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III. Wüstenfelde near Oldesloe, Germany

From East Friesland Menno went east to Wismar and Lübeck in the province of Holstein, traveling extensively all over northern Europe. Schleswig-Holstein was Danish at that time. In 1554 he and his followers found shelter on the estate Wüstenfelde near Oldesloe between Hamburg and Lübeck. Near Wüstenfelde was the printshop in which Menno’s writings were printed. In front of this printshop he is supposed to have planted a linden tree. The building and tree are the only markers still in existence which can be assumed to be directly related to Menno. (See article by Otto Regier, "Where Menno Lived and Died.") (Below) Close-up of house and sketch.
Where Menno Lived and Died

From 1554 to 1561 Menno lived in Wüstenfelde where he died on January 31, 1561, and was buried. Here a marker was put up in 1906 (left, above and below). In 1958 the marker received a new bronze plaque contributed by the German student organization and was transferred to the nearby Menno house (cabin) and linden tree. Now all three markers are together and easily accessible. On the old burial ground a new marker has been placed (below, right). The engraving by Abraham de Cooge, one of the oldest, shows Menno with a crutch. During the last years of his life he was crippled.
IV. The Witness of the Martyrs

These illustrations by Jan Luyken show us under what conditions Menno did his work as a messenger of the gospel. (Top, down) A group of Anabaptist worshipers on a boat listen to the minister while they pretend to be going somewhere by boat. Severe persecution made public meetings impossible. Jacob de Roore is interviewed by friar Cornelis before he is burned. (Right) Public torture scene whereby the martyr is put into a barrel with spikes before he is put to death. (Bottom) Scenes of martyrdom, the ultimate witness for Christ, taken from the pages of the MARTYR'S MIRROR.