

This year descendants of Peter Wolfhard are observing the 100th anniversary of his arrival in Berlin. Peter came from Duehrin in the Grand Duchy of Baden, which was one of the principalities of the German Confederation.

In his native land Peter was a school teacher. He also served in the army, but didn't like it, so he came to this country to get away from wars. But he brought his old muzzle loading army musket with him. His great grandson, William Wolfhard of Kitchener, now has that musket.

MET ABOARD SHIP

On the ship crossing the Atlantic, Peter met a Miss Margareta Bussarren, who also was migrating to the new world. They became engaged before the long voyage was over. Peter arrived in Berlin on May 1, 1854, and on May 24 of the same year he and Miss Bussarren were married.

Their daughter, Mrs. Katharine Hertel, who now is nearing the century mark, is still living in Kitchener.

Their son, Henry Wolfhard, went in to the hardware business with Philip Gies in 1889—the Gies-Wolfhard Hardware Co. which was located where Kresge's centre-town store now is. Later Mr. Gies sold his interest in that business to Mr. Wolfhard and then in 1928 Mr. Wolfhard sold the business to George Sehl.

Harry Wolfhard, vice-president of the Dominion Rubber Company, Montreal, is a grandson of Peter Wolfhard, and Mrs. Robert Menzies, who lives in the old Wolfhard home at 389 Queen South, is a granddaughter. Maj. Robert B. Menzies, who is still in the army after serving in the Second World War, is a great-grandson and so is William Wolfhard of Kitchener.

HARDWARE BUSINESS

Mrs. William Fraser, now of Owen Sound, (she was Leslie Wolfhard) is a great granddaughter of Peter Wolfhard's and a granddaughter of the Henry Wolfhard who was in the hardware business for almost 40 years.

It's interesting to note that her husband, Bill Fraser, is a great-grandson (his mother was born Mabel Stewart and his grandmother's maiden name was Martha