

# *Ancestors of Anna Elisabeth Riedesel*

## *Generation No. 1*

**1. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel**, born April 30, 1820 in Wunderthausen; died June 12, 1909 in Big Rock, IA. She was the daughter of **2. Ludwig Riedesel** and **3. Florentine Althaus**. She married **(1) Johann Franz Homrighausen** January 21, 1844 in Wunderthausen. He was born July 06, 1814 in Wunderthausen, and died February 27, 1907 in Wheatland, IA. He was the son of Georg Ludwig Homrighausen and Maria Elisabeth Haase.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Riedesel:

Came to Ohio with her family and husband in 1845. They moved on to the Wheatland area.

Notes for Johann Franz Homrighausen:

Born in Räderhaase/Haasebergers Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to America in 1845, where he was known only as Franz. Before the founding of St. Paul's in 1861, he is recorded as a founding member of a German Reformed congregation or community (Gemeinde) in 1857. By the time of his death, he owned 536 acres of farmland at Wheatland.

## *Generation No. 2*

**2. Ludwig Riedesel**, born February 21, 1784 in Wunderthausen; died 1847 in Galion, OH. He was the son of **4. Johannes Riedesel** and **5. Maria Elisabeth Dienst**. He married **3. Florentine Althaus** February 08, 1818 in Wunderthausen.

**3. Florentine Althaus**, born April 08, 1792 in Wunderthausen; died 1847 in Galion, OH. She was the daughter of **6. Georg Herman Althaus** and **7. Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen**.

Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:

He was born in Weymers Haus but married into Haase Haus. This was one of the smaller houses in the village. When they left in 1845, ownership of the house and land had finally been vested in the people, not the Count. What the terms of the sale were, we do not know. It was sold to J. Daniel Müsse from Jochums Haus. Ludwig and Florentine died around 1847-1848, possibly in an epidemic of cholera along with their daughter-in-law and at least one grandchild.

Notes for Florentine Althaus:

She was born in Haase Haus, which passed to her husband upon their marriage. Ludwig and Florentine died around 1847-1848, possibly in an epidemic of cholera along with their daughter-in-law and at least one grandchild.

Children of Ludwig Riedesel and Florentine Althaus are:

- i. Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel, born July 12, 1818 in Wunderthausen; died July 30, 1894 in Wheatland, IA; married (1) Maria Amalia Riedesel August 08, 1841 in Wunderthausen; born June 16, 1822 in Wunderthausen; died About 1848 in Galion, OH; married (2) Elisabeth Schumacher November 21, 1854 in Galion, OH; born October 02, 1831 in New Stanton, PA; died April 05, 1887 in Wheatland, IA.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel:

Known as L. Henry in America. Came to this country in 1845 with his parents, wife and two known children, three siblings, and the fiance of his brother, J. Ludwig, who came here in 1844. The families lived first at Galion, Ohio. An epidemic (presumably cholera or influenza, and certainly not "the plague") claimed the lives of the older couple, Henry's wife Amalia, and their daughter Anna. As of the 1850 census, he was living with his older son in the household of Franz and Anna Homrighausen. 2-year old John was living with the Christopher/Christian Gearhart family. Henry and Franz are listed as farmers though with no stated real estate value (they didn't own the land).

In 1850, Henry and his brother, George, walked from Ohio to Iowa to purchase land. A Davenport-based land agent took them to the area that was to become Wheatland in the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County. They agreed to purchase adjoining property along the Wapsipinicon River. Before returning to their families, they walked to Iowa City to register the deeds. The story is that the land cost less than they

expected so they could afford to return by river boat rather than walking; this took them down the Mississippi and then up the Ohio River. Henry and his family actually moved to Wheatland in 1855. The 100-year anniversary history of St. Paul's Church says that L. Henry and Elisabeth came in 1852 but this seems incorrect since family records say they were married in 1853 in Ohio; transcripts of Crawford County marriages say the marriage took place on November 21, 1854, which we will take as authoritative. Henry was naturalized on the same date--November 21, 1854--at Galion.

Others in the family bought land and moved to Wheatland. The town was officially founded in 1858 when the railroad came through. Prior to this time, it was very much an open frontier with limited communications and transportation to the outside world. Life was tenuous. In 1863-1864, several children from the Riedesel and Dürr families (and probably others) died of diphtheria.

Henry was a founder of the German Reformed Church in Wheatland (St. Paul's) and served as one of the first Trustees in 1861. He donated the initial half acre for the cemetery of St. Paul's Church. His land was to the north and east of Wheatland, and most of it has remained in family hands. Before the founding of St. Paul's in 1861, he is recorded as a founding member of a German Reformed congregation or community (Gemeinde) in 1857. In 1878, Henry built a new house to replace the cabin in which they had lived since coming to the area.

Notes for Maria Amalia Riedesel:

Although her parents did not marry, she took her father's name of Riedesel.

- i. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel, born April 30, 1820 in Wunderthausen; died June 12, 1909 in Big Rock, IA; married Johann Franz Homrighausen January 21, 1844 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johann Ludwig Riedesel, born August 05, 1822 in Wunderthausen; died January 12, 1910 in Clinton, IA; married Catherine Schneider July 01, 1845 in Galion, OH; born September 21, 1823 in Wunderthausen; died September 22, 1894 in Glidden, IA.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

Christened Johann Ludwig, but known as J. Ludwig. He was born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. In 1844, at the age of 22, he left Wunderthausen to go to America and ended up in Galion, Ohio. He was apparently in the company of his first cousin, Ludwig Dürr. He was naturalized on November 21, 1854, at Galion.

In 1845, his parents, siblings and fiance, Catherine Schneider, had left for America as well. They remained in Ohio until 1855 when they moved on to the Wheatland, Iowa, area. Before the founding of St. Paul's in 1861, he is recorded as a founding member of a German Reformed congregation or community (Gemeinde) in 1857. In 1881, they moved again to a place north of Glidden, Iowa. At the end of his life he was living with his daughter, Florentine Beckman in Wheatland, but died at a hospital in the county seat of Clinton. J. Ludwig is buried in the Merle Hay Cemetery at Glidden.

"The History of Clinton County, Iowa" by Lucius P. Allen published in 1879.

LUDWIG RIEDESEL, farmer, Section 32; owns 160 acres of land, valued at \$35 per acre; born in Germany in 1822; came to America in 1844, and located in Ohio; removed to Iowa in 1855; and located in this county; in 1868, settled on his present farm. Married Catherine Snyder in 1845; she, too, was born in Germany; have eight children--Susan, Franz, Ludwig, Phillip, Flora, George, John and Anna. Are members of the German Reformed Church; Democrat.

Notes for Catherine Schneider:

Came to American in 1845 with the family of her fiance, J. Ludwig Riedesel. She was born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen.

- iv. Georg Ludwig Riedesel, born January 12, 1825 in Wunderthausen; died January 16, 1901 in Wheatland, IA; married Elisabeth Gerhardt February 16, 1860 in Galion, OH; born October 09, 1841 in Galion, OH; died October 14, 1926 in Wheatland, IA.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:

Came to the United States in 1845 with his parents and siblings. They settled first at Galion, Ohio. George went west in 1850 with his brother, L. Henry, to buy land but did not move to Iowa until 1863 or 1864. They then lived at Wheatland. He was known as George. He was naturalized on November 21, 1854, in Galion. As of the 1850 Census George was living on the farm of a Joseph Albright as a laborer; this was in the Whetstone township to the west of the other Riedesels.

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GEORGE RIEDESEL, farmer, Sec. 10; P. 0. Wheatland owns 200 acres of land, valued at \$55 per acre; son of Ludwig and Flora Riedesel; born January 12, 1825, in Germany. In 1845, emigrated to Crawford Co., Ohio; in 1850, came to Iowa, and entered the land upon which he now lives; in the spring of 1870#, moved his family from Ohio, and located on his farm, Married Miss Elizabeth Gerhardt in February, 1860; she was born in Crawford Co., Ohio, in 1834 ; have six children living: Mary J., Anna M., Elizabeth S., Louisa L., John F., Louis T. ; lost one, John . Members of German Reformed Church.

- v. Johann Philipp Riedesel, born September 24, 1826 in Wunderthausen; died February 28, 1828 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johannes Riedesel, born March 30, 1829 in Wunderthausen; died December 09, 1904 in Wheatland, IA; married Elisabeth Knoche July 07, 1859 in Wheatland, IA; born October 03, 1835 in Wunderthausen; died September 25, 1923 in Wheatland, IA.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Came to America with his parents in 1845 and then to Wheatland in 1857. He was known as John in this country. As of the 1860 Census, he and his wife were living on the same farm as his brother, J. Ludwig. It shows his real estate holdings as being worth \$1,704 (though he was a "farm laborer") while Ludwig's was only \$540. John was the first of his brothers to become a naturalized citizen, doing so on October 19, 1852, in Galion.

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JOHN RIEDESEL, farmer-Sec. 3; P. 0. Wheatland ; owns 160 acres of land, valued at \$50 per acre, son of Ludwig and Flora Riedesel; born March 31, 1829, in Germany; in 1845, emigrated with parents to Crawford Co., Ohio ; in 1853. came to Clinton Co., Iowa, and entered his land from Government, after which he returned to Ohio. remaining till the spring of 1857, when he returned to Iowa. Married Miss Elizabeth Knoche, July 7, 1869, ; she was born in Germany, in 1839 ; have six children: Dina, Ferdinand, Emma, Kate, Ann and an infant son not named. Member of the German Reformed Church; Democrat.

- vii. Johann Georg Riedesel, born January 02, 1834 in Wunderthausen; died March 09, 1841 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Infant Riedesel, born March 24, 1836 in Wunderthausen; died About 1836 in Wunderthausen.

### *Generation No. 3*

**4. Johannes Riedesel**, born August 27, 1753 in Wunderthausen; died July 19, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **8. Johann Gabriel Riedesel** and **9. Elisabeth Gertraud Weller**. He married **5. Maria Elisabeth Dienst** April 21, 1776 in Wunderthausen.

**5. Maria Elisabeth Dienst**, born February 26, 1755 in Wunderthausen; died February 07, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **10. Johannes Dienst** and **11. Maria Magdalena Pott**.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born into Weymers Haus and became the tenant. He was the second person to serve as schoolmaster in Wunderthausen. There was no school building so classes were held in one or another house, which was not very satisfactory.

