

Online Resources for Volga Germans

Russia “How to” Guide, Beginner Level: Answer Key

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1. Your ancestor, Johann Arzer was born in 1918 in Sewald. According to family tradition, he was sent to Northern Russia during the years of deportation and repression. Check the Wolga Deutsche forum to see what you can find out about him! Hint – Ivan is the Russian variant of the name Johann. You may find his name recorded in Russian.

Whose comment mentions an Ivan Adamovich Arzer who was born in 1918?	W. Müller
What can you learn about Johann/Ivan Arzer from this comment?	He was born in 1918 in Sewald. In 1930 he was deported and sent to the Ivan-Chomya settlement in Komi.
Where did this information come from?	<u>Victims of Political Terror in the USSR</u>

2. Your Volga German ancestor Elisabetha Möserburg, immigrated to Nebraska where she married Johann Pfeifer, who was born in the colony of Basel. There has been some controversy between descendants about whether, she like her husband, was born in Basel, or if she came from Jost.

According to the Volga German Institute, which colony is Elisabetha more likely to be from?	Jost
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