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This collection has a complex history. Boxes 1 and 2 are original documents that originated in the archives of the Mennonite congregations in what is now northern Poland. Probably a lot of the material came from the Danzig congregation. The documents were retrieved by North American MCC workers in MCC service in Poland after World War 2.

In the early 1980s, the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel, the Mennonite Historical Library in Goshen, the Mennonite Heritage Centre in Winnipeg, and the Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies in Fresno exchanged photocopies of their Prussian/Polish materials. Boxes 10-11 contain the Goshen photocopies. Box 7 contains the Winnipeg photocopies, and boxes 8-9 the Fresno photocopies.

In October 2002 the Mennonite Historical Library in Goshen transferred their originals to the Mennonite Library and Archives. These are now in boxes 3-6.

It is unknown who compiled the descriptions (including some transcriptions and rough English translations) of the Bethel and Goshen materials. These descriptions have been copied into this finding aid. It is possible that some of the Bethel work was done by Hilda Ediger Voth during the 1980s.

See also Elisabeth Kloss papers, MS.513.

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1	1	a	<p>By the grace of God, from Friedrich, King of Prussia, Margrave of Brandenburg of the Holy Roman Empire's Lord (High) Chancellor and Elector. Referring to the corresponding rights of Jan. 4, 1774, from the Protestants in West Prussia to the Catholic spiritual leadership for marriages and funerals. Beginning on Jan. 19, 1774, the Mennonites should not pay any additional legal fees for these services.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Marienwerder, Jan. 3, 1775</p> <p>The kingly majesty of Prussia to the West Prussian government delegated President and advisors.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">To the Mennonite Advisors: H. Donner J. Seibert C. Regehr C. Wiebe</p> <p style="text-align: right;">in Marienburg</p>
1	1	b	<p>A rough draft of the petition to King Friedrich II. According to the Declaration of Aug. 14, 1740, there was tolerance and freedom given to all religious groups. However, since King Friedrich II took over the rule of Prussia, the status of the religious groups is unknown. Hence this petition. It is a request for a privilegium from his majesty that the price for exemption from cadet training be left the same as it was set in the report of 1742.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No date, no signature. (a rough draft)</p>

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1	1	c	<p>(copy) A report of my visit to Berlin in 1775, concerning my request. The original has been given to the General Directory. Those who were delegated were Heindr. Donner and Peter Regör. This report as most of the others probably came from the archives of the Orloff congregation.</p> <p>This is an agreement (or a promise) to the delegated men by the General Directors of the royal cabinet to allow these men to take what they need if they promise to return it. The thing they want is a copy of a petition that has to do with a privilegium against fulfilling the demands made by the Catholics and the Lutheran groups.</p>
1	1	d	<p>(copy) To the King of Prussia.</p> <p>An order from the cabinet of Feb. 18, 1776. It speaks of a privilegium to be formulated together with a designation for Mennonite establishments. They are to be excused from enrolling in cadet schools because of their religious beliefs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Berlin, Feb. 18, 1776</p>
1	1	e	<p>From the royal majesty of Prussia.</p> <p>To the delegates Johann Busenitz and Heinrich Donner to give freedom to the Mennonites of East Prussia, West Prussia, and Lithuania. This freedom includes freedom from military conscription due to religious beliefs. For this they are paying the sum of money - 5000 Thaler. This money does not represent a fine or a punishment in any way and is not for religious freedom but merely for exemption of military training.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dated Sept. 26, 1777</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Permitted as a special request Signed by Special Prussian Majesty</p>
1	1	f	<p>(copy) The petition of the delegates J. Busenitz and H. Donner to the king in Berlin on Sept. 3, 1777. (It was handed over to the General Directory.)</p> <p>This is a petition to obtain protection for the Mennonites that they may obtain their food and other rewards for being faithful to the authorities without paying for the training of soldiers (cadet money). The Mennonites will collect the sum of 5000 Thaler from among themselves and submit it to the authorities on time. If this should be impossible, due to the fact that there are no wealthy people, would it be possible to pay this sum in three separate parts?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed - J. Busenitz H. Donner</p>
1	1	g	<p>To the most honorable, high and mighty king and lord. A letter of thanks for the exemption from participation in military training due to religious beliefs. In return for this privilege the Mennonites of East Prussia, West Prussia, and Lithuania are attempting to pay 5000 Thaler. This is a great hardship since the Mennonites live on poor soil and have a very hard time wresting nourishment from the land. "We have even found it hard to keep up the fees for weddings and funerals," this document says.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed - J. Busenitz H. Donner</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dated October 7, 1777</p>

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1	1	h	<p>A petition to his majesty the king for the Mennonites in East and West Prussia and Lithuania. This is asking for continued protection and support. In addition to this it asks for the privileges to be extended even after 1777 including the exemption from military training.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Marienburg, Feb. 24, 1780</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed Most submissive servants J. Busenitz, H. Donner</p>
1	2	a	<p>An answer from the king to the request of February 24, 1780, concerning the privilegium to be exempt from military conscription. Basically this answer is negative although very courteous. They will deal further with the president of Dombard. They are also supposed to contact the mayors (Schulzen) of their districts about the transporting of recruits. They must do their duty and fulfill their obligations as it is illegal to do other wise.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dated in Potsdam March 29, 1780</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Signature not legible)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Resolution for the authorized Mennonites of all congregations in East and West Prussia</p>
1	2	b	<p>An urgent plea to be relieved from paying cadet money. This comes from the congregations at Tiegenhagen and Orloff. The reason: the flood that damaged the crops also ruined the land for the future. The Mennonite farmers have had to put their cattle in the hands of strangers to keep them from perishing. This stops their income and thus they are unable to pay the required cadet money.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Aug. 12, 1780, Tiegenhof Dirk Thiessen, Elder of Tiegehnof Congregation Heinrich Donner, Elder of Orloff Congregation</p>
1	2	c	<p>A group of Mennonites from East Prussia, West Prussia, and Lithuania are expressing great appreciation for help from the royal government. They are asking representatives of the government to attend the Festival of Homage that is to be held soon.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Königsberg, Feb. 16, 1786</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed: H. Donner C. Warkentin W. Zimmermann D. Jantzen A. Rosenfeld</p>
1	2	d	<p>April 27, 1787                      Potsdam</p> <p>To his majesty the king of Prussia</p> <p>Notes of Heinrich Donner concerning the privilege of exemption from military duty.</p> <p>The second part is a copy of the confirmation he finally obtained from the royal cabinet through the Privy Councillor after numerous attempts. The privilegium came from Friedrich Wilhelm II.</p>

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1	2	e	<p>A copy of a petition to Friedrich, King of Prussia, to permit the Protestants (including the Mennonites of West Prussia) to stop paying the fees for baptism, marriages, and funerals. This was based on a request of January 4, 1773, by the Mennonites in West Prussia.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Marienwerder, Jan. 31, 1775 v. Finkenstein</p>
1	2	f	<p>A petition directed to the king's minister in Berlin. The delegates, Donner and Warkentin, contact the general directory and ask to see the Schellenberg house with plans to purchase it.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Orloff in Tiegenhof Aug. 8, 1787 Donner &amp; Warkentin</p>
1	2	g	<p>Your excellencē etc. etc. . . .</p> <p>An expression of thanks for the block of houses. A further appreciation for the help the Mennonites are receiving for the incorporation of this property into the town under the city official Goselger.</p> <p>A concern for the 5 Mennonite families who are struggling to meet requirements of city regulations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(no date) Delegates Donner &amp; Warkentin</p>
1	2	h	<p>A letter of homage to King Friedrich Wilhelm III.</p> <p>Appreciation for such things as freedom to spread the word of God, for freedom to associate with other Christians, and especially for his accession to the throne.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Königsberg, Feb. 18, 1798 Signed John Wiehler Wilhelm Zimmermann Hein. Penner Jacob Zimmermann Bernhard Wiehler</p>
1	2	i	<p>Edict, July 30, 1789</p> <p>Since the contribution to these parish records are made merely to keep in line with those who are forced into military service, it would seem that the Mennonites should not be forced to pay the fees for marriages and funerals. They are very active in their own churches and are making other contributions.</p>
1	2	j	<p>To the most honorable king!</p> <p>A very humble, submissive and groveling letter to the king from the Mennonites in East Prussia. They are asking to be excused from military service.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Königsberg, West Prussia November 23, 1797 Signed John Wiehler Wilhelm Zimmermann Heinrich Penner</p>

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1	2	k	<p>A most humble and most respectful letter of good wishes to the great and mighty king. It includes a promise of loyalty in return for protection and mercy, but is mostly a wish for a successful new year (1798).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Orloff Tiegenhoff December 24, 1797</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed - Your most loyal subjects, the elders and teachers of the Mennonite congregations in West Prussia Heinrich Donner Dirk Tiessen Cornelius Warkentin</p>						
1	2	l	<p>An answer from the king Friedrich Wilhelm to the Mennonite congregations of Danzig. It includes a thank you for the new year wishes, but it also reminds them that their freedom depends in part upon their cooperation with the board of finances.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Berlin, Jan. 8, 1798</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Friedrich Wilhelm</p>						
1	2	m	<p>Königsberg, Jan. 14, 1798</p> <p>A letter to Heinrich Donner the elder of the congregation at Königsberg, written on January 14, 1798. It concerns a petition to the king. This is to come from all the congregations in the area. (Not legible enough to give me the content of the petition.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed: Joh. Wiehler, Wilhelm Zimmermann, Hein. Penner, Jacob Zimmermann, and Bernhard Wiehler</p>						
1	3	a	<p>Marienwerder, January 28, 1799</p> <p>To the teachers of the Mennonite churches, G. Siemens and W. Hubert at Kozeliczky</p> <p>The royal West Prussian war office issues this resolution: that a summons be issued to the Mennonite churches that their full duties toward their cantons must be fulfilled.</p> <p>That the director at Marienburg gave the proper answer to the Mennonites because he knew the responsibilities they had to the authorities. At the same time they say they have given former notice to the Marienburgers.</p>						
1	3	b	<p>A report of expenses given at a meeting of the churches in Marienburg on June 22, 1819.</p> <p>The following have a deficit to be taken care of:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>a. Congregation at Heubuden</td> <td style="text-align: right;">66.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b. Congregation at Thiensdorf</td> <td style="text-align: right;">150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>etc</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>The nominal roll was also discussed. Included were the East and West Prussian and the Lithuanian churches.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed: Abraham Regier Johann Donner</p>	a. Congregation at Heubuden	66.00	b. Congregation at Thiensdorf	150.00	etc	
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1	3	c	<p>To the royal Private Councillor of State von Staegemann in Berlin,</p> <p>A letter from the elders of the church of Orlofffeld concerning the subordination of the Mennonites. They complain of the repeated insults they were given by the misinformed war lords during the war years. A decree had been published in the Danzig paper degrading the beliefs of the Mennonites. One of their church books was chopped up and sent back in bits and pieces. Elder Donner does not feel that his people deserved this and is therefore making some requests contrary to this. The honorable king has always been good to them. Now they are pleading for a change of attitude toward the Mennonites. Eight days from now there will be a delegation to see the honorable councillor of state. Would they please be treated kindly? Would this most humble group be able to obtain the good will of all and be included in the guardianship of the priest?</p> <p>Beiershort Tiegenhof June 27, 1821 Signed: Most humble servant, Elder of the Mennonite Church of Orlofffeld</p>
1	3	d	<p>A newspaper article from the Elbing newspaper, Berlin, dated January 17, 1841:</p> <p>It is a known fact that the Mennonites are a sect that refuses to participate in war. Their principles are based on a conscience-based statement that war is sinful. They are also taught that swearing an oath is wrong. In spite of many debates they remain true to their beliefs. This brings on much criticism, but the fact that they are hard working and honorable makes them an asset to the monarchy. In the interest of national economics it would be advisable to eliminate or at least moderate the limitation of earnings that was placed upon this group.</p>
1	3	e	<p>A journal entry of the Justice Ministry Berlin, July 15, 1841</p> <p>Instructions to the inhabitants of Schardau, particularly Jonas Quiring and his associates, in answer to their request of February 24, 1841. It is not within the jurisdiction of the Justice Ministry to make wards of any group no matter what real estate they own. They own their real estate only on a temporary basis as it is. The information about charging rent and other fees is in the hands of the land and city government at Stuhm.</p> <p>Signed, Mahler</p>
1	3	f	<p>A letter from J. Quiring in Gross Schardau to Elder Peter Froese in Tiegerweide. It concerns the rent money of the wards of the government who live on government real estate.</p> <p>Gross Schardau April 11, 1842 Signed, J. Quiring</p>
1	3	g	<p>(damaged by mice and by moisture) Tiegerweide, March 19, 1844</p> <p>To the honorable elders Peter Regier, Tiegenhagen; Jacob Wiebe, Ladekopp; Wilhelm Claassen, Neumünsterberg; and Abraham Regier, Gurken.</p> <p>A letter that tells about a plan to start a new settlement in Russia. It is the writer's hope that more than 300 people will be interested in this venture. Mr. Cornies is influential in contacting the Russians. The writer asks these men to make as many contacts as possible; he asks Abraham Regier to do the paper work.</p> <p>Signed, Peter Froese</p>

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1	3	h	<p>To: Honorable Elder Peter Froese in Tiegerweide  His excellence, the lord director of the third department of ministry, one of the kingdom royals from Lewschin wrote me that the illustrious lord minister has written to the Prussian Mennonites concerning a new settlement near St. Petersburg.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed, Peter Cornies</p> <p>The rest of the letter has to do with details and financial matters concerning this move. The business matters for the move began in October 1844. The available land near St. Petersburg was drained swamp land. Cornies explains the advantages and disadvantages of the area. He quotes the terms the government has proposed. He promises to provide more information in the near future.</p>
1	3	i	<p>A letter from the elders and teachers of the Mennonites churches: Abraham Regier, Peter Foth, Jacob von Bergen, Jacob Wichert, David Epp, and Jacob Peters to lord-lieutenant in Königsberg. Their message is that they want permission to be represented by a delegation to honor King Friedrich Wilhelm IV at the homage festival for him. They remind him that there was a delegation at the time King Friedrich Wilhelm II was honored on Sept. 19, 1786, as well as the time King Friedrich III was honored on July 5, 1798.</p> <p>The delegates chosen for this festival were Elder Franz Cornelsen (Thiensdorf), Elder Peter Regier (Tiegenhagen), Elder Peter Froese (Orloffsfelde), Joh. Penner (Königsberg), Elder Rosenfeldt (Lithuania), and Jacob Mannhard (Danzig).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No date given.</p>
1	4	a	<p>A letter from the church at Danzig to the honorable elders and teachers of the West Prussian Mennonite churches concerning the church at Königsberg and the minister Carl Harder.</p> <p>The church at Danzig has not been given a report of any kind of the meeting that took place in Orloff. Therefore it is asking:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are we required to enter a new relationship with the Königsberg church?</li> <li>2. If there is no way to reach an agreement with the Königsberg church, what are the demands you will make upon that church?</li> <li>3. Would you be willing to speak with the Königsberg congregation when our elders go there to ask them to change their behavior?</li> <li>4. Will you give your consent if the Königsberg church hires a different elder and gives him the right to perform the rites of baptism and communion as well as the other duties of an elder?</li> <li>5. What is the position you have in mind for our congregation (Danzig)? Do you consider us as having equal rights with others of our denomination?</li> </ol> <p>According to the last conference in Orloff these things were left unanswered. The rest of the letter includes detailed reports of the congregation's activities, the contention and strife Elder Penner has encountered in the congregation, etc</p> <p>Signed by 11 members of the collegium of the Danzig congregation.  September 20, 1852  [the end of the document was originally item c, folder 30]</p>

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1	4	b	<p>(Additional copy) An annuity contract between Mathilde Wilhelmine Amalie Berentz of Danzig and the administrators of the Danzig Mennonite Church: Heinrich Wilhelm Conwentz, Louis Eduard Zimmermann, and Johann Carl von Steen. It is dated November 9, 1868, and was validated by the notary Rudolph Walter (whose name is on the seal) of Danzig in the presence of two witnesses: Theodor August Jahnke and Carl Wilhelm Theodor Schmidt.</p> <p>The contract itself assures Mathilde Berentz of a free room in the Mennonite hospital as long as she lives. This is a result of gifts she has given at various times. (Dates are given.) Six additional stipulations are mentioned.</p>
1	4	c	<p>Königsberg, October 2, 1871. To the landowner Mr. Abraham Friesen from Tiegenhagen. From the Lord Lieutenant in Königsberg.</p> <p>He is calling Mr. Friesen's attention to action taken the previous March concerning the military training of his son in the East Prussian Battalion Training Station No. 1. He will not be required to carry a sword except when they are marching on the street.</p> <p>When this agreement was made he agreed with a handshake rather than with an oath that his conscience would not be disturbed.</p>
1	4	d	<p>A letter to the commanding general in Stettin and the Lieutenant General in Königsberg. Date September 3, 1876, concerning the letter of August 22 to Elder Peter Bartel in Nieder-Gruppe. It refers him back to a law passed on May 2, 1874, and the amended order of September 28, 1875, as well as succeeding amendments. According to these the older Mennonite families did not need to participate in military training but could serve as male nurses or baggage drivers under the empire.</p> <p>Therefore it is in order that those five Mennonites who were recruited in the 8th Infantry regiment no. 61 be given the option to volunteer for alternate service.</p>
1	4	e	<p>Inventory of the proprietor of the cemetery in Rosenort. A numerical list of those buried including the village in which they resided.</p> <p>No dates given except the one that designates a transfer in 1876.</p>
1	4	f	<p>To Elder Friesen in Rückenauerfeld from Agnete Entz, born October 2, 1849. She is asking for her baptismal certificate.</p> <p>On the back page is a list of payments made on a trunk (chest) full of hymnbooks by the Elbing and Rosenort congregations. The total amount is 1369 which leaves a deficit of 84 (no monetary unit given).</p>
1	4	g	<p>A letter to the "Honorable Mr. and Friend" (no name) from F. Websky, dated January 3, 1884, Stumsdorf, Magdeburg, Leipzig Bahn.</p> <p>The contents are concerned with newspaper articles. The writer gives several critiques, "Aus Holland" for example. He also mentions "Das Leben Jesu" (The Life of Jesus) by Theodor Keim and criticizes it as a biography of Jesus without a place in history.</p>



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1	4	h	<p>A letter to Minister H. G. Mannhardt on January 22, 1884, from Dr. Ludwig Keller in Münster. He is ordering the yearbook that Mannhardt has written. He goes to some depth in suggesting the Mennonites should establish a bookstore to handle all the publications that should be in the hands of the Mennonite congregations.</p> <p>Another suggestion is to establish a historical commission that has in mind the furthering of Mennonite publications. There would certainly be numerous manuscripts coming in that this commission could have published.</p> <p>The insert is a list of Dr. Ludwig Keller's writings. It is dated 1904, the secret state archives of Berlin. It is an excerpt from the first issue of the Archival Almanac of 1903-04, pp. 100-101.</p>
1	4	i	<p>A contract between the family of Anton and Emilie (Tiessen) Conwentz and the congregation at Danzig. The purpose of this contract is to establish that the graves of the family of those named above will be well cared for in the St. Salvator Cemetery. The cost is 30 marks per year. However, this is after the initial cost of 500 marks has been paid. The contract becomes valid on January of 1887 and remains in effect for 25 years. It covers all family members. It also includes the repairs for the trellises.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Danzig, December 4, 1886 Church Executive Committee: C. H. Zimmermann, H. J. Bernhardt, H. F. Stobbe, E. A. Loewens, J. Momber</p> <p>Contract executors: Adolph Claassen, G. W. Siemens, R. v. Dühren</p>
1	5	a	<p>The subscription list for 1888. To the honorable police force of the city of Altona. The names and addresses of those receiving the paper.</p> <p>“Abonnenntenliste für 1888” (wohl für die 2. Auflage des Jahrbuches, 1888 von H. G. Mannhardt herausgegeben.)</p>

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1	5	b	<p>Letters</p> <p>(1) From Wilhelm Fast to Elder J. Penner, Platenhof, dated April 26, 1895. Due to existing engagements the writer says the only day he has left for the meeting is May 17.</p> <p>(2) Another letter from Fast to Penner concerning the meeting of the teachers in the area. It has to do with the tests and the articles of faith. This meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Andres of Landhof. Date May 1, 1895.</p> <p>(3) Another letter from Fast to Penner. He is returning a paper he intended to copy, but for lack of time he has not done so. He writes of a mission hour he is planning with P. Kopper as speaker. Br. v. der Smissen is also coming for a visit. Br. Fast cannot travel now but will next summer. Date Jan. 23.</p> <p>(4) Letter from W. Dückmann, Elbing, to Elder J. Penner, Platenhof. An invitation to attend a meeting of the elders <i>before</i> the conference for the purpose of discussing the new Articles of Faith that have been written by the West Prussian congregation. Date April 1895.</p> <p>(5) Letter from W. Dückmann, Elbing, to Penner. This includes three proposals concerning the acceptance of the "Belief in Christ and the Justification through Faith." Date: May 24, 1895.</p> <p>(6) A copy of the article as proposed in Dückmann's letter.</p> <p>Zwei Briefe von Aeltesten Wilhelm Fast, Laase (Gemeinde Heubuden) vom 26. April und 1. Mai an Aeltesten J. Penner, Platenhof, betr. Lehrdienstversammlung zwecks Neuherausgabe des Glaubensbekenntnisses.</p> <p>Briefe von W. Dückmann, Elbing, an Aelt. J. Penner, Platenhof, betr. Neuherausgabe eines Glaubensbekenntnisses: Brief vom 23. Januar 1895 (beschädigt), Rundschreiben vom April, Briefe vom 24. Mai, 2. und 12. September 1895, und Abschrift des Antrags der Gemeinde Heubuden auf Aufnahme eines Artikels "Von dem Glauben an Christum und der Rechtfertigung durch den Glauben."</p>
1	5	c	<p>Two drafts of the Articles of Faith for the West Prussian Mennonites. The first one is a rough draft with many corrections; the second is very well written. It includes the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) About God</li> <li>(2) The Wickedness of Man and Salvation through Jesus Christ</li> <li>(3) The Corporate Body of Christ</li> <li>(4) The Position of Teacher and Servant in the Congregation</li> <li>(5) Holy Baptism</li> <li>(6) Holy Communion</li> <li>(7) Footwashing</li> </ol> <p>Zwei Entwürfe "zu einem Glaubensbekenntnis der Mennoniten in Westpreussen" (ohne Datum - aus den Jahren 1894/95).</p>
1	5	d	<p>Two sermon schedules for Orlofffelder, Ladekopp, and Pordenau congregations. The first is dated 1897; the other one is not dated.</p> <p>Zwei Predigt dienstpläne für die Gemeinden Ladekopp und Orlofffelder, einer für das Jahr 1897, der andre ohne Datum etwa aus derselben Zeit.</p>

