

Mennonite Men Married to non-Mennonites in West Prussia: 1799

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The following is a list of Mennonite men who were married to non-Mennonites as of 1799. All were married to either Lutheran or Catholic women. Those identifiable in the GRanDMA database have database numbers added in the Names column. Some men have measurements in Zoll (inches) and Strüh (unknown). The numbers are not consistent with heights of the men. The last two columns provide the page and entry numbers for these men, as they are found in another ledger, which is not available.

Outside marriage was a very contentious issue during the first decades under Prussian rule and caused at least one church schism. For a first-hand account of this issue see the [diary of Aeltester Heinrich Donner](#).

List of the spurious Mennonite families found to be living within the Canton of the Infantry Regiment Ostarstein during the revision of 1799 and whose descendants are liable for military service according to the edict of 30 July 1789

Place of residence		First and last names		Comments	Page	No.
District	Village	#				
Tiegenhof	Renkau	1.	Hans Neufeld	his wife converted from the Lutheran religion to the Mennonite religion	4	17
Tiegenhof	Renkau	2.	Aron Derksen	his wife converted from the Lutheran religion to the Mennonite religion	7	30
Tiegenhof	Renkau	3.	Michael Erdman	his wife converted from the Lutheran religion to the Mennonite religion	8	34

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Tiegenhof	Renkau	4.	Abraham Weiher	Converted a few years ago from the Lutheran to the Mennonite religion, has a Mennonite wife	12	46
Tiegenhof	Renkau	5.	Berend Penner	has a Lutheran wife	48	163
Tiegenhof	Petershagen	6.	Arend Friesen	has a Lutheran wife	129	40
Tiegenhof	Petershagen	7.	Dirk Braun	his wife converted from the Lutheran to the Mennonite religion	134	61
Tiegenhof	Petershagerfeld	8.	Leonhard Horn	his wife converted from the Lutheran to the Mennonite religion	136	3
Tiegenhof	Tiegenhagen	9.	Dirk Gerbrand	his wife is from a mixed marriage	163	33
Tiegenhof	Tiegenhagen	10.	Jacob Schroeder	has a Lutheran wife	164	36
Tiegenhof	Stobbendorf	11.	Peter Wiebe	has a Lutheran wife	199	72
Tiegenhof	Neuendorf	12.	Hans Penner	has a Lutheran wife	209	12
Tiegenhof	Pletzendorf	13.	Jacob Daniels	has a Lutheran wife	214	15
Tiegenhof	Schoensee	14.	Claas Friesen	has a Lutheran wife	231	11
Tiegenhof	Margenau	15.	Heinrich Boschman	has a Catholic wife	276	55
Tiegenhof	Vorwerk	16.	Frantz Bestvater	has a Lutheran wife	357	14
Marienburg	Tiegenhof	17.	Cornelius Froese	has a Lutheran wife	20	2
Marienburg	Schwansdorf	18.	Peter Janzen	has a Lutheran wife	33	11
Marienburg	Marcushof	19.	Joh Neustaedter	has a Catholic wife	73	27
Marienburg	Baalau	20.	Abrah Cornelsen	has a Lutheran wife	90	5
Marienburg	Wengelwalde	21.	Franz Derks	has a Lutheran wife	135	4
Marienburg	Hohenwalde	22.	Heinrich Goertz	has a Lutheran wife	188	4
Marienburg	Hohenwalde	23.	Jacob Harms	has a Lutheran wife	189	6
Marienburg	Hohenwalde	24.	Jan Scheffler jun.	has a Lutheran wife	200	53
Marienburg	Sparrau	25.	Heinrich Wiebe	his wife converted from the Lutheran religion to the Mennonite religion	242	8
Marienburg	Tiergarterfeld	26.	Paul Nickel	has a Lutheran wife	286	2
Marienburg	Grunau	27.	Johann Dau	has a son with his first Lutheran wife	456	10

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Tiegenhof	Barenhof	28.	Jacob Tilitzky jr. [see below]	he and his wife are Mennonites, but the latter has an illegitimate son named Peter Rohr , whose father is Catholic	347	7
Adelich (Nobel)	Renkau	29.	Jacob Gerbrand [#750239]	has a Lutheran wife	69	5
Christburg	Posilge	30.	Jacob Penner	has a Lutheran wife	114	75
Christburg	Brodsende	31.	Claas Pauls	has a Lutheran wife	209	13
Weishof	Jerozewo	32.	Cornel Quiring	has a Lutheran wife	367	17
Weishof	Unterberg	33.	Peter Ediger [#930484]	has a Lutheran wife	470	41
Stuhm	Schweingrube	34.	George Boldt [#124506]	has a Catholic wife	708	13
Stuhm	Boenhoff	35.	Heinrich Ewert	has a Lutheran wife	729	50
Stuhm	Groß Usnitz	36.	Peter Ewert	has a Lutheran wife	945	18
Stuhm	Klein Usnitz	37.	David Rohde [#803430]	has a Lutheran wife	953	3

Mennonites qualifying for conscription:

Tiegenhof	Renkau	1.	Einlieger Franz Klingenberg , 23 years, 9 Zoll, 1 Strueh [#147039]	their mother converted from the Lutheran to the Mennonite religion	55	18
Tiegenhof	Petershagen	2.	Einlieger Jacob Klingenberg , 28 years, 6 Zoll [#976643]		129	37
Tiegenhof	Tiegenhagen	3.	Einlieger Paul Nickel , 29 years 5 Zoll, 3 Strueh	his mother is from a mixed marriage	165	42

Mennonite sons who haven't adopted a religion yet:

Tiegenhof	Pitzkendorf	1.	Franz Janzen , 18 years, 6 Zoll, 3 Strueh	son of the Einlieger's widow	215	6
Tiegenhof	Neumuenster-berg	2.	Cornelius Epp , 20 years, 5 Zoll	son of the owner's ["Eigenthuerer"] widow	385	29
Tiegenhof	Neumuenster-berg	3.	Jacob Peters , 25 years, 6 Zoll	son of a farmer	385	30

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Any and all children of the 36 spurious Mennonite families listed here and of the one stepson of Jacob Tillitzki mentioned under No. 28 are obliged under article 10 of the edict of July 30th, 1789, to adopt that religion which [unclear; poss. "one of"] their parents or grandparents belonged to and was a true member of the Mennonite religion. Even though this may include families who do not have living sons, they may have daughters, who according to the aforementioned edict are considered to be women belonging to a religion other than the Mennonite religion and whose future male descendants shall be liable to military service.

The three people mentioned opposite are liable to military service for the reasons given above, which is why we ask to repeal their Mennonite religion, and even more so in light of their declaration to the conscription revision commission that they are unable to provide any foreigners to take their place due to lack of money.

These three people mentioned opposite are from true Mennonite families who are by birth not liable to conscription; however, if these people, who according to the conditions of all religions have achieved the age of consideration, choose to shirk all morality by not adopting a religion, they do not deserve the same protection from military service as the Mennonites. In this regard and considering the fact that this is the first case of this kind in the [unclear; poss. "Prussian"] monarchy that may give rise to a class of people who by their arbitrary system may in future disrupt the best conditions of

the [ill.], I leave it to His [ill.] whether to urge them to immediately adopt a religion or to make them join my [ill.; poss. “mentioned below”] regiment.

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