

Mennonite Marriages Found in the Roman Catholic Church Records of Sarnau, Culm Region, West Prussia: 1800-1813

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The Roman Catholic parish of Sarnau, in the Culm region encompassed those villages in the extreme eastern part of the Schoensee Mennonite congregation. These villages were Steinwage, Gogolin, and Striowken. The Mennonite records for the Schoensee congregation disappeared at the end of WWII and have never been located. As a result we are reliant on the records of the local Lutheran and Catholic churches. From 1800 on the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which was also the Prussian state church, was required to record Mennonite births, marriages and deaths. During the time of the French occupation (1806-13) the Catholic church usually also kept civil registrations, which often included local Mennonites.

No – this is just in index in order to keep track of the marriages, and has no other meaning.

Surnames and names have been converted into standard forms, usually used by Mennonites around that time period.

Role – is the role the person played in the wedding.

Locations have been modified to be the same as those found in my listing of West Prussian villages in which Mennonites lived, found [here](#).

Status indicated whether the person had been previously married.

Comments are mostly my translations of additional information provided in the original Latin record.

I have added the number for the person, as found in the GRANDMA database (GM#). More information on the GRANDMA database can be found [here](#).

No	Date	Surname	Name	Age	Role	Location	Status	Comments	GM#
1	1800 Jan 26	Ewert	Andreas	64	groom	Waldau	widower		
1	1800 Jan 26	Unrau	Elisabeth	37	bride	Waldau	widow	maiden name unknown	
2	1810 May 1	Siebert	Dirk	27	groom	Steinwage	unmarried		159050
2	1810 May 1	Wichert	Marianna	24	bride	Steinwage	unmarried		922560
2	1810 May 1	Wichert	Heinrich		witness				
2	1810 May 1	Knopf	Peter		witness				1442635
3	1812 Feb 8	Wilhelm	David	33	groom	Gogolin	widower		
3	1812 Feb 8	Bartel	Helena	26	bride	Gogolin	unmarried		
3	1812 Feb 8	Franz	Dirk	32	witness	Steinwage			860028
3	1812 Feb 8	Knels	Peter	40	witness				929634/858546
3	1812 Feb 8	Wichert	Peter	50	witness	Schoensee			495154
3	1812 Feb 8	Bartel	David	30	witness	Gogolin			860073?
4	1812 May 24	Plenert	Cornelius	33	groom	Striowken	widower		285731
4	1812 May 24	Unrau	Maria	22	bride	Striowken	unmarried		479225
4	1812 May 24	Dirks	Heinrich	22	witness				1442636
4	1812 May 24	Wichert	Peter	29	witness				858618/781789?
5	1812 Aug 22	Ewert	Johann	50	groom	Gogolin	widower		1022725/1021989?
5	1812 Aug 22	Voth	Catharina	26	bride	Striowken	unmarried		1021668
5	1812 Aug 22	Voth	Heinrich	48	witness	Schoensee		brother of the bride	754155
5	1812 Aug 22	Voth	Jacob	34	witness	Adamsdorf			1018004
6	1813 Oct 24	Knels	Peter	19	groom	Gogolin	unmarried		286661
6	1813 Oct 24	Konnert	Maria	20	bride	Venedia	widow	"Bartelowa" nee Bartel	285977
6	1813 Oct 24	Knels	Peter	47	witness	Gogolin		father of groom	860133

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6	1813 Oct 24	Bartel	Maria		witness	Gogolin		mother of groom, deceased	860131
6	1813 Oct 24	Konnert	Heinrich	50	witness	Nieder Gruppe		father of bride	285975
6	1813 Oct 24	Bartel	Sara	56	witness	Nieder Gruppe		mother of the bride	285976
6	1813 Oct 24	Franz	Dirk	36	witness	Gogolin			860028
6	1813 Oct 24	Franz	Peter	31	witness	Gross Lunau			1013826
6	1813 Oct 24	Wichert	Peter	55	witness	Schoensee			495154
6	1813 Oct 24	Unrau	Andreas	41	witness	Gogolin			1442646

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