Notes for Maria Elisabeth Dienst:

Born in Linde Haus in Wunderthausen.

Children of Johannes Riedesel and Maria Dienst are:

- i. Johann Franz Riedesel, born August 21, 1774 in Wunderthausen; died November 14, 1843 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Margarete Fuchs December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen; born January 11, 1777 in Wunderthausen; died August 26, 1840 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus but became the tenant in Seimes.

- ii. Maria Juliana Riedesel, born March 31, 1777 in Wunderthausen; died April 04, 1777 in Wunderthausen.

- iii. Johann Georg Riedesel, born June 02, 1778 in Wunderthausen; died April 15, 1857 in Wunderthausen; married Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen; born December 22, 1778 in Wunderthausen; died November 22, 1845 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Born in and tenant in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen.

- iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel, born March 02, 1781 in Wunderthausen; died September 14, 1852 in Wunderthausen; married Georg Ludwig Schneider December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen; born December 28, 1783 in Wunderthausen; died September 08, 1837 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Schneider:

Born in Althäusers Haus and became the tenant after his father.

- 2 v. Ludwig Riedesel, born February 21, 1784 in Wunderthausen; died 1847 in Galion, OH; married Florentine Althaus February 08, 1818 in Wunderthausen.  
vi. Johannes Riedesel, born June 24, 1787 in Wunderthausen; died January 16, 1812 in Stettin.  
vii. Maria Amalia Riedesel, born January 18, 1789 in Wunderthausen; died March 19, 1846 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Philipp Schneider May 05, 1811 in Wunderthausen; born September 21, 1788 in Wunderthausen; died December 22, 1838 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Philipp Schneider:

First tenant in Hanphilippses Haus in Wunderthausen.

- viii. Maria Juliana Riedesel, born June 30, 1791 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Mörchen June 19, 1830 in Wunderthausen; born March 02, 1796 in Wunderthausen; died June 22, 1836 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Mörchen:

The miller in Wunderthausen.

**6. Georg Herman Althaus**, born March 09, 1765 in Wunderthausen; died September 21, 1824 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **12. Philip Althaus** and **13. Maria Gertraudt Haase**. He married **7. Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen** October 30, 1791 in Wunderthausen.

**7. Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen**, born March 03, 1766 in Wunderthausen; died April 24, 1842 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **14. Johann Jost Mörchen** and **15. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen**.

Notes for Georg Herman Althaus:

Inherited the tenancy of Haase Haus from his father.

Notes for Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen:

She born at the Wunderthausen mill.

Children of Georg Althaus and Johanna Mörchen are:

- 3 i. Florentine Althaus, born April 08, 1792 in Wunderthausen; died 1847 in Galion, OH; married Ludwig Riedesel February 08, 1818 in Wunderthausen.  
ii. Elisabeth Gertraud Althaus, born January 14, 1795 in Wunderthausen; died Bet. 1845 - 1850 in Prob. Galion, OH; met Georg Ludwig Dürr Not Married; born January 19, 1799 in Wemlighausen; died After 1826 in Prob. Elberfeld.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Althaus:

While I have no documentary evidence, it is inconceivable that she did not go to Ohio with her sister's family in 1845. German records suggest as much, and there is no record of her death in Wunderthausen.

- iii. Christine Althaus, born August 02, 1797 in Wunderthausen; died September 07, 1855 in Wingshausen; married Georg Heinrich Wetter October 16, 1825 in Wingshausen; born in Wingshausen.  
iv. Johann Georg Ludwig Althaus, born June 20, 1804 in Wunderthausen; died in USA (?).

Notes for Johann Georg Ludwig Althaus:

He is probably the "Ludwig Alhaus" who came to Baltimore on the ship "James" on September 30, 1833 in the company of his sister Maria Elisabeth.

- v. Maria Elisabeth Althaus, born October 20, 1807 in Wunderthausen; died December 23, 1890 in Wheatland, IA; married Christian Gerhardt; born May 15, 1808 in Elsoff; died August 30, 1888 in Wheatland, IA.

Notes for Maria Elisabeth Althaus:

It is very likely that she was the "M E Alhaus" who arrived on the ship "James" on September 30, 1833 with her brother Ludwig. By 1850, we know that Maria was married to Christian Gerhardt and living in the Jackson Township of Crawford County, Ohio. Their older child was 13 and had been born in Ohio, so they must have been there by 1837 or sooner. Eventually they moved to Wheatland to live with their daughter and son-in-law, and that is where they are buried.

Notes for Christian Gerhardt:

Born in the house called "Pauls" in the village of Elsoff (slightly south of Wunderthausen). I do not know when he and his wife/fiance came to America, but their oldest daughter was born in Ohio in 1837. There can be no question that it was their presence in Crawford County, Ohio, that drew the Riedesel family there in 1844-45. It was probably after 1870 that they moved from Ohio to live with the family of George and Elisabeth (Gerhardt) Riedesel in Wheatland. They are listed as members of St. Paul's Church in 1879 and in the 1880 Census.

The 1850 Ohio Census gives both of their places of birth as Pennsylvania, but this is certainly incorrect. Living next to them was a Jacob Gerhardt (age 37) and family; Jacob was probably a brother.

- vi. Johann Georg Althaus, born May 07, 1813 in Wunderthausen; died November 23, 1869 in Wunderthausen; married Elisabeth Gertraud Müsse March 15, 1840 in Wunderthausen; born October 02, 1818 in Wunderthausen; died December 13, 1877 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Althaus:

First inhabitant of Haasebergers Haus, Wunderthausen.

#### *Generation No. 4*

**8. Johann Gabriel Riedesel**, born January 04, 1714/15 in Wunderthausen; died December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **16. Wilhelm Riedesel** and **17. Anna Margarethe Spies**. He married **9. Elisabeth Gertraud Weller** February 04, 1751/52 in Wunderthausen.

**9. Elisabeth Gertraud Weller**, born August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen; died October 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **18. Johann Phillip Weller** and **19. Anna Gertraud Trapp**.

Notes for Johann Gabriel Riedesel:

Married into Weymers Haus from Gundermanns. Through his two marriages he is the progenitor of a large majority of Riedesels in the U.S. Most often referred to as J. Gabriel.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Weller:

Born in Weymers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband.

Children of Johann Riedesel and Elisabeth Weller are:

- 4 i. Johannes Riedesel, born August 27, 1753 in Wunderthausen; died July 19, 1835 in Wunderthausen; married Maria Elisabeth Dienst April 21, 1776 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Anna Margarethe Riedesel, born December 19, 1756 in Wunderthausen; died March 20, 1819 in Langewiese; married Johannes Spies September 06, 1781 in Girkhausen; born March 09, 1742/43 in Langewiese; died October 08, 1806 in Langewiese.
- iii. Johann Georg Riedesel, born March 06, 1760 in Wunderthausen; died in Prob. America; married Florentine Spies; born 1759 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Granted permission to emigrate to the United States in 1796/97. It is not absolutely certain that he left and no records of him or any progeny have surfaced in the U.S. One reading of his baptismal record is with the name Ludwig.

- iv. Maria Juliana Riedesel, born January 31, 1763 in Wunderthausen; died July 15, 1763 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Georg Ludwig Riedesel, born May 21, 1764 in Wunderthausen; died May 23, 1764 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Georg Gabriel Riedesel, born June 09, 1765 in Wunderthausen; died February 28, 1833 in Diedenshausen; married (1) Catharina Florentine Beitzel January 13, 1793 in Wunderthausen; born October 13, 1749 in Wunderthausen; died February 24, 1793 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Maria Elisabeth Gernand January 28, 1800 in Diedenshausen; born March 15, 1777 in Diedenshausen; died December 20, 1839 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Riedesel:

Born in Weimers Haus in Wunderthausen but became the tenant in Pauls Haus in Diedenshausen. He left for America in 1796, but returned in 1799.

- vii. Georg Franz Riedesel, born February 19, 1769 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Riedesel:

Believed to have gone to America in 1796.

- viii. Anna Catherina Elisabeth Riedesel, born February 15, 1773 in Wunderthausen; died June 24, 1847 in Wunderthausen; married Ludwig Heinrich Strackbein July 23, 1796 in Wunderthausen; born August 26, 1771 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Strackbein:

Born in Kurts Haus, Wunderthausen. Became the tenant in Schäfers.

**10. Johannes Dienst**, born August 11, 1719 in Wunderthausen; died May 18, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **20. Johannes Dienst** and **21. Catherine Elisabeth Spies**. He married **11. Maria Magdalena Pott** 1747 in Wunderthausen.

**11. Maria Magdalena Pott**, born August 07, 1724 in Wunderthausen; died January 01, 1800 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **22. Johann Valentin Pott** and **23. Anna Maria Magdalena Spies**.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:

Tenant in Linde Haus.

Notes for Maria Magdalena Pott:

Born in Beitzels Haus.

Children of Johannes Dienst and Maria Pott are:

- i. Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Dienst, born December 09, 1747 in Wunderthausen; died June 15, 1784 in Wunderthausen; married Georg Gabriel Homrighausen January 17, 1766 in Wunderthausen; born March 14, 1738/39 in Wunderthausen; died January 09, 1799 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Homrighausen:

Born in and became the tenant in Hohmanns Haus in Wunderthausen.

- ii. Johann Franz Dienst, born April 27, 1749 in Wunderthausen; died December 19, 1827 in Wunderthausen; married Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen January 18, 1782 in Wunderthausen; born August 27, 1759 in Diedenshausen; died April 29, 1835 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Dienst:

Born in and tenant in Linde Haus, Wunderthausen.

- iii. Catharina Dienst, born February 26, 1750/51 in Wunderthausen; died February 24, 1751/52 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johannes Dienst, born December 01, 1752 in Wunderthausen; died April 06, 1753 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Johannes Dienst, born January 25, 1754 in Wunderthausen; died January 29, 1754 in Wunderthausen.

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- vi. Maria Elisabeth Dienst, born February 26, 1755 in Wunderthausen; died February 07, 1805 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Riedesel April 21, 1776 in Wunderthausen.
  - vii. Maria Magdalena Dienst, born March 16, 1757 in Wunderthausen; died April 21, 1758 in Wunderthausen.
  - viii. Johannes Dienst, born May 01, 1759 in Wunderthausen; died April 02, 1835 in Diedenshausen; married Anna Catharina Homrighausen January 18, 1789; born September 18, 1763 in Diedenshausen; died April 29, 1814 in Diedenshausen.
  - ix. Maria Magdalena Dienst, born March 29, 1762 in Wunderthausen.
  - x. Sebastian Dienst, born February 14, 1765 in Wunderthausen; died March 04, 1833 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Katharine Lauber October 23, 1789.
  - xi. Johann Georg Dienst, born June 17, 1767 in Wunderthausen; died August 12, 1781 in Wunderthausen.
  - xii. Johann Georg Dienst, born March 08, 1770 in Wunderthausen; died March 27, 1770 in Wunderthausen.

