

1750 "Census" of Villages in Kreis Kulm, Prussia

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This "Census" has been compiled from data on these villages which was provided in a book written by Herbert Wiebe (1). Wiebe describes a Fire Insurance program initiated by the Mennonites in Gross Lunau about 1720 (2). The program grew in popularity with expansion to other villages and over time many non-Mennonites joined as well. For this compilation I extracted the names off the membership list which was effective as of 4 March 1750. The list also included the land holding of each member which has not been included here. It must be pointed out that this is not a true census because membership likely was voluntary. One must also note that a significant number of members were not Mennonites. It is possible that some members with "Mennonite sounding" names were also not Mennonites. Additionally we must remember that these villages were inhabited by Mennonites from both the Frisian and Groningen Old Flemish branches, with the Frisians in the majority.

In the following table: GM-#: **nm** indicates the name is clearly not Mennonite, - indicates there are no instances of the name in the GRanDMA database (3), a ? indicates that the GRanDMA record could not be correlated with this individual and entries with a number assigned seem likely to fit that individual. P# denotes an individual's roster number in the Przechowka Church Record (4).

Resident	GM-#	P-#	Father's P-#	Comments
Dorposch				
Bartz, Jacob	nm			
Berg, Jacob	nm			
Block, Christoph	-			
Block, Gehrt.	-			He's in 1772 & 1776 cs. at Dorposch.
Isaac, Heinrich	32058	551	543	(1718-) He's in 1772 & 1776 cs. At Dorposch.
Isaac, Peter	32200	550	543	(-abt 1780) He's not in 1772 cs, he went to Neumark (at Neu Desasau in 1771).
Kornels, Abraham	33643	4 (396)	Frisian	He was brother-in-law to Johan Nachtigal.

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Nachtigal, Johan	42297	636	631	(-1760) His widow was listed in 1772 & 1776 cs at Dorposch
Schoetzau, Christoph	nm			
Schroeder, Johan	?			He's in 1772 cs. at Dorposch.
Schultz, Isaac	-			
Tesmer, Peter	100186?	920?		(1691-)?
Trechel, Andreas	nm			
Wichert, Dirk	-			Village Mayor in 1750 (2). Mentioned in Hulshoff's diary in 1719 as a Frisian.
Gross Lunau				
Albrecht, Andreas	?			
Bartel, Jacob	?			Village Mayor in 1750 (2).
Boltz, Heinrich	?			
Buhse, Dirck	nm			He's in 1772 cs. at Gr. Lunau.
Dircks, Peter	?			He's in 1772 and 1776 cs. at Gr. Lunau.
Frantz, Claas	?			
Frantz, Dirck	-			He's in 1772 cs. at Gr. Lunau.
Gehrtz, Andreas	-			
Gertz, Abraham	?			He's in 1772 cs. at Gr. Lunau.
Jantz, Cornelius	?			
Krumhaus, Peter	nm			
Poettker, Dirck	?			
Richert, Jacob	?			
Selnau, Adam	nm			
Siervert, Siervert	-			
Tiaht, Peter	-			He's in 1772 and 1776 cs. at Gr. Lunau.
Wichert, Heinrich	661259?			
Wilhelm, Johan	?			
Witt, Ludwig	nm			
Zismer, David	nm			
Horst				
Becker, Abraham	31915	291	2	
Pinckler, Gehrt.	-			
Tiaht, Sievert	-			[Could he be Sievert Wichert?]
Wichert, Sievert	-			Village Mayor in 1750 (2).
Jamerau				

