

## GIERHOLZ FAMILY IN POMMERN

### CHRISTIAN FRIEDRICH GIERHOLZ -- ANCESTOR OF THE GIERHOLZ FAMILIES WHO LIVE IN WEST GERMANY TODAY

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So far most of my Gierholz (Gerholz) research has focused on the ancestors of the Gerholz and Gehrholz Families who live in the USA today. The research has been a success. We know now that Michael Friedrich Gehrholz in Justemin is the ancestor of the all the Gerholz Families in the USA today. One of his sons and one set of grandchildren settled in Minnesota in the 1880s. Another set of grandchildren settled in Wisconsin in the 1880s. A brother to Michael Friedrich Gehrholz, Carl Gottlieb Gehrholz, was the father of Johann Friedrich Michael Gehrholz in Radem/Friedrichsgnade near Justemin. Johann Friedrich Michael Gehrholz came to the US in the 1870s with his wife and grandson and settled in Michigan. His children came separately, also in the 1870s, and are the ancestors of all the Gehrholz Families in the US today. Moreover, we have a very good idea about the siblings, father and grandfather of Michael Friedrich Gehrholz and Carl Gottlieb Gehrholz. This write up focuses on Christian Friedrich Gierholz, the brother of Michael Friedrich and Carl Gottlieb, and his descendants who mostly remained in Pommern until 1945 and now live in West Germany. Besides documenting our distant Gierholz relatives who stayed in Germany, this write up may be of interest to the Gierholz Families living there today.

Before continuing with Christian Friedrich Gierholz, I would like to make a few comments on his ancestors and sources of information about him and his family and to thank Siegfried Hannemann for his help which has made this whole project possible. Back in the 1990s Hannemann sent me an excerpt from a family history of the Kroenkes in Kreis Regenwalde. The history showed the marriage of Gottfried Gerholz and Maria Kroencke in Wangerin in the 1790s. Gottfried Gerholz was in the service of the von Borcks in Wangerin at that time. I knew from the Justemin church records that Gottfried Gerholz was the father of Michael Friedrich Gehrholz and was living in Zachow at the time of Michael Friedrich's marriage in 1824. Hannemann also told me about the first appearance of the Gerholz name in the Labes baptism records in 1747. It turns out that back in the 1930s a researcher had used the Labes church records to do a study of old German family names in Pommern and chose the Labes records for his study. He chose the name Gerholz as an example because it presents a clear case of a two syllable name relating to combat which was typical of names in Althochdeutsch. One can view the old Labes records from about 1650-1764 online. The Labes church records from 1824-1862 are also available as are the Standesamt records from 1874-1910. The records from 1911 to the late 1930s are still kept in the civil office in Labes, but are not available online due to privacy considerations. Duplicate copies were made for many of the small churches in Labes administrative district which too have survived the war and are available online. For

example, the Zachow records are available from 1824 to 1874. This is where we first find Christian Friedrich Gierholz on the occasion of his wedding in 1835. Christian Friedrich appears in many different church districts over the years in Kreis Regenwalde. As a shepherd, and later as a laborer, he moved often.

I have been aware that Gierholz Families were living in Labes, Schivelbein, Wopersnow, Schl<sup>^</sup>nwitz, Stettin and other neighboring villages right up to 1945, but until recently I had no idea about how they might be related. Previously the only clues to these places and the Gierholzes there were from address books and wartime casualty lists. As more has become available on line it has become clear that these Gierholzes all relate back to Christian Friedrich Gierholz.

Christian Friedrich Gierholz had two sons, Johann (Johann Christian Friedrich) born 03 Mar 1838 Stramehl-Duebzow and Friedrich (Gottlieb Friedrich) born 21 Oct 1841 in Justemin. The children and grandchildren of Johann Gierholz lived in the villages to the north and northeast of Labes. These villages were mostly in the Neukirchen and Wurow Kirchspiel and Standesamt districts, but also some lived in neighboring villages such as Schl<sup>^</sup>nwitz, Wopersnow and the City of Schivelbein. One grandson, Otto Hermann Ernst Gierholz, was born in Premslaf (StA Neukirchen), later lived in Pr<sup>^</sup>tznaw (StA Wurow), and fled to West Germany with his wife and several children. He is the ancestor of several Gierholz Families in West Germany today. A daughter of Johann Gierholz, Emilie, was born in Muhlendorf (StA Neukirchen) in 1877 and married Paul Matthies in Grabow (StA Wurow) in 1900. She later lived in Edesbuettel, Kr. Gifhorn. Christian Friedrich's other son, Friedrich, born 1841 in Justemin, lived in Labes where he had several children. One descendant, Walter Erich Gierholz, born 1931 in Labes, later lived in Heidesheim. (need a few more details here) A grandson of Friedrich, Willi Gierholz, was born in Labes in 1909 and later lived in Stettin. In the 1934 Stettin wedding entry of Willi Gierholz there is a margin note stating he died in Oberhausen in 1993. So, in summary, the Gierholz Families in West Germany, while related, do come from different cities and towns in Pommern, and maybe even Schneidem<sup>^</sup>hl.

Another child of Christian Friedrich Gierholz lived a colorful life. Henriette (Henriette Friederike Wilhelmine) Gierholz, a younger sister to Johann and Friedrich, was born 07 Jan 1846 in Silligsdorf. She emigrated to Brazil in 1873 on the ship "Doctor Barth". Also on that ship were related family members. Henrietta is recorded as a "Schw<sup>^</sup>gerin". We do not know who the "Schwager" was. There were others from Labes and Grabow on the ship. Also on the ship was Henrietta's aunt, Maria Louise Gierholz ver. Heling, Maria Louisa's husband, Christian Heling and step-son, Johann Heling and family.

