

Mennonite Deaths found in the Catholic Church Records of Culm, West Prussia: 1812-1816

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Between 1807 and 1809 parts of Poland became the Duchy of Warsaw, under Napoleonic France. The French introduced civil registration to this region in 1808/1809. The registration consisted of births, marriages and deaths. This registration was carried out by the clergy of various churches: Catholic, Lutheran and, in a few cases, Mennonite. The French were defeated in 1814 and the registration of non-Catholics in West Prussian Catholic church registers rapidly died away. Included in Culm region under French control were several villages containing Mennonites in the Culm/Kulm (now Chełmno, Poland) area. The Mennonites found in these records were those who belonged to the Schönsee Frisian and Old Flemish (associated at the time with the Przechowka Old Flemish church) Mennonite churches. These records are of particular importance since the Mennonite records from the Schönsee congregations disappeared at the end of World War II.

Abbreviated terms:

Y = years

M = months

W = weeks

D = days

hr = hours

Very few entries in this register are actually referred to as Mennonite. However, most “Mennonite” entries are obvious. I’ve included a few entries which may or may not be Mennonite, and noted that in the comments column.

The estimated birth year column is added in order to help identify the person.

Fractions of years are converted to the corresponding number of months.

The Latin versions of first names and surnames have been translated into their corresponding German versions.

Numbers for individuals, as found in the GRANDMA database, are in square brackets.

In many cases it was difficult to determine which children were minors (“minorum”) or of age. In such cases they were simply listed as children. Another problem is that the age of majority is unknown. During this time period it was different for sons and daughters and may have also changed over time.

The term *pupille* is occasionally used. In this context the word likely refers to foster children or step-children.

Note that surviving relatives’ names were not always given, and in the last year it is uncertain if the surname of a mother or wife was really their true maiden name.

Residence	Date	Name	Surname	nee	GRANDMA Number	Age	Est. birth Year	Surviving Relatives [GM #]	Comments
Klein Lunau	8 Jan 1812	Anna	Petker			22 Y	1790	Johann & Maria Petker	
Schoensee	18 Jan 1812	Catharina	Gedde			60 Y	1751		widow
Jamerau	21 Jan 1812	Catharina	Wichert	Ratzlaff		62 Y	1749	Paul Wichert	
Grenz	28 Jan 1812	Maria	Knels			14 hr	1812	Wilhelm Knels & Agnetha Block	
Nieder Ausmass	31 Jan 1812	Peter	Kopper			4 M 12 D	1811	Franz Kopper [107506] & Maria Unrau [107507]	
Podwitz	8 Feb 1812	Anna	Schroeder			1 Y	1811	Heinrich [73114] and Anna [1123705] Schroeder	
Gross Lunau	27 Feb 1812	Maria	Ewert			2 Y	1808	Peter [1443802?] & Elisabeth [981623?] Ewert	
Dorposch	4 Mar 1812	Cornelius	Voth			20 Y	1791	Peter Voth & Helena Buller	
Schoensee	7 Mar 1812	Jacob	Wichert			3 D	1812	Jacob Wichert [783793] & Eva Arend [783794]	
Dorposch	8 Mar 1812	Petronella	Eckert			6 Y	1805	Zacharias Eckert [283913] & Petronella Goertz [987017]	

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Klein Lunau	9 Mar 1812	Johann	Goertz			none	none	Johann Goertz & Maria Geddert	
Gross Lunau	19 Mar 1812	Cornelius	Frantz			5 W 5 D	1812	Heinrich Frantz [1442693?] & Maria Balzer [1442693?]	
Podwitz	24 Mar 1812	Catharina	Schroeder			12 Y	1799	Johann Schroeder & Agnetha Wichert	
Nieder Ausmass	5 Apr 1812	Eva	Bartel			13 Y	1798	Johann Bartel & Eva Penner	
Podwitz	14 Apr 1812	Martin	Eckert			3 Y	1808	Johann Eckert & Maria Arend	
Gross Lunau	23 Apr 1812	Anna	Goertz	Unrau		41 Y	1770	Siebert Goertz & 3 wards	
Nieder Ausmass	3 May 1812	Catharina	Jantz			none	none	Tobias [39746] & Sara [817592] Jantz	
Schoensee	5 May 1812	Siebert	Tjart		1121717	54 Y	1757	wife Sara Nickel [10715157], sons Siebert, Heinrich, Johann, Cornelius & dau. Sara	
Gross Lunau	11 May 1812	Maria	Frantz			38 Y	1773	Heinrich Frantz , 3 sons & 2 dau.	
Jamerau	24 May 1812	Franz	Goertz			6 M	1811	Franz Goertz & Maria Wedel	
Podwitz	13 Jul 1812	Anna	Schroeder			6 M	1812	Heinrich Schroeder [53521] & Agetha Schroeder [467228]	
Gross Lunau	26 Jul 1812	Heinrich	Siebert			9 M	1811	Siebert Goertz & Anna Unrau	
Grenz	15 Sep 1812	David	Bartel			5 Y	1807	Johann Bartel [139344] & Sara Krop [139345]	