**12. Philip Althaus**, born 1737 in Girkhausen; died December 02, 1799 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **24. Phillip Althaus**. He married **13. Maria Gertraudt Haase** March 23, 1766 in Wunderthausen.

**13. Maria Gertraudt Haase**, born July 25, 1737 in Wunderthausen; died November 17, 1799 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **26. Johannes Haase** and **27. Elisabeth Gertraudt Knoche**.

Notes for Philip Althaus:

Born in Häusches Haus in Girkhausen but married into Haase Haus in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Maria Gertraudt Haase:

Born in Haase Haus which passed to her husband upon her marriage.

Children of Philip Althaus and Maria Haase are:

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- i. Georg Herman Althaus, born March 09, 1765 in Wunderthausen; died September 21, 1824 in Wunderthausen; married Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen October 30, 1791 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Elisabeth Florentine Althaus, born December 07, 1767 in Wunderthausen; died January 20, 1817.
  - iii. Johannes Althaus, born July 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
  - iv. Johann Georg Althaus, born September 13, 1773 in Wunderthausen; died June 12, 1841 in Wunderthausen; married Maria Elisabeth Trapp; born September 29, 1782 in Wunderthausen; died January 19, 1849 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Johann Hermann Althaus, born October 19, 1776 in Wunderthausen; died November 29, 1777 in Wunderthausen.
  - vi. Elisabeth Gertraud Althaus, born October 28, 1778 in Wunderthausen.
  - vii. Anna Wilhelmine Althaus, born October 29, 1781 in Wunderthausen; died January 25, 1844 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Franz Mörchen March 12, 1824 in Wunderthausen; born December 10, 1795 in Wunderthausen; died March 27, 1855 in Wunderthausen.

**14. Johann Jost Mörchen**, born January 20, 1722/23 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **28. Johann Matthäus Mörchen** and **29. Anna Margarete ??**. He married **15. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen** November 18, 1757 in Wunderthausen.

**15. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen**, born December 28, 1737 in Wunderthausen; died October 10, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **30. Johann Georg Homrighausen** and **31. Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein**.

Notes for Johann Jost Mörchen:

Born at the Wunderthausen Mill and lived there. Christened Johannes Matthias.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen:

Born in Weißkopfs Haus.

Children of Johann Mörchen and Elisabeth Homrighausen are:

- i. Elisabeth Amalia Mörchen, born December 25, 1758 in Wunderthausen; died May 10, 1822 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Georg Strackbein April 23, 1779 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johann Georg Mörchen, born November 30, 1760 in Wunderthausen; died November 15, 1828 in Wunderthausen; married Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein August 30, 1788 in Wunderthausen; born August 08, 1763 in Wunderthausen; died May 05, 1814 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Mörchen:  
The miller in Wunderthausen.

- iii. Georg Ludwig Mörchen, born December 11, 1763 in Wunderthausen; died June 17, 1828 in Wunderthausen; married Elisabeth Amalie Riedesel September 14, 1794 in Wunderthausen; born February 26, 1771 in Wunderthausen; died May 11, 1849 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Mörchen:  
First tenant am Gefälle.

- 7 iv. Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen, born March 03, 1766 in Wunderthausen; died April 24, 1842 in Wunderthausen; married Georg Herman Althaus October 30, 1791 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Georg Franz Mörchen, born July 15, 1769 in Wunderthausen; died April 30, 1847 in Wunderthausen; married Maria Amalia Womelsdorf January 17, 1802 in Wunderthausen; born April 22, 1770 in Wunderthausen; died March 21, 1829 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Mörchen:  
Born at the Wunderthausen mill. Married the widow of the tenant at Seilers Haus.

- vi. Georg Gabriel Mörchen, born December 12, 1771 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Mörchen:  
Applied to emigrate to America in 1796.

- vii. Johannes Mörchen, born April 08, 1775 in Wunderthausen; died December 11, 1816 in Wunderthausen; married Maria Magdalene Strackbein April 25, 1802 in Wunderthausen; born January 13, 1784 in Wunderthausen; died April 09, 1844 in Wunderthausen.

#### *Generation No. 5*

**16. Wilhelm Riedesel**, born 1677 in Girkhausen; died February 09, 1747/48 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **32. Johannes Riedesel** and **33. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf**. He married **17. Anna Margarethe Spies** August 16, 1703 in Wunderthausen.

**17. Anna Margarethe Spies**, born December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **34. Johann Georg Spies** and **35. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen**.

Notes for Wilhelm Riedesel:

Baptised as Johann Wilhelm in Girkhausen (Pfaffe Haus), but known as Wilhelm. Married into Gundermanns Haus in Wunderthausen, one of the larger in the village. He was already paying taxes there in 1699 though did not marry until 1703.

Notes for Anna Margarethe Spies:

Born into Gundermanns Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband on her marriage.

Children of Wilhelm Riedesel and Anna Spies are:

- i. Johann Georg Riedesel, born April 15, 1704 in Wunderthausen; died May 15, 1760 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Elisabeth Knoche May 04, 1731 in Wunderthausen; born January 20, 1711/12 in Wunderthausen; died May 23, 1787 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:  
Heir to Gundermanns Haus.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Knoche:  
Born in Wetzels Haus, Wunderthausen.

- ii. Liese Gertraud Riedesel, born December 30, 1706 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johannes Riedesel, born April 22, 1709 in Wunderthausen; died December 01, 1755 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Anna Margarete Müsse May 17, 1734 in Wunderthausen; born About 1715 in Elsoff; died July

10, 1743 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Anna Maria Trapp February 22, 1744/45 in Wunderthausen; born April 14, 1714 in Wunderthausen; died July 03, 1783 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in Gundermanns Haus and became the first tenant in Neuhäusers Haus at some point.

- iv. Johann Ludwig Riedesel, born February 06, 1711/12 in Wunderthausen; died March 11, 1771 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Catharina Ruppert November 26, 1751 in Wunderthausen; born June 27, 1724 in Wunderthausen; died January 06, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

Born in Gundermanns Haus, became tenant in Wetzels Haus in Wunderthausen.

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  - v. Johann Gabriel Riedesel, born January 04, 1714/15 in Wunderthausen; died December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche July 10, 1740 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Elisabeth Gertraud Weller February 04, 1751/52 in Wunderthausen.
  - vi. Samuel Riedesel, born June 23, 1718 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
  - vii. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel, born May 14, 1720 in Wunderthausen; died November 16, 1764 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Johann Heinrich Pott January 06, 1746/47 in Wunderthausen; born 1704 in Wunderthausen; died October 08, 1749 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Johann Georg Homrighausen September 05, 1751 in Wunderthausen; born August 03, 1725 in Wunderthausen; died August 20, 1784 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Became the tenant in Beitzels when he married.

- viii. Anna Margarethe Riedesel, born May 16, 1725 in Wunderthausen; died August 08, 1771 in Wunderthausen; met Johann Georg Ludwig Fuchs Not Married; born in Schüller.

**18. Johann Phillip Weller**, born About 1677 in Girkhausen; died Bet. 1735 - 1737 in Wunderthausen. He married **19. Anna Gertraud Trapp** April 01, 1712 in Wunderthausen.

**19. Anna Gertraud Trapp**, born April 29, 1694 in Wunderthausen; died January 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **38. Theis Trapp** and **39. Anna Margaretha Spies**.

Notes for Johann Phillip Weller:

Born in the village of Girkhausen but married into Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Gertraud Trapp:

Born in Weymers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband.

Children of Johann Weller and Anna Trapp are:

- i. Johann Jost Weller, born March 01, 1715/16 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johann Georg Weller, born September 13, 1719 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Christina Weller, born March 21, 1722/23 in Wunderthausen; died August 12, 1798 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Georg Trapp October 01, 1744 in Wunderthausen; born June 27, 1718 in Wunderthausen; died May 01, 1787 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp:

Born in Mannes Haus, became tenant in Brückewaymars Haus in Wunderthausen.

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  - iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Weller, born August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen; died October 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Gabriel Riedesel February 04, 1751/52 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Johann Heinrich Weller, born April 09, 1730 in Wunderthausen.
  - vi. Johannes Weller, born October 11, 1731 in Wunderthausen.
  - vii. Johannes Weller, born January 02, 1734/35 in Wunderthausen.

**20. Johannes Dienst**, born July 18, 1694 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1735 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **40. Johannes Dienst** and **41. Anna Justina Gärtle**. He married **21. Catherine Elisabeth Spies** May 16, 1718 in Wunderthausen.

**21. Catherine Elisabeth Spies**, born November 11, 1694 in Diedenshausen; died Before 1728 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **42. Sebastian Spies** and **43. Anna Elisabeth Benfer**.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:  
Tenant in Linde Haus.

Notes for Catherine Elisabeth Spies:  
Born in Diele Haus in Diedenshausen.

Children of Johannes Dienst and Catherine Spies are:

- 10 i. Johannes Dienst, born August 11, 1719 in Wunderthausen; died May 18, 1784 in Wunderthausen; married Maria Magdalena Pott 1747 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Maria Magdalena Spies, born March 10, 1721/22 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johann Heinrich Spies, born February 13, 1724/25 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

**22. Johann Valentin Pott**, born March 21, 1680/81 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **44. Curt Pott** and **45. Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen**. He married **23. Anna Maria Magdalena Spies** June 08, 1716 in Wunderthausen.

**23. Anna Maria Magdalena Spies**, born March 13, 1691/92 in Diedenshausen; died April 18, 1760 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **42. Sebastian Spies** and **43. Anna Elisabeth Benfer**.

Notes for Johann Valentin Pott:  
Born in Kurts Haus but married into Beitzels and became the tenant.

