

/* An extract of some Sheboygan, Wisc., Court Records.
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After many hours of searching through our local county records, I have compiled a list of Germans from Russia who settled in the Sheboygan, Wisconsin, area and earned their citizenship. For various reasons, this list is not complete. The filing system used by the courthouse has changed from time to time. Some of the cards are, therefore, filed with no reference to place of birth or emigration. Since it would be a mammoth task to check each document individually, I have listed only those names for which a place of birth has been recorded in the card file. Anyone using this list should remember that if the particular name you are looking for doesn't appear on this list, there is every possibility that by writing to the Sheboygan County Clerk of Courts office you might still find the entry you are looking for. Also bear in mind that many local immigrants' names do not appear because they never applied for citizenship. Another point to remember is that most of the female names are likely to be the married name. There is no way to determine the maiden, name short of going to the actual document of naturalization, marriage, or death.

Some entries are not specific in that the applicant gave the name of the district in which he was born rather than the specific village. For example, there are many entries listed for Samara. It would be difficult to determine if the entry was for the village of Samara or for the district. Yet, if of family names are all from one village except for one entry which says Samara, one might take the liberty of assuming that that person was of the same origin as the other families bearing the same name.

It is my hope that this information will be of some value to society members. I feel rather good about it, because it represents a rather complete record of one segment of the Volga-area Germans who settled along the west coast of Lake Michigan

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Name	Birthdate	Birthplace
Adler, Henry	06-24-1894	Kolb
Alt, John	06-04-1877	Rosenfeld
Alt, John Jr.	02-20-1911	Rosenfeld
Altergott, Gottfried	08-14-1875	Schwed

