

Lists of Structures in the Molotschna and Chortitza Mennonite Settlements

for 1831

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The following tables provide information on various structures which existed within the Molotschna and Chortitza colonies or owned by the colonies or their inhabitants. This is *not* a translation of the document. The German in these documents is typical of the bureaucratic German used by the colony administration and the Guardianship Committee for Foreign Settlers, for whom these documents were prepared – lengthy and convoluted sentences. I have replaced all umlauts, etc. of the original German, but retained the original spellings of names and locations. This is also not a list of businesses run by Mennonites, as many of those were part of the person's home and not found in separate structures.

Three aspects of this list are, for me, noteworthy. First, the fact that there was a brandy distillery within each colony (plus a brewery in the Molotschna and a brandy shop in Einlage). Second, the Chortitza colony had community sheep farms in locations called Bergthal and Schoenthal. These names were used a few years later for two of the Bergthal daughter colony villages. And, thirdly, the Chortitza colony had a separate structure for the storage of the Privilegium, which was given to the Mennonites of South Russia in 1801. This structure was separate from the colony administration office.

A. Molotschna Colony – 1 July 1831

1. Count of Houses:

Nr.	Village	Landowners	Landless
1	Halbstadt	21	16
2	Muntau	21	20
3	Schoenau	21	9
4	Fischau	22	11
5	Lindenau	21	15

6	Lichtenau	21	14
7	Blumstein	21	24
8	Muensterberg	22	9
9	Altona	22	15
10	Ladekopp	20	6
11	Schoensee	20	4
12	Petershagen	20	6
13	Tiegenhagen	21	8
14	Ohrloff	21	15
15	Tiege	20	9
16	Blumenort	20	11
17	Rosenort	20	12
18	Fuerstenau	21	9
19	Ruekenau	21	13
20	Margenau	24	8
21	Lichtfelde	20	2
22	Neukirch	20	6
23	Alexanderthal	20	5
24	Schardau	20	6
25	Pordenau	20	3
26	Marienthal	20	9
27	Rudnerweide	30	2
28	Grossweide	24	4
29	Franzthal	24	1
30	Pastwa	18	2
31	Fuerstenwerder	30	2
32	Alexanderwohl	30	1
33	Gnadenheim	20	8
34	Tiegerweide	24	7
35	Lichtenau	20	2
36	Elisabeththal	23	2
37	Wernersdorf	20	6
38	Friedensdorf	30	0
39	Prangenau	20	4
40	Sparrau	31	2
	Totals	883	308
	Sum Total = 1191		

2. Lists of Structures in Individual Villages:

This information has been converted into a Table:

Village	Owner	Structure
Halbstadt	Johann Klassen	Cloth Factory
Halbstadt	the same	Vinegar Distillery
Halbstadt	the same	Dyeworks
Halbstadt	Abraham Froese	Vinegar Distillery
Halbstadt	the same	Dyeworks
Halbstadt	Gerhard Schellenberg	Dyeworks
Halbstadt	Wilhelm Martens	Dyeworks
Halbstadt	the same	Watermill
Halbstadt	Aron Esau	Gristmill
Halbstadt	Abraham Harder	Gristmill
Halbstadt	Johann Heide	Gristmill
Halbstadt	the same	Oil Press
Halbstadt	Heinrich Krueger	Smithy
Muntau	Johann Braun	Windmill
Muntau	the same	Gristmill
Schoenau	Heinrich Hilbrand	Windmill
Schoenau	Peter Hilbrand	Windmill
Schoenau	Mrs. Lemke	Gristmill
Schoenau	David Wiens	Gristmill
Fischau	David Guenther	Windmill
Fischau	Cornelius Eydzen	Gristmill
Fischau	Brothers Bernhard and Johann Bergen	Oil Press
Fischau	Peter Esau	Smithy
Lindenau	Johann Boldt	Windmill
Lindenau	Cornelius Wiens	Smithy
Lichtenau	Aron Warkentin	Oil Press
Lichtenau	Isaac Dirksen	Smithy
Blumstein	Gerhard Schellenberg	Windmill
Blumstein	Johann Fast	Gristmill
Muensterberg	Claas Hiebert	Windmill
Muensterberg	Franz Kroeker	Gristmill
Muensterberg	Heinrich Hilbrand	Smithy
Altona	Dirk Thiessen	Watermill
Altona	the same	Windmill
Altona	Abraham Wiens	Windmill

