

Tiegenhagen, West Prussia, Mennonite Brotherhood Meetings: 1784-1805

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The following is a translation of the notes made by *Aeltester* Dirk Thiessen of Petershagen for brotherhood meetings held in the church at Tiegenhagen. These meetings dealt mostly with those joining or leaving the congregation, either through transfer or excommunication/readmittance, as well as decisions with respect to disciplinary action taken by the congregation.

The general format of the notes is retained, but names of people and places have been standardized. Highlighting of any kind was done by me. My comments and GRanDMA database numbers are in square brackets.

For further reading, please see my article: [“Church Disciplinary Records as a Family History Source.” *Mennonite Historian* \(June 2026\): 3, 11.](#)

Specification of the Brotherhood’s hearings which took place since the year 1784 at the honorable elder *Ohm* [Aeltester] Dirck Tiessen has been written here into this church book word by word from his book as follows.

- Anno **1784**, on March 21st, We have held a brotherly assembly in Tiegenhagen, as Hans **Wieler** [197280?] from Tiegenhof as well as Anna **Wiens**, who committed harlotry with one another, [were] excluded from the congregation.
- 4 April: Has been a brotherly assembly, at which Catharina **Schierlings** [1463668] from Tiegenhof, who had been away from the congregation for a good while due to harlotry, has been accepted again.
- 10 October: A brotherhood hearing took place, where Elisabeth **Cornies**, who had been quite a while away from the congregation due to unchastity, has been accepted again.
- 31 October: Has been a brotherly assembly, where Anganetha **Olfert**, who had been away from the congregation for unchastity, has been accepted again.
- 7 November: Has been a brotherhood assembly, there, [missing name] **Braun** with his wife, who had lived unchastely prior to their wedding, were excluded from the congregation and were reaccepted on the 28th.
- 19 December: Had a brotherhood assembly, because [regarding] Arend **Penner** and his wife, Cornelius **Neufeld**, [1529389], Peter **Suckau**, [1013554] and David **Warckentin**, all from Tiegenhagen, [it was] reported that they danced. As,

however, it was not heard from themselves, and they promised to better themselves, the case stayed open, to look at its fruits.

Anno **1785** on January 30th Brotherhood was held, as the wife of Jacob **Lemcke** [1640530] or [482696] from Tiegenhof, who came from the Frisian congregation, was accepted as a member of our congregation.

- 10 April: Held a brotherly assembly, as Hans **Wieler** has been accepted into the congregation again.
- 17 January: [Has] been brotherhood [assembly], as Arend **Penner** [1509969] and his wife, from Tiegenhagen, were excluded from the congregation because of unchastity, and Heinrich **Neufeld** with Heinrich **Braun** because they ~~danced~~ drove to the Danziger with a group of people outside of us, and there violently grabbed 2 people and brought them to serve as soldiers, even though they said they haven't touched anyone, but because they did take part [in this], they are also excluded from the congregation.
- 1 May: These aforementioned 4 persons were accepted into the congregation again.
- 4 September: The brotherhood came together, and there David **Warckentin**, because he danced, and had been warned against this before, was excluded from the congregation. And Hans **Toews**, who hit a poor woman for no reason, [was] also excluded from the congregation.
- 18 September: Has been a brotherly assembly, in which we reached out with the hand of love to David **Warckentin** and Hans **Toews** again, and [they were] reaccepted into the congregation.
- 16 October: In the brotherhood, Isbrand **Friesen** and his bride were excluded from the congregation due to unchastity.
- 30 October: Bernhard **Classen** from Tiegenhof, after having been outside of the congregation for adultery for about 2 years, has been accepted again.
- 6 November: Isbrand **Friesen** and his bride have been reaccepted, and married right away.
- 27 November: In the brotherhood, Jacob **Epp** from Petershagen, who had been away for a while from the congregation due to unchastity, has been accepted again.
- 31 Jan: Anno **1786** In the brotherhood, Jacob **Wiens** from Siebenhuben has been excluded from the congregation because of dancing and other bad behavior.
- 21 March: The brotherhood decided that Philip **Dyck** of Tiegenhagen [and] also his wife, because she complained that he had hit her many times, and he said that she wanted to kill him with a knife, and many other bad behavior, because of which they also parted ways. And as we had cited them twice before the honorable service, advised them to unite, and gave them more than 1/2 a year for that, but they don't want to unite and get together again, both of them are excluded from the congregation. May God give her penance.