Children of Johann Pott and Anna Spies are:

- i. Johannes Pott, born August 15, 1718 in Wunderthausen; died December 16, 1763 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf June 20, 1738 in Wunderthausen; born November 22, 1720 in Wunderthausen; died February 22, 1773 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Catharina Elisabeth Pott, born February 09, 1720/21 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Pott, born January 25, 1721/22 in Wunderthausen; died January 06, 1803 in Diedenshausen; married Sebastian Homrighausen February 16, 1741/42 in Diedenshausen; born November 15, 1716 in Diedenshausen; died October 26, 1800 in Diedenshausen.
- 11 iv. Maria Magdalena Pott, born August 07, 1724 in Wunderthausen; died January 01, 1800 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Dienst 1747 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Anna Gertraud Pott, born January 20, 1726/27 in Wunderthausen; died March 21, 1805 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Johann Georg Spies December 11, 1748; married (2) Johann Georg Spies December 11, 1748 in Wunderthausen; born December 27, 1720 in Wunderthausen; died November 20, 1787 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johann Hermann Pott, born August 03, 1729 in Wunderthausen; died December 23, 1807 in Wunderthausen; married Elisabeth Gertraud Trapp October 29, 1751 in Wunderthausen; born March 15, 1729/30 in Wunderthausen; died December 11, 1791 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Pott:  
Born in Beitzels Haus, Wunderthausen, became the tenant in Mannes.

- vii. Johann Georg Pott, born January 30, 1731/32 in Wunderthausen; died April 19, 1796 in Wunderthausen; married Maria Amalia Wagner May 28, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Pott:  
Said to have arrived in Boston in 1838. Naturalized in September 1859.

- viii. Franz Pott, born March 06, 1733/34 in Wunderthausen; married Florentine Pott November 17, 1755.

## **24. Phillip Althaus**

Child of Phillip Althaus is:

- 12 i. Philip Althaus, born 1737 in Girkhausen; died December 02, 1799 in Wunderthausen; married Maria Gertraudt Haase March 23, 1766 in Wunderthausen.

**26. Johannes Haase**, born 1709 in ?; died October 17, 1777 in Wunderthausen. He married **27. Elisabeth Gertraudt Knoche** in Wunderthausen.

**27. Elisabeth Gertraudt Knoche**, born November 16, 1708 in Wunderthausen; died April 09, 1779 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **54. Johann Hermann Knoche** and **55. Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen**.

Notes for Johannes Haase:

Haase Haus was built for Johannes Haase, probably in the 1730s. His origins are not known but he was probably not from Wunderthausen originally.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraudt Knoche:

She was born in Bormanns Haus in Wunderthausen and, with her husband, moved to what became known as Haase Haus when it was built.

Children of Johannes Haase and Elisabeth Knoche are:

- i. Elisabeth Gertraud Haase, born October 15, 1734 in Wunderthausen; died July 11, 1760 in Wunderthausen.
- 13 ii. Maria Gertraudt Haase, born July 25, 1737 in Wunderthausen; died November 17, 1799 in Wunderthausen; married Philip Althaus March 23, 1766 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Georg Hermann Haase, born January 31, 1738/39 in Wunderthausen; died May 11, 1812 in Wunderthausen; married Maria Juliana Homrighausen April 24, 1774 in Wunderthausen; born October 27, 1741 in Wunderthausen; died January 26, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Hermann Haase:

Tenant in Räderhaase Haus in Wunderthausen.

- iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Haase, born September 01, 1747 in Wunderthausen; died June 30, 1748 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Matthias Haase, born March 20, 1748/49 in Wunderthausen; died July 25, 1749 in Wunderthausen.

**28. Johann Matthäus Mörchen**, born January 1680/81 in Waldeck; died December 02, 1768 in Wunderthausen. He married **29. Anna Margarete ??**.

**29. Anna Margarete ??**, died in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Matthäus Mörchen:

In an exception to the rule of passing tenancy to the oldest child of either gender, the mill remained in the hands of a Mörchen from its first mention in the early 1700s until it was demolished around 1920. One record says that J. Matthäus (or Matthias) came to Wunderthausen from Bromskirchen, a larger town to the east outside of Wittgenstein. However, another records gives the Waldeck region as his birthplace (further east in Hesse). If the mill was established when Matthias Mörchen came to Wunderthausen, it was during the reign of Graf Casimir who tried his best to diversify the economy of Wittgenstein. Establishing a mill where there had been none and bringing in a trained miller would have been consistent with Casimir's practices.

Children of Johann Mörchen and Anna ?? are:

- i. Wilhelm Mörchen, born About 1712; died May 03, 1786 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Anna Maria Mörchen, born About 1715 in Wunderthausen; died December 29, 1778 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Georg Trapp October 26, 1738 in Wunderthausen; born October 02, 1702 in Wunderthausen; died October 28, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp:

Born in Weymers, founded Schusters house.

- 14 iii. Johann Jost Mörchen, born January 20, 1722/23 in Wunderthausen; married Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen November 18, 1757 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Maria Christiane Mörchen, born September 20, 1725 in Wunderthausen; died April 04, 1802 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Georg Althaus June 11, 1754 in Elsoff.
- v. Catherine Elisabeth Mörchen, born February 29, 1727/28 in Wunderthausen; died June 04, 1799 in Wunderthausen.

**30. Johann Georg Homrighausen**, born July 21, 1701 in Wunderthausen; died May 01, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **60. Johannes Homrighausen** and **61. Anna Liese Strackbein**. He married **31. Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein** January 23, 1727/28 in Wunderthausen.

**31. Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein**, born December 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen; died May 14, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **62. Hans Georg Strackbein** and **63. Gertraud Knoche**.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Born in and tenant in Weißkopfs Haus, Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein:

Born in Hohmanns Haus.

Children of Johann Homrighausen and Anna Strackbein are:

- i. Johannes Homrighausen, born January 04, 1733/34 in Wunderthausen; died September 16, 1801 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Maria Amalia Delcourt October 14, 1755 in Wunderthausen; born December 27, 1732 in Wunderthausen; died March 27, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

Born in and tenant in the house known as Weißkopfs or Seimes.

- 15 ii. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen, born December 28, 1737 in Wunderthausen; died October 10, 1805 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Jost Mörchen November 18, 1757 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Franz Homrighausen, born February 15, 1740/41 in Wunderthausen; died October 16, 1826 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Elisabeth Riedesel October 10, 1769 in Wunderthausen; born December 15, 1743 in Wunderthausen; died November 22, 1802 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Franz Homrighausen:

First tenant in Kellers Haus, Wunderthausen.

#### *Generation No. 6*

**32. Johannes Riedesel**, born About 1640 in Melbach; died in Girkhausen. He was the son of **64. Heyrich Riedesel** and **65. ??**. He married **33. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf** February 18, 1663/64 in Raumland.

**33. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf**, born About 1642 in Girkhausen; died in Girkhausen. She was the daughter of **66. Johannes Womelsdorf**.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in Melbach but married into Pfaffe-Haus in Girkhausen. I had reported his approximate birth year as 1634 in previous writing, but have been persuaded that 1640 is a better guess.

Children of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Womelsdorf are:

- i. Bastian Riedesel
- ii. Georg Mannus Riedesel, born About 1664 in Girkhausen; died October 17, 1741 in Girkhausen; married Catharina Elisabeth Dickel Before 1696 in Girkhausen; born About 1671 in Girkhausen; died February 22, 1750/51 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Georg Mannus Riedesel:

Referred to as Hermann in church records.

- iii. Georg Heinrich Riedesel, born 1666; married Elisabeth ??.
- iv. Johann Reinhard Riedesel, born 1675 in Elsoff; died January 15, 1754 in Girkhausen; married Elisabeth Schüssler February 25, 1707/08 in Elsoff; born 1673.

Notes for Johann Reinhard Riedesel:

Built the house in Girkhausen known as Pfaffe-Reinhard's or Pfaffereinerts.

- 16 v. Wilhelm Riedesel, born 1677 in Girkhausen; died February 09, 1747/48 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Margarethe Spies August 16, 1703 in Wunderthausen.

**34. Johann Georg Spies**, born About 1645 in Wunderthausen; died After 1698 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **68. Valentin Spies**. He married **35. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen** May 13, 1678 in Wunderthausen.

**35. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen**, born About 1650 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **70. Hans Homrighausen** and **71. ??**.

Notes for Anna Gertraud Homrighausen:

From Seimes Haus in Wunderthausen.

Children of Johann Spies and Anna Homrighausen are:

- 17 i. Anna Margarethe Spies, born December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen; married Wilhelm Riedesel August 16, 1703 in Wunderthausen.  
ii. Catherine Elisabeth Spies, born June 20, 1682 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740.  
iii. Anna Gertraud Spies, born March 08, 1684/85 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740.  
iv. Maria Juliana Spies, born October 02, 1687 in Wunderthausen; died 1723 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Jacob Beitzel; born September 07, 1697 in Wunderthausen; died July 28, 1752 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Beitzel:

Tenant in Seilers Haus, Wunderthausen.

- v. Daughter Spies, born March 19, 1690/91.

Notes for Daughter Spies:

Twin girls--one probably named Catharina--were born in 1691, and most likely died soon thereafter.

- vi. Daughter Spies, born March 19, 1690/91.  
vii. Johannes Spies, born September 08, 1694 in Wunderthausen; died September 19, 1774 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein; born July 14, 1702 in Wunderthausen; died March 30, 1769 in Wunderthausen.  
viii. Anna Elisabeth Spies, born July 14, 1697 in Wunderthausen.

**38. Theis Trapp**, born 1670 in Wunderthausen; died Bet. 1709 - 1711 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **76. Johannes Trapp** and **77. Margretha Weymer**. He married **39. Anna Margaretha Spies** January 03, 1693/94.

**39. Anna Margaretha Spies**, born About 1670 in Wunderthausen; died May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **68. Valentin Spies**.

Notes for Theis Trapp:

Born in and tenant in Weymers house.

Notes for Anna Margaretha Spies:

Born in Schmeds house.

Children of Theis Trapp and Anna Spies are:

- 19 i. Anna Gertraud Trapp, born April 29, 1694 in Wunderthausen; died January 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Johann Phillip Weller April 01, 1712 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Johann Jacob Boshoff July 22, 1737.  
ii. Catharina Elisabetha Trapp, born July 13, 1697 in Wunderthausen.  
iii. Anna Margretha Trapp, born About 1700 in Wunderthausen.  
iv. Johann Georg Trapp, born October 02, 1702 in Wunderthausen; died October 28, 1775 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Maria Mörchen October 26, 1738 in Wunderthausen; born About 1715 in Wunderthausen; died December 29, 1778 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp:

Born in Weymers, founded Schusters house.

