

Note 21: The Ladekopp church records show the wife of Peter Fast as having died on 16 January 1782 at the age of 45 (thus born ca. 1726). The place is not clearly legible, but the last part of it seems to be "...dorfsfeld." I have found no location with that ending. However, it was not unusual to add "feld" (field) to the name of a town, presumably identifying the fields owned by the residents of the town, but not in the immediate vicinity. On this basis, I would guess that the reference was to Pietzkendorfsfeld, which resembles the letters in the entry. Peter Fast died in Orloffelfelde, the town next to Pietzkendorf. It is possible that the same farm lying between the two villages might have been variously referred to by both names. This happened in one case, where a stillborn daughter was recorded as from Petershagenerfeld in the birth register, but as from Pietzkendorf in the death entry for the same date.

Note 22: It now turns out that there are two Ladekopp church books for the same period still in existence. While I have frequently encountered this with Catholic and Lutheran parish registers in Germany, this is the first time I have run into this with respect to old Mennonite church books. The contents of the two are apparently not identical, which is not unusual because the duplicate was often prepared later. For the moment, this creates some confusion in trying to correlate this information with data from other sources. However, after researchers have studied and compared the two records carefully, we may end up with a more complete and reliable record. Meanwhile, it should be noted that some of my conclusions may need revision later.

This is particularly relevant to the Regehr entries (various spellings, but very likely the same family), because the Ladekopp baptismal records from the Gdansk State Archives published by Adalbert Goertz in the April 1989 issue of Mennonite Family History list two women with the same names and the same father's names baptized within two years of each other.

The entries are as follows: (1) Jacob Regeren' dau. Gartrude of Ladekopp, baptized 1782, and (2) Jacob Regier' dau. Trudtke of Ladekop, baptized 1784. These two could have been second cousins or first cousins once removed, which might explain the apparent discrepancy between the data I found in the LDS microfilm and the data of Ulrich Dueck in Germany.