Ancestors of Johann Ludwig Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **Johann Ludwig Riedesel**, son of Ludwig Riedesel and Florentine Althaus, was born on August 05, 1822 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 12, 1910 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa. He married **Catherine Schneider** on July 01, 1845 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on September 21, 1823 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 22, 1894 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:
Christened Johann Ludwig, but known as J. Ludwig. He was born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. He traveled to New York on the ship Lesmona out Bremen, landing on June 24, 1844. He was in the company of his first cousin, Ludwig Dürr and aunt Elisabeth Althaus (Dürr's mother). Their destination was Crawford County, Ohio around Galion. How they traveled there is a matter of speculation but river boats (Erie Canal, Ohio Canal) are a good guess.Their aunt and uncle, Maria (Althaus) and Christian Gerhardt, had settled there with others in the Gerhardt family a decade earlier.

In 1845, his parents, siblings and fiance, Catherine Schneider, left for America as well. J. Ludwig and Catherine remained in Ohio until 1855 when they moved on to the Wheatland, Iowa area. He had been naturalized on November 21, 1854, at Galion. 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. He farmed in Section 32 of the Liberty township of Clinton County, north of Wheatland and at some remove from his brothers there. 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 (West Lawn) Cemetery at Glidden.

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

Generation 2

2. **Ludwig Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Maria Elisabeth Dienst, was born on February 21, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. He married **Florentine Althaus** on February 08, 1818 in Wunderthausen.
3. **Florentine Althaus**, daughter of Georg Herman Althaus and Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen, was born on April 08, 1792 in Wunderthausen. She died in 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio.

Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:
He was born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen but married into Haase Haus. This was one of the smaller houses in the village. It was unusual for a man his age to emigrate, but the greater opportunities for his four sons (and already married daughter) may have been compelling. The house and property (meagre, I think) were sold to J. Daniel Müsse from Jochums Haus. Most of the family traveled to New York, landing on June 7, 1845. Son J. Ludwig had gone the year before, and they brought with them his fiance, Catherine Schneider. All settled in Crawford County, Ohio.

Ludwig and Florentine died around 1847-1848, reportedly in an epidemic of some kind (cholera?) along with their daughter-in-law and at least one grandchild. They were interred in a private cemetery probably belonging to the Gerhardts. Its identity is long lost but we are reasonably certain where it is.

Notes for Florentine Althaus:
She was born in Haase Haus, which passed to her husband upon their marriage since she was the oldest child. In 1845, most of the family left Wunderthausen to go to America. They traveled on the ship "New York" out of Bremen, and landed in New York city on June 7, 1845. Her sister, Maria Elisabeth, had come to America years before, married Christian Gerhardt, and settled in Crawford County, Ohio. They joined them. Florentine and her husband died within a few years, reportedly in 1847-1848 in an epidemic. They were almost certainly buried in a family plot on land belonging to the Gerhardts. After everyone moved on to Iowa, the graveyard was abandoned and is now part of a corn field. There are no markers.

Ludwig Riedesel and Florentine Althaus had the following children:

i. Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel was born on July 12, 1818 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 30, 1894 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married **Maria Amalia Riedesel** on August 08, 1841 in Wunderthausen. She was born on June 16, 1822 in Wunderthausen. She died about 1848 in Crawford, Ohio. He married **Elisabeth Schumacher** on November 21, 1854 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on October 02, 1831 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. She died on April 05, 1887 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel:
Known as L. Henry in America. Born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to Crawford County, Ohio 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. They arrived in New York on June 7, 1845. The families lived first near 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 Christian Gerhardt family. Henry and Franz are listed as farmers though with no stated real estate value (they didn't own the land).