- v. Antony Trapp, born November 27, 1704.

**40. Johannes Dienst**, born About 1658 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **80. Johannes Dienst** and **81. ??**. He married **41. Anna Justina Gärte** March 13, 1683/84 in Wunderthausen.

**41. Anna Justina Gärte**, born About 1665 in Arfeld; died After October 30, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **82. Franz Garte** and **83. Loysa Henk**.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:

Lived in Linde Haus. Members of the Dienst family lived in this house as early as 1610. It is one of the oldest in Wunderthausen.

Children of Johannes Dienst and Anna Gärte are:

- i. Daughter Dienst, born July 18, 1686 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740.
- ii. Johann Philipp Dienst, born October 19, 1692 in Wunderthausen.
- 20 iii. Johannes Dienst, born July 18, 1694 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1735 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Anna Elisabeth Strackbein; married (2) Catherine Elisabeth Spies May 16, 1718 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Jost Dienst, born December 06, 1696 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Anna Gertraud Dienst, born December 06, 1696 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Gabriel Dienst, born Before 1699 in Wunderthausen; died After 1713.

**42. Sebastian Spies**, born About 1653 in Diedenshausen; died in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **84. Gabriel Spies** and **85. Margarete ??**. He married **43. Anna Elisabeth Benfer** November 29, 1683 in Diedenshausen.

**43. Anna Elisabeth Benfer**, born 1665 in Diedenshausen; died in Diedenshausen. She was the daughter of **86. Gabriel Benfer** and **87. Anna Catharina Giebel**.

Notes for Sebastian Spies:

Lived in Diele Haus in Diedenshausen but became the tenant in Schreiners on his marriage to Anna Benfer.

Children of Sebastian Spies and Anna Benfer are:

- i. Johannes Spies, born September 01, 1684 in Diedenshausen; died January 23, 1760 in Diedenshausen; married Anna Elisabeth Spies February 09, 1713/14 in Diedenshausen; born January 02, 1693/94 in Girkhausen; died January 28, 1757 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Tenant in Schreiners Haus, Diedenshausen.

- ii. Anna Elisabeth Spies, born About 1687 in Diedenshausen; died After 1722.
- 23 iii. Anna Maria Magdalena Spies, born March 13, 1691/92 in Diedenshausen; died April 18, 1760 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Valentin Pott June 08, 1716 in Wunderthausen.
- 21 iv. Catherine Elisabeth Spies, born November 11, 1694 in Diedenshausen; died Before 1728 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Dienst May 16, 1718 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Maria Gertraud Spies, born December 28, 1696 in Diedenshausen.
- vi. Georg Franz Spies, born March 11, 1698/99 in Diedenshausen; died January 08, 1771.
- vii. Wilhelmine Elisabeth Spies, born March 29, 1702 in Diedenshausen; died January 18, 1742/43 in Diedenshausen; married Georg Hermann Rück May 23, 1732 in Diedenshausen; born November 03, 1695 in Diedenshausen; died After 1729 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Georg Hermann Rück:

Born in and tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

- viii. Johann Georg Spies, born February 11, 1704/05 in Diedenshausen; died in Prob. Berleburg; married Catharine Louise Stark September 19, 1734 in Berleburg.

**44. Curt Pott**, born About 1635 in Bracht/Marburg; died After 1699 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **88. Matthias Pott** and **89. Katherine Eckhard**. He married **45. Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen** Before 1659 in Wunderthausen.

**45. Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen**, born About 1635 in Wunderthausen; died After 1686 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **90. Steffen Homrighausen** and **91. ?? Eckhardt/Scheffer**.

Notes for Curt Pott:

Granted the unusual status of being a "free man" by the Landgrave of Hessen in 1659. His mother, Catherine Eckhard, was from Wunderthausen and had married Matthias Pott from the Black Forest. When the parents died young (presumably in Marburg), he was fetched home to Wunderthausen by relatives of his mother.

The house which he occupied came to be known as Kurts (or Curts) Haus locally, although it had been inhabited by his Homrighausen in-laws and before then by Scheffers.

Children of Curt Pott and Maria Homrighausen are:

- i. Johann Hermann Pott, born About 1670 in Wunderthausen; died After 1712 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Elisabeth Knoche March 20, 1697/98; born About 1675 in Wunderthausen; died After 1715 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Pott:

Born in and became the tenant in Kurts.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Knoche:

Said to be born in Bormanns house, Wunderthausen, but does not show up in the records for that house as a child.

- ii. Anna Elisabeth Pott, born 1671 in Wunderthausen; died July 02, 1746; married Abraham Eckhard February 20, 1696/97; born About 1670 in Girkhausen; died Before 1740.
- iii. Catharina Pott, born About 1677 in Wunderthausen.
- 22 iv. Johann Valentin Pott, born March 21, 1680/81 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Anna Christiana Beitzel May 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Anna Maria Magdalena Spies June 08, 1716 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Johann Matthias Pott, born June 24, 1684 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johann Georg, born May 10, 1686 in Wunderthausen.

**54. Johann Hermann Knoche**, born April 03, 1687 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **108. Johann Herman Knoche**. He married **55. Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen** August 19, 1708.

**55. Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen**, born November 28, 1684 in Diedenshausen; died Before 1740 in Diedenshausen. She was the daughter of **110. Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen** and **111. Anna Elisabeth ??**.

Notes for Johann Hermann Knoche:

Born in Bormanns Haus, but may have later resided in Haase Haus with their daughter, Anna Elisabeth, and her husband, Johannes Haase.

Child of Johann Knoche and Anna Saßmannshausen is:

- 27 i. Elisabeth Gertraudt Knoche, born November 16, 1708 in Wunderthausen; died April 09, 1779 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Haase in Wunderthausen.

**60. Johannes Homrighausen**, born Before 1675 in Wunderthausen; died March 09, 1744/45 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **120. Johann Georg Homrighausen** and **121. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**. He married **61. Anna Liese Strackbein** January 19, 1700/01.

**61. Anna Liese Strackbein**, born Before 1677 in Wunderthausen; died January 17, 1741/42 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **122. Hans Georg Strackbein**.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

Tenant at the house name variously as Weißkopfs and Seimes. The latter derives from a dialect term for honey, so the occupants were probably bee keepers at one time (honey being the only real sweetener available). He was known as the village as der alte Weißkopf (white head), hence the other name.

Notes for Anna Liese Strackbein:

Born in Hohmanns Haus.

Children of Johannes Homrighausen and Anna Strackbein are:

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- i. Johann Georg Homrighausen, born July 21, 1701 in Wunderthausen; died May 01, 1775 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein January 23, 1727/28 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Johann Jakob Homrighausen, born November 21, 1703 in Wunderthausen; died January 09, 1772 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Catherine Strackbein January 08, 1733/34 in Wunderthausen; born January 07, 1711/12 in Wunderthausen; died October 17, 1780 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Johannes Homrighausen, born September 27, 1706 in Wunderthausen; died February 11, 1783 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Elisabeth Magdalene Strackbein December 17, 1732 in Wunderthausen; born January 15, 1710/11 in Wunderthausen; died December 02, 1760 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Elisabeth Gertraud Trapp June 07, 1761 in Wunderthausen; born April 03, 1714 in Wunderthausen.
  - iv. Johann Werner Homrighausen, born February 21, 1708/09 in Wunderthausen; died October 04, 1788 in Girkhausen; married Anna Magdalene Dickel Before 1734; born April 04, 1714 in Girkhausen; died May 21, 1759 in Girkhausen.
  - v. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen, born August 27, 1714 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

**62. Hans Georg Strackbein**, born About 1669 in Wunderthausen; died January 15, 1743/44 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **124. Hans Strackbein**. He married **63. Gertraud Knoche** June 09, 1701.

**63. Gertraud Knoche**, born About 1667 in Wunderthausen; died July 21, 1751.

Notes for Hans Georg Strackbein:

Tenant in Grosse house. Elder (Presbyter) for many years in the church.

Children of Hans Strackbein and Gertraud Knoche are:

- i. Johannes Strackbein, born February 18, 1701/02 in Wunderthausen; died January 06, 1775 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Christiana Dienst June 05, 1728 in Wunderthausen; born July 02, 1702 in Wunderthausen; died May 01, 1765 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

Tenant in Grosse house.

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- ii. Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein, born December 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen; died May 14, 1775 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Georg Homrighausen January 23, 1727/28 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, born January 04, 1707/08 in Wunderthausen; died April 30, 1752 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Dienst; born July 18, 1694 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1735 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:

Tenant in Linde Haus.

- iv. Elisabeth Magdalene Strackbein, born January 15, 1710/11 in Wunderthausen; died December 02, 1760 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Homrighausen December 17, 1732 in Wunderthausen; born September 27, 1706 in Wunderthausen; died February 11, 1783 in Wunderthausen.

#### *Generation No. 7*

**64. Heyrich Riedesel**, born About 1615 in Melbach; died December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He was the son of **128. Heyrich Riedesel**. He married **65. ??**.

**65. ??**

Notes for Heyrich Riedesel:

A Heyrich Riedesel at Herjes Haus in Melbach is mentioned in 1618. Later records report that a Heyrich Riedesel served for several years as a coachman to the Count in Berleburg during the 30 Years War (1618-1648) and that his house stood empty for five years. He had returned by 1642. Heyrich the coachman was almost certainly the offspring of the first Heyrich. Spellings vary for both: Heyrich, Hederich, and others. I do not now believe that it was Henrich or Heinrich.

Children of Heyrich Riedesel and ?? are:

- 32      i. Johannes Riedesel, born About 1640 in Melbach; died in Girkhausen; married Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf February 18, 1663/64 in Raumland.
- ii. Anna Katharina Riedesel, born About 1645.
- iii. Ernst Riedesel, born About 1646 in Melbach; died December 24, 1693 in Schameder; married Anna Elisabeth Müller Before 1687; born 1651; died December 14, 1693 in Schameder.
- iv. Kurt/Conrad Riedesel, born About 1655 in Melbach; died 1709 in Melbach.

Notes for Kurt/Conrad Riedesel:

Known to have lived at Melbach contemporary with Mannus, but their relation is uncertain. Being step-brothers seems the most likely.

**66. Johannes Womelsdorf**, born 1609 in Girkhausen. He was the son of **132. Gerlach Womelsdorf**.

Notes for Johannes Womelsdorf:

Tenant in Pfaffe Haus in Girkhausen.