Altona	Claas Froese	Gristmill
Altona	Hermann Wiens	Oil Press
Altona	Cornelius Toews	Oil Press
Altona	Johann Epp	Smithy
Ladekopp	Johann Rempel	Smithy
Schoensee	Johann Toews	Watermill
Petershagen	Johann Janzen	Watermill
Petershagen	Brothers Johann & Peter Martens	Gristmill
Petershagen	Jacob Krueger	Oil Press
Petershagen	Claas Thiessen	Smithy
Petershagen	Heinrich Krueger	Smithy
Tiegenhagen	Aron Wiebe	Windmill
Tiegenhagen	Jacob Schellenberg	Gristmill
Tiegenhagen	Johann Warkentin	Smithy
Tiegenhagen	Village Community	Smithy
Ohrloff	Johann Enns	Windmill
Ohrloff	Peter Neufeld	Gristmill
Ohrloff	Johann Fast	Gristmill
Ohrloff	Johann Wiebe	Smithy
Ohrloff	Jacob Klaassen	Brick Factory
Tiege	David Schellenberg	Dyeworks
Tiege	Jacob Wiebe	Smithy
Blumenort	Jacob Berg	Oil Press
Blumenort	widow Thiessen	Oil Press
Blumenort	Heinrich Wiens	Smithy
Rosenort	Johann Friesen	Windmill
Fuerstenau	Abraham Regier	Windmill
Fuerstenau	Johann Gossen	Windmill
Fuerstenau	Heinrich Olfert	Gristmill
Fuerstenau	Abraham Toews	Gristmill
Fuerstenau	Isaac Thiessen	Oil Press
Fuerstenau	Dirk Loewen	Oil Press
Fuerstenau	Peter Regier	Smithy
Fuerstenau	Village Community	Smithy
Rueckenau	Jacob Reimer	Smithy
Margenau	Abraham Albrecht	Oil Press
Lichtfelde	Johann Neufeld	Windmill
Lichtfelde	Village Community	Smithy
Neukirch	Abraham Hiebert	Smithy
Alexanderthal	Jacob Berg	Smithy

Schardau	Johann Penner	Windmill
Schardau	Franz Mathias	Smithy
Schardau	Johann Goerz	Smithy
Marienthal	Jacob Dirksen	Windmill
Marienthal	Franz Gossen	Windmill
Marienthal	Isaac Wall	Smithy
Rudnerweide	Franz Goerz	Windmill
Rudnerweide	Franz Adrian	Gristmill
Rudnerweide	Peter Becker	Oil Press
Rudnerweide	Johann Fast and Jacob Tjart	Oil Press
Grossweide	Peter Ediger	Windmill
Grossweide	David Ewert	Gristmill
Grossweide	Abraham Klaassen	Oil Press
Franzthal	Jacob Goerz	Windmill
Franzthal	Peter Abraham & Peter Becker	Oil Press
Franzthal	Jacob Neufeld	Smithy
Franzthal	Heinrich Black	Smithy
Pastwa	Cornelius Friesen	Windmill
Pastwa	Aron Dyck	Smithy
Fuerstenwerder	Dirk Goerz	Smithy
Tiegerweide	Isbrand Harder	Windmill
Tiegerweide	Isaac Hilbrand	Smithy
Tiegerweide	Franz Kroeker	Smithy
Liebenau	Jacob Gossen	Windmill
Liebenau	Daniel Warkentin	Smithy
Elisabeththal	Johann Klassen	Windmill
Elisabeththal	Johann Dyck	Gristmill
Elisabeththal	Village Community	Smithy
Wernersdorf	Peter Berg	Windmill
Friedendorf	George Schulz	Smithy
Sparrau	Johann Schulz	Smithy

3. For the Total Community (Colony):

(This information is summarized)

Two structures plus stables and living quarters on the Kuruschan ewe farm.

One structure plus stables and living quarters on the Juschanlee wether (Hammelschaf) farm.

One structure for the Tiegerweide Brandy Distillery.

One structure for the Halbstadt Beer Brewery.

4. Above the villages of Fuerstenau and Wernersdorf on the river Tokmak:

(This information is summarized)

One on the sheep breeding farm of Johann Klassen of Halbstadt, plus stables and living quarters.

The watermill belonging to David Reimer plus 6 dwellings for him and his labourers.

5. The estate of the late Claas Wiens and his current Heirs consisting of:

a) 6 dwellings for him and his labourers.

b) sheep, horse and cattle stables.

c) the fruit plantation.

d) a Brick baking facility (Ziegelbrennerei).

