

## *Ancestors of Georg Ludwig Riedesel*

### *Generation No. 1*

**1. Georg Ludwig Riedesel**, born May 13, 1817 in Wunderthausen; died February 27, 1903 in Oxford, New Jersey. He was the son of **2. Johann Ludwig Riedesel** and **3. Anna Elisabeth Knoche**. He married **(1) Caroline ??**. She was born August 16, 1824 in Germany, and died October 27, 1867 in Oxford, New Jersey. He married **(2) Catherine ??**. She was born about 1832 in Bavaria, and died in Oxford, New Jersey.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:

Born in Wetzels house in Wunderthausen. I would guess that he came to Warren County, NJ, in the early 1840s, though it is possible that he came with his sister Catherine and brother-in-law in 1837. He (and the other Riedesels around Oxford) were called Radle or Riddle, but that may or may not have been their choice.

The Riddle spelling of the names of his children of the second marriage appears in the 1880 Census. I doubt that "Riedesel" was still in use, however. The 1900 Census uses "Riddle" for others of this group, and that is apparently the name that the family continued to use.

### *Generation No. 2*

**2. Johann Ludwig Riedesel**, born February 21, 1762 in Wunderthausen; died December 25, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **4. Johann Ludwig Riedesel** and **5. Anna Catharina Ruppert**. He married **3. Anna Elisabeth Knoche** March 02, 1801 in Wunderthausen.

**3. Anna Elisabeth Knoche**, born February 07, 1776 in Wunderthausen; died September 23, 1834 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **6. Johann Jacob Knoche** and **7. Catharina Florentine Beitzel**.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

Tenant in Wetzels Haus in Wunderthausen.

Children of Johann Riedesel and Anna Knoche are:

- i. Georg Ludwig Riedesel, born February 09, 1802 in Wunderthausen; died February 24, 1802 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Elisabeth Wilhelmina Riedesel, born March 23, 1803 in Wunderthausen; died August 08, 1878 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Pott August 03, 1823 in Wunderthausen; born April 01, 1789 in Wunderthausen; died June 22, 1856 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johannes Riedesel, born September 26, 1805 in Wunderthausen; died January 22, 1808 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Georg Gabriel Riedesel, born January 01, 1808 in Wunderthausen; died January 06, 1828 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Elisabeth Gertraudt Riedesel, born April 02, 1810 in Wunderthausen; died June 15, 1826 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Elisabeth Amalia Riedesel, born January 27, 1812 in Wunderthausen; died October 25, 1897 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Ludwig Homrighausen July 11, 1836 in Wunderthausen; born March 22, 1804 in Wunderthausen; died August 03, 1878 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Homrighausen:

He was born in Brückeschneiders house in Wunderthausen. He inherited it from his father, but it may have had little if any agricultural land. In his early youth he was employed as a shepherd in neighboring Diedenshausen and then as teacher in the small settlements at Dachsloch and Langewiese. However, in 1833 he began what would be a lifetime of employment as one of the school teachers in Diedenshausen. His family continued to live in Wunderthausen (2km away), but during school he was only there two nights a week.

Originally, his compensation was mostly in grain though he was later paid a cash salary. It was meagre, and like most men in the region he pursued a side craft to help make ends meet. Homrighausen carved spoons, a common trade in Wunderthausen. His birthday was the same as that of Kaiser Wilhelm I, which was a great source of pride.

He married twice. All five children of his first marriage died in childhood, and his wife died shortly after the birth of the last child. The children of his marriage to Amalia Riedesel were healthier

- vii. Anna Catherine Riedesel, born April 22, 1815 in Wunderthausen; died September 11, 1909 in Oxford, New Jersey; married Johann Georg Riedesel 1837 in Germany; born November 13, 1810 in Wunderthausen; died 1894 in Oxford, New Jersey.

Notes for Anna Catherine Riedesel:

Born in Wetzels house in Wunderthausen. Married her husband in Germany in 1837 and came to America that year, according to family records. She had a total of eight children, but the names of two of them are unknown to me. The 1900 Census gives her name as "Riddle." I don't know if they were actually using that name.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Known as George--sometimes Ritesel, sometimes Radle, sometimes Riddle. Born in Seimes/Weißkopf Haus in Wunderthausen but went to America in 1837, reportedly after being discharged from military service in 1837. He and Catherine were married in Germany in 1837, but not in the Girkhausen parish of which their native Wunderthausen was a part. They settled at Oxford, NJ (now Hazen). Much of the information about the family is taken from a family Bible that was transcribed by a descendant. At least by the children's generation, they had settled on the name of "Riddle" though there are references to other variations.

- 1 viii. Georg Ludwig Riedesel, born May 13, 1817 in Wunderthausen; died February 27, 1903 in Oxford, New Jersey; married (1) Caroline ??; married (2) Catherine ??.
  - ix. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel, born February 20, 1819 in Wunderthausen; died May 03, 1843 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Franz Homrighausen April 26, 1840 in Wunderthausen; born July 06, 1814 in Wunderthausen; died February 27, 1907 in Wheatland, IA.

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. 3*

**4. Johann Ludwig Riedesel**, born February 06, 1711/12 in Wunderthausen; died March 11, 1771 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **8. Wilhelm Riedesel** and **9. Anna Margarethe Spies**. He married **5. Anna Catharina Ruppert** November 26, 1751 in Wunderthausen.

**5. Anna Catharina Ruppert**, born June 27, 1724 in Wunderthausen; died January 06, 1794 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **10. Johann Conrad Ruppert** and **11. Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche**.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

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

Children of Johann Riedesel and Anna Ruppert are:

- i. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel, born September 11, 1752 in Wunderthausen; died November 12, 1753 in Wunderthausen.
- 2 ii. Johann Ludwig Riedesel, born February 21, 1762 in Wunderthausen; died December 25, 1835 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Anna Elisabeth Spies July 19, 1782 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Elisabeth Juliana Homrighausen October 30, 1790 in Wunderthausen; married (3) Anna Elisabeth Knoche March 02, 1801 in Wunderthausen.

