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IV. Prussian Resources
A. Church records
1. Danzig Flemish Church;
   a. 1665-1838 church book, contains baptisms 1667-1809, marriages 1664-1808, deaths, 1667-1838, family book 1789; LDS microfilm #548788, microfilm copies at Mennonite Library and Archives, North Newton, Kansas (hereafter referred to as MLA), at Mennonite Heritage Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba (hereafter referred to as MHC), and at Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Fresno, California (hereafter referred to as CMBSF); baptisms 1667-1800, births 1787-1810, marriages 1665-1808 and deaths 1667-1807 have been published with index in Das aelteste Kirchenbuch der Niederländischen Mennonitengemeinde zu Danzig/Gdansk, by Konrad van Beuningen, Hamburg, Germany, 1991; baptisms 1667-1800 transcribed by Glenn Penner posted on the MMHS web site; index for the first and second Danzig family books posted on the MMHS web site.
   b. 1789-1808 church books of Deacon Kauenhoven; microfilm copies at MLA, at MHC, and at CMBSF; index to these two church books posted on the MMHS web site.
   d. 1814-1815 church book, contains births, marriages, and deaths 1814-1815; LDS microfilm #742680 item 1.
   e. 1815-1943 assorted church books, contain baptism 1825-1875, births 1815-1845, marriages 1851-1881, and family book; LDS microfilm #450469, microfilm copies at MLA, at MHC, and at CMBSF.
2. Danzig Frisian Church (original records missing); handwritten copies of baptisms 1665-1806 were taken to Buenos Aires by Clara Bestvater after WW 2. Whereabouts of these, at present, are unknown.
3. Deutsch Kazun; church books at MLA; also on microfilm from the LDS Church.
4. Deutsch Wymyschle; original church books were destroyed during World War 2; a series of privately published mimeographed books by Erich Ratzlaff contain entries he took from the original church records and then he added much information that he apparently collected privately; copies of these books are at CMBSF.

5. Elbing-Ellerwald
   a. 1820-1942 church books; microfilm copies at MLA and MHC.
   b. 1851-1942 church books, contain births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths 1869-1942, family book 1857-1895; LDS microfilm #555785, microfilm copy at MHC.
   c. 1806-1893 diaries of church Aeltesters (bishops); contain proclamations, marriages, and baptisms 1870-1893; LDS microfilm #555788, microfilm copy at MHC.
   d. 1831-1940 church books, contain index to family book 1744-1940; LDS microfilm #555786, microfilm copy at MHC.
   e. 1809-1846 church book, contains sermons with baptisms, marriages, and deaths 1809-1846; LDS microfilm #555787, microfilm copy at MHC.
   f. 1778-1795 diary of baptisms, marriages, membership transfers, and excommunications by Aeltester Gerhard Wiebe; LDS microfilm #555786, microfilm copy at MHC, extraction of marriages published in MFH, July, 1988, p. 99-104 and in Altpreußische Geschlechterkunde, 1979, p. 90-95.
   g. 1841-1870 church book, containing death indexes for 1841-1854, 1858-1861, 1866, and 1868-1870; LDS microfilm #71180.

6. Fürstenwerder (Bärwalde)
   a. 1800-1943 church book, contains baptisms and deaths 1800-1943, family book 1906-1910; LDS microfilm #555789, microfilm copies also at MLA, MHC, CMBSH, and CMBSF.
   b. 1874-1943 church book, contains baptisms 1874-1946, marriages 1881-1943, cemetery records 1776-1945; LDS microfilm #555790, microfilm copy also at MHC.
   c. 1782-1795, 1797, 1799-1801, 1803, 1805, and 1834 baptism records; microfilm copy at MHC and at CMBSF; extraction of 1782-1795 baptisms published in MFH, 1988, p. 25-28.

7. Grosswerder baptism records, 1782-1840; LDS microfilm #386918 and #1344013 (see baptism records for Fürstenwerder, Ladekopp, Rosenort, and Tiegenhagen) (also known as Petershagen church book); original at Archiwum Pastwowe, Gdansk, Poland; 1782-1823 baptisms posted on MMHS web site under the Baerwalde, Grosswerder, Ladekopp, and Tiegenhagen sections.

