

Mennonite Births, Marriages, and Deaths Found in the Lutheran Church Records of Finkenstein, West Prussia: 1800 – 1825

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In 1800 the Prussian government required all Mennonite births, marriages and deaths to be recorded in local Lutheran church registers. The following are the Mennonites found in the church records of Finkenstein, West Prussia. The Mennonites of this area would have belonged to the Elbing/Ellerwald congregation. Unfortunately the Elbing/Ellerwald Mennonite Church records for this time period were lost long ago. As a result we must rely on the diaries of the Ältester (Bishop/Elder) of the congregation and on local Lutheran records.

The entries below are not translations or transcriptions. They simply present the information found in the Finkenstein records. I have only included those entries which were specifically denoted as Mennonite. Most of the birth and death records also provide the hour of birth or death and the cause of death. I have not transcribed these. I have standardized all of the spellings of proper names. Those who wish to see the original entries can consult scans LDS microfilm #1198440 which will soon appear on the www.familysearch.org website at:

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Definitions:

Hackenbüdner = owner of a small general store

Kuhpächter = one who rents pasture land for cattle. Pächter implies a long term (often decades) lease.

Erben = heirs

Births:		
Year	No.	Entry
1801	#39	Peter Dyck and Catharina Bachmann of Liebenbruch, dau. Catharina, 19 Jul
1805	#16	Thomas Wiens and Maria Bock of Finkenstein, son Thomas, 30 Jan
1806	#8	Bernhard Dyck and Christina of Finkenstein twins Heinrich and Christina, 2 Feb
1808	#40	Johann Dyck Hackenbüdner and Christina of Finkenstein, dau. Christina, 25 Jul
1810	#5	Bernhard Dyck Hackenbüdner and Christina Dyck of Finkenstein, dau. Helena, 3 Feb
1813	#42	Bernhard Dyck Hackenbüdner and Christina Dyck of Finkenstein, dau. Christina, 10 Oct
1814	#52	Johann Fast Kuhpächter and Anna Allert of Finkenstein, dau Helena, 23 Dec

1816	#14	Peter Dyck Hackenbüdner and Christina Dyck of Finkenstein, son Heinrich, 2 Apr
1817	#38	Gerhard Wiens Kuhpächter and Aganetha Berg of Liebenbruch, dau. Elisabeth, 18 Sep
1818	#32	Peter Dyck Hackenbüdner and Christina Dyck of Finkenstein, dau. Margaretha, 12 May
1818	#65	Franz Enns Pächter der M... and Maria Enns of Klein Liebenau, son Diedrich, 9 Nov
1820	#46	Franz Enns and Maria Enns of Klein Liebenau, son Johann, 10 Aug
1820	#62	Johann Penner and Susanna Dyckmann of Liebenbruch, dau. Anna, 1 Nov
1821	#31	Peter Zacharias and Christina Dyck of Finkenstein, dau. Anna Dorothea, 6 May
1822	#6	Franz Enns and Maria Enns of Klein Liebenau, dau. Aganetha, 15 Feb
1822	#12	Hermann Dyck Hackenbüdner and Anna Dyck of Finkenstein dau Anna Hermondine, 16 Mar
1824	#6	Franz Enns Evang. Luth. and Maria Enns of Klein Liebenau, dau. Maria 23 Jan
1825	#6	Franz Wiens and Maria Rempel of Klein Liebenau, son Heinrich, 21 Dec 1824
1825	#46	Hermann Dyck Hackenbüdner and Anna Dyck of Finkenstein, son Hermann, 5 Jun
Marriages:		
Year	No.	Entry
1806	#3	Liebenbruch, Johann Fast Mennonite Pächter and Anna Allert 20 Feb
Deaths:		
Year	No.	Entry
1807	#75	Liebenbruch 22 Aug, Catharina Fast 54 years "anverwante" [no living relatives]
1813	#56	Finkenstein 22 Dec, Bernhard Dyck Hackenbüdner 39 ½ years, Erben: wife and daughters.
1818	#2	Liebenbruch 20 Jan, Elisabeth 2nd daughter of the Kuhpächter Gerhard Wiens and Aganetha Berg, 18 weeks, Erben: parents.
1819	#33	Finkenstein 6 Nov, Peter Dyck Hackenbüdner, 39 years, Erben: wife and 2 children
1823	#8	Klein Liebenau 18 Feb, Catharina Enns, unmarried Mennonite, 35 years, Erben: 2 brothers.

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