**6. Johann Jacob Knoche**, born January 30, 1740/41 in Wunderthausen; died March 07, 1792 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **12. Georg Gabriel Knoche** and **13. Anna Margareta Strackbein**. He married **7. Catharina Florentine Beitzel** January 29, 1768 in Wunderthausen.

**7. Catharina Florentine Beitzel**, born October 13, 1749 in Wunderthausen; died February 24, 1793 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **14. Ludwig Franz Beitzel** and **15. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen**.

Notes for Johann Jacob Knoche:

Born in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen, became tenant in Seilers.

Children of Johann Knoche and Catharina Beitzel are:

- i. Johannes Knoche, born February 07, 1773 in Wunderthausen; died December 18, 1800 in Wunderthausen; married Maria Amalia Womelsdorf October 22, 1793 in Wunderthausen; born April 22, 1770 in Wunderthausen; died March 21, 1829 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Knoche:

Tenant in Seilers Haus, Wunderthausen.

- 3 ii. Anna Elisabeth Knoche, born February 07, 1776 in Wunderthausen; died September 23, 1834 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Ludwig Riedesel March 02, 1801 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Eleonore Knoche, born December 07, 1780 in Wunderthausen; died August 11, 1782 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche, born October 25, 1783 in Wunderthausen; died November 14, 1788 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Georg Ludwig Knoche, born September 26, 1786 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Georg Franz Knoche, born June 19, 1790 in Wunderthausen; died December 22, 1856 in Girkhausen; married Magdalene Lauber.

#### *Generation No. 4*

**8. Wilhelm Riedesel**, born 1677 in Girkhausen; died February 09, 1747/48 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **16. Johannes Riedesel** and **17. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf**. He married **9. Anna Margarethe Spies** August 16, 1703 in Wunderthausen.

**9. Anna Margarethe Spies**, born December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen; died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **18. Johann Georg Spies** and **19. 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.

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- 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.
  - 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; born October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen; died January 21, 1748/49 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Elisabeth Gertraud Weller February 04, 1751/52 in Wunderthausen; born August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen; died October 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen.

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.

- 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.

**10. Johann Conrad Ruppert**, born December 16, 1691 in Breidenbach; died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **11. Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche** August 06, 1723 in Wunderthausen.

**11. Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche**, born October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen; died January 21, 1748/49 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **22. Johannes Knoche** and **23. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**.

Children of Johann Ruppert and Anna Knoche are:

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- i. Anna Catharina Ruppert, born June 27, 1724 in Wunderthausen; died January 06, 1794 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Johann Ludwig Riedesel November 26, 1751 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Georg Gabriel Homrighausen March 11, 1772.
  - ii. Johann Georg Ruppert, born May 12, 1727 in Wunderthausen; died May 13, 1776 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Katherine Elisabeth Ruppert, born October 25, 1732 in Wunderthausen.
  - iv. Katherine Elisabeth Ruppert, born May 24, 1735 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Elisabeth Margarete Ruppert, born December 11, 1737 in Wunderthausen; died September 20, 1792 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Johannes Delcourt December 28, 1757 in Wunderthausen; born April 06, 1737 in Wunderthausen; died January 16, 1775 in Wunderthausen; met (2) Ludwig Wetzel Not Married.

Notes for Johannes Delcourt:

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

- vi. Johann Georg Ruppert, born February 27, 1725/26 in Wunderthausen; died May 13, 1776 in Wunderthausen; married Maria Juliana Boshoff January 29, 1764; born April 26, 1738 in Wunderthausen; died February 18, 1797 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Ruppert:

Listed as Philippus at the time of his birth.

**12. Georg Gabriel Knoche**, born December 28, 1713 in Wunderthausen; died November 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **24. Hans Georg Knoche** and **25. Louisa Christina Dienst**. He married **13. Anna Margareta Strackbein** July 07, 1738 in Wunderthausen.

**13. Anna Margareta Strackbein**, born February 02, 1717/18 in Wunderthausen; died August 20, 1798 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **26. Johann Georg Strackbein** and **27. Anna Catharina Homrighausen**.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Knoche:

Tenant in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

Children of Georg Knoche and Anna Strackbein are:

- i. Johannes Knoche, born September 01, 1739 in Wunderthausen; died August 29, 1807 in Wunderthausen; married Elisabeth Gertraud Pott July 28, 1769 in Wunderthausen; born September 03, 1753 in Wunderthausen; died June 01, 1798 in Wunderthausen.
- 6 ii. Johann Jacob Knoche, born January 30, 1740/41 in Wunderthausen; died March 07, 1792 in Wunderthausen; married Catharina Florentine Beitzel January 29, 1768 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche, born February 17, 1742/43 in Wunderthausen; died April 10, 1773 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Ludwig Riedesel May 28, 1766 in Wunderthausen; born December 01, 1741 in Wunderthausen; died October 01, 1801 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

Born in Gundermanns Haus, but became the tenant in Ludwigs/Unter der Laye.

- iv. Catherine Elisabeth Knoche, born April 24, 1745 in Wunderthausen; died October 31, 1794 in Wunderthausen; married Georg Franz Riedesel October 25, 1780 in Wunderthausen; born April 21, 1751 in Wunderthausen; died December 17, 1810 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Catherine Elisabeth Knoche:

Born in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen. May also have been known as Anna Katharina.

Notes for Georg Franz Riedesel:

First tenant of "Försters am Lotzenberg" Haus in Wunderthausen, was a forester.

- v. Ludwig Franz Knoche, born May 1747 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Catherine Elisabeth Knoche, born September 25, 1748 in Wunderthausen; died March 26, 1758 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Georg Gabriel Knoche, born February 22, 1750/51 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Maria Catharina Knoche, born January 17, 1753 in Wunderthausen; died February 08, 1823 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Wagner February 17, 1775 in Wunderthausen; born September 19, 1743 in Wunderthausen; died July 25, 1790 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Wagner:

Born in and tenant in Lotzes Haus, Wunderthausen.

