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a Mennonite family name

It is probable, but not certain, that the name originated in the Netherlands and it was brought to W. Prussia by religious refugees. At any rate, members of the Reimer family took part in the reclaiming of the land north of Tiegenhoff in the great Marienberg Werder.

In 1626 a Michail Reimer is named in Glabitsch north of the Vistula at Elbing. Two decades later he became a councilor of this village, an area that had just emerged from the fresh water lake about 1600 ad. In the neighboring Poppau, Isebrand Reimer took part in the draining of this land, which is below sea level. Also in the Scharpau, which was still an ideal fishing village in the time of the Teutonic Knights, the Reimers were active settlers: a Franz Reimer on the "Polish Hulu", passed his land onto Wiens about 1640, and a Wilm Reimer was living on the Schraederskampe near Altebabke about 1650. Johan Reimer was one of the founders of the village called Reinland, whose lands did not become available until 1725.

In the course of the centuries, the Reimers on the Werder moved to the south. There were Reimers in the following congregations:

Furstenwerder, Tiegenhagen, Kadekopp, Rosenort, Heuboden, Danzig
Elbing-Ellerwalde, Thensdorf-Prusseish Rosengart, Tragheimerweide,
Ludverghafen in the Palstinate.

There were also Reimers among the West Prussia Mennonites who emigrated to Russia.

The Reimer family furnished an unusual number of leaders among the Mennonites of Russia. Klass Reimer (1770 - 1837) was the founder of the Kleinegemeinde (Small Congregation) in 1812 and the Reimers have ever since furnished a large number of ministers and family ~~members~~^{of} this group both in Russia and in Canada.

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