- 14 April: In the brotherhood, Jacob **Wiens** from Siebenhuben and Agata **Rempels** from Tiegenhagen have been reaccepted into the congregation.
- 30 April: In the brotherhood, Philip **Dyck** of Tiegenhagen's wife has been reaccepted into the congregation.
- 5 November: In the brotherhood, the Hans **Friesen's** from Rhineland has been excluded from the congregation due to unchastity.
- 17 December: Anna **Braun**, [196171] surviving daughter of the late Jacob **Braun** [755991] from Tiegenhagen left has been excluded from the congregation in the brotherhood due to harlotry.
- 31 December: The Hans **Friesens** has been given the hand of love again and has been accepted into the congregation.
- Anno **1787** on the 3rd of March Jacob **Braun** surviving daughter Maria, who had been isolated due to unchastity, has been reaccepted into the congregation.
- 6 April: Catharina **Berends** [46910?] from the congregation at Elbing, who had been excluded in Elbing from the congregation due to unchastity, has been given the hand of love again here.
- May Anna **Klassen**, [812901] Hans Klassen [198506] from Tiegenhagen's daughter, has been excluded from the congregation for harlotry.
- June: Anna **Klassen** from Tiegenhagen has been reaccepted into the congregation.
- 14 June: Abraham **Klassen** from Tiegenhagen's son Abraham has been excluded from the congregation for harlotry.
- 5 August: Jacob **Wiens** [1503758?] from Siebenhuben has been excluded from the settlement of the spiritual Israel due to his bad way of life.
- 14 October: Heinr. **Wieler** in Tiegenhof, who has lived in harlotry and adultery, and even got wed to the whore, was isolated from the congregation.
- 4 November: Abraham **Klassen** from Tiegenhagen's son Abraham has been reaccepted into the congregation.
- 26 December Abraham **Pauls** [46208] from Tiegenhof with Heinr. **Doell's** wife [1508271] from the same place, who have lived in adultery, have been isolated from the congregation.
- Anno **1788** on January 13th Jacob **Wiens** of Siebenhuben has been included and accepted into the congregation again.
- 3 February: Heinrich **Penner** [1145576] from Steegenwerder has been reaccepted into the congregation.
- 27 April Abraham **Pauls**, and Heinr. **Doell** from Tiegenhof's wife,

have been reaccepted into the congregation.

Anno **1789** on March 29th In the brotherhood, Hans **Hildebrand** has been excluded from the congregation for unchastity.

- 12 February: Has been brotherhood on Tiegenhagen, at which Abraham **Woelck** [945878] and Peter **Zacharias** [1410619] or [1466060] settled, because of willows; while Abraham **Woelck**, according to an old sales contract, [was] free to plant willows along the *Trift*, but as Abraham **Woelck's** ancestor did not make use of this freedom, Peter **Zacharias'** ancestor planted willows there about 28 years ago, and now, as A. **Woelck** inherited this estate, he was also looking for his old freedom; however, as it has been in this state for so many years and P. **Zacharias** urgently needs the willows for the big dam, it has been agreed and arranged that Pet. **Zacharias** will cut down 5 willows at the bottom, which are standing in Abr. **Woelck's** garden, so that Abr. **Woelck** can plant there what he wants.

Anno **1790** on January 3rd: In the brotherhood, Maria **Neufelds**, Jacob **Neufeld** from Pietzkendorf's daughter, who has lived in fornication and gave birth to a dead child, has been isolated from the congregation. May God give her true penance.

- 10 January: It has been decided in the brotherhood that Peter **Wiebe** of Petershagen, who, according to [his] confession, stole 1 *Scheffel* of grain as well as wood, [is] isolated from the congregation.
- 17 January: Margaretha **Niebuhr** [349006] has been isolated from the congregation for harlotry.

April: The same one has been reaccepted.

- 6 June: Peter **Neufeld** from Tiegenhof with his wife has been excluded from the congregation, because they lived in fornication long before their wedding.
- 27 June: The Heinrich **Horns** from Tiegenhof has been excluded from the congregation for [her] outside wedding.
- 26 September: Elisabeth **Harders**, [813800] daughter of the late Jacob **Harder**, [196416] has been isolated from the congregation because she herself admitted that she committed harlotry with a Catholic man and also wants to marry him.
- 3 October: Maria **Neufelds** from Tiegenhagen has been reaccepted into the congregation.

Anno **1791** on April 10th In the brotherhood, Peter **Neufeld** with his wife from Tiegenhof have been accepted into the congregation again.

- 2 June On Ascension Day, Elisabeth **Harders** has been accepted again in the brotherhood.
- 5 August: In the brotherhood, Peter **Wiebe** from Petershagen has been accepted again into the congregation.