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1	5	e	<p>A burial permit for Heinrich Mekelburger, a man of means, to be buried on August 27, 1904. He was from Reimerswalde. It was granted by chief administrator A. Esau in Tiegenghagen, Aug. 31, 1904.</p> <p>Beerdigungserlaubnis für den an 27. August 1904 verstorbenen Rentier Heinrich Mekelburger aus Reimerswalde, ausgestellt von Amtsvorsteher A. Esau in Tiegenghagen den 31. Aug. 1904.</p>
1	5	f	<p>A statistical survey of the number of Mennonites in the government district of Marienwerder according to the census of 1910. This list is compared with the consignment of 1789. (Note left by previous summarizer: "This list is seemingly the rest of the statistical works of the treasurer of the dike revenue, Gustav Schulz. These works were found in the archives of the Mennonite Church of Danzig.")</p> <p>Statistische Übersicht über die Zahl der Mennoniten im Regierungsbezirk Marienwerder nach der Volkszählung von 1910, verglichen mit der Zahl von 1789. (Diese Liste ist scheinbar der Rest von den statistischen Arbeiten von Deichrentmeister Gustav Schulz, die sich im Archiv der Mennonitengemeinde Danzig befanden.)</p>
1	5	g	<p>A letter to Minister H. G. Mannhardt, Danzig, from Pastor Gustav Kraemer, Crefeld. Dated May 10, 1912. The contents are concerned solely with the Neuwied congregation:</p> <p>(1) The writer's personal position. He finds the man Händiges very tactless and unfit for the position in Neuwied.</p> <p>(2) The Neuwied question. The ruling board has heard H. preach. Now I am supposed to listen to their comments about him.</p> <p>(The ending is missing.)</p> <p>Brief von Pastor Gustav Kraemer, Crefeld, an Prediger H. G. Mannhard, Danzig, vom 10. Mai 1912 betr. Gemeinde Neuwied. (Schluss fehlt, Brief durch Feuer beschädigt.)</p>
1	5	h	<p>The will of the widow Agathe Harder, nee Friesen, witnessed by Ferdinand Kreisig and Carl Ebler as she read and explained it. Then it was notarized by Leo Markfeldt. She and her husband had no children. She makes provision first for her burial expenses, then for markers for her deceased husband's grave, and for her future grave. Then she leaves her worldly possessions to 11 heirs: her husband's siblings and their children and her own siblings and their children.</p> <p>She appoints Jacob Siemens of Rosenort as her executor.</p> <p>The graves are to be kept up for 50 years by the Rosenort Mennonite Church. After that time that church will receive 300 mark. Her estimated worth is 17,000 mark.</p> <p>Date: Jan. 8, 1914</p> <p>(This will is based on the original will she and her husband made on December 29, 1884.)</p> <p>(Abschrift:) Notarielles Testament der Witwe Agathe Harder geb. Friesen aus Platenhof, errichtet am 8. Januar 1914, dem Aeltesten der Gemeinde Rosenort übersandt am 20. Januar 1917.</p>
1	5	i	<p>Birth records of the Mennonite Church in Tiegenghagen for 1915 and 1916. On the back page are the births of 1919 added in pencil.</p> <p>Geburtsregister der Gemeinde Tiegenghagen für die Jahre 1915 und 1916 (Doppelblatt, auf der Rückseite mit Bleistift Geburten des Jahres 1919 notiert.)</p>

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1	6	d	Record of the relief fund, Jan. to June 1804, receipts, disbursements. Signed Jacob Mahl.															
1	6	e	Account of the medication for the Mennonite hospital, 1820. Name of patient, month, day, name of medicine and dosage, price.															
1	6	f	A note to Joh. Penner of Alt Schottland that is to be paid: 800 six cords of birch wood at 34 1/2 fr. per cord according to their agreement. Peter von Riesen, Schiedlitz, August 16, 1808.															
1	6	g	<p>From the welfare fund of the Township Mennonite Church.</p> <p>This is to certify that from the sum of 1000 Gulden in Danzig currency left by Johann von Böningen through his executors: Daniel Jantzen and Isaac de Veer. We have been given 600 G. Danzig currency.  Danzig, Sept. 21, 1808.  Johann Kauenhowen, church treasurer</p>															
1	6	h	<p>A receipt from G. Tiessen for the board and room money he has received for Daniel Daniels from Mr. Johann Kauenhowen, including food, laundry, repair work on socks, medicine for his foot, shaves, tobacco.  Dated: Neuschodtland, December 31, 1808.</p>															
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1	6	k	<p>Receipts - letters:</p> <p>(1) To father-in-law Erdmann Stobbe for 150 Gulden he received in cash for six months as his salary. Dated Sept. 4, 1820. Signed, Jacob Gillis, administrator.</p> <p>(2) To father-in-law Erdmann Stobbe for 150 Gulden he received in cash for Abraham D. Veer, administrator, for his work from Sept. 1, 1819, to March 3, 1820. Danzig, Ja. Gilles.</p> <p>(3) Dear friend, Would you please be so kind and give me a small part of my salary, one half, making 125 Gulden because I am in great need of it. April 13, 1819. P. Tiessen.</p> <p>(4) Another letter from P. Tiessen acknowledging the receipt of the salary for this quarter, 210 G. Danzig, April 22, 1820. P. Tiessen.</p> <p>(5) A receipt stating that he received the salary for Mr. Abr. de Veer to the amount of 250 Gulden. Danzig, Sept. 28, 1819. P. Tiessen.</p> <p>(6) Receipt for the 210 G. he received for April, May, June. Danzig, July 1, 1820. Peter Tiessen.</p> <p>etc etc.</p>
1	6	l	<p>To the administrators of the Mennonite congregation, a receipt for the advancing of the annuity for Miss Bachman, 2.00  For the issuing of the instruments and their execution, 1.60  For the advancement of the stamp, 2.22  Total 5.82  Receipt for the amount of 40 Gulden from Abraham de Veer as the quarterly salary for May 1 to July 31. Danzig, July 31, 1820. M. Bachman  Receipt of 40 Gulden from Mr. Abraham de Veer for this quarter's salary (August 1 - October 31). Danzig, Nov. 1, 1820. Maria Bachman.</p>
1	6	m	<p>A receipt to the Mennonite church for paying their service contribution of 20 Reichsthaler (about .75 each). Danzig, Oct. 1, 1820. The Service Treasury.</p>
1	6	n	<p>Receipt for 9 Gulden from Mr. H. Dyer on the account of Mr. Abraham de Veer in Danzig for a payment to Wm. Goerzen. Marienwerder, Dec 27, 1823. Elias von Berger.</p>
1	6	o	<p>A ledger from the account book of 1823 of the Mennonite hospital.  Month, day, person treated and the medication, cost.  Danzig, Dec 23, 1823. C. H. Scheife [?] (Paid out of the welfare fund.)</p>
1	6	p	<p>Accounts of the Mennonite hospital for 1827.  Month, day, to whom issued, cost.  Danzig, Oct. 1, 1827. J. Hoffmann, examiner. W. Hubner, administrator.</p>
1	6	q	<p>A blank for paying trade tax.  Peter Thiessen, widower, is on the roll of tax payers for the year 1827 as a distiller and milk dealer with annual taxes amounting to 4 Reichsthaler. It should be paid monthly--4 Silbergroschen before the 8th of each month.  Danzig, Jan. 2, 1827. Head mayor, mayor, and councilman Waischmann.</p>
1	6	r	<p>A contract between the administrators of the Mennonite congregation and Brother and Sister Geertzen's life annuity of 12 Reichsthaler and 15 Silbergroschen has been paid out of the welfare fund. This serves as a receipt.  Danzig, Oct. 10, 1831. The Commissioner [name not legible]</p>

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1	6	s	Main copy of a stamped sheet of paper for 5 Reichsthaler and 25 Silbergroschen Contract between the administrators of the local Mennonite congregation and the businessmen Anton Schreder, Isaac Mahl, and Johann von Steen as sellers and Br. and Sister Abraham Gertzen and Elisabeth Gertzen as buyers of the things owned by Miss Anna Gertzen (feeble minded) according to the valid annuity contract that was signed and sealed. Terms of the contract follow.
1	7	a	A History of the Mennonites, dated 1851 I. Founded by the apostles Peter and Paul 1. Foundation was Jesus Christ - as it still is 2. Two main tenets: adult baptism and refusing the sword II. From Rome to the Cattian Alps 1. Due to persecution they settled in these valleys and woods 2. Became known as Waldensians III. To Holland 1. Due to persecution thousands were killed a. As many as 350 were burned at the stake at one time b. They sought the friendship of Menno Simons (1536-1537) IV. To Tiegenhof 1. The government offered them swampland that they could make arable 2. Established their own church V. The rest of the article is Bible expository 1. Comparing the Mennonites with the Israelites 2. Anabaptism is above all the biblical way
1	7	b	To the honorable Mr. Claas Friesen A report of the extensive damage the flood has done to the Mennonite church area: grain crop is destroyed; cattle have no food; there is no seed for another crop, etc. This is a request for relief from paying dues. Joh. Claassen, Joh. Andres, Corn. Dyck, Peter Dyck, Nicolai Siemens. Reverse side: the answer The request is granted, but only up to October. The reason for this is explained. Rückenau, Feb. 27, 1883. C. Friesen, elder of the church.
1	7	c	A letter to a friend from Elbing, dated May 1, 1878 It concerns the new minister Regehr. The writer was under the impression that he planned to accept the call. However, this changes the arrangement the writer had made with his friend to come and administer the rites of baptism and communion in the absence of an ordained minister. The writer deplores the fact that they have an elder and yet they are like a flock without a shepherd. <p style="text-align: right;">Signed H. Dückmann</p>
1	7	d	Information of the collective members of the Tiegenhagen Mennonite congregation: village, name of owner, area, male/female, church district. 12 families listed. Dated Petershagen, May 20, 1869.

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1	7	e	<p>A.</p> <p>To the elders, teachers, and councilmen of the West Prussian Mennonite congregations.  Contents: the discussion and explanation of five points in the Articles of Faith that are to be accepted.  (1) The infallibility of Holy Scripture  (2) Church Discipline  (3) Christian Marriages  (4) Non-resistance (bearing arms is contrary to biblical teaching)  (5) The Church Leaders and their Duties  Dated Königsberg, December 25, 1854  Signed: The eligible voters in the Königsberg congregation</p> <p>B.</p> <p>To the royal sir, the most honored Privy Councilor.  The time for buying land from non-Mennonites is fast coming to an end. This is a plea for the Privy Councilor to extend this privilege - three former letters have gone unanswered. If this privilege is denied it may force an emigration of Mennonites.  Koczelitzki, March 5, 1855  Signed: Your most humble Elders</p>

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1	7	f	<p>A report to the meeting of the elders, teachers, and administrators of the West Prussian and Lithuanian Mennonite Churches with the representatives of the Königsberg church for the purpose of reconciliation:</p> <p>(1) The Königsberg congregation should agree with the basic points of teaching as outlined in the enclosed constitution.</p> <p>(2) Should not allow mixed marriages.</p> <p>(3) The elders should work together.</p> <p>Dated Jan. 23, 1855</p> <p>Signed by 41 men who were present at the meeting</p> <p>Following 3 pages:</p> <p>A report of the meeting of Jan. 22, 1855, of Ab. Claassen, the elders, teachers and administrators of the Mennonite churches of Elbing, Werder, Stuhm, Danzig, and Lithuania. (The Culm and Graudenz groups could not attend because of the flooding Vistula River, but they want to be included in the reunification.)</p> <p>The reunification plans are being considered and the following points should be discussed at the next meeting:</p> <p>(1) To depend on the elder at Königsberg until their own elder is selected.</p> <p>(2) Accept only those members who can unconditionally say they are saved.</p> <p>(3) It is understood that those who have a record of baptism but live loose lives or have married outside the church will not be accepted.</p> <p>(4) Elder Penner has stated that those young people who have been instructed and even baptized by Harder cannot be considered members in good standing.</p> <p>(5) We hereby state the need for further instruction in order to give a good foundation to those who were instructed by Harder. Only then can they become our members.</p> <p>(6) Those who hold high offices in our church have to be elected, then tested by an elder, and then installed.</p> <p>(7) The teachers have to be sound of doctrine (and tested as such) before performing their church duties.</p> <p>(8) The deacons' duties shall include the settling of disputes.</p> <p>(9) Only the elders can administer the sacraments.</p> <p>(10) The newly organized congregation in Elbing may have its own ministers but they must get an elder for baptism and communion service.</p> <p>(11) Whenever an elder election is held and in case Mr. Harder is a candidate, he must express a belief in our foundation before he can be elected.</p> <p>(12) Those who have a great distance to travel to church may stray from "the straight and narrow" and may have to be reprimanded or even disciplined by the Königsberg church administrators.</p> <p>The above points were read at the Königsberg church meeting the following day. One small change was made: The work of an elder is very important. Therefore two elders should be elected.</p>



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1	7	g	<p>To the honorable Minister of the Interior</p> <p>Due to ignorance some of the Mennonites have gone contrary to the charter of the constitution and have bought up non-Mennonite real estate. Now it would cause great hardship to the owners to return this land. The elders of the West Prussian Mennonite congregations are pleading in their behalf. One of the points to be considered is that the value of the land that is near a city is much greater than that farther away from a city. Thus, these elders are asking for a reduction on the land. Another plea is for those who own the best land. May they be allowed to keep it since their entire livelihood depends upon it.</p> <p>Koczelitzki near Marienburg  December 18, 1854  Gerhard Penner  Johann Quiring  Johann Toews</p>
1	7	h	<p>From the Minister of the Interior Westphalen</p> <p>In answer to the letter the elders of the Mennonite congregations sent on April 26, 1859.</p> <p>A notice that according to the decision of the government the Mennonites would be required to return all land holdings bought illegally by Dec. 17, 1801. There will be a grace period, but after that all Mennonites will be required to abide by this law.</p> <p>From the Interior Minister Siemens to the Mennonite elders, Mr. Peter Friesen and Peter Regier of Tiegerweise near Tiegenhoff</p> <p>Berlin, June 17, 1859  Interior Minister Westphalen</p>
1	7	i	<p>News of peace and order that is favorable to the provinces, by the passing of the tax exemption law the national assembly defeated its own purpose. Now their eyes are opened and many of the addresses that were thrown away are being looked up again.</p> <p>----</p> <p>Berlin. The resolutions that were set up to obtain equity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) General Wrangel is to be served a summons and tried for treason.</li> <li>(2) The members of the Brandenburg government are to be arrested and taken before the court for trial.</li> <li>(3) The Prussian princes will be forced to leave Prussia.</li> <li>(4) The king must go to Berlin and approve all resolutions that the present Prussian national assembly has passed.</li> <li>(5) The king has to issue a statement in which he promises to approve all the resolutions that the current Prussian national assembly passes up to the completion of the constitution.</li> <li>(6) A new ministerium must be formed in which at least Mr. Jacobi and Mr. Waldeck will be included.</li> </ol>
1	7	j	<p>Division of the property of Tschotta:</p> <p>List and description of his holdings including land (including river bottom land, prairie, steppes, arable land, etc) cattle, buildings, horses, sheep, etc. He also has cows that are rented out to the city cheese factory.</p> <p>All this is in prospect of emigrating. The total value of the Tschotta estate is placed at 70,000 rubel silver.</p>
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1	7	l	<p>A statement from the head of the district administration:  This concerns money that the West Prussian Mennonites offered to lend through the Finance Minister (10,000 Thaler) to either Businessman P. Martens or to him and the Elder Epp in Heubuden and Classen in Kozelitzke. The receipt does not have to be returned. Also the interest money is considered adequate.  A decree from the royal government has followed. It says the offer will be handled by proper people. It also says if the interest money is not to be used for patriotic purposes it must be managed that way.  Marienburg, July 15, 1849  To the Mennonite Elder Epp, W. B. Esq. in Heubuden  Head of the District Administration Plehn</p>
1	7	m	<p>Your W. B. Esquire,  Concerning the petition of the Mennonites (exemption from military service). The writer says he is doing everything possible. He has made a revised petition in which he enumerates reasons for granting the Mennonites this freedom:  Those Mennonites living in Germany now as well as their posterity should be able to merit this exemption.  A group of 140 members have tried to formulate an amendment. This would set the age at 20.  In the last paragraph he asks to be recommended to Minister Mannhardt, H. Kliver, and H. van der Smissen.  Frankfurt, Dec. 8, 1848, Martens</p>
1	7	n	<p>This concerns the plight of the widows and orphans as a result of the war. The writer is starting a relief fund to be made available in 14 days. He describes the suffering. (Date and signature are not legible.)</p>
1	7	o	<p>In the mortgage matter of Tiegenhagen No. 48, the sole power of Br. and Sister Schirling of Russia is given to you. This is dated November 2, 1831, and is a legitimate certificate of May 20, 1833. It will be sent to you for further use.  Tiegenhagen, March 31, 1834  Royal Land and Magistrate Court  To the Chief Magistrate Mr. Pet. Rahn, Petershagen, and the appointed Johann Rahn, Tiegenhagen (written by the former)</p>
1	7	p	<p>The first registration of children of the Church at Rosenort.  May 5, 1833.  Heinrich Regehr - Mausdorff - Masc  Jacob Penner - Mausdorff - Masc  etc etc  Total 35</p>
1	7	q	<p>Elbing, Sept. 12, 1895  Dear. Br. Penner,  A personal letter asking Mr. Penner to express his opinion on a matter concerning an elder.  No signature, only initials.</p>
1	7	r	<p>No. 137  A church service held March 24, 1816.  Prayer, Sermon: Text, John 19:10, 11 (A sermon on the suffering of Jesus) Songs before the sermon: No. 539 and 100. Songs after the sermon: No. 101 and 12.  (No names or places mentioned)</p>

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1	7	s	Bible reading. He pleads for true convictions to remain obvious and for everyone to live up to those convictions. There are definite things for them to do: 1. Pray fervently 2. Avoid all favors that will harm their image later 3. Not to form petitions now because the actual freedom from military service has not been taken away as yet 4. Make use of the ministerial allowance but by no means to depend on that. (no name, no date)
1	7	t	A letter from W. Dückmann, Elbing, to Mr. J. Penner I, Elder, Platenhof near Tiegenhof. He is asking Br. Penner for night lodging on Saturday and then to be taken to the mission festival in Fürstenwerder on Sunday. Elbing, September 2, 1895 W. Dückmann
1	8	a	A notebook entitled "A Reward for Giving Attention." To the congregational teacher Mr. Peter Regier in Tiegenhagen. This is a letter of appreciation for all the help Br. Regier gave to this young man. Rodhofen, July 8, 1828 F. M. Lange
1	9	-	[It looks like some items may have been skipped in the rough-draft translations inventorying this folder. Also, the original documents are numbered slightly differently than the numbers used here, which derive from the rough translation.] [items 14, 15, 16, and the volume cover shifted to "box" 14]
1	9		front of volume is labeled "Entwürfe Anno 1792 bis 1877-1879 Volumen XXVI."
1	9	1	Contains: celebration mementos (at the ordination of Rev. Peter Epp by Rev. Cornelius Regehr)
1	9	2	Sermonette on warning against evils of breaking of marriage laws.
1	9	3	Information on the Mennonites in relation to their community - especially concerning financial matters.
1	9	4	A report of teachers chosen, number of people who emigrated, etc by Peter Kerber, Elder of Montau, Oct. 11, 1804
1	9	5	Contributions to North America (books)
1	9	6	List of elders in Heubuden
1	9	7	List of citizens and numbers in record book
1	9	8	Death notice of Peter Claassen, June 1803
1	9	9	Page of a church record book (Jacob v. der Smissen et al)
1	9	10	Short letters concerning church matters including a death notice
1	9	11	Letters to Peter Tiessen, Danzig, signed by Abraham Regier, Johann Regier, David Epp. They are dissatisfied with the kind of life Heinrich Toews is leading.
1	9	12	Other letters concerning Heinrich Toews

