Another World is a collection of the author’s memories of his Bessarabian homeland in sketches and poems


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Bessarabia is an area of interest to us even if most members did not originate directly from that area, which was originally populated with a large group of “Germans from Russia,” or one might as well say “Germans from Romania,” as that is the location of the area near the Black Sea where this group lived in approximately the same time frame when the ancestors of AHSGR were living to the east.

The 175-page book is by a gifted author whose memories of his homeland moved to these pages many years after he left in a collection of wonderful narrative sketches and poems. We read family stories, political history and other reflections on a time and place that no longer exists except in fond memory. A number of photographs and maps complete the picture.

One of the short collection of poems that end the book is so typical and illustrative of the experience of so many of our fellow German Russians that it is worthy of quoting in its entirety, short as it is:

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Just as our abandoned animals
In search for us to: no avail,
We, too, go on seeking ‘til the end.

Another World: From the Life of Germans in Bessarabia

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