

The STASCHKE families from county Stolp, Pomerania

Inspired by an article written by fellow researcher Dieter Geffe, published in "Archiv ostdeutscher Familienforscher (AOFF)"^{1,2} from the association "Arbeitsgemeinschaft ostdeutscher Familienforscher e.V. (AGoFF)" and an article from Karola von der Gruen, born Staschke, published in "Die Pommersche Zeitung"³ and the contact to several family researchers (Karin Bongards, Lothar Kratzke, Siegfried Krause, Michael Mainitz, Georg Nitzke, Ruth Pietrzyk, Henry Piotraschke, Thomas Schlager, Hermann Seils, Peter Siefert, Henry Staschke, Andy Steinhauf, Ernst Stricker, Elke Werth, Harold Thomas Wyman) through our mailing list Stolp-L or direct contacts I began some years ago to collect all Staschke occurrences and tried to put these puzzle pieces together.

Very helpful is the fact, that our circle "Arbeitskreis Heimat- und Familienforscher Stolper Lande (see www.stolp.de) has a huge fund of documents available. Especially the still existing churchbooks of Lupow, county Stolp, were of great help⁴. Beside records from registration offices as well as documents still in the ownership of the Staschke descendants.

So I could combine most of the Staschke, beside some small families or persons who I could not connect to the later named clans.

The center of the Staschke families is so far the church Lupow with the villages Neu Jugelow (ca. 5 km south of Lupow) and Poganitz (ca. 5 km north of Lupow), where I found the eldest occurrences.



Urmeßtischblatt 1837 by von Orlich



Urmeßtischblatt 1837 by von Ditfurth



St. Paul in Clyde, Ohio

¹ AOFF Band XIV Heft 7/8: Staschke aus Schwarz Damerkow im Kreis Stolp in Pommern

² AOFF Band XIV Heft 19: Stammfolgen Geffe aus Hinterpommern, Ast Muttrin

³ Die Pommersche Zeitung 2005 Folge 36 at 10.09. 2005: Nie wieder in der Heimat

⁴ The polish state archives began to digitize and publish church books and registration office books early March 2013. State archive in Köslin/Koszalin has already published the church books of Lupow: http://www.stolp.de/kirchspiele/articles/kirchspiel_lupow.html

Later they can be found in churchbooks of Groß Nossin (east of Lupow), especially village Schwarz Damerkow, and other places in Pomerania, but also for the emigrants in the churchbooks of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clyde, Ohio.

The family name Staschke is derived from the name Stasch, the suffix –ke indicates a diminutive form. It's said that this origins from the names Anastasius or Stanislaus. A Kashubian background cannot be excluded.

The first church in Lupow has been probably built in the second half of the XIII. century and belonged beside the churches in Stolp and Groß Garde to the eldest churches of East Pomerania. The church burned during the Thirty Years' War (1618 – 1648) and was rebuilt around 1660. A bell with year 1669 existed from that time (46 cm diameter, bronze, tone b'/h').



Church Lupow by Bill Remus, Honolulu, Hawai



Church seal

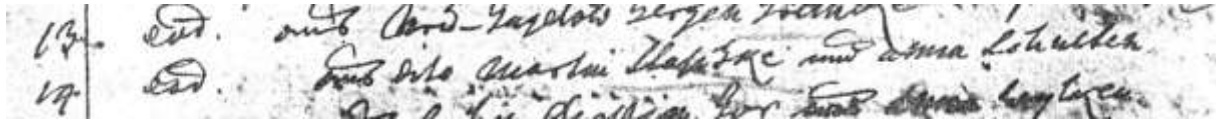
1772 the church was new or rebuilt and is today still in this shape.

Church books nowadays available are:

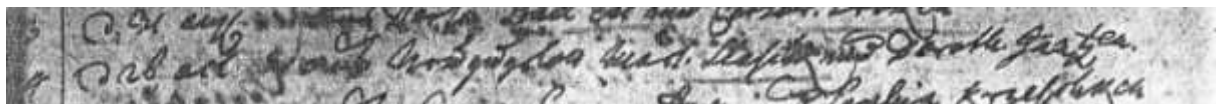
Baptisms 1743-1945, Confirmations 1818 -1892, Marriages 1743-1830 & 1871-1936 and Burrials 1743-1923. The books Marriages 1831-1870 and Burrials 1923-1945 are lost or destroyed at end of WWII.

The main families are from Martin and Hans STASCHKE, both born around 1720/1725, maybe they are brothers. Martin is representing the Neu Jugelow line and Martin the Poganitz line.

Martin was married twice, first with Anna SCHULTZ on Nov 14th 1749, she died on Feb 11th 1758, and then with Dorothea JANTZ on Oct 16th 1758. 4 children of Martin can be found in the baptisms records.

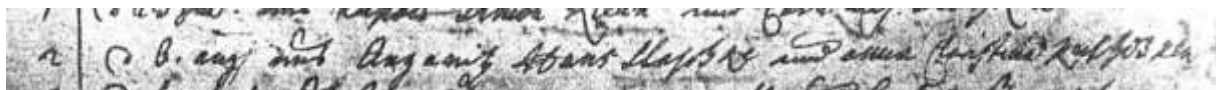


Lupow, Marriages 1749 No. 14, Neu Jugelow: Martin STASCHKE & Anna SCHULTEN



Lupow, Marriages 1758 No. 4, Neu Jugelow: Mart. STASCHKE & Dorothea JANTZEN

Hans married on Aug 6th 1750 Anna Christina KUTSCHKE, 3 children can be found in the baptisms records.



Lupow, Marriages 1750 No. 2, Poganitz: Hans STASCHKE & Anna Christliebe KUTSCHKEN.

Beside these 2 lines I will report from the descendents of

- Katharina STASCHKE (1765 – 1848), who was married to Martin RUHNOW and lived in Jerskewitz,
- Albert STASCHKE, who was married to Auguste GANS and lived in Schwarz Damerkow,
- Christian STASCHKE (1769/70 – 1844), who lived in Klein and in Groß Nossin,
- several other who I cannot link to any line mentioned above.

A lot of STASCHKE were land owner, also a lot were blacksmiths. So you will find in these family lines other common family names for blacksmiths, like KERSTEN, NOFFKE, SEILS.

The center for the STASCHKE families has been before World War II Schwarz Damerkow in county Stolp. The blacksmith Hermann Friedrich Albert STASCHKE was the owner of the inn "Zum deutschen Adler".



The whole information I found or got from the mentioned family researchers are too much for publishing in DPL. The complete lists (in German) can be found at www.stolp.de -> Familienforschung -> ARBEITSKREIS FAMILIENFORSCHUNG -> Forschungsarbeiten.

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