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1	9	13	<p>More pages from church record book</p> <p>a. A complaint from the Danzig church. They do not like to accept members who could not get along in their churches.</p> <p>b. They are happy to accept those who come with recommendations.</p> <p>c. A rough draft concerning the power of the administrator. Danzig, 1817</p> <p>d. A rough draft concerning the accrediting of the Mennonite membership. Signed by the elder of the Mennonite group at Danzig</p> <p>e. A rough draft concerning the power of the administrator</p> <p>f. Rough draft to the city government concerning the trip through the Black Sea</p> <p>g. Rough draft of the request for the refunds due the Mennonites after they were charged for war taxes.</p>
1	9	14	Church Register (Gestüyl) (no date given)
1	9	15	A register of women's names, possibly those who needed help and were assigned to be supported by the men listed below.
1	9	16	Order of the Parish-Church of St. Marie in Danzig. Charges made for funeral services.
1	9	17	Country people near the city and the number of cubes owned.
1	9	18	A plea to the royal government to exempt the Mennonites from paying the dues to the state church. December 10, 1822
1	9	19	An explanation of the change in church membership of the Aatken [?] and Poppau Mennonite congregations. Their civil papers have been transferred so the writer states the change in church membership should be made also. (no signature, no date)
1	9	19a	<p>A letter of obeisance to the Princess of Bavaria.</p> <p>Marienburg near Tiegenhof in West Prussia, December 3, 1823</p> <p>Signed: The Mennonite Churches of East and West Prussia and Lithuania</p>
1	9	19b	<p>The answer: Friedrich Wilhelm expresses his appreciation for the assurance that the Mennonite Churches of East and West Prusia and Lithuania are loyal subjects of his kingdom.</p> <p>To the elders of the Mennonite Church, Donner Regier and Wiebe of Baiershorst Berlin, December 19, 1823</p> <p>Friedrich Wilhelm</p>
1	9	20	A letter from the administrators of the Frisig (?) Mennonite Church. Dec. 17, same year. the first part is missing. This (last) page mentions the births and deaths in their groups and the amount of tax that has been paid.
1	9	21	First draft of a question concerning the announcement of the engagement of a couple planning to be married. One is a Mennonite and the other a Lutheran. June 28, 1824
1	9	22	<p>A plea from the Mennonites of the city of Danzig to the Interior Minister for consideration of making the sale of real estate available. A further request is made for the church books of former years to be made available to them.</p> <p>Seven signatures with statements verifying the truth of the statements in this letter.</p> <p>Date: Sept. 18, 1826</p>

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1	9	23	To the Prussian government. A request from the leaders of the Mennonite Church to be able to purchase real estate. Descriptions of the land. Six men criticize the contents, then sign the document. One critic says, "Before I can sign this paper it has to be reworked after more research has been done. Surely there will be privilegia available that will be to our advantage." Date: July 26, 1826
1	9	24	To the minister Dühren and the leaders of the United Mennonite Churches. The answer to the Danzig country church to their request of September 9, 1827. A wish has been expressed by the city church to separate itself completely from the country church. Before forming a decision, all eligible voters of the church will have a meeting. Jacob van der Smissen
1	9	25	A report of a legal matter concerning the Mennonite hospital. It concerns agreements that have been made and not kept. December 14, 1827
1	9	26	A new year wish from son to mother (first and last pages) Danzig - January 1, 1829 Wilhelm Föcking Inside pages - New Year prayers
1	9	27	Wishes for the new year for her parents January 1, 1829 Signed: Amalia Foht
1	9	28	The church board does not want to pay more on a new fund for Wilh. Ludwig who is in the hospital now. Aug. 7, 1829 Signed: Arthur Schneider Chairman of Welfare Committee
1	9	29	This is a letter of explanation from the administrator of the unified Mennonite churches. He states that the Widow Maria Footh (no. 1554) has complained several times about the fact that her deceased daughter's death has not been recorded. The writer states that the money for the burial was given to the widow, and that she is getting a monthly allowance from the welfare treasury. Signed: The administrator of the United Mennonite Churches
1	9	30	A New Year greeting from Wilhelm Heinrich Focking to his parents. It consists of a tribute in verse form.
1	9	31	Danzig, July 14, 1832. This has to do with the things left unattended to by the death of Jac. Jantzen. There is still a deposit of 18.23. There are also items of dothing, etc. There are no dose relatives.
1	9	32	A petition to the royal government concerning the drawing up of church certificates from the Elder G. van der Smissen. There have been any number of people of the Mennonite Church who have not received their birth, baptism, and death records in spite of repeated requests. Danzig, July 13, 1832 - In the name of the united Mennonite churches
1	9	33	The last portion of a report by the "chairmen." It concerns church discipline and the appointment of people for certain tasks.

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1	9	34	An explanation of the welfare situation in the Mennonite community. The Mennonites pay 1/4 % of the total and are asking the government for help.
1	9	35	The first draft of a contract with the household manager. Dated 1837. This concerns the duties of the "Hofmeister" in the hospital.
1	9	36	The first draft of a letter to the king concerning the Prussian Mennonites. The writer wants mercy in dealing with his people, the Mennonites. No name - no date
1	9	37	The first draft: The leaders of the Mennonite Church to his majesty, the most honorable lord and king. They are dedaring their firm belief in God and their desire to worship Him. Then they ask the king for legal rights to organize their congregation and to obtain a seal, then go ahead with a new church building. Nov. 30, 1841
1	9	38	The first and second drafts of the Regulations of the Danzig Mennonite Church. Introduction I. About the leaders of the congregation A. The ministers B. The administrators II. About the congregation and the congregational meeting III About the open worship service IV About the crisis discipline
1	9	39	An expression of thanks for the stipend for the study of theology from a young man. Danzig, July (?) 31 Mannhart
1	9	40	Dear Brother in the Lord, One minister to another, discussing theological issues. Von Steen, a fellow minister, is the main target of the discussion. Danzig, May 15, 1848 No signature
1	9	41	The worship service in the local Mennonite Church: 1. Two songs to be chosen from the following numbers: No. 68, No. 4, No. 508, etc etc 2. At the end of second song, minister goes to the pulpit 3. The sermon a. Short prayer b. Introduction c. Call for silent prayers d. Read text e. Audible prayer f. The sermon itself g. Prayer h. The Lord's Prayer
1	9	42	A letter to Br. Wiebe (not enough is legible to make sense)
1	9	43	First draft of a letter to "Your Excellency". It deals with legal matters concerning care for those who cannot care for themselves. No date, no signature

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1	9	44	Three copies of the same article concerning the East and West Prussian and Lithuanian Mennonite congregations. No names, no dates.
1	9	45	First draft of a request to the government for a legal concession of some kind (perhaps the privilege of dividing into two congregations). Addressed to "Your Majesty". Signed: The Elders and Administrators of the Mennonite Congregation.
1	9	46	The last page of a request of some kind. Königsberg is mentioned. A list of elders is included: Elder Cornelius Cornelson Elder Peter Regier Elder Peter Froese, Orloff Elder Peter Foth - Rosenfeld, Lithuania Elder J. Mannhardt
1	9	47	To Your Highness, His Majesty etc etc From the Prussian Mennonite congregation. This concerns privileges the church wishes to obtain from the state government.
1	9	48	Another request similar to No. 47.
1	9	49	Beloved Brethren in the Lord, The leaders of the Mennonite congregation in Sembach are sharing the good news that they have been granted the requests they asked of the government.
1	9	50	Most highly honored etc etc king and lord, From the leaders of the West and East Prussian congregations.
1	9	51	To the Lord Minister, No date, no signature.
1	9	52	After the third summons in the Prussian Mennonite Church, December 15 Honorable Sir Signature not legible
1	9	53	Honorable Sir, Signature not legible
1	9	54	Worthy Congregation, No name, no date
1	9	55	Lord Minister, Signature not legible
1	9	56	First draft of a request to the royal government for the congregational rules, for cooperational rights to buy real estate by the individual members. They want the land for construction of buildings for the ministers. They are also asking for register books for the church.
1	9	57	The collection taken for the building of a meeting house 1855 (amounts are given in rubles and in silver). The donors include congregations and also individuals.

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1	9	58	A first draft of a negative answer to the question of Administrator H. W. Convents of January 12, 1858. He has asked whether his daughter Johanna Maria can remain a member of our church if she marries outside the denomination.
1	9	59	A plaque is being given to Friedrich Gustav Kliever in honor of his 25 years of unselfish service. In the name of the United Mennonite Churches. Danzig, July 31, 1869 The War Commission
1	9	60	A plaque is being given to Carl Friedrich Jantzen in the name of the United Mennonite Churches for his 25 years of faithfulness in carrying out the duties of an officer. Danzig, July 31, 1869 The War Commission
1	9	61	Honorable Sir, Endosed is the proposed plan of what we have discussed. Please give your advice on it. Danzig, May 10, 1869 Your humble (?) Test and ordination of another spiritual witness to the fact that our belief remains steadfast and the stand we have taken follows the careful study we have given to the military duties and not because we are not loyal subjects to the state of Prussia. Etc. etc Danzig, the administrators of the Mennonite congregation of Danzig
1	9	62	Danzig, October 2, 1870 As of today's date the following decisions have been made: 1) All our members find it against the dictates of their church and of their own conscience to participate in the wars that we consider a great evil. They therefore request the right to refuse to be a part of military service. However, they are willing to serve as baggage wagon drivers, business secretaries, attendants for the ill, or domestic managers. 2) We realize that when a Christian marriage has taken place and both partners are desirous of maintaining a Christian home, we no longer feel it is right to refuse membership to our member for marrying outside our church. 3) Since the freedom from military service has been denied us, there is no longer this distinct difference between us and other congregations. Therefore we will accept such persons into our church. The leaders of church affairs will go through the proper channels of accepting them. 4) In all other aspects we continue to hold fast to the teachings and constitution of our denomination as they have always been based upon the word of God. 5) The above decisions are to be attached to the church regulations. October 2, 1870
1	9	63	Columns of names with the following headings: Maries - Johann - Katharinas - Barbara - Bartholomaus - Salvater - Heil Brichtnam [Leichnam?]
1	9	64	Danzig, January 16, 1873 Most honored Mr. Parçival (?), I am taking the liberty of making a proposition to your highness. (Writing is too poor to read.)



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1	9	65	<p>Your royal majesty—</p> <p>Written after the permit of March 3, 1868, that allowed the Mennonites to work as domestic manager, baggage wagon drivers, or business secretaries instead of doing military duty. This expresses appreciation for this privilege.</p> <p>There is another concern the writer has: Does the permit of March 3, 1868, permit their members to volunteer for alternate service for one year and then qualify to be exempt from service, etc. etc.</p> <p>Signed, Most submissive subject</p>
1	9	66	<p>A message to the Danzig Mennonite Church from Mannhardt (Very little of this is legible - not enough to get the message.)</p>
1	9	67	<p>To his excellence, Mr. Justice Minister Dr. Leonard,</p> <p>Nullifying the exemption from military service permit has thrown our congregation into chaos. Our entire peace of mind was dependent upon that freedom. The church has enjoyed this freedom since 1789.</p> <p>The writer makes a request for a new law that would set the Mennonites apart from other denominations. In that way the lawmakers could go on with their work and the Mennonites would have peace. He assures the Minister of Justice that the Mennonites will be obedient in all other aspects of the law. They do not wish to make any trouble.</p> <p>Signed: Faithful, Obedient</p>
1	9	68	<p>A list of items for the auction in the M. Hospital. April 18, 1877:</p> <p>1 pine colored wardrobe 1 birch colored chest of drawers etc. etc.</p>
1	9	69	Not legible enough to grasp the contents.
1	9	70	Not legible enough to grasp the contents.
1	9	71	<p>(2 copies)</p> <p>Minister C. Harder in Elbing says the following when he was asked about marrying divorced people who were married in a Christian Church: "I refuse to perform such a marriage because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is contrary to what the Bible says.</li> <li>2. At the marriage the vows were made to reach until death parts them so the vows are still valid.</li> <li>3. It has happened that the guilty party repents and the innocent party is willing to reconcile. This would be impossible if either would remarry.</li> <li>4. It is an established custom not to marry those who have been divorced. I adhere to this custom because it is in keeping with the word of God.</li> <li>5. Since the law of the land does permit divorced people to marry, those who wish to do so must go to the courts who will perform the ceremony.</li> </ol> <p>If some would find this refusal inhumane of me, I would insist it is the only way to keep purity in our midst.</p> <p>In answer to the question, "Would Minister Harder give communion to a couple who consisted of one or both who have been divorced", the answer on Sept. 25, 1879, would be: Definitely "yes" because everyone who wishes to partake of this festival may do so.</p> <p>Danzig, Sept. 26, 1879 C. H. Zimmerman</p>

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1	9	72	<p>Copy</p> <p>To the theologian Gottlieb Mannhardt</p> <p>A report of the congregational decisions of Sept. 17 with reservations about the decisions made on New Year's Day of 1880 concerning the possibility of hiring a second minister. He would receive 1200 Rm. The duties: preach on alternate Sundays, help with communion, substitute for the regular minister in case of illness etc.</p> <p>The writer goes on to discuss other items of business of that congregational meeting.</p> <p>No date - no signature</p>
1	10	1	<p>This is a daily workbook for a student, M. Neufeld. Date 1939-40.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Short story, "The Grandmother who could not die"</li> <li>2. Singular and plural nouns</li> <li>3. A letter from cousin to cousin written from Rosenort, Nov. 26, 1939</li> <li>4. Essay: "Vesuvius and Etna"</li> <li>5. "A Swabian Prank"</li> <li>6. General information about matter</li> <li>7. Grammar exercises</li> <li>8. "The Personality of Frederick Wilhelm I"</li> <li>9. A Humorous Incident</li> <li>10. "The Gatekeeper at Potsdam"</li> <li>11. Grammar exercises</li> <li>12. Letter from sister to sister written in Rosenort, Jan. 9, 1940, signed "Heil Hitler"</li> <li>13. "The Youth, Frederick the Great"</li> <li>14. "How Old Fritz Burst a Blood Vessel"</li> <li>15. Grammar exercises</li> <li>16. "Frederick's Reconciliation with his Father"</li> <li>17. "The Cause of the Silesian Wars"</li> <li>18. Daily schedule</li> </ol>
1	11	a	<p>Organization of German Girls, Danzig, June 14, 1935</p> <p>Danzig Area</p> <p>Directions for this area following 4/35</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organization - Every individual leader is responsible for her group.</li> <li>2. Summer vacation - from July 1 to July 31. Take them on frequent trips</li> <li>3. Trips and youth hostels - All trips must be reported. Discipline must be maintained. Perfect order must prevail in the youth hostels, no papers or other rubbish can be left on the floor, on beds, or anywhere else. All dishes must be washed and placed on the shelves again. etc. etc.</li> </ol> <p>Directions for going swimming:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Every girl has to have a signed statement from her parents that she may go swimming.</li> <li>2. Swimming is permitted only where there is an adult who is a good swimmer.</li> <li>3. No matter how good she is a girl may not swim in deep water.</li> </ol> <p>Other regulations pertain to contests, body building, trip reports, and pictures for the press etc.</p> <p>As of June 10 the sports director will be Liselotte Mint.</p> <p>Heil Hitler!</p> <p>Frieda Fiedler, Young girls' leader</p> <p>Leader of the Danzig area</p> <p>Signed: Hilda Sodemann</p> <p>Supplement: A complete list of girls' groups and the names of their leaders.</p>

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1	11	b	<p>Associaiton of German Girls, Danzig, Nov. 15, 1935</p> <p>A Circular Letter</p> <p>This is a notice to all leaders in this association that the headquarters have been moved. The new address, new telephone number, are given. Following this are four regulations concerning the dress code.</p> <p>The price of mail is quoted.</p> <p>Regulations to be observed include the method of greeting. The arm should be stretched straight out to shoulder length, then dropped very abruptly. No linking of arms is permitted.</p> <p>The leaders must enforce three rules: Membership dues must be paid, every girl must have her identification papers, and every girl must be listed correctly according to her birth date, date of entry, correct address, etc. Other detailed regulations are spelled out.</p> <p>Names of area leaders: Irma Gehrke, Elly Stemke, Lotte Basner, Eva Klawitter.</p> <p>HEIL HITLER!</p> <p>Signature: Erbeth Friedrich (?), Leader (fem.) of District 128</p>
1	11	c	<p>Sports Section</p> <p>1. Letter from Christel Wiebe, sports director, to her young girls. She scolds the girls for the lack of interest in sports and scolds the leaders for not generating more interest. She requests a personal report to be written on February 16. The one who sends the best report will received an inflated ball.</p> <p>2. Games. Roll Call Game, Who did the whistling?, etc. etc</p> <p>3. Exercises (calisthenics)</p> <p>Christel Wiebe</p>
1	11	d	<p>Organization of German Girls in the Hitler Youth Organization in Fürstenau</p> <p>To the director of Welfare, Alice Kull, Tiegenhof</p> <p>Endosed is a list of girls to be contacted:</p> <p>1. Those without work</p> <p>(a) Eliese Siebert, Fürstenau, Greta Julke, Fürstenau, Hildegard Schuhmacher, Fürstenau, Gertrud Schwarz, Fürstenau, Frieda Korinth, Fürstenau, Lotte Schliedermann, Fürstenau</p> <p>2. Those without proper dothes and cannot afford to buy them</p> <p>(a) Frieda Korinth, Fürstenau, needs shoes</p> <p>(b) Greta Iulke, Fürstenau, needs shoes</p> <p>3. Those who do not have gym suits</p> <p>(a) Greta Iulke, Fürstenau, needs shoes and vest</p>
1	11	e	<p>(5 copies) Songs for the celebration of the birthday of his Majesty, the Kaiser</p> <p>Before the sermon (prayer)</p> <p>After the sermon (prayer)</p>
1	11	f	<p>A receipt blank - Danzig Mennonite Church (20th century)</p>

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1	11	g	<p>A Prospectus</p> <p>An investigation of Berlin's famous and infamous houses that have either historic value, a criminal record, or some social significance. Presented by Bernhard Hesslein and Carl Rogan - Criminal Clerks.</p> <p>This work is on a weekly basis with one sheet for the price of 1 1/4 Silbergroschen (1/30 of a Thaler) and also in a booklet of three sheets with cover for 3 3/4 Silbergroschen. The entire work is not to exceed 40-50 sheets so it can be completed within a year's time.</p> <p>The above could be made available for the inside stories of any house or houses in Berlin, historical or contemporary.</p> <p>The following are some of the places that have been featured. They enlightened the public and are rich in mysteries: The Sexton House of St. Nicolai - The Goldmaker's House, etc. etc. (early 19th century?)</p>
1	11	h	Song of Saxony (typed poem or song text)
1	11	i	(3 copies) Permit for a daughter to enter a training school (1/4 year). In return, this daughter will work in a household in the country for 3/4 year. (blank form)
1	11	j	<p>Danzig, 20 January 1936</p> <p>Organization for German Girls</p> <p>Untergau 128 (Vistula)</p> <p>An announcement that Hilde Sodemann will be visiting them on Friday, January 24.</p> <p>HEIL HITLER</p> <p>Leader of the Untergau Group 128 (Vistula)</p>
1	12	a	<p>German Federal Post Office Redemption Certificate - a postal savings certificate No. 13,767,576. This booklet includes 15 certificates with valuations up to 100 Reichsmark. This savings book belonged to Karl Andrae. It was issued on April 13, 1944, when the first certificate was stamped. Additional savings were put in on July 7, 1944; November 27, 1944; and February 2, 1945. The back pages contain the rules and regulations for the savings, the amount of interest paid, etc.</p>
1	12	b	<p>A picture postcard. Front side has a poem, "The Trumpeter from Säkkingen". The message side is a personal note to Mrs. Anna Sprengel in Danzig from "Gretel". Dated 1933?</p>
1	12	c	<p>Flight announcement blank form. Blank headings such as: name of airline, date of reservation, time of departure, gate number, etc. etc.</p>
1	12	d	<p>Fourth card for clothes No. 461901, issued in Königsberg to Dringel Harmann. The card includes stamps for various articles of clothing such as sweater with sleeves, sweater without sleeves, knitted vest with sleeves, knitted vest without sleeves, etc.</p>
1	12	e	<p>Service assignments for January 7, 1945, on one side and service assignments for January 8, 1945, on the other side. A list of people who were on duty on this day. The duties include: watch duty, sanitation service, truck driver, deputy, etc (typed carbon copy) (some kind of military or civil defense thing?)</p>
1	13	a	<p>(1) A receipt book issued in Danzig for the year 1819. The payments made were for the use of hospital rooms. Names are Repp, Busenitz, and the Mennonite Church.</p> <p>(2) Copia Dureti (Durable Copy). An explanation of the receipts Nos. 343-346. Sent to the trustees of the Danzig Church.</p>

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1	13	b	<p>Heimbuch, B. D. M. Fürstenau</p> <p>(1) Sunday, January 26 (no year given). A description of the organizational meeting of a village social evening. The purpose of this organization is to give young people an opportunity to use their natural talents for singing, speaking, and for amateur acting.</p> <p>(2) The secretary's book for the village social organization called the "Heimabend". The first record is for May 18, 1934. It is a record of the program and the list of those who attended. The book goes through May 10, 1935.</p> <p>The last program: Fürstenau, May 10, 1935: Firday, May 10, the Heimabend group met. It was led by Hilda Peters. We began with the song "We Are Moving through the Streets". Then we sang a few other songs. Hilda Peters read us the story of the "stepmother" written by Theodor Storm. Then we played several games such as "Spin the Plate" and "Guessing Songs". The we did folk dancing. At 10 o'clock we dosed the meeting with a three part harmony singing of "Sing Hail" to our highest leader Adolf Hitler.</p> <p>Heil Hitler!</p> <p>Hildegard Schumacher.</p> <p>Sixteen people attended this meeting as listed on the last page.</p>
1	13	c	<p><i>Statut für die Danziger Mennoniten-Gemeinde</i> 1925</p> <p>Regulation Book for the Danzig Mennonite Church put out in 1925.</p> <p>(1) The 12 artides of law are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Basic Beliefs</li> <li>2. Artides of Faith</li> <li>3. About the Church Constitution</li> <li>4. Baptism</li> <li>5. Communion</li> <li>6. Concerning Truthfulness</li> <li>7. About Peaceableness</li> <li>8. Caring for the Poor</li> <li>9. Marriage</li> <li>10. Relationships with other Faiths</li> <li>11. Church Discipline</li> <li>12. About Brotherly Association</li> </ol> <p>(2) Membership, Leadership, Elders, Worship Services</p>
1	13	d	<p>Sermon no. 69. A Pentecost sermon "Concerning the Spirit of Love". Text: John 14:23-26. Opening song and prayer.</p> <p>2 June 1805</p>
1	14	a	<p>Song book (handwritten) for Soprano I - contains 12 songs: "God be with you", "The Lord has commanded his angels", "Christ has arisen" etc etc</p>
1	14	b	<p>Song book for Soprano I - contains 10 songs same as 14a with the last 2 songs missing</p>
1	14	c	<p>Song book for Soprano II - contains 10 songs same as 14 b with one different song</p>
1	14	d	<p>Song book for Alto I - contains 10 songs same as 14c with one different song</p>

