

Groningen Old Flemish Ministers in the Vicinity of Schwetz and Culm

Derived from Adalbert Goertz's List of Mennonite Ministers in Prussia

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Adelbert Goertz compiled a list of over 1,100 names in his *List of Mennonite Ministers in Prussia* which can be viewed at <http://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/prussia/prediger.htm>. The listing here was drawn from his work and although it is not complete (by Goertz's admission) it does contain genealogical information not readily available elsewhere. In many respects it compares favorably with the list published in 1955 (1) and fills in a few blanks. We also compared the Goertz list to the Przechowka Church Record (2), the GRanDMA database (3), H.B. Hushoff's 1719 Diary (4), Benjamin H. Unruh (5), Leonhard Stobbe (6), David C. Wedel (7), Herman S. Voth (8), *Schoensee*-GAMEO (9) and *Przechowka*-GAMEO (10) which resulted in adding thirteen more names along with edits and comments.

We have retained the presentation style and spelling used by Goertz which is displayed in black. Any additions, edits or comments which we have entered are displayed in red, and if not sourced are in brackets []. In those instances where reliable data conflicts with the Goertz entry we have lined-out the "incorrect data" and entered the "correct" data in **bold red**. Symbols used by Goertz are: * = geboren, born + = gestorben, died Q = Quelle, source of information The year stated is the year of election or ordination to the office. P-# = the serial number of the individual in the Przechowka Membership Register (2) GM-# = the number currently assigned to that individual in the GRanDMA Database (3)

Becker, Hans in Kokotzko, Prediger der Gem. Przechowka *ca1655 in **Kokotzcy** +in Q: J.A. Duerksen, (3), (7), P-2, GM-31913

Becker, Peter in Beckersitz, Prediger, **Ältester?** der Gem. Przechowka *21(24).2.1687 in Kunpat +5.9.1749 in Q: J.A. Duerksen, (1), (2), (7), P-292, GM-31954 [It seems unlikely he was ever an Aeltester. It is more probable that three Benjamin Wedels served in succession: ca 1717-ca 1730 P-196; ca 1730-1759 P-208; ca 1762-1785 P-2XL]

Buller, Hans in [Jeziorki], 1723?-1760? Prediger [der Gem. Jeziorki?] *1710 (ca 1700??) in [Konopat] + in Q: (1), (3), (7), P-341, GM-77782

Buller, Heinrich in Przechowka, 1813-1865 Prediger der Gem. Przechowka *1.4.1788 in Przechowka +11.12.1865 in Alexanderwohl, Russland Q: (2), (3), (7), P-393, GM-32901

Foth, Hans in **Schönsee**, Prediger der Gem. Schönsee (Flamisch) *in +in Q: Naamlist 1743, (4), P-1047, GM-70362 [seems to be a duplicate of Hans Voet, below]

Isaac, Jacob in **Dorposch**, 1719 Prediger der Gem. ~~Schönsee (Flamisch)~~ **Przechowka** *ca 1675 in Przechowka +in vor 1755 [zwischen 1733-1750] Q: Naamlist 1743, (3), (4), (10), P-543, GM-32213. (He's at Dorposch in 1719, alive in 1733 but not in the 1750 census.)

Isaac, Peter in Neu-Dessau, 1782-1783 Prediger der Gem. Neumark *1745 in [Dorposch] +in [Wischenka?] Q: (1), (2), P-555, GM-38976

Isaac, Peter in, 1822 Prediger der Gem. Neumark *in +in Q: J.A. Duerksen Unknown. [Is the 1822 date incorrect and he is actually P-555 listed above? Or is he another Peter Isaac, perhaps an undocumented son of P-555?]

Jantz, Benjamin in, 1809 Prediger der Neumark *[ca 1771?] in [Niederausmaas?] +in Q: Rechwitz:Beitr.2, P-522?, GM-39703? [It seems almost certain he is the brother of Prediger Peter Jantz (P-521) and the son of Aeltester Peter Jantz (P-516)]

Jantz, Peter in **Jeziorki**, Prediger der Gem. Neumark **[Jeziorki?]** *1710/1715 in ~~Jeziorken~~ **Jeziorki** +in [Jeziorki] Q: J.A. Duerksen, (1), (2), (3), (7), P-515, GM-39694 [There is this no indication he ever left Jeziorki.]