I would like to share this information with the Gierholz Families in West Germany. I have written to five of them so far on Facebook and have heard back from one who wrote that yes, indeed, his

grandfather and six siblings fled from Poland following the war. He thought he might be able to help me further. I also checked in with the wife of the Walter Erich Gierholz mentioned above. I see too that MyHeritage.com has some family trees that include the Gierholzes from Pommern to which we are related. I will try to contact the submitters there. For anyone interested, I can help provide scans of the documents referred to below. I can also help if one would like to view the documents for oneself. Below are some notes which I believe show the how Christian Friedrich Gierholz is related to the Gierholzes in Labes, Stettin, Schl<sup>^</sup>nwitz, Wopersnow, Schivelbein, Premslaff, Pr<sup>^</sup>tznow, and other villages in Pommern.

Further research is possible. The Standesamt records for almost all the villages surrounding Labes have survived and are in the Stettin Archives. Many have been scanned and put on line, but others, while not on line, can still be accessed via a written request to the archives in Stettin or Labes (for records after 1910). For example, the Labes, Neukirchen and Wurow Standesamt records that are not online are still existant. If I get some clues from our West German cousins, and there is interest, this route can be pursued. It would be interesting to find the marriage records for Friedrich Gierholz, who first appears in Labes in the 1870s. These records probably will turn up someday and they are needed to fill in the gaps between the Gierholzes in West Germany today and Christian Friedrich Gierholz. Ich brauche aber hier Hilfe damit von unseren Vettern in Deutschland!

#### TIMELINE FOR CHRISTIAN FRIEDRICH GEHRHOLZ -- BROTHER OF MICHAEL FRIEDRICH GEHRHOLZ

ca1802-1810

Birth- the exact place is unknown. Most likely he was born in Wangerin. We know his father, Gottfried Gerholz, and mother, Marie Kroencke, were living in Wangerin in the 1790s. They were both originally from Labes, and lived later in Zachow.

1824

15 Mar 1824 Zachow

Birth of Brother Johann Heinrich Gottlieb

Source: Zachow Church Book

1826

28 Sep 1826 Zachow

Death of Father, Gottfried Gehrholz an Brustkrkheit. 62 Jahr alt.

Source: Zachow Church Book

1827

01 Nov 1828 Zachow

Second Marriage of Mother, Maria Kroencke, to the Wittwer und Stellmacher Gottlieb Friedrich Ninnemann

Source: Zachow Church Book

1828

14 Dec 1828 Daberkow

Friedrich Gierholt Dienstknecht in Zachow in a Taufteuge for the birth of his nephew, Johann Gottlieb Friedrich. Johann Gottlieb Friedrich's father was der hierselbst Tagel^hner Michael Gierholt in Daberkow. For a couple of years Michael Friedrich Gerholz lived in Daberkow before returning to Justemin.

Source: Daberkow Church Book.

1835

06 Nov 1825 Zachow

Marriage to Maria Louise Giese

Source: Zachow Church Book

Note: Maria Louise Giese was born in Silligsdorf. The Giese Family was well established there for some time. Maria Louise's brother, Michael Giese, was a Schneidermeister and seemed to move from village to village somewhat in parallel to the family of Christian Friedrich Gierholz. He is found in the Roggow church books at the same time Christian Friedrich was living in Haseleu. There were many branches of the Giese Family in that part of Kreis Regenwalde.

1836

19 Mar 1836 Zachow

Birth of daughter Ernestine Louise Friederike

Louise Gehrholz was a godparent. Christian Friedrich's profession is given as Hirt.

Source: Zachow Church Book

1838

03 Mar 1838 Stramehl-Duebzow

Birth of son Johann Christian Friedrich Gierholtz

Source: Stramehl Church Book

Note: This is the Johann Gierholz who appears in the Groflborcken Chruch records in 1865 and in the Neukirchen Standesamt records in 1877.

1841

03 Jan 1841 Justemin

Death of daughter Ernestine Louise Friederike

Source: Justemin Church Book

1841

21 Oct 1841 Justemin

Birth of son Gottlieb Friedrich

Michael Giese Schneidergeselle in Silligsdorff is a Taufzeuge

Source: Justemin Church Book

Note: This may well be the Friedrich Gierholz who appears in the Labes Standesamt records.

1843

29 Mar 1843 Haseleu

Birth of son karl Friedrich Erdmann

This was a Nottauf. Taufezeuge were:

1. Jgfr Hen. Giese in Seligsdorf
2. Dorothea Krönke verehe. Ninnemann in Panzerin (Panzerin?)
3. Tagl. Gottlieb Ninnemann in Kl. Radow

Source: Roggow Church Book

Note: Panzarin's KS and StA were Schlönwitz.

1843

1843 Stargardt

Birth of niece Hanne Friederike Wilhelmine Heling. Her parents are Christian Heling and Luise Gierholz. [Christian] Friedrich Gierholz is a Taufzeuge. Another sister to Christian Friedrich and Louise Gierholz Heling, Friederike, is also a Taufzeuge.

Source: Stargardt Church Book.

Note: [Johann] Christian Heling and Luise Gierholz later lived in Neukirchen, Muhledorf and the Grabow Area before emigrating to Brazil in 1873. The other sister, Friederike Gierholz, was living in Haseleu. She later married Gottlieb Wolfgramm and lived in Stargardt, Premslaff, Natzmersdorff, Roggow/Spring and Rosenfelde/Neuendorf. She also appears as a Taufzeuge for some of the Gehrholzes born in Justemin.

1844

1844 Haseleu

Christian Friedrich was residing in Haseleu in 1844.

Birth of niece Henriette Ernestine Dupke in Justemin.

Henriette Ernestine's mother, Dorothea Sophie Gehrholz, is the eldest sister of Christian Friedrich Gierholz.

Louise Giese, Ehefrau des Instmanns Fr. Gehrholz in Haseleu, was the Taufzeuge for Henriette Ernestine Dupke.

Source: Justemin Church Book

1845

05 Mar 1845 Haseleu

Birth of niece Henriette Wilhelmine Friederike. Mother was the unmarried Friederike Gierholz.

