

Andreas Widmer – 50th Anniversary in Office

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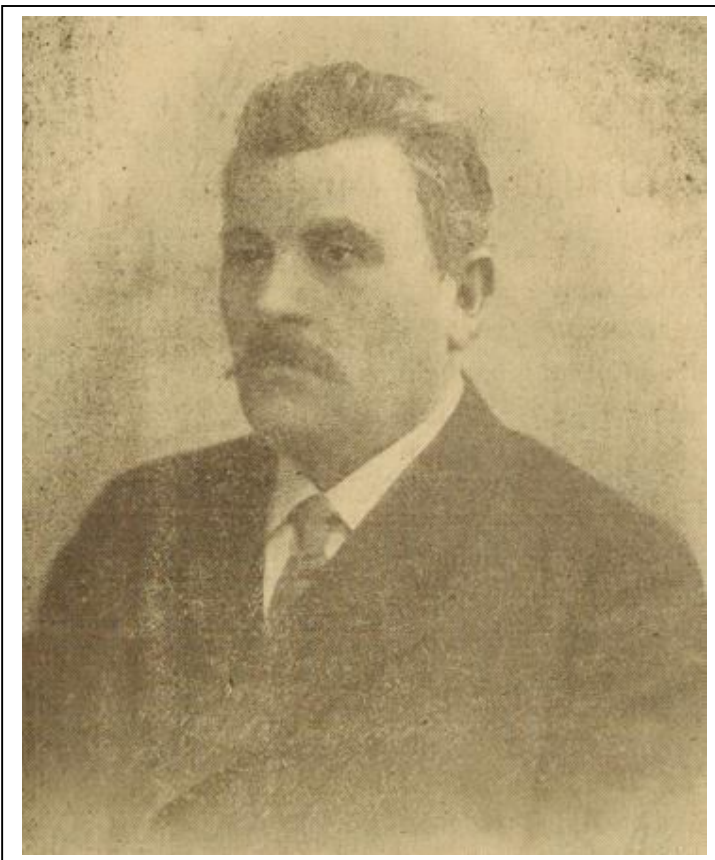
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Andreas Widmer on his 50th Year of Service Anniversary

On Thursday, 15 May, 1924, Andreas Widmer, the president of the Akkerman District *zemstvo*, celebrated his 50th Year of Service Anniversary. From all parts of Bessarabia, but especially from the middle of the German communities and organizations, A. Widmer received many words of congratulation, countless expressions of grateful appreciation and respect for his many contributions to home and people; and the officialdom of the *zemstvo* honored him with a festive meal, which was also participated in by the top State and District officials, as well as many friends and admirers of the honoree. Andreas Widmer comes from one of the most well known Bessarabian German colonist families. He is 68 years old at this time. His busy life has been in the service of the German communities and region. On 1 [old calendar] / 14 [new calendar]



May, 1874, at the age of 16, he started out as a clerk (*Schreiber*) in the Tarutino District Office and on 21 October, 1903, after serving at this position for almost 30 years, he gave it up when he

was elected as vice-president of the Akkerman *zemstvo*, of which he has been a member from 1881 up to today. He became a member of parliament in the first Russian Imperial Duma in 1906. Since 1907, almost without interruption, he held the office of a Justice of the Peace and was appointed the director of the Akkerman Prison System in the same year. Being a member of the reviewed board, vice-president and representative of the *zemstvo* in 1911, the *zemstvo* Council Chamber was adorned with his picture. In the Romanian Parliament, A. Widmer was first a senator, then a board member; now he is president of the Akkerman *zemstvo* again. In our national movement, A. Widmer was the president of the first "German Committee" and has provided special valuable services through his great expertise in the land question of the German peasantry. A number of medals and awards were bestowed upon him in the course of time in highest recognition of his merits; the most recent, in 1922, the Order of the Romanian Crown.

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