The etchings displayed on this page come from *Die Deutschen Ansiedlungen in Süd West Kansas auf den Ländereien der Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Eisenbahngesellschaft* [The German Settlements in South West Kansas on the Lands of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company]. Most or all of these same illustrations also appear in J. G. Pangborn, *The New Rocky Mountain Tourist, Arkansas Valley and San Juan Guide*... (1878), not always with the same captions. The 48 page booklet was published in Topeka in May 1878. No publisher is given on the title page, but presumably the Santa Fe Railroad provided the money. The booklet was printed by the "Westlichen Publikations Gesellschaft" in Halstead, Kansas (owned by David Goerz) on its "steam book press." No author is given on the title page or with the introduction, but C. B. Schmidt’s name appears at the bottom of page 48 as the "German general agent" of the Santa Fe.
Ein Führer durch die Deutschen Ansiedlungen in Süd West Kansas.
These etchings are less well known than those from Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper but they also form part of the classic visual imagery of the 1870s Mennonite settlement in Kansas.

An incomplete and rather sloppy translation of the booklet by Cornelius Krahn appears in Mennonite Life, April 1970 (vol. 25, no. 2), pp. 51-58. Some of the etchings are reproduced on pp. 65-79 of that issue.

In the Mid-Year 1947 issue of Mennonite Life (vol. 29, no. 1-2) is an article by David G. Rempel, "C. B. Schmidt, Historian: Facts and Fiction" (pp. 33-37). Rempel is sharply critical of this and others of Schmidt's writings.

The etchings below were scanned from a copy of the booklet in the Mennonite Library and Archives. If time permits, we hope to transcribe the text of the booklet and add it here.

p. 8: farm of elder Wilhelm Ewert
p. 8: Brudertal settlement

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Die Windmühle zu Gnadenau.
Die Farm des Altesten Peter Eckert.

p. 13: Farm of elder Peter Eckert [Marion County near Hillsboro]
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p. 14: Plan and bird's eye view of the village of Hochfeld

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p. 15: Farm of Abraham Reimer [Hochfeld?]
Village of Goldschar near Newton

House of Abraham Sudermann in Butler County
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