

## Mennonites in Tiegenhagen Catholic Burial-Plot Purchase Register, 1758-1772

At the end of the Tiegenhagen Catholic parish churchbook containing, among other things, the burial records for 1758-1772, there is also a register of non-Catholics purchasing a burial plot for first-time use. I checked the list of purchasers to see if any of them were not included in the extraction of the burial register by Glenn Penner at [https://mgr.mennonitegenealogy.com/prussia/Tiegenhagen\\_Burials\\_1757-1770.pdf](https://mgr.mennonitegenealogy.com/prussia/Tiegenhagen_Burials_1757-1770.pdf), and a few of them were not.

By comparing the purchase register to the burial register, it is clear that the purchaser was the head of household. Sometimes the purchase was made in the name of the deceased head of household, while other times it was for the burial of a family member. But when no family member is listed in either register, it is not clear if deceased was the purchaser or another person.

When the purchase register included it, I also checked the personal information (names, locations, age, etc.) from the purchase register against the extraction of the burial register. When additional or different information was provided, I noted that and highlighted those piece(s) of information in yellow. Therefore, purchases with yellow highlights were found in the extraction of the burial register also - there is just additional or contradictory information in the purchase register.

The burial register stopped in 1770, although a note at the end of it indicated that it continued in another book. The purchase register continued into 1772, although it was obvious by mid-1771 that the number of people purchasing plots had decreased dramatically. This decrease probably was due to the internal chaos leading up the First Partition of Poland that occurred on 5 August 1772. When Poland seized the territory where the Tiegenhagen parish was located on that date, these Mennonites became subject to Prussian rule and the Catholic church lost its privileged status that had allowed it to collect burial fees from members of any religion.

When a person had a name that seemed Mennonite, I included him in the list, even if no denomination was listed. I did check these against the burial register; and sometimes a denomination for him was listed there, in which case he is not included in this list. Thus, there are almost certainly some "false positives," i.e. people who had common Mennonite names but were not actually Mennonite. But toward the end of the purchase register, the parish priest stopped recording the denomination at all, so I felt it was important to list those who seemed as though they might be Mennonite.

My comments are in [square brackets]. Words in "quote marks" are exact citations from the church book. Other words in the comments column are summaries of comments from the church book. I attempted to spell names and places exactly the same as the original, except that I spelled out the *umlaut* and the *essett*. Glenn Penner provided the references to other sources in that column below.

The burial and purchase registers are both found on LDS microfilm #462758.

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Date	Purchaser's Name	Standardized Surname	Location	Standardized Location	Relationship	Age	Name of Deceased	Notes/Comments	Other Sources
<b>1758</b>									
15-Feb	Derk Allert	Allert	Thghoff	Tiegenhof	wife		Maria	buried in Orlow	
11-Jun	Jonas Quiring	Quiring	Reimersvald	Reimerswald	wife		Susanna		
28-Oct	Nicolai Huebert	Huebert	Thghoff	Tiegenhof	son		Joanne	"Regionmonto nunc"? [probably means he was now living in Koenigsberg, the Latin name for which was Regiomontium]	Danzig church book Vol. 2 p. 239
<b>1759</b>									
29-May	Harm Pauls	Pauls	Tiegenhagen	Tiegenhagen					
<b>1760</b>									
16-Oct	Peter Dik	Dyck	Tiegenhagen	Tiegenhagen	infant				