- ix. Amalia Maria Knoche, born April 16, 1756 in Wunderthausen; died April 14, 1758.
- x. Johann Georg Knoche, born July 08, 1759 in Wunderthausen; died April 01, 1760 in Wunderthausen.

**14. Ludwig Franz Beitzel**, born January 26, 1726/27 in Wunderthausen; died December 07, 1800 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **28. Johann Jacob Beitzel** and **29. Anna Elisabeth Spies**. He married **15. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen** August 11, 1748.

**15. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen**, born March 03, 1714/15 in Diedenshausen; died June 27, 1790 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **30. Johann Jakob Homrighausen** and **31. Catherina Elisabeth Weller**.

Notes for Ludwig Franz Beitzel:

Tenant in Seilers Haus, Wunderthausen, and a church elder.

Children of Ludwig Beitzel and Anna Homrighausen are:

- 7 i. Catharina Florentine Beitzel, born October 13, 1749 in Wunderthausen; died February 24, 1793 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Johann Jacob Knoche January 29, 1768 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Georg Gabriel Riedesel January 13, 1793 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Annalehne Beitzel, born November 10, 1750.
- iii. Catherine Elisabeth Beitzel, born March 21, 1754.

#### *Generation No. 5*

**16. Johannes Riedesel**, born about 1640 in Melbach; died in Girkhausen. He was the son of **32. Heyrich Riedesel** and **33. ??**. He married **17. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf** February 18, 1663/64 in Raumland.

**17. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf**, born about 1642 in Girkhausen; died in Girkhausen. She was the daughter of **34. 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 Pfaffereinert's.

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

**18. Johann Georg Spies**, born about 1645 in Wunderthausen; died after 1698 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **36. Valentin Spies**. He married **19. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen** May 13, 1678 in Wunderthausen.

**19. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen**, born about 1650 in Wunderthausen; died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **38. Hans Homrighausen** and **39. ??**.

Notes for Anna Gertraud Homrighausen:

From Seimes Haus in Wunderthausen.

Children of Johann Spies and Anna Homrighausen are:

- 9 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.

**22. Johannes Knoche**, born December 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen; died May 09, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **44. Johann Herman Knoche**. He married **23. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein** February 03, 1700/01 in Wunderthausen.

**23. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**, born May 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen; died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **46. Johannes Strackbein** and **47. Anna Elisabeth Wetzel**.

Notes for Johannes Knoche:

Born in Bormanns, became the tenant in Wetzels.

Children of Johannes Knoche and Anna Strackbein are:

- i. Elisabeth Katherine Knoche, born December 19, 1702 in Wunderthausen.
- 11 ii. Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche, born October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen; died January 21, 1748/49 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Johann Conrad Ruppert August 06, 1723 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Johann Gabriel Riedesel July 10, 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Katherine Knoche, born February 16, 1706/07 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johannes Knoche, born October 30, 1709 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Anna Elisabeth Knoche, born January 20, 1711/12 in Wunderthausen; died May 23, 1787 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Georg Riedesel May 04, 1731 in Wunderthausen; born April 15, 1704 in Wunderthausen; died May 15, 1760 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Knoche:

Born in Wetzels Haus, Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Heir to Gundermanns Haus.

- vi. Samuel Knoche, born January 04, 1714/15 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Anna Elisabeth Knoche, born January 22, 1715/16 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Johann Heinrich Knoche, born October 28, 1718 in Wunderthausen; died May 15, 1775 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Elisabeth Spies February 04, 1751/52 in Wunderthausen; born September 29, 1726 in Wunderthausen; died April 04, 1783 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Knoche:

Became the tenant in Schmeds, Wunderthausen, through marriage.

**24. Hans Georg Knoche**, born about 1666 in Wunderthausen; died April 29, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **48. Johann Hermann Knoche**. He married **25. Louisa Christina Dienst** July 12, 1703 in Wunderthausen.

**25. Louisa Christina Dienst**, born about 1674 in Wunderthausen; died November 15, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **50. Hans Georg Dienst** and **51. ?? Homrighausen**.

Notes for Hans Georg Knoche:

Born in Bormanns Haus and became the tenant.

Children of Hans Knoche and Louisa Dienst are:

- i. Johannes Knoche, born January 29, 1702/03 in Wunderthausen; died August 05, 1771.
- ii. Anna Elisabeth Knoche, born October 23, 1708 in Wunderthausen; died December 24, 1765 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Johannes Trapp December 27, 1728 in Wunderthausen; born April 21, 1709 in Wunderthausen; died before 1738 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Johannes Spies March 17, 1737/38 in Wunderthausen; died August 18, 1773 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Trapp:

Tenant in Mannes Haus.

- 12 iii. Georg Gabriel Knoche, born December 28, 1713 in Wunderthausen; died November 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Margareta Strackbein July 07, 1738 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Georg Knoche, born February 04, 1717/18 in Wunderthausen.

**26. Johann Georg Strackbein**, born about 1670 in Wunderthausen; died December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **52. Hans Georg Strackbein**. He married **27. Anna Catharina Homrighausen** February 15, 1702/03 in Wunderthausen.

**27. Anna Catharina Homrighausen**, born July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen; died February 13, 1749/50 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **54. Johann Georg Homrighausen** and **55. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**.

Notes for Johann Georg Strackbein:

Tenant in Hohmanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

Children of Johann Strackbein and Anna Homrighausen are:

- i. Anna Catherine Strackbein, born January 07, 1711/12 in Wunderthausen; died October 17, 1780 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Jakob Homrighausen January 08, 1733/34 in Wunderthausen; born November 21, 1703 in Wunderthausen; died January 09, 1772 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johann Jakob Strackbein, born December 31, 1714 in Wunderthausen; died March 02, 1741/42 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Catherine Strackbein September 22, 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- 13 iii. Anna Margareta Strackbein, born February 02, 1717/18 in Wunderthausen; died August 20, 1798 in Wunderthausen; married Georg Gabriel Knoche July 07, 1738 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Georg Strackbein, born June 18, 1721 in Wunderthausen; died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Johannes Strackbein, born January 20, 1724/25 in Wunderthausen; died May 13, 1778 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Anna Catharina Riedesel April 23, 1752 in Wunderthausen; born February 03, 1733/34 in Wunderthausen; died January 15, 1765 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Anna Margarete Riedesel December 29, 1766 in Wunderthausen; born May 15, 1744 in Wunderthausen; died February 13, 1807 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

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

**28. Johann Jacob Beitzel**, born September 07, 1697 in Wunderthausen; died July 28, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **56. Johann Jacob Beitzel** and **57. Justina Strackbein**. He married **29. Anna Elisabeth Spies** March 01, 1723/24.

