

Mennonite Marriages in the Catholic Church records of Gross Lichtenau, West Prussia 1765 – 1773

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Microfilm LDS#850284 (item#3) from the Mormon collection contains marriages for the period 1764 – 1826. This register contains very few Mennonites, but there is a small separate section containing Mennonite marriages. The jurisdiction of the Gross Lichtenau Catholic church overlaps with that of the Mennonite church at Heubuden. This register slightly predates the Heubuden records (started in late 1772) and therefore is a complimentary source. Below is a translation into English of Adalbert Goertz's translation from Latin to German, which was published on Ostdeutsche Familienkunde (Heft 4/1986, page 117) . Note that some surnames such as Klassen, Derksen and Thiessen often lose the –en ending. Also note that unmarried women often have an –en or –in ending added to their surnames.

My comments are added in [square brackets].

Abbreviations: y = years, w = weeks, Kl. = Klein, Gr. = Gross, Jf = Jungfrau (previous unmarried woman), Jg = Jungfer (previously unmarried man), ∞ = married.

1765

No date Jacob **Warkentin**, Weierhof [Tiegenhof] 24 y, ∞ Jf. Christina **Hamm**, 20 y, Marienburg. Witness: Joh. **Warkentin**, brother.
9 Jul Wr Jacob **Born**, 26 y, son of Jacob **Born** Lichtenauerfeld ∞ Jf Gertrud **Entz**, 21 y, Wernersdorf. Witness: Heinrich **Wyllem**.

1766

6 Jun Heinrich **Wilhelm**, 29 y, of Danziger Gebiet ∞ Gr. Lichtenau, Anna ????? 26 y, Gr. Lichtenau. Witness: Gerhard Wilhelm **Born**.
26 Sep Jg. Gert **Bargen**, Lichtenauerfeld ∞ Gr. Lichtenau, Jf. Helena **Matisen**, Heubudner Lichtenau.
4 Nov Jg. Franz **Klass** [**Klassen**], 21 y, Pordenau ∞ Pordenau, Jf. Elisabeth **Kreter** [**Kreker?**], 20 y, Koenigsberg. Witness: Jacob **Klass** and Paul **Klass** in Pordenau.
No date Jg. Cornelius **Wiebe**, 30 y, Marienau and widow Marianna **Klassen** Pordenau. Witness: **Wiens** in Pordenau.

1767

- 17 Apr Widower Peter **Dyck**, Reskau [Renkau?]∞ Kl. Lichtenau Jf. Anna **Penner** Lichtenauerfeld.
- 25 Sep Jg. Jacob **Klass** ∞ Pordenau, Jf. Marianna **Klassen**, Wickerau, Kl. Werder.
Witness: Paul **Klass**.
- 10 Nov Widower Abraham **Klass**, Gr. Lichtenau, ∞ Jf. Anna **Bargen**. Witness: Gert **Willem**.

1768

- 6 Apr Jg. Heinrich **Entz**, 30 y, ∞ Pordenau, Jf. Marianna **Wiens**, 24 y. Witness: Peter **Wiens**.
- 5 Sep Jg. Hans **Klass**, Tralau, ∞ Lichtenauerfeld, Jf. Christina **Bargen**.

1769

- 7 Apr Jg. Jacob **Wiens**, 26 y, ∞ Heubuden, Jf. Marianna **Matisen**, Heubuden. Witness: Jacob **Born**.
- 5 Sep Widower Johann **Harder**, 30 y, Halbstadt, son of Abraham **Harder** ∞ Kl. Lichtenau, Jf. Christina **Klassin**, 21 y.

1771

- 27 Mar Widower Isaac **Derks**, Lichtenauerfeld, ∞ Tiegenhof, Jf. Agneta **Niefeld**.
Witness: Arend **Derks**.
- 20 Apr Jg. Peter **Warkentin**, 22 y, Notzendorf ∞ Gr. Lichtenau, Jf. Catharina **Klassin**, 21 y, Lichtenauerfeld. Witness: Gerd **Willems** and Hans **Klass**.
- 5 Sep Widower Peter **Bankmann** [**Barkmann**] Tiegenhagen, ∞ Tiegenhof, Widow Margareta **Entz**. Witness: Johann **Tyss** [**Thiessen**].

1772

- 29 Nov Jg. Peter **Klassen**, 28 y, Pordenau, ∞ Jf. Catharina **Welke**, 20 y, Neuteicherfeld.
Witness: Arend **Esau** and Isaac **Welke**.

1773

- May Johann **Tyss** [**Thiessen**], Tiegenhof ∞ [no name] Ladekopp.
- May Abraham **Klass**, Gr. Lichtenau ∞ a Lutheran from Altenau.
- June Martin **Klass**, Kl. Lichtenau ∞ a Lutheran **Albrecht**.