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OVERVIEW

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Summary: Two hand-written notes that discuss the history of the Jakob and Selma (Herbolt) Bickel family and the Jakob and Christina (Bickel) Fehr family.

Languages: English

Links:

- [Hebron, Our Heritage: A History of Hebron, ND Area, 1885-1985](#) [F644.H42 S83 1984]
- [Hebron, Our Heritage: A History of Hebron, North Dakota Area, 1885-1985](#) (GRHC Order section)

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BIOGRAPHY

Jakob Bickel emigrated from Hoffenheim, Germany in 1819 and settled in the Rohrbach in the Zerigul Valley. Jakob Bickel married Selma Herbolt, and they had five children: Christina, Henry, Adam, Barbara, and Elizabeth.

Jakob Fehr, Sr. was born in 1850 in Worms. He married Christina Bickel, who was born in Worms in 1852. They had eight children: Jakob, Elizabeth, Peter, Carl, Katherine, Adam, Christina, and Henry. Jacob Fehr, Sr. died in 1894 of throat cancer. Christina (Bickel) Fehr was later remarried to Peter Mehrer. Peter and Christina Mehrer moved to Johannestal, where Peter worked as a blacksmith. Peter Mehrer had seven children from a previous marriage. Peter and Christina Mehrer had two girls: Alvina and Magdaline. During World War II, the Soviets forced many Germans living in Russia to relocate. As a result of this, in 1944, Christina Bickel died in a forced march to Siberia at the age of 91.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Susan Hall Collection** consists of two handwritten notes on small notebook paper that were found in a crochet booklet in South Dakota. These notes detail the descendants of two families: Jakob Bickel and Selma Herbolt, and Jakob Fehr and Christina Bickel.

A notation states that these were written for Christina Bickel's great-niece. These notes also contain some brief biographical information about the families.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

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2012.02/1	Two handwritten notes about the Jakob Bickel and Selma Herbolt, and Jakob Fehr and Christina Bickel families