

**INFORMATION PERTAINING
TO GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE
VILLAGE OF ROHRBACH
1892 census**

1. The **village of Rohrbach** is located on the top of the Zaregol ravine, populated by the Government in 1809 with foreign colonists.
2. **Location** -- 95 versts away from Odessa,
40 versts to the police station,
to a JP or a chief of the Zemstvo -- 40 versts,
to the volost administration -- in the village,
to the nearest post-telegraph office -- 40,
to the nearest state post office -- 6,
to the Zemstvo post office -- 23 versts,
to the hospital -- 14 versts,
to the district physician -- 14 versts,
to the church -- in the village,
to the nearest market -- 20 versts (in Berezovka), 23 versts (in Mostovoye), 14 versts (in Riasnopolye).
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 community of Rohrbach has purchases 4,167 desiatines of land and the company of Rohrbachers - 500 desiatines at the village of Rohrbach for collective use, none of them 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?) -- 39 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, 37 wells

-- in adjacent steppes -- 6 ponds and 5 wells

-- water taste -- fresh in 10 wells and salty in 27 ones, ponds are filled with snow- and rainwater exclusively

-- wells' depth -- 4 sazhen

-- soil layers -- 1 arshin of black-soil, 2 sazhen of yellow clay, 2 arshin of stony ground and 1 sazhen of sand

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 150 desiatines of rocky land.

10. **Description of green** -- 25 desiatines of forests planted by the villagers (acacia trees as well as various fruit trees like cherry-, apricot-, apple-, pear-trees), no natural green.

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

12. **State establishments** in the village -- none.

13. **The Zemstvo institutions** -- assistant physician, manager on vermin extermination, a head of 20th military horse establishment.

14. **Social/public establishments** in the village -- the volost administration, volost chairman, volost clerk, village administration, village chairman, village clerk, one village policeman and 8 assistants of him, a lock-up for convicts forwarded, apartments for arriving officials to stay, public store.

15. **Churches, prayer houses** in the village -- no churches, one Reformed prayer house, one Lutheran prayer house and one Baptist prayer house.

16. **Schools** -- three parochial schools i.e. one Reformed school (teacher -- Wilhelm Rivinius, maintenance of the teacher and school -- 1,000 Rubles a year), one Lutheran school (teacher -- Friedrich Gross, maintenance of the teacher and

school -- 600 Rubles a year to be collected by the community); classes in the schools last from September 1 to April 1; number of students -- 204 boys and 199 girls; both schools are placed in separate public buildings.

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

-- allotted for the village community -- total 8,528, arable 5,018, meadows 780, pastures (grazed fields) 2,294, homesteads with adjacent pastures 117, vegetable gardens 14, orchards 30, forests and shrubberies 25, under roads 95, under a river/lake/pond 27, under stones/gullies/salt-marshes 128

-- purchased by the village community -- total 4,167, arable 2,589, meadows 540, pastures 988, under roads 15, under a river/lake/pond 6, under stones/gullies/salt-marshes 29

-- purchased and used by a company of villagers -- total 500, arable 423, meadows 60, under roads 5, under stones/gullies/salt-marshes 12

-- church land -- total 120, arable 90, meadows 30

-- in all -- 13,315

18. Industrial and trade establishments:

-- peasant Gregory Baranovsky -- 1 steam mill

-- villager Friedrich Feiok -- 1 windmill

-- villager Friedrich Riedinger -- 1 windmill

-- villager Konrad Wust -- 1 windmill

-- villager Heinrich Trautmann -- 1 wheelwright workshop

-- villager Heinrich Jaraus -- 1 wheelwright workshop

-- peasant Theodor Muntianov -- painter's business

-- villager Gersh Fingerut -- 1 tailoring workshop

-- midclass citizen Friedrich Ackermann -- wheelwright workshop

-- villager Heinrich Riedinger -- 1 smithy

-- villager Philipp Lewi -- 1 smithy

-- villager Ludwig Odenbach -- 1 smithy

-- villager Johann Schneider -- 1 wheelwright workshop

-- villager Christoph Langjahr -- 1 shoe-making workshop

-- villager Peter Heckel -- 1 joiner's workshop

-- Austrian subject Gustav Bockenheim -- 1 joiner's workshop

- villager Philipp Huber -- 1 cooper's workshop
- villager Konrad Wust -- 1 shoe-making workshop
- midclass citizen Peter Maturovsky -- 1 shoe-making work-shop
- midclass citizen Berko Goldenberg -- 1 tailoring workshop
- midclass citizen Wolf Shlepak -- 1 tailor's workshop
- villager Jacob Klundt -- 1 grocery/draper shop
- midclass citizen Leib Shtchegol -- 1 grocery/draper shop
- midclass citizen Duvid Shtchegol -- 1 grocery/draper shop
- midclass citizen Brania Zelmensky -- 1 grocery
- villager Konrad Klundt -- 1 inn
- villager Johannes Bohlander -- 1 wine shop
- villager Heinrich Klundt -- 1 wine cellar
- villager Karl Zorn -- 1 wine cellar
- villager Philipp Schmidt -- 1 wine cellar

19. **Roads** -- country roads to Worms, Landau and Riasnopol, all in good shape and available all through the year.

20. **Nearest railways** -- no railway close to Rohrbach, the nearest railway station of Nikolayev is 75 versts away; access road to there is not convenient; no goods are brought from Rohrbach to there but by unpaved way to Varvarovka and the towns of Odessa and Voznesensk.

21. **Historical/archaeological monuments** -- there are six burial mounds in Rohrbach steppes, no more historical nor archaeological monuments available, nothing is known to old inhabitants about that.

Village chairman /Klein/

Village clerk /Billigmeier/

The village of Rohrbach, Odessa uyezd

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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: AD - Assistant Doctor, CM - CraftsMan, CS - Civil Servant, DMT - Teacher of Deaf-Mutes, GL - Glazier, HP - House-Painter, L - having Land allotted, LB - LauBourer, M - Machinist, ML - Miller, N - Nurse, NL - having No Land allotted, P - Pastor, PD - ProDucer, PR - PRiest, 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".