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1	15	a	<p>Most honorable sir Minister (Mannhardt),</p> <p>The wife of Cornelius Fast (Anna Auguste, nee Reimer) is asking for assistance from her minister to obtain a decree of divorce from her husband. According to the law she has to get a competent person to speak for her. Her reason for the divorce is his excessive drinking. She states that their sons have attempted to help the situation, but their efforts have been fruitless.</p> <p>Danzig, Nov. 1872 (signature not legible) Minister of Justice</p>
1	15	b	<p>To Your royal highness, Prince Wilhelm of Prussia From the Mennonite Congregations of West Prussia February 27, 1887</p> <p>A letter from the three elders congratulating the prince on his forthcoming marriage with Princess Victoria Auguste of Schleswig Holstein</p>
1	15	c	<p>An announcement to Pastor Mannhardt of the birth of a daughter by the father, (not legible). Her name is Elise Gertrud and is to become a member of their church. Danzig, January 25, 1883</p>
1	15	d	<p>To our Mennonite (Anabaptist) Fellow-Believers — from a group of deacons and ministers.</p> <p>They recommend all Mennonites to read the new book that has been mentioned in Mennonite periodicals. It is the biography of Hans Denck. This biography was written by Dr. Ludwig Keller under the title “An Apostle of the Anabaptists”.</p> <p>They recommend also that more Mennonites should be encouraged to read other works referring to our common belief. This could be done by way of the “Mennonitische Blätter” edited by H. van der Smissen. August 1883</p>
1	15	e	<p>November 18, 1883 To a colleague from C. H. Pommernsten(?)</p> <p>He is asking to have the regular Sunday services begin at 10 o'clock rather than at 9:30 as it is now. A circular could be passed out to get the opinions of the people in the congregation.</p>
1	15	f	<p>Langfuhr, Nov. 26, 1943 Most Honorable Pastor,</p> <p>Upon your request I will give you my husband's address. It is: First Lieutenant H. Penner F. P. No. 16258. My husband had a part in the revolution in Italy south of Naples. He did have a furlough soon after that and is in northern Italy now. Unfortunately he cannot come for the festival. Heil Hitler, Clara Penner</p>
1	15	g	<p>Death notice of Elder Abraham Dyck — He died May 16, 1886 at 8 p.m. at age 69. He was chosen to be a teacher by his congregation in 1864. After 14 years, in September 1878 he was elected their elder. His last illness was contraction of the esophagus. Funeral will be Friday, May 21 at 5 p.m. in our church at Ellerwald. From the administrators of the Elbing-Ellerwald Mennonite Congregation.</p>
1	15	h	<p>Platenhof, July 8, 1886 Letter to “Honorable Brother” from J. Penner. He expresses the wish that Br. Mannhardt will soon be well again. He accepts the invitation to preach in his church on Sunday, July 18.</p>

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1	15	i	(1) Platenhof, July 20, 1886 Letter to Brother Stobbe from J. Penner. He regrets having accepted remuneration for traveling to deliver the sermon in Stobbe's church. He is returning the 3 marks and asks that they be put back into the church treasury. (2) Letter to Honorable Brother in Christ from H. Stobbe. Danzig, July 21, 1886. He is sending a receipt for 50 marks made out by Minister Pfeiffer. He also mentions the 3 marks Mr. Penner returned.
1	15	j	Danzig, Sept. 12, 1886 To the insurance representatives from the church council (Vorstand). It is a request for payment for damages done to the bay area by the flooding Vistula River. Circular sent to the representatives concerning the payment of flood insurance money. 9/15/86 Adolf Claassen - I agree with the decision to abstain from paying at this time. Joh. Entz - I agree with the above. 9/15/86 Heinr. Harder - My decision is to stay away from a settlement. Willh. Penner - Quiring - I am convinced we should not deal with the bay area now. City Councilman - I have read the motion of the council to leave the bay decision alone. I agree. Ed Stobbe 9/14/86
1	15	k	To a well-know Magistrate, Danzig, September 13, 1886 Allow me to share the following: The street that leads to the Berg Street is filled with large holes. These fill up with water and the young people use them for a lot of nonsense. Since this disturbs our church people, would you please eliminate this evil? The Church Council of the Mennonite Church C. H. Zimmermann, Stobbe, J. Momber, G. Mannhardt, Ed Loewens
1	15	l	September 20, 1890. Concerning the street repairs requested by the Mennonite Congregation. The following was decided: The hospital building that has its back side on Berg Street No. 2 must be repaired as well as the Family Street No. 10, etc. etc. (The entire paper concerns information about the streets.)
1	15	m	Business deals in Danzig, September 20, 1886, between Mr. Schultz as owner of the real estate on Berg Street No. 21 and Salvator Street 10, and the council members of the Mennonite Church. The trouble came about when the water could not drain property after a heavy rain. A neighbor living close to the hospital has offered to relieve the situation. He will regulate the flow of water by putting stone pavement where the washouts occur. He is doing this at his own expense.
1	15	n	Danzig, September 23, 1886 To Mr. Schultz in person, A plea for an answer to their letter of the 20th in which they outlined the existing conditions of the streets and their proposal for improving them. The Church Council of the Mennonite Church

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1	15	o	Danzig, October 1886 To a highly esteemed magistrate, A report from the church council: Going back to 1876 when the hospital was built, it was decided that the fence that was built at that time was sufficient to protect the neighbors in either side. However, there are complaints that this has caused water troubles for those living in the area. The council is asking the magistrate to contact Mr. Schultz who owns adjoining property to check his gutters and see that they are kept dean etc. etc
1	15	p	Danzig, February 26, 1887 Harms and Penner (1) A price list for printing material (2) A list of printed material on hand: 600 copies of church regulations and a set of supplements. 186 copies of "Voices from Reformation Days". 250 copies of the catalog of the church library etc. etc
1	15	q	Danzig, April 15, 1888 To the Head of the House, Mr. Kleine A notice that Mrs. Maria Woyscht, nee Olfert, is bringing her son Friedrich Wilhelm and his personal belongings. Signed, J. A. Stobbe
1	15	r	Death notice of David Dirks - January 10, 1888, 8:15 pm - age 54 Funeral, Sunday, January 14, 1888, in the Ober-Nessau church, beginning at 12 (due to the short days). Burial will follow in the Gr. Nessau cemetery. The Council of the Mennonite Church at Ober-Nessau
1	15	s	[oversize; moved to "box" 15]A most respectful expression of sympathy (with many honorary adjectives) to Kaiser and King Friedrich from the Mennonite churches of West Prussia. Sent from Sandhof near Marienburg on April 26, 1888, upon the death of his father, Wilhelm I. Along with condolences mention is made of the military exemption that Wilhelm I granted the Mennonites on March 3, 1868.
1	15	t	A notarized statement by Max Emil Georg Keller. His mother Mathilde Focking, nee Jantzen, has left 600 marks for him as a legacy. He dedares that his father has given it to him today. He further dedares that his father is entitled to everything else. He also accepts the responsibility for his wife and signs for her: Elisabeth Keller, nee Focking Max Emil Georg Keller Danzig, Oct. 11, 1883



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1	15	u	<p>To: the Council of the Danzig Mennonite Church, Danzig, August 15, 1887, Chairman, C. H. Zimmermann</p> <p>(1) From: Marie Elisabeth Keller, nee Focking</p> <p>This is a lengthy explanation of the way the writer was cheated out of her inheritance from her deceased mother. In spite of legal protection she found herself completely outwitted by her father who kept all benefits of her mother's will to himself. The writer states all the facts in this statement, includes the description of the family properties, and explains in detail her father's cunning deception.</p> <p>(2) "Reell" - An article "Reliable" appeared in a periodical in Danzig in 1887. It verifies the accusations made above by Marie Keller against her father. This article stresses the fact that the father obtained his daughter's notarized signature waiving all rights to the inheritance. Later the daughter insists she was completely ignorant of what she was signing.</p> <p>(3) A copy of a letter to Mrs. Elisabeth Keller, nee Focking, asking her to renounce the authorship of the above article if she wants to remain a member of the Danzig Mennonite Church. At least a clear explanation of the whole matter is demanded of her.</p> <p>Danzig, August 11, 1887</p> <p>Council of the Danzig Mennonite Church: C. H. Zimmermann, Chairman; H. G. Mannhardt, substitute chairman; G. F. Stobbe, Ed Loewens, P. Momber</p>
1	15	v	Annual reports of the Elbing Mennonite Church of 1883, 1884, and 1885.
1	15	w	<p>Prospectus of a periodical to be published for the Schwenkfelder congregation in the United States.</p> <p>The last page has a subscriber's order blank to be cut out and sent to the <i>Corpus Schwenckfeldianorum</i>.</p>
1	15	x	<p>A plea for cooperative effort to increase the effectiveness of the Mennonite Mission Society. This is directed to the Anabaptist Organization in Amsterdam and is addressed to the fellow-believers there and in other countries. The mission stations are to benefit from this venture and include Java and Sumatra.</p> <p>Signed: J. Mannhardt in Danzig B. C. Roossen in Hamburg</p> <p>The last two pages are financial reports of the mission projects that have been carried out in 1875, 1876, and 1877.</p>
1	15	y	A prospectus for selling Anna Brons, <i>Ursprung, Entwicklung, und Schicksale der Taufgesinnten oder Mennoniten...</i> , 1884
1	15	z1	<p>February 14, 1885</p> <p>(1) Ten family men representing the West Prussian Church declare the following:</p> <p>(a) Since our homes are so far from church we are planning to establish our own congregation.</p> <p>(b) We have elected three men to be our council members: Johann Wiens, Cornelius Wiebe, Johann Tjahrt.</p> <p>(c) The church will be the Falkenau Church and will be functioning by the coming January.</p> <p>(d) The proper papers will be filled out with the board.</p> <p>(e) Provide an elder.</p> <p>(f) A budget will have to be worked out.</p> <p>(g) Church rules have to be formulated.</p>
1	15	z2	<p>(2) Weierhof, January 21, 1886. A letter to the Danzig church expressing thanks for the 50 mark to support their institution.</p> <p>Signed: In the name of the Organization, John J. Krehbiel</p>

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1	15	z3	(3) A brochure announcing the appearance of Dr. Ludwig Keller, a well-known historian and writer. He will give a lecture on Wednesday, April 20, at 8 p.m. in the North German Auditorium on Mohr Street. He will speak on the history of the Old Evangelical Congregations (Waldensian, Anabaptist, Mennonite). Berlin, April 14, 1887 Signed - The Council of the Berlin Mennonite Church
1	15	z4	Danzig, June 2, 1887. A report of the conference of all West Prussian Mennonite congregations except the Schönsee Church in Ober Nessau, held in Danzig. (a) Opening worship. (b) Financial report etc etc
1	15	z5	Altona, Krefeld, and Danzig, August 15, 1888 (a) From the Board of Trustees to the newspaper. There has been a derogatory drama presented in the Berlin Theater called "The Mennonite". The trustee board of the United Churches of Germany is asking for a space in the paper to raise objections to this drama H. v. d. Smissen, E. Weydmann, J. Momber (b) The article to be printed in the paper: The name Mennonite is said to be synonymous with a disgrace. The drama includes the words, "May lightning strike your houses to the ground and eradicate you from the German soil which you have desecrated." There have never been any Mennonites that have deserved this. The article gives a number of data of Mennonite acts of loyalty and kindness to the government, contrary to the tone of the drama. Signed by the 7 trustees
1	15	z6	Danzig, August 20, 1887 To the Council of the Danzig Mennonite Church. Another letter from Marie Elisabeth Keller, nee Focking, saying she has never doubted that she was entitled to membership in their church. She describes the difficulty she had in making her own living. She defends her stand against her father who withheld her inheritance from her. "Even a weak little worm cringes if he is stepped on."
1	15	z7	Danzig, August 30, 1887. To the Council of the Mennonite Church, Danzig, Chairman C. H. Zimmerman. Another letter from Elisabeth Keller, nee Focking, stating her willingness to be reconciled with her father who withheld her inheritance from her illegally. She says she was very glad that Minister Mannhardt visited her and gave her the advice she needed.
1	15	z8	(a) Platenhof, July 4, 1889 To Brother Stobbe from J. Penner. Penner accepts the invitation to preach in their church and discusses train connections, night lodging, etc (b) The answer to the letter above concerning train connections, night lodging, etc Danzig, July 5, 1889, R. F. Stobbe
1	15	z9	A church announcement from the council to the members of the Danzig Mennonite Church. (a) From now on there will be only two communion services per year, one on Good Friday and one on the third Sunday in October. (b) A request to get away from assigned seats according to sexes.
1	15	z10	Annual report of the Elbing Mennonite Church for 1889

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1	15	z11	(a) Letter from Th. Harder to the Council of the Danzig Mennonite Church. Mr. Harder reports that the inheritance business has been taken care of. This was done when the family was together soon after the death of his brother Otto Harder. Lenzen, September, 5, 1889 (b) Danzig, September 9, 1889. A thank you to Th. Harder for his letter explaining the inheritance situation in his family. Signed - The Danzig Church Council
1	15	z12	Emden, September 25, 1889 Dear Mr. Zimmerman, Letter from _____ discussing financial matters pertaining to the church. (Signature not legible)
1	15	z13	Danzig, December 16, 1889. To the Chairmen, Mannhardt is concerned about a decision made by the Council. He questions the wisdom of the outcome and would like it to be voted on. (The writing is too poor to get the message.) Signed: H. S. Mannhardt
1	15	z14	(a) A letter from the leaders of the Mennonite Church in Woudsend (Netherlands) to their fellow Mennonites in Germany. They are asking for a donation to help restore the parsonage. (b) September 10, 1890. A note accompanying a donation as was requested in the letter from the Mennonite Church in Woudsend, Netherlands. Signed: C. H. Zimmermann, Chairman of the Danzig Mennonite Church
1	15	z15	Annual report of the Elbing Mennonite Church for 1890. Council Members C. Harder, R. Woelcke, P. Jantzen, R. Sudermann.
1	15	z16	(a) A notice of the brotherhood meeting of October 19, 1884. Heinrich Harder was voted in to replace Franz Claassen to be in office from January 1, 1885 to December 31, 1890. F. G. von Steen was replaced by Johann Entz for the same length. etc. etc (b) Note from J. Mannhardt to Stobbe to remind him to bring the crutches along
1	15	z17	(a) Marienburg, April 8, 1890. To the Council of the Mennonite Church at Danzig. A letter of intent to join the church at Danzig from Ed Warkentin, born January 6, 1846, Mennonite, and Bertha Warkentin, nee Hammer, born March 27, 1847, Evangelical. (b) Further information from Ed Warkentin and his wife pertaining to their affiliation with the Danzig Mennonite Church.
1	15	z18	Income of the family steward, H. Kroeker.
1	15	z19	The holiday gifts of Easter 1879. Page 2 is an explanation of the disbursement of the money to the patients in the hospital.
1	16	a	<i>Neueste Nachrichten aus dem Reiche Gottes</i> , October 1840, owned by Rosenort congregation; possibly Moravian
1	16	b	<i>Gesänge bei dem fünfundzwanzigjährigen Amtsjubiläum des Herrn Johann Kaedtler in Alt-Rosengart.</i>
1	16	c	List of ministers and the holidays they preached (from 1900 to 1908): D. Penner, T. Andres, T. Kurzmann, T. Penner, E. Dyck, A. Ensz, H. Wiens, and T. Siemens.

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1	16	d	Building Tax Administration - Danzig District - Land Registry Office Departure from the role of tax administrator of the community of Junkertroyl, Arnold Klingenberg. Completed at the request of Counsel Mallison for the purpose of adding it to the sheriff's sale. Fee: 50 Pfennig
1	16	e	Outline of Calau genealogy. Daniel Calau-Anna Michelsen. Citizen of Stargard. Page 2V. A further genealogy. The pages 28-33 include episodes from the lives of various family members. Pages 36-44 are lists of income and expenses kept by Gerhard Dirksen.
1	16	f	Tribute to a couple celebrating 25 years of marriage, Krebsfelde, March 27, 1938. Rather hilarious and humorous. The last poem is an introduction to the children: Hilda, Paul, Edith, Anni, and Günther. The last stanza of this is a toast (with glasses dicking) to the honored couple. The name of the couple is not given.
1	16	g	Genealogy material. Very little is legible.
1	16	h	Two photos - no identification. One is a cityscape, maybe in southern Europe. The other is a group of people.
1	16	i	Lists of surnames under 3 headings: Rosengart, Tiegenhage, and Orlofffeld.
1	16	j	Names on tombstones. Signed: Mennonite Central Committee (no dates given).
1	16	k	A sermonette. No date, no author.
1	16	l	A portion of the confession of faith of the crown prince of the current King Friedrich Wilhelm III.
1	16	m	Receipt from the Council of the Mennonite Church stating that 13.50 mark were taken from the A. v. Niessen foundation. Danzig, August 6, 1888.
1	16	n	List of those baptized in 1841, 1842, 1843, and 1844 by Elder Mannhardt.

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1	16	o	<p>(1) A statement verifying the fact that the organ has been delivered. Words of praise for the workmanship this organ shows. Danzig, June 10, 1913 Signed: Behrendt, Pastor</p> <p>(2) An article in the Danzig newspaper of March 28, 1911, "The Organ in the New Synagogue at Danzig," Praise for D. Heinrichsdorff, the organ builder.</p> <p>(3) Danzig, March 26, 1911. To the Council of the Synagogue Church at Danzig. A report on the organ in the synagogue. It has recently been rebuilt by C. Heinrichsdorff. Mr. Binder praises it highly and recommends it to the council. He goes into great detail about the tone, the pipes, the keyboard, etc. F. Binder, royal music director.</p> <p>(4) A word of praise for Heinrichsdorff who installed an organ equipped with bellows driven by electricity. Danzig, November 12, 1912. The Catholic Church Council of St. Joseph, J. A. Sawatski, Priest.</p> <p>(5) A short report of the new organ in the West Prussian Conservatory in Danzig. A description of the organ as well as a few instructions for using it. It is a recommendation from the music director and organist G. Brandstätter, of St. Joseph, stating the excellence of the Heinrichsdorff organ is unsurpassed.</p> <p>(6) An Opinion. A report from F. Binder, royal music director, to the church at Skurz concerning the Heinrichsdorff organ that they are installing in that church. He recommends it very highly. Danzig, October 16, 1912. F. Binder, royal music director.</p> <p>(7) To the Military Construction Division. A report of the excellence of the Danzig organ recently installed in the garrison at Danzig. This organ was built by the master of organ builders Otto Heinrichsdorff. He describes its mechanism in detail. It is just the right instrument for a garrison church to accompany the men's voices there etc. etc. F. Binder, royal music director</p> <p>(8) Report of the testing of the new organ in St. Annen. At the request of Pastor Schmidt of St. Trinity the organist played this new Heinrichsdorff organ on September 28, 1910. He gives an excellent recommendation for this instrument. Danzig, November 3, 1910 Otto Krieschen, Organist at St. Mary's</p> <p>(9) Danzig, November 22, 1911. A report given by Fritz Binder, royal music director, stating that he tested the Heinrichsdorff organ recently installed in the prayer room of the hospital. The organ is beyond a doubt the best that can be purchased. Fritz Binder, royal music director Acceptance by Scholtz, Magistrate at Danzig</p>
1	16	p	<p>Page 66 of a list of authors and their works. Also given are the place and date they were published. Example: 181, Mannhardt, H. G. Official publication for Menno Simmons' 400th birthday celebration on November 1, 1892. Second edition. Contents: 1. The oldest Anabaptist Congregation 2. Menno Simons 3. The Significance of the Menno Celebration</p>
1	16	q	<p>The introduction to a sermon. The text: II Kings 6:1-10. No name, no date.</p>
1	16	r	<p>J. F. von Steen killed himself on August 12. His funeral was held at 10 a.m. at the Petri Cemetery. I spoke the following words: sermon and prayer. No name, no year given.</p>