**29. Anna Elisabeth Spies**, born November 19, 1690 in Wunderthausen; died September 03, 1748 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Beitzel:

Tenant in Seilers Haus, Wunderthausen.

Children of Johann Beitzel and Anna Spies are:

- i. Johannes Beitzel, born December 02, 1724 in Wunderthausen.
- 14 ii. Ludwig Franz Beitzel, born January 26, 1726/27 in Wunderthausen; died December 07, 1800 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen August 11, 1748.
- iii. Johannes Werner Beitzel, born January 17, 1729/30 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Anna Catharina Beitzel, born March 01, 1730/31 in Wunderthausen; died January 16, 1792 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Reinhard Wetter November 30, 1753 in Wunderthausen; born April 06, 1732 in Wunderthausen; died December 31, 1802 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Catharina Beitzel:

Born at Seilers Haus in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Reinhard Wetter:

Born and lived at Petersgrund. Four children died within a few weeks of each other in the spring of 1773. The only child known to have lived to marry was Gg. Ludwig, who did at 33.

**30. Johann Jakob Homrighausen**, born December 15, 1677 in Diedenshausen; died January 29, 1739/40 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **60. Johannes Homrighausen** and **61. Elisabeth Schüßler**. He married **31. Catherina Elisabeth Weller** October 30, 1704 in Diedenshausen.

**31. Catherina Elisabeth Weller**, born 1675 in Diedenshausen; died April 09, 1740 in Diedenshausen. She was the daughter of **62. Gabriel Weller** and **63. Anna Magdalena Spies**.

Notes for Johann Jakob Homrighausen:  
Tenant in Hermes Haus in Diedenshausen.

Children of Johann Homrighausen and Catherina Weller are:

- i. Catherina Elisabeth Homrighausen, born March 12, 1705/06 in Diedenshausen; died March 14, 1770 in Wunderthausen; married Francois Delcourt April 14, 1732 in Wunderthausen; born 1704; died November 14, 1755 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Francois Delcourt:

Of a French Huguenot refugee family. In the early 1700s, Wittgenstein was a refuge to a variety of religious dissenters who were persecuted elsewhere. He is described as having been a physician, and people still remember old medical texts (in French) in the house. The house known as Franzose was apparently established for him.

- ii. Johannes Homrighausen, born October 1707 in Diedenshausen; died February 24, 1785 in Diedenshausen; married Anna Elisabeth Hackenbracht July 15, 1736 in Diedenshausen; born October 30, 1714 in Diedenshausen; died May 21, 1770 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Johann Jakob Homrighausen, born November 19, 1709 in Diedenshausen; died February 14, 1742/43 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen, born February 07, 1711/12 in Diedenshausen; died December 10, 1763 in Girkhausen; married Georg Wilhelm Dickel 1737 in Girkhausen; born April 24, 1714 in Girkhausen; died December 10, 1763 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Georg Wilhelm Dickel:

Born in and tenant in Reinerts Haus, Girkhausen.

- 15 v. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen, born March 03, 1714/15 in Diedenshausen; died June 27, 1790 in Wunderthausen; married Ludwig Franz Beitzel August 11, 1748.
- vi. Sebastian Homrighausen, born November 15, 1716 in Diedenshausen; died October 26, 1800 in Diedenshausen; married Anna Elisabeth Pott February 16, 1741/42 in Diedenshausen; born January 25, 1721/22 in Wunderthausen; died January 06, 1803 in Diedenshausen.
- vii. Marie Catherine Homrighausen, born July 25, 1721 in Diedenshausen; died 1801 in USA; married Johann Leydich May 26, 1744.
- viii. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen, born January 22, 1723/24; died in USA.
- ix. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen, born January 22, 1723/24 in Diedenshausen; died in USA.
- x. Anna Maria Magdalena Homrighausen, born February 11, 1727/28; died in USA.

#### *Generation No. 6*

**32. Heyrich Riedesel**, born about 1615 in Melbach; died December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He was the son of **64. Heyrich Riedesel**. He married **33. ??**.  
**33. ??**

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:

- 16 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.

**34. Johannes Womelsdorf**, born 1609 in Girkhausen. He was the son of **68. Gerlach Womelsdorf**.

Notes for Johannes Womelsdorf:

Tenant in Pfaffe Haus in Girkhausen.

Children of Johannes Womelsdorf are:

- i. Johann Kasper Womelsdorf
- 17 ii. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf, born about 1642 in Girkhausen; died in Girkhausen; married Johannes Riedesel February 18, 1663/64 in Raumländ.
- 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.

**36. 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:

- 18 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.

- 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; born 1670 in Wunderthausen; died Bet. 1709 - 1711 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Margaretha Spies:  
Born in Schmeds house.

Notes for Theis Trapp:  
Born in and tenant in Weymers house.

**38. Hans Homrighausen**, born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **76. Johannes Homrighausen** and **77. Elisabeth Hüster**. He married **39. ??** about 1645.

**39. ??**, 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.

- 19 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.

**44. 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:

- 22 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.
- ii. Johann Hermann Knoche, born April 03, 1687 in Wunderthausen; died before 1740 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen August 19, 1708; born November 28, 1684 in Diedenshausen; died before 1740 in Diedenshausen.

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.

**46. Johannes Strackbein**, born about 1645; died Bet. 1692 - 1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **47. Anna Elisabeth Wetzel** about 1670.

