

Early (1848 & 1850) Voters Lists for Hierschau, Molotschna Colony

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Sources:

1848: Odessa State Archives, Fond 6, Inventory 2, file 11638, p. 2 (microfilm frame #6).

1850: Odessa State Archives, Fond 6, Inventory 2, file 13128, p. 77 (microfilm frame #121).

Huebert, Helmut T. *Hierschau: An Example of Russian Mennonite Life*. Winnipeg: Kindred Press, 1986.

Hierschau in the Molotschna Colony was founded in 1848. Therefore its household heads are not included in the 1847 Molotschna Colony voters list transcribed by Tim Janzen (see http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/russia/1847_Molotschna.htm). Fortunately we have access to two voter lists, one for 1848 and another for 1850. These are tabulated below with the Feuerstelle number given in the first column. Note that the first village Schultz (mayor) and Beisitzer (deputy mayor) were elected when only 23 of the 30 Feuerstelle were occupied. This is in agreement with Huebert (page 43), who used brick requisitions to suggest that the village originally had 23 farmsteads. Two years later, when an election for colony Beisitzer was held, all 30 farms were occupied. It appears that the last 7 settlers moved to Hierschau in 1849 since notes added to their entries in the 1835 Molotschna Colony Census state that these 7 people transferred to Hierschau in 1849 whereas the corresponding notes in the census for the first 23 settlers say that they transferred to Hierschau in 1848. Included in the tabulation is a column showing the original settlers based on the map on page 47 of Huebert's book.

We have highlighted any significant differences between the information found in the voters lists and Huebert's list of the original settlers in gray. As one can see, Huebert was very close to the truth in his assessment of who the first settlers were. The Andreas Pankratz found in Huebert's list may have been Andreas Pankratz (b. 1848, Grandma #346871), who was a son of Jacob Pankratz (b. 1821, Grandma #302985) and the Tobias Konkel (Kunkel) found in Huebert's list may have been Tobias Kunkel (b. 1842, Grandma #31570), who was a son of Friedrich Konkel. Jacob Pankratz at Feuerstelle #7 and Friedrich Konkel (Kunkel) were likely from either Waldheim or Gnadenfeld, two villages that were founded after the 1835 Molotschna Colony Census was compiled. The origin and identity of Mr. Heidebrecht are still unknown. He may have been a misrepresentation of Jacob Rogalsky. The origin and identity of Peter von Riesen (Friesen) are also still unknown. Included in the table is a column with the village of origin (all in the Molotschna Colony) and columns with the birth date (if known) and Grandma database number for each household head. For more information on the Grandma database see: <http://calmenno.org/grandma/index.htm>

#	1848	1850	Huebert Book	Village of Origin	Birth Date	Grandma #
1	Jacob Fast	Jacob Fast	Jakob Fast	Wernersdorf	ca 1820	286737
2	Dirk Goossen	Dirk Goossen	Dietrich Goossen	Wernersdorf	ca 1817	54104
3	Franz Dyck	Franz Dyck	Franz Dueck	Margenau	ca 1818	101113
4	Jacob Stobbe	Jacob Stobbe	Jakob Stobbe	Grossweide	ca 1814	61862
5	Abraham Reimer	Abraham Reimer	Abram Reimer	Muensterberg	1810	48890
6	Peter Engbrecht	Peter Engbrecht	Peter Engbrecht	Prangenu	25 Mar 1808	102401
7	Jacob Pankratz	Jacob Pankratz	Jakob Pankratz	?	?	792121
8	Tobias Unruh	Tobias Unruh	Tobias Unruh	Waldheim	8 Jan 1822	103897
9	Franz Thiessen	Franz Thiessen	Franz Thiessen	Muntau	ca 1815	56448
10	Bernhard Bergen	Bernhard Bergen	Bernhard Bergen	Konteniusfeld	22 Jul 1816	267053
11	Johann Siemens	Johan Siemens	Johann Siemens	Neukirch	28 Dec 1822	101865
12	Julius Plett	Julius Plett	Julius Plett	Pordenau	24 Jan 1817	13168
13	Peter Hildebrand	Peter Hildebrand	Peter Hildebrand	Lichtfelde	ca 1823	62669
14	Johann Regier	Johan Regiehr	Johann Regier	Gnadenheim	ca 1817	38309
15	Jacob Pankratz	Jacob Pankratz	Andreas Pankratz	Friedensdorf	18 Nov 1821	302985
16	Tobias Sperling	Tobias Sperling	Tobias Sperling	Waldheim	12 Feb 1820	106452
17	David Buhler	David Buller	David Buller	Alexanderwohl	24 Sep 1813	32783
18	Heinrich Loewen	Heinrich Loewen	Heinrich Loewen	Margenau	24 May 1816	103887
19	Peter v Riesen	Peter v. Riesen	Peter Friesen	?	?	1144094
20	Jacob Wiebe	Jacob Wiebe	Jakob Wiebe	Margenau	ca 1817	101239
21	Peter Boldt	Peter Boldt	Peter Boldt	Schoensee	6 Feb 1817	102805
22	Johann Doerksen	Johan Doerksen	Johann Doerksen	Franzthal	1 May 1800	61728
23	Johann Martens	Johan Martens	Johann Martens	Tiegerweide	23 Jun 1817	53947
24		Jacob Wall	Jakob Wall	Gnadenheim	30 Jan 1810	52060
25		Aron Fast	Aron Fast	Friedensdorf	ca 1823	51468
26		Jacob Thiessen	Jakob Thiessen	Rueckenau	17 Feb 1816	102712
27		Isaak Wall	Isaak Wall	Neukirch	ca 1824	101832
28		Jacob Rogalsky	Mr. Heidebrecht	Blumenort	ca 1794	46479
29		Jacob Loewen	Jakob Loewen	Margenau	28 Mar 1819	103824
30		Friedrich Konkel	Tobias Kunkel	?	ca 1807	31763