1750 "Census" of Villages in Kreis Kulm, Prussia

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This "Census" has been compiled from data on these villages which was provided in a book written by Herbert Wiebe (1). Wiebe describes a Fire Insurance program initiated by the Mennonites in Gross Lunau about 1720 (2). The program grew in popularity with expansion to other villages and over time many non-Mennonites joined as well. For this compilation I extracted the names off the membership list which was effective as of 4 March 1750. The list also included the land holding of each member which has not been included here. It must be pointed out that this is not a true census because membership likely was voluntary. One must also note that a significant number of members were not Mennonites. It is possible that some members with "Mennonite sounding" names were also not Mennonites. Additionally we must remember that these villages were inhabited by Mennonites from both the Frisian and Groningen Old Flemish branches, with the Frisians in the majority.

In the following table: GM-#: **nm** indicates the name is clearly not Mennonite, -indicates there are no instances of the name in the GRanDMA database (3), a ? indicates that the GRanDMA record could not be correlated with this individual and entries with a number assigned seem likely to fit that individual. P# denotes an individual's roster number in the Przechowka Church Record (4).

Resident	GM-#	P-#	Father's P-#	Comments			
	Dorposch						
Bartz, Jacob	nm						
Berg, Jacob	nm						
Block, Christoph	-						
Block, Gehrt.	-			He's in 1772 & 1776 cs. at Dorposch.			
Isaac, Heinrich	32058	551	543	(1718-) He's in 1772 & 1776 cs. At Dorposch.			
Isaac, Peter	32200	550	543	(-abt 1780) He's not in 1772 cs, he went to Neumark (at Neu Desasau in 1771).			
Kornels, Abraham	33643	4 (396)	Frisian	He was brother-in-law to Johan Nachtigal.			

Nachtigal, Johan	Resident	GM-#	P-#	Father's	Comments	
Schoetzau, nm	Nachtigal Johan	40007	606	P-#	(1760) His widow was listed in 1770	
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Resident	GM-#	P-#	Father's P-#	Comments	
Baltzer, Martin	-				
Biedermann, Heinrich	nm				
Decker, Hein	55755	422	416 Hebr.		
Frantz, Cornelius	3				
Knopp, George	-				
Kurck, Andreas	nm				
Nachtigal, Johan	42297?	636?	631?	(-1760)? He is listed at Dorposch, is this the same person?	
Plenert, Cornelius	-				
Poettker, Dirck	1122880			(-abt 1751)	
Schroeder, Johan	3				
Sievert, Peter	-			Village Mayor in 1750 (2).	
Vodt, Johan	?			Was he P-1062, brother of Jacob, P-1061?	
Wedel, Jacob	106662	232	206	(-1785) He's in 1772 cs at Jamerau. 1776 at Przechowka?	
Zabel, Jacob	nm				
			Klein Luna	u	
Boellcke, Peter	nm			He's at Kl. Lunau in 1727 as well.	
Cornels, Andreas	-				
Evert, Johan	?			He's in 1772 cs. at Kl. Lunau.	
Ewert, Heinrich	?				
Feldt, Johan	nm				
Gehrtz, Gehrt	-				
Knaack, Michael	nm			He's in 1772 cs. at Kl. Lunau.	
Kopper, Peter	?				
Krintz, Adam	nm				
Linger, Heinrich	nm				
Pischker, Daniel	nm				
Poettker, Heinrich	-				
Schroeder, Johan	?				
Tiahrt, Peter	;			He's at Kl. Lunau in 1727, 1772 & 1776?	
Zueltz, Martin	nm				
Niederausmaas					
Bartel, Tobias	-				
Class, Peter	?				
Frantz, Daniel	-				
Gehrtz, Peter	?				

Resident	GM-#	P-#	Father's P-#	Comments	
Hintz, Peter	nm				
Jahncke, Ertman	nm				
Knopp, Johan	?				
Lang, Friedrich	nm				
Lohrentz, David	-				
Mincke, Joachim	nm				
Pancknin, Christian	nm				
Pischker, Johann	nm				
Priebe, Jacob	nm				
Reglin, Jacob	nm				
Reinck, Christian	nm				
Rohrbeck, Christoph	nm				
Schienmann, Paul	-				
Schroeder, Johan	?				
Truhn, Martin	nm				
Unger, David	nm				
Vodt, Abraham	3				
Went, Christian	3				
Wermeister,	nm				
George					
			Rossgarte	n	
Tobias, Johan	nm				
Unruh, Johan	?				
Weitgraf, Martin	-			Village Mayor in 1750 (2).	
Unter 8 Nachbarn				[Does this mean they were located below 8 Neighbors who were not in the Fire Insurance program?]	
Schoensee					
Abraham, Isaac	?				
Arndt, Dirk	-				
Bartel, Johann	?				
Boltz, Timon	?			He's at Schoensee in 1715, 1725 and 1735.	
Bremer, George	nm			He's at Schoensee in 1715, 1725 and 1735.	
Eckert, Jacob	3				
Frantz, Stefan					
Nachtigal, Peter	?	3	?	He's at Schoensee in 1735.	

Resident	GM-#	P-#	Father's P-#	Comments
Nickel, Peter	1123359		1 #	He's at Schoensee in 1735 but not in 1772.
Pankratz, Jacob	43040	694	691	
Plenert, Dirk	-			
Vodt, Heinrich	70363	1060	1047	(abt 1723-)
Vodt, Johan	106863	1062	1047	(abt 1720-) He's at Schoensee in 1776
				cs.
Weitgraf,	-			
Cornelius				
Wilhelm, Isaac	3			Village Mayor in 1750 (2).

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Names found in Schoensee Flemish Church book (Wiebe, p. 74, abt 1773):

Buller

Knels

Liermann

Nachtigal

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Naehring

Pankratz Ratzlaff

Retzlaff

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Richert

Schwegeler

Sperling

Wedel

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