In 1852 (later than previously believed), 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. 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 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. He bought and sold land over the years but the core of his farm was in Section 10 of the Spring Rock Township immediately adjacent to Wheatland. He and two of his brothers were the only Wunderthausen emigrants to receive "patents" on their land, meaning they were the first (white) owners.

ii. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on April 30, 1820 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 12, 1909 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married **Johann Franz Homrighausen** on January 21, 1844 in Wunderthausen. He was born on July 06, 1814 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 27, 1907 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Riedesel:
Born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to America with the Riedesel family, arriving in New York on June 7, 1845 (the ship appears to have been the New York). After about a dozen years near Galion, Ohio, the Homrighausen family moved on to the Wheatland area. She was the mother of 11 children but I have names of only seven.

1. iii. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on August 05, 1822 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 12, 1910 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa. He married **Catherine Schneider** on July 01, 1845 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on September 21, 1823 in Wunderthausen.

She died on September 22, 1894 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa.

iv. Georg Ludwig Riedesel was born on January 12, 1825 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 16, 1901 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married **Elizabeth Gerhardt** on February 16, 1860 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on October 09, 1841 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She died on October 14, 1926 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:
Known as George. Born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. He came to New York with his family, landing there on June 7, 1845. They all settled in Crawford County, Ohio. George went (further) west in 1852 with his brother, L. Henry, to buy land. 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.

Though he owned land at Wheatland, he and his wife apparently did not move there until around 1869. In 1873, his in-laws came to Wheatland as well. In fact, the Gerhardts bought land from George in 1873. George was quite active in buying and selling land. The main property and house were in Section 10 (extending into Section 3) of the Spring Rock Township.

"The History of Clinton County, Iowa" by Lucius P. Allen published in 1879.
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 was born on September 24, 1826 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 28, 1828 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Johannes Riedesel was born on March 30, 1829 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 09, 1908 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married **Elisabeth Knoche** on July 07, 1859 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on October 03, 1835 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 25, 1923 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:
Known as John. Born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. He came to America with his family, landing in New York on June 7, 1845. They went immediately to Crawford County, Ohio. John came to stay in Wheatland in 1857. 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.

John acquired his land by "patent" (directly from the federal government) in May 1854. He eventually had land in both Sections 3 and 4 of the Spring Rock Township.

The date of his death has been mis-recorded by me among others. Even his gravestone gives the wrong year (1909 instead of 1908). The best proof of the December 9,1908 date is the obituary published a few days later in the Wheatland Gazette.

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

Generation 2 (cont.)

vii. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on January 02, 1834 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1841 in Wunderthausen.

viii. Infant Riedesel was born on March 24, 1836 in Wunderthausen. He died on Prob.March 24, 1836 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Infant Riedesel:
The child's birth is not to be found in the church records, though is known through family tradition. It was almost certainly a stillbirth.

Generation 3

4. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Georg Gabriel Riedesel and Elisabeth Gertraud Weller, was born on August 27, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 19, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Dienst** on April 21, 1776 in Wunderthausen.

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

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. The teaching position was very much a side-job, though suggests he was more literate than average.

Notes for Maria Elisabeth Dienst:
Born in Linde Haus in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Riedesel and Maria Elisabeth Dienst had the following children:

i. Johann Franz Riedesel was born on August 21, 1774 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 14, 1843 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Fuchs** on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 11, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 26, 1840 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Riedesel:
Born in Weymers Haus but became the tenant in Seimes.

ii. Maria Juliana Riedesel was born on March 31, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 04, 1777 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on June 02, 1778 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 15, 1857 in Wunderthausen. He married **Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs** on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 22, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 22, 1845 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:
Born in and tenant in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen.

iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel was born on March 02, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 14, 1852 in Wunderthausen. She married **Georg Ludwig Schneider** on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 28, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 08, 1837 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel:
Born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen.

2. v. Ludwig Riedesel was born on February 21, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. He married **Florentine Althaus** on February 08, 1818 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 08, 1792 in Wunderthausen. She died in 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio.

vi. Johannes Riedesel was born on June 24, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 16, 1812 in Stettin (now in Poland).