**47. Anna Elisabeth Wetzel**, born about 1643 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **94. Johannes Wetzel**.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:  
Became the tenant in Wetzels through marriage.

Children of Johannes Strackbein and Anna Wetzel are:

- 23 i. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, born May 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen; died before 1740 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Knoche February 03, 1700/01 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Anna Catharina Strackbein, born September 05, 1683 in Wunderthausen.

#### **48. Johann Hermann Knoche**

Children of Johann Hermann Knoche are:

- 24 i. Hans Georg Knoche, born about 1666 in Wunderthausen; died April 29, 1753 in Wunderthausen; married Louisa Christina Dienst July 12, 1703 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johann Jacob Knoche, born October 01, 1681 in Wunderthausen; died before 1740.

**50. Hans Georg Dienst**, born about 1640; died after 1718 in Wunderthausen. He married **51. ?? Homrighausen**.

**51. ?? Homrighausen**, born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **102. Bastian Homrighausen** and **103. ?? Beitzel**.

Notes for Hans Georg Dienst:

May have been born in Linde Haus, but married into Bormanns.

Children of Hans Dienst and ?? Homrighausen are:

- i. Gertraudt Dienst, born about 1667 in Wunderthausen; died July 21, 1751 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Gertraudt Dienst:

Believed to be the daughter of Johann Hermann Knoche of Bormanns, but this is not certain.

- 25 ii. Louisa Christina Dienst, born about 1674 in Wunderthausen; died November 15, 1755 in Wunderthausen; married Hans Georg Knoche July 12, 1703 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Dienst, born about 1678 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Dienst:

Was alive in 1697 when she served as a godparent.

- iv. Johann Jost Dienst, born June 19, 1680 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Anna Gertraudt Dienst, born March 1682/83 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Maria Elisabeth Dienst, born May 28, 1685 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Johann Gabriel Dienst, born February 09, 1688/89 in Wunderthausen.

**52. 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.
- 26 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.
- 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.

- iv. Anna Liese Strackbein, born before 1677 in Wunderthausen; died January 17, 1741/42 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Homrighausen January 19, 1700/01; born before 1675 in Wunderthausen; died March 09, 1744/45 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Liese Strackbein:  
Born in Hohmanns Haus.

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.

- 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.

**54. Johann Georg Homrighausen**, born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **38. Hans Homrighausen** and **39. ??**. He married **55. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein** about 1670.

**55. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**, born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **110. Hans Georg Strackbein** and **111. ?? 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:

- i. Johannes Homrighausen, born before 1675 in Wunderthausen; died March 09, 1744/45 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Liese Strackbein January 19, 1700/01; born before 1677 in Wunderthausen; died January 17, 1741/42 in Wunderthausen.

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.

- 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 Lyeschneiders. 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.

- 27 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.
- 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.

**56. Johann Jacob Beitzel**, born about 1660 in Wunderthausen; died after 1715 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **112. Jacob Beitzel** and **113. ??**. He married **57. Justina Strackbein** March 21, 1693/94.

**57. Justina Strackbein**, born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **114. Theiß Strackbein**.

Notes for Johann Jacob Beitzel:

Born in Beitzels house, became tenant in Seilers. It is deduced that he lived in Seilers house, but was not the tenant.

Children of Johann Beitzel and Justina Strackbein are:

- 28 i. Johann Jacob Beitzel, born September 07, 1697 in Wunderthausen; died July 28, 1752 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Maria Juliana Spies; married (2) Anna Elisabeth Spies March 01, 1723/24.
- ii. Anna Catharina Beitzel, born about 1699 in Wunderthausen; died February 23, 1771 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johann Ludwig Beitzel, born December 02, 1701 in Wunderthausen; died March 16, 1762 in Wunderthausen; married (1) Anna Catharina Boshoff; born about 1694 in Wunderthausen; died Bet. 1732 - 1734 in Wunderthausen; married (2) Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen November 07, 1734 in Wunderthausen; born October 13, 1708 in Wunderthausen; died December 11, 1772 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Beitzel:

Born in Seilers house, though not to the main tenant. Became the tenant in Unter der Laye through marriage. None of the children of either of his marriages succeeded him there. Born in Seilers house, became the tenant in Leyeschneiders through marriage.

- iv. Anna Margarethe Beitzel, born May 06, 1704.
- v. Anna Elisabeth Beitzel, born August 03, 1705.
- vi. Johann Werner Beitzel, born December 10, 1708.
- vii. Anna Elisabeth Beitzel, born February 04, 1710/11 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Anna Gertraud Beitzel, born February 27, 1714/15.

**60. Johannes Homrighausen**, born 1652 in Wunderthausen; died after 1722 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **38. Hans Homrighausen** and **39. ??**. He married **61. Elisabeth Schüßler** 1677 in Diedenshausen.

**61. Elisabeth Schüßler**, born about 1650 in Diedenshausen; died in Diedenshausen. She was the daughter of **122. Johannes Schüßler**.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

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

Children of Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Schüßler are:

- 30 i. Johann Jakob Homrighausen, born December 15, 1677 in Diedenshausen; died January 29, 1739/40 in Diedenshausen; married Catherina Elisabeth Weller October 30, 1704 in Diedenshausen.

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

Notes for Elias Saßmannshausen:  
First known tenant in Kurts Haus, Girkhausen.

- iii. Johann Jost Homrighausen, born November 21, 1682 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Anna Catharina Homrighausen, born June 06, 1684 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Elisabeth Homrighausen, born August 22, 1687 in Diedenshausen.
- vi. Johannes Homrighausen, born May 08, 1690 in Diedenshausen; died before 1740 in Diedenshausen; married Anna Elisabeth Benfer October 28, 1717 in Diedenshausen; born after 1697 in Diedenshausen; died August 19, 1760 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:  
Born in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Schneiders.

- vii. Sebastian Homrighausen, born July 04, 1695 in Diedenshausen; died February 13, 1745/46 in Diedenshausen; married Anna Maria Benfer May 13, 1729 in Diedenshausen; born about 1695 in Diedenshausen; died October 06, 1755 in Diedenshausen.