Taufzeuge:

1. Dienstmädchen Wilhelmine Krüger }
2. " Henriette Backhaus } in Haseleu
3. Tagelöhner Friedrich Gierholz }

Note: Here Christian Friedrich is just Friedrich.

Source: Roggow Church Book

1846

07 Jan 1846 Silligsdorf

Birth of daughter Henriette Friederike Wilhelmine

Source: Silligsdorf Church Book

Note: Henrietta Gierholz emigrated to Brazil in 1873 on the ship "Doctor Barth". Also on that ship were related family members. Henrietta is recorded as a "Schwägerin". We do not know who the "Schwager" was. There were others from Labes and Grabow on the ship. Also on the ship was Henrietta's aunt, Maria Louise Gierholz verehe. Heling, Maria Louisa's husband, Christian Heling and step-son, Johann Heling and family.

1848

28 Feb 1848 Silligsdorf

Birth of daughter Wilhelmine Caroline Louise

Source: Silligsdorf Church Book

Where was Christian Friedrich Gierholz between 1848 and 1859?

Wurow?

1859

20 Jan 1859 Carnitz

Death of wife Maria Louise Giese at the age of 52.

Source: Carow-Carnitz Church Book.

1859

08 Apr 1859 Carnitz

Mariage to Auguste Henriette Wilhelmine Rusch in Carnitz

Source: Carow-Carnitz Church Book

Note: Auguste Henriette Wilhelmine's father, Gottlieb Rusch, is recorded as a laborer in Labes. This may be the connection which brought the Gierholzes to Labes.

1860

Palm Sunday, Carnitz

Confirmation of daughter Henriette Friederike Wilhelmine from Carnitz

Source: Gross Radow Church Book

1862

Palm Sunday, Carnitz

Confirmation of daughter Wilhelmine Caroline Louise from Carnitz

Source: Gross Radow Church Book

II Aufgebote und Getraut im Jahre 1859

1, Der Arbeitsmann Christian Friedrich Gehrholz ist mit Auguste Henriette Wilhelmine Rusch, des Arbeitsmanns Gottlieb Rusch in Labes Tochter, den achten /8/ April copilirt worden.

III Gestorbene im Jahre 1859

1, Maria Luise Giese verehelichte Arbeitsmann Christian Friedrich Gehrholz ist den zwanzigsten /20/ Januar Abends 6 Uhr in einem Alter von 52 Jahren an den Pocken gestorben und den 22ten Januar beerdigt.

1865

03 Feb 1865 Grofl Borckenhagen

Christian Friedrich gives his written permission for his eldest son Johann to marry.

Johann Christian Friedrich Gerholz, Arbeitsmann, 26 Jahr alt, marries Johanne Dorothea Henriette Staeger, 27 Jahr alt, in Grofl

Borckenhagen.

Source: Grofl Borckenhagen Church Book

1873

1873 Labes

Emigration to Brazil of Christian Friedrich's sister Louise Gierholz Heling and his daughter Henriette.

The Helings were living in Grabow. Louise emigrated with er husband, Johann Christian Heling, and her son-in-law Johann Heling and family. Henrietta was living in Labes. There may have been another family member aboard, the SChwager of Henriette.

Source: Hamburg Passanger Lists, 1850-1934, Volume 373-7 I, VIII A  
1 Band 028 A

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GIERHOLZ ENTRIES IN THE LABES STADESAMT RECORDS - 1874-1910

Nr. 106

Labes 2ten Juli 1875

M: Ottilie Gierholz geborene Ernst

V: Arbeiter Friedrich Gierholz

26ten Juni f,nf Vormittags

Albert Johann Otto

Nr. 72

Labes 10. April 1878

V: Arbeiter Friedrich Gierholz

M: Ottilie Gierholz geb. Ernst

f,nften April

Ottilie Albertine Wilhelmine

Nr. 30

Labes 11ten Februar 1881

V: der Arbeiter Friedrich Gierholz

M: Ottilie Gierholz geborenen Romig

8ten Februar 1881 Nachmittags um vier

Friederike Anna Bertha

Note: Why is the last name here Romig instead of Ernst as in the previous records? Ottilie Wilhelmine Henriette Ernst-Rohmig was born (unehelich) in Labes on 3 July 1842 to Wittwe Rohmig Charlotte geb. Ernst. Thus the alternative last names. I found the birth entry in the on-line Labes Church Records for 1824-1864. No Gierholz's appear during this time period. There are many, many members of the Ernst Family in those records as well as members of the Rohmig Family. These are two families in the earliest Labes records..

Nr. 197

Labes 17ten November 1886

V: der Arbeiter Friedrich Gierholz

M: Ottilie Gierholz geborenen Ernst

fuenfzehnten November 1886 Nachmittags um ein

Friedrich Hermann Otto

Note in the margin: died 3. Dez. 1886 in Labes Sterberegister 1886  
Nr. 135

#### 1901 Marriages

Nr. 23, Labes, eilften Oktober 1901

1. der Arbeiter Karl Friedrich Wilhelm Gierholz,  
geboren am 22. Maerz 1873 zu Labes, Sohn des Arbeiters Friedrich  
Gierholz

und dessen Ehefrau Ottilie geb. Romig wohnhaft in Labes

2. die Ida Maria Sophia Laude ohne Gewerbe

geb. 15. Juli 1883 zu Labes, Tochter des Arbeiters August Laude,  
wohnhaft

in Labes und seiner on ihm geschiedener Ehefrau Friederika

geb. Mueller wohnhaft in Stargard

Note: The Laude Family in Piepenburg-Labes appears in the earliest  
Labes church records. Ida Laude verw. Gierholz remarried 3 Aug 1918  
Otto Alfred Janke. She was living in Charlottenburg at that time.

#### 1905 Marriages

Nr. 6, Labes, vierzehnten April 1905

1. der Milchkuehler Karl Friedrich Wilhelm Ninnemann

geb. sechsten Mai 1863 zu Witznitz

wohnhaft in Damitzow

(is this Damitzow Kreis

Randow?)