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:
He died in a military hospital in Stettin, a once German city now "Szczecin" in Poland. He

was a conscript in the army with which Napoleon fatally invaded Russia. The French had taken over Wittgenstein years before so the peasants were subject to both heavy taxes and conscription.

vii. Maria Amalia Riedesel was born on January 18, 1789 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 19, 1846 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Philipp Schneider** on May 05, 1811 in Wunderthausen. He was born on September 21, 1788 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 22, 1838 in Wunderthausen.

viii. Maria Juliana Riedesel was born on June 30, 1791 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 22, 1836 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Mörchen** on June 19, 1830 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 02, 1796 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 22, 1836 in Wunderthausen.

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

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

Notes for Georg Herman Althaus:
Inherited the tenancy of Haase Haus from his father. It was physically one of the smaller houses at the time, and the land associated with it was also relatively small. The eldest child (daughter Florentine) stood to inherit the tenancy, though that really meant her husband. He was Ludwig Riedesel. Georg Herman Althaus died in 1824 at which time Ludwig Riedesel became the nominal owner. Some or all of the Althaus siblings continued to live in the house along with the growing Riedesel family. That also included Ludwig Dürr, son of Elisabeth Gertaudt Althaus.

At least three and probably four of the Althaus sibings went to America. Possession of Haase Haus passed from Ludwig Riedesel to another villager. The youngest sibling, Johann Georg Althaus, stayed in Wunderthausen but lived elsewhere.

Notes for Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen:
She born at the Wunderthausen mill.

Georg Herman Althaus and Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen had the following children:

3. i. Florentine Althaus was born on April 08, 1792 in Wunderthausen. She died in 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She married **Ludwig Riedesel** on February 08, 1818 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 21, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio.

ii. Elisabeth Gertraud Althaus was born on January 14, 1795 in Wunderthausen. She died between 1845–1850 in probably in Crawford County, Ohio. She married **Georg Ludwig Dürr** He was born on January 19, 1799 in Wemlighausen. He died after 1826 in probably in Elberfeld.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Althaus:
Born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen and presumably lived there with the extended family. While the senior Ludwig Dürr never married her, there are records showing that he paid some kind of child support and was living in Elberfeld in the late 1820s (many young men from poor Wittgenstein did so, if only seasonally). She came with her son, Ludwig Dürr, and nephew, J. Ludwig Riedesel, to New York on the ship Lesmona out of Bremen. It debarked there on June 24, 1844. All were bound for Crawford County, Ohio. She is nowhere to be seen in later records so presumably died in her first few years in America.

iii. Christine Althaus was born on August 02, 1797 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 07, 1855 in Wingeshausen. She married **Georg Heinrich Wetter** on October 16, 1825 in Wingeshausen. He was born in Wingeshausen.

iv. Johann Georg Ludwig Althaus was born on June 20, 1804 in Wunderthausen. He died in Probably Baltimore.

Notes for Johann Georg Ludwig Althaus:
Born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. He is almost certainly the "Ludwig Alhaus" who came to Baltimore on the ship "James" on September 30, 1833 in the company of his sister Maria Elisabeth. Family recollections years later say that he remained in Baltimore and was known as Ludwig.

v. Maria Elisabeth Althaus was born on October 20, 1807 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 23, 1890 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married **Christian Gerhardt** in 1834 in Probably Baltimore. He was born on May 15, 1808 in Elsoff. He died on August 30, 1888 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Maria Elisabeth Althaus:
Born in Haase Haus, Wunderthausen. It is almost certain that she was the "M E Alhaus" who arrived in Baltimore in about 1833 with her brother Ludwig as well as some of the Gerhardt family. The obituaries differ on where she and Christian were married, but Baltimore seems more likely. After living for about 40 years in Crawford County, Ohio, they moved to Wheatland to live with their daughter and son-in-law, and that is where they are buried. Her presence in Ohio was what drew her two sisters and their families to the New World. The German community around Wheatland would not have been the same without them.

