

Mennonites Baptized/Christened into the Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Peter and Paul in Danzig 1751-1800

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The baptismal/christening records of the St. Peter and Paul church in Danzig contain entries for those Mennonites who converted to the Evangelical Lutheran faith. I have extracted those entries for the period 1751-1800.

The vast majority of those on the list were christened into the Lutheran church at about 16 years old or older. Witnesses, who were Lutheran, some with “Mennonite” names, are not included. I did not bother to translate all of the Latin comments. However, the status of each parent, at the time of the baptism, if known, is given in the comments column. The Latin comments for each of the baptized are what I used to determine if the person was originally a Mennonite. GRANDMA number provided in the last column is usually for the father.

An interesting entry is that for Jacob, the son of Jacob Bartsch and Christina Philipsen. This is the brother of Johann Bartsch, the Mennonite delegate to Russia. Jacob Bartsch later became a Lehrer (minister) in the Neunhuben church near Danzig. He was only a month old when he was christened into the Lutheran church. None of his siblings are found in the Lutheran baptismal records. His parents were members of the Neugarten Frisian church. So Jacob Bartsch was born a Frisian Mennonite, christened into the Evangelical Lutheran church as a baby, later baptized into the Flemish Mennonite church and became a minister in the Flemish Mennonite church.

These records are found under call number EZA5458 in the Evangelische Zentralarchiv in Berlin and should be part of LDS microfilm #362887.

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