- 27 November: Jacob **Braun** in Tiegenhof, as well as his wife, have both been excluded from the congregation because they fell into unchastity and, 1/4 year after their wedding.
- 18 December: Jacob **Braun** and his wife have been reaccepted into the congregation.
- Anno **1793** on January Maria **Kroeckers** has been isolated from the congregation due to harlotry.
- 24 February: Maria **Neufeld** has been isolated from the congregation due to harlotry. May the Lord give her time for penance.
- 14 April: Maria **Kroeckers** from Petershagen has been reaccepted into the congregation.
- 20 June: Jacob **Brandt** [43975] from Tiegenhof's daughter Anna [45325] moved away from the congregation due to harlotry.
- Anno **1794** on May 25th Anna **Brandt** from Tiegenhof has been accepted and included into the congregation again.
- 29 June: Jacob **Warckentin**, [55303] Arend Warckentin's [1473905] son from Tiegenhagen, has been excluded from the congregation for unchastity.
- 6 July: Maria **Neufelds**, who had been away from the congregation due to harlotry, has been reaccepted.
- 17 July: Jacob **Warckentin** from Tiegenhagen has been reaccepted into the congregation.
- 14 September: In the brotherhood, Catharina **Rempels** has been excluded from the congregation because of fornication.
- October: Stiencke **Dyck** from the Querwall has been excluded from Israel's settlement for unchastity.
- 1795 on February 22nd Stiencke **Dyck** was accepted into the congregation again.
- 30 August: Jacob **Brandt** from Tiegenhof's daughter Anna, who had been excluded from the congregation in the congregation near Elbing for harlotry, has been reaccepted here.
- 20 September: Catharina **Fast** in Tiegenhof, who had been excluded from the congregation due to harlotry in spring, has been included again.
- 27 September: Peter **Thiessen** from Petershagen, has been excluded from the congregation for unchastity, as well as Claas **Friesen** [1466851] from Tiegenhof's daughter Helena [1473069] has been excluded for an outside wedding.
- 1 November: Peter **Thiessen** has been accepted into the congregation again.

1796 on March 6th Cornelius **Weiss** [46965] from Neustaeterwald's daughter wife has been excluded from the congregation, because she lived in adultery and also got pregnant from it.

10 July: N. Froese, Carl **Froese's** son, has been excluded from the congregation for an outside wedding with a Lutheran person.

14 August: Heinrich **Penner** from the Poppau, who married a Lutheran woman, has been excluded from the congregation.

18 November: Jacob **Neufeld** in Tiegenhof's daughter, who lived in fornication and also had an outside wedding, has been excluded from the congregation.

1797 on January 15th Cornelius **Weiss** from Neusteterwald's wife has been reaccepted into the congregation.

19 February: Arend **Schellenberg** [6311] and his wife from Tiegenhof have been excluded from the congregation for unchastity.

19 March: Arend **Schellenberg** and his wife have been accepted and included into the congregation again.

7 May: Jacob **Siemens** from Amsterdam has been accepted into our congregation in the brotherhood.

2 July: Hans **Neufeld** from Tiegenhof has been excluded from the congregation for an outside wedding.

9 July: Heinrich **Penner** from Steegnerwerder, and also his wife, have been accepted as members of the congregation, as well as David **Janzen** from the Frisian congregation has been accepted as a member of our congregation.

29 October: Hans **Neufeld** in Tiegenhof, who still has a living wife he is married to, [but] got engaged with Maria **Olferts**, [510698] has been excluded from the congregation.

Anno **1799** on March 17th Peter **Wiebe**, Heinrich Wiebe's son who had an outside wedding, has been excluded from the congregation.

21 April: Heinrich **Classen** and his wife from Tiegenhof, as well as Jacob **Wiens** from Siebenhuben, has been excluded from the congregation in broad agreement of the brothers because of the unchaste life they led for a long time and [because] they did not want to listen to any warnings and admonitions, and so the long tolerated foul sourdough has been swept out eventually. May God give that they convert themselves to righteousness, and we never again may have such foul ["faul"] parts in our congregation.

5 May: Catharina **Braun**, [748438] Dirck **Braun** [748754] from Petershagen's daughter, has been excluded from the congregation for harlotry.

ditto Also Abraham **Penner** [1466843] from Tiegenhof's daughter Agatha, [1471277] who also lived in fornication, and was married by the Lutheran preacher to a Frisian man, was excluded.

21 July: Agatha **Penners** was accepted into the congregation again, and her husband David **Engbrecht**, who was from the Frisian congregation, was accepted by us as a brother and member.

11 August: It was decided in the brotherhood that the young Jacob [1772396] and Arend [1474036] **Suckau** from Tiegenhagen, who allegedly danced, but as it was not ever heard from themselves it was left open, when, however, such a thing happens again, shall be punished.