2. die Koechin Ottilie Albertine Wilhelmine Gierholz

geb fuenften April 1878 zu Labes

wohnhaft in Damitzow

(could this be Daberkow

Damitz, or Damerow?)

3. der Arbeiter Wilhelm Gierholz, 32 Jahre

(Wilhelm Gierholz was a

Witness)

1905 Births 2. Dec 1905 geb. 25. Nov 1905

Nr. 155

Martha Maria Klara

V: Karl Friedrich Wilhelm Ninnemann

M: Ottilie Albertine Wilhelmine geb Geirholz

1905 Births 22. Dec 1905 geb. 15. Dez 1905

Nr. 159

Martha Anna Therese

V: August Gottlieb Ernst Gierholz

M: Anna Maria Therese Gierholz geb Krueger

Note: 1905 is the first appearance of August Gierholz in Labes. He  
was born about 1872 (see 1906 marriage entry for Friederika Anna  
Beate Gierholz, presumably a sister, or maybe, cousin), and he does  
appear in the Neukirchen records. His son, Otto Hermann Ernst born  
1900 in Neukirchen-Premslaff, is the ancestor of many of the  
Gierhlzes in West Grmay today.

#### 1906 Marriages

Nr. 35, Labes, zwoelften November 1906

1. der Schmied Karl August Christian Baumann genannt Gamradt

2. die Friederika Anna Beate Gierholz, ohne Gewerbe  
achten Februar 1881
4. der Arbeiter August Gierholz, 34 Jahre (August Gierholz was  
witness.)

1907 Deaths 28 Juli 1907

Nr. 79

Martha Anna Therese Gierholz

1908 Births 4. Juni 1908 geb 21 Mai 1908

Nr. 66

Margarate Maria Therese Gierholz

V: August Gottlieb Ernst Gierholz

M: Anna Maria Therese Gierholz geb Krueger

1909 Births 28. Juni 1909 geb 25 Juni 1909

Nr. 78

Willy Karl Fritz

V: unehelich

M: Bertha Auguste Emilie Gierholz

Note:

The Labes church records from 1824–1862 are available on-line. Ancestry.com may have indexed most of them. Gierholz does not appear during this time in Labes. If the church records for 1862–1874 were available, it is possible that we would find the marriage of Friedrich Gierholz and Ottilie Ernst–Romig as well as the birth of August Gierholz in 1872 and Wilhelm Gierholz in 1873. We may even find the death of Christian Friedrich Gerholz there. In addition, there may be other Gierholzes as well since Henrietta Gierholz, who was living in Labes at the time she emigrated to Brazil in 1873, was listed as a "Schwagerin" in the ship's manifest. There were other families from Labes on that ship. The "Schwager" and Henrietta's sister may have also been living in Labes. I would like to repeat that Christian Friedrich Gerholz and Family may have ended up in Labes due to his, Christian's, father-in-law, Gottlieb Rusch, who was an Arbeitsmann in Labes.

Labes Standesamt records from 1911 to the late 1930s are housed in the Rathaus in Labes today. It would be interesting to find the Standesamt record of Friedrich Gierholz's death. We would then know exactly he fits in with our family.

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STANDESAMT RECORDS -- NEUKIRCHEN-MUHLENDORF, NATZMERSDORF,  
PREMSLAFF, GLEITZIG

Nr. 43

Neukirchen am 17. Decbr. 1877

die Hebamme Mathilde Zingler geb. Arndt wohnhaft zu Neukirchen

(zeigt an, dass von der)

Henriette Gierholz geb. Staege, evangelischer Religion, Ehefrau des Arbeitmann

Johann Gierholz evangelischer Religion

wohnhaft bei ihrem Ehemann zu Muhlendorf

am elften December, 1877, Nachmittags um ein Uhr

ein kind weiblichen Geschlechtes geboren worden sie, welches die Vornamen Emilie Caroline Auguste erhalten hat.

Note: The genealogy.com database contains info submitted by Bernd Kinzel and is part of an Ortsfamilienbuch project for Wolfsburg.

This particular entry was part of the "Verstorbene aus der Ostprovinzen 1937-1950" section. And further info from the Ortsfamilienbuch shows the Emilie Gierholz mentioned above born in 1877 in Neukirchen married to Paul Friedrich August Matthies October 5, 1900 in Grabow, Kreis Regenwalde. Paul was born Sept. 24, 1876 in Tarnow. Emilie died March 23, 1952 in Edesbuettel, Kr. Gifhorn; Paul April 23, 1961 also in Edesbuettel. Grabow was part of the Wurow Kirchspiel and the Wurow Standesamt district.

1896 Births Natzmersdorf den 1. Juni 1896 geb 31 Mai 1896

Nr. 15

Helene Bertha Anna

V: der Arbeiter Wilhelm Schumann, wohnhaft zu Natzmerdorf

M: Johanne Schumann geb. Gierholz

Note: This is the Johanne Charlotta Friederike Gierholz born 10 Mar 1865 in Grofl Borckenhagen. She is the daughter of Johann Gierholz and Henrietta Staege.

1898 Births Natzmersdorf den 1. Nov 1898 geb 30 Oct 1898

Nr. 33

Franz Carl Friedrich

V: der Arbeiter Wilhelm Schumann, wohnhaft zu Premslaff

M: Johanne Schumann geb. Gierholz

1900 Births Natzmersdorf den 21. Mai 1900 geb 21 Mai 1900

Nr. 22

Otto Hermann Ernst

V: der Tagel^hner August Gottlieb Eduard Gierholz, wohnhaft zu Premslaff

M: Anna Marie Therese Gierholz geb. Kr,ger

Note: Otto Hermann Ernst Gierholz appears on MyHeritage.com in the Stefan Jansen Family Tree. He married Bertha Hedwig Marie Ziemer. He died 9 Jan 1967 in Bremerhaven. His wife was born 18 Sept 1895 in Dorow and died 16 Aug in Bremerhaven. One son, Karl, was born 4 Sept 1927 in Pr,tznaw and died there 3 Jan 1928. Much of the info on MyHeritage.com is private. It appears that other children are a son whose wife's name was Stegemann, a daughter who married a man named Dietsch, two other sons, one perhaps named Heinz, and maybe a half sister Storch geb. Harms.....besides the Stefan Jansen Tree, there are is a Wilhelm Gierholz Tree and a Kurt Gierholz Tree that seem to be related to the family of Otto Hermann Ernst Gierholz. Another private tree mentions Helga Gierholz geb. Stegemann, father

Günther Stegemann, husband Heinz Gierholz.

