

Hierschau, Molotschna Settlement Households: 1904 and 1910

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Page 5 of the [29 Jun 1904](#) issue and page 5 of the [14 September 1910](#) issue of *Die Mennonitische Rundschau* contain letters from Heinrich Thiessen and Michael Dirksen, respectively. Thiessen works his way along the street giving names of the residents. Dirksen goes through each *Wirtschaft* (65 dissjatine [about 175 acres] farmstead) in the village of Hierschau, providing the property number (see column 1). In his letter Dirksen names the first owner from when the village was settled in 1848/49 (in second column) and the owner in 1910. In both cases they say something about various residents. Both provide information on those who owned houses, but were not landowners (see the second list). These comments contain important genealogical information, not readily available elsewhere or found in the current version of the GRANDMA database. They also contain bits of family history which are of interest.

Some information on the so-called *Kleinwirten* is also given by both authors. These are provided in the second table. Please note that the names in this table are in the same order as the original *Mennonitische Rundschau* articles. There is no correlation between the adjacent rows of the two columns.

The information below can be compared to earlier lists available for Hierschau found [here](#) and [here](#).

See [here](#) for the GAMEO article on Hierschau. A copy of Helmut Huebert's book *Hierschau* can be read or downloaded [here](#). See pages 45 and 46 of the [Molotschna Historical Atlas](#) which show village plans.

My comments are in square brackets.

#	Original Settlers	Property Owners in 1904, with comments	Property Owners in 1910, with comments
Nr. 1	Jakob Fast	Peter Sperling	Heinrich Sperling but only has half of the land.

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Nr. 2	Dietrich Goossen	Julius Plett	Julius Plett . Also his oldest daughter and both sons. All single.
Nr. 3	Franz Dueck	Kornelius Stobbe	Kornelius Stobbe .
Nr. 4	Jakob Stobbe	Jakob Stobbe	Peter Stobbe . Has his mother with him. Also father Rogalsky .
Nr. 5	Abraham Reimer	Peter Neufeld .	Peter Neufeld .
Nr. 6	Peter Engbrecht	Jacob Peters	Jakob Wilms . Moved here from Ladekopp.
Nr. 7	Jacob Pankratz	Bernhard Plett . Plett's stepfather is in the Sommerstube	Bernhard Plett , who is currently our Dorfaeltester [mayor].
Nr. 8	Tobias Unruh	Jakob Stobbe .	Jakob Stobbe whose wife is Joh. Plett 's daughter and is also Korn. Goerzen's son-in-law. Then there is Isaak Rogalsky (Mittelstrasse), now however Joh. Siemens have their mother with them.
		The <i>mittle Strasse</i> crosses here. Here lives aged Isaac Rogalsky	
Nr. 9	Franz Thiessen	Jakob Hildebrand . Also the grandmother, widow Phil. Warkentin in the Sommerstube	Jakob Hildebrand . He has 1 ½ farms. The half farm is from #26. At Hildebrand's is the old grandmother, the former Philip Warkentin . She died on the 14th of Dec. 1909, aged 94 years and 3 days. Also Hildebrand's mother, the widow Heinrich Siemens who died on 12 Oct. 1909 at the age of 72 years, 10 months and 22 days. She was at her son David Hildebrand in Pordenau. She had it bad for some time, barely able to get around and used a wheelchair.
Nr 10	Bernhard Bergen	Heinrich Bergen	Heinrich Bergen . Has both sons and 3 daughters at home.
Nr. 11	Johann Siemens	Jakob Janzen	Jakob Janzen , Johann Siemens son-in-law.