**62. Gabriel Weller**, born about 1650 in Diedenshausen; died before 1694 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **124. Johann Phillip Weller** and **125. ? Spies**. He married **63. Anna Magdalena Spies** about 1673 in Diedenshausen.

**63. Anna Magdalena Spies**, born about 1650 in Diedenshausen; died after May 23, 1697 in Diedenshausen. She was the daughter of **126. Johannes Spies** and **127. Anna Catharina ??**.

Notes for Gabriel Weller:  
The miller in Diedenshausen.

Children of Gabriel Weller and Anna Spies are:

- 31 i. Catherina Elisabeth Weller, born 1675 in Diedenshausen; died April 09, 1740 in Diedenshausen; married Johann Jakob Homrighausen October 30, 1704 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johann Georg Weller, born July 12, 1677 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Anna Gertraud Weller, born December 22, 1678 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Johannes Weller, born September 06, 1681 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Johann Georg Wilhelm Weller, born April 20, 1684 in Diedenshausen; died March 21, 1762 in Diedenshausen; married Anna Elisabeth Weller October 19, 1705 in Diedenshausen; born December 05, 1684 in Diedenshausen; died February 10, 1755.

Notes for Johann Georg Wilhelm Weller:  
The miller in Diedenshausen.

- vi. Johannes Georg Wilhelm Weller, born April 20, 1684 in Diedenshausen; died March 21, 1762 in Diedenshausen; married Anna Elisabeth Weller October 19, 1705 in Diedenshausen.
- vii. Anna Catharina Weller, born October 04, 1686 in Diedenshausen.
- viii. Johann Philipp Weller, born September 20, 1689 in Diedenshausen; died June 25, 1761; married Anna Elisabeth Schäfer April 08, 1725 in Diedenshausen; born 1704.

Notes for Johann Philipp Weller:  
Believed to have gone to America in 1730. First settled at Amwell, Huntington County, NJ.

- ix. Samuel Weller, born February 27, 1691/92 in Diedenshausen.

*Generation No. 7*

**64. 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:

- 32 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.

**68. Gerlach Womelsdorf**, born about 1565 in Girkhausen; died 1629 in Girkhausen. He was the son of **136. Reinhart Womelsdorf** and **137. Catharina ??**.

Children of Gerlach Womelsdorf are:

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

**76. Johannes Homrighausen**, born about 1585 in Wemlighausen; died after 1643. He married **77. Elisabeth Hüster** about 1610.

**77. Elisabeth Hüster**, born about 1585 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **154. Simon Hüster** and **155. Luzia Strackbein**.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

Tenant in Seimes.

Child of Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Hüster is:

- 38 i. Hans Homrighausen, born about 1615 in Wunderthausen; married ?? about 1645.

**94. Johannes Wetzel**, born about 1610 in Wunderthausen; died before June 1697 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **188. Hans Wetzel** and **189. ?? Weber**.

Notes for Johannes Wetzel:

Born in and tenant in Wetzels, Wunderthausen.

Children of Johannes Wetzel are:

- 47 i. Anna Elisabeth Wetzel, born about 1643 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Strackbein about 1670.
- ii. Johannes Wetzel, born about 1645 in Wunderthausen; died after 1718; married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein about 1670; born about 1645 in Wunderthausen; died after 1702 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Wetzel:

Probably born in Wetzels Haus, Wunderthausen. Became the tenant in Auf der Laye.

- iii. Anna Catharina Wetzel, born about 1648 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Germann Kraftthöfer; born in Berleburg.
- iv. Catharina Wetzel, born about 1652 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Beitzel May 18, 1680 in Wunderthausen; born about 1650 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Beitzel:

Born in and tenant in Beitzels house.

**102. Bastian Homrighausen**, born about 1599 in Wemlighausen (?); died after December 1651 in Wunderthausen. He married **103. ?? Beitzel** 1628.

**103. ?? Beitzel**, born about 1600 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **206. Curt Beitzel**.

Notes for Bastian Homrighausen:

Married into Bormanns Haus in Wunderthausen.

Children of Bastian Homrighausen and ?? Beitzel are:

- i. Katharina Homrighausen, born about 1630 in Wunderthausen; died November 1695 in Bromskirchen; married Hans Peter Klein July 03, 1656; born about 1627 in Probably Bromskirchen; died October 1688 in Bromskirchen.
- 51 ii. ?? Homrighausen, born about 1640 in Wunderthausen; married Hans Georg Dienst.
- iii. ?? Homrighausen, born about 1642 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Hermann Knoche; born about 1640; died Bet. 1698 - 1701 in Wunderthausen.

**110. Hans Georg Strackbein**, died before 1680. He married **111. ?? Pletsch** in Abt 1625.

**111. ?? Pletsch**, died after 1680. She was the daughter of **222. 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.

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

**112. Jacob Beitzel**, born about 1620 in Wunderthausen; died Bet. 1696 - 1698 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **224. Johannes Beitzel** and **225. ??**. He married **113. ??** about 1650.

**113. ??**

Notes for Jacob Beitzel:

Born in and tenant in Beitzels house.

Children of Jacob Beitzel and ?? are:

- 56 i. Johann Jacob Beitzel, born about 1660 in Wunderthausen; died after 1715 in Wunderthausen; married Justina Strackbein March 21, 1693/94.
- ii. Johann Werner Beitzel, born about 1665 in Wunderthausen; died after 1722 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Elisabeth Boshoff (?) about 1693.
- iii. Johann Henrich Beitzel, born in Wunderthausen; died before March 23, 1717/18 in Wunderthausen; married Anna Gertraud Strackbein.
- iv. Anna Christina Beitzel, born before 1664 in Wunderthausen; died after 1681.
- v. Johannes Beitzel, born about 1650 in Wunderthausen; married Catharina Wetzel May 18, 1680 in Wunderthausen; born about 1652 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Beitzel:

Born in and tenant in Beitzels house.