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Schoensee	29 Sep 1812	Cornelius	Tjart			11 Y	1801	Siebert Tjart [1075151] & Maria Nickel [1071516]	
Schoensee	4 Oct 1812	Heinrich	Willms			9 Y	1803	Heinrich Wilms & Anna Eckert	
Schoensee	4 Oct 1812	Jacob	Willms			7 Y	1805	Heinrich Wilms & Anna Eckert	
Nieder Ausmass	23 Oct 1812	Anna	Wedel	Knels	33651	none	none	Husband Benjamin Wedel [106665]	
Venedia	2 Nov 1812	Anna	Goertz			37 Y	1775	Husband Peter Goertz	
Koelln	13 Nov 1812	Peter	Ewert			48 Y	1764	Anna Sabina Wochler	May not have been Mennonite
Nieder Ausmass	30 Nov 1812	Anna	Penner			20 Y	1792	Wilhelm Penner [910766] & Maria Wichert [910765]	
Gross Lunau	30 Nov 1812	Heinrich	Nickel			46 Y	1766	Maria Horst	May not have been Mennonite
Klein Lunau	3 Dec 1812	Jacob	Flaming			none	none	Heinrich Flaming [412756] & [Sara] Wedel [412756]	
Klein Lunau	4 Dec 1812	Helena	Jantz			3 Y	1809	Tobias Jantz & Helena Voth	
Nieder Ausmass	23 Dec 1812	Heinrich	Frantz			7 Y	1805	Tobias Jantz [39746] & Sara [817592] Wedel	
Klein Lunau	24 Dec 1812	Eva	Balzer			8 Y	1804	Jacob Balzer , deceased & Eva Dirks	
Klein Lunau	23 Dec 1812	Maria	Goertz			5 Y	1807	Christof Goertz [817613] & Maria Bartel [817612]	
Klein Lunau	28 Dec 1812	Heinrich	Schroeder			2 Y	1810	Wilhelm Schroeder [275465] & Sara Gedde	

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Schoensee	26 Dec 1812	Catharina	Wichert	Unrau	860121	48 Y	1764	Peter Wichert [495154] & Peter, David, Jacob, Catharina, Helena	
Grenz	28 Dec 1812	Agnetha	Knels	Block		38 Y	1774	children Heinrich and Agnatha, minors	
Schoensee	6 Jan 1813	Peter	Willms			3 Y	1809	Heinrich Wilms & Anna Eckert	
Jamerau	12 Jan 1813	Peter	Isaac			58 Y	1755		May not have been Mennonite
Dorposch	15 Jan 1813	Johann	Unrau			3 Y	1809	David Unrau [480939] & Elisabeth Tjart [480933]	
Gross Lunau	15 Jan 1813	Peter	Ewert		1443802	34 Y	1778	widower of the late Elisabeth Jantz [981623]	
Klein Lunau	14 Jan 1813	Anna	Jantz			20 Y	1792	mother Eva nee Goertz	
Jamerau	22 Jan 1813	David	Nickel			37 Y	1775	Abraham Nickel [relationship unknown]	
Jamerau	21 Jan 1813	Diedrich	Siebert		1123027	30 Y	1782	Maria Wichert and 2 minor children	
Schoensee	27 Jan 1813	Diedrich	Wichert			25 Y	1788		
Schoensee	29 Jan 1813	Sara	Tjart	Siebert		27 Y	1784	minor children Sara, Siebert, Heinrich & Johann	widow
Schoensee	29 Jan 1813	Peter	Tjart			2 M	1812		
Dorposch	31 Jan 1813	Heinrich	Ediger			5 Y	1807	Peter Ediger & Anna Block	
Nieder Ausmass	31 Jan 1813	Eva	Penner	Stobbe		34 Y	1776	husband Heinrich Penner	

