

Hierschau, Molotschna Settlement Households: 1910

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Page 5 of the 14 September 1910 issue (#47) of *Die Mennonitische Rundschau* contains a letter from Michael Dirksen of Hirschau (Hierschau) to his unnamed brother-in-law of Berthoud, Colorado in which he goes through each *Wirtschaft* (65 dissjatine [about 175 acres] farmstead) in the village of Hierschau. In this letter he names the first owner from when the village was settled in 1848/49 (in parentheses) and the owner in 1910. In most cases he says something about each owner. These comments contain important genealogical information, not readily available elsewhere or found in the current version of the GRANDMA database. They also contain bits of family history which are of interest.

The information below can be compared to earlier lists available for Hierschau found [here](#) and [here](#).

See [here](#) for the GAMEO article on Hierschau. A copy of Helmut Huebert's book *Hierschau* can be read or downloaded [here](#).

Nr. 1	(Jak. Fast)	Heinrich Sperling but only has half of the land.
Nr. 2	(Dietr. Goossen)	Julius Plett . Also his oldest daughter and both sons. All single.
Nr. 3	(Franz Dueck)	Kornelius Stobbe .
Nr. 4	(Jakob Stobbe)	Pet. Stobbe . Has his mother with him. Also father Rogalsky.
Nr. 5	(Abr. Reimer)	Peter Neufeld .
Nr. 6	(Pet. Engbrecht)	Jakob Willms . Moved here from Ladekopp.
Nr. 7	(Jak. Pankratz)	Bernh. Plett , who is currently our <i>Dorfaeltester</i> .
Nr. 8	(Tobias Unruh)	Jakob Stobbe whose wife is Joh. Plett 's daughter and is also Korn. Goerzen 's son-in-law. Then there is Isaak Rogalsky (Mittelstrasse), now however Joh. Siemens have their mother with them.

Nr. 9	(Franz Thiessen)	Jakob Hildebrand . He has 1 ½ farms. The half farm is from #26. At Hildebrand's is the old grandmother, the former Philip Warkentin . She died on the 14th of Dec. 1909, aged 94 years and 3 days. Also Hildebrand's mother, the widow Heinrich Siemens who died on 12 Oct. 1909 at the age of 72 years, 10 months and 22 days. She was at her son David Hildebrand in Pordenau. She had it bad for some time, barely able to get around and used a wheelchair.
Nr 10	(Bernh. Bergen)	Heinrich Bergen . Has both sons and 3 daughters at home.
Nr. 11	(Johann Siemens)	Jakob Janzen , Joh. Siemens son-in-law.
Nr. 12	(Julius Plett)	Gerhard Plett . He is our <i>Gemeindeaeltester</i> .
Nr. 13	(Peter Hildebrand)	Kornelius Siemens .
Nr. 14	(Joh. Regier)	Joh. Stobbe . He is Joh. Sukkau 's son-in-law. The parents live with them.
Nr. 15	(Andreas Pankratz)	Heinr. Kroeker . Has been a widower since 1908. He farms with his children.
Nr. 16	(Tobias Sperling)	Korn. Plett . He also has a full farm. He has a half farm from Sperling.
Nr. 17	(David Buller)	Joh. Fast. I believe it was about 2 years ago that he had a stroke. But now he has recovered to the point where he can walk with a cane, albeit very unsteadily. The foster son is unmarried and takes care of the farm. His wife often suffers [from what?].
Nr. 18	(Heinrich Loewen)	Widow Franz Dueck. Has purchased the buildings of Korn. Siemens, who had two farms. Dueck died on the 10th of Jan [1909]. [a description of his death follows]. He was 66 years, 6 months and 7 days old.
Nr. 19	(Pet. Friesen)	Gerh. Neufeld, P. Friesen's son-in-law. The Friesens have built a massive residence in the Vorgarten [of their property].
Nr 20	(Jak. Wiebe)	Bernh. Bergen, whose wife has long been sick. She is now so sick that she can not get from one room to the next. She currently has cramps in her legs so that she can no longer walk.
Nr. 21	(Pet. Bolt)	Korn. Peters, Bolt's son-in-law. Grandmother Kat. Bolt is living with them.

Nr. 22	(Joh. Duerksen)	Is the writer of this [letter].
Nr. 23	(Joh. Martens)	Korn. Boschmann .
Nr. 24	(Jak. Wall)	Korn. Goerzen .
Nr. 25	(Aron Fast)	This is the half farm of Jak. Stobbe Nr. 8. He [Aron Fast] will be known to you, as he is still there. He bought the farm for 12,000 Rubel.
Nr. 26	(Jak. Thiessen)	Jak. Duerksen , our <i>Oberschulz</i> [mayor]. He has already lived here for many years. The barn and shed are 7 Faden (49 feet) longer. The residence is roofed with tiles and the outer building with shingles. There is also a large pig barn, a Sarai, a cook-house and a structure for burning-manure. Accordingly, all of the farms, including the small farms, have changed. The [old] apple trees have been dug up, but the [old] pear trees remain. A new orchard has been planted on the other side [of the village].
Nr. 27	(Is. Wall)	belongs to P. Neufeld , Nr. 5. Here Heinr. Dueck and Fr. Neufeld , children of Pet. Neufeld, live.
Nr. 28	(Heidebrecht)	Joh. Siemens .
Nr. 29	(Jak. Loewen)	Gerh. Wiebe .
Nr. 30	(Friedr. Kunkel)	Joh. Willms . His wife is Plett 's sister.

The majority are children, or grandchildren, of the original settlers.

I will write down only the names of the *Kleinwirten* (small farmers):

- Johann **Hildebrand**
- Abr. **Janz**
- Franz **Dörksen**
- Pet. **Dück**
- Heinr. **Sukkau**
- Jak. **Liedky**

- Andr. **Böse**
- Jakob **Wedel**
- Joh. **Thiessen**
- Pet. **Wedel**
- Jak. **Dück**
- Gerh. **Pötker**
- Joh. **Janzen**
- Jh. **Liedky**
- Pet. **Harder**
- Is. **Siemens**
- Heinrich **Dirksen**
- Johann **Löwen**
- Gerhard **Warkentin**
- Pet. **Warkentin**
- Heinrich **Dirks**
- Joh. **Penner**
- Abr. **Siemens**
- Korn. **Janzen**
- Jak. **Thiessen** – behind the canal.

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