Children of Johannes Womelsdorf are:

- i. Johann Kasper Womelsdorf
- 33      ii. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf, born About 1642 in Girkhausen; died in Girkhausen; married Johannes Riedesel February 18, 1663/64 in Raumland.
- iii. Georg Womelsdorf, born About 1635.
- iv. Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf, born About 1640 in Girkhausen; died After 1708 in Wunderthausen; married Juliana Strackbein About 1670 in Wunderthausen; born About 1640 in Wunderthausen; died After 1690.

Notes for Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf:

Born in Pfaffe Haus, Girkhausen. Became the tenant through marriage in what has been since then as "Mannes" Haus.

**68. Valentin Spies**, born About 1630 in Wunderthausen; died Bet. 1665 - 1675 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Valentin Spies:

Lived in Schmeds Haus and is also referred to as Veltin or Velten. Previous generations and probably his in-laws were named Schmitt. They may have been practicing blacksmiths, but this was never full-time work in Wunderthausen.

Children of Valentin Spies are:

- 34      i. Johann Georg Spies, born About 1645 in Wunderthausen; died After 1698 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Anna Margaretha Spies About 1672; married (2) Anna Gertraud Homrighausen May 13, 1678 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Anna Christina Spies, born About 1655 in Wunderthausen; died After 1708 in Wunderthausen; married Werner Dienst October 11, 1678 in Wunderthausen; born About 1655 in Wunderthausen; died After 1712 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Werner Dienst:

Tenant in Schmeds house, Wunderthausen.

- iii. Anna Elisabeth Spies, born About 1660 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Antonius Spies, born About 1670 in Wunderthausen; died March 18, 1750/51 in Langewiese; married Anna Margarete Klein August 30, 1694 in Wunderthausen; born About 1669 in Dachsloch; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Antonius Spies:

Born in Schmeds house. First tenant in Beckers house, Wunderthausen, which was apparently built in 1697. It probably contained a baking-house. The Count strictly controlled the number of fireplaces in each village, allocating a certain number of households to each baking-house.

- v. Ludwig Spies, born About 1665 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1735 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Catharina Eckhard November 24, 1687; born About 1664 in Wunderthausen; died April 20, 1744 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Spies:

Known as Lotz. Born in Schmeds Haus. Eventually took over the house known as Lotzes.

- 39 vi. Johannes Spies, born About 1668 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Anna Margaretha Spies, born About 1670 in Wunderthausen; died May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen; married Theis Trapp January 03, 1693/94.

**70. Hans Homrighausen**, born About 1615 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **140. Johannes Homrighausen** and **141. Elisabeth Hüster**. He married **71. ??** About 1645.

**71. ??**, born About 1615.

Notes for Hans Homrighausen:

Tenant in Seimes.

Children of Hans Homrighausen and ?? are:

- i. Johann Georg Homrighausen, born About 1645 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein About 1670; born About 1645 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Born in Seimes house and became the tenant.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Strackbein:

Born in Mannes house.

- 35 ii. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen, born About 1650 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Georg Spies May 13, 1678 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johannes Homrighausen, born 1652 in Wunderthausen; died After 1722 in Diedenshausen; married Elisabeth Schüßler 1677 in Diedenshausen; born About 1650 in Diedenshausen; died in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

Born in Seimes Haus in Wunderthausen but became the tenant in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen.

**76. Johannes Trapp**, born About 1640. He married **77. Margretha Weymer** About 1670.

**77. Margretha Weymer**, born About 1640. She was the daughter of **154. Johannes Waymar** and **155. ? Heidt**.

Children of Johannes Trapp and Margretha Weymer are:

- 38 i. Theis Trapp, born 1670 in Wunderthausen; died Bet. 1709 - 1711 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Margaretha Spies January 03, 1693/94.
- ii. Gabriel Trapp, born About 1672 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1734; married Anna Elisabeth Catharina Womelsdorf March 02, 1699/00 in Wunderthausen; born February 1684/85 in Wunderthausen; died April 22, 1742 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Gabriel Trapp:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen, became the tenant in Mannes.

- iii. Anna Elisabeth Trapp, born About 1674 in Wunderthausen; died February 07, 1750/51.
- iv. Elisabeth Trapp, born About 1676 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Johannes Trapp, born November 05, 1677 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Gertraud Strackbein February 25, 1708/09 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Trapp:

Born in Weymers house, Wunderthausen. After marriage, lived until 1712 in Weymers and then built Bergmanns.

- vi. Sophia Elisabetha Trapp, born September 27, 1680 in Wunderthausen.

**80. Johannes Dienst**, born About 1635. He was the son of **160. Johannes Dienst** and **161. ?? Kuhn**. He married **81. ??** About 1660.

**81. ??**

Children of Johannes Dienst and ?? are:

- i. Werner Dienst, born About 1655 in Wunderthausen; died After 1712 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Christina Spies October 11, 1678 in Wunderthausen; born About 1655 in Wunderthausen; died After 1708 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Werner Dienst:

Tenant in Schmeds house, Wunderthausen.

- 40 ii. Johannes Dienst, born About 1658 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Justina Gärte March 13, 1683/84 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Dienst, born About 1660 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Theis Boshoff April 19, 1682; born About 1660 in Wunderthausen; died Before June 1718 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Dienst:

She and her brother Johannes divided the property that had belonged to Linde house ("beim Wasser"). She resided in what became Altehäusers, while he kept Linde.

Notes for Johann Theis Boshoff:

Born in Unter der Leye, Wundehausen. Married into Linde. Known to be alive in 1678 when he served as a godparent.

**82. Franz Garte**, born 1625; died February 02, 1694/95 in Arfeld. He married **83. Loysa Henk**.

**83. Loysa Henk**, born 1638; died March 16, 1709/10 in Arfeld. She was the daughter of **166. Martin Henk** and **167. ? Irle**.

Notes for Loysa Henk:

Born in Hanneisers Haus in Arfeld which passed to her husband.

Child of Franz Garte and Loysa Henk is:

- 41 i. Anna Justina Gärte, born About 1665 in Arfeld; died After October 30, 1708 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Dienst March 13, 1683/84 in Wunderthausen.

**84. Gabriel Spies**, born About 1623 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **168. Johannes Spies** and **169. ?? Dickel**. He married **85. Margarete ??** About 1649.

**85. Margarete ??**, born About 1628.

Notes for Gabriel Spies:

Born in and tenant in Diele Haus, Diedenshausen. The name of his wife is not known.

Children of Gabriel Spies and Margarete ?? are:

- i. Gabriel Spies, born in Diedenshausen; died After 1700.
- ii. Samuel Spies, born About 1645 in Diedenshausen; married Anna Catharina ?? Before 1677 in Diedenshausen; born About 1645 in Diedenshausen; died After 1684 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Samuel Spies:

Born in and tenant in Diele Haus, Diedenshausen.

- iii. Anna Catherine Spies, born About 1650 in Diedenshausen; died Before 1686; married Sebastian Rück March 13, 1676/77 in Diedenshausen; born About 1654 in Diedenshausen; died After 1705 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Sebastian Rück:  
Born in and tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

- 42 iv. Sebastian Spies, born About 1653 in Diedenshausen; died in Diedenshausen; married Anna Elisabeth Benfer November 29, 1683 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Catharine Spies, born About 1665 in Diedenshausen; died 1694; married Gabriel Benfer October 30, 1690; born About 1662 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gabriel Benfer:  
Tenant in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen.

**86. Gabriel Benfer**, born About 1640; died After 1678 in Diedenshausen. He married **87. Anna Catharina Giebel**.

**87. Anna Catharina Giebel**, born About 1640 in Diedenshausen; died After 1678 in Diedenshausen. She was the daughter of **174. Jost Giebel** and **175. Magdalene Schmidt**.

Notes for Gabriel Benfer:  
His origins are unknown, but he became the tenant in Schreiners Haus in Diedenshausen.

Child of Gabriel Benfer and Anna Giebel is:

- 43 i. Anna Elisabeth Benfer, born 1665 in Diedenshausen; died in Diedenshausen; married Sebastian Spies November 29, 1683 in Diedenshausen.

**88. Matthias Pott**, born in Black Forest; died Before 1659 in Marburg?. He married **89. Katherine Eckhard** After 1619.

**89. Katherine Eckhard**, died Before 1659 in Wunderthausen?. She was the daughter of **178. Jost Eckhard** and **179. Leisa ??**.

Child of Matthias Pott and Katherine Eckhard is:

- 44 i. Curt Pott, born About 1635 in Bracht/Marburg; died After 1699 in Wunderthausen; married Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen Before 1659 in Wunderthausen.

**90. Steffen Homrighausen**, born About 1610 in Wunderthausen; died After 1678 in Wunderthausen. He married **91. ?? Eckhardt/Scheffer**.

**91. ?? Eckhardt/Scheffer**, born About 1605 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Steffen Homrighausen:  
Born in Seimes house, Wunderthausen and married into what became Curts.

Child of Steffen Homrighausen and ?? Eckhardt/Scheffer is:

- 45 i. Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, born About 1635 in Wunderthausen; died After 1686 in Wunderthausen; married Curt Pott Before 1659 in Wunderthausen.

**108. Johann Herman Knoche**, born About 1635 in Wunderthausen; died in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Herman Knoche:  
Resided in Bormanns Haus, but his status there is not clear. The official tenants (taxpayers) during his lifetime included Reinhard Strackbein and George Dienst. Bormanns Haus existed by the late 1500s. Probably the father of Gertraud Knoche, but this is not certain.

Children of Johann Herman Knoche are:

- i. Johannes Knoche, born December 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen; died May 09, 1751 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein February 03, 1700/01 in Wunderthausen; born May 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Knoche:

Born in Bormanns, became the tenant in Wetzels.

- 54 ii. Johann Hermann Knoche, born April 03, 1687 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen August 19, 1708.

**110. Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen**, born About 1635 in Diedenshausen; died Before 1702 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **220. Samuel Saßmannshausen** and **221. Anna Catharina Homberger**. He married **111. Anna Elisabeth ??** About 1670 in Diedenshausen.

**111. Anna Elisabeth ??**

Notes for Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen:

Born in and tenant in Webers Haus, Diedenshausen.

Children of Johann Saßmanshausen and Anna ?? are:

- i. Catharina Elisabeth Saßmannshausen, born About 1672 in Diedenshausen; married Johann Hermann Benfer October 10, 1689 in Diedenshausen; born About 1670 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Benfer:

Born in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Webers.