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

Notes for Johann Georg Althaus:
First inhabitant of Haasebergers Haus, Wunderthausen.

Generation 4

8. **Georg Gabriel Riedesel**, son of Wilhelm Riedesel and Anna Margarethe Spies, was born on January 04, 1715 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Weller** on February 04, 1752 in Girkhausen.
9. **Elisabeth Gertraud Weller**, daughter of Johann Phillip Weller and Anna Gertraud Trapp, was born on August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Riedesel:
Married into Wetzels house and later to Weymers Haus from Gundermanns. Through his two marriages he is the progenitor of a large majority of Riedesels in the U.S. He is sometimes listed as Johann Gabriel, but was in any case almost certainly known as Gabriel. He had some duties as a forester but this was limited to the administration of forest rights around Wunderhausen rather than as a full-fledged official of the Count.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Weller:
Born in Weymers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband.

Georg Gabriel Riedesel and Elisabeth Gertraud Weller had the following children:

4. i. Johannes Riedesel was born on August 27, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 19, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Dienst** on April 21, 1776 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 26, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 07, 1805 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Anna Margarethe Riedesel was born on December 19, 1756 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 20, 1819 in Langewiese. She married **Johannes Spies** on September 06, 1781 in Girkhausen. He was born on March 09, 1743 in Langewiese. He died on October 08, 1806 in Langewiese.

iii. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on March 06, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He died in Prob. America. He married **Florentine Spies** She was born in 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 was born on January 31, 1763 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 15, 1763 in Wunderthausen.

v. Georg Ludwig Riedesel was born on May 21, 1764 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 23, 1764 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Georg Gabriel Riedesel was born on June 09, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 28, 1833 in Diedenshausen. He married **Catharina Florentine Beitzel** on January 13, 1793 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 13, 1749 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 24, 1793 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Gernand** on January 28, 1800 in Diedenshausen. She was born on March 15, 1777 in Diedenshausen. She died on 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 was born on February 19, 1769 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Riedesel:
Believed to have gone to America in 1796. It's a good guess that he was absorbed into the Baltimore community, though other Wittgensteiners settled in Pennsylvania as well.

viii. Anna Catherina Elisabeth Riedesel was born on February 15, 1773 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 24, 1847 in Wunderthausen. She married **Ludwig Heinrich Strackbein** on July 23, 1796 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 26, 1771 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 06, 1826 in Wunderthausen.

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

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

Notes for Johannes Dienst:
Tenant in Linde Haus.

Notes for Maria Magdalena Pott:
Born in Beitzels Haus. Also recorded as Anna Magdalena, though was probably called Magdalena (or Lena) in everyday life.

Johannes Dienst and Maria Magdalena Pott had the following children:

i. Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Dienst was born on December 09, 1747 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 15, 1784 in Wunderthausen. She married **Georg Gabriel Homrighausen** on January 17, 1766 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 14, 1739 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1799 in Wunderthausen.

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

Notes for Johann Franz Dienst:
Born in and tenant in Linde Haus, Wunderthausen.

iii. Catharina Dienst was born on February 26, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 24, 1752 in Wunderthausen.

iv. Johannes Dienst was born on December 01, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 06, 1753 in Wunderthausen.

v. Johannes Dienst was born on January 25, 1754 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 29, 1754 in Wunderthausen.

5. vi. Maria Elisabeth Dienst was born on February 26, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She died on

February 07, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Riedesel** on April 21, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 27, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 19, 1835 in Wunderthausen.

vii. Maria Magdalena Dienst was born on March 16, 1757 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 21, 1758 in Wunderthausen.

viii. Johannes Dienst was born on May 01, 1759 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 02, 1835 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina Homrighausen** on January 18, 1789. She was born on September 18, 1763 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 29, 1814 in Diedenshausen.

ix. Maria Magdalena Dienst was born on March 29, 1762 in Wunderthausen.

x. Sebastian Dienst was born on February 14, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 04, 1833 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He married **Anna Katharine Lauber** on October 23, 1789. She was born on July 25, 1766 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). She died on August 13, 1834 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen).

