

### Schönsee, Poland: Mennonite and Non-Mennonite Residents, 1695–1800

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Herbert Wiebe's 1952 *Das Siedlungswerk niederländischer Mennoniten im Weichseltal* reproduces a number of landowner lists (Bauernverzeichnisse) for villages along the Vistula, including Schönsee (present-day Sosnówka) in the Culm region. The Schönsee lists are for the years 1695, 1705, 1715, 1725, 1735, 1750, 1772, 1790, 1800 and include between eleven and sixteen names each, both Mennonite and non-Mennonite. Wiebe's work is available online, courtesy of the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, at <http://ostdok.de/id/BV005090375/ft/bsb00096789?page=1>. The Schönsee lists appear on pages 81–82. Although many of the names change from list to list, there is a significant degree of continuity, as seen in the chart below.

A second resource for tracking eighteenth-century Mennonite presence in Schönsee is the travel diary of Hendrik Berents, which contains both Ale Derks's 1714–1716 list and Berents's 1719 list (updated in 1733, after a second visit, to identify those who had died) of Mennonite families the villages of the Schwetz area, including Schönsee. The Derks and Berents lists share four names with the civil lists for the same time frame. For Glenn Penner's introduction to and translation of the Berents diary and lists, see [mla.bethelks.edu/archives/cong\\_15/hulshoff.pdf](http://mla.bethelks.edu/archives/cong_15/hulshoff.pdf).

The following chart contains all the names from the civil, Derks, and Berents lists; the names have been rearranged to align individuals and family names, thus showing the continuity more clearly. Names without parallel appear after all those that display some near continuity.

1695	1705	1714–1716, Derks	1715	1719, Berents	1725	1735	1750	1772	1790	1800
			George Brümmer		Georgen Brömmer	Georg Bremer	George Bremer			
Peter Siefert	Peter Sievert		Peter Sievert		Peter Sievert	Peter Siefert			Peter Siewert Hans Siewert	Hans Siewert
Ferdinand Hube	Ferdinand Hube		Ferdinandus Hube							
					Hindrich Nickel	Peter Nickel	Peter Nickel	Peter Nickel Martin Nickel	Peter Nickel Martin Nickel	
	George Boltz		Timon Boltz		Timon Boltz	Timon Boltz	Timon Boltz			
Hans Voth David Voth	Hans Vott David Vott	Hans Voet	Hans Voth David Voutsche	Hans Voet Hans Voet	Hans Voht Cornels Voht	Hans Voht Cornelius Voht	Johan Vodt Heinrich Vodt	Johann Vott Gerth Vott		Jacob Foth
Stephan Funk	Steffen Funck	Jurjen Vonk	George Funck	Jeurijen Vonk Hendrik Vonk	Georgens Funck Hindrich Funck	Georg Funck				
Peter Janns	Salmon Jantz									
Ernst Köhn				Herman Keuns						
		Jacob Bankrats Andries Bankrots		Jacob Pankrots			Jacob Panckratz	Peter Pankratz	Peter Pangratz	
Andres Decker	Andres Decker	Andries Dekker Jacob Dekker	Andreas Decker	Andies Dekker Jacob Dekkers Heijn Dekker Heijn Dekker	Andreas Decker	Andreas Decker				
					Conert Bartel	Georg Bartel	Johann Bartel	Cornert Bartel	Konrat Bartels Peter Bartels	David Bartel Peter Bartel