- ii. Elias Saßmannshausen, born About 1675 in Diedenshausen; died August 28, 1740 in Girkhausen; married Catharina Elisabeth Homrighausen October 21, 1699 in Diedenshausen; born December 10, 1679 in Diedenshausen; died in Hüttental.

Notes for Elias Saßmannshausen:

First known tenant in Kurts Haus, Girkhausen.

- iii. Johann Gabriel Saßmannshausen, born February 09, 1677/78 in Diedenshausen; died February 13, 1742/43; married Anna Gertrud Thiel February 02, 1701/02; born in Elsoff.
- iv. Johann Samuel Saßmannshausen, born October 25, 1680 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Anna Margaretha Saßmannshausen, born December 11, 1681 in Diedenshausen; died January 18, 1758 in Diedenshausen; married Johann Jost Weller 1706; born in Girkhausen.
- 55 vi. Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen, born November 28, 1684 in Diedenshausen; died Before 1740 in Diedenshausen; married Johann Hermann Knoche August 19, 1708.
- vii. Peter Saßmannshausen, born September 27, 1687 in Diedenshausen; died August 20, 1762 in Girkhausen; married Anna Elisabeth Becker; born 1699 in Girkhausen; died January 05, 1758 in Girkhausen.
- viii. Sebastian Saßmannshausen, born September 27, 1687 in Diedenshausen.

**120. Johann Georg Homrighausen**, born About 1645 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **70. Hans Homrighausen** and **71. ??**. He married **121. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein** About 1670.

**121. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**, born About 1645 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **242. Hans Georg Strackbein** and **243. ?? Pletsch**.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Born in Seimes house and became the tenant.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Strackbein:

Born in Mannes house.

Children of Johann Homrighausen and Anna Strackbein are:

- 60 i. Johannes Homrighausen, born Before 1675 in Wunderthausen; died March 09, 1744/45 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Liese Strackbein January 19, 1700/01.
- ii. Anna Catharina Homrighausen, born Before 1677.

- iii. Johann Georg Homrighausen, born August 10, 1678 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1730; married Anna Catharina Boshoff December 28, 1714 in Wunderthausen; born About 1694 in Wunderthausen; died Bet. 1732 - 1734 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Born in Seimes house. Became the tenant through marriage in Leyeschneiders. First known tenant in the house known as Unter der Laye. His family of origin is not certain.

Notes for Anna Catharina Boshoff:

She was born in the house known variously as Gertrudens, Unter der Leye, and Leienschneiders. There is no record of her birth, but several generations of Boßhof (Booßhoff) are recorded there in other records. As of 1650, the house itself lay between Wunderthausen and Diedenshausen. When it was moved into Wunderthausen is not known.

- iv. Johann Jacob Homrighausen, born April 25, 1682 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1744 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Christina Boshoff January 22, 1705/06 in Wunderthausen; born July 10, 1682 in Wunderthausen; died March 07, 1744/45 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Homrighausen:

Lived in Altehäusers which probably came to him through marriage. Born in Seimes Haus.

Notes for Anna Christina Boshoff:

Almost certainly born in Altehäusers as the daughter of Theiß Boßhof.

- v. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen, born About 1683 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Georg Wetzel August 20, 1705 in Wunderthausen; born About 1670 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Wetzel:

Shepherd, and lived in Schwarze house.

- vi. Anna Catharina Homrighausen, born July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen; died February 13, 1749/50 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Georg Strackbein February 15, 1702/03 in Wunderthausen; born About 1670 in Wunderthausen; died December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Strackbein:

Tenant in Hohmanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

- vii. Anna Margretha Homrighausen, born April 07, 1688 in Wunderthausen; died After 1706.  
viii. Elias Werner Homrighausen, born July 15, 1691 in Wunderthausen; died February 13, 1753.

**122. Hans Georg Strackbein**, born About 1640 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1699 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Hans Georg Strackbein:

Tenant in Hohmanns house, Wunderthausen.

Children of Hans Georg Strackbein are:

- i. Elisabeth Strackbein, born About 1665 in Wunderthausen; died After 1689.  
ii. Johann Georg Strackbein, born About 1670 in Wunderthausen; died December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Catharina Homrighausen February 15, 1702/03 in Wunderthausen; born July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen; died February 13, 1749/50 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Strackbein:

Tenant in Hohmanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

- iii. Anna Maria Strackbein, born About 1672 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Curt Boshoff May 10, 1694 in Wunderthausen; born About 1670 in Wunderthausen; died After 1712 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Maria Strackbein:

Born in Hohmanns house.

- 61      iv. Anna Liese Strackbein, born Before 1677 in Wunderthausen; died January 17, 1741/42 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Homrighausen January 19, 1700/01.  
          v. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, born About 1675 in Wunderthausen.  
          vi. Anna Margarethe Strackbein, born January 16, 1684/85 in Wunderthausen.  
          vii. Johannes Strackbein, born July 01, 1688 in Wunderthausen; died October 17, 1757 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Margarete Spies August 22, 1717 in Wunderthausen; born September 28, 1690 in Wunderthausen; died December 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

Born in Hohmanns Haus, became the tenant in Lotzes Haus, Wunderthausen.

**124. Hans Strackbein**, born About 1630 in Wunderthausen; died After 1699 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **248. Johannes the Younger Strackbein**.

Notes for Hans Strackbein:

Tenant in Grosse house.

Children of Hans Strackbein are:

- 62      i. Hans Georg Strackbein, born About 1669 in Wunderthausen; died January 15, 1743/44 in Wunderthausen; married Gertraud Knoche June 09, 1701.  
          ii. Johannes Strackbein, born About 1670.  
          iii. Anna Catherine Strackbein, born September 05, 1683 in Wunderthausen.  
          iv. Samuel Strackbein, born October 28, 1686 in Wunderthausen; died August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen; married Elisabeth Gertraudt Strackbein August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen; born January 04, 1707/08 in Wunderthausen; died April 30, 1752 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Samuel Strackbein:

Tenant in Grosse Haus, Wunderthausen.

#### *Generation No. 8*

#### **128. Heyrich Riedesel**

Notes for Heyrich Riedesel:

The earliest documentary mentions of the Riedesel family at the house known as "Herjes" in the hamlet called Melbach are faint. The given name of the coachman in the 30 Years War and his father with the same name is indefinite. Expert opinion now is that it was probably not Henrich or Heinrich as commonly reported. Instead, it was some variation of Heyrich. As of 2008, that is the spelling this historian will be using.

Child of Heyrich Riedesel is:

- 64      i. Heyrich Riedesel, born About 1615 in Melbach; died December 12, 1680 in Melbach; married (1) ??; married (2) Gerthrut Dickel May 19, 1661 in Melbach.

**132. Gerlach Womelsdorf**, born About 1565 in Girkhausen; died 1629 in Girkhausen. He was the son of **264. Reinhart Womelsdorf** and **265. Catharina ??**.

Children of Gerlach Womelsdorf are:

- 66      i. Reinhardt Womelsdorf  
          ii. Johannes Womelsdorf, born 1609 in Girkhausen.

**140. Johannes Homrighausen**, born About 1585 in Wemlighausen; died After 1643. He married **141. Elisabeth Hüster** About 1610.

**141. Elisabeth Hüster**, born About 1585 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **282. Simon Hüster** and **283. Luzia Strackbein**.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:  
Tenant in Seimes.

Child of Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Hüster is:

- 70 i. Hans Homrighausen, born About 1615 in Wunderthausen; married ?? About 1645.

**154. Johannes Waymar** He was the son of **308. Hans Weimar**. He married **155. ? Heidt**.

**155. ? Heidt** She was the daughter of **310. Ebert Heidt**.

Child of Johannes Waymar and ? Heidt is:

- 77 i. Margretha Weymer, born About 1640; married Johannes Trapp About 1670.

**160. Johannes Dienst**, born About 1610; died After 1650. He married **161. ?? Kuhn** About 1635.

**161. ?? Kuhn**, born About 1615 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **322. Theis Kuhn**.

Children of Johannes Dienst and ?? Kuhn are:

- 80 i. Johannes Dienst, born About 1635; married ?? About 1660.  
ii. Johann Georg Dienst

**166. Martin Henk** He married **167. ? Irle**.

**167. ? Irle** She was the daughter of **334. Johannes Irle**.

Child of Martin Henk and ? Irle is:

- 83 i. Loysa Henk, born 1638; died March 16, 1709/10 in Arfeld; married Franz Garte.

**168. Johannes Spies**, born 1587 in Diedenshausen; died After 1654 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **336. Johannes Spies** and **337. ?? Althaus**. He married **169. ?? Dickel**.

**169. ?? Dickel** He was the son of **338. Emanuel Dickel** and **339. Cathrein ??**.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Born in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Diele. He owned three horses (more than most other peasants), and is therefore thought to have a side business of hauling.

Child of Johannes Spies and ?? Dickel is:

- 84 i. Gabriel Spies, born About 1623 in Diedenshausen; married Margarete ?? About 1649.

**174. Jost Giebel**, born About 1605; died After 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married **175. Magdalene Schmidt**.

**175. Magdalene Schmidt**, born About 1610 in Probably Diedenshausen. She was the daughter of **350. Matthais Schmidt**.

Notes for Jost Giebel:

Origins uncertain. Was the tenant in Schreiners Haus, Diedenshausen. The father of his wife was apparently Theis Schmitt, born around 1590 and died after 1630.

Child of Jost Giebel and Magdalene Schmidt is:

- 87 i. Anna Catharina Giebel, born About 1640 in Diedenshausen; died After 1678 in Diedenshausen; married Gabriel Benfer.

**178. Jost Eckhard**, born About 1570 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1616 in Wunderthausen. He married **179. Leisa ??**.

**179. Leisa ??**

Child of Jost Eckhard and Leisa ?? is:

- 89            i. Katherine Eckhard, died Before 1659 in Wunderthausen?; married Matthias Pott After 1619.

**220. Samuel Saßmannshausen**, born About 1615 in Diedenshausen. He married **221. Anna Catharina Homberger**.

**221. Anna Catharina Homberger**, born May 15, 1615 in Hattingen. She was the daughter of **442. Debus Homburger** and **443. ?? Pfeil**.