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Klein Lunau	3 Feb 1813	Diedrich	Plenert		524367	41 Y	1771	Maria Eckert [858639] and minor dau. Anna	
Schoensee	3 Feb 1813	Agnetha	Siebert	Balzer		29 Y	1783	Johann Siebrant & minors Peter & Johann	
Dorposch	4 Feb 1813	Jacob	Goertz			29 Y	1783	Eva Goertz & Johann & Eva	
Schoensee	4 Feb 1813	Heinrich	Tjart			18 Y	1794	Siebert Tjart [1075151] & Maria Nickel [1071516]	
Klein Lunau	7 Feb 1813	Johann	Tjart			49 Y	1763	Petronella Goertz & minor children Elisabeth, Anna & Peter	
Gross Lunau	8 Feb 1813	Johann	Schroeder		1442645	33 Y	1779	Catharina Bartel [960062]	
Gross Lunau	31 Jan 1813	Elisabeth	Wichert	Goertz	282482	none	none	Cornelius Wichert [282481]	
Grenz	12 Feb 1813	Agnetha	Knels			6 Y	1806	Wilhelm Knels , who was a widower	
Dorposch	12 Feb 1813	Jacob	Ewert			4 Y	1808	Zacharias Eckert [283913] & Petronella Goertz [987017]	
Babie Bloto	4 Feb 1813	Gerhard	Voth			40 Y	1772	Maria Tjart & minors Heinrich & Peter	
Babie Bloto	12 Feb 1813	Maria	Voth			1 Y	1811	mother Maria Tjart	
Schoensee	19 Feb 1813	Johann	Siebrant			53 Y	1759	minors Peter & Anna	widower
Rosgarten	25 Feb 1813	Catharina	Goertz	Frantz	1028537	42 Y	1770	Heinrich Goertz & children Catharina, Petronella & 3 minors	
Venedia	23 Mar 1813	Maria	Goertz			6 M	1812	Johann Goertz & Maria Geddert	

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Schoensee	26 Mar 1813	Catharina	Voth	Eckert		47 Y	1765	Heinrich Voth & children Johann, Heinrich, Peter, Sara, Catharina and Eva	
Klein Lunau	9 Apr 1813	Tobias	Jantz			36 Y	1776	Anna Voth and minor Peter	
Podwitz	17 Apr 1813	Johann	Schroeder			5 Y	1807	Johann Schroeder [60432] & Sara Tjart [60434]	
Schoensee	26 Apr 1813	Peter	Wichert			31 Y	1781	Elisabeth Petker , son Peter & 3 daughters	
Schoensee	17 Apr 1813	Heinrich	Bartel			5 W	1813	Jacob Bartel & Anna Kliewer	
Klein Lunau	25 Apr 1813	Peter	Bartel		139562 & 858410	42 Y	1770	Maria Unrau & son Andreas	
Podwitz	5 May 1813	Heinrich	Schroeder			7 Y 6 M	1805	Johann Schroeder [60432] & Sara Tjart [60434]	
Dorposch	10 May 1813	Eva	Goertz			27 Y	1785	minors Johann, Eva & Maria	Orphans?
Podwitz	18 May 1813	Peter	Arendt			4 Y 6 M	1806	widowed mother Eva nee Tjart & minor sisters	
Klein Lunau	29 May 1813	Anna	Plenert			1 Y 6 M	1811	mother Anna Maria Plenert nee Eckert [858639]	
Schoensee	30 May 1813	Heinrich	Willms			37 Y	1775	Anna Eckert & 2 minors	
Nieder Ausmass	8 Jun 1813	Eva	Bartel	Penner		46 Y	1767	Johann Bartel & minor daughter Elisabeth	
Schoensee	12 Jun 1813	Anna	Frantz			12 Y	1801	Johann Frantz &	

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Klein Lunau	24 Jun 1813	Gerhard	Gedde			6 Y	1807	Peter Gedde [503420?] & Maria Kliwer [51473?]	
Klein Lunau	8 Jul 1813	Heinrich	Flaming			10 Y 12 W	1803	Heinrich Flaming widower & brothers	
Jamerau	12 Jul 1813	Johann	Wichert			11 D	1813	Paul Wichert & Sara Goertz	
Gross Lunau	28 Jul 1813	Jacob	Frantz			10 W	1813	Heinrich Frantz & Maria nee Frantz	
Klein Lunau	25 Sep 1813	Petronella	Voth	Siebrant		59Y	1754	Andreas Voth & major children Heinrich & Elisabeth	
Nieder Ausmass	12 Oct 1813	Franz	Kopper			51 Y	1762	Maria Unrau & minors Franz & Johann	
Klammer	26 Oct 1813	Maria	Dirks	Jantz		45 Y	1768	husband Heinrich Dirks	
Nieder Ausmass	15 Nov 1813	Cornelius	Kliwer		1443649/944323?	38 Y	1775	Maria Bartel & minors Peter, Anna, Maria, Catharina & Agnetha	
Klein Lunau	15 Dec 1813	Johann	Gedde			2 Y	1811	Johann Gedde [2449] & Catharina Nickel [2450]	
Nieder Ausmass	24 Dec 1813	Andreas	Wedel		106974	8 Y	1805	deceased parents Jacob Wedel [47691] & Catharina [10667]	
Schoensee	28 Dec 1813	Sara	Tjart			6 Y	1807		
Schoensee	29 Dec 1813	Maria	Voth			4 Y	1809	Jacob Voth [1018004] & Catharina Ewert [1121296]	
Nieder Ausmass	18 Feb 1814	Heinrich	Tjart			3 Y	1810	Martin Tjart [1443654] & Agnetha Wichert	