Prütznow: KS Wurow, StA Wurow, Dorow: KS Obernhagen, StA Elvershagen. No Gierholzes appear in the Elvershagen Standesamt records but the Zeimer Family does appear there. The birth entry for Bertha Hedwig Ziemer is Nr.34/1895. More on her family is to be found there. The Wurow records are available on line only for the years 1874-1877 and 1879-1882. No Gierholzes appear there, but other records are available at the Stettein Archives and the Standesamt in Labes. This could be the place where the missing pieces to the descendants of Christian Friedrich Gierholz are to be found.

1900 Births Natzmersdorf den 9. Dec 1900 geb 4. Dec 1900

Nr. 54

Otto Wilhelm Hermann

V: der Arbeiter Wilhelm August Heinrich Schumann, wohnhaft zu Premslaff

M: Johanne Schumann geb. Gierholz

1902 Births Natzmersdorf den 14. Apr 1902 geb 10, Apr 1902

Nr. 5

Georg Erich Gerhard

V: der Tagelöhner Gottlieb August Ernst Eduard Gierholz, wohnhaft zu Premslaff

M: Anna Marie Therese Gierholz geb. Krüger

1903 Births Natzmersdorf den 29. Mar 1903 geb 29. Mar 1903

Nr. 14

Martha Maria Hedwig

V: der Tagelöhner Albert Manthe, wohnhaft zu Natzmersdorf

M: Marie Manthe geb. Gierholz

1904 Births Natzmersdorf den 17. Aug 1904 geb 11 Aug 1904

Nr. 25

Maria Auguste Helene

V: der Arbeiter August Gierholz, wohnhaft zu Premslaff

M: Anna Gierholz geb. Krüger

Note: 1904 is the last appearance of August Gierholz in the Neukirchen recrds. He appears the next year, 1905, in the Labes records.

1904 Births Natzmersdorf den 20. Apr 1904 geb 18 Apr 1904

Nr. 17

Hedwig Maria Louise

V: der Tagelöhner Albert Manthe, wohnhaft zu Natzmersdorf

M: Marie Manthe geb. Gierholz

1904 Births Natzmersdorf den 28. Nov 1904 geb 24. Nov. 1904

Nr. 37

Frida Martha Maria

V: der Arbeiter Friedrich Otto Christian Gierholz, wohhaft zu Neukirchen

M: Bertha Mathilde Florentine Gierholz geb. B<sup>^</sup>sel

1905 Births Natzmersdorf den 23. Juli 1905 geb 19 Juli 1905

Nr. 28

Frida Maria Louise

V: der Deputant Albert Manthe, wohhaft zu Gleizig

M: Marie Manthe geb. Gierholz

1906 Births Natzmersdorf den 20. Nov 1906 geb 19 Nov 1906

Nr. 41

Ernst Friedrich Albert

V: der Deputant Albert Manthe, wohhaft zu Gleizig

M: Marie Manthe geb. Gierholz

Margin Note: H Geheiratet Nr. 1313/32 Hannover

1906 Births Natzmersdorf den 18. Mar 1906 geb 15. Mar. 1906

Nr. 9

Elisabeth Emilie Charlotte

V: der Arbeiter Otto Gierholz, wohhaft zu Neukirchen

M: Bertha Gierholz geb. B<sup>^</sup>sel

1907 Births Natzmersdorf den 23. Sep. 1907 geb 21. Sep. 1907

Nr. 39

Richard Karl Albert

V: der Arbeiter Otto Gierholz, wohhaft zu Neukirchen

M: Bertha Gierholz geb. B<sup>^</sup>sel

Note: H. Geheiratet Nr. 42/1935 Schivelbein

This is the Richard Gierholz who appears in the Schivelbein Adreflbuch.

1910 Births Natzmersdorf den 18. Jan. 1910 geb, 16. Jan. 1910

Nr. 3

Hermann Friedrich Albert

V: der Arbeiter Albert Manthe, wohhaft zu Premslaff

M: Marie Manthe geb. Gierholz

Note: a thought for further research- there were no Gierholz marriages in the Neukirchen records from 1874 to 1910. I looked at entries for persons who had the last name as the Gierholz spouses in case they might be related. I found two entries that point to Wurow as a place where these people may have been from. The first one is the Nr. 6/1900 marriage of Carl Hermann Heinrich B<sup>^</sup>sel. It states he a born in Zachow in 1873, son of Tagel<sup>^</sup>hner Wilhelm B<sup>^</sup>sel deceased in Wurow and Wilhelmine G<sup>^</sup>mer, residing in Wurow. The second wedding entry is Nr. 16/1901 showing the marriage of Hermann

August Carl Krüger. He was born 1879 at the Vorwerk Phillipsthal bei Rienow.

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#### STANDESAMT STETTIN

1931 Marriages Nr. 784

Stettin 29. Oktober 1931

1. der Kaufmann Fritz August Karl Schwede
2. die Frida Martha Maria Gierholz, Hausangestellte...  
..geborene am 24 Nov 1904 zu Neukirchen, Kreis Regenwalde,  
Geburtsregister Nr. 37 des Standesamts in Neukirchen....