8. Heubuden
   a. 1772-1900 church book, contains births, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #555791, microfilm copies also at MLA, MHC, CMBSH, and CMBSF; transcription by John Thiesen on the MLA web site at http://www.bethelks.edu/1thiesen/prussian/heubuden.html.
   b. 1770-1942 church book, contains baptisms; LDS microfilm #1344434 item 1, microfilm copy at MHC; 1770-1799 baptisms posted on MMHS web site.
c. 1800-1900 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #450470.

9. Königsberg
   a. 1766-1859 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1766-1858, family book 1774-1858; LDS microfilms #71785, #71289, items 2 and 3, #1815727 item 1, #1866001 item 1, #477311, item 1, #1814794 item 1, microfilm copy at CMBSF; extraction of baptisms 1770-1820 posted on the MMHS web site; extraction of marriages 1821-1847 published in Altpreußische Geschlechterkunde, 1974, p. 103, 104.
   b. 1769-1832 church book, contains births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfiche #6311594-6311596; microfilm copy of CMBSH.

10. Ladekopp
   a. 1775-1902 church book, contains births, marriages, and deaths 1775-1829, LDS microfilm #386918, microfilm copies also at MLA and MHC.
   b. 1775-1902 church book, contains births, marriages, and deaths 1775-1829, baptisms 1809-1829, deaths 1756-1851, family book; LDS microfilm #555792, microfilm copies also at MLA, MHC, CMBSH, and CMBSF.
   c. 1782-1802, 1804, 1814-1822 baptism records; microfilm copy at MHC and at CMBSF; extraction of 1782-1802 baptisms published in MFH, 1989, p. 66-70; 1782-1804 and 1809-1813 baptisms posted on MMHS web site.
   d. 1811-1874 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #208202.

11. Marcushof-Thiensdorf
   a. 1776-1834 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #1866001 item 5, microfilm copies at MLA, MHC, CMBSH, and CMBSF.
   b. 1781-1944 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #555795; microfilm copy at MHC.
   c. 1785-1890 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths 1807 and 1819-1890 and members 1785; LDS microfilm #1866002.
   d. 1787-1911 church book; microfilm copies at MLA, MHC, CMBSH, and CMBSF; extraction of marriages 1787-1800 published in Altpreußische Geschlechterkunde, 1988, p. 211-226.
   e. 1801-1874 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #208414.
   f. 1835-1890 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #72956.

12. Marienwerder Mennonite church documents 1811-1848; LDS microfilm #496061.

13. Montau-Gruppe
posted on MMHS web site; extraction of 1741-1813 baptisms published in “Mennonite Baptisms in Montau, W. Prussia”, microfilm copy in LDS microfilm #1573188 item 3.

b. 1661-1885 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #1866003.

c. 1782-1874 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #386917, microfilm copies also at MLA, MHC, CMBSH, and CMBSF.

d. 1857-1941 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #476686.

e. 1857-1944 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #415102, microfilm copies also at MLA and MHC.

14. Orloffelde
  a. 1726-1900 church book, contains baptisms 1726-1900 and births, marriages, and deaths 1772-1900; LDS microfilm #555793, microfilm copy also at MHC, scanned images on Grandma 3 CD; extractions of baptisms 1726-1772-1804 and of deaths 1772-1799 are posted on the MMHS web site.
  b. 1800-1899 church book; microfilm copies at MLA, MHC, CMBSH, and CMBSF.

15. Petershagen church book; LDS microfilm #386918 (see baptism records for Fürstenwerder, Ladekopp, Rosenort, and Tiegenhagen) (also known as Grosswerder baptisms book).