22 December: In the brotherhood, Jacob **Warckentin** in Tiegenhof has been excluded from the congregation due to adultery.

Anno **1800** on February 17th Jacob **Warckentin** has been reaccepted as a member into the congregation.

2 March: Franz **Dyck** from Stobbendorff's daughter Christina has been excluded from the congregation for unchastity.

9 March: Peter **Steingard**, [1080391] who was a brother of the Frisian congregation, has been accepted as a member of our congregation.

22 May: Christina **Dyck** from Stobbendorf has been reaccepted into the congregation.

20 July: Jacob **Loepp** from Tiegenhagen and Maria **Fast**, [739716] Elias **Fast** [660222] from Tiegenhof's daughter, have both been excluded from the congregation, because they committed fornication with each other.

17 August: Jacob **Loepp** from Tiegenhagen as well as Maria **Fast** from Tiegenhof have been accepted into the congregation again.

19 October: In the brotherhood, Abraham **Schierling** [1467686] from Tiegenhof, who had an outside wedding, has been excluded from the congregation; also, Jacob **Rahn** from Platenhof's daughter has been excluded from the congregation for harlotry.

26 December: Jacob **Rahn** [132712] from Platenhoff's daughter Helena [175074] has been reaccepted into the congregation.

Anno **1801** on January In the brotherhood, the Abraham Wiebe's one [child] from the Hospital [poor house] has been excluded from the congregation because she has lived in harlotry.

15 February: The Abraham **Wiebe**'s one has been given the hand of love again, and has been accepted and included into the congregation.

Anno **1803** on July 29th Jonas **Janzen**, [45853] who was a brother from the Frisian congregation, has been accepted as a member of our congregation and right away with him the widow Helena **Peters** [45848?] from Neuteicherwald have been wed with each other. Afterwards, both of them went to Russia.

Anno **1804** on February 19th In the brotherhood, Jacob **Braun** and Peter **Neufeld** from Tiegenhof both have been excluded from the congregation in broad agreement

of the brothers for their disobedience that they did not want to hand over the cadet money.

- 11 March: Johann von **Bergen**, [8699] brewery laborer in Tiegenhof, and Susana **Penners** [1397802] from 14 Huben [Vierzehnhuben] have been excluded from the congregation for harlotry.
- ditto On the same day, Jacob **Wiens** from Czatkau, [803089] who stood outside of the congregation for a long time, has been reaccepted into the congregation.
- 18 March: Helena **Giesbrecht** from Neuteicherwald, who had been outside of the congregation for fornication, has been accepted and included into the congregation again.
- 25 March: Heinrich **Classen** with his wife from Czatkau, who had been outside the congregation for quite a while, have been accepted and included into the congregation again.
- 25 November: Abraham **Wiens** of Tiegenhagen with his wife has been excluded from the congregation due to unchastity.
- 9 December: Abraham **Wiens** with his wife have been accepted into the congregation again.
- 30 December: Jacob **Braun** and Johann von **Bergen**, brewery laborer, both from Tiegenhof, as well as Susana **Penners**, who had stood outside of the congregation for quite a while, have been reaccepted.
- Anno **1805** In spring, Maria **Olfert**, who had had Hans **Neufeld**, has been reaccepted into the congregation, as she had stood outside of it since 1797.
- In summer, Dirck **Block** [61603] and his wife from Altendorf, who had been excluded from the congregation some time ago for unchastity, now, however, have been accepted and included into the congregation again.
- 2 March: **1806** Peter **Classen** from Tiegenhof, who has been excluded from the congregation for excessive [?] and disobedience.
- ditto the same day, Catharina **Braun** from [the] Hegewald miller cottage, who has been excluded from the congregation for harlotry.
- 30 March: Catharina **Braun**. has been accepted into the congregation again.
- 2 November: Hans **Sawatzky**, [1474042] Salmon Sawatzky's [1473683] son from Neuendorf, has been excluded from the congregation because of unchastity with a Lutheran woman.
- 21 June **1807** Wilhelm **Born** [52129] with Helena **Klippenstein** [1130290] have been excluded from the congregation due to fornication.
- 20 June: Angneta **Enns**. Abraham **Enns**'s daughter Neustaedterwald excluded from the congregation due to fornication.

- 23 July: Angneta **Enns** reaccepted into the congregation ____
- 15 November: [the late] Abraham **Enns** surviving daughter Anna from Neustaedterwald excluded for fornication.
- 15 ditto Wilhelm **Steffen** [1226578] Petershagen's daughter Catharina excluded from the congregation for fornication.

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