1934 Marriages Nr. 100

Zülchow 8. Dez. 1934

1. der Former Willy Karl Fritz Gierholz...  
...geb. am 25. Juni 1909 zu Labes, Kreis Regenwalde,  
Geburtsregister Nr. 78 des Standesamts in Labes..
2. die Ella Emma Charlotte Handt, Verkäuferin,  
geb. 17. Jan 1907 zu Plathe, Kreis Regenwalde...  
Geburtsregister Nr. 5 des Standesamts in Plathe...

Note from Wikipedia:

Former war von 1935 bis 1997 ein Ausbildungsberuf in Deutschland. Former arbeiten in Gießereien und stellen dort Gussformen her, die für das Gießen von Werkstücken aus Stahl, Eisen oder anderen Metallen benötigt werden. Former sind in größeren Gießereien tätig, sie arbeiten in Werk- oder Maschinenhallen und teilweise an Schmelzöfen und Gießanlagen.

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#### STANDESAMT RECORDS -- GROSS BORCKENHAGEN

Michael Friedrich Gehrholz in Justemin had one grandchild who stayed in Pommern, Carl Friedrich Wilhelm. Carl appears in the Gross Borckenhagen Standesamt records:

Marriages

No. 1 zwanzigsten Januar 1882

- 1) Pferde knecht Carl Friedrich Wilhelm Gerholz

geb. 20 Nov 1855 Justemin.

S. d. Vorknecht Johann Carl Friedrich Gehrholz u Fre. Kahl

- 2) Emilie Auguste Wilhelmine Margelowsky

geb. 22 Juli 1861 zu Zachow

T. d. August Margelowsky u Fre. geb. Schlueter

Note:

Carow 1850, Nr. 1, Der Tagelöhner in Zachow Carl Ernst August Margelofsky

ist mit Christine Friederike Schlueter Tochter des Kuhhirtes zu Carow

Christian Friedrich Schlueter den 26ten April copulirt worden.

Births

Nr. 47 3. Dez. 1882

Tagelohner Carl Gierholz wohnhaft Gr. Borckenhagen

Emilie Gierholz geb. Margelowsky

zweiten Dez.

Wilhelm Carl August

Births

Nr. 2 1885 2. Feb 1885 born 27. Jan 1885

Johann Friedrich Wilhelm

V: Carl Gerholz

M: Emilie Gerholz

Deaths

Nr. 14 1885 25. Sept dies 24. Sept 1885

ihr Ehemann Tagelohner Carl Gerholz, 29 Jahre alt

wohnhaft zu Gr. Borckenhagen

geboren zu Justemin, Kreis Regenwalde

zuletzt verheirathet gewesen mit

ihm der Anzeigenden

Sohn der Vorknecht Johann Carl Friedrich

Gerholz und dessen Ehefrau Auguste Friederike

geborenen Kiel beide im Jahre 1884 nach Amerika (Note spelling of Kuehl)

ausgewandert.

Marriages

Nr. 8 1886 4. Nov. 1886

1) der Arbeiter Gustav Albert Wilhelm Lucht

2) die Tagelohner Wittwe Emilie Auguste Wilhelmine Gerholz

geborene Margelowski

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OTHER STANDESAMT RECORDS -- GROSS SABOW, NAUGARD, FRAUENDORF

There are some other Standesamt entries for the Gerholz/Gierholz Family members that are available on line today. These records pertain to the Gerholz Family in Greifenberg and Kreis Cammin, to John Gierholz in Daber, who came to the USA in the 1880. So these entires do not pertain directly to for the descendants of Christian Friedrich Gierholz in West Germany today. Regarding the Gerholz Family in Greifenberg, the first Gerholz to appear there was Sigmund Gerholz who turned up about 1750, about the same time our ancestor, Christian Gerholz, turned up in Labes. This was the time when the Prussian State was trying to increse the population of Pommern by encouraging the immigration of ethnic Germans from outside Prussia. I believe Sigmund and Christian came from Polish Territories at that time. Here are some of the other Standesamt records:

Gross Sabow, Kreis Naugard

Nr. 20

Gr. Sabow am 25ten Maerz 1879  
der Tagelohner August Friedrich Ferdinand Vosz  
wohnhaft zu Gr. Sabow / Gutsbezirk /  
Albertine geb. Gehrholz  
21. Maerz Vormittags fuenf Uhr  
Gustav August Emil  
Note: This is probably the Albertine Gerholz born 26.02.1854 in  
Grofl Weckow.

Naugard  
Nr. 140  
Naugard am 14 December 1881  
die Hebamme Frau Wendorff, zeigt an dass von der  
Albertine Voss geb. Gerholz  
Ehefrau des Arbeitsmann August Voss  
zu Piepenburg  
wohnhaft zur Zeit bei dem Schumachermeister  
Ferdinand Wendorff  
zu Naugard in der Schulstr No. 11  
am neunten December des Jahres  
tausend acht hundert achtzig und einns  
um elf Uhr.....  
die Namen Franziska Martha Hedwig erhalten habe..

Franendorf (I think this is the Frauendorf in Kresis Randow)  
Nr. 230  
Frauendorf am 25. Oktober 1918  
Vor dem unterzeichneten Standesbeamten  
machte heute das Kreiskrankenhaus  
in Frauendorf die schriftliche Anzeige  
dass die verwitwete Arbeiter  
Weber, Anna geborene Voss,  
26 Jahre, evangelischer Religion  
wohnhaft in Frauendorf, Herrenwicher?strasse 91  
geboren zu Holzhagen, Kreis Cammin,  
Tochter des Arbeiters August Voss  
und seiner Ehefrau Albertine  
geborenen Gerholz, wohnhaft in  
Moratz bei Rakitt? Kreis Cammin  
zu Franendorf im Kreiskrankenhaus  
am vierundzwanzigsten Oktober  
des Jahres tausend nenuhundert achtzehn  
vormittags um zweieinhalb Uhr  
verstorben sei....

