

Mennonite Births, Marriages and Deaths Found in the Lutheran Church Records of Katznase, West Prussia:1800 – 1825

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In 1800 the Prussian government required all Mennonite births, marriages and deaths to be recorded in local Lutheran church registers. The following are the Mennonites found in the church records of Katznase, West Prussia. The Mennonites of this area would have belonged to the Elbing/Ellerwald congregation. Unfortunately the Elbing/Ellerwald Mennonite church records for this time period were lost long ago. As a result we must rely on the diaries of the Ältester (Bishop/Elder) of the congregation and on local Lutheran records.

The entries below are not translations or transcriptions. They simply present the information found in the Finkenstein records. I have only included those entries which were specifically denoted as Mennonite. Most of the birth and death records also provide the hour of birth or death and the cause of death. I have not transcribed these. I have standardized all of the spellings of proper names. Those who wish to see the original entries can consult scans LDS microfilm #286039 which will soon appear on the familysearch website at:

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/248349?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

Definitions:

Hackenbüdner = owner of a small general store

Kuhpächter = one who rents pasture land for cattle. Pächter implies a long term (often decades) lease.

Erben = heirs

Births:	
No.	Entry
#600	10 Jan 1801 Heinrich, son of Dirk Neufeld and Helena Dyck of Katznaserfelde
#610	15 Jan 1801 Peter, son of Hackenbüdner Bernhard Wiebe and Helena Ens of Jonasdorf.
#629	30 Jun 1802 twins Susanna and Helena, dau of Mitnachbar Dirk Neufeld and Helena Dyck of Katznase.
#630	[same as above]
#670	7 Apr 1804 Helena, dau of Mitnachbar Dirk Neufeld and Helena Dyck of Katznase.
#735	4 Mar 1807 Jacob, son of Mitnachbar Dirk Neufeld and Helena Dyck of Katznase.
#760	19 Jan 1810 Gerhard, son of Gutsbesitzer Dirk Neufeld and Helena Dyck of Katznase.
#767	10 Mar 1810 Johann, son of Hackenbüdner Johann Martens and Catharina Westerwick of Königsdorf.

#796	3 May 1811 Isaac, son of Arendator Jacob Klassen and Judith Gerbrand of Jonasdorferfeld.
#800	10 Apr 1811 Franz, son of Hackenbüdner Johann Dietrich Martens and Catharina Westerwick of Königsdorf.
#808	20 Nov 1811 Johann, son of Einwohner and Bäckermeister Abraham Epp and Anna Fehr [Dever] of Katznase.
	17 Mar 1812 Susanna, dau of Dirk Neufeld and Helena Dyck of Katznase.
	4 Sep 1816 Catharina, dau of Pächter Cornelius Warkentin and Catharina Warkentin of Katznaserfelde.
	21 Aug 1817 Cornelius, son of Bernhard Wall of Rothof.
	11 Apr 1818 Johann, son of Cornelius Neufeld and Catharina Albrecht of Katznaserfelde.
	9 Jun 1820 Catharian, dau of Cornelius Neufeld and Catharina Albrecht of Katznaserfelde.
	13 Jan 1821 Helena, dau of Pächter Johann Esau and Gertrude Abraham [should be van Bergen – her father's name was Abraham]
Deaths:	
# 411	18 Apr 1800 Heinrich son of Mitnachbar Dirk Neufeld of Katznase 13 years.
#430	3 Apr 1801 Peter son of Bernhard Wiebe Hackenbüdner of Jonasdorf, 2 ½ weeks.
#436	3 Dec 1801 Helena born Ens wife of Hackenbüdner Bernhard Wiebe of Jonasdorf, 19 years.
#442	30 Jun 1802 Susanna and Helena dau of Nachbar Dirk Neufeld of Katznase, 2 hours.
#443	[same as above]
	22 Mar 1813 Dietrich Neufeld Nachbar and Eigenthumer 56 years. Erben: Kinder
	15 Apr 1813 Helena Dyck widow of Diedrich Neufeld 36 years. Erben: Kinder
	8 Aug 1815 Einlieger Franz Classen of Katznase, 55 years. Erben: Schwester
Marriages:	
#136	Katznase 27 Mar 1800 Menn. Mitnachbar Dirk Neufeld aus dem neuen Gut mit Jungfrau Helena Dyck daughter of a Nachbar from Niedauerfeld in the Gross Werder [no ages given]
#138	Jonasdorf 7 Sep 1800 Heker und Eigenthumer Bernhard Wiebe Mennonite born in Klein Mausdorf and Jungfrau Helena Ens surviving daughter of an Eigenthumer of Heubuden born in Orloff? [no ages]
	Jonasdorf 6 Apr 1820 Hackenbüdner Johann Esau , 22 years, oldest son of Eigenthumer Abraham Esau of Klein Montau and Jungfrau Gertruda van Bergen , 18 years, second daughter of the deceased Eigenthumer Abraham van Bergen of Czattkau.

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