

Contributors

Wisconsin Pomeranian Low German

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Plautdietsch in Canada

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Victoria (Herzog) Variety of Volga German in Ellis County, Kansas

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Pennsylvania Dutch

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Texas German

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The Texas Alsatian Dialect in Medina County, Texas

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The Hutterites: Anabaptists in Isolated Colonies in North America

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