

# Hamberg, Molotschna Households: 1861 and 1913

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Page 8 of the [July 16, 1913](#) issue of *Die Mennonitische Rundschau* contains a letter from Abraham A. Heidebrecht of Hamberg in which he goes through each Wirtschaft (65 dissjatine [about 175 acres] farmstead) belonging to the village of Hierschau. In this letter he names the first owner from when the village was settled (in 1863 according to GAMEO) and the owner in 1913. In some cases, he says something about each owner. This was followed by a letter in the [Dec. 31, 1913](#) issue from Leander Janz of Mount View Oklahoma, a former resident posing questions and making comments about several of the families. These comments contain important genealogical information, not readily available elsewhere or found in the current version of the GRANDMA database. They also contain bits of family history which are of interest.

I have tabulated this information and added a list of those households which had children in school during the 1861-62 school year. The school list contains the property numbers for those with children in 1861-62. These can be directly compared with the list by Heidebrecht. An interesting point is the appearance of a school list at least a year before the village was founded.

This list can be compared to the [1875-76 school list](#) and the [1916 list of landowners](#) in the village. These two lists unfortunately do not provide property numbers. See also the page for Hamberg [here](#). A map of the properties in Hamberg for the approximate period 1928-39 can be found on page 44 of [Molotschna Historical Atlas by Helmut T. Huebert | Open Library](#) .

Note that I have compiled a similar listing for the village of [Hierschau](#).

I have not included numbers for these people in the [GRANDMA](#) database. Connecting these people to those already in the database requires some careful research. This must be done and the results incorporated in the database before adding numbers.

My comments are in [square brackets].

No.	1861-62 School Register	MR 16 Jul 1913 p8	Leander Janz Letter (MR 31 Dec 1913, p8)
1		Heinrich <b>Janzen</b> age 89, sold property to his children.	
2		Exchanged hands 5 times! Was <b>Dalke</b> , now Joh. <b>Goertz</b>	
3	<b>Enns</b> , Heinrich	Was Hein. <b>Enns</b> , now Aron <b>Renpenning</b>	Purchased by Aron <b>Renpenning</b> from Joh. <b>Regier</b> , who moved to Turkestan. Janz says that this AR was the son of #12.
4		Was Gerh. <b>Bergen</b> , now Abr. <b>Heidebrecht</b> (Jr.)	There was a Martin <b>Neufeld</b> here at one time.
5	<b>Koehn</b> , Jacob	Was Jacob <b>Koehn</b> , now Jacob <b>Fast</b>	Janz says that was the son of Jac. <b>Fast</b> , #25.
6	<b>Goertz</b> , Heinrich	Was Hein. <b>Goertz</b> , now wid. Abr. <b>Regier</b>	
7	<b>Teichroeb</b> , Johann	Was Joh. <b>Teichroeb</b> , now Peter <b>Renpenning</b>	Janz says that Peter <b>Renpenning</b> was the son of #12.
8		Was Dav. <b>Unrau</b> , now widow Peter <b>Baergen</b>	
9	<b>Koop</b> , Peter	Was a <b>Koop</b> , now Gerh. <b>Janzen</b>	
10	<b>Wall</b> , Aron	Was Aron <b>Wall</b> , now Gerhard <b>Hildebrand</b> . This property has changed hands 6 times.	
11	<b>Groening</b> , Johann	Was Joh. <b>Groening</b> , now his son (son-in-law, or stepson?) Heinrich <b>Teichroeb</b>	Also mentions Heinrich <b>Teichroeb</b> as the son of Joh. Groening.
12	<b>Enns</b> , Johann	Was Joh. <b>Enns</b> , now Aron <b>Renpenning</b> , who married the widow Jac. Enns.	Leander <b>Janz</b> lived with this Aron <b>Renpenning</b> who was his uncle. Was earlier at #2, then purchased #3 and later moved to #12.

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13	<b>Martens</b> , Kornelius	Was Corn. <b>Martens</b> , now Abr. <b>Heidebrecht</b> (Sr.; author of letter). Martens children Heinr. Kath. And Sara still living.	
14		Was Martin <b>Friesen</b> , now Joh. <b>Enns</b> .	
15	<b>Enns</b> , Dietrich	Was Died. <b>Enns</b> , now widow Corn. <b>Born</b> .	Says that this Joh. <b>Enns</b> was his "Schwaeger".
16	<b>Nickel</b> , Johann	Was Johann <b>Nickel</b> , now Jac. <b>Stobbe</b> , whose parents, Peter Stobbes, live in the "Nebengebäude"	
17		Was Heinr. <b>Fast</b> , now widow Corn. <b>Koop</b>	
18	<b>Voth</b> , Franz	Was Franz <b>Voth</b> , now David <b>Penner</b> .	
19		Was a <b>Neufeld</b> , now Jac. <b>Baergen</b>	
20	<b>Loewen</b> , Jacob	Was a <b>Loewen</b> , now Gerhard <b>Schellenberg</b> .	
21	<b>Bergen</b> Jacob	Was a <b>Baergen</b> , now widow Heinr. <b>Kasper</b>	
22	<b>Martens</b> , Abraham	Was Abr. <b>Martens</b> , now Klaas <b>Dyck</b>	
23		Was Joh. <b>Kroeker</b> , now David <b>Neufeld</b> . Wife is sister of author of letter). This was their father's farm.	
24	<b>Enns</b> , Gerhard	Was Gerh. <b>Enns</b> , now Franz <b>Matthies</b> .	
25		Was Jac. <b>Fast</b> , now Corn. <b>Unruh</b> . She is the daughter of Fast.	
26		Was Abr. <b>Neufeld</b> , now his son Joh. <b>Neufeld</b> .	
Kleinwirten		all 3 purchased by the landowners	
Landless	<b>Dyck</b> , Gerhard	Peter <b>Wall</b> , who has the windmill at the east end of the village	
Landless		Peter <b>Walde</b> [same as above?]	

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Landless		Abr. <b>Neufeld</b>	Says that this Abr. <b>Neufeld</b> was the son of Martin <b>Neufeld</b> , who once lived at #4.
Landless		Peter <b>Kasper</b>	Says that he was the son of "Old Kasper" who lived at #21 and was the brother of Heinrich <b>Kasper</b> , who was killed in a threshing accident.
Landless		widow of Peter <b>Heidebrecht</b>	
Landless		widow <b>Pauls</b> , who has lived as a recluse for about 25 years.	
Landless		Corn. <b>Koop</b> who has purchased one-half of the <b>Dalke</b> property and is the neighbour of the "Onkel" Heinrich <b>Janzen</b> .	

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