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1	16	s	Danzig, November 9, 1921. A business letter to a Mr. Lepp informing him of a transaction of 50 marks. He will put this amount into the church treasury on January 1, 1922. Signature is not legible, but it is a bank employee, Danzig.
1	16	t	Pages 28 and 34 of a report of flood waters that have done enormous damage through the years. Evidently this is a comprehensive report dating back to 1786. He describes the floods of 1816, 1827, 1829, 1839, 1840, and 1844. Losses have been very heavy; repair work is expensive. The churches have donated much money toward this reparation.
1	16	u	(1) Leipzig, December 18, 1923. A pathetic letter pleading for assistance. There are over 110,000 unemployed people in this area. The writer says he is one of these and has a deaf-mute son to support. Carl Niessen (2) Leipzig, January 1, 1924. To the council of the Danzig Mennonite Church. Carl Niessen expresses disgust with the negligence of the church in paying the much needed money he asked for. (3) Answer. An apology for the slow response. The rest of the letter is hardly legible, but there is a statement concerning 3000 mark. The Council of the Danzig Mennonite Church.
1	16	v	Sermons of the Mennonite congregations put out at the request of the trustees of the United Mennonite Churches of Germany. Emden, 1891. This particular sermon was given on the Sunday after Easter in 1888 by Pastor B. C. Roosen of the Hamburg-Altona congregation. (sermon is incomplete)
1	16	w	Part of a letter from A. Brons. Very personal.
1	16	x	Three copies of a formal request from the Danzig Mennonite Church Council to their members to pay their annual dues to the chairman Eduard Lepp or to place it into the church bank account No. 168. Signed: Johs. Foth, Ed. Lepp, Franz Entz, Karl van Dühren
1	16	y	A blank to be filled out by the Danzig Mennonite Church members to show the amount of their donations for the first half and the second half of the year. The Council of the Danzig Mennonite Church
1	17	a	Baldur von Schirach, "Die Fahne der Verfolgten," a booklet of short poems in tribute to the people of Germany who are struggling so hard to achieve their freedom under Hitler. Some are a direct tribute to the Führer himself. Some are a tribute to those who lost their lives for Hitler's cause. Nazi propaganda. Typed.
1	18	a	To the City District of Danzig, November 18, 1789 from Hans Epp Hans is grieving about the death of both parents. He states that he will not be left alone; he has a grandmother, a brother, and a sister Margareta Epp. [negative photostatic copy]
1	18	b	Regulations for division of inheritance (1) Appointing the guardians for orphans and listing their duties (2) Decisions of who is entitled to inheritance (3) Establishing relationships (4) How to proceed after a death occurs

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1	18	c	A certificate of release. Gerhard Peters states that he is released from the guardianship of Gerhard Kröker, Franz Rempel, and Klaas Heide and has taken full possession of the inheritance left to him by his father Jacob Peters. This transaction is taking place in the village of Blumenort, P. O. Gretna, Manitoba. The date is not given.
1	19	a	1844-1892 baptism book of the Mennonite congregation in Tiegenhagen in the Greater Marienburg River Island. Column headings are: Date of baptism - name of parents - name of congregation - home address In parentheses: "verstorben" means deceased.
1	20		Fragments (hand written) of the Orlofffelde Chronik: first two pages and pages from 1821-1852
1	21		To merchant P. Martens of Marienburg From Berlin, October 4, 1849, president of the Cabinet Council, Geo. Brandenburg. He writes that he has received the 2000 dollars collected by the Mennonites for the dead and wounded soldiers. He is giving it to the War Minister who will distribute it properly. He is giving Mr. Martens a receipt for this money.
1	22		volume No. 9 Diverse inside and outside congregational transactions
1	22	a	1. An urgent plea to the church hierarchy of Prussia to do the collecting for their districts. The writer states that the institution he is responsible for is in dire need of funds. They are to be sent to Superintendent A. Blech and preferably by the end of the year. Danzig, August 24, 1874, The Administrators of the Deaconess Hospital, 13 signatures 2. Plans for building a minister house (oversize items moved to "box" 17) a. Overall plan b. Dwelling of the minister c. Floor plan d. Plans A and B e. Plan C 3. Completed final plan for the minister house including 3 fronts, a cross section, first floor, basement, second floor, and a longitudinal section. 4. Dwelling for the minister - the basement
1	23	a	A Tiegenhagen church record book. September 1810 to 1827. Expenses, donations, debts, welfare payments, etc. Church dues were paid in many ways: The income from a certain number of hides (1 hide equals 80-120 acres) of grain, loads of wood, hours of service such as repair work, etc. The district representatives reported all these transactions (et al) to the ruling board. This book is a composite of these reports. The church also recorded the payments that individuals made on their land debts. The various commodities mentioned include barley, groats, hogs, salt, wood, etc

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1	24	a	<p>A Break in the Dam and Flooding, by Heinrich Quiring</p> <p>A report of the many times the Vistula River has flooded the surrounding area. The report goes back to 1403 and continues to 1888. A typical item in the report: On April 10, 1674, there were five breaks in the large river island from the Vistula and the Nogat at Stüblau in the Danzig river island. At Schoenhorst there was a large overflow in the large river island. There was another break at Robach in the large river island and in Neukirch. The main break was in the large island of Schoenberg. This break ran for three years. It was just seven years ago that it was completely dosed.</p> <p>In 1850 the Marienburg newspaper carried an article about the February 24 thaw that caused a flood.</p> <p>(1) A brochure describing the terrible flood on the Marienburg island in the spring of 1855.</p> <p>The next article (handwritten) describes the damage done by a lightning strike on July 8, 1865.</p> <p>(2) A copy of an article that appeared in the West Prussian newspaper no. 169. The date is summer of 1867. It describes the flood of 1867, the worst flood of the Vistula since 1844.</p> <p>(3) A description of the 1871 flood on March 2.</p> <p>(4) The last of the flood articles.</p>
1	24	b	<p>(1) November 12, 1872. Strong north wind accompanied by rain and hail. People went out to repair the damage to the dams so the damage was minimized.</p> <p>(2) November 13, 1872, 7 a. m. The bilge water was 10 rods long and 25 feet deep. A nearby cottage was damaged.</p> <p>(3) November 14 - work began - was finished on November 16. On Nov. 22 the mill started working again.</p>
1	24	c	<p>1888 - Temperature went down to 18 R. with high water, snowstorm and ice. On March 25 there was a flood. This time the government came to the rescue.</p>
1	24	d	<p>A letter describing the flood damage: much livestock drowned; crops were ruined; houses and barns damaged, etc</p>
1	25		see box 2



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1	26	a	<p>(1) Weierhof, November 6, 1915. To Brother Mannhardt, A personal letter but quite a bit of business is included such as the next issue of the <i>Mennonite Lexicon</i>, the thousands of suffering people due to the war, etc  The issue on the last page concerns the hiring of Abraham Fast as pastor in Lithuania.  Chr. Neff.</p> <p>(2) Weierhof, January 12, 1916. Letter from Chr. Neff to Brother Mannhardt that speaks more about Abraham Fast's position as minister. On the second page he discusses a disagreement he has with the theology expressed by Dr. Bergmann.</p> <p>(3) Weierhof, March 20, 1916. Letter from Chr. Neff to Brother Mannhardt. A discussion of the recent meeting of the Lexicon publishing co.  Personal items of interest to both men.  A discussion of the fate of Mennonite friends they have in common in Russia.  The last page is mostly about the publishing business.</p> <p>(4) Weierhof, April 20, 1916. Another letter from Neff to Mannhardt. A discussion of the conference in München. The entire letter has to do with church business including churches in other areas. Money matters and other hardships are mentioned.</p> <p>(5) Weierhof, May 11, 1916. Another letter from Neff to Mannhardt. He sympathizes with Mannhardt in his illness and expresses regret that he cannot attend the meetings as usual. Articles for the Mennonite Lexicon should be coming in.  The last part is personal concerning friends such as Hermann Hege, also his son Hans, age 18, who is being drafted.</p> <p>(6) Weierhof, March 17, 1916. A card from Neff to Mannhardt. The latter has missed an important meeting due to illness. Neff is briefing him on the business that took place there.</p>
1	26	b	<p>Solingen, February 28, 1916. A letter from Koolman to Pastor Mannhardt. Part of it is personal, part of it has to do with a job Mannhardt is giving Koolman (church work).</p>
1	26	c	<p>A card from T. Molenaar to Pastor Cramer. He thanks his friend for sending the book about Denck from Friedberg.</p>
1	26	d	<p>Krefeld, December 16, 1929. A letter from Hanns Miller to Pastor Erich Göttner in Danzig. The plea for help to the needy Russian fugitives has been printed. Hanns Miller is including a copy of this request for help and is asking Göttner to see that all the churches have copies and will have an opportunity to help. He suggests Prof. (Licentiate) Unruh as the contact man for this.</p>
1	26	e	<p>Krefeld, December 20, 1927. A letter from Hanns Miller to Pastor Erich Göttner in Danzig. Miller has met Prof. Rahde and has aroused his interest in Mennonites. Now Miller is asking Pastor Göttner to write an article for the "Christian World" so others can be informed about the Mennonites.</p>

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1	26	f	<p>Krefeld, December 21, 1929. To the members of the trustee board.</p> <p>The following excerpt from the letter from R. Theod. van der Smissen has made a deep impression on me: "My mother of Berling-Steglitz is a widow of the deceased Pastor H. v. d. Smissen, and should be entitled to a pension for pastors' widows. Could I apply for her?"</p> <p>I searched for the truth in this matter and found that the v. d. Smissens were not legally divorced. However, Pastor v. d. Smissen did not feel that she would be entitled to his pension because they were separated for many years. The heirs have not applied for a pension up to this time.</p> <p>The request for consideration by the trustees follows.</p> <p>Hans Müller</p>
1	26	g	<p>Minutes of the meeting of the board of trustees of September 25, 1917, in the Altona Church. One of the items of business is the decision to help support the needy Russian Mennonites.</p>

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1	26	h	<p>Minutes of Mennonite church conference?</p> <p>(1) July 16, 1915 (ministers' meeting) A report of the needy people who need help and the amount given to them. These included four congregations: Ladekopp, Montau, Schönsee, and Lithuania.</p> <p>(2) November 28, 1916 (trustee meeting). More information about the help for the needy.</p> <p>(3) July 11, 1919 (invitation to the trustee meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Accepting treasurer's report of 1918</li> <li>(b) Estimate for 1919</li> <li>(c) The question of swearing an oath</li> <li>(d) Position of the unity on confusions of peace</li> <li>(e) Miscellaneous</li> </ul> <p>(4) Meeting of the council of April 29/30, 1914. Treasurer's report etc</p> <p>(5) Meeting of the council of Sept. 18, 1914. Treasurer's report</p> <p>(6) Meeting of the council of October 2, 1914</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Treasurer's report</li> <li>(b) Two requests for minister foundations: A. Hirschler and Pohl</li> </ul> <p>(7) Meeting of Trustees, April 20, 1920</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Reports of congregations in the East</li> <li>(b) Reports of congregations in the Southwest</li> <li>(c) Question of swearing oaths etc. etc</li> </ul> <p>(8) Meeting of Council, August 24, 1915</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A resignation</li> <li>(b) Ministers' pension plan</li> <li>(c) Aid for war victims</li> </ul> <p>(9) Amsterdam, August 18, 1915. To the trustees of the United Mennonite congregations of Germany. Doornkaat Koolman informs the trustees that he will not be available as a minister for any of their congregations Amsterdam, June 11, 1915. A letter of thanks and appreciation for the support the trustees have given him in his training in Amsterdam. Koolman Weierhof, August 16, 1915. A discussion of the minister pension</p> <p>(10) Meeting of the Council, January 14, 1916</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Treasury items</li> <li>(b) Planning a spring conference and its agenda</li> </ul> <p>(11) A letter to the council from Uffhofen, Dec. 20, 1915. A recommendation to increase the ministers' salaries. From Joh. Berg</p> <p>(12) Minutes of March 16, 1916. Discussion of the difficulties encountered by Russian Mennonites trying to return to Germany. A decision was made to make an effort to accommodate those who do get to emigrate.</p> <p>(13) Trustee meeting, August 13, 1919</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A gesture of respect (rising) was given to the deceased Heinrich Müller. His son, Hanns Müller, was accepted in his place. Hermann Penner of Hamburg was taken in as a replacement for the treasurer Heinrich Mannhardt.</li> <li>(b) Treasurer's report (given by Stobbe and H. Roosen) was discussed.</li> </ul> <p>(14) Trustee meeting of April 10, 1918</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) treasurer's report</li> <li>(b) Helping the brethren from Russia</li> </ul>

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1	26	h [continued]	<p>(15) To the Trustees, Hamburg-Altona, June 3, 1916</p> <p>(a) No opposition to the decisions of May 2</p> <p>(b) Discussion of the increase of ministers' salaries</p> <p>(16) Meeting of the Council, Feb. 8, 1918</p> <p>(a) Decision to express condolences to the Müller family of Krefeld</p> <p>(b) Renew the agreement with the Königsberg congregation for 20 years</p> <p>(c) Discussion of funds for Russian fellow believers</p> <p>(17) Council Meeting of Feb. 2, 1917. Clearing up a misunderstanding concerning the Russian Mennonites</p> <p>(18) Council Meeting of March 4, 1917. A report of the chairman on his trip to see the Minister of War in Berlin on February 16 and 17. Decisions are not completed. The next meeting is March 14 and will be attended by Müller, Neff, and v. der Smissen.</p> <p>(19) Meeting of the Council, May 25, 1917. Discussion of the fund for helping German-Russian brethren in the faith.</p>
1	26	i	<p>[printed document] Your Excellency the Chancellor of the Empire, Bethmann-Hollweg, Berlin. An urgent plea for the German government to accept the German Russian Mennonites who are suffering under Russian oppression and allow them to become German citizens again. The writer relates a brief history of the Mennonites. He reminds the Chancellor that these people have been hard working, loyal citizens in whatever country they live. He says the refusal to swear an oath has never been a deterrent to Mennonite-government relationships. The edict of the Prussian Kaiser Wilhelm I is still in force. This gave them the right to do alternate military service. He further states that in the current war a large majority of Mennonites was very willing to bear arms for their country. Many were awarded the Iron Cross (Prussian war medal).</p>
1	26	j	<p>An issue of <i>Monatsblätter der altevangelischen Mennonitengemeinde Crefeld</i>, 1907-1908, Nr. 6 und 7.</p>
1	26	k	<p>[printed document] An appeal of the Council of the Union of Mennonite Churches in the German Empire for our Russian brethren. The reasoning for this is that in unity there is strength. Signed: Pastor H. van der Smissen, Altona; G. J. Mannhardt, Hamburg; J. van der Smissen, Hamburg.</p>
1	26	l	<p>[typed] War Provisions in Galicia</p> <p>At one time the Galician congregation had 134 families. It was well organized and was doing very well — even had their own periodical. Then came the World War and the Russians took over in terrifying fashion. The members are in poverty because the Russians destroyed crops and cattle; they killed heads of families; they left typhoid and cholera in epidemic proportions, etc. etc</p>
1	26	m	<p>A letter from S. Kraemer to Mannhardt. Partly personal, partly business concerning articles for the Mennonite papers, church business, etc. 1913?</p>

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1	26	n	<p>[printed document] Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Union of Mennonite Churches in the German Reich, April 2, 1923, Hamburg-Altona Mennonite Church.</p> <p>(1) Memorial services for Dr. Cramer, Amsterdam; Franz Claassen, Königsberg; and Mrs. Brons, Emden.</p> <p>(2) Treasurer's report</p> <p>(3) Decision making</p> <p>Signed: Oskar Beckerath H. van der Smissen Chr. Neff Ant. Claassen H. G. Mannhardt G. T. Mannhardt</p>
1	26	o	<p>[printed document] Annual report of the Vereinigung, 1913, including the minutes for the 1913 meeting in Altona, and the treasurer's report</p> <p>(1) Changes in the constitution</p> <p>(2) Decisions about the amount of money to allow the trustees</p> <p>(3) Reports from various churches</p> <p>(4) Second day - April 30, 1914 - elections</p>
1	26	p	<p>[typed] A request of February 26, 1921:</p> <p>(1) to repair the church</p> <p>(2) to help procure their own school (instead of the government school)</p> <p>(3) for money to educate their own teacher</p> <p>(4) for 300-400 songbooks</p> <p>(5) for 15-20 pocket Bibles and a few family Bibles</p> <p>(6) for subscriptions to Mennonite papers such as <i>Bundesbote</i></p> <p>This is followed by a report that a Brother H. H. Schroeder of Hillsboro, Kansas, sent a check for \$100. This was distributed to poor people. It was from a collection in the Johannesthal Church. Br. J. Plenert is their pastor. He is originally from Poland.</p> <p>Signed: Rudolf Bartel, Elder</p>
1	26	q	<p>(First part is missing.) A report of the horrible destruction from 1915 to 1920 as a result of the Bolshevik War: Families were separated; buildings were burned; fields were used for rifle pits and mutilated with wire, etc. etc. Hardest hit were widow Nickel, Adolf Dirks, and Schroeder. These are without homes.</p> <p>In this area as well as in the Vollynian area the need is tremendous: dothes, houses, jobs, buildings, cattle, horses etc. Hardest hit are: Juliana Bartel, widow Helene Kerber, Adolf Kerber, Komelius Pauls, Heinrich Kliever, Andreas Kliever, David Bartel, H. David Bartel, Peter Bartel, Friedrich Hammermeister, Julius Lugoski, and Jacob Krüger. Those who are ill: Anna Jantz, Helene and Johanna Ratzlaff.</p> <p>(The letter continues the description of pitiful conditions.)</p> <p>Signed: Kerber</p>
1	26	r	<p>Letter to minister in Danzig from the Welfare Committee for the Germans in Poland from Otto Engel, pastor in Randolph, Wisconsin. He is asking that lists of the needs be sent in printed form to the Mennonites who are willing to help.</p> <p>The answer to the above in detail from Kerber, written April 10, 1921.</p>
1	26	s	<p>Listing of the minimum needs for one month for a family of 4 as of February 26, 1921.</p>

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1	26	t	[printed document] To our brethren in the war (1) A word of encouragement in these terrible times (2) Statistics of those who serve - where they serve etc. (3) List of the casualties Danzig, August 1, 1918, Signed: the Council of the Danzig Mennonite Church, Penner, Lepp, Foth, Entz
1	26	u	Three issues of <i>Mennonitische Blätter</i> of 1888, put out by H. van der Smissen and H. G. Mannhardt (1) June 1. A poem "A Spring Greeting", letters and articles concerning the drama "Der Mennonit" which is derogatory to the Mennonites, the Mennonite situation toward the "Vaterland", an article on "Courage", a news article on Germany, a refuge for peace. (2) June 15. An address to the West Prussian congregation, a reply to this, a continuation of the article concerning the drama in the previous issue, and an incomplete article on Germany, a refuge for peace. (3) September 1. A poem "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread", our protest against the drama "Der Mennonit", and an incomplete dissertation on the second missionary journey of the Apostle Paul.
1	26	v	[printed document] A notice to Elder Mannhardt of the Mennonite Church. This notice is to inform the Mennonites that the swearing of an oath is mandatory in connection with all legal documents. This law remains and will be enforced. Signed: the Minister of Justice, Leonhardt June 9, 1876
1	27		Documents found and brought along from Danzig by Hans Martens and Schlichting of Springstein, Manitoba
1	27	a	letter in Polish, 5 August 1945
1	27	b	[printed document] <i>Unser Kirchenbau vor 50 Jahren</i> , a commemorative paper of the Danzig Mennonite Church, from 1869?
1	27	c	<i>Namens-Verzeichniss der in Deutschland, Ost- und Westpreußen, Galizien, Polen und Rußland befindlichen Mennoniten-Gemeinden sowie ihrer Aeltesten, Lehrer und Vorsteher</i> . Danzig, 1857.
1	27	d	Receipt for 75 dollars paid for freedom from enlisting to the Prussia Government Treasury by the Mennonite Church. Signed by van Dühren. 18 September 1819
1	27	e	Most honorable Mr. Deveer. T. G. Heering is asking for the payment that is due for Johan Kröker. undated
1	27	f	Danzig, June 7, 1920. A letter from H. G. Mannhardt to Mr. Göttner. (1) Discusses Pentecost sermon (2) Expresses a difference of opinion in theology (3) Church business (4) not legible
1	28		Archives of the Mennonite Church at Thiensdorf Baptism records 1829, 1830, 1834, and about 1867-1875 Personal correspondence of elder Cornelius Dirksen 1915-1917 (not included)
1	28	a	(1) Candidates for baptismal instruction, their fathers, their villages and their ages. No dates given, probably 1870. (2) Baptismal candidates and their fathers, their villages, and their ages. 1829, 1834, 1867, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1875, 1877, and 1878.