16. Plauschwarren, Lithuania church book; contained baptisms 1771-1849 and marriages 1778-1800 (name of bride not given), 1816-1862,1863-1944, births and deaths 1791-1861,1862-1944, marriages 1816-1862,1863-1944. Original book was lost at the end of WW 2. Extractions of baptisms 1771-1800 and marriages 1778-1802 from Lutheran church records have been done by Adalbert Goertz and are posted on the MMHS web site. More recently Erwin Wittenberg has been extracting Mennonite entries from the Lutheran church records of Neukirch, Heinrichswalde and Plaschken. Extractions of marriages in Heinrichswalde 1803-1823 are posted on the MMHS web site.

17. Przechowka church book; LDS microfilm #450468, microfilm copies at MLA, MHC, CMBSH, and CMBSF; extraction published in *Przechovka Church Records of the Old Flemish or Gröningen Mennonisten Societaet in Przechowka, West Prussia*, translated by Lydia Pankratz and Anna M. Unruh, Mennonite Immigrant Historical Foundation, Goessel, KS, 1980.

18. Rosenort
  a. 1782-1795, 1814-1840 baptism records; microfilm copy at MHC and at CMBSF; extraction of 1782-1795 baptism records posted on the MMHS web site.
  b. 1857-1942 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #555794, microfilm copies also at MLA, MHC, CMBSH, and CMBSF, scanned images on Grandma 1 CD.

19. Schönsee
a. 1862-1944 baptism records; recently acquired by the Mennonitische Forschungstelle, Weierhof, Germany, microfilming supposedly in progress.

b. 1910-? church book; recently acquired by the Mennonitische Forschungstelle, Weierhof, Germany, microfilming supposedly in progress.

20. Tiegenhagen
   a. 1780-1841 church book, contains births, marriages, and deaths 1780-1841; LDS microfilm #386918, microfilm copy also at CMBSH and CMBSF.
   b. 1780-1944 church book, contains baptisms 1780-1944, marriages 1780-1885, and deaths 1780-1831 and 1842-1950; LDS microfilm #555796, microfilm copies also at MLA and MHC.
   c. 1782-1840 baptisms; microfilm copy at MHC and at CMBSF.

21. Thorn (Obernessau Gemeinde) church book (missing); births and deaths 1739-1840, 1808-1812; births 1814-1878; deaths 1841-1920. Its last known location was at the Altslaedtischen evangelischen Kirche in Thorn in 1941.

22. Tragheimerweide
   c. 1766-1899 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #364826; microfilm copy at MLA, CMBSF and CMBSH; scanned images on the Grandma 3 CD and at [http://www.bethelks.edu/services/mla/holdings/tragheimerweide](http://www.bethelks.edu/services/mla/holdings/tragheimerweide); transcription at MLA; BK 6 database transcribed by Ernie Baergen at MHSS.
   d. 1792-1944 church book, contains baptisms, marriages, and deaths; LDS microfilm #555797 items 1 and 2, microfilm copies also at MLA and at MHC.

23. Lutheran and Catholic records; many church books from West and East Prussia contain entries of significant numbers of events related to Mennonites; see the Handbook for the Low German Genealogist using Brothers Keeper 5.2, p. 20 and 21 for a list of LDS microfilm numbers for various Lutheran and Catholic church records that contain at least some Mennonite data. Glenn Penner is currently compiling a list of additional microfilms that contain at least some Mennonite data. See the MMHS web site at [http://www.mmhs.org/prussia/mmhsgen3.htm](http://www.mmhs.org/prussia/mmhsgen3.htm) for the extracted records below:
   a. Culm; extraction of Mennonite deaths 1800-1834 in the Lutheran church records of Culm posted on the MMHS web site.
   b. Elbing; extraction of Mennonite deaths 1713-1799 in the Lutheran church records of Elbing St. Annen posted on the MMHS web site.
   c. Fuerstenau; extraction of Mennonite marriages 1800-1830 in the Lutheran church records of Fuerstenau posted on the MMHS web site.
   d. Graudenz; extraction of Mennonite deaths 1774-1776 and 1800-1840 in the Lutheran church records of Graudenz posted on the MMHS web site.
   e. Gross Mausdorf; extraction of Mennonite births 1800-1808, deaths 1753-1756, 1773, and 1774, and marriages 1801-1830 in the Lutheran church records of Gross Mausdorf posted on the MMHS web site.
f. Heinrichswalde; extractions of Mennonite marriages 1803-1823 and births 1804-1818 and 1826-1829 in the Lutheran church records of Heinrichswalde posted on the MMHS web site.

