

# West Prussian Mennonite Ministers in 1769

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The 1769 list of Mennonite Elders and Ministers was published in Amsterdam under the title: "Naamlyst der Remonstrantsche Professoren en Predikanten." The document includes congregations in the Netherlands, regions in Germany, Prussia, East Prussia, Poland, Lithuania and Switzerland. An overview of this list and other similar ones can be found on GAMEO under "Naamlijst der tegenwoordig in dienst zijnde predikanten der Mennoniten in de Vereeningde Nederlanden". I obtained a copy of the 1769 list as an eBook from Google Books under the title "Naamlyst der Remonstrantsche professoren en predikanten, benevens die der Doopsgezinden, in en buiten de Vereenigde Nederlanden, veranderd tot het begin des jaars 1769". The original is located at the National Library of the Netherlands.

In the following table I have extracted entries applicable to the villages which became part of West Prussia and their daughter colonies at the Neumark and Obernessau. I compared these entries to the list published in 1787 for identification of individuals who appear on both lists and for clarification of names. The 1787 list can be found here:

[https://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/prussia/West\\_Prussian\\_Mennonite\\_Ministers\\_1787.pdf](https://www.mennonitegenealogy.com/prussia/West_Prussian_Mennonite_Ministers_1787.pdf)

Entries made in brackets [ ] are my comments, and do not appear in the original.

The columns labeled Minister or Elder indicate the date of ordination.

The column labeled 1787? indicates with yes when the individual is found in the 1787 list.

The GM # column provides the probable GRanDMA number for that entry.

Name	Minister	Elder	Notes	1787?	GM #
<b>Danzig 1 (Waterlanders)</b>					
Jacob Kliever		1742	Elder		944605?
Isaak Stobbe	1751		[Elder 1775]	yes	149923
Heinrich van Duehren	1759				17963
<b>Danzig 2 (Old Flemish)</b>					
Hans von Steen	1743	[1754]	Elder		15795

Name	Minister	Elder	Notes	1787?	GM #
Heinrich von Dyck	1754				860569?
Cornelius Moor, Jr.	1758				15035
Peter Epp	1758		[Elder 1779]	yes	15887
Cornelius Epp	1766			yes	12842
<b>Orloff (Waterlanders)</b>					
David Mekelberger		[1753]	Elder		1093550
David Horn	1753				
David Bestvader	1754				
Jan Bestvater	1760			yes	471780
Cornelius Grunau	1761			yes	34758
Heinrich Donner	1766		[Elder 1772]	yes	694636
Jakob Penner	1766		[resigned 1773]	yes	
<b>Elbing [Rosenort] Quarter</b>					
Hans von Riesen	1736				
Isaac Klassen	1738				
Abraham Buhler	1753			yes	
Thomas Wiens	1759				
Jacob Penner	1762			yes	
<b>Tiegenhagen Quarter</b>					
Dirk Thiessen	1755	[1767]	[Elder over all 4 Quarters]	yes	1038418
Isaac Peters	1746			yes	984325
Arend Penner	1747				1464733?
Jacob Hamm	1755				4756?
Jacob Schultz	1762			yes	728853
Franz von Riesen	1767			yes	
<b>Orloff [Ladekopp] Quarter</b>					
Cornelius Sukau	1753				1286214
Peter Wiebe	1758			yes	266961
Cornelius Wall	1762			yes	812531
Hans Wall	1762				932221
Isaac Toews	1762			yes	19761
<b>Baerwalde Quarter</b>					

Name	Minister	Elder	Notes	1787?	GM #
Franz Wiens	1762				
Paul von Riesen	1762				604199?
Heinrich Epp	1765		per GRanDMA he served from 1762-1780		55634
Peter Esau	1765				1403009
<b>Heubuden bei Marienburg (Old Flemish)</b>					
Gerhard von Bergen	1740	1769	Elder		19824
Hans Klassen	1737				710157?
Gerhard Wiens	1759				18336?
Abraham Regier	1760			yes	694245
Dirk Klassen	1762				803733?
Peter Regier	1764				803054
Cornelius Regier	1764		[Elder 1771]	yes	19815
<b>Elbing (Old Flemish)</b>					
Zacharis Schroeder		1718	Elder		8466
Anton Wolcke	1750			yes	12794
Gerhard Wiebe	1752		[Elder 1778]	yes	19781
Frantz von Riesen	1762			yes	1403103
<b>Klein Werder (Waterlanders) [Marcushof]</b>					
Jacob Siewerts			Elder		
Cornelius Albrecht	1752			yes	
Arent Harms	1760				
Adam Funk	1761				
<b>Schweiggrube [Tragheimerweide]</b>					
Hans Ewerts		1755	Elder		285162? 933563?
Wilhelm Albrecht	[1755?]		Minister		284990?
Martin Eckert			Minister		285200
Peter Jantzen			Minister	yes?	100989?
<b>Montau</b>					
Abraham Schroeder	1754	1769	[Other records: Minister 1754 Elder 1758]	yes	287170
Andreas Unruh			Minister		1032984

Name	Minister	Elder	Notes	1787?	GM #
Peter Kerber	[1759?]		Minister		
Jacob Bartels	[1759?]		Minister		
Steffen Kerber	1768		[Elder 1781]	yes	286012
David Balzer	1768				
<b>Gruppe</b>					
Not mentioned, no listing					
<b>Schoensee (Culm) Frisian</b>					
Peter Nickel	[1743]		Minister		
Jorgen Knop	1759				1123699?
David Bartel	[1758]		Minister		531301?
Cornelius Frantz	[1763]		[Elder 1776/1780]	yes	
Heinrich Siebrandt	1764			yes	
<b>Schoensee (Culm) Old Flemish</b>					
Lohrentz Sparling		1760	Elder		53766
Peter Pankratz	1760		[His GM entry says he was an Elder?]	yes	43046
Jacob Wedel			Minister		106662
<b>Dt. Konopat and Przechowka</b>					
Benjamin Wedel		[ca 1762]	Elder		81617
Peter Ratzlaff			Minister		34062
Ernst Schmidt	[1759]		Minister		43124
Hans Ratzlaff	[1763?]		Minister	yes	33849
Jacob Schmidt			Minister		58514?
<b>Nieschewska bei Thorn [Obernessau]</b>					
Heinrich Bartel			Minister		1428297?
Cornelius Jantzen			Minister		
<b>Neumark: Brenkenhofswalde and Franzthal</b>					
Andreas Voht	1754		Minister?	yes	106858 68529?
Ehrenst Voht	[1762]		Minister?	yes	106664
<b>Deutsch Kazun bei Warsaw</b>					
[Not mentioned, no listing]					

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