**The Arrival of the Penner Family to Kansas**

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The Molotschna colony, Alexanderwohl village, group arrived at Hutchinson from Topeka October 1, 1874. The families that settled in the adjoining corners of Reno, McPherson, and Harvey counties took the name Hoffnungsau.