Jantz, Peter in **Niederausmaas und Franzthal**, 1762-1773 Prediger der Gem. **Schönsee (Flamisch)** 1773 Prediger der Gem. Neumark 1776-1810 Ältester der Gem. Neumark *3.6.1744 in ~~Jeziorken?~~ **Jeziorki** +9.2.1810 in Franztal/Neumark Q: J.A. Duerksen, (1), (2), (7), (9), P-516 GM-39695

Jantz, Peter in **Franzthal**, 1809 Prediger der Gem. Neumark *17.5.1769 in **Niederausmaas** +30.1.1825 in **Brenkenschofswalde** Q: Rechwitz:Beitr.2, (2), (3), P-521, GM-39702

Jantz, Tobias in **Niederausmaas**, 1785 Prediger der Gem. Schönsee (Flamisch) *9.6.1751 **Jeziorki** +15.2.1813 in Dorposch [**Niederausmaas?**] Q: J.A. Duerksen, (2), (3), P-518, GM-39697

~~Jantzen~~ **Jantz**, Tobias in Nieder-Ausmaas, 1820 Ältester der Gem. Schönsee (Flamisch) *4.12.1781 in **Niederausmaas** +7.5.1851 in Nieder-Ausmaas Q: Menn.Blaetter, (2), P-526, GM-39746

Lange, Wilhelm in Brenkenhoffswalde, **1802 Prediger** 1810 Ältester der Gem. Neumark *14.8.1765 in +20.9.1841 in Gnadenfeld, Russland Q: Menn. Lexikon, (1), (3), P-none, GM-706327

Pankratz, Andreas in, 1785 Prediger der Gem. Przechowka *6.5.1749 (1750?) in **Schönsee** +in Q: (1), (2), (3), (7), P-703, GM-43081

Pankratz, Peter in Schönsee, 1762 (1760?) Prediger der Gem. Schönsee (Flamisch) *25.2.1729 **18.2.1729** in **Jamerau** +25.2.1791 in Q: J.A. Duerksen, (9), P-712, GM-43046

Ratzlaff, Berend in Przechowka, Prediger [**ca 1685-ca 1717**] **Ältester** der Gem. Przechowka *1620? **1660?** in [Przechowka?] +ca 1717 in **Przechowka** Q: J.A. Duerksen, (1), (2), (3), (7), P-24, GM-32092

Ratzlaff, ~~Bernhard~~ **Berend** in ~~Jeziorken (Kleinsee)~~ **Jeziorki** 1785 Ältester der Gem. ~~Jeziorken~~ **Jeziorki** *18.5.1717 in [Konopat] +1795 in Kleinsee [**Antonowa?**] **Volhynia** Q: (2), (4), P-88, GM-40862 (He emigrated to Volhynia in 1804.)

Ratzlaff, Hans in, ~~1733~~ [**1763?**] Prediger der Gem. Przechowka *18.6.1727 in +11.7.1788 in Q: J.A. Duerksen, (7), P-86, GM-33849

Ratzlaff, Heinrich in, 1791 Prediger der Gem. Przechowka *8.12.1742 in +7.1.1805 in **Beckersitz** Q: J.A. Duerksen, (3), P-58, GM-47809

Ratzlaff, Jacob in, 1799 Prediger der Gem. Przechowka *24.8.1765 in +~~1823?~~ **1830** In [**Molotschna, Russland**] Q: J.A. Duerksen, (3), (5), P-139, GM-47820

Ratzlaff, Peter in **Jeziorki?**, 1785 Prediger der Gem. ~~Przechowka~~ **Jeziorki** *14.10.1742 in +in Q: J.A. Duerksen, (1), (3), P-47, GM-33043

Ratzlaff, Peter in ~~Kleinsee~~ **Jeziorki**, 1795 Prediger der Gem. ~~Jeziorken-Kleinsee~~ **Jeziorki** *2.7.1769 in [Przechowka?] +in Teorilofka? Q: Reiszwitz:Beitr.2, (2), (3), P-94, GM-47881 (emigrated to Volhynia in 1804)

