

Molotschna Mennonites Punished During the Year 1847

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During the years that Johann Cornies ruled the Mennonite colonies many of his initiatives were enforced by the [Agricultural Association](#). The agricultural association seems to have replaced the colony administration in many ways and those who disobeyed the directives of the association or colony administration were punished through the association.

The following is a set of punishments meted out by the association in 1847.

The number in square brackets is the GRandMA database number.

List of Persons Punished by the Association in the Year 1847

Date	No.	Description
02-Jan	4	The farmer Christian Wurz [#367] from Hutterthal for repeated disobedience and defiant behavior toward the Mayor (<i>Schulze</i>), in that instead of serving three days in prison as sentenced by the Mayor's office, he left with a scoff and defiant exit — with three days of labour on the communal sheep farm.
13-Jan	48	Paul Tschetter , the younger, [#810] from Hutterthal for maliciously fabricated lies and as a slanderer, with three days of community labour.
23-Jan	135	Franz Dyck junior [#64217] from Margenau for his reckless undertaking without any calculation, in that completely without means he took over an “Anwohnerstelle” [landless property] to build upon — with 50 cop. silver for the benefit of the village fund.
11-Feb	242	The wife [#446] of Jacob Hofer in Hutterthal, daughter of Jacob Walter , for secret abduction of her child out of Orloff from foster care, with 48 hours of strict arrest on bread and water.
15-Mar	484	Johann Engbrecht [#1428264] in Liebenau, for, together with Heinrich Goerz [possibly #412506] from Gnadenfeld, unlawfully inciting public unrest on the open street — with 25 cop. silver.
22-Mar	527	Farmer Jacob Hiebert [#45690] in Margenau, for public insult of the local authorities — with twelve hours of arrest on bread and water.

Date	No.	Description
25-Apr	731	The farmhands Cornelius Wölk , [#140456] Heinrich Friesen , Jacob Martens , Klaas Wiebe , and Abraham Harder in Orloff, for nighttime break-in. Harder & Wiebe – 10 blows of the rod and 2 days of community labour. Woelk & Friesen – 4 days of community labour and Martens – 3 days of community labour
No Date	732	The joiner's apprentice Cornelius Klassen [#54008] in Tiege. 3 days of community labour.
No Date	733	Anwohner's son Heinrich Loewen [#180124] and farmhand David Teichroeb [#1414634 or #101713] in Blumenort. Loewen 10 strokes of the rod and Teichroeb 3 days community labour.
27-Aug	1222	Farmer Gerhard Rempel [#46429] from Tiegerweide, for failure to comply with the Association's regulations regarding the reception of the President of the Welfare Committee – with one day of labour on the communal sheep farm.
06-Oct	1384	Anwohner, Jacob Harder in Orloff, for theft from Anwohner Reimer at the same place, to the value of 19 R. 75 k. Banco, with two periods of forty-eight hours of arrest on bread and water.
07-Oct	1390	Heinrich Janzen [#225179] in Franzthal, along with his sixteen-year-old daughter, [#20068] for unsealing an [Agricultural] Society's package [without authorization] – with two days of labour on the communal sheep farm.
23-Oct	1508	Jacob Penner [possibly #46234] in Margenau, for negligence of Association regulation No. 1279 – with one day of labour on the communal sheep farm.
05-Jun	934	Cornelius Hübner [#1197665 and #101220] in Margenau, for poor cultivation of the land, for the benefit of the village community with 25 cop. Banco.
23-Oct	1510	Mayor (<i>Schulze</i>) Abraham Isaac [#6119, #45786 or #1265876] in Fischau, for setting a bad example during the selection of breeding stock, with 1 Silver Ruble.
06-Nov	1585	The farmers Isaac Hildebrandt [#45727] and Jacob Schoenke [#53978] in Tiegerweide, for an altercation/brawl in the village office (<i>Schulzenamt</i>), with two days of arrest on bread and water and six days of labour.
No Date	1588	Coachmen at the transfer [station] of Waldheimer zemlyanka dwellers [<i>Erdhuettenbewohner</i>] Claas Fast [#45027] and David Walde [#60748] from Ladekopp, for their malicious, rebellious behavior toward the district head (<i>Gebietsvorsteher</i>): Fast with fourteen days of arrest and six days of labour, and Walde with two days of labour.
23-Dec	1863	Farmer Peter Block [#52336] in Conteniusfeld, for defiant disobedience toward the Mayor (<i>Schulze</i>) when asked for information regarding his marriage to Agatha Loepp – with two days of labour.
24-Dec	1867	Peter Bauer , [#61544] Isaac Born , [#52412?] Cornelius Born , [#52414] and Johann Teichroeb from Landskrone, for participating in dancing and noise-making at the wedding of Lutheran residents – with two days of labour.

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30-Dec	1893	The farmers of farms No. 28 and 29 in Friedensdorf, for negligence in fruit tree planting — each with 1 Rbl. 68 cop. Silver.
No Date	1894	The farmer of farm No. 3 in Fürstenwerder — with 54 cop. Silver.
No Date	1895	The farmers of farms No. 21, 23, and 24 in Gnadenheim — each with 1 Rbl. 11 cop. Silver.
No Date	1896	The farmers of farms No. 8, 10, 11, and 16 in Liebenau — each with 90 cop. Silver.
No Date	1897	The farmer of farm No. 20 in Lichtfelde, for negligence in hedge and fence planting in the plantation — with 2 Rubles Silver.

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