

# Members of the Spat, Crimea Mennonite Brethren Congregation: 1904

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In 1904 the Mennonite Brethren congregation of Spat, Crimea, received permission to build a church. Below is a translation of a Russian language document giving their lead minister, David Gerhard Dirksen, authorization to carry out the business of building the church. Note that only male members were signatories.

Dear Mr David Gerhardowitsch,

We, the undersigned members of the Mennonite Brethren Congregation at Spat (in Crimea) in the districts of Yevpatoria, Simferopol and Perekop in the Taurida Governorate, hereby authorise you, dear Sir, to represent us in matters concerning our house of prayer. To this end, we grant you the right to submit applications to authorities and officials, to receive decisions, to obtain permits, information and copies, and generally to act as you deem necessary. We place our trust in you in this matter and will not challenge or object to your decisions.

21 December 1904. This power of attorney is issued to the owner-settler and preacher David Gerhardowitsch Dirksen. We, the Mennonite members of the Mennonite Brethren Congregation in Spat (in Crimea), hereby confirm this:

| Surname   | Name            | Comments |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| Boschmann | Klaas           |          |
| Boschmann | Cornelius       |          |
| Braun     | Jacob           |          |
| Delesky   | Heinrich        |          |
| Derksen   | Franz           |          |
| Derksen   | Diedrich        |          |
| Derksen   | David Gerhard   |          |
| Dirks     | Gerhard         |          |
| Dyck      | Johann Heinrich |          |
| Dyck      | Johann Jacob    |          |
| Dyck      | Isaac           |          |
| Dyck      | Heinrich        |          |
| Dyck      | Johann Johann   |          |

| Surname    | Name            | Comments   |
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| Dyck       | Abraham Johann  |            |
| Dyck       | Peter           |            |
| Dyck       | Jacob Johann    |            |
| Dyck       | Peter Sr.       |            |
| Dyck       | Peter           |            |
| Dyck       | Isaac Jr.       |            |
| Eckert     | Peter           |            |
| Ediger     | Peter           |            |
| Engbrecht  | Peter           |            |
| Fast       | Heinrich P.     |            |
| Fast       | Peter G.        |            |
| Fast       | Cornelius       |            |
| Fast       | Cornelius       |            |
| Fast       | Johann          |            |
| Fast       | Heinrich        |            |
| Friesen    | Jacob Jacob     |            |
| Friesen    | Johann          |            |
| Friesen    | Jacob W.        |            |
| Friesen    | Peter P.        |            |
| Friesen    | David           |            |
| Friesen    | Jacob P.        |            |
| Funk       | Jacob           |            |
| Goerzen    | Peter           | "Prediger" |
| Harder     | Abraham         |            |
| Harder     | Johann          |            |
| Harder     | Cornelius       |            |
| Harder     | Abraham         |            |
| Heinrichs  | Peter           |            |
| Hiebert    | Jacob           |            |
| Hiebert    | Jacob Jacob     |            |
| Hiebert    | Johann Jacob    |            |
| Hiebert    | Johann          |            |
| Hildebrand | Gerhard         |            |
| Hildebrand | Peter G.        |            |
| Janzen     | Cornelius Jacob |            |
| Janzen     | Heinrich        |            |
| Janzen     | Gerhard         |            |
| Janzen     | Diedrich        |            |
| Janzen     | Peter           |            |
| Klassen    | Peter P.        |            |
| Konrad     | Hermann Daniel  |            |
| Koop       | Isaac           |            |

| <b>Surname</b> | <b>Name</b>       | <b>Comments</b> |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Kroeker        | Franz             |                 |
| Kroeker        | Franz             |                 |
| Kroeker        | Abraham           |                 |
| Kroeker        | Johann Sr.        |                 |
| Kroeker        | Johann Jr.        |                 |
| Kroeker        | Franz             |                 |
| Langemann      | Johann Jacob      |                 |
| Langemann      | M                 |                 |
| Langemann      | Jacob Johann      |                 |
| Langemann      | Johann Johann     |                 |
| Langemann      | Johann Hermann    |                 |
| Langemann      | Diedrich Abraham  |                 |
| Letkemann      | Jacob             |                 |
| Letkemann      | Peter             |                 |
| Martens        | Wilhelm           |                 |
| Martens        | Jacob             |                 |
| Mierau         | Peter             |                 |
| Penner         | Peter             |                 |
| Philipsen      | Franz             |                 |
| Philipsen      | Heinrich          |                 |
| Rahn           | Peter             |                 |
| Rahn           | Johann            |                 |
| Regehr         | Jacob             |                 |
| Regehr         | Cornelius         |                 |
| Sawatzky       | Peter             |                 |
| Schierling     | Abraham           |                 |
| Schierling     | Johann            |                 |
| Schroeder      | Wilhelm           |                 |
| Siemens        | Johann            |                 |
| Siemens        | Jacob             |                 |
| Sperling       | Johann            |                 |
| Thiessen       | Cornelius         |                 |
| Toews          | Johann F.         |                 |
| Unruh          | Peter David       |                 |
| Unruh          | Peter             |                 |
| Unruh          | Heinrich          |                 |
| Wall           | Jacob             |                 |
| Wall           | Cornelius         |                 |
| Wall           | Nikolai           |                 |
| Wall           | Cornelius Hermann |                 |
| Warkentin      | Heinrich          |                 |
| Warkentin      | heinrich          |                 |

| Surname   | Name     | Comments |
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| Warkentin | Johann   |          |
| Wedel     | Benjamin |          |
| Wiebe     | Philip   |          |
| Wiebe     | Johann   |          |
| Wiens     | Gerhard  |          |
| Wiens     | Daniel   |          |
| Wiens     | Gerhard  |          |
| Wiens     | Klaas    |          |
| Wiens     | Gerhard  |          |

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