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Nr. 12	Julius Plett	Gerhard Plett	Gerhard Plett . He is our Gemeinde Aeltester [of the Margenau congregation].
Nr. 13	Peter Hildebrand	widow Heinrich Siemens	Kornelius Siemens .
Nr. 14	Johann Regier	Johann Suckau	Johann Stobbe . He is Johann Suckau's son-in-law. The parents live with them.
Nr. 15	Andreas Pankratz	Heinrich Kroeker	Heinrich Kroeker . Has been a widower since 1908. He farms with his children.
		The following live on the other side of the Street	
Nr. 16	Tobias Sperling	Kornelius Plett	Kornelius Plett . He also has a full farm. He has a half farm from Sperling.
Nr. 17	David Buller	Johann Fast	Johann Fast . I believe it was about 2 years ago that he had a stroke. But now he has recovered to the point where he can walk with a cane, albeit very unsteadily. The foster son is unmarried and takes care of the farm. His wife often suffers [from what?].
Nr. 18	Heinrich Loewen	Cornelius Siemens and widow Heinrich Siemens . This location is being used by Franz Dueck Jr., now called "Sr."	Widow Franz Dueck . Has purchased the buildings of Korn. Siemens, who had two farms. Dueck died on the 10th of Jan [1909]. [Dirksen then describes his death]. He was 66 years, 6 months and 7 days old.
Nr. 19	Peter Friesen	Peter Friesen	Gerh. Neufeld , Peter Friesen's son-in-law. The Friesens have built a massive residence in the Vorgarten [of their property].
Nr 20	Jacob Wiebe	Bernhard Bergen	Bernhard Bergen , whose wife has long been sick. She is now so sick that she can not get from one room to the next. She currently has cramps in her legs so that she can no longer walk.
Nr. 21	Peter Bolt	Widow Peter Boldt	Kornelius Peters , Bolt's son-in-law. Grandmother Katharina Bolt is living with them.

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Nr. 22	Johann Duerksen	Michael Duerksen	[Michael Dirksen] Is the writer of this [letter].
		The school is located here. Teacher Daniel Fast of Rueckenau; his father was called "Holzhaendler Fast".	
Nr. 23	Johann Martens	Peter Toews	Kornelius Boschmann .
Nr. 24	Jacob Wall	Kornelius Goerzen . Grandmother, the widow Isaac Baerg, lives in the Sommerstube.	Kornelius Goerzen .
Nr. 25	Aron Fast	Jakob Stobbe and Jakob Hildebrand . [Presumably each owned a half-farm]	This is the half farm of Jak. Stobbe Nr. 8. He [Aron Fast] will be known to you, as he is still there. He bought the farm for 12,000 Rubel.
Nr. 26	Jacob Thiessen	Jacob Duerksen . Both Dorfaeltester [mayor] and Waisenaeltester [administrator of the orphan fund].	Jakob Duerksen , our Oberschulz [district mayor]. He has already lived here for many years. The barn and shed are 7 Faden (49 feet) longer. The residence is roofed with tiles and the outer building with shingles. There is also a large pig barn, a Sarai, a cook-house and a structure for burning-manure. Accordingly, all of the farms, including the small farms, have changed. The [old] apple trees have been dug up, but the [old] pear trees remain. A new orchard has been planted on the other side [of the village].
Nr. 27	Isaac Wall	Johann Siemens	belongs to P. Neufeld , Nr. 5. Here Heinrich Dueck and Franz Neufeld , children of Peter Neufeld , live.
Nr. 28	Heidebrecht	Johann Siemens [again]	Joh. Siemens .
Nr. 29	Jacob Loewen	Gerhard Wiebe Jr. His father died a long time ago.	Gerhard Wiebe .
Nr.	Friedrich Kunkel	N. Wilms	Johann Wilms . His wife is Plett's sister.

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Widow Duerksen from Steinfeld (earlier Abraham Wiebe)	Johann Hildebrand
Johann Loewen (earlier Isaac Wall)	Abraham Janz
Gerhard Warkentin (Tobias Sperlings son-in-law)	Franz Doerksen
Heinrich Duerksen (also Tobias Sperlings son-in-law)	Peter Dyck
Abrahan Siemens	Heinrich Suckau
Kornelius Janzen (earlier Gerhard Wiebe)	Jacob Liedke
Johann Hildebrand lives in the former "Magazin". Has a store there.	Andreas Boese
Heinrich Suckau	Jacob Wedel
Heinrich Poetker (from Gnadenthal)	Johann Thiessen
Abraham Dyck	Peter Wedel
Jacob Thiessen (behind the canal; son of my late brother Johann Thiessen and son-in-law of Tobias Sperling)	Jacob Dyck
	Gerhard Poetker
	Johann Janzen
	Johann Liedke
	Peter Harder
	Isaac Siemens
	Heinrich Doerksen
	Johann Loewen
	Gerhard Warkentin
	Peter Warkentin
	Heinrich Dirks

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	Johann Penner
	Abraham Siemens
	Cornelius Janzen
	Jacob Thiessen behind the canal

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