

1755 List of those Holding Land Leases in the Villages of Laakendorf, Waldorf and Bollwerk, West Prussia

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The following table contains the names of individuals who rented land in the village domains of Laakendorf, Waldorf, and Bollwerk.

The list for 1755 is for those individuals in possession of the properties as of 1755. The contract was a 40 year, hereditary, lease from 1715 to 1755. It should be pointed out that during most of their time in Poland and West Prussia the Mennonites did not outrightly own their land. Land was “owned” as long term hereditary leases which lasted from 20 to 50 years and the property could be “sold” or passed down as if it was owned.

I have tried to reproduce the first and last names as they appear in the document. There is also information on the fees paid by each individual. I have not included that information. These files also contain other lease information from the mid-1700s in the Elbing region of West Prussia. Those files are not nearly as well organized and often contain only the surname or the surname and initial of the leaser. The entire collection of files can be found at the Geheimes Staatsarchiv Preußischer Kulturbesitz in Berlin: XX.HA., Abt. 38, Nr. 76 files Nr. 50-53 (Pages 5-6), Nr. 54-58 (Pages 10-12) & Nr. 59-60 (pages 32-33) and XX. HA., Abt. 38, Nr. 77 files Nr. 61-70 (pages 84-89), Nr. 71-83 (pages 236-242) & Nr. 84-108 (pages 361-373).

It should be noted that not all “Mennonite sounding” surnames were Mennonite. This is one of the biggest misconceptions in Mennonite genealogy and has often resulted in unrelated non-Mennonites being included in Mennonite genealogical work.

Land measurement is given in Morgen and Ruten (Quadratruten), where 1 Hufen is equal to 30 Morgen and 1 Morgen is equal to 300 Ruten. According to Goertz 1 Morgen was 0.56 hectares (or 1.38 acres).

It should also be noted that some names are repeated. These could be two different persons or they could be the same person who has rented two different properties. There is no information in the document allowing one to tell the difference.

1755 List

Village	Surname	First Name or Initial	Hufen	Morgen	Ruten	Comments
Waldorff	Grunau	Johann		14	232	
Waldorff	Ziemon	Michel		15	264	
Waldorff	Salescky	Jacob		7	126	
Waldorff	Mally	Arend		2	37	
Waldorff	Dycksche	Frau		5	88	
Waldorff	Penner	Abram		2	194	
Waldorff	Friesen	Behrendt		2	194	
Waldorff	Steingard	Daniel		6	185	
Waldorff	Wientz	Jacob		11	273	
Waldorff	Schwartz	Johann		5	88	
Waldorff	Sawatzcky	Thomas		18	158	
Waldorff	Steingard	Heinrich		4	255	
Waldorff	Classen	Isaac		7	267	
Waldorff	Brucks	Heinrich		7	282	
Waldorff	Friesen	[blank]		15	264	
Waldorff	Mock	Jacob		5	88	
Waldorff	Ens	Class	1	3		
Waldorff	Loewen	Daniel	1	2		
Waldorff	Wiebe	Arend		10		
Waldorff	Buler	Abram		10		
Waldorff	Ens	Abram		10		
Waldorff	Loepp	Arend		10		
Waldorff	Hahn	Johann		1		
Waldorff	Wiebe	Gert		4		
Waldorff	Wiebe	Gert				
Waldorff	Penner	Arend		10		
Waldorff	Ens	Jacob		10		"Ensche"
Waldorff	Gronau	Jacob		15		
Waldorff	Loepp	Conrad		12	150	
Waldorff	Werckentin	Hans	1			
Waldorff	Berg	Isaac		3	150	
Waldorff	Loewen	Daniel				together with I. Berg
Waldorff	Andres	Gerhard		3		
Waldorff	Mirau	Michel		15		
Waldorff	Wiens	Martin		10	150	
Waldorff	Fast	Martin		6		
Waldorff	Andres	Cornels		20		
Waldorff	Andres	Gerhard		10		