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Baltzer, Martin	-			
Biedermann, Heinrich	nm			
Decker, Hein	55755	422	416 Hebr.	
Frantz, Cornelius	?			
Knopp, George	-			
Kurck, Andreas	nm			
Nachtigal, Johan	42297?	636?	631?	(-1760)? He is listed at Dorposch, is this the same person?
Plenert, Cornelius	-			
Poettker, Dirck	1122880			(-abt 1751)
Schroeder, Johan	?			
Sievert, Peter	-			Village Mayor in 1750 (2).
Vodt, Johan	?			Was he P-1062, brother of Jacob, P-1061?
Wedel, Jacob	106662	232	206	(-1785) He's in 1772 cs at Jamerau. 1776 at Przechowka?
Zabel, Jacob	nm			
Klein Lunau				
Boellcke, Peter	nm			He's at Kl. Lunau in 1727 as well.
Cornels, Andreas	-			
Evert, Johan	?			He's in 1772 cs. at Kl. Lunau.
Ewert, Heinrich	?			
Feldt, Johan	nm			
Gehrtz, Gehrt	-			
Knaack, Michael	nm			He's in 1772 cs. at Kl. Lunau.
Kopper, Peter	?			
Krintz, Adam	nm			
Linger, Heinrich	nm			
Pischker, Daniel	nm			
Poettker, Heinrich	-			
Schroeder, Johan	?			
Tiaht, Peter	?			He's at Kl. Lunau in 1727, 1772 & 1776?
Zueltz, Martin	nm			
Niederausmaas				
Bartel, Tobias	-			
Class, Peter	?			
Frantz, Daniel	-			
Gehrtz, Peter	?			

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Hintz, Peter	nm			
Jahncke, Ertman	nm			
Knopp, Johan	?			
Lang, Friedrich	nm			
Lohrentz, David	-			
Mincke, Joachim	nm			
Pancknin, Christian	nm			
Pischker, Johann	nm			
Priebe, Jacob	nm			
Reglin, Jacob	nm			
Reinck, Christian	nm			
Rohrbeck, Christoph	nm			
Schienmann, Paul	-			
Schroeder, Johan	?			
Truhn, Martin	nm			
Unger, David	nm			
Vodt, Abraham	?			
Went, Christian	?			
Wermeister, George	nm			
Rossgarten				
Tobias, Johan	nm			
Unruh, Johan	?			
Weitgraf, Martin	-			Village Mayor in 1750 (2).
Unter 8 Nachbarn				[Does this mean they were located below 8 Neighbors who were not in the Fire Insurance program?]
Schoensee				
Abraham, Isaac	?			
Arndt, Dirk	-			
Bartel, Johann	?			
Boltz, Timon	?			He's at Schoensee in 1715, 1725 and 1735.
Bremer, George	nm			He's at Schoensee in 1715, 1725 and 1735.
Eckert, Jacob	?			
Frantz, Stefan	?			
Nachtigal, Peter	?	?	?	He's at Schoensee in 1735.

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Nickel, Peter	1123359			He's at Schoensee in 1735 but not in 1772.
Pankratz, Jacob	43040	694	691	
Plenert, Dirk	-			
Vodt, Heinrich	70363	1060	1047	(abt 1723-)
Vodt, Johan	106863	1062	1047	(abt 1720-) He's at Schoensee in 1776 cs.
Weitgraf, Cornelius	-			
Wilhelm, Isaac	?			Village Mayor in 1750 (2).

References:

- (1). Wiebe, Herbert. *Das Siedlungswerk niederlaendischer Mennoniten im Weischeltal zwischen Fordon und Weissenberg bis zum Ausgange des 18 Jahrhunderts*. Marburg, 1952. pp. 81-84.
- (2) op.cit. pp. 65-66. Wiebe describes the Fire Insurance program as "Lunauer Feuer- und Brandordnung" but his source has not been identified or located.
- (3). The GRanDMA Database (Genealogical Registry and Database of Mennonite Ancestry), produced by the California Mennonite Historical Society (CHMS).
- (4). Duerksen, Velda Richert, ed. *Church Records of the Old Flemish or Groningen Mennonisten Societaet in Przechowko, West Prussia*, translated by Lydia Pankratz and Anna M. Unruh, 2nd Printing, 1987.

Names found in Schoensee Flemish Church book (Wiebe, p. 74, abt 1773):

Buller
Knels
Liermann
Nachtigal
Naehring
Pankratz
Ratzlaff
Retzlaff
Richert
Schwegeler
Sperling
Wedel

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