Notes for Samuel Saßmannshausen:

Origins unknown, but became the tenant in Webers Haus, Diedenshausen. He lived his life during and in the aftermath of the destructive Thirty Years War. It is possible that he, or his parents, came from the village of Saßmanshausen (where Mannus Riedesel was later to build the impressive school/church that stands to this day).

Notes for Anna Catharina Homberger:

May have been Anna Catharina, born in Webers Haus.

Child of Samuel Saßmannshausen and Anna Homberger is:

- 110            i. Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen, born About 1635 in Diedenshausen; died Before 1702 in Diedenshausen; married Anna Elisabeth ?? About 1670 in Diedenshausen.

**242. Hans Georg Strackbein**, died Before 1680. He married **243. ?? Pletsch** in Abt 1625.

**243. ?? Pletsch**, died After 1680. She was the daughter of **486. Johann Georg Pletsch**.

Notes for Hans Georg Strackbein:

Tenant in Mannes house.

Children of Hans Strackbein and ?? Pletsch are:

- i. Johann Georg Strackbein, died After 1685.
- ii. Elisabeth Strackbein
- iii. Anna Gertraud Strackbein
- iv. Juliana Strackbein, born About 1640 in Wunderthausen; died After 1690; married Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf About 1670 in Wunderthausen; born About 1640 in Girkhausen; died After 1708 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf:

Born in Pfaffe Haus, Girkhausen. Became the tenant through marriage in what has been since then as "Mannes" Haus.

- 121            v. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, born About 1645 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Georg Homrighausen About 1670.

**248. Johannes the Younger Strackbein**, born About 1600 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1648 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **496. Johannes the Elder Strackbein**.

Notes for Johannes the Younger Strackbein:

Tenant in Grosse house.

Children of Johannes the Younger Strackbein are:

- 124            i. Hans Strackbein, born About 1630 in Wunderthausen; died After 1699 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Werner Strackbein

**264. Reinhart Womelsdorf**, born About 1525 in Girkhausen. He was the son of **528. Jochenchen Womelsdorf** and **529. Catherina ??**. He married **265. Catharina ??**.

**265. Catharina ??**

Children of Reinhart Womelsdorf and Catharina ?? are:

- i. Heintz/Heinrich Womelsdorf
- ii. Jochenchen Womelsdorf, born About 1550.
- iii. Georg Womelsdorf, born About 1555.
- 132 iv. Gerlach Womelsdorf, born About 1565 in Girkhausen; died 1629 in Girkhausen.

**282. Simon Hüster**, born About 1560 in Elsoff or Alertshausen; died After 1606. He married **283. Luzia Strackbein** About 1585.

**283. Luzia Strackbein**, born About 1560 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **566. Simon Strackbein**.

Notes for Luzia Strackbein:

Born in Seimes house.

Child of Simon Hüster and Luzia Strackbein is:

- 141 i. Elisabeth Hüster, born About 1585 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Homrighausen About 1610.

**308. Hans Weimar**

Child of Hans Weimar is:

- 154 i. Johannes Waymar, married ? Heidt.

**310. Ebert Heidt**

Child of Ebert Heidt is:

- 155 i. ? Heidt, married Johannes Waymar.

**322. Theis Kuhn**, born About 1570 in Prob. Beddelhausen.

Notes for Theis Kuhn:

Lived in the house referred to as "beim Wasser" and is the first tenant whose name is certain. It may have been in the family of his wife, named Biebighausen.

Children of Theis Kuhn are:

- i. Gertraud Kuhn, born About 1595 in Wunderthausen; died After 1626; married (1) Johannes Schlüßler; born in Wunderthausen; married (2) Johannes Schumacher 1617; born in Alertshausen.
- ii. Abraham Kuhn, born About 1610 in Wunderthausen; died About 1680 in Diedenshausen; married Maria ?? 1632.

Notes for Abraham Kuhn:

Although he was born in Wunderthausen, he established himself in Diedenshausen after the devastation of the 30 Years War in the house known as Maies. He may well have had other children, but only four are known.

- 161 iii. ?? Kuhn, born About 1615 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Dienst About 1635.

**334. Johannes Irle**, born in Arfeld; died in Arfeld. He was the son of **668. Johannes Erle**.

Notes for Johannes Irle:

Lived in Hanneisers Haus in Arfeld.

Child of Johannes Irle is:

- 167 i. ? Irle, married Martin Henk.

**336. Johannes Spies**, born About 1560 in Diedenshausen; died Before 1606 in Diedenshausen. He married

**337. ?? Althaus**.

**337. ?? Althaus**, born About 1560. She was the daughter of **674. Hans Althaus**.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

Children of Johannes Spies and ?? Althaus are:

- i. Bastian Spies, born in Diedenshausen; died Before 1616.
- ii. Gabriel Spies, born About 1585 in Diedenshausen; died About 1636 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gabriel Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

- 168 iii. Johannes Spies, born 1587 in Diedenshausen; died After 1654 in Diedenshausen; married ?? Dickel.

**338. Emanuel Dickel**, born About 1568 in Probably Diedenshausen; died Before 1640 in Diedenshausen. He married **339. Cathrein ??** Before 1609.

**339. Cathrein ??**, born in Probably Diedenshausen. She was the daughter of **678. Thiel ??**.

Notes for Emanuel Dickel:

Tenant in Diele Haus, Diedenshausen. His origins are unknown.

Children of Emanuel Dickel and Cathrein ?? are:

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- i. ?? Dickel, married Johannes Spies.
  - ii. Elsbeth Dickel, born in Diedenshausen; married Hans Flecken February 12, 1639/40 in Berleburg; born in Berghausen.

**350. Matthais Schmidt**, born About 1580 in Probably Diedenshausen.

Child of Matthais Schmidt is:

- 175 i. Magdalene Schmidt, born About 1610 in Probably Diedenshausen; married Jost Giebel.

**442. Debus Homburger**, born About 1585 in Prob. Homburg; died After 1651 in Diedenshausen. He married **443. ?? Pfeil**.

**443. ?? Pfeil** She was the daughter of **886. Debus Pfeil**.

Notes for Debus Homburger:

Homburg was a county in neighboring Hesse. He became the tenant in Webers Haus, Diedenshausen, though marriage to the daughter of Debus Pfeil.

Child of Debus Homburger and ?? Pfeil is:

- 221 i. Anna Catharina Homberger, born May 15, 1615 in Hattingen; married Samuel Saßmannshausen.

**486. Johann Georg Pletsch**, born About 1565; died Before 1642 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Pletsch:

Thought to have been born in Berleburg, Girkhausen or Berghausen. Lived in the house later known as Mannes in Wunderthausen.

Children of Johann Georg Pletsch are:

- 243 i. ?? Pletsch, died After 1680; married Hans Georg Strackbein in Abt 1625.
- ii. ?? Pletsch, married Hans Beitzel Before 1616; died About 1672.
- iii. Elisabeth/Leisgen Pletsch, born About 1591 in Wunderthausen; married Nicolaus Zacharias; born in Elsoff.

**496. Johannes the Elder Strackbein**, born About 1570 in Wunderthausen; died After 1624 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes the Elder Strackbein:

Early tenant in Grosse house.

Child of Johannes the Elder Strackbein is:

- 248 i. Johannes the Younger Strackbein, born About 1600 in Wunderthausen; died Before 1648 in Wunderthausen.

*Generation No. 10*

**528. Johenchen Womelsdorf**, born About 1480. He was the son of **1056. Heinrich Womelsdorf**. He married **529. Catherina ??**.

**529. Catherina ??**

Child of Johenchen Womelsdorf and Catherina ?? is:

- 264 i. Rheinhart Womelsdorf, born About 1525 in Girkhausen; married Catharina ??.

**566. Simon Strackbein**, born About 1530 in Wunderthausen; died After 1572 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Simon Strackbein:

Born in Seimes house and became the tenant.

Child of Simon Strackbein is:

- 283 i. Luzia Strackbein, born About 1560 in Wunderthausen; married Simon Hüster About 1585.

**668. Johannes Erle**, died 1641 in Arfeld.

Notes for Johannes Erle:

Lived in Hanneisers Haus in Arfeld.

Child of Johannes Erle is:

- 334 i. Johannes Irle, born in Arfeld; died in Arfeld.

**674. Hans Althaus**, born 1535 in Alertshausen or Bromskirchen?; died After 1591.

Notes for Hans Althaus:

First known tenant in Schulze Haus in Diedenshausen. It is speculated that his son, Johannes, was the famous jurist and scholar known as Johannes Althusius.

Children of Hans Althaus are:

- 337 i. Zacharias Althaus
- ii. ?? Althaus, born About 1560; married Johannes Spies.
- iii. Johannes Althaus, born About 1563.

Notes for Johannes Althaus:

May be the great scholar known to history as Johannes Althusius. If so, he was educated at the count's expense and went on to a legal career, marrying in 1595 and living until August 17, 1638.

**678. Thiel ??**, born About 1540. He was the son of **1356. Heynrich ??**.

Notes for Thiel ??:

One of first tenants in Diele Haus, which took its name from him. Oral tradition says that the wood used in a 1619 reconstruction of the house came from the parsonage in Wingshausen when it was broken down [to be replaced in 1700-1710 by a Mannus Riedesel building, which itself was demolished in 1912].

Child of Thiel ?? is:

339 i. Cathrein ??, born in Probably Diedenshausen; married Emanuel Dickel Before 1609.

**886. Debus Pfeil**, born About 1565 in Diedenshausen; died Bet. 1606 - 1616 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **1772. Johenchen Pfeil**.

Notes for Debus Pfeil:

Tenant in Weber Haus, Diedenshausen.

Child of Debus Pfeil is:

443 i. ?? Pfeil, married Debus Homburger.

*Generation No. 11*

**1056. Heinrich Womelsdorf**, born About 1450.

Child of Heinrich Womelsdorf is:

528 i. Johenchen Womelsdorf, born About 1480; married Catherina ??.

**1356. Heynrich ??**

Child of Heynrich ?? is:

678 i. Thiel ??, born About 1540.

**1772. Johenchen Pfeil**, born About 1540 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johenchen Pfeil:

First known tenant in Webers Haus. The house took its name from the craft of weaving which was apparently followed for many generations, though the tenants also had to tend their crops and livestock. This is one of the oldest known houses in Diedenshausen.

Child of Johenchen Pfeil is:

886 i. Debus Pfeil, born About 1565 in Diedenshausen; died Bet. 1606 - 1616 in Diedenshausen.