Ratzlaff, Pieter in, Prediger der Gem. Schönsee (Flamisch) *~~1689?~~ **18.5.1689** in [Przechowka?] +~~1775?~~ **14.5.1775** in Q: Naamlist 1743, (1), (2), (3), (7), P-36, GM-34062

Richert, Abraham in [Przechowka], 1785 Prediger 1791-1798 Ältester der Gem. Przechowka ***8.8.1747** in Przechowka +**21.12.1798** in [Przechowka] Q: J.A. Duerksen, (1), (2), (7), P-771, GM-48255

Richert, Andreas in Gr. Dt. Konopath, [ca 1813] Prediger [1820?-1832] Ältester der Gem. Przechowka ***3.3.1771** Niederausmaas +**24.4.1845** Friedensdorf, Russland Q: (2), (3), (5), (6), P-761, GM-804471, GM-48277

Schmidt, Ehrenst in, **1759-1775** Prediger der Gem. Przechowka ***21.10.1735** in ~~Kunopat~~ **Konopat** +**10.12.1775** in Q: J.A. Duerksen, (2), (7), P-802, GM-43124

Schmidt, Hans in Dt. Konopat, Prediger [der Gem. Przechowka] ***9.6.1766** in Konopat +**10.11.1809** in Dt. Konopat Q: (1), (2), (3), (7), P-865, GM-86997

Schmidt, Hans in Franztal, 1792 Prediger der Gem. Neumark ***15.12.1761** in Konopat +in [Brenkenhofswalde?] Q: (2), P-839, GM-43125

Schmidt, Jacob in Neu-Dessau, **1765?-1774** Prediger [der Gem. Neumark] ***_.10.1736** in +**10.5.1798** in Q: (1), (2), P-822, GM-58514

Sparling, Laurens in Dorposch, Prediger der Gem. Przechowka **1760[-1779?]** Ältester der Gem. Schönsee (Flamisch) ***24.5.1718** in Dorposch +~~1825~~ **ca 1779** in [Dorposch] Q: J.A. Duerksen, (3), (9), P-900, GM-53766

Sperling, Benjamin in [Dorposch?] 1825 Prediger der Gem. Schönsee (Flamisch) ***27.8.1798** in [Dorposch?] +**22.11.1847** in Dorposch Q: Menn Blaetter, (3), P-none [son of P-908?], GM-860203?

Sperling, Peter in Dorposch, 1831 Prediger der Gem. Schönsee (Flamisch) *in +in Q: Rechwitz:Beitr.2 [Brother of Benjamin, above?]

Unrau, Abraham in Przechowka, **1719-ca 1760?** Prediger der Gem. Przechowka *in +in Q: Naamlist 1743, (4), (10), P-949, GM-106815

Unrau, Hans in Przechowka, 1799 Prediger der Gem. Przechowka ***14.2.1757** in Przechowka +**12.7.1813** in Przechowka Q: (2), (3), P-985, GM-82384

Unrau, Hein in Dt. Konopat, Prediger der Gem. Przechowka ***24.8.1678** Dt. Konopat +**19.4.1719** Dt. Konopat Q: (2), (3), P-941/P-942, GM-106812/70366

(Hein and Heinrich Unrau seem to be the same person, but perhaps are not. P-942 is prefixed with the title *Ohm* in reference (2).)

Unrau, Hein in **Przechowka**, 1779 Prediger der Gem. Przechowka *28.8.1740 in **Dt. Konopat** +13.9.1793 in [**Przechowka**] Q: J.A. Duerksen, (2), (3), (7), P-975, GM-32124

Unrau, Heinrich in, 1782 Prediger der Gem. Neumark *1760? in Jeziorki +1787 in Q: (1), (2), P-990, GM-106825

Voht, *Ohm* in Kulm, Ältester *ca 1586 in, + in, Q: (1), (2), (3), (7), P-1044, GM-70361

Voet, Andries in, 1755 Prediger der Gem. ~~Jeziorken-Kleinsee~~ **Jeziorki** [1765 Prediger der Gem. Neumark] *1730? in [Jeziorki?] +[ca 1792] in [Franzthal] Q: (1), (2), P-1052, GM-106858 and 68529

Voet, Berend in Franztal, 1812 Prediger der Gem. Neumark *21.3.1772 in [Franzthal] +30 Mar 1830 in [Franzthal] Q: (3), P-none (son of P-1071), GM-1059548 and 524344?

