

(c) Johann Poetker, Klein Lunau, born 1787, farmer, married to Maria Nickel, with children Heinrich 8, Johann 7, Agnes $\frac{1}{2}$ (at the time of emigration in 1823)

(d) Heinrich Poetker, Klein Lunau, farmer, married to a Widow Gaede, with stepchildren Peter and Maria Gaede

The first reference to someone by this name in the area is to Abraham Putger in Montau (Schwetz) in 1605. In 1676 Elder Peter Pottebacker from Harlingen in Friesland visited Montau. Between 1715 and 1772 we see the name in various records of the Kulm area as Pötger, Pöttker, Betcker, Bötcker, Böttcher, Petkier and Pytkier, using the first names Dirck, Heinrich, Jacob and Isaac.

A 1722-52 land contract refers specifically to Böttchers (coopers) as one of four occupations (along with linen weavers, blacksmiths and Dutch cobblers) characterizing the tenants, who had been assured of freedom of religion.

I found the Pötger name in twentieth century Kleine Gemeinde records, apparently referring to those who first lived in Nebraska and later moved to Meade, Kansas. This lead should be useful for future research.

Note 7: A Franz Fröse, living in Wotzlaff, had a son baptized at Orloffelfelde in 1758. If this is the right person, # 83 (Elisabeth Kliever) must have been a second wife.

There are four fathers listed for young people by the name of Fröse baptized in Orloffelfelde between 1737 and 1755: Abraham, Gert, Hans and Cornels. One of these may have been the father of # 82 (Franz Fröse).

However, according to Penner, a Franz Frese is listed in "Mennonitenbegräbnisse 1751-1802 in Wotzlaff bei Danzig" by A. Goertz as buried on 16 February 1758 and his wife as buried on 8 June 1753. These would seem to be even more likely as # 164 and # 165.

Note 8: Orloffelfelde church records show a Kliever family in Mierau in 1752. This is almost certainly the right family.

Note 9: There are five Isbrand Friesens listed in the Petershagen and Ladekopp church records for the late eighteenth century, viz., at Tiegerfeld (father and son), Stobbendorf, Altendorf and Petershagen. It is almost certain that the one at Petershagen is the right one.