22-Oct	Ioannis Pauls	Pauls	Krohness?	Kronsnest	orphans			purchased by Claees Friesen of Platenhof, [not clear if he is buying the plot to bury the orphans of the deceased Johann Pauls or on behalf of the orphans to bury their deceased father Johann Pauls], "pro pupillis de mortui Ioannis Pauls"	Orlofffelder church records
<b>1761</b>									
12-May	Jacob Claæss	Claas	Tiegenhagen	Tiegenhagen				"olim Vitricus Eccl[es]i[ae] emit", [was he an elder?, the Latin phrase seems to indicate a church leadership position, is this connected to the Jacob Claas who died on 2 May 1761?]	
<b>1762</b>									
04-Apr	Anna Pennerin	Penner	Thoff	Tiegenhof				[burial register says Maria, daughter of Eva Penner, was buried]	
<b>1764</b>									
17-Mar	Cornelius Kemp	Kemp	Petershagg	Petershagen	son	10 wk	Cornelis		
<b>1765</b>									
17-Jul	Joannes Funk	Funk	Tygenhag	Tiegenhagen	daughter				
24-Oct	Daniel Dans	Daniels	Tygenhoff	Tiegenhagen				for son named Derk and also for himself	1776 census Tiegenhagen
<b>1766</b>									
11-May	Carolus Frich	Froese	Tygenhoff	Tiegenhagen	daughter		Susanna		
<b>1767</b>									
16-Apr	Klaas Froees	Froese	Stobendorff	Stobendorf		44 yrs		[no denomination listed in burial register, but listed as Mennonite in purchase register]	Orlofffelder baptismal book
01-Jun	Derck Neyfelt	Neufeld	Reimersvald	Reimerswald	son		Johanne		
<b>1768</b>									
17-Aug	Abraham Reimer	Reimer	Petershagen	Petershagen	child			"semi 3 horarum", [no denom listed in burial register, but listed as Menn in purchase register]	1776 census Petershagen
1 Sept? "_ma Septembris"	Georgius Krahn	Krahn	Neyestetervald	Neustaedterwald	son	20 wks		[no denom listed in burial register, but listed as Menn in purchase register]	1776 census Neustaedterwald
15-Oct	Johannes Mersch	Van der Mersch	"sodalis regionmonta"	Koenigsberg				[in both registers but village location is given in purchase register, probably Regiomontium is the Latin name for Koenigsberg in East Prussia]	
06-Nov	Antonius Klaas	Claas	Neuteicher Ellerwald	Neuteicherwalde?	son		Antonio	[in both registers but village location is different]	
06-Dec	Absolon Quiring	Quiring	Stobendof	Stobendorf	son	4 yrs	Absolom	[says Luth in burial register but Menn in purchase register]	Orlofffelder baptismal book
<b>1769</b>									
06-Jan	Abrahamm Cymens	Siemens	Stobendorff	Stobendorf		5 yrs		[no denomination listed in burial register, but listed as Menn in purchase register]	
15-Jan	Antonius Claassen	Klassen	Neustetervald Elbing	Neustaedterwald	son	3 yrs	Petro	[date is clear in purchase register]	
15-Jan	Isbrandt Kohn	Rahn? (or Koehn)	Petershagen	Petershagen	daughter	2 mo	Anna	[date, name, child's age are clear in purchase register]	
06-May	David Claaszen	Klassen	Petershagen	Petershagen				"ex fundo spirituali"	
09-Sep	Paulus Classen	Klassen	Tiegenhagen	Tiegenhagen			Petrus	[no denomination given]	
<b>1770</b>									
14-Apr	Daniel Lewen	Loewen	Thgn	Tiegenhagen				[different date]	
06-May	Petrus Mantler	Mantler	Altendorff	Altendorf	son		Philippus	[no denomination given]	
14-Jun	Abraham Lowen	Loewen	Petershagen	Petershagen				[different date]	
22-Jun	Jacobus Lewen	Loewen	Neuersteterwald	Neustaedterwald	wife			[husband's name added]	
16-Oct	Petrus Esau	Esau	Petershagen	Petershagen				[no denomination given, beginning here entries are out of chronological order and the register becomes more haphazard]	1776 census Petershagen
5? Apr?	Helena Klassin	Klassen	Petrohgn	Petershagen				[no denomination given]	

23-Apr	Georgius Schroete	Schroeder	Petron Tiegheff	Tiegenhof	son		Georgio	[no denomination given]	
<b>1771</b>									
04-Feb	Class Heid	Heide	Stobdff	Stobendorf				[no denomination given, beginning here entries are again in chronological order]	
09-May	Nathaniel Gruhnau	Grunau	Thff	Tiegenhof				[no denomination given]	Orlofffelder baptismal book
15-Aug	Abraham Olfert	Olfert	Petershagen	Petershagen				[no denomination given]	
24-Aug	Petrus Esau	Esau	Petershagen	Petershagen				[no denomination given]	
10-Sep	Joannes Wiens	Wiens	Tiegenhoff	Tiegenhof				[no denomination given]	1776 census Tiegenhof
05-Nov	Petrus Andresz	Andres	Stobendorff	Stobendorf				[no denomination given]	
12-Nov	Anna Pennerin	Penner	Tiegenhoff	Tiegenhof				[no denomination given]	
<b>1772</b>									
13-Mar	Joannes Warkentin	Warkentin	Plattenhoff	Platenhof				[no denomination given, last entry]	

Ends with the rather forlorn note "stante amplius non solutam" (after this no more paid).