Notes for Sebastian Dienst:
Born in Linde Haus in Wunderthausen but married into a house in Girkhausen/Hoheleye.

xi. Johann Georg Dienst was born on June 17, 1767 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 12, 1781 in Wunderthausen.

xii. Johann Georg Dienst was born on March 08, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1770 in Wunderthausen.

12. **Philip Althaus**, son of Johann Phillip Althaus and Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt, was born in 1737 in Girkhausen. He died on December 02, 1799 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Gertraudt Haase** on March 23, 1766 in Wunderthausen.

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

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.

Philip Althaus and Maria Gertraudt Haase had the following children:

6. i. Georg Herman Althaus was born on March 09, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 21, 1824 in Wunderthausen. He married **Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen** on October 30, 1791 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 03, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 24, 1842 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Elisabeth Florentine Althaus was born on December 07, 1767 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 20, 1817.

iii. Johannes Althaus was born on July 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen.

iv. Johann Georg Althaus was born on September 13, 1773 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 12, 1841 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Trapp** She was born on September 29, 1782 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 19, 1849 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Althaus:
Founded Hanjörges Haus.

v. Johann Hermann Althaus was born on October 19, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 29, 1777 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Elisabeth Gertraud Althaus was born on October 28, 1778 in Wunderthausen.

vii. Anna Wilhelmine Althaus was born on October 29, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 25, 1844 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Franz Mörchen** on March 12, 1824 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 10, 1795 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1855 in Wunderthausen.

14. **Johann Jost Mörchen**, son of Johann Matthäus Mörchen and Anna Margarete ??, was born on January 20, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died on probably after 1788. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen** on November 18, 1757 in Wunderthausen.

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

Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jost Mörchen:
Born at the Wunderthausen Mill and lived there. Christened Johannes Matthias. A record of his death is oddly missing from the local church records. I would surmise that he died after 1788 when his son (and heir to the mill) Johann Georg married.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen:
Born in Weißkopfs Haus.

Johann Jost Mörchen and Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen had the following children:

i. Elisabeth Amalia Mörchen was born on December 25, 1758 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 10, 1822 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Strackbein** on April 23, 1779 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 23, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 16, 1822 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Amalia Mörchen:
Referred to as Anna Amalia in some records but she was christened Elisabeth Amalia. Born at the Wunderthausen mill.

ii. Johann Georg Mörchen was born on November 30, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 15, 1828 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein** on August 30, 1788 in Wunderthausen. She was born on August 08, 1763 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 05, 1814 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Mörchen:
The miller in Wunderthausen.

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

Notes for Georg Ludwig Mörchen:
First tenant am Gefälle.

7. iv. Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen was born on March 03, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 24, 1842 in Wunderthausen. She married **Georg Herman Althaus** on October 30, 1791 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 09, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 21, 1824 in Wunderthausen.

v. Georg Franz Mörchen was born on July 15, 1769 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 30, 1847 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Amalia Womelsdorf** on January 17, 1802 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 22, 1770 in Wunderthausen. She died on 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 was born on December 12, 1771 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Mörchen:
He was born at the Wunderthausen mill. Applied to emigrate to America in 1796.

vii. Johannes Mörchen was born on April 08, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 11, 1816 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Magdalene Strackbein** on April 25, 1802 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 03, 1784 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 09, 1844 in Wunderthausen.

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16. **Wilhelm Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf, was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarethe Spies** on August 16, 1703 in Girkhausen.

17. **Anna Margarethe Spies**, daughter of Johann Georg Spies and Anna Gertraud Homrighausen, was

born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

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. He had a role in the administration of forest rights for the village. He and his wife are the ancestors of all Riedesels who went to America from Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Margarethe Spies:
Born into Gundermanns Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband on her marriage.

