

It is virtually certain that # 93 in my ancestral list is the Gertrude Reger who was baptized in 1782, because she got married in 1783 and it would have been extremely unusual for someone to get married before baptism. If there had been such an exception, the marriage would not have taken place in a Mennonite church.

With that as a precautionary note, what follows is the information I found in researching the records before I became aware of this latest record find.

Jacob Regehr is listed at Ladekopp in 1778, Ladekopperfeld in 1779 and 1781, and Ladekopp again in 1782 and 1786. Jacob Reger of Ladekopp is mentioned in 1789. Which of these entries refers to # 186 in my ancestral list is not clear at the moment.

Catarina, the wife of Jacob Reger, Ladeigs, died on 29 April 1798 at the age of 47 (thus born ca. 1751) and Jacob Reger of Ladeigs died on 18 May 1801 at the age of 66 (thus born ca. 1735), according to the Ladekopp church records. If Catarina's age is correct (which may not be the case), she would have been barely old enough to be the mother of the Trudtke baptized in 1784 (and even then, she would have had to be married at a very young age and her daughter would have had to be baptized at a younger age than was customary). Therefore, it is pretty certain that she was not the mother of #93.

It is highly likely that the Catarina Reger who died was a second wife, who could thus have been the stepmother of # 93.

There is no such place as Ladeigs listed in Horst Penner's extensive list of 227 Mennonite settlements in the Danzig-Elbing-Marienburg area (Volume I, pages at the end of his book). I assume Ladeigs must have been a local corruption of, or abbreviation for, Ladekopp. (I have run into this in research in the western Germanic areas.)

There is also an entry for the death of the widow of Jacob Regehr of Ladekopperfeld on 11 April 1787 at the age of 81 (thus born ca. 1706). I consider it likely that she was the mother of Jacob Regehr (ca. 1735-1801), but with two Jacob Regehrs in the picture, some more sorting out of data is needed.

Note 23: The Petershagen church records refer to Franss Barch as from Zeirsche Kampe. Glenn Penner lists a Zeyerskampen. However, all of the maps I have seen show only Zeyer, Zeyersniederkampen and Zeyersvorderkampen.