Voet, Cornelius in [**Brenkenhofswalde**], 1792 Prediger der Gem. Neumark *4.3.1769 in [**Brenkenhofswalde**] +5.6.1829 in [**Brenkenhofswalde**] Q: (3), P-1068, GM-83560

Voet, Hans in **Schönsee**, 1719-ca 1755 Prediger der Gem. Przechowka *1675? in +in Q: (1), (7), (10), P-1047, GM-70362 [seems to be a duplicate of Hans Foth, above]

Voht, Ehrenst in **Brenkenhofswalde**, 1761 Prediger [1765?-1776?] Ältester? der Gem. Neumark *1730? in +[1776?] in [**Brenkenhofswalde**] Q: J.A. Duerksen, (1), (2), (7), P-1073, GM-106664

Voht, Peter in Przechowka, 1813 Prediger der Gem. Przechowka *26.10.1783 in Przechowka +27 Sep 1835 Russland Q: (2), (3), (7), P-1117, GM-13295

Wedel, Benjamin in Przechowka, [ca 1717-ca 1730] Ältester der Gem. Przechowka *[ca 1675] in +vor 1733 in Q: (4), (10), P-196, GM-78067 (He hosted H.B. Hulshoff during his stay at Przechowka in 1719. It seems likely he was the Aeltester since he was referred to as “oom” –uncle in Dutch- in Hulshoff’s diary.)

Wedel, Benjamin in Przechowka, [ca 1730-1759] Ältester der Gem. Schönsee (Flamisch) **Przechowka** *20.11.1690 in [Przechowka?] +Nov 1759 in **Przechowka** Q: J.A. Duerksen, (2), (7), P-208, GM-81622

Wedel, Benjamin in, [ca 1762-1785] Ältester der Gem. Przechowka *27.10.1742 in +4.1.1785 in Q: J.A. Duerksen, (1), (2), (7), P-2XL, GM-81617

Wedel, Benjamin in Niederausmaas, 1785 Prediger der Gem. Schönsee (Flamisch) *23.3.1747 in +27.11.1812 in [Niederausmaas] Q: (1), (2), P-244, GM-106665

Wedel, Benjamin in, ~~1799~~ **1790** Prediger 1799-1809 Ältester der Gem. Przechowka *7.8.1766 in +14.4.1813 in ~~Antoneva?~~ **Przechowka** Q: J.A. Duerksen, (1), (2), (7), (8), P-261, GM-47896 (He's at Przechowka in the 1812 census.)

Wedel, Heinrich in Nieder-Ausmaas, 1825 Diakon der Gem. Schönsee (Flamisch) *4.4.1788 in [Niederausmaas] +9.6.1846 in Nieder-Ausmaas Q: Menn. Blaetter, P-none [son of P-244], GM-126121

Wedel, Jacob in Jamerau, 1747-1765 Prediger der Gem. ~~Przechowka~~ **Schönsee (Flamisch)** *1698 in +[1765?] in Q: (He's at Jamerau in the 1750 census), (2), (7), (9), P-206, GM-106649, GM-522051

Wedel, Jacob in Przechowka, 1775 (1779?) Prediger 1785-1791 ~~Ältester der Gem. Neumark~~ **Przechowka** *20.1.1754 in +5.9.1791 in Q: J.A. Duerksen, (1), (7), (10), P-258, GM-106634

Wedel, Peter in Przechowka, 1799 Prediger, 1809-1814? Ältester der Gem. Przechowka *4.2.1769 +1814? in Q: (1), (2), (7), (8), P-262, GM-81631

Wedel, Peter in Przechowka, 1813 Prediger 1814-1820 ~~Ältester der Gem. Neumark~~ **Przechowka 1820-1869 Ältester der Gem. Alexanderwohl, Russland** *26.5.1792 in Przechowka +8.7.1871 in Alexanderwohl Q: J.A. Duerksen, (1), (7), P-1328, GM-32275

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