**114. Theiß Strackbein**, born about 1610 in Wunderthausen; died before 1678 in Wunderthausen.

Children of Theiß Strackbein are:

- i. Johannes Strackbein, born about 1650 in Wunderthausen; died after 1698.

- ii. Georg Strackbein, born about 1655 in Wunderthausen; died after December 1722; married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein February 08, 1682/83; born about 1655.

Notes for Georg Strackbein:  
Born in Seilers house and became the tenant.

- 57 iii. Justina Strackbein, born about 1670 in Wunderthausen; married Johann Jacob Beitzel March 21, 1693/94.

**122. Johannes Schüßler**, born about 1620 in Diedenshausen; died about 1699 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **244. Hermann Schüßler**.

Notes for Johannes Schüßler:  
Tenant in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen, where he was born.

Children of Johannes Schüßler are:

- 61 i. Elisabeth Schüßler, born about 1650 in Diedenshausen; died in Diedenshausen; married Johannes Homrighausen 1677 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Anna Catharina Schüßler, born about 1655 in Diedenshausen; died after 1708; married Sebastian Rück November 11, 1686 in Diedenshausen; born about 1654 in Diedenshausen; died after 1705 in Diedenshausen.

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

- iii. Anna Elisabeth Schüßler, born about 1660 in Diedenshausen.

**124. Johann Phillip Weller**, born about 1610 in Diedenshausen; died after 1678 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **248. Hans Weller** and **249. ?? Plocher**. He married **125. ? Spies** about 1645.

**125. ? Spies**

Notes for Johann Phillip Weller:  
The miller in Diedenshausen.

Children of Johann Weller and ? Spies are:

- 62 i. Gabriel Weller, born about 1650 in Diedenshausen; died before 1694 in Diedenshausen; married Anna Magdalena Spies about 1673 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Maria Catharina Weller, born about 1655 in Diedenshausen; died December 26, 1675; married Conrad Kroh November 08, 1671; born about 1648 in Wemlighausen; died February 23, 1717/18.
- iii. Samuel Weller, born about 1658 in Diedenshausen; died before 1692; married Anna Elisabeth ??; born in Wemlighausen.
- iv. Johannes Philipp Weller, born about 1660 in Diedenshausen; died December 16, 1737; married (1) Anna Gertraud Heirsdorf August 08, 1685; born February 22, 1666/67; died February 1694/95; married (2) Anna Gertraud Fischer September 10, 1695; born 1671; died February 22, 1735/36.

**126. Johannes Spies**, born about 1615 in Diedenshausen; died after 1670 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **252. Gabriel Spies**. He married **127. Anna Catharina ??**.

**127. Anna Catharina ??**

Notes for Johannes Spies:  
"The younger." Tenant in Schulze. He was a Schultheiß (Schulze in slang), which was a kind of policeman or deputy in service of the count.

Children of Johannes Spies and Anna ?? are:

- i. Johann Wilhelm Spies, born about 1640 in Diedenshausen; died after 1691 in Diedenshausen; married Mara ??.

Notes for Johann Wilhelm Spies:  
Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

- ii. Elisabeth Spies, born about 1645 in Diedenshausen; married Sebastian Dickel; born 1645 in Girkhausen; died 1730 in Girkhausen.
- iii. Johann Gabriel Spies, born about 1648 in Diedenshausen; died about 1694; married Agnes Beitzel June 22, 1671; born in Wemlighausen.
- 63 iv. Anna Magdalena Spies, born about 1650 in Diedenshausen; died after May 23, 1697 in Diedenshausen; married (1) Gabriel Weller about 1673 in Diedenshausen; married (2) Johann Jost Strackbein about 1694 in Diedenshausen.

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**136. Rheinart Womelsdorf**, born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He was the son of **272. Johenchen Womelsdorf** and **273. Catherina ??**. He married **137. Catharina ??**.

**137. Catharina ??**

Children of Rheinart Womelsdorf and Catharina ?? are:

- i. Heintz/Heinrich Womelsdorf
- ii. Johenchen Womelsdorf, born about 1550.
- iii. Georg Womelsdorf, born about 1555.
- 68 iv. Gerlach Womelsdorf, born about 1565 in Girkhausen; died 1629 in Girkhausen.

**154. Simon Hüster**, born about 1560 in Elsoff or Alertshausen; died after 1606. He married **155. Luzia Strackbein** about 1585.

**155. Luzia Strackbein**, born about 1560 in Wunderthausen. She was the daughter of **310. Simon Strackbein**.

Notes for Luzia Strackbein:

Born in Seimes house.

Child of Simon Hüster and Luzia Strackbein is:

- 77 i. Elisabeth Hüster, born about 1585 in Wunderthausen; married Johannes Homrighausen about 1610.

**188. Hans Wetzel**, born about 1580 in Elsoff; died before 1647 in Wunderthausen. He married **189. ?? Weber**.

**189. ?? Weber**, born about 1580. She was the daughter of **378. Ebert Weber**.

Notes for Hans Wetzel:

Became the tenant in Wetzels house, which took his name.

Child of Hans Wetzel and ?? Weber is:

- 94 i. Johannes Wetzel, born about 1610 in Wunderthausen; died before June 1697 in Wunderthausen.

**206. Curt Beitzel**, born about 1565 in Wunderthausen; died after 1616 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **412. Hans Beitzel**.

Notes for Curt Beitzel:

Born in and tenant in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

Child of Curt Beitzel is:

- 103 i. ?? Beitzel, born about 1600 in Wunderthausen; married Bastian Homrighausen 1628.

**222. 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:

- 111 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.

**224. Johannes Beitzel**, born about 1585 in Wunderthausen; died before 1643. He was the son of **448. Jacob Beitzel**. He married **225. ??** about 1620.

**225. ??**

Notes for Johannes Beitzel:

Born in and tenant in Beitzels house.

Child of Johannes Beitzel and ?? is:

- 112 i. Jacob Beitzel, born about 1620 in Wunderthausen; died Bet. 1696 - 1698 in Wunderthausen; married ?? about 1650.