Wilhelm Riedesel and Anna Margarethe Spies had the following children:

i. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on April 15, 1704 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 15, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Knoche** on May 04, 1731 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 20, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1787 in Wunderthausen.

   Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:
   Heir to Gundermanns Haus.

ii. Liese Gertraudt Riedesel was born on December 30, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Johannes Riedesel was born on April 22, 1709 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 01, 1755 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp** on February 22, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 14, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 03, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Müsse** on May 17, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1715 in Elsoff. She died on July 10, 1743 in Wunderthausen.

   Notes for Johannes Riedesel:
   Born in Gundermanns Haus and became the first tenant in Neuhäusers Haus at some point. He had some duties as a forester but this was limited to the administration of forest rights around Wunderhausen rather than as a full-fledged official of the Count.

iv. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on February 06, 1712 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 11, 1771 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catharina Ruppert** on November 26, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She was born on June 27, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 06, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

   Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:
   Born in Gundermanns Haus, became tenant in Wetzels Haus in Wunderthausen. He had some duties as a forester but this was limited to the administration of forest rights around Wunderhausen rather than as a full-fledged official of the Count.

8. v. Georg Gabriel Riedesel was born on January 04, 1715 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Weller** on February 04, 1752 in Girkhausen. She was born on August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche** on July 10, 1740 in Girkhausen. She was born on October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 21, 1749 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Samuel Riedesel was born on June 23, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

vii. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel was born on May 14, 1720 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 16, 1764 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Homrighausen** on September 05, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 03, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 20, 1784 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Heinrich Pott** on January 06, 1747 in Wunderthausen. He was born in 1704 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 08, 1749 in Wunderthausen.

viii. Anna Margarethe Riedesel was born on May 16, 1725 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 08, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Ludwig Fuchs** on October

21, 1751 in Wemlighausen. He was born on December 07, 1726 in Schüllar. He died on November 08, 1791 in Wemlighausen.

18. **Johann Phillip Weller**, son of Hans Georg Weller, was born about 1677 in Girkhausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Trapp** on April 01, 1712 in Wunderthausen.
19. **Anna Gertraud Trapp**, daughter of Matthias Trapp and Anna Margarete Spies, was born on April 29, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen.

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.

Johann Phillip Weller and Anna Gertraud Trapp had the following children:

i. Johann Jost Weller was born on March 01, 1716 in Wunderthausen.
ii. Johann Georg Weller was born on September 13, 1719 in Wunderthausen.
iii. Christina Weller was born on March 21, 1723 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 12, 1798 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Trapp** on October 01, 1744 in Wunderthausen. He was born on June 27, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1787 in Wunderthausen.

9. iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Weller was born on August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She married **Georg Gabriel Riedesel** on February 04, 1752 in Girkhausen. He was born on January 04, 1715 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen.

v. Johann Heinrich Weller was born on April 09, 1730 in Wunderthausen.
vi. Johannes Weller was born on October 11, 1731 in Wunderthausen.
vii. Johannes Weller was born on January 02, 1735 in Wunderthausen.

20. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst and Anna Justina Gärte, was born about 1688 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734 in Wunderthausen. He married **Catherine Elisabeth Spies** on May 16, 1718 in Wunderthausen.
21. **Catherine Elisabeth Spies**, daughter of Sebastian Spies and Anna Elisabeth Benfer, was born on November 11, 1694 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1728 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:
Tenant in Linde Haus.

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

Johannes Dienst and Catherine Elisabeth Spies had the following children:

10. i. Johannes Dienst was born on August 11, 1719 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 18, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Magdalena Pott** in 1747 in Wunderthausen. She was born on August 07, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 01, 1800 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Maria Magdalena Dienst was born on March 10, 1722 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
iii. Johann Heinrich