

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WORMS – 1892

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1. The **village of Worms** is located on the top of the Zaregol ravine, populated by the Government in 1809 with foreign colonists.

2. **Location** -- 93 versts away from Odessa,
to the police station -- 35 versts,
to a JP or a chief of the Zemstvo -- 35 versts,
to the volost administration -- 6 versts,
to the nearest post-telegraph office -- 40,
to the nearest state post office -- in the village,
to the Zemstvo post office -- 18 versts,
to the hospital -- 15 versts,
to the district physician -- 15 versts,
to the church -- in the village,
to the nearest market -- 15 versts (in Berezovka) and 18 versts (in Mostovoye).

3. **How the correspondence goes forth and back** -- through the post station of Worms.

4. **Of whom the community consists** -- the community consists of villagers-owners (former German colonists); the land is in a plot hereditary use being managed publically by all owners, landless villagers use pastures with the permission of owners only; besides, the company of 42 Wormsers has purchases 850 desiatines of land at the village of Worms for collective use, no one lives on this land.

5. **Are there any private land plots belonged to those residing outside** -- none.

6. **Any desiatinschiks/intellectuals residing in the village** (organized within a special separate group?) -- 26 families of intellectuals arrived from various places; no separate chairman/policeman established, no natural duties served nor public taxes paid.

7. **Ponds and wells, water taste, depth of wells, soil layers and their thickness:**

-- in the village -- no ponds, 22 wells

-- in adjacent steppes -- 7 ponds and 5 wells

- water taste -- fresh in 5 wells and salty in 22 ones, ponds are filled with snow- and rainwater exclusively
- wells' depth -- 4 sazhen
- soil layers -- 1 arshin of black-soil, 2.5 sazhen of yellow clay, 1.5 arshin of stony ground and 2 arshins of white clay

8. **Kind of soil of adjoined steppes** -- 8 vershoks of the upper layer are of saltpetre black soil with the clay underneath

9. **Description of adjoined steppes** -- not hilly but with many ravines; no watered lowlands; about 70 desiatines of rocky land

10. **Description of green** -- 15 desiatines forest planted by the villagers (acacia trees), no shrubberies.

11. **Bazaars, fairs in the village** -- not gathered.

12. **State establishments in the village** -- state horse post and post-office for correspondence reception and giving out.

13. **The Zemstvo institutions** -- a town-councillor.

14. **Social/public establishments in the village** -- the village administration, village chairman, village clerk, one village policeman and 6 assistants of him, a lock-up for convicts forwarded, apartments for arriving officials to stay, public store and public inn, a school for deaf-mutes.

15. **Churches, prayer houses in the village** -- one Reformed Church and one Lutheran prayer house.

16. **Schools** -- two parochial schools,
one Reformed school (teacher -- Peter Bauer, maintenance of the teacher and school -- 700 Roubles a year),
one Lutheran school (teacher -- Immanuel Schech, maintenance of the teacher and school -- 650 Roubles a year to be collected by the community);
classes in the schools last from August 15 to April 1;
number of students in the Reformed school -- 58 boys and 65 girls, in the Lutheran one -- 58 boys and 58 girls;

both schools are placed in separate public buildings.

17. Land attached at the village (in desiatines):

- allotted for the village community -- total 5,058, arable 2,717, meadows 120, pastures (grazed fields) 1,931, homesteads with adjacent pastures 113, vegetable gardens 73, orchards 2, forests and shrubberies 15, under roads 43, under a river/lake/pond 14, under stones/gullies/salt-marshes 26
- purchased and used by a company of villagers -- arable 834, under roads 16
- in all -- 5,908

18. Industrial and trade establishments:

- villager Jacob Zoller -- 1 steam-mill
- villager David Kost -- 1 wind-mill
- villager Jacob Bruhnmeier -- 1 wind-mill
- Italian subject Karl Masnata -- 1 wind mill
- villager Georg Braun -- 1 smithy
- villager Georg Scholl -- 1 wheelwright workshop
- villager Philipp Braun -- 1 cooperage
- villager Friedrich Horst -- 1 smithy
- villager Friedrich Bruhnmeier -- 1 smithy
- villager Alexander Schmidt -- 1 wheelwright workshop
- villager Johann Schmidt -- 1 shoe-maker workshop
- villager Heinrich Engelhardt -- 1 joiner workshop
- villager Georg Horst -- 1 smithy
- villager -- Wilhelm Bruhnmeier -- 1 smithy
- villager Michael Muhlbeuer -- 1 shoe-maker workshop
- Georg Jesser -- 1 wheelwright workshop
- bourgeois Hersh Galter -- 1 shoe-maker workshop
- bourgeois Konstantin Netupsky -- 1 tailor workshop
- villager Jacob Redmann -- 1 grocery
- bourgeois Timophej Masliayev -- 1 grocery/draper shop
- Austrian subject Karl Salman -- 1 grocery/draper shop
- bourgeois Avrum Charobinowitch -- 1 grocery/draper shop
- bourgeois Shulim Kremenetsky -- meat shop
- villager Johann Weikum -- 1 inn and 1 wine shop

19. Roads -- post road from Odessa to Voznesensk; the Zemstvo has provided and is maintaining a convenient communication through the Zaregol ravine all the year round; a

durable bridge; country roads to Rohrbach, Riasnopol and Moctovoye are also in good shape and available all through the year.

20. **Nearest railways** -- no railway close to Worms, the nearest railway station of Vradiyevka (of Ananiyev uyezd) is 80 versts away; access road to there is not convenient; no goods are brought to there for further transportation but by unpaved way to the towns of Odessa, Nikolayev and Voznesensk.

21. **Historical/archaeological monuments** -- there are three burial mounds in Worms steppes, no more historical or archaeological monuments available, nothing is known to old inhabitants about that.

Volost chairman /Riedinger/

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Abbreviations used in the table:

Religion: C - Catholic, J - Judaic, L - Lutheran, O - Orthodox, OB - Old Believer, R - Reformed church

Social Status: CS - Civil Servant, DMT - Teacher of Deaf-Mutes, GL - Glazier, L - having Land allotted, M - Machinist, ML - Miller, NL - having No Land allotted, P - Pastor, TK - Teacher/Kuster, TM - Tradesman, UW - Unskilled Workman, VC - Village Clerk

Nationality is German unless otherwise specified in column "y". The household head's estate is a villager-owner (former colonist) unless otherwise specified in column "y".