**244. Hermann Schübler**, born about 1585 in Diedenshausen; died after 1649 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **488. Hans Schübler**.

Notes for Hermann Schübler:

Tenant in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen, where he was born.

Child of Hermann Schübler is:

- 122 i. Johannes Schübler, born about 1620 in Diedenshausen; died about 1699 in Diedenshausen.

**248. Hans Weller**, born about 1575; died after 1630 in Diedenshausen. He married **249. ?? Plocher**.

**249. ?? Plocher** She was the daughter of **498. Junghen Plocher** and **499. ? Muder**.

Child of Hans Weller and ?? Plocher is:

- 124 i. Johann Phillip Weller, born about 1610 in Diedenshausen; died after 1678 in Diedenshausen; married ? Spies about 1645.

**252. Gabriel Spies**, born about 1585 in Diedenshausen; died about 1636 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **504. Johannes Spies** and **505. ?? Althaus**.

Notes for Gabriel Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

Children of Gabriel Spies are:

- i. Maria Magdalena Spies, born about 1612 in Diedenshausen; married Johann Ludwig Kirstner.

Notes for Maria Magdalena Spies:

She was a chambermaid at the palace in Berleburg and her husband was a secretary. He came from the county of Lauingen.

- 126 ii. Johannes Spies, born about 1615 in Diedenshausen; died after 1670 in Diedenshausen; married Anna Catharina ??.

**272. Johenchen Womelsdorf**, born about 1480. He was the son of **544. Heinrich Womelsdorf**. He married **273. Catherina ??**.

**273. Catherina ??**

Child of Johenchen Womelsdorf and Catherina ?? is:

136 i. Rheinart Womelsdorf, born about 1525 in Girkhausen; married Catharina ??.

**310. 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:

155 i. Luzia Strackbein, born about 1560 in Wunderthausen; married Simon Hüster about 1585.

**378. Ebert Weber**, born about 1540 in Wunderthausen; died after 1606 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ebert Weber:

Early tenant in what became Wetzels house, Wunderthausen.

Child of Ebert Weber is:

189 i. ?? Weber, born about 1580; married Hans Wetzel.

**412. Hans Beitzel**, born about 1535 in Wunderthausen; died before 1606 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Hans Beitzel:

First known tenant in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

Child of Hans Beitzel is:

206 i. Curt Beitzel, born about 1565 in Wunderthausen; died after 1616 in Wunderthausen.

**448. Jacob Beitzel**, born about 1560 in Wunderthausen; died before 1610 in Wunderthausen. He was the son of **896. Adrian Beitzel**.

Notes for Jacob Beitzel:

Born in and tenant in Beitzels house.

Child of Jacob Beitzel is:

224 i. Johannes Beitzel, born about 1585 in Wunderthausen; died before 1643; married ?? about 1620.

**488. Hans Schüßler**, born about 1560 in Diedenshausen; died before 1606 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **976. Jost Schüßler**.

Notes for Hans Schüßler:

Tenant in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen, where he was born.

Child of Hans Schüßler is:

244 i. Hermann Schüßler, born about 1585 in Diedenshausen; died after 1649 in Diedenshausen.

**498. Junghen Plocher**, born about 1550; died in Diedenshausen. He married **499. ? Muder**.

**499. ? Muder**, born in Diedenshausen. She was the daughter of **998. Hen Muder**.

Notes for Junghen Plocher:  
der Streithöver

Children of Junghen Plocher and ? Muder are:

- 249      i. ?? Plocher, married Hans Weller.  
          ii. Georg Plocher, born about 1585 in Diedenshausen; died Bet. 1631 - 1640 in Diedenshausen; married Catharina Möller June 1618 in Diedenshausen; born in Elsoff; died before 1740 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Georg Plocher:  
Born in and tenant in Schmitte Haus, Diedenshausen.

**504. Johannes Spies**, born about 1560 in Diedenshausen; died before 1606 in Diedenshausen. He married **505. ?? Althaus**.

**505. ?? Althaus**, born about 1560. She was the daughter of **1010. Hans Althaus**.

Notes for Johannes Spies:  
Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

Children of Johannes Spies and ?? Althaus are:

- 252      i. Bastian Spies, born in Diedenshausen; died before 1616.  
          ii. Gabriel Spies, born about 1585 in Diedenshausen; died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.  
          iii. Johannes Spies, born 1587 in Diedenshausen; died after 1654 in Diedenshausen; married ?? Dickel.

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.

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**544. Heinrich Womelsdorf**, born about 1450.

Child of Heinrich Womelsdorf is:

- 272      i. Johenchen Womelsdorf, born about 1480; married Catherina ??.

**896. Adrian Beitzel**, born about 1535 in Wunderthausen; died after 1589 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Adrian Beitzel:

Probably the son of a Hen Beitzel from Hallenberg, so represented the second generation of Beitzels in Wunderthausen. It is supposed that Hans Beitzel in Borrmans house was his brother.

Child of Adrian Beitzel is:

- 448      i. Jacob Beitzel, born about 1560 in Wunderthausen; died before 1610 in Wunderthausen.

Child of Adrian Beitzel and Catharina ?? is:

**976. Jost Schüßler**, born about 1530; died before 1589 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Jost Schüßler:

First known tenant in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen. He was probably a carver of wooden utensils as Hermes had only a small amount of land.

Child of Jost Schüßler is:

- 488      i. Hans Schüßler, born about 1560 in Diedenshausen; died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.

**998. Hen Muder**, born about 1525 in Diedenshausen; died after 1572 in Diedenshausen. He was the son of **1996. Hen Muder**.

Notes for Hen Muder:  
der Junge

Child of Hen Muder is:

499      i. ? Muder, born in Diedenshausen; married Junghen Plocher.

**1010. 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:

505      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.

*Generation No. 11*

**1996. Hen Muder**, born about 1492; died before 1572 in Diedenshausen.

Child of Hen Muder is:

998      i. Hen Muder, born about 1525 in Diedenshausen; died after 1572 in Diedenshausen.