6. Structures of the Mennonites on Land granted in perpetuity by the Highest Authority:

a) On the Juschanlee stables and dwellings on the sheep, horse and cattle breeding farm belonging to Johann Cornies of Ohrloff.

b) On the Juschanlee stables and dwellings on the sheep breeding farm belonging to Wilhelm Martens of Halbstadt.

c) On the Behemtschukrak stables and dwellings on the sheep breeding form belonging to the brothers Klassen of Tiegerweide.

d) On the Taschtschinok the sheep farm with stables and dwellings of Jacob Reimer belonging to Tiege.

e) The sheep farm above Wernersdorf on the river Tokmak with stables and dwellings belonging to Heinrich Janzen of Schoensee.

f) The sheep farm above Margenau on the river Kuruschan with stables and dwellings belonging to Daniel Peters of Rueckenau.

g) The sheep farm above Margenau on the river Kuruschan with stables and dwellings belonging to Johann Penner of Pastwa.

7. Summary of Structures found in the various Villages of the Molotschna Colony:

Nr.	Village	Brandy Distilleries	Beer Breweries	Cloth Factories	Dyeworks	Vinegar Distilleries	Watermills	Windmills	Gristmills	Oil Presses	Smithies	Brick Factories
1	Halbstadt	0	0	1	4	2	1	0	3	1	1	0
2	Muntau	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
3	Schoenau	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
4	Fischau	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
5	Lindenau	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
6	Lichtenau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
7	Blumstein	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
8	Muensterberg	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
9	Altona	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	0
10	Ladekopp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
11	Schoensee	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
12	Petershagen	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0
13	Tiegenhagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0
14	Ohrloff	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1
15	Tiege	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
16	Blumenort	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
17	Rosenort	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
18	Fuerstenau	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0
19	Rueckenau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
20	Margenau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
21	Lichtfelde	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
22	Neukirch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
23	Alexanderthal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
24	Schardau	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0

25	Pordenau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Marienthal	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
27	Rudnerweide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
28	Grossweide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
29	Franzthal	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0
30	Pastwa	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
31	Fuerstenwerder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
32	Alexanderwohl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	Gnadenheim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Tiegerweide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
35	Lichtenau	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
36	Elisabeththal	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
37	Wernersdorf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Friedensdorf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
39	Prangenu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	Sparrau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Molotschna Colony	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1	1	1	5	2	4	26	19	15	33	1

8. Summary for the entire Molotschna Settlement:

	Sheep Farms	Cattle Breeding	Stud Farms	Beer Breweries	Brandy Distilleries	Cloth Factories	Dyeworks	Vinegar Distilleries	Watermills	Windmills	Gristmills	Oil Presses	Smithies	Brick Factories
Location														
The 40 Villages	3	0	0	1	1	1	5	2	4	26	19	15	33	1
Juschanlee	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
on the river Tokmak	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Above Juschanlee	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
On the Behemtschukrak	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
On the Tachtschinak	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
On the river Kuruschan	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	12	2	2	1	1	1	5	2	5	26	19	5	33	2

B. Chortitza Colony – First half of 1831

1. Houses in the Chortitza Colony and what they were made of:

#	Village	Landowners			Landless			Totals
		Wood	Fachwerk	Clay	Wood	Fachwerk	Clay	
1	Chortitza	33	6		1	12	7	59
2	Rosenthal	21	11	3	0	9	6	50
3	Rosengart	0	17	5	0	9	5	36
4	Burwalde	15	8	4	0	5	11	43
5	Blumengart	0	8	6	0	6	7	27
6	Nieder Chortitza	13	7	9	0	4	13	46
7	Insel Chortitza	9	8	1	0	2	3	23
8	Einlage	21	14	1	0	22	1	59
9	Kronsweyde	15	16	1	0	8	2	42
10	Neuenburg	14	4	0	1	6	1	26
11	Neuendorf	29	16	0	3	18	12	78
12	Neuhorst	1	12	0	0	6	1	20
13	Schoenhorst	19	12	4	3	6	4	48
14	Krinsthal	9	7	2	0	3	5	26
15	NueOsterwick	18	7	5	0	5	11	46
16	Schoeneberg	5	10	3	0	0	8	26
17	Schoenwiese	12	2	0	0	14	8	36
Totals		234	165	44	8	135	105	691

Note that there is a listing for Chortitza colony for 1827. In that list Clay or Loam (“Lehm”) is replaced by “gestammte Erde”. These houses were not made of sod, but rammed earth, a centuries old technique which is inexpensive but labour intensive.