Based on this, it is reasonable to suspect that the Hermann  
Gerholz we found in 1892 in Naugard  
may be related to her.

Naugard  
Nr. 44  
Naugard am 23. Mai 1892  
der Arbeiter Hermann Gerholz  
wohnhaft zu Naugard-Eberstein

Auguste Gerholz geb. Voigt  
22. Mai Vormittags zwei Uhr  
Julius Friedrich Karl

Besides the Albertine G. who was the daughter of Heinrich Gottfried G, There was also an Albertine G. who was the daughter of Wilhelm G. born in Rosenfelde, and an Albertine G. who was the daughter of Friedrich G. (see below). However, based on Moratz being mentioned in the Frauendorf entry, the odds favor Albertine G. being part of the Heinrich Gottfried branch of the Gerholz Family, but we will keep looking at this.

STANDESAMT SILLIGSDORF -- MELLEN

Silligsdorf  
Nr. 20

Silligsdorf den 1. Juni 1944

Der Unteroffizier Arbeiter Arthur Walter

Franz Ninnemann evangelisch

wohnhaft in Mellen Kreis Regenwalde

ist am, 20. Nivember 1943

bei Tschapajerva?, oestlicher Kriegsschauplatz gefallen.

Der Verstorbene war geboren am 1. Februar 1911

in Mellen Kreis Regenwalde

(Standesamt Silligsdorf Nr. 3/1911)

Vater: Arbeiter Hermann Ninnemann, evangelisch,  
wohnhaft in Mellen

Mutter: Albertine Ninnemann geborene Gierholz,  
evangelisch, wohnhaft in Mellen.

Der Verstorbene war nicht verheiratet.

Eintragen auf schriftliche anzeige der Wehrmachtsaus-  
kunftstelle fuer Kriegerverluste und Kriegsgefangene ...

Der Anzeigende 10. Mai 1944 Standesamt und Nr. des Ge-  
burtseintrages, Religion, Beruf, Familienstand und name  
der Mutter des Gefallenen sind auf Grund von Ermitt-  
lungen des Standesbeamte eingetragen.

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GROß BORCKENHAGEN CHURCH RECORDS 1850-1874

Groß Borckenagen mit Reckow und Kohn  
1850-1874

Bild 213

Geboren und Getauft zu Groß und Klein Borckenhagen pro 1865

4.

V: Johann Gierholz Arbeitsmann

M: Henriette geb. Staeger

K: Johanne Charlotta Friederike

den 10t März, 4 Uhr, den 19t März (getauft)

Bild 215, 216

Getraute zu Groß Borckenhagen 1865

1,

Johann Christian Friedrich Gerholz, Arbeitsmann, 26 Jahr alt  
(Einwilligung) des Vaters schriftlich

Johanne Dorothea Henriette Staeger, 27 Jahr alt

Johann Staeger, Arbeitsmann, Gr. Borckenhagen

(Einwilligung) des Vaters schriftlich

den 3t Februar

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## GIERHOLZ IN HINTERPOMMERSCHER ADREßBUCH

### SCHIVELBEIN

1. Adreßbuch der Stadt Schivelbein und Umgegend. Schivelbein:  
Marquardt, 1935.

2. Adreßbuch für die Stadt Schivelbein und Umgegend. 1940. Köslin:  
Hendefl, 1940.

Nachname	Vorname	Geb.Name	Beruf	Ortsteil/Straße	Nr.
Gierholz	Erna		Ehefrau	Regastraße	7
1935	[1]				
Gierholz	Richard		Knecht	Regastraße	7
1935	[1]				
Gierholz	Richard	landw. Arbeiter		Bergstraße	9
1940	[2]				

### WOPERSNOW

1. Adreßbuch für die Stadt Schivelbein und Umgegend. 1940. Köslin:  
Hendefl, 1940.

Nachname	Vorname	Geb.Name	Beruf	Ortsteil/Straße	Nr.
Gierholz	Otto		Landarbeiter		
1940	[1]				
Gierholz	Otto		Landarbeiter		
1940	[1]				

### STARGARD

1. Adreß-Buch für Stargard in Pommern. 1918. Stargard i. Pomm.:  
Hendefl, 1917.

Nachname	Vorname	Geb.Name	Beruf	Ortsteil/Straße	Nr.
Gierholz	-	Lande	Ww.	Gentenort	2
1917	[1]				

## STETTIN

1. Adreflbuch f,r Stettin und Umgebung. 1912. Stettin: Scherl, 1911.
2. Stettiner Adreflbuch (Stettin und Umgebung) f,r das Jahr 1937. Stettin: Scherl, 1936.

Nachname	Vorname	Geb.Name	Beruf	Ortsteil/Strafle	Nr.
Gierholz	Wilhelm		Kutscher	Philippstrafle	17
1919	[1]				
Gierholz	Willi		Former	Reichswehrstr.	18
1936	[2]				

## SCHNEIDEM,HL

1. Adreflbuch der Stadt Schneidem,hl mit den Orten der Umgebung. 1938. Schneidem,hl, 1938.

Nachname	Vorname	Geb.Name	Beruf	Ortsteil/Strafle	Nr.
Gierholz	Ernst		Polizeiwachtmeister	K^nigsblicker Str.	49/55
1938	[1]				

## NOTES:

Ancestry.com, various Heimatkreis Vereine, and others have put address book info online. Perhaps the most comprehensive and easiest to use is Gunthard St,bs' Pommerndatenbank. I used the Pommerndatenbank to compile the above list.

There were also several Gerholz Families in the Pommerndatenbank: 3 in Greifenberg, 13 in Kolberg, and 1 in Stettin. These are all related to Heinrich Gerholz.

Schivelbein- the Richard Gierholz is the one born in Neukirchen StA Nr. 39/1907. He married in Schivelbein Nr. 42/1935.

Wopersnow- please refer to the notes for the Neukirchen Standesamt records for the Otto Gierholz entires there.