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1	29		[see box 2]
1	30		Archives of the Mennonite Church at Orloffferfelde Miscellaneous documents 1775-1907
1	30	a	An empty envelope addressed to Elder Joh. Wiens, Schönsee/Schöneberg, Weichsel
1	30	b	Land tax money paid by the Mennonite churches of East and West Prussia for every member above age 15. Headings are: name of church, number on roll, amount of money, after tax payment, total after all is paid, elder, teacher, deacon, brother; 1840, 1846 [moved to "box" 13]
1	30	c	[this is a continuation of item a, folder 4; moved there] A statement concerning the misunderstanding about Minister Harder's qualifications for administering the rites of baptism and communion. Signed by 11 members of the collegium of the Danzig congregation. September 20, 1852
1	31	-	envelope with penciled note in Cornelius Krahn's handwriting: "Brought by Emerson Miller, Markushof-Thiensdorf Church"
1	31	a	(1) Six letters from Emma to her husband, Cornelius Dirksen, who is in the armed service. They are written in Markushof on the following dates: Aug. 23, 1915; June 7, 1916; Dec. 25, 1916; Jan. 7, 1917; Feb. 23, 1917; and May 26, 1917. Her letters are filled with expressions of love and endearment. They also refer to the love of God as a great gift of love. She feels dreadfully insecure because without him she has to manage the farm work and be both mother and father to their children. There are at least five. One sentence quote: "I was hoping so much to get to see you; then I heard how the sergeant major was extremely opposed to that." Much of the letters is personal dealing with their children and her many problems with them: sickness, education, discipline, etc (2) Two letters from Emma's husband Cornelius in Mecklenburg and in Ortelsburg. These were written April 15, 1915, and August 6, 1916. He too uses endearing terms and expresses his love for Emma and for their children. He quotes scripture to give her confidence; he relies upon the Lord to uphold them in their forced separation. He explains the planting procedure to her as well as other farming operations that she has to take care of. He assures her his work is not difficult; he is being trained for work in the infantry.
1	31	b	Two 1916 letters from Cornelius Dirksen to his wife Emma. He is in Brussels now. On April 23 he mentions their recent visit and the wonderful time they had together. He has been spared watch duty and has been peeling potatoes for the entire camp. On April 24 he writes another letter in which his homesickness comes out very dear. He has attended church services and elaborates on the minister's message. He gives instructions for her to follow in doing the farm work. He mentions the children by name and sends greetings to parents.
1	31	c	From P. H. Müller, Elbing, May 20, 1880. A bill for 72 mark that is marked paid. The bill is to the Mennonite congregation, Thiensdorf. (Signature is not legible.)
1	31	d	Genealogy book for the Albrecht family. Artur Albrecht, born July 16, 1907, married Herta Emma Behrends, born April 21, 1907, on March 28, 1930. They were married in the Elbing-Ellerwald Mennonite Church by Elder Cornelius Dirksen, Markushof. Parents of the bridegroom: Franz Albrecht and Helene nee Pauls. Parents of the bride: Carl Behrends and Emma nee Funk. Children: Horst Günter Albrecht, Ruth Albrecht, Ernst Albrecht, Dora Albrecht, and Christel Herta Albrecht.

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1	32	a	<i>Kirchbofs-Ordnung der Mennoniten-Gemeinde zu Rosenort.</i> 1890
1	32	b	<i>Statut der Mennoniten-Gemeinde zu Rosenort.</i> Tiegenhof: Oscar Wiedemann, 1881.
1	32	c	Handwritten booklet, list of texts used for sermons by J. J. Kampen. He preached in various Mennonite churches. Dates include 1840-1867.
2	25		binder labeled "No. 13. Correspondenz mit Behörden und Koerperschaften"



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2	25	a	<p>(1) To the unmarried Maria Gau A notice that due to her advanced age her guardianship will now be taken over by the government. This begins on September 22, 1874, at 11 a.m. when she is to meet with her legal counsellor. Danzig, September 7, 1874, Royal State and District Court</p> <p>(2) To the Royal State and District Court, Danzig, August 24, 1875 A letter concerning the divorce applied for by Mrs. Toews. He says their congregation has never had a case like this and is not willing to agree to it. There should be a way to resolve the difficulties. (Signature not legible, probably Mannhardt)</p> <p>(3) To Minister Mannhardt, Danzig, August 13, 1875 A letter concerning the divorce that has been requested by Mrs. Toews. From Honmarkt</p> <p>(4) Pastor Mannhardt is notified to appear in a business place on Lang Street, No. 25, Room No. 9, to discuss a congregational business matter. Failure to make this appearance will cause a fine to be imposed upon him. Danzig, September 4, 1881, Royal Police Order</p> <p>(5) From the Chief of Police, Danzig, March 25, 1882 To the Church Council A request to take all precautions to prevent fires in the church buildings. The question has come up whether the church has enough exits; whether these exits always include doors that are unlocked during the services; whether all doors open to the outside, etc</p> <p>(6) An answer to the letter concerning the doors of the church. They are all in order as far as fire safety is concerned. The Church Council</p> <p>(7) Danzig, March 13, 1884 To the Municipal Council. A request for better lighting on the street where the church and the hospital face the Baltic Sea. From the Church Council</p> <p>(8) Danzig, March 28, 1884 In answer to the above letter concerning street lighting. It is too expensive for the city to maintain gas lanterns on both the hospital and church streets to give proper lighting to the waterfront street. This cost has to be shared by owners of the church and hospital. The Municipal Court</p> <p>(9) April 26, 1884 To the Church Council of the Mennonite Church From the Chief of Police, concerning the management of the religious, educational, and medical matters. Publicland has been advertised in the newspapers. The governing bodies are giving the Mennonite leaders an opportunity to buy special crown land.</p> <p>(10) Danzig, May 19, 1884. To the Church Council, L. F. Stobbe, Chairman (a) A request for more information about the model that was sent out for the projected water supply on certain real estate. This information is to be reviewed and acted on. Signed: The Water Commission (b) Blank to be filled out for the use of water. (c) Blank to be filled out for the use of water.</p>

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2	25	a	<p>(11) To the Water Deputation - Danzig, May 24, 1884  A letter from S. F. Stobbe, Ed Loewens, J. Momber, in answer to the water question.  Note: More details about bathrooms, floor connections, etc before completing this project.</p> <p>(12) Danzig, June 28, 1882. A request for pavement repairs from the church council. Their signatures are below.</p> <p>(13) Danzig, August 27, 1884. To the incumbent Pastor of the Mennonite Church. A request for information about the death of a certain boy, Max Bomborn [Komborn?], so the records can be completed: Max Bomborn, born August 25, 1863, son of the commercial clerk Hermann Ferdinand and Emilie Charlotte, nee Lange, widow of Manteufel. (Signature not legible.)</p> <p>(14) Danzig, May 12, 1885. To the Church Council of the Mennonite Church.  A request from the postal department for a recommendation for Hermann Edward Regier. (Signature not legible.)</p> <p>(15) Danzig, May 23, 1885. To the City Council.  A request for a water line on the church property.  From the Church Council. Signed by L. F. Stobbe</p> <p>(16) Danzig, June 5, 1885. To the Church Council.  A reply to the council's request for a footbridge across the stream that runs across the church property. This can be supplied on certain conditions.  From the City Council. (Signature not legible)</p> <p>(17) Danzig.  A request from the Mennonite Church represented by C. H. Zimmerman for payment of rent for the living quarters the married couple used. (Only the initials N. N. are given.)  A question concerning the request.  A final concerning payment.</p> <p>(18) Danzig, November 12, 1886.  To the royal General Commission, Bromberg.  A report that the Mennonite congregation has paid the ground rent as requested.  The Council of the Danzig Mennonite Church  (four signatures: Zimmermann, Stobbe, Mannhardt, and Momber.)</p> <p>(19) Danzig, November 29, 1886.  A personal letter to "Carl" stating that there has been no answer to his request to pay the money that is due on the real estate No. 29 Radaun Street etc. so he can redeem the land.  Ferdinand and Johanna  [end of bound volume No. 13]</p>
2	25	b	<p>(Title is obliterated.)  Published May 22, 1900. The will of Adolph Julius and Wilhelmine Henrietta, nee Siemens, Zimmermann. The two children are:  1. Paul Gerhard Zimmermann, a teacher in Marienburg  2. Magdalene Elisabeth Zimmermann, not married, living at home.  Members of the Danzig Mennonite Church. Whoever of this couple dies first leaves all his possessions to the other one. The children will inherit only after the last of the parents dies.  Besides the two children there are others who will share 1/4 of the legacy: (1) Children of the husband's deceased siblings. (2) The Mennonite Church (3) Julius Momber and Wilhelm Penner of Danzig who are to execute this will. In case one of these dies or is otherwise disabled, the obligation goes to Adolph Claassen of Danzig.  Signed at Langfuhr, November 25, 1899  Adolph Julius Zimmermann, Wilhelmine Henriette Zimmermann, nee Siemens</p>

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2	25	c	<p>The insurance policy of General German Insurance Company of Stuttgart with the Danzig Mennonite Church. Dated March 29, 1894.</p> <p>This policy covers the church on Randau Street, the parsonage, the hospital, the shed and the coach-house, as well as the garden and yard.</p>
2	25	d	<p>Spoken at the funeral of Mrs. Elise Momber, nee Martens, on May 2, 1885. A funeral sermon followed by the graveside prayer.</p>
2	25 (see box 19)	e	<p>Blueprint of the hospital building of the Mennonite Congregation at Danzig, Radau Street No. 2.</p> <p>(1) Basement (2) Main floor (3) Second floor (4) Third floor H. Prochnau, master mason, Danzig, April 1900</p>
2	25	f	<p>Weierhof, September 20, 1910</p> <p>Letter to Brother Mannhardt from Christian Neff [?]</p> <p>The church should see if there are people willing to pay for educating Herman Hege for church services, perhaps even for the ministry. His father died soon after his second marriage. His father was one of the most talented men in the community. The boy has eight siblings and the stepmother is unable to educate all nine children. One stipend for Herman's education has already come in.</p> <p>The rest of the letter concerns other church and personal matters.</p>
2	25	g	<p>Berlin, November 28, 1868.</p> <p>A ministerial decree to the Mennonites in Prussian Province. This decree states with firmness that all Mennonites must abide by the military service laws of the country. The enlisting time was April 1 to 21. Now the minister of war is demanding the following: All Mennonite families who have not declared their willingness to participate in war preparedness must be drafted into alternate service. This includes taking care of the sick in military hospitals, serve as secretaries, etc for the military commanders, etc. etc.</p> <p>Signed: The president of the state minister v. Bismarck The Minister of War, v. Roon The Minister in charge of medical training, v. Mühler The Interior Minister, v. Gutenberg</p>
2	25 (see box 19)	h	<p>Family Record - Johann Stobbe</p> <p>Johann Hermann Stobbe, a merchant in Tiegenhof and Wilhelmine, nee Friedrichsen.</p> <p>Children: Wilhelmine Johanna, Hermine, Nov. 11, 1861 Clara Maria Ottilie, March 27, 1863 Herrmann Julius Max, May 31, 1864 An unnamed boy, June 2, 1863, died soon after birth Richard Otto Bruno, Jan. 8, 1867</p>
2	25	i	<p>Three pages from a diary - 1868</p> <p>June 3, June 4, June 5, June 19, June 20: Very personal, in minute detail concerning weather conditions, visitations, etc.</p> <p>Names mentioned: Dr. Wiebe, Johanna Kampen, Albertine Hamm, Rose and Elise Friedrichsen, Helene Zimmermann, Edward Loewen, Bertha Loewen, Otto Harder et al.</p>
2	25 (see box 19)	j	<p>Pages 265 and 266 of a church record book. Included in the entries are name of member, names of parents, name of spouse, names of children, number of grandchildren, and date of death.</p>

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2	25	k	Pages from a church record book (Elbing IV). Information includes: name, occupation, address, date of birth, place of birth.
2	25 (see box 19)	l	A page from a family record book: Father: Abraham Claassen, Elbing Mother: Sara, nee Woelke Father: Johann Penner, Thörichthof Mother: Catharine, nee Pauls etc. etc.
2	25	m	Treasurer's book, signed by Johann Kauenhowen, recording all welfare payments from January 1 to December 31, 1806.
2	25	n	(Abschrift (durch das Ministerium des Innern) :) Verleihung der beschränkten Korporationsrechte an die Danziger Gemeinde durch König Friedrich Wilhelm IV. datiert Potsdam, den 24. Mai 1845. (Obere Hälfte des Blattes verbrannt).
2	29 [moved to "box"16]	a	Municipality records. Rosenort congregation, 1908. H. Klaassen District I - 1907 - Marienau District II - Krebsfeld District III - Fürstenau District IV - Rosenort District V - Walldorf
2	29	b	Church record book. Headings are: first name, surname, family position, address, date of birth, place of birth, name and position of father, name of mother, date of baptism, congregation of baptism, marriage date, congregation of marriage, remarks. Dates are late 1800s to early 1900s. Mostly Rosenort.
2	29	c	Two copies of a baptismal certificate that is not filled out.
2	29	d	Brandgeldquittung von Siemens-Blumenort an Johann Penner-Goldberg vom 21. Juli. 1838.
2	29	e	<i>Kirchhofs-Ordnung der Mennoniten-Gemeinde zu Rosenort.</i> 1890
2	29	f	A portion of a report concerning the conflict of performing military duty and following religious convictions. The law of December 31, 1842 is referred to. No name, no date
2	29	g	For the purpose of baptism. Birth Certificate No. 44 Anna Claassen, nee Wiens, wife of Peter Claassen, a Mennonite, living in Waldorf, gave birth to a baby boy on July 1, 1880, at 5 a.m. The child's name is Heinrich Ernst [?]. July 2, 1890 by the Standesbeamte.
2	29	h	Concerning burial. A burial certificate for the child of Elisabeth Regehr, nee Wiens, married to Heinrich Regehr, a Mennonite, who lived in Mausdorf. A baby girl was born and she died at birth on June 26, 1885, at 3 p.m. Fürstenau, June 27, 1885, Standesbamte
2	29	i	Concerning burial. No. 47. A burial certificate for Jacob Esau, a Mennonite, living in Zeyersvorderkampe, who died September 8, 1885, at 5 p.m. Stuhm [?], September 9, 1885, Standesbamte

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2	29	j	Concerning burial. Burial Certificate No. 53 for Johannes Reimer, son of Johann Reimer and his wife Helene, nee Wiens, Mennonite, living in Krebsfelde, who died September 28, 1885, at 4 a.m. Fürstenau, September 28, 1885, Standesbeamte
2	29	k	Death certificate for Mrs. Elisabeth Regehr, nee Behrends, of Jankowitz, age 49 years, died on September 15, 1920, at 10:30 a.m. Güenberg, East Prussia, September 15, 1920, Standesbeamte
2	29	l	Death Certificate No. 33 for widow Helene Wiebe, nee Fast, from Wallendorf, who died June 22, 1892. July 25, 1892, Standesamt Jungfer
2	29	m	Death Records - Register No. 13. Heinrich Penner - died March 22, 1926 at Mausdorferweide. Father - Heinrich Penner, estate owner, Mother - Margarethe, nee Rogalski Jungfer, March 23, 1926. Standesbeamte
2	29	n	Concerning baptism. Gertrude Harder, Mennonite, wife of estate holder Joh. Harder, Mennonite of Walldorf, gave birth to a child, a girl, on August 30, 1880. Her name is Justine. Jungfer, September 3, 1880, Standesbeamte
2	33	1	Birth, Death, and Marriage Register of the Mennonite Church at Danzig (1) Births, pages 1-55, years 1815 to 1867 (2) Trauungs-Register, late 1870s (3) Deaths and emigrations 1815-1870s (4) Theil III, Familienbuch, mid 1800s
3			<u>materials formerly housed at the Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen, Indiana</u>
3	-		Goshen collection documentation
3	1		Entwurf zum Mitglieder-Verzeichniss der Mennonitengemeinde in Danzig. (Probably from 1877, with Nachträge for the years 1878-1881). Original total was 460 baptized members, 186 children.
3	2		Danzig sermons (handwritten) a. No. 127, Bustagspredigt, Hosea 6:1, 4. Mai 1814. b. No. 131, Funeral sermon for Hans Momber (preacher), Ebr. 13:7, 2 July 1815. c. No. 139, Memorial sermon for fallen soldiers, I Maccab. 9:10 and Jacob 5:11, 4 July 1816 d. No. 143, Sermon admonishing Christians to provide for spiritual as well as material good, I Cor 9:24, 2 Feb 1817 e. No. 18?, Love God above all and neighbor as self, Matt. 22:34-40 or Marc. 12:28-34, 28 Sept 1823 f. No. 185, Bustagspredigt, Apostelges. 3:19, 27 Apr 1825 g. No. 188, Abendmahlspredigt, Matt. 26:26-28, 11 Dec 1825 h. 2 sermon fragments, possibly ca. 1820s i. No. 48 (?), über das Mitleidsgefühl, Luk. 7:11-17, 25 Sept 18?? j. Baptismal sermon, 11 (14?) Sept 1814 k. Sermon using Pslam 139:1-12 as text, no date, early 19th cent. l. Funeral sermon for Ann von Steen, 23 Feb 1881 m. Funeral (?) sermon using Off. 2:10 (21 Dec 17, Dr Harder?) Possibly from another congregation (found among Danzig materials in Goshen)

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3	3		Catechism (from Danzig?) Handwritten copy, incomplete (contains end of answer to #2 and through answer #25 - prob. the end). (Is this what Gustav Reimer said was in his father's writing, if so, should be with Heubuden material.) Also, several typed copies of parts of the same catechism. (Was with Danzig materials in Goshen.)
3	4		Letters and miscellaneous a. Joh. Jak. Krehbiel to Samuel Cramer, 7 June 1883, re Weierhof school b. H. G. Mannhardt to E. Weydmann (?), 5 Mar 1884 with copy of E. Weydmann letter of 18 Feb 1884 re Weierhof school c. H. van der Smissen to fellow pastor (apparently neither Weydmann nor Mannhardt), 14 Mar 1884 re Weierhof school d. Joh. Jak. Krehbiel to Samuel Cramer, 31 May 1884 e. (J. P. Muller?), Emden, to "Herr Pastor" (Mannhardt?), 4 June 1884 f. E. Göbel to Mannhardt, 1 May? 1890, acknowledging contribution to Weierhof school g. Hardtmann (?), Stettin, to Mannhardt (?), 30 Dec 92, On back: outline for New Year's service 1893 h. Baumgartner (director of school in Bischofszell, Switzerland) to Mannhardt, 23 Mar 98 i. Jacobus ten Doornkaat Koolman's request (German) for admittance to the 2nd theological examination, Amsterdam, 28 Sep 1912 j. Letter to Erich (Göttner?) from mother, Lappot, 14/15 Feb 1926 k. (Gustav?) Reimers, sympathy note, 13 Oct 1939, to woman, probably of Danzig congregation l. Poem on the occasion of the 25th wedding anniversary of Isaac and Magdalena Mahl, Feb. 14, 1787, offered by Cornelius Kauenhowen, Alt-Schottland m. Page of poem or hymn, early 19th cent.? n. Two pages, perhaps parts of drafts of letters, probably late 19th cent. o. 28 Aug 1874 letter from Danzig pastors (including Mannhardt from the Mennonites) urging support of Danzig Deaconess House (not Mennonite) p. Death certificate for Jacob Wieler (27 Jan 1891), Danzig. (Could be from another congregation since he was a single "Schlossergeselle").
3	5		(2 folders) Service records for the Danzig congregation (brief information in various almanacs, usually just name of preacher) for the years: 1751, 1752, 1763, 1765, 1780, 1789, 1800, and 1821. ("Cosmophili Kunst- und Tugend-Calender" 1751, 1752, 1765; "Neuer und Alter Kunst- und Tugend-Kalender" 1763; "Neuer und Alter Haus- und Geschichts-Calender" 1780, 1789; "Danziger Haushaltungs-Calender" 1800; and "Alter und Neuer Haus- und Geschichts-Kalender" 1821)
3	6		Financial records, mostly alms, 18th century: (numbers following year are number of documents for that year) 1705 - 1 1730 - 1 1756 - 6 1757 - 5 1771 - 1 1772 - 6 1773 - 8 1774 - 4 1775 - 3 1778 - 1 (two oversize items moved to "box" 20)

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3	7		Financial records, mostly alms, 19th and 20th centuries: 1804 - 2 1806 - 4 1807(?) - 1 1810 - 1 1812 - 3 1816 - 15 1817 - 83 1818 - 1 1821 - 5 1823 - 2 1824 - 2 1825 - 1 1829 - 2 1830 - 1 1836(?) - 1 1922 - 1 1925 - 1 1939 - 7 plus 5 forms (receipts, annual congregational contributions)
3			<u>Fürstenwerder</u>
3	8		Statut und Gemeindeordnung d. Menn.-Gem. Fürstenwerder, 1878 (handwritten, probably incomplete) b. Death certificate for Henmann Wiens (13 Dec 1845-27 Mar 1930), Bärwalde c. Letter from Gustav Reimer to (Jakob) Jantzen, 9 Jan 1939
3			<u>Heubuden-Marienburg</u>
3	9		Marriage and death certificates a. Marriages: Johann Enss (Newton, Kansas) to Sara Rempel, Kozelitzki, 28 Aug 1884; Jacob Wiebe (Kaldowe) to Catharine Andres (Kaminke), 25 Feb 1875. b. Deaths: Catharina Buschmann(?) geb. Wiebe, 73 J., 208 T., 16 Feb 1877, Kl. Lesewitz; Erich Hanf, Gr. Lesewitz, 5 Jul 1932 - 6 Jul 1932; Marie Klaassen, 69 J., 25 Aug 1930 (died in Danzig, buried in Heubuden).
3	10		Miscellaneous from the congregation: a. Abschrift: Confession oder kurtze und einfältige Glaubens-Bekännetnüsse derer Mennonisten in Preussen so man nennet die Clarichen, Im Jahr Christi Unseres Erlösers Tausend Sechshundert acht und siebentzig (1676). (copied by Abraham Driedger, Heubuden, from a copy in Danziger Staatsbibliothek) b. Diarium der Liesbeth Fieguth (cf. Menn. Ad-buch p. 84), geb. d. 24 Feb 1915 (first entry dated 27 Nov 1928, another entry dated 7 Jan 1929). Not a regular diary but wrote short accounts of various activities she was involved in (e.g. 25th wedding anniversary celebration of Joh. Klassen). c. Incomplete document of 19 Dec 1893 of the "Pferde und Vieh Versicherungs-Vereins." From the names listed, likely from the Heubuden, though possibly from the Tragheimerweide, congregation. d. Festordnung zur Hundertjahrfeier der Missionstätigkeit in der Gemeinde Heubuden-Marienburg Wpr. am 13. Juli 1930 in der Kirche zu Heubuden. e. Hochzeits-Zeitung, Heubuden, d. 27 Mai 1924 - mimeographed for wedding of Helene Wiebe and Richard Braun (cf. Menn. Ad-buch p. 90).
3			<u>Ladekopp</u>