g. Jungfer; extraction of Mennonite marriages from 1801-1820 in the Lutheran church records of Jungfer posted on the MMHS web site.

h. Kunzendorf; extraction of Mennonite marriages from 1805-1821 in the Lutheran church book of Kunzendorf posted on the MMHS web site.

i. Marienau; extraction of Mennonite deaths 1778-1780 in the Catholic church records of Marienau and Mennonite marriages 1800-1821 in the Lutheran church records of Marienau posted on the MMHS web site.

j. Schoeneberg; extraction of Mennonite deaths 1749-1761 in the Catholic church records of Schoeneberg posted on the MMHS web site.

k. Tannsee; extraction of Mennonite marriages 1800-1820 in the Lutheran church records of Tannsee posted on the MMHS web site.

l. Tiegenhagen; extraction of Mennonite burials 1757-1770 in the Catholic church records of Tiegenhagen posted on the MMHS web site.

m. Zeyer; extraction of Mennonite births 1799-1810; Mennonite burials 1774-1786 predominately from Einlage, Ellerwald, Fischerscamp, and Zeyer; Mennonite deaths 1785-1815; and Mennonite marriages 1801-1824 in the Lutheran church records of Zeyer posted on the MMHS web site.

24. International Genealogical Index compiled by the LDS Church; contains extractions of much data from the W. Prussian Mennonite church records.

B. Census records

1. 1727 “Brandregister” property holders list; extraction posted on MMHS web site.


4. 1789 West Prussian Land Census; extraction posted on MMHS web site.

5. 1793 Danzig Territory Census; extraction posted on MMHS web site.

6. 1811 Elbing Territory Census; extraction posted on MMHS web site.

7. 1824 Marienwerder District Land Census; extraction posted on MMHS web site.

D. Land records; starting in 1772 these exist for some West Prussian regions. Adalbert and Barbel Goertz are working on extracting the Mennonite entries.
1. 1600-1770 land leases and village lists containing Mennonites; compilation by Glenn Penner posted on MMHS web site.
2. 1789-1798 Mennonite land acquisitions; extraction posted on MMHS web site.
3. 1833-1866 Mennonite land acquisitions; extraction posted on MMHS web site.
4. 1803-1856 Mennonite land disposals in the Marienwerder District; extraction posted on MMHS web site.
5. Records for Marienwerder District 1811-1848 found in LDS microfilm #496061.

E. Court records;
1. Gross Lubin, Amt Neuenburg; extraction of Mennonite records posted on MMHS web site
2. Neu Dessau, Amt Driesen, Brandenburg; extraction of Mennonite records from the Grund-Acten and Hypotheken-Acten posted on MMHS web site.
3. Amtsgericht Stuhm (1772-1945), Marienwerder (1842-1933), Marienburg (1932-1944), Elbing (1772-1943), Tiegenhof (1772-1943) at the Elblag State Archives.
4. Amtsgericht Neuenburg at the Bydgoszcz State Archives covering the period 1772-1918.
5. Amtsgericht Driesen at the Gorzow Wielkopolski State Archives with 12739 volumes covering the period 1748-1944.
6. Amtsgericht Kulm (1804-1944) and Thorn (1817?-1939) at the Torun State Archives.