Waldorff	Werckentin	Hans		4		
Waldorff	Steffen	Peter		13		
Waldorff	Wiens	Martin		6		
Waldorff	Fast	Martin		7		
Waldorff	Andres	Cornels		25	98	
Waldorff	Steffen	Peter		22	150	
Waldorff	Fast	Gerhard		21		
Waldorff	Klein	Hans			150	
Waldorff	Tews	Abram	1	9	73	
Waldorff	Andres	Cornels		4		
Waldorff	Ruediger	Hans		1	225	
Waldorff	Wiens	Hans				
Waldorff	Hahn	Wilm				
Laackendorff	Staegmann	Hans		10		
Laackendorff	Dorcksen	Cornels				together with Staegmann
Laackendorff	Schantz	Thomas		8	150	
Laackendorff	Scheffler	Martin			150	
Laackendorff	Doecksen	Hans			150	
Laackendorff	Ziesmer	Jacob			75	
Laackendorff	Siesser	Hans			75	
Laackendorff	Wahl	Peter			75	
Laackendorff	Lepcke	Hans			150	
Laackendorff	Bregen	Hans		1	150	
Laackendorff	Pentz	Michel			150	
Laackendorff	Jentzen	Jacob		5		
Laackendorff	Wiebe	Class		2		
Laackendorff	Doecksen	Gehrt	1	15		
Laackendorff	Horn	H	2	22		"Secretair"
Laackendorff	Guthart	Class		5	150	
Laackendorff	Schorloffsky	George		7	250	
Laackendorff	Fresen	Isbrandt		15		Friesen, may be Tiesen
Laackendorff	Theger	Gehrt		22	25	
Laackendorff	Dycksche	Abram				together with Theger
Laackendorff	Kuhnau	Paul		6	150	
Laackendorff	Lau	Cornelius		6		
Laackendorff	Wiens	Thomas		8	25	
Laackendorff	Schellenberg	Hans		7	150	
Laackendorff	Tempel	H.				together with Schellenberg
Laackendorff	Wiens	Daniel		10	200	

Laackendorff	Klein	Heinrich		15		
Laackendorff	Gisbrecht	Wilm		7	150	
Laackendorff	Siebrandt	Arend		4		
Laackendorff	Hermann	Isaac		11	150	
Laackendorff	Plet	Hans		3		
Laackendorff	Hahn	Peter		5		
Laackendorff	Andres	Martin		3		
Laackendorff	Preiss	Isaac		4		
Laackendorff	Friese	Class		6		
Laackendorff	Deidyer	Hans		2		
Laackendorff	Welms	Cornelius		7	150	
Laackendorff	Andres	Martin		22	150	
Laackendorff	Kuhnau	Paul		27	150	
Laackendorff	Kammrer	Peter		7	150	
Laackendorff	Kuhnau	George		7		
Laackendorff	Martens	Peter		3		
Laackendorff	Behrendts	Jacob		15		
Laackendorff	Andres	Paul		7		
Laackendorff	Mierau	Paul		5		
Laackendorff	Wegner	Martin		3		
Laackendorff	Behrendts	Jacob	1			
Laackendorff	Classen	Isaac		3		
Laackendorff	Dyck	Peter		5		
Laackendorff	Behrend	Jacob		2		
Laackendorff	Martens	Paul		3		
Laackendorff	Brucke	Hans		3		
Laackendorff	Wiens	Thomas		3		
Laackendorff	Windlandsche			1	150	
Laackendorff	Wiens	Daniel		2	150	
Laackendorff	das Dorf			1		
Laackendorff	Plet	Hans		1	150	
Laackendorff	Hermann	Jacob		1	150	
Laackendorff	Peters	Arend		2		
Laackendorff	Martens	Peter		1	100	
Laackendorff	Boscke	Michel		4	150	
Laackendorff	Siebrandt	Arend		1	150	
Laackendorff	Pris	Peter		3		
Laackendorff	Wegner	Martin		2	150	
Laackendorff	Dyck	Peter		1	150	
Laackendorff	Andres	Paul		1	150	
Laackendorff	Krueger	Martin		7	150	

Laackendorff	Hermann	Christian		2	150	
Laackendorff	Gehrbrand	Arend		4		
Laackendorff	Wegner	Michel	1	18	250	
Laackendorff	Reimer	Arend		4		
Laackendorff	Bartsche	Hans		2	150	
Laackendorff	van Bergen	Gerth		4		
Laackendorff	Behrendt	Jacob		1		
Laackendorff	Behrendt	Jacob		5		
Laackendorff	Wegner	Martin		4		
Laackendorff	Welm	Thomas		4		
Laackendorff	Dercksche	Gerdt		1		
Bolwerck	Rautenberg	Martin	1	27		
Bolwerck	Heinrichs	Heinrich		5		
Bolwerck	Jantzen	Heinrich		15		

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Waldorff	Johann	Peter		7	150
Waldorff	Loepp	Cornels		7	150
Waldorff	Wiens	Isaac		15	
Waldorff	Isaac	Jacob		7	150
Waldorff	Harder	Peter		10	
Waldorff	Fast	Martin		5	
Waldorff	Heyd	Class		7	150
Waldorff	Neufeld	Hans		7	150
Waldorff	Klein	Hans		3	75
Waldorff	Lau	Peter		1	225
Waldorff	Radecke	Martin		2	150

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