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Podwitz	2 Mar 1814	Johann	Eckert			50 Y	1763	Maria Arend & minors Johann, Jacob, Heinrich, Elisabeth, Wilhelmina & Catharina	
Jamerau	12 Mar 1814	Peter	Wedel			13 Y	1800	mother Catharina Wedel	
Gross Lunau	12 Mar 1814	Anna	Ewert			3 Y	1810	Heinrich Ewert [112287] & Maria Bartel [1122872]	
Venedia	25 May 1814	Peter	Plenert			56 Y	1757	Sara Willms & minors Heinrich, Peter, Maria & Cornelius	
Gross Lunau	28 May 1814	Johann	Schroeder			1 Y 3 M	1813	mother Catharina Schroeder , nee Bartel	
Podwitz	20 Jul 1814	Peter	Voth			29 Y	1785	wife Elisabeth Isaac	
Jamerau	11 Sep 1814	Maria	Goertz	Wedel		none	none	husband Franz Goertz	
Nieder Ausmass	28 Sep 1814	Helena	Wedel			none	none	Heinrich Wedel & Anna Schmidt	
Nieder Ausmass	27 Jan 1813	Maria	Isaac	Pankratz	38875	70 Y	1744		age is likely an estimate
Nieder Ausmass	2 Feb 1815	Catharina	Voth			none	none	Heinrich Voth & Elisabeth Bartel	
Podwitz	14 Mar 1815	David	Schroeder			14 W	1814	Heinrich Schroeder [53521] & Agetha Schroeder [467228]	
Nieder Ausmass	27 Apr 1815	Helena	Jantz			11 D	1815	Tobias Jantz [39746] & Sara [817592] Jantz [Wedel ?]	
Jamerau	1 May 1815	Catharina	Balzer	Isaac	38876	58 Y	1756	Catharina Wedel & Heinrich & Jacob, minors	

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Jamerau	17 Jun 1815	Maria	Wichert			12 W	1815	Peter Wichert & Sara Wichert	
Schoensee	29 Jul 1815	Petronella	Tjart			3 M	1815	Bernhard Tjart & [817598?] Petronella Bartel	
Klein Lunau	23 Aug 1815	Elisabeth	Frantz			33 Y	1782	husband Peter Frantz , minors 1st marriage: Andreas; 2nd marriage Elisabeth Frantz	
Venedia	11 Sep 1815	Cornelius	Plenert			3 Y	1812	mother Anna Plenert , nee Willms	
Nieder Ausmass	15 Oct 1815	Jacob	Wedler			3 Y	1812	Andreas Wedler & Anna Schmidt	
Schoensee	17 Nov 1815	Cornelius	Wichert			8 D	1815	Peter Wichert [495154] & Anna Goertz [495153]	
Koelln	17 Dec 1815	Peter	Penner			61 Y	1754	wife Maria Penner, minors Johann, Peter & David	May not have been Mennonite
not given	3 Jan 1816	Heinrich	Goertz			9 M	1815	Peter Goertz [830558] & Maria Harparth [828411]	mother's name "Herbath"
Podwitz	7 Mar 1816	Wilhelm	Schroeder			9 M	1815	Johann Schroeder [60432] & Sara Tjart [60434]	
Nieder Ausmass	12 Apr 1816	Tobias	Jantz			12 D	1816	Tobias Jantz [39746] & Sara [817592] Jantz [Wedel ?]	
Jamerau	30 Apr 1816	Isaac	Unrau			15 Y	1800	Franz Goertz	
Nieder Ausmass	18 May 1816	Agnetha	Voth			1/2 hr	1816	Heinrich Voth & Elisabeth Bartel	

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Klein Lunau	18 May 1816	Andreas	Voth			73 Y	1742		
Nieder Ausmass	10 Jul 1816	Bernhard	Tjart			2 Y 6 M	1816	Peter Tjart [784790] & Anna Geddert [484788]	

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