

Introduction and establishment of Lageregister in cities of Holstein

In 1853 the Danish government decided to change the way males were enrolled for military services in Holstein. Before 1853 the government had the priests list all males within their parish districts, from which military authorities selected their recruits. With new regulations in 1853 so called Lageregister were established in the cities where until this point Mannschaftsverzeichnisse (lists of units) were in use. The new organization was set up thus:

Each city was divided into Lagen. Each Lage consisted of 30 to 50 houses. The Lage registers were in the hands of the mayor. He worked with Lagemänner, men who were chosen to oversee the registers for 6 years. They were given Lagezettel which they had to fill in. These papers had different names on which information re. potential soldiers or seamen was recorded. In rural districts the persons liable for services were registered from birth to their 45th year of age. Starting in 1853 this was to be changed from confirmation age up to 38 years in urban as in rural areas. The men were to be registered where their parents had their permanent residence starting with their confirmation date or at age 16 if they were not of Evangelical-Lutheran religion. Their names remained in these registers until they settled elsewhere at which occasion they were registered at their new place of residence. For men who were registered for marine services the same procedure was followed.

The parish priests had to comply with the new laws within 6 weeks and provide duplicate lists which were then distributed to the

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Here are sample Lagezettel to see what was recorded.

Litr. A			
Lage...	Parish....	Village...	
Old number /new number	Name	Age on Jan 1, 18...	Village, year Military Day of birth designation

Litr. B		Additional information to be recorded by Lagemann in...	
Move-ins			Move-outs
Name	Birth info	Name of father where are they or landlord listed in Lageregister	Same information as for move-ins

Litr. D	Extract		
	Confirmed males since 1 Jan 1843 at the parish of...		
Residence of the confirmed	Listed in Lageregister / Lage / no.	/Name of confirmed /their fathers, their / profession and / residence	date and place of birth Remarks

Litr. E	Index of those confirmed in village or city... since January 1, 1843 and died since then up to December 31, 1852		
Place of death	Registered In Lageregister Lage No.	Name of deceased year of birth date of death his father and his profession	

Litr. I	Those released from military duty in Amt... From Jan 1, 18... to December 31, 18...						
place	No. of Lage	No. in Lage	Name and profession of father of released	Name of released	Age	assignment	reason for release

Litr. K	The newcomers since Jan 1, 18... to Dec 31, 18... to Amt...						
place	No. of Lage	No. in Lage	Name and profession of father of newcomer	name of newcomer	birth age	assignment	in which Lageregister was he listed

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