2. Various Enclosures in the Chortitza Colony:

Village	Owner	Structure
Chortitza	Abraham Leyky (Landowner)	Windmill
Chortitza	Gerhard Willms (Landless)	Windmill
Chortitza	Peter Epp (Landless)	Windmill
Chortitza	Peter Loewen (landowner)	Gristmill
Chortitza	Peter Hildebrandt (Landowner)	Smithy
Chortitza	Cornelius Sawatsky (Landless)	Smithy
Rosenthal	Bernd Kauenhowen (Landowner)	Windmill
Rosenthal	Peter Siemens (Landowner)	Windmill
Rosenthal	Isebrand Braun (Landowner)	Windmill
Rosenthal	Jacob Dyck (Landowner)	Gristmill
Rosenthal	Cornelius Epp (Landowner)	Smithy
Rosenthal	Cornelius Krahn (Landowner)	Smithy

Rosenthal	Aron Lehn (Landowner)	Smithy
Rosenthal	Gerhard Epp (Landowner)	Smithy
Rosenthal	Abraham Krueger (Landowner)	Smithy
Rosenthal	Jacob Dyck (Landless)	Smithy
Rosengart	Abraham Penner (Landowner)	Windmill
Rosengart	Jacob Dyck (Landowner)	Smithy
Burwalde	Wilhelm Thiessen (Landowner)	Smithy
Blumengart	Bernd Braun (Landless)	Windmill
Blumengart	Johann Klassen (Landowner)	Smithy
Blumengart	Dirk Devehr (Landless)	Smithy
Nieder Chortitza	Cornelius Friesen (Landowner)	Windmill
Nieder Chortitza	Heinrich Penner (Landowner)	Windmill
Nieder Chortitza	Jacob Bour (Landless)	Windmill
Nieder Chortitza	Cornelius Penner (Landless)	Windmill
Nieder Chortitza	Cornelius Friesen (Landowner)	Smithy
Nieder Chortitza	Abraham Friesen (Landowner)	Smithy
Nieder Chortitza	Peter Vogt (Landowner)	Smithy
Insel Chortitza	Johann Krop (Landless)	Smithy
Einlage	Heinrich Unger (Landowner)	Smithy
Einlage	Abraham Unger (Landless)	Smithy
Einlage	Cornelius Neufeld (Landless)	Smithy
Kronsweyde	Jacob Nickel (Landowner)	Windmill
Kronsweyde	Julius Jantzen (Landowner)	Windmill
Kronsweyde	Heinrich Friesen (Landless)	Windmill
Kronsweyde	Heinrich Gertzen (Landless)	Smithy
Kronsweyde	Johan Peters (Landless)	Smithy
Neuenburg	Peter Reimer (Landowner)	Windmill
Neuenburg	Isaak Braun (Landowner)	Smithy
Neuendorf	Jacob Berg (Landowner)	Windmill
Neuendorf	Johann Dyck (Landowner)	Windmill
Neuendorf	Jacob Staesz (Landless)	Windmill
Neuendorf	Johann Peters (Landless)	Windmill
Neuendorf	Jacob Berg (Landowner)	Smithy
Neuendorf	Peter Wiebe (Landowner)	Smithy
Neuendorf	David Braun (Landless)	Smithy
Neuendorf	Jacob Harder (Landless)	Smithy
Neuendorf	Dirk Dyck (Landless)	Oil Press
Neuhorst	Bernd Wiebe (Landowner)	Smithy
Neuhorst	Abraham Dyck (Landowner)	Smithy
Schoenhorst	Johann Brandt (Landless)	Windmill

Schoenhorst	Bernd Krahn (Landless)	Windmill
Schoenhorst	Johann Brandt (Landless)	Gristmill
Schoenhorst	Peter Rempel (Landless)	Smithy
Schoenhorst	Heinrich Friesen (Landless)	Smithy
Kronsthal	Herman Neufeld (Landless)	Windmill
Kronsthal	Abraham Niebour (Landless)	Windmill
Kronsthal	Wilhelm Jantzen (Landowner)	Smithy
Kronsthal	Wilhelm Unrau (Landless)	Oil Press
NeuOsterwick	Jacob Dyck (Landless)	Windmill
NeuOsterwick	Bernd Klippenstein (Landowner)	Gristmill
NeuOsterwick	Jacob Devehr (Landowner)	Smithy
NeuOsterwick	Aron Suderman (Landless)	Smithy
Schoeneberg	David Driedger (Landless)	Windmill
Schoenwiese	David Falk (Landowner)	Windmill
Schoenwiese	Heinrich Funk (Landowner)	Windmill
Schoenwiese	David Dyck (Landowner)	Windmill
Schoenwiese	Peter Neufeld (Landowner)	Windmill
Schoenwiese	David Schapansky (Landless)	Windmill
Schoenwiese	Tobias Gertzen (Landowner)	Smithy
Schoenwiese	Johann Funk (Landless)	Smithy
Schoenwiese	Cornelius Jantzen (Landless)	Smithy

