Mennonite Refugees in Constantinople: 19 April 1923

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An unknown person sent the following two lists to Die Mennonitische Rundschau. The first list is of those who had been living in Constantinople. The second list is of those who had recently arrived from Batum and were in “Bethesda” home.

GM# refers to the person’s number in the GRANDMA genealogical database.

For more information on the refugees who went through Batum and Constantinople see:


2) God’s Mercy and Man’s Kindness: memoirs of the group of Mennonites who left the Crimea in Russia during the early 1920s and came to America via Batum and Constantinople. Compiled by Mary Dirks Janzen (1974).


4) GAMEO article: https://gameo.org/index.php?title=Constantinople_(Turkey)

List 1

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Birth Location</th>
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<td>Susanna Peters</td>
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<td>Teacher</td>
<td>Travel money and affidavits received. In Batum son Herbert born and died. Son Werner died in Batum. Husband and wife suffered from malaria for a long time and in Constantinople husband suffered from typhus: wife hospitalised for 3 months with neuralgia.</td>
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<td>Teacher and Minister</td>
<td>Children: Heinrich 10, Johannes 8, Erna 5. Travel money and affidavits not yet received. Husband in Tbilisi has had abdominal typhus. Children currently healthy. Husband and wife weak. Destitute.</td>
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<td>Jacob Jacob Toews</td>
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<td>Son Peter 4. Travel money and affidavits received. Wife has typhus, malaria and pneumonia. Husband healthy, able to work,</td>
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<td>Received. Suffered in Batum with malaria for 2 moths. Still suffering. Currently has means.</td>
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<td>No definite outlook yet. Sick and been sick a lot; always suffered from malaria.</td>
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<td>Ready to go, equipped by John Nissley, Lancaster, PA. In good health. Both have been ill. Child Jacob died, 1 year.</td>
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<td>Children: Abram 17, and Mary 15. Travel money promised by Isaac Friesen, Inman, KS. Suffering from the effects of malaria. Children healthy. Unemployed. Me and my wife are sickly.</td>
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<td>Maria Neufeld</td>
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<td>Ravaged by the effects of malaria. Unemployed. Both had been ill. Children: Lena 6, Tina 5, Heinrich 4, Agatha 2 and Hans 12 days - all children died.</td>
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<td>Daughter Maria 6. Travel money pledged by Jakob Enntz, Mountain Lake, MN. Healthy. Unemployed. All have been ill. Children Heinrich 21 and Jakob 17 both have died.</td>
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<td>Landowner</td>
<td>Student. Travel money received from P. P. Buller, Lushton, NE. Affidavit missing. Presently in good health, assistant to the Mennonite representative in Gospoli. Has been ill with typhus and malaria.</td>
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<td>Children: Heinrich 10, Peter 6, Mary 4 and Liese 2. No official news on help. Except for wife, all healthy. Unemployed. All were down with fever.</td>
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<td>Children: Liese 8, Tina 4 and Mary 3. No official news on help. Tina has eye disease, Mary has malaria, otherwise all healthy. Unemployed. All have been ill. Son Johann 10 and daughter Lena 2 died.</td>
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<td>maid</td>
<td>Sister Agnes 17 and brother Heinrich 15. No official news of help. All healthy and unemployed. Parents: Dietrich and Aganetha Rempel and siblings: Katja, Johann, Dietrich, Annchen, Maria and Abram buried in Batum.</td>
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