so much for making this wonderful and hearing this on the video. Thank you so you can well imagine my shock of only recently become aware of the rich bruises as they were growing up. I have daughters to heal their scrapes and those same “magic words” on my own mother, Christine Heydt Miller. I used which was passed down through his “magic words” my father used on me with cats manure, I just about fell off my chair. These were the very same “magic words” my father had walked as a young boy. My mother was struck by the isolation the immigrants must have felt when they homesteaded the prairies. She had always known that the German-Russian immigrants lived together in villages in Russia and then went to homesteading individually on the prairie. She had never given that aspect of immigration story much thought until she saw it illustrated by the documentary. Thank you for making our history come alive for hundreds of people.”

Jolene Geist Ehret of Kileen, TX, Jamestown, ND native writes: “What courageous people our ancestors were when their descendants made the decision to come to the New World, sometimes leaving family behind. For the first time in my life, I am actually proud of my heritage. I only wish that I could have learned more from my grandparents before they passed on. I can hardly wait for my children to watch the video. I know they will be as proud as I am to be a German from Russia. My heartfelt thanks to all those who were involved in making this very special movie. You did a magnificent labor of love for our people.”

The documentary will be shown on South Dakota Public Television on Friday, April 16 at 8 pm CT; Nebraska Public Television on Sunday, April 25 at 5 pm CT; and Oklahoma Public Television on Sunday, May 2 at 9 pm CT.

To secure the documentary videotape, contact Prairie Public Broadcasting at 1-800-359-6900.

This “Collector’s Edition” of the videotape includes 20-minute bonus video footage, “Ukraine Places & Faces” of wonderful filming from the former German villages of the Bessarabian, Beresan, Crimean, Glückstal, Kutschurgan and Liebental regions in southern Ukraine and Moldova not shown in the one-hour documentary.

For further information about the collection, the videotape documentary, the Journey to the Homeland Tour to Odessa, Ukraine and Stuttgart, Germany (including the large Germans from gathering called the Bundestreffen), for June 6-19, 2000 tour, and German-Russian heritage, contact Michael M. Miller, NDSU Libraries, PO Box 5599, Fargo, ND 58105-5599 (Tel: 701-231-8416; E-mail: Michael.Miller@ndsu.edu; GRHC website: http://library.ndsu.edu/grhc).

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