Stargard- please refer to the notes for the Labes Standesamt records. The Witwe Gierholz geb. Lande is probably Ida Maria Sophia Laude (not Lande) who married Karl Friedrich Wilhelm Gierholz, Labes StA Nr. 23/1901.

Stettin- please refer to the notes for the Stettin and Labes Standesamt records. Willi Gierholz was born in Stettin in 1909 and married in Stettin in 1934. The Wilhelm Gierholz who appears in the Stettin Address Book may be the same Wilhelm who appears in Labes. BUT- it is also possible that he is a "Gerholz" from Greifenberg or Kolberg.

Stettin- Beruf Former-

Wikipedia:

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Schneidemühl- I do not have an idea about where this Gierholz comes from.

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## GIERHOLZ CASUALTIES AND DEATHS IN THE WARS

### LABES - WWI

Verlustliste 1601, 30 Aug 1917

Gierholz, Wilhelm, -- 22.3. Labes, Regenwalde vermisst

Verlustliste 1645, 27 Sep 1917

Gierholz, Wilhelm,, - 22.3. Labes, bisher vermisst, gem. gefallen

Note: There is a wedding records from the Standesamt in Berlin showing the remarriage of Wilhelm Gierholz's widow.

### LABES - WWII

Labes - Opfer des 2. Weltkrieges (1939 - 1945)

Die nachstehenden Namen sind, soweit sie bekannt und soweit sie in der Heimatkartei der Pommern in Lbeck, Falkenburger Allee 31, registriert sind, aufgeführt

Quelle: 3 Bücher "Labes - unsere liebe Heimatstadt:

Kreisstadt d. Kreises Regenwalde, Stadt d. Pommerschen Landgestüts", Wilke, Fritz, 1971

herausgegeben von der Heimatgemeinschaft der Labeser

Gfr. Karl Gierholz, Landgestüt,

15.9.11, 00.03.1945 Kniephof, vermisst

Gfr. Kurt Gierholz, Hindenburgstraße 15

24.9.26, 00.12.1944 Kurland, 25.12.1944, i. Vamzi, Lettland, Gren.Rgt. 174, RGts. Stab

vermisst Grab derzeit noch an folgendem Ort: Zalkalni/Lettland

Note: Ther records for Karl, born 1911, and Kurt, born 1926, may well be available in the Labes

Civil Office today.

### WOPERSNOW IN THE 1940's:

<http://www.belgard.org/Datensammlungen/Tote/Wopersnow.htm>

Opfer von Krieg und Vertreibung aus den Einwohnerlisten

Gierholz, Ernst, Gefallen April 1945

Note: This is probably the Ernst Gierholz born in Neukirchen.

SCHLONWITZ - WWI

from the Deutsche dienststelle (WASSt)

Verlustliste Nr. 1099, 16 Aug 1916

Landwehr - Infanterie - Regiment Nr. 9

Gefr. Friedrich Gierholz (10. Komp.) Schloenwitz - bisher vermisst, in GefgSch.

(Schloenwitz is just SW of Schievelbein)

Note: I suspect the Otto Goerholz Family lived in Schl<sup>o</sup>nwitz before moving on the Wopersnow.

GR. BORCKENHAGEN - WWI

Verlustliste Nr. 1324, 30 Dec 1916

Gierholz, Wilhelm Gefr. 2.12.82 Gr. Birkenhagen(sic), Regenwalde - leicht verwundet.

Note: this Wilhelm Gierholz is a grandson of Michael Friedrich Gehrholz, not Christian Friedrich.

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Some additional notes on sources- and further research-

I have checked the Standesamt records for

Grofl Borckenhagen	1874-1910
Grofl Raddow	1874-1910
Elvershagen	1874-1910
Labes	1874-1910
Wurow	1874-1877, 1879-1882
Neukirchen	1874-1910

I have checked the church records for:

Labes	1824-1862
Neukirchen	1824-1874 (mit Premslaff; Natzmersdorf; Muhlendorf)
Wurow	1824-1864 (mit Dorotheenthal; Grabow; Pr <sub>o</sub> tznow; Rienow; Tarnow; R <sub>o</sub> tznow)
Grofl Raddow	1824-1874 (mit Zachow, Carow, Carnitz)
Zachow	1824-1874
Grofl Borckenhagen	1850-1974

Where was Christian Friedrich Gierholz between Silligsdorf, 1848 and Carnitz, 1859? His death does not appear in the Grofl Raddow church books which go through 1874. What happened to him? At least two of his children were living in Labes in 1873, Friedrich and Henriette. Maybe he died there between 1862-1874.

Where was Johann Gierholz between his marriage in Grofl Borckenhagen in 1865 and the birth of his daughter in Neukirchen in 1877? Aad

where was he after 1877? I would guess he was in Wurow or Labes. His daughter born in Neukirchen in 1877 got married in Grabow in 1900. His other children lived in the Neukirchen area but did not get married there. Nor did they get married in Labes. Maybe in Wurow?

Where did Friedrich Gierholz get married and have his first children? I would guess Labes since his wife was born there and her family lived there. Friedrich's death records may be held in the Labes Standesamt.

It would be helpful to find out more about August Gierholz born 1872. He appears both in Neukirchen and in Labes. Who was his father? Johann or Friedrich? He may have died in Labes and his death record may be held in the Labes Standesamt.

Who was the father of Walter Erich Gierholz born 1831 in Labes? His birth record as well as the records of his siblings are probably in the Labes Standesamt.

Archion has announced that the Obernhagen (Dorow) records will be available soon 1864-1945. KS Obernhagen borders the Carow-Carnita area.

Stramehl is another Standesamt worth taking a look at. The records are not online, but are in Stettin and Labes.

What happened to Maria Kroencke and Gottlieb Ninnemann? They last appear in 1843 in the Nottaufe of Michael Friedrich's son where Christian Friedrich was also a Taufzeuge.

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Gierholz Eintragungen in "das ertliche":

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