

1935; ord. deacon 16 Nov 1941; ord. teacher 12 Sep 1943; private; k. in battle Guben, Brandenburg, 23 Feb 1945 (CHL CR 375 8 2439, no. 592; FHL microfilm no. 25762, 1930 and 1935 censuses; www.volksbund.de)

**Auguste Hahn** b. Kassel, Hessen-Nassau, 12 Sep 1880; dau. of Johannes Hahn and Katharina Zeug; bp. 22 May 1937; conf. 22 May 1937; m. — Mülverstedt; k. in air raid 22 Oct 1943 (FHL microfilm 68809, no. 117)

**Sophie Koch** b. Kassel, Hessen-Nassau, 1 Nov 1861; dau. of Justus Koch and Christiana Rudelbach; bp. 2 Nov 1901; conf. 2 Nov. 1901; m. — Laum (div.); 2m. Heinrich Marks 24 Feb 1916; d. old age 19 Mar 1942 (FHL microfilm 68809, no. 26; FHL microfilm no. 245226, 1930 and 1935 censuses)

**Margarethe Gertrude Mosebach** b. Stolberg, Hannover, 7 Apr 1925; dau. of Max Mosebach and Marie Friedrichs; bp. 28 Dec 1937; conf. 4 Jan 1938; k. in air raid Kassel, Hessen-Nassau, 22 Oct 1943 (CHL CR 375 8 2439, no. 634; IGI)

**Katharine Müller** b. Eschwege, Hessen-Nassau, 7 Dec 1871; dau. of Friedrich Müller and Elise Grundherodt; bp. 23 Feb 1930; conf. 23 Feb 1930; m. 28 Jul 1900, Gustav Wittrock; k. in air raid Kassel, Hessen-Nassau, 22 Oct 1943 (FHL microfilm 68809, no. 81)

**Frieda Mülverstedt** b. Kirchditmold, Hessen-Nassau, 19 Mar 1904; dau. of Max Mülverstedt and Auguste Hahn; bp. 22 May 1937; conf. 22 May 1937; k. in air raid Kassel, Hessen-Nassau, 22 Oct 1943 (FHL microfilm 68809, no. 118; IGI)

**Heinrich Ludwig Persch** b. Kassel, Hessen-Nassau, 1 May 1879; son of Johann Georg Persch and Theodora Helm; bp. 4 Aug 1932; conf. 4 Aug 1932; d. 12 Oct 1944 (FHL microfilm 68791, no. 388; Frankfurt District book II; IGI)

**Sophie Marie Elisabeth Schuhmacher** b. Hofgeismar, Hessen-Nassau, 16 Feb 1886; dau. of Johann Christoph Schuhmacher and Marie Sophie Engelbert; bp. 22 May 1937; conf. 22 May 1937; m. — Dietrich; k. air raid Kassel, Hessen-Nassau, 22 Oct 1943 (FHL microfilm 68809, no. 119; IGI)

**Katharina S. Stuppi** b. Pfeffelbach, Sankt Wendel, Rheinprovinz, 29 Sep 1867; dau. of Jakob Stuppi and Magdalena Spaniol; bp. 11 Apr 1902; conf. 11 Apr 1902; m. Joseph Webank; d. heart attack 1 Sep 1940 (FHL microfilm 68809, no. 124; IGI)

## NOTES

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3. Presiding Bishopric, "Financial, Statistical, and Historical Reports of Wards, Stakes, and Missions, 1884–1955," 257, CR 4 12.
4. Justus Ernst, oral history, 1985, CHL OH 728.

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## UELZEN BRANCH

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Located sixty miles northeast of the city of Hanover, the branch in Uelzen was small and somewhat isolated. According to records kept in the mission office, there was only one elder in the branch as World War II approached. No page is found for Uelzen in the mission directory, and no eyewitnesses can be found as of this writing.

In August 1945 Hermann Walter Pohlsander, surviving president of the Hanover District, wrote the following paragraph to describe the condition of the Uelzen Branch:

The branch has 21 members of whom 7 have proved to be faithful. All the priesthood apostatized already before the war. Living in Uelzen is Sister Marie Warnecke who is well known to all the missionaries and now is quite old. The faithful Sister Marie Hoppe, 72 years old, lives in Borg close to Uelzen. In Lüneburg is the residence of Sister Marie Hoppe and her children. These Saints are cared for spiritually by the Saints in Celle. A small amount of Church property is still there, but is of not much value. Bad

travel conditions make it impossible to visit these Saints at the present time.<sup>1</sup>

<b>Uelzen Branch<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1939</b>
Elders	1
Priests	1
Teachers	2
Deacons	2
Other Adult Males	3
Adult Females	16
Male Children	2
Female Children	1
<i>Total</i>	28

#### IN MEMORIAM

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

**Agnes Jüschke** b. Habelschwerdt, Breslau, Schlesien, 3 Mar 1889; dau. of August Jüschke and Marie Karger; bp. 25 Jan 1923; conf. 25 Jan 1923; m. Eisleben, Sachsen, 4 Dec 1921, Friedrich Paul Horn; 1 child; d. pneumonia Uelzen, Hannover, 28 Aug 1941 (FHL microfilm 68799, no. 2; IGI)

**Hermann Friedrich Wilhelm Schmitz** b. Uelzen, Hannover, 15 Jul 1916; son of Josef Schmitz and Alwine Dorothee Elisa Wolter; bp. 12 Mar 1927; conf. 12 Mar 1927; m. 16 Nov 1940, Elfriede Eickelmann; rifleman; d. wounds Szuchimitschi or Suchinitschi, Russia, 9 Jan 1942 (FHL microfilm 68799, no. 26; www.volksbund.de; CHL CR 375 8 2439, no. 934)

**Otto Erich Schmitz** b. Uelzen, Hannover, 17 Jul 1920; son of Josef Schmitz and Alwine Dorothee Elisa Wolter; bp. 6 Oct 1928; conf. 6 Oct 1928; d. pleurisy 10 May 1942 (FHL microfilm 68799, no. 27; IGI)

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1. Uelzen Branch manuscript history, CHL LR 9489 2.
2. Presiding Bishopric, "Financial, Statistical, and Historical Reports of Wards, Stakes, and Missions, 1884–1955," 257, CR 4 12.