

Early Mennonite Members of the Elbing Sankt Georgen Brotherhood

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The St Georg Brotherhood started in the time of the Teutonic knights as a society of mutual benefit and evolved into a benevolent society. A detailed history of this society was written in 1955. In 1968 Kurt Kauenhoven wrote a short article on the Mennonite involvement in this brotherhood. Kauenhoven extracted the names of the following Mennonite members from the earlier book. The Grunau book also lists names which sound like Low-German Mennonite surnames, some of which are also mentioned by Kauenhoven. However, there is no indication that any of these men were ever Mennonites.

Gobert Bankert [Pankert]	1607
Petter Janssen	1608
Hansz Hedebergk	1619
Wichert Egbrecht [Engbrecht]	1619 “der hollandsche gerber” [the Dutch tanner]
Isaac Goszen	1619

*George Grunau and Axel Grunau. *Die St. Georgen-Brüderschaft zu Elbing*. Johann Gottfried Herder-Institut, Marburg/Lahn, 1955

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