

Civil Records for the Mennonite Congregation of Deutsch Kazun, Poland

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Between 1807 and 1809 the region of Poland where the Mennonites of the Deutsch Kazun and Deutsch Wymyschle congregations lived became part of the Duchy of Warsaw, under Napoleonic France. The French introduced civil registration to this region in 1809. The registration consisted of births, marriages and deaths. This registration was carried out by the clergy of various churches: Catholic, Lutheran and, in a few cases, Mennonite.

For more on Polish Civil records see:

http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Poland_Civil_Registration-Vital_Records

Nearly complete civil records are available for the Mennonite congregation of Deutsch Kazun for the period 1832 to 1876 and have been microfilmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS):

Births, marriages and deaths for 1832 – 1843	LDS#689466
Births, marriages and deaths for 1844 – 1853	LDS#689467
Births, marriages and deaths for 1854 – 1859, 1863&1864	LDS#689468
Births, marriages and deaths for 1867 – 1876	LDS#1191909 Items 2-11

The records are in German and Polish from 1832 through 1841. From 1841 until 1867 they are in Polish and from 1868 on they are in Russian. Missing are the births for 1837 and all of 1848.

It is extremely fortunate that these records have survived since the only early Mennonite church records to have survived are copies of the baptismal records from 1834 on.

The German records are being incorporated into the GRANDMA database. At this point (GM version 7.08, Mar 2015) records up to 1840 have been included.

These records can be found here: http://mla.bethelks.edu/archives/cong_322/

This link also leads to scans of the indices for the years 1832 to 1859.

Note that the scans vary tremendously in quality.

For more information on Deutsche Kazun see the GAMEO article at:

[http://gameo.org/index.php?title=Deutsch-Kazun_\(Masovian_Voivodeship,_Poland\)](http://gameo.org/index.php?title=Deutsch-Kazun_(Masovian_Voivodeship,_Poland))