
BRAUNSCHWEIG BRANCH

A city of cultural and political importance for centuries, Braunschweig was also home to a branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1939. There were officially seventy-one Saints registered when World War II approached, but only nine were priesthood holders, and the official list of branch officers bears but one name: Willi Wille (district president) as the acting branch president.

Braunschweig Branch ¹	1939
Elders	2
Priests	3
Teachers	0
Deacons	4
Other Adult Males	13
Adult Females	39
Male Children	6
Female Children	4
<i>Total</i>	71

The directory of the West German Mission indicates that a home worship service was held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Grdelingerstrasse 18 (third floor).² It is not known precisely who lived at that address (presumably a member of the Church), and no eyewitnesses from the branch can be found as of this writing.

IN MEMORIAM

The following members of the Braunschweig Branch did not survive World War II:

Gustav Braun b. Schneiderin, Gerdauen, Ostpreuen, 9 Sep 1865; son of Gottfried Braun and Louise Groneberg; bp. 19 Aug 1924; conf. 19 Aug 1924; ord. deacon 21 Jun 1925; ord. teacher 11 Aug 1926; ord. priest 29 Apr 1928; ord. elder 24 Oct 1937; m. Amalie Wilhelmine Holzstein 26 Dec 1898; d. Braunschweig 11 Jan 1945. (FHL microfilm 68809, no. 4; IGI)

Elizabeth Glorius b. Lenterode, Heiligenstadt, Sachsen, 27 Dec 1882; dau. of Fieligg Glorius and Elizabeth Mller; bp. 26 Jul 1921; conf. 26 Jul 1921; d. pulmonary tuberculosis 15 Feb 1943 (FHL microfilm 68809, no. 24; IGI)

Paul Albert Gottlieb Janitschke b. Nowawes, Teltow, Brandenburg, 3 May 1869; son of Heinrich Janitschke and Emilie Bertholt; bp. 11 Aug 1928; conf. 11 Aug 1928; ord. deacon 11 Nov 1928; m. Antone Knebel 21 Jul 1917; d. dropsy 24 Jul 1943 (FHL microfilm 68809, no. 30)

Elli Lotz b. Braunschweig, 19 May 1919; dau. of Sophie Berta Sprenger; adopted by Conrad Lotz; bp. 26 Jun 1930; conf. 26 Jun 1930; m. Walter Veit 28 Mar 1939; d. childbed fever 4 Sep 1939 (FHL microfilm 68809, no. 39)

Anna Wilhelmine Wagner b. Steinkunzendorf, Reichenbach, Schlesien, 16 Aug 1866; dau. of August Wagner and Johanne Christiane Neumann; bp. 4 Aug 1914; conf. 4 Aug 1914; d. 5 Jun 1941 (FHL Microfilm 68809, no. 32)

NOTES

1. Presiding Bishopric, "Financial, Statistical, and Historical Reports of Wards, Stakes, and Missions, 1884–1955," 257, CHL CR 4 12.
2. West German Mission manuscript history, CHL MS 1004 2.

CELLE BRANCH

Located twenty-two miles northeast of the city of Hanover, Celle was a beautiful and historic Lower Saxon city in 1939. The branch of the Church there was one of the smallest in the West German Mission and for years consisted of one family and a few friends.

Branch president Hermann Walter Pohlsander (born 1897) was a dedicated member of the Church, as apparently were the members of his immediate family, namely his wife, Bertha, his