

1737 List of the Members of the Schweingrub/Tragheimerweide Congregation

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In 1724 Prussian King Friedrich Wilhelm ordered the expulsion of 160 Mennonite families (about 350 to 400 persons) in [Lithuania](#). The resulting refugee groups were given considerable aid by the Dutch Mennonites. The Dutch kept track of those who received aid and those records are preserved in the archives of the Dutch Mennonite church in Amsterdam. One of the resulting refugee groups was able to settle in the region of [Stuhm](#) in the Marienburger Werder.

In 1737 a list of those who had formed the [Schweingrub](#) congregation (later known as the Tragheimerweide congregation) was sent to the Netherlands and translated into Dutch. This list accounts for 47 families and a total of 232 people. Although the villages where these families lived are not included, they likely lived in [Tragheimerweide](#), [Rudnerweide](#) and Schweingrub. This list can be compared to a later list of landowners in the region from [1744](#). By that time Mennonites were living in Tragheimerweide, Schweingrub, Rudnerweide, [Montauerweide](#), [Rehhof](#), [Zwanzigerweide](#), and [Klein Schardau](#) and [Gross Schardau](#). After one takes the 25-30 non-Mennonite families in the 1744 list into account it can be seen that this group had at least doubled in size in less than a decade. Evidently other Lithuanian Mennonites and Mennonites from the other Frisian Mennonite congregations had joined the original group.

Since the original German list is difficult to read and the Dutch list has converted the first and surnames into Dutch equivalents, I have standardized these names for easier identification.

The document can be found in microfilm #689, item #1655, at the Mennonite Heritage Archives in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Surname	First name	Man	Wife	Children	Comments
Adrian	Peter	1	0	4	
Becher	Abraham	1	1	4	
Block	Martin	1	1	5	
Cappan	widow	0	1	1	

Dirks	Franz	1	1	3	
Ediger	Heinrich	1	1	1	
Ediger	Peter	1	1	3	
Ediger	widow	0	1	1	
Engbrecht	Heinrich	1	1	8	
Ewert	Jacob	1	1	2	
Ewert	Johann	1	1	4	
Ewert	Peter	1	1	10	
Flaming	Peter	1	1	2	
Flaming	widow	0	1	0	
Goertzen	Johann	1	1	6	
Greger	widow	0	1	0	
Guhr	Cornelius	1	1	4	
Holsche	Johann	1	0	3	
Janzen	Gerhard	1	1	2	
Janzen	Jacob	1	0	2	
Janzen	Peter	1	1	4	
Janzen	Peter	1	1	2	
Janzen	widow	0	1	3	
Janzen	Wilhelm	1	1	2	
Klassen	Conrad	1	1	4	
Koehn	David	1	1	4	
Koehn	Jacob	1	1	3	& one "blind person"
Koehn	widow	0	1	0	
Liekset	Gerhard	1	1	0	
Nachtigal	Adrian	1	1	2	
Neuman	Johann	1	1	5	
Nickel	Gerhard	1	1	5	
Nickel	Heinrich	1	1	4	"der Lahm"?
Obbe	Heinrich	1	1	4	
Penner	Franz	1	1	1	
Penner	Peter	1	1	2	
Plenert	Heinrich	1	1	3	
Quiring	Heinrich	1	1	3	
Schmidt	Wilhelm	1	1	6	
Seels	David	1	1	4	
Siemens	Martin	1	1	2	
Siemens	widow	0	1	4	
Siewert	Jacob	1	1	2	
Stobbe	Isaac	1	1	0	

Tjart	Peter	1	1	4	
Unruh	Abraham	1	1	5	
Unruh	Erdmann	1	1	4	

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