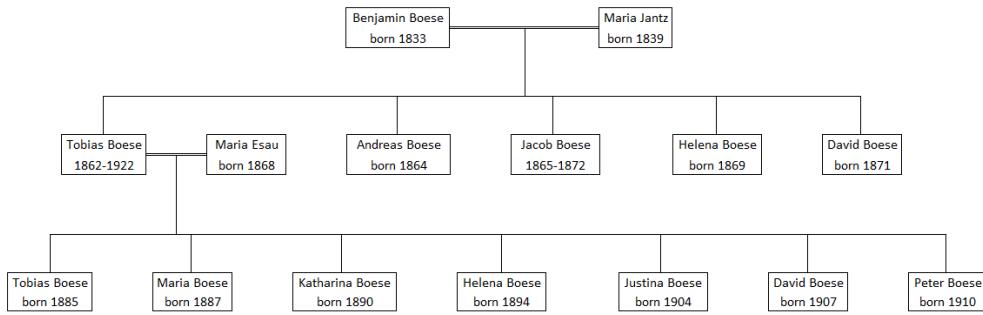
Jake Unruh marked two of the houses on the top row in Leeleva Village as being the homes of Benjamin Boese and Tobias Boese (note: this is not the Tobias Boese marked “grandpa” who was in fact Jake Unruh’s grandfather).



At this time we can't be sure who Benjamin and Tobias Boese were. However, a father-and-son pair with these names, who have ties to the Karolswalde villages, can be found in the GRANDMA database.

Benjamin Boese, parentage unknown, was born in Karolswalde in 1833. In 1861, he married Maria Jantz, daughter of Benjamin H Jantz and Maria Becker Jantz. This Jantz Family was a prominent family among the Karolswalde Mennonite villages. These Jantzes were related by marriage to known Leeleva villagers such as the Sam Deckers, the Benjamin Unruhs, and the Andrew Ratslaffs (Ratzlaff).

GRANDMA indicates that Benjamin and Maria had five children, the eldest of whom was named Tobias.

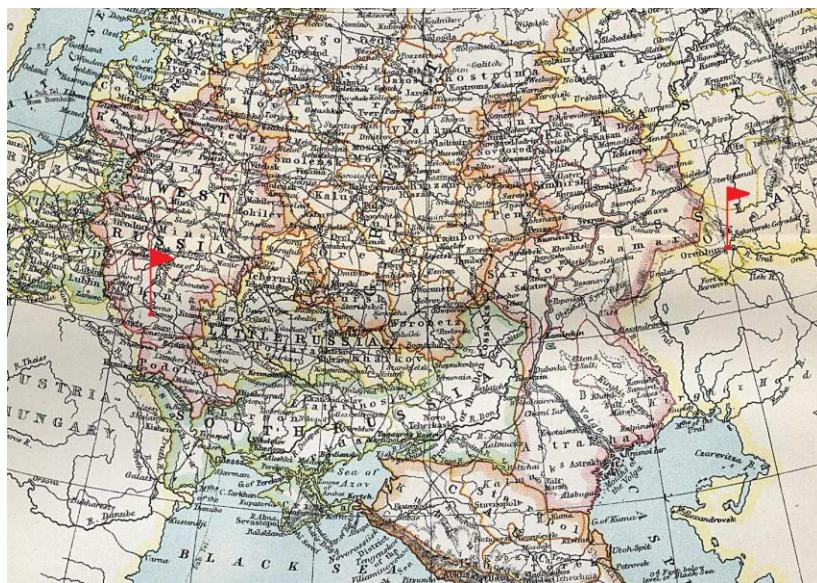


Benjamin Boese Family Tree

Tobias, born in 1862, married Maria Esau in 1885. At this time we do not know where the marriage took place, but Maria was originally from Berdyansk, near the Molotschna Mennonite Colony in South Russia.

GRANDMA does not indicate death dates or places for Benjamin or Maria (Jantz). Further, we do not know anything more about their younger four children. However, it appears that Tobias and Maria (Esau) re-located to the Orenburg Mennonite Colony sometime between the births of their children Helena and Justina; Justina being born in 1904 in Orenburg. Tobias is recorded having passed away in the Orenburg village of Selenoye in 1922. **Spouses are given for some of the children, but children or death dates are listed.** With the exception of the date of Tobias' death, this family appears to have fallen out of the Mennonite records in the 19-teens.

This map shows the location of Orenburg in relation to Ostrog; Orenburg lying some 1,250 miles to the east, just north of the Siberia – Kazakhstan border. Mennonite villages were established in the area beginning in 1893.



Ostrog and Orenburg within the Russian Empire; 1905