F. Petition lists; 1868 and 1869 lists of Mennonite petitioners on MMHS web site.

G. Newspapers: *Mennonitische Blätter*; published from 1854 to 1941 in Danzig.

H. Collections of genealogical data
1. Zimmermann card collection; compiled by Werner Zimmermann in the 1930’s to 1950’s; contains data about W. Prussian Mennonites on about 8000 cards; description of the collection by Mr. Zimmermann in “Die Kartei ostdeutscher Menno=Sippen im Familienarchiv Zimmermann”, *Mennonitische Geschichtsblaetter*, 1950, p. 2-17; original collection at the Mennonitische Forschungstelle; 9 microfilms of the collection available at Mennonite Library and Archives, N. Newton, Kansas and at Mennonite Heritage Center, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

2. Thiessen collection; compiled by Hermann Thiessen; contains data about Mennonites from W. Prussia and their descendents on about 15,000 cards as well as extensive correspondence, that focuses in particular on the families represented in his published books; originals currently at MLA, N. Newton, Kansas; microfilmed on 29 reels, with 21 reels covering the cards and 8 reels covering the correspondence; scans of the 8 reels being placed on the MHSA web site at
   http://www.mennonitehistory.org/projects/collections/thiessen_herman/index.html; microfilm copies are available at:
   a. Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Fresno, California
b. Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas

c. Mennonite Library and Archives, North Newton, Kansas

d. Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen, College, Goshen, Indiana

e. Mennonite Historical Society of B. C., Abbotsford, B. C.

f. Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta, Calgary, Alberta

g. Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

h. Mennonite Heritage Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba

i. Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Winnipeg, Manitoba

j. Mennonite Archives of Ontario, Waterloo, Ontario

k. AHSGR, Lincoln, Nebraska

l. GRHS, Bismarck, North Dakota

m. Mennonitische Forschungstelle, Weierhof, Germany

n. Asuncion and Fernheim Colony Archives, Paraguay

3. Anna Andres collection; family records of W. Prussian Mennonites compiled by Anna Andres from many sources in the 1930’s and 1940’s; original papers at the Mennonitische Forschungstelle; photocopies of a portion of the collection are at MLA, N. Newton, Kansas; microfilming of this collection to be done in the near future.

4. Ulrich Dueck collection; genealogical data mostly relative to W. Prussian Mennonites on 454 large charts; originals in the possession of Mr. Dueck in Germany; photocopies at MLA, N. Newton, Kansas; microfilm copy available at the same archives listed above that have copies of the Hermann Thiessen Collection.

1. Research guides


5. *German Genealogy Research Guide CD*; combines the following four books: *In Search of Your German Roots, Address Book for Germanic Genealogy, German-English Genealogical Dictionary, and German-American Names*. From Genealogical Publishing Co.


J. History
2. Die Familiennamen der westpreussischen Mennoniten, by Gustav Reimer, Weierhof, 1940.
3. Das Siedlungswerk niederlaedischer Mennoniten im Weichseltal, by Herbert Wiebe, Marburg, 1952.
5. The Werder, by Gerhard Driedger, Lethbridge AB.

K. Archives and historical societies
1. Brandenburgisches Landeshauptarchiv Potsdam
   An der Orangerie 3, D14469 Potsdam, Germany
2. Gdansk Archives
   Wojewozkze Archiwum W Gdansku
   Walu Piastowskie 5
   Gdansk, Poland
3. Geheimes Staatsarchiv Preussicher Kulturbesitz
   Archivstrasse 12-14, D14195 Berlin-Dahlem, Germany
4. Mennonite-Polish Friendship Association, sponsored by Peter Klassen
   Center for M. B. Studies, 4824, E. Butler, Fresno, CA 93727 and
   Mennonite Heritage Centre, 600 Shaftesbury Centre, Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4
   http://www.fresno.edu/affiliation/mpfa
5. Mennonitische Forschungstelle
   Am Hollerbrunnen 2A, 67295 Boladen, Weierhof, Post Marnheim, Germany
   Archivist: Gary Waltner E-mail: Mennoforsch@t-online.de
6. Polish State Archives
   Warsaw, Poland
7. The Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe
   P. O. Box 72074
   Calgary, Alberta T2V 5H9 http://www.sggee.org
8. Thorn/Torun District Archives (Archiwum Panstwowe w Toruniu)
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