3. Various Buildings in the Chortitza Colony and:

Village	Building	Wood	Fachwerk	Clay
Chortitz	Schoolhouse	0	1	0
Chortitz	Magazine	1	0	0
Rosenthal	Schoolhouse	0	0	1
Rosenthal	Magazine	1	0	0
Rosengart	Schoolhouse	0	0	1
Burwalde	Schoolhouse	0	0	1
Burwalde	Magazine	1	0	0
Blumengart	Schoolhouse	0	0	1
Nieder Chortitz	Schoolhouse	0	0	1
Nieder Chortitz	Magazine	0	0	1
Insel Chortitz	Schoolhouse	0	0	1
Insel Chortitz	Magazine	1	0	0
Einlage	Schoolhouse	0	0	1
Einlage	Magazine	1	0	0
Kronsweyde	Schoolhouse	0	1	0
Kronsweyde	Church	1	0	0

Kronsweyde	Magazine	1	0	0
Neuenburg	Schoolhouse	0	0	1
Neuenburg	Magazine	1	0	0
Neuendorf	Schoolhouse	0	1	0
Neuendorf	Magazine	1	0	0
Neuhorst	Schoolhouse	0	1	0
Schoenhorst	Schoolhouse	1	0	0
Kronsthal	Schoolhouse	0	1	0
Kronsthal	Magazine	1	0	0
NeuOsterwick	Schoolhouse	0	1	0
NeuOsterwick	Magazine	0	1	0
Schoeneberg	Schoolhouse	0	1	0
Schoeneberg	Magazine	1	0	0
Schoenwiese	Schoolhouse/Church	1	0	0
Schoenwiese	Magazine	1	0	0
	Totals	15	8	9

Note that magazine here means a storage facility – likely for grain.

Also note that a church seems to be missing for the village of Chortitz from this list, but appears in the next table.

There are two sets of three columns, one for Crown houses and one for Community houses. The three columns for Crown houses are blank.

4. Structures and Buildings in the Chortitza Mennonite Settlement:

Structure or Building	Wood	Fachwerk	Clay
Chortitza: Colony Church	1	0	0
Chortitza: Colony Office	1	0	0
Chortitza: A House for the storage of the Privilegium	0	0	1
Rosenthal: A Gardener and a Silk House in the Plantation	1	0	1
Einlage: Brandy Distillery and Residence	2	0	0
Einlage: Brandy Shop	1	0	0
Einlage: a house at the crossing	0	1	0
The Gruenfeld sheep farm with 1,500 sheep plus residences.	1	2	0
The Schoenthal sheep farm with 1,800 sheep plus residences.	1	0	1
The Bergthal sheep farm with 1,500 sheep plus residences.	1	0	2
Total	9	3	5

5. Main List of Houses in the Chortitza Settlement:

Locations/Buildings	Landowners	Landless	Total
Chortitz	39	20	59
Rosenthal	35	15	50
Rosengart	22	14	36
Burwalde	27	16	43
Blumengart	14	13	27
Nieder Chortitz	29	17	46
Insel Chortitz	18	5	23
Einlage	36	23	59
Kronsweyde	32	10	42
Neuenburg	18	8	26
Neuendorf	45	33	78
Neuhorst	13	7	20
Schoenhorst	35	13	48
Kronsthal	18	8	26
NeuOsterwick	30	16	46
Schoeneberg	18	8	26
Schoenwiese	14	22	36
Subtotals	443	248	691
Windmills			31
Gristmills			4
Watermills			0
Oil Presses			2
Smithies			36
Churches			3
School Houses			17
Offices			1
Privilegium Storage			1
Gardener's Houses			2
Distilley Houses			4
In the 3 sheep Farms			8
Magazines			13
House at the crossing			1
Total	443	248	814