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3	11		<p>Congregation</p> <p>a. Resultat der Unterredungen der Eltesten und Lehrer auf Ladekopperfeld bey Jacob Suicauen 15 Sep 1801. (Nine points dealing with congregational provisions for alms, etc)</p> <p>b. Death certificates: Erhart Dueck, 3 J, 6 M., 23 Jan 1928, Neuteich; Agnetha Penner geb. Siemens, 24 Oct 1839-15 Dec 1932, Neuteich; Luise Penner, 28 Sep 1866-23 May 1933, Neuteich.</p>
4	12		<p>Members</p> <p>a. Account book of a carpenter in Orloffferfelde, 1915-1932. Probably Gustav Froese (cf. Menn. Ad-buch p. 26)</p> <p>b. 21 Dec 44 - 26 Feb 1946 diary of a resident of Reimerswalde (probably Gerhard Fieguth, cf. Menn. Ad-buch, p. 129) who, after fleeing Reimerswalde at the end of January 1945 came to Orloffferfelde and apparently did not leave for Denmark for more than a year after that. (Much of the diary notes the weather, but also gives pictures of how the Fieguths provided for themselves during 1945.)</p>
4			<p><u>Molotschna</u> (records from West Prussian congregation, perhaps Heubuden)</p>
4	13		<p>a. Contemporary copy of 8 Oct 1824 letter of West Prussian ministers to Berend Fast, Franz Görz, and Peter Wedel (Molotschna) concerning difficulties in Molotschna settlement (split has already led to one group electing a new elder). 21 West Prussians signed the letter in Marienburg. The copy is possibly in the hand of Thom. Siemens, one of the signers of the letter.</p> <p>b. Contemporary copy of 12-point stipulation for further Mennonite immigration into Molotschna area, ca. 1844.</p> <p>c. Copies of various documents related to Mennonites in South Russia, ca. 1846-47. Poor condition, should be transcribed when making more careful examination.</p>
4			<p><u>Rosenort</u></p>
4	14		<p>Documents concerning births</p> <p>a. 54 birth certificates (1876, 1878-1881, 1884-1892, 1897, 1905-1907, 1928, 1931)</p> <p>b. Mennonite births at Zeyersvorderkampen (1865-1884), Rosenort church book compared with another (unnamed) list, 25 Aug 1886.</p> <p>c. 1939 births (6) in congregation (also records that in 1931 there were 14 baptisms, 445 communicants at Trinity and 178 in October); paper giving information on 2 births in Walldorf, 1931 (included on other sheet too)</p>
4	15		<p>Documents concerning marriages</p> <p>a. 14 marriage certificates (1878-1879, 1881, 1890, 1928-1931, 1933)</p> <p>b. Letter from Abr. Wiebe (Tiegenhagen) to Thom. Siemens (Rosenort) re publishing banns of marriage for Tiegenhagen member Maria Braun to Rosenort member Gerhard Neufeld, asking further that Braun be accepted as member in Rosenort congregation, 30 Apr 1831</p> <p>c. Permission for remarriage of Heinrich Claassen, 20 Apr 1859 (government permission)</p> <p>d. Request for publishing banns, Zeyervorderkampen, 27 Feb 1898, bottom part cut off so no names. Letter, written to Elder Claas Friesen, also requests Preacher (David) Penner, Walldorf, to perform ceremony and mentions publishing banns at Ellerswald congregation also</p> <p>e. Requests for publishing banns (undated): Franz Dück and Sara Heidebrecht, Jacob Dück and Cäthe Penner, Heinrich Wiebe and Louise Penner</p> <p>f. Undated paper, possibly request for publishing banns for Marie Andres and Hermann Neufeldt, on back a receipt for 12 hymnals, 1 catechism, and 2 funerals</p>



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4	16		Death certificates: 177 (1876-1892, 1894, 1897-1898, 1905-1907, 1913, 1925, 1928-1934, 1941, and undated)
4	17		[oversize items moved to "box" 21] Church letters and other data on church members a. Church letter from Fürstenwerder to Rosenort for Aron Esau, 21 June 1828 b. Church letter from Elbing-Ellerwald to Rosenort for Abraham Entz, 15 Mar 1833 c. Church letter from Fürstenwerder to Rosenort for Jacob Driedger, 3 Feb 1836 d. Church letter from Marcushoff to Rosenort for Sara Klassen, 19 Feb 1837 e. Church letter from Pordenau (Russia) to Rosenort for Heinrich Dück (returning to Rosenort, his home congregation), 14 Aug 1849 f. 6 blank forms for use by (any) Mennonite congregation for church letters, late 19th century (found with Rosenort materials) g. [this item is crossed out; why? moved elsewhere? see box 6 folder 39] Th. Siemens (Rosenort congregation) document recording settlement of 3 Sep 1816 at Wilhelm Hiebert's in Kozelitzky (Heubuden congregation). Lists numbers of male and female members (divided into groups older and younger than 15) in each of 18 West Prussian congregations along with amount of land each congregation owns. These statistics provided the basis for some monetary collection (contribution to the government for continued freedom from military service?) from the congregations. h. Governmental "Consens" for Anna Mierau geb. Ens to rejoin the Mennonite congregation "in which she was born," 28 Aug 1834 i. Letter from the Elbing-Ellerwald congregation to the Rosenort congregation, 4 May 1872, former giving latter permission to proceed with the baptism of Maria Peters, born into former congregation but having lived for some time with an uncle in the Rosenort district. j. Marriages, births, and deaths of Mennonites registered at Zeyer, 1875. k. Births, marriages, and deaths of Mennonites registered at Zeyer, 1876. l. Certification of (Protestant) baptism for Rudolf Brosinski, Gr. Mausdorf, who joined Rosenort congregation on 5 Nov 1933 (married Emma Klaassen, 11 Nov 1933). m. Household lists for Gerh. Ens, Gerh. Penner and Heinrich Wiens, Marienau (gives people living in household, occupations, births, birth places, names and occupations of fathers, names of mothers, baptisms, congregations in which baptized, marriages, and congregations in which married), ca. 1910? n. Paper giving birth and two marriages (with wives' births) of Joh. Regehr and births of Otto and Friede (geb. Regehr) Dück along with births of 2 Dück daughters (ca. 1925?); list of 23 men with places of residence.

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4	18		<p>Miscellaneous documents:</p> <p>a. Letter appealing to Rosenort congregation for aid to the village of Lubiewo (?) in the district of Schwetz (village destroyed by fire), from Tiegenhof (a government official), 18 Apr 1836, lists damage in detail.</p> <p>b. Request from (member) Franz Dyck, Neulanghorst, for congregational aid after a fire, 2 May 1841.</p> <p>c. 2 documents of the Elbing court (23 and 25 Feb 1854) concerning the will of Franz Epp, Walldorf, which had remained unopened for more than 50 years and which had made a legacy for the "Hospital" of the Rosenort congregation. A note signed by the ministers of Rosenort (1 July 1854) noted that they were unable to turn up any of Epp's heirs and so did not have "the least hope" of inheriting something for the Hospital at that point.</p> <p>d. Letter addressed to the elders, preachers, and deacons of the Tiegenhage and Rosenort congregations from Elder David Fröse of the Orlofffeld congregation, 21 July 1859, re a meeting of those 3 congregations and also Ladekopp to discuss giving general permission to members to attend church and communion in any Mennonite congregation without special permission from the elders. Idea suggested by Elder Joh. Toews of Ladekopp due to the still unsettled matter of such permission for Aron Hamm.</p> <p>(e. - i. are apparently written to Claas Friesen, Rosenort elder, though this is somewhat uncertain.)</p> <p>e. Letter from Jacob Knels, Schoeneich (Schönsee congregation), 9 Mar 1875, excusing lack of representation at a meeting held at (Peter) Claassen's, Niedau, on 22 Feb (Elder Heinrich Bartel, Rossgarten, had just died and Knels didn't find out about the meeting until the day before it when visiting Elder Peter Bartel from Gruppe congregation), asks for information on important resolutions if any.</p> <p>f. Letter from (Gerhard) Kopper, Kl. Sanskau (Montau congregation at that time), 17 July 1879 thanking for a contribution of 18 Marks, noting that the membership of the congregation is small and the missionary activity therefore lacking.</p> <p>g. Letter from Abraham Dyck, Ellerwald (Elbing-Ellerwald congregation), 27 Feb 1879 concerning publication of 2nd edition of "Allerhöchste Cabinetsordre vom 3. März 1868..." in order to inform the young men about the actual situation and to prevent potential encroachment on their rights by lower-level military officials; asks if he thinks such publication is necessary and if so, how many copies they should print.</p> <p>h. Letter from Joh. Penner, Pr. Königsdorf (elder, Thiesndorf congregation) accepting invitation to speak at the installation service for (Wilhelm) Fast as elder in Heubuden, dated 8 Mar 1879.</p> <p>i. Letter from Johann Wiens, Schönsee (elder, Ladekopp congregation) accepting invitation to give invocation at a special service (probably for installation of Fast, Heubuden, cf. h. above), 6 Apr 1879.</p> <p>j. Requestion from Rosenort congregation (undated, after 14 Jan 1880) to Kaiser Wilhelm to release preacher Peter Regier from further military service.</p>

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4	18		<p>[continued]</p> <p>k. Two documents concerning wills of Helene Rempel, geb. Krueger from the office of Palleske (a lawyer), Tiegenhof, to Marie Krueger, Blumenort, including copies of Helene's wills of 1856 and 1880 and a letter from the lawyer to Marie, 3 July 1882.</p> <p>l. Document, 7 July 1897, regarding a piece of land in Blumenort, addressed to Mennonite congregation of Rosenort</p> <p>m. Document (after 20 Sep 1897) concerning the sale of the "Hospital" belonging to the Rosenort congregation</p> <p>n. "Geschichtstabelle unserer Gemeinde Rosenort. Zusammengestellt von Ernst Regehr, Aeltesten der Gemeinde unter freundlicher Mitarbeit von A. Driedger-Heubuden," mimeographed, 4 pages, dates from 1562-1908.</p>
4	19		<p>Tax lists, 1872(?), 1886-1905</p> <p>a. Tax list, ca. 1872 (complete?)</p> <p>b. 1886: I., II., III., IV., and V. Bezirke</p> <p>c. 1887: IV. Bezirk</p> <p>d. 1890: I., II. (incomplete), III. (year uncertain), IV., and VI. Bezirke</p> <p>e. 1893: I., IV., and V. (incomplete?) Bezirke</p> <p>f. 1901: I., II., III. (incomplete), IV. (incomplete, one part-year, uncertain), V. (incomplete, year uncertain), and VI. (incomplete?) Bezirke</p> <p>g. 1905: II., III. (incomplete), and VI. (incomplete?) Bezirke.</p>
4	20		<p>Account book of the Rosenort congregation, 26 Sep 1850 - 26 Dec 1881 (tom almost in half)</p>

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4	21		<p>Miscellaneous financial, 1870-1900 [oversize item moved to "box" 22]</p> <p>a. 21 Aug 1870 report of David Dück to Warkentin, Fürstenau, on the collection from members in Neudorf.</p> <p>b. 11 Feb 1871, receipt for 2 Lupushorst and 1 Krebsfeld member, on back receipt (undated) for 3 hymnals and 2 catechisms</p> <p>c. Letter postmarked 14 Sep 1876 (Tiegenhof) to Elder (Claass) Friesen, endosing 150 Marks for the "Heidenmission", signed N. N.</p> <p>d. 13 May 1877, Thiessen, Zeiersvorderkamp, sends 18 Mark, 26 Pf., congregational money for 1876 that came late from 2 members.</p> <p>e. 24 Dec 1877, Dietrich Reimer, Marienau, sends 269 Marks to Deacon Martin Penner, congregational money, asks for immediate receipt.</p> <p>f. 16 Dec 1878, Jacob Warkentin, Fürstenau, receipt for 275 Marks, 31 pf., congregational money, received from (Peter) Funk, Blumenort.</p> <p>g. 5 May 1879, Dietrich Reimer, Marienau, sends 89 Mark 90 Pf., late congregational money to (Jacob) Warkentin, Fürstenau, asks for receipt.</p> <p>h. 3 Dec 1879, Dietrich Reimer, Marienau, lists 334 Mark 50 Pf., congregational money from Marienau, Gr. Mausdorf, Niedau, and Brodsack.</p> <p>i. Bill of lading, bill, and receipt of a Berlin lamp factory (Stobwasser) to Gebrüder Steffens, Tiegenhof (14 Aug, 17 Aug, and 14 Sep 1880).</p> <p>j. State of account from the Vorschuss-Verein, Tiegenhof, for Rosenort congregation (Martin Penner, Fürstenau), showing 400 Marks deposited on 21 Dec 1880 and withdrawn again on 6 Jan 1881.</p> <p>k. Rosenort congregation's receipt for 25 M. 01 Pf. in federal deficit taxes, 1883/84, dated 31 Aug 1884.</p> <p>l. Rosenort congregation property taxes 1883/84: for 40 Ar, 90 qm. in Blumenort (church), 95 Pf. annual tax (7 Sep 1882); 30 Ar, 37 qm in Rosenort registered to Kornelius Töws, Hofbesitzer (5 Dec 1882).</p> <p>m. Fire insurance policy with the Preussische National-Versicherungs-Gesellschaft in Stettin, Tiegenhof Agency, for period 1 Jan 1880 - 1 Jan 1885 for value of 19,500 Marks, cover church, 2 outhouses, 1 "exit," and 1 "exit" with stall.</p> <p>n. Fire insurance policy same as above for period 1 Jan 1885 - 1 Jan 1890 but insured value of 22,500 Marks, adding insurance for an organ, a striking dock, 293.55 running meters of wooden benches, and 11.65 running meters of wooden benches with upholstered seats. (This has more detailed descriptions of items insured, instead of just saying "church," notes church and living quarters for church caretaker, here discrepancy between the insured values of the 2 outhouses explained by fact that one has wooden roof, the other only tarpaper roof.</p>
5	22		<p>Miscellaneous financial records, 1901-1941</p> <p>a. 47 bills, receipts, etc. for Rosenort congregation, calendar years 1909 (sewed together)</p> <p>b. Rosenort account book at the Sparkasse des Kreises Gr. Werder in Tiegenhof, 7 Jan 1931 - 2 Oct 1934.</p> <p>c. "Conto Buch im Stübchen," 1933-1941.</p> <p>d. Lists of collections made for the Sunday school work of the congregation, 8 Mar 1934.</p>
5	23		Binder with Rosenort bills, receipts, etc. 1932 (49 items)
5	24		Binder with Rosenort bills, receipts, etc. 1937-1941 (ca. 276 items)
5			<u>Thiensdorf</u>

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5	25		<p>Membership lists</p> <p>a. 1892: Voting lists for election of representative, VIII. and X. Bezirke.</p> <p>b. Undated (ca. 1915): first page of IV. Bezirk with running numbers 1-38; unnamed district (IX.?) with running numbers 41-79; one page (probably last) of IX. Bezirk, running numbers 198-235.</p> <p>c. 1935: one page of unnamed district (not IV. or VIII.-X.), no running numbers; VIII. Bezirk (complete), running numbers 1-139.</p> <p>(b. and c. have complete information as listed for the household lists, Rosenort 4m.)</p> <p>d. ca. 1935: Tax lists (?), 4 pages recorded by Hermann Pauls, Pr. Rosengart, somewhat different from lists in "c." above, but adds amount of land each person owns, district uncertain.</p> <p>[oversize items moved to "box" 23]</p>
5	26		<p>Documents concerning marriages</p> <p>a. 1 marriage certificate (Walter Rathenau/Helene Janzen, 1933).</p> <p>b. 3 government forms for guardians to give permission for their minor charges to marry (1864, 1867)</p> <p>c. 3 government forms permitting remarriage (1865, 1867).</p> <p>d. Request for publishing banns for Heinrich Peteri and Sara Stobbe (Hohenwalde), marriage to take place 26 Dec 1854. (On reverse side: some record of membership/land transfers between Thiensdorf and Elbing-Ellerwald congregation, and between Thiensdorf and Markushof (at that time independent) congregation.)</p> <p>e. Letter to Maria Quiring, geb. Froese (Hohenwalde) stating that she does not need a certificate such as in "c." above for remarriage, 22 Jan 1864.</p> <p>f. Letter from a widow in Cronsnest about a Penner who plans to get married and is the father of her daughter's 6-year-old child, 18 Oct 1866.</p>
5	27		<p>Elections of preachers</p> <p>a. 1864 election of Jakob Klaassen as preacher: 24 ballots, 1 tabulation of results, Elder Joh. Penner's announcement of results, 20 May 1864.</p> <p>B. 1932 election of Fritz Marienfeld and Willy Dirksen as preachers: 2 copies of tabulation of results.</p> <p>[oversize items moved to "box" 24]</p>
5	28		<p>Records of services (who preached, hymns sung)</p> <p>a. 1909 (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity) to 1913 (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>b. 1913 (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity) to 1917 (Exaudi)</p> <p>c. 1923 (1. Advent) to 1933 (Totensonntag)</p>

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5	29		<p>Thiensdorf congregation - miscellaneous</p> <p>a. Appeal for reinstatement in congregation by Cathrina Kuhn geb. Scheffler, Lichtfelde, 17 May 1859, excommunicated 10 years ago, gives up any claim for material aid from congregation since her husband belongs to the Protestant church and their children must therefore, according to law, be members of Protestant church</p> <p>b. Contemporary copy of a letter sent to the Mennonite congregations of West Prussia, care of Gerhard Penner, Heubuden, by Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm (for his father), Berlin, 13 Nov 1863, thanking Mennonites for a contribution of over 675 Marks for the anniversary celebration of the Treaty of Hubertsburg and the uprising of the Prussian people to liberate the fatherland in 1813.</p> <p>c. Letter from district court in Pr. Holland, 18 June 1864, inquiring as to membership of Heinrich Martins, Hohenwalde, who asked to be excused from taking an oath before testifying in court; Elder Joh. Penner's reply (rough draft), 1 July 1864.</p> <p>d. 4 copies of Elder Joh. Penner's letter of 6 Jan 1865 calling Thiensdorf members to a meeting to discuss needed repairs for church building.</p> <p>e. 28 Jan 1865 letter from Joh. Penner to Thiensdorf members, calling another meeting to inspect plans the carpenter Schumacher, Alt-Dollstadt, made (and his bids) for either rebuilding or renovating Thiensdorfer church, before making these plans, Schumacher inspected other Gr.-Werder Mennonite churches.</p> <p>f. Schedule of communion in homes of shut-ins, Thursday, May 11-Friday, May 19 (1865?).</p> <p>g. Handwritten copy of 3 verses (to the melody "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme") for baptismal service (1 before, 2 after baptism), probably 1860s</p> <p>h. 21 handwritten copies of 2-verse hymn (probably for baptismal service, but possibly for marriage ceremony), probably 1860s</p> <p>i. one unidentified hymn (on back corner of 16 Feb 1847 Wilhelm Fröse letter</p> <p>j. two photographs (front and side views) of Thiensdorf church (post-1945)</p>
5	30		<p>Miscellaneous financial records (19<sup>th</sup> century)</p> <p>a. Receipt to (Joh.?) Penner, 12 Jan 1844 (incomplete)</p> <p>b. Alms records, 1853-1858 (one sheet, incomplete)</p> <p>c. Voluntary offerings taken 20 June 1855 at Thiensdorf for those living in the Graudenz lowlands affected by flood (8 different lists, give names and how much land owned)</p> <p>d. Bill from E. Vonberg, Elbing, to Schmidt, Rosengart, 20 May 1864.</p> <p>e. Offerings taken for school at Bröskenfeld, 1864 (2 different lists, one dated 17 Dec 1864, including amount of land owned)</p> <p>f. Missionary money, 1864</p> <p>g. Joh. Cornelsen, Marcushof, 8 Jan 1866 account of book sales for communion booklets (180 received from Deacon Peter Klaassen, died 1863), and "Gedenkschriften" (19 received from Elder Joh. Quiring, 28 May 1863), and expenditures for the binding of the burial register and burial expenses for a member.</p> <p>h. Bill for the printing of 1200 programs for the dedication of the new Thiensdorf church, 25 Nov 1865 from F. W. Neumann-Hartmann, Elbing.</p> <p>i. Bill for 3 copies of a hymnal from the Haupt-Verein für christl. Erbauungsschriften in den Preuss. Staaten, 20 July 1867.</p> <p>j. Account of use of missionary money for 1869, 4 Jan 1869.</p> <p>k. Undated record of some collection for the wounded (probably 1860s)</p>

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5	31		<p>Elder Johann Penner correspondence (1863-1867), A-M</p> <p>a. Andres, Peter (Gr. Mausdorf), 14 Apr 1867</p> <p>b. Bartel, Heinrich (Rossgarten), 8 Mar 1864</p> <p>c. Bartel, Peter (Nieder Grupp), 17 Jan 1864; 1865: 2 Feb, 15 June, 23 June, 11 Oct; 1866: 11 Jan, 1 May, 11 June; 6 Apr 1867</p> <p>d. Claassen, Johannes (Bröskenfeld) 28 Aug 1864</p> <p>e. Cornelson, Johann (Markushof) 20 Oct 1865</p> <p>f. Dau, Joh. (Berlin) 28 Apr 1867</p> <p>g. Dück, Joh. (Marienau) 23 Sep 1865</p> <p>h. Eigenblätter (?) (evang. Pfarrer, Thiesndorf) 1 Dec 1866</p> <p>i. Entz, Dietrich (Marienau) 19 Feb 1865; 1866: 20 Mar (Penner to Entz), 21 Apr</p> <p>j. Enz, Peter (Orloff) 4 Feb 1865</p> <p>k. Esau, Abr. (Petershagen) 3 Feb 1864; 1 Apr 1867</p> <p>l. Ewert, David (Tragheimerweide) 9 Aug 1866</p> <p>m. Ewert, Wilhelm (Kl. Nieszewken) 1864: 6 Apr, 19 Apr (Penner to Ewert), 17 May; 13 Feb 1865, 11 Aug 1866</p> <p>n. Froese, C. (Orloff) 17 Sep 1867</p> <p>o. Froese, Hermann (Gr. Mausdorf) 1 May 1864</p> <p>p. Görtz, Jacob (Kommrau) 12 Jan 1867</p> <p>q. Hahn (?) Superintendent (Altfelde) 12 Oct 1865</p> <p>r. Jantzen, Emilie (geb. Penner) (Elbing) 12 July 1866</p> <p>s. Janz (?), Cornelius (Kloben) 14 Aug 1866 (disciplinary letter from Penner, re participation in military)</p> <p>t. Janzen, Catarina (geb. Penner) (Elbing) 1867: 20 Feb, 17 May</p> <p>u. Janzen, Franz (Grubenhagen) 27 Oct 1867</p> <p>v. Kädler, Johann (Alt-Rosengart) 18 Feb 1864</p> <p>w. Klaassen, Jakob (Pr. Rosengart) 1866: 10 Jan, 2 Nov</p> <p>x. Kliever, Susanna (Thiesndorf congregation), 4 letters (no years, one dated 5 May)</p> <p>y. Knels, Jacob (Schoeneich) 11 Jan 1866</p> <p>z. Kretschmer, Ernst (Danzig) 30 Aug 1866</p>

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5	32 see also folder 32a, box 12		<p>Elder Joh. Penner correspondence (1863-1867) N-Z, unidentified correspondence, miscellaneous</p> <p>a. Neumann, C. F. (?) (Elbing) 10 Aug 1863</p> <p>b. Nickel, Cornelius (most of letter missing)</p> <p>c. N(ickel?), H. (Budisch) 14 Oct 1864 (with transcription and translation)</p> <p>d. Obersülzener Mennoniten-Gemeinde (Obersülzen) 19 Sep 1865 (with Penner's answer)</p> <p>e. Pauls, Peter (Elbing) 27 Dec 1865 and 7 Jan 1866 (both with Penner's answer), 6 Apr 1866, 8 June 1866</p> <p>f. Pauls, H. (Pr. Rosengart) 5 Jan 1868</p> <p>g. Penner, Gerhard (Koczelnitzky) 16 June 1865; 1867: 21 July?, 31 Oct</p> <p>h. Regier, Bernhard (Sandhof/Marienburg) 31 Aug 1865; 16 Jan 1867</p> <p>i. Rosenfeld, Abraham (Adl. Kl. Brittanien) 28 Oct 1863; 25 Aug 1864; 1865: 23 Feb, 28 Nov; 1866: 9 Aug, 15 Nov; 14 Aug 1867 (with Penner's answer)</p> <p>j. Rosenfeld, Johann (Gr. Plauschwarren) 21 Mar 1864; 14 Jan 1866</p> <p>k. Siebert (Pr. Rosengart) 17 Aug 186?</p> <p>l. Sudermann (Schl. Sculdeinen?) 23 Apr 1866</p> <p>m. Tiedmanns (?), Geschwister (Danzig) 30 May 1864</p> <p>n. Unger, Barbara (Elbing) 1867: 28 Apr and 21 June (both with Penner's answer)</p> <p>o. Unger, Joh. (Elbing) 27 Sep 1865</p> <p>p. Westphal (Berlin) 31 Oct(?) 1863</p> <p>q. Wiebe, Joh. (Freienhuben) 10 Feb 1866</p> <p>r. 6 drafts of Penner letters: 26 Mar 1864, 12 Feb 1867, 20 Dec 1869(?) (probably not a Penner letter, says "Abschrift"), 28 Apr (no year), undated, and undated draft of a letter to the king(?)</p> <p>s. Document, ca. 1862, about Johann and Anna (geb. Goerz), Niedergruppe, with Elder Joh. Penner (Pr. Königsdorf) draft of answer(?), possibly concerns migration</p> <p>t. Resolutions in Orloffelfelde, 19 Aug 1867 (correction for Mennonitische Blätter?)</p> <p>u. 3 questions (to ask someone joining church)</p> <p>v. 2 unidentified items (sermon outlines?)</p>
6	33		<u>Tiegenhagen</u>
6	33		<p>Birth, marriage, and death certificates</p> <p>a. 1 birth certificate (Liesbeth Sawatski, 25 Aug 1931)</p> <p>b. 1 marriage certificate (Walter Dueck/Ella Käthe Wiens, 15 May 1930)</p> <p>c. 19 death certificates (1882, 1884, 1886, 1891, 1907, 1923, 1927, 1929-1931, 1934, 1939)</p>
6	34		Alms book of the Tiegenhagen congregation 1829-1861



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6	35		<p>Miscellaneous documents</p> <p>a. List of Mennonite families in the Tiegenhof district who a) emigrated to South Russia in 1803, b) received their passports in order to emigrate in 1804 (very poor condition, needs to be transcribed when examined more closely) [This item was too fragile to digitize. Needs work by a paper conservator.]</p> <p>b. Government request, Tiegenhof, 29 Aug 1825, to Tiegenhagen congregation (at that time still including Rosenort and Ladekopp) for information on hospitals or charitable foundations run by congregation, including copy of reply, 9 Sep 1825, stating that the congregations runs no such institutions and with brief description of how congregation takes care of its poor. (Document signed by Joh. Donner, Beierhorst, Isaac Schultz, Fürstenwerder, and Abr. Wiebe, Tiegenhagen, showing that although Fürstenwerder had its own elder, Schultz, it still was - at least in the eyes of the government - a part of the large Tiegenhagen congregation.)</p> <p>c. Government notice, Marienburg, 4 Jan 1853, re registration of land bought by Mennonites from non-Mennonites after 2 Mar 1850, addressed to (Elder) P(eter) Regier, Tiegenhagen.</p>
6			<u>Tragheimerweide</u>
6	36		<p>1. Miscellaneous documents</p> <p>a. 8 Feb 1873 circular letter to men earlier charged with collecting money for the church building fund asking them to determine property holding of members and collect congregational money (?)</p> <p>b. Church letter from Gruppe to Tragheimerweide for Helene Kerber, 13 Aug 1881</p> <p>c. Notice from government prosecutor, Elbing, 27 Apr 1891, to the board of the Tragheimerweide congregation that he will prosecute the leatherworker apprentice Johann Unrau, born 22 Feb 1876, for premeditated arson</p>
6			<u>Am Trakt</u>
6	37		<p>[This is too fragile to digitize. Needs work by a paper conservator.]</p> <p>Copies of several documents, ca. 1851: last page of report (from Russia) by Gerhard Fast; report, Schönsee bei Tiegenhof, 27 Jan 1851 by Johann Wall (later bishop and co-founder of Am Trakt settlement) on visit to South Russia, copied by Abr. Fast, Münsterberg, 12 Mar 1851; beginning of letter dated 10 Mar 1851, Petershagen to Elder Heinrich Wiens, Heubuden (poor condition, needs to be transcribed)</p>
6	38		<p>Report from recently-established Am Trakt settlement to West Prussian Mennonites, 18/30 Nov 1855 (poor condition) [This item was too fragile to digitize. Needs work by a paper conservator.]</p>
6			<u>West Prussia (general)</u>

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6	39		<p>Copies of documents related to military service</p> <p>a. Resolution of the Königl. Preuss. Marienwerdersche Krieges- u. Domainenkammer, 6 Oct 1772, for the Mennonite congregations re payment of an annual fee in return for freedom from military service (published in Mannhardt, <i>Die Wehrfreiheit</i>, pp. 123-124, slight variances in texts)</p> <p>b. Letter to King Friederich, following visit to him by Mennonite deputies Cornelz. Willems and Johann Sperling, 22 June 1775, on reverse side: Heinrich Donner's record of mileage of trip from Stoltzenberg to Berlin, leaving with the post wagon, Tuesday, July 10 at 3 p.m. and arriving in Berlin, Sunday, 3 a.m. - 60 miles - and then on to Potsdam - 4 miles. (Information supplements that given in Mannhardt, <i>Die Wehrfreiheit</i>, p. 128)</p> <p>c. Cover letter accompanying King Friedrich's resolution of 26 Sep 1777 re annual fees paid by Mennonites (cf. Mannhardt, <i>Die Wehrfreiheit</i>, pp. 129-130)</p> <p>d. "Edict, die Künftige Einrichtung des Mennonitenwesens betreffend,..." 30 July 1789 (published in Mannhardt, <i>Die Wehrfreiheit</i>, pp. LXXVII-LXXXIII, this copy in very poor condition) [This item was too fragile to digitize. Needs work by a paper conservator.]</p> <p>e. Th. Siemens (Rosenort congregation) document recording settlement of 3 Sep 1816 at Wilhelm Hiebert's in Kozelitzky (Heubuden congregation). Lists numbers male and female members (divided into groups older and younger than 15) in each of 18 West Prussian congregations along with amount of land each congregation owns. These statistics provided the basis for some monetary collection (contribution to the government for continued freedom from military service?) from the congregations.</p> <p>f. Allerhöchste Cabinetsordre vom 3. März 1868..., Elbing, 1879 (4 copies)</p>
6	40		<p>[all moved to "box" 25]</p> <p>Printed greetings to the king/emperor from the Mennonite congregations in West Prussia</p> <p>a. 27 Feb (1881) to Prince Wilhelm (later Wilhelm II) on the occasion of his marriage to Victoria Augusta (bottom half torn off)</p> <p>b. 26 Apr 1888, Sandhof bei Marienburg, to Emperor Friedrich III (coronation)</p> <p>c. 9 July 1888, Sandhof bei Marienburg, to Emperor Wilhelm II (coronation)</p> <p>d. (1913) to Wilhelm II, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of reign, partially burned</p>
6	41		<p>Miscellaneous</p> <p>a. Abschrift des Protokolls, 19 June 1930, Jahresversammlung der ehemaligen westpr. Mennonitengemeinden, held at Thiensdorf, 3 pages, mimeographed</p> <p>b. 6 pages (last page missing), typed, of minutes of the 1932? annual meeting of the West Prussian Mennonite congregations</p> <p>c. Calendar of mission services, undated, 1 page mimeographed</p> <p>d. Printed broadside "Aufruf! An alle deutschen Mennoniten!" from the Vereinigung der Menn.-Gem. i. Deutschen Reich, for "Brüder in Not!" contributions (1929)</p> <p>e. Part of a handwritten history of West Prussian Mennonites, pp. 29-32 (Erich Göttner's handwriting?)</p> <p>f. 2 sheets (4 sides) of dates, mostly death dates of West Prussian elders, of events in the West Prussian Mennonite congregations, mostly 1902-1909 but goes back to 1864 for some death dates</p> <p>g. Thermofax copy of <i>Mennonite Encyclopedia</i> map of Mennonite communities in West Prussia, East Prussia, and Poland [oversize, moved to "box" 26]</p>
6			<p><u>Unidentified (from Mennonite congregations)</u></p>

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6	42		Items possibly from Rosenort congregation a. Statistics for marriages, births, deaths, and total membership, 1834 (numbers only) b. List of 8 trips made by one man to the Mennonites in Litthauen, 1809-1846 (same handwriting as a. above) c. Statistics for marriages, births, deaths and total membership, 1852 (numbers only) with information that 68 persons left the congregation for Russia that year d. Undated document concerning new hymnals for a congregation, desire smaller but still strong collection of hymns (probably dates from first half of 19 <sup>th</sup> century)
6			<u>Miscellaneous</u>
6	43		Items of virtually no value for collection a. First 16 pages of <i>Martyrologium Bohemicum oder die Böhmische Verfolgungs-Geschichte vom Jahr 894 bis 1632, . . . übersetzt von Johann Theophilus Elsner. . .</i> Berlin, im Verlag des Buchladens der Realschule, 1766. (Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen, has complete copy of this book in the Horsch collection, attributes it to possible authorship of Comenius. It is possible that this may have been with some of the books that came from Danzig, maybe Bethel has the rest of the volume and needs these pages.) [We don't seem to have it.] b. First soprano part for several German songs, Edition Peters #7702 (pp. 67-78) c. Part of a child's copy book, nothing original such as found in Heubuden-Marienburg, item 4d. by Liesbeth Fieguth. d. Freight records of the Güterkasse, Elbing, pp. 2-4 (end) of February 1942, p. 1 of Mai 1942. Lists only credits and debits and city of destination so not even Mennonite names appear. [oversize sheets moved to box 27]
6	43A		item not from "Seagoing cowboys" collection: a bill or receipt to Friesen of Orlofffeld from M. Neufeldt of Tiegenhof, 10 July 1766?, lifted from M/238.97/C76/1781 <i>Confession oder Kurses und einfältiges Glaubens-bekanntniss...1781</i> at Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen
7			<u>items photocopied from Mennonite Heritage Centre, Winnipeg</u>
7	44		various Prussian documents from 1700s (vol. 1733 file 56, probably from Amsterdam microfilms)
	45		list of contents of several LDS microfilms (see microfilms in VI.52)
	46		vol. 1087, folder 1, "Minutes of the Ministers of the Mennonite Church in Prussia 1834-1940"
	47		vol. 1087, folder 2, Neustaedder, Gerhard (1866- ) Danzig, Prussia. Wedding documents, 1909.
	48		vol. 1087, folder 4, "Map and short history of Danzig, 1933"
	49		vol. 1087, folder 5, "Ein Schrieben von Isaak Duehren aus Danzig. Cornelius Regier sein Lebens Lauf auf Groups Heubuden." (1772, 1773) autobiographies of Dühren and Regier (incomplete)
	50		"Richtlinien für Berichte über die Vertreibung aus den Gebieten ostwärts der Oder/Neisse"
	51		Maps of Poland (and Italy). Some of them from "Information zur Politischen Bildung," Jan-Feb 1960. Die Entwicklung Polen.

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	52		Responses to some kind of questionnaire filled out by refugees from Prussia?
	53		Report on Kreis Marienburg/Westpreussen - connected with above questionnaire
	54		Report on Landkreis Elbing/Westpreussen - connected with above questionnaire, from 1950s
	55		Bericht des Landwirts Eduard Schmidt, 1952
	56		Johann Froese, "Auszugsweise Abschrift", 1952
	57		Bericht des Hans Driedger, Bauer aus Heubuden Post Simonsdorf über seine Erlebnisse in der früheren Heimat zwischen dem 29. Juni und 6. Oktober 1945
	58		Urkunden-Buch der Mennoniten Gemeinde Heubuden, title page only
	59		Letter to Jakob Bergdoldt, Orlofffeld, April 9, 1819; author not given
	60		Bericht des Bauern und Predigers an den Mennoniten-Kirchen Thiensdorf/Pr. Rosengart v. Fritz Marienfeld, 1945-1947
	61		Irmgard und Ernst Harder, "Bericht über unsere Reise nach Danzig vom 25.9.75 bis 2.10.75"
	62		Sermon of Alfred Siebert 1947
	63		Sermon by Johannes Driedger, "Der Hirt und seine Herde," John 10:11
	64		Sermon by Johannes Driedger, Matthew 5:43-48
	65		Johannes Driedger, "Unsere Sendung," March 1946
	66		Alfred Siebert, "Die Westpreussischen Mennoniten in unsere früheren Heimatgemeinde in der Zeit von 1911-1945", 1976, 2pp.
	67		Short report on Rosengart church, 1978. Author's signature illegible [H. Gerlach?], 3pp.
	68		Mitteilungen der Konferenz der ost- und westpreussischen Mennoniten-gemeinden. 1944. 4. Folge. Includes lists of churches and their elders, ministers and deacons; also church news.
	69		Collection of letters from and to several individuals dated between 1792 and 1794, between Danzig and Chortitza (title page missing)
	70		Hans Dyck?, "Tagebuchaufzeichnungen," Dyck lived at Zeyersvorderkampen in the 1930s?
	71		"Copie eines Schreibens aus Danzig vom Nov. anno 1710"
	72		Peter Pästheson, "Kleinen Werders Ambts Rechnungs aller Einnahme und Ausgabe für Anno 1636"
	73		Frau Krueger letter, March 25, 1958, about World War II events in Danzig
	74		16th-17th century correspondence in Danzig Mennonite Church, probably from Heubudener Urkundenbuch
	75		Letter to Johannes Weber, 1801, from Orlofffeld

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		76	Letter from Orlofffeld, 18??, to Gerrit Karsdorp in Hamburg?
		77	David Riediger letter dated February 14, 1951; autobiographical
		78	Orlofffeld church chronik 1789-1828, excerpts from church events register
		79	Mennoniten Privilegium 1736 (GstAPK Nr. 367)
8			<u>items photocopied from Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Fresno</u> (probably photocopied from a microfilm; low quality photocopies)
		80	Partial list of Mennonitica in Gdańsk archives
		81	17d/40 Joannes Casimirus . . .  300,53/93 Joannes Casimirus Dei Gratia Rex Polonia Magnus Dux Luthania . . . 1660  300,53/93 <sup>10</sup> Joannes Casimirus, De Gra, Rex Polonia, Magnux Dux Lithuania . . . 1660
		82	Acta der Königl. Preuß. Regierung zu Danzig, Abtheilung für direkte Steuern, Domainen und Forsten, betreffend der Verordnungen wegen Erwerbung von Grundstücken durch Mennoniten 1809-1854 pp. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11-18, 25, 27-29, 31, 33, 35, 36, 39-43, 45-47, 49, 51, 53-62, 64, 65, 67-70, 73-79
		83	17d/8 Stanislaus Augustus . . .
		84	300R/vv4 Zwei Privilegia denen mennonitischen Einwohnern im Marienburgischen Werder verliehen . . . 1642
		85	358/132 Heft, Religions-Privilegia mithaltend in deutsche Übersetzung . . . 1764, 1728, 1642
		86	300R/Vv29 Informatio contra Mennonistas  300R/Vvg 24 <sup>b</sup> Informatio contra Mennonistas
		87	492/222 Mandatum contra Mennonistas 1571?
		88	358/245/1 Verzeichnis der Getauften nebst einer Anhang der Lehrer- und Dienerwahl, Dirck Tiessen, Petershagen, 1782
		89	300R/vv147 series of documents related to Mennonite lacemakers
		90	492/1021 Eine gar kurze jedoch deutliche Beschreibung vom Gottesdienst der Mennonisten im Werder . . .
		91	300R/Vv147 Gegenbericht und Supplication der Bürgern und Bortenhandlern gegen der Menisten und Bortenmachern Supplication (title page only)
		92	Michał z Bozy taski krol Polske . . . 1670 (300,33/104)
		93	358/739 "Kwerenda"
		94	300,27/13 Den Erbam . . .
		95	Kykaz zespotów wsi pomorskich

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		96	961(78 <sup>44</sup> )1 Kirchen-Buch . . . Gross-Mausdorff
8		97	358/103/2 various items
		98	492/319 Laudum das der Mennoniten in Marienburg auf der Schlossgrund der Religionsschrift . . . 1700?
		99	263/1393 Acta, die Publication von Edicta wegen Einrichtung der Mennonisten . . . (city of Marienburg?)
9	100		358/269/4 Specification aller Dörfer und Namen derer Nachbarn, so zu der Neuerrichteten und verbesserten Brandt- und Feuer-Ordnung gehören, und wie viel Brandt- und Land-Huben nebst Brandt-Vieh sich ein jedes Dorf, und ein jeder Nachbar ins besondere hat einschreiben lassen. Der die respective Nachbarschaft in Reichenberg, Anno 1798, Monath August.
9	101		358/199/57 An das Schulzenamt in Montau
10-11			<u>photocopies of Goshen materials</u>
12			<u>More recently acquired items from various sources</u>
		102	Photocopy of Gerhard Wiebe, "Verzeichnis der gehaltenen Predigten..." (photocopy from microfilm, probably from Winnipeg)
		103	Typed partial transcript of Gerhard Wiebe "Verzeichnis" focusing on entries relevant to migration to Russia; transcript by Ingrid Lamp; photocopy from Winnipeg
		104	Photocopy of Heinrich Donner diary from Gdańsk archives; photocopy from microfilm; photocopy from Winnipeg? (see also box 18)
		105	Part of typed transcript of Donner/Orlofffelder Chronik by Werner Janzen, pages completed in 1996; photocopy from Mark Jantzen
		106	Peter Bartel documents of 1867 visit to Berlin; photocopy from Peter J. Klassen 1995
		107	Partial photocopy from microfilm of Heubuden records (635/2 in Gdańsk archives) from Peter J. Klassen 1995
		108	Partial photocopy from microfilm of Heubuden records (635/4 in Gdańsk archives), Nachlass und Vormundschaftssachen; from Peter J. Klassen 1995
		32a	Photocopies of folder 32, box 5; and transcriptions by Mary Rempel of Hesston, Kansas, July 2007
13			land tax sheets from folder 30, box 1
14			oversize items from folder 9
15			oversize item from folder 15
16			oversize item 29a from folder 29
17			oversize items from folder 22
18			Heinrich Donner diary from Gdansk archives, color prints from scans; also the transcription done from these prints by Mary Rempel (Hesston, KS) in 2013

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19			oversize items from folder 25, box 2
20			oversize items from folder 6, box 3
21			oversize items from folder 17, box 4
22			oversize items from folder 21, box 4
23			oversize items from folder 25, box 5
24			oversize items from folder 27, box 5
25			originally was folder 40, box 6
26			oversize item (map) from folder 41, box 6 (Why was this even in the collection? A 1950s map of Mennonite villages in West Prussia, with Cornelius Krahn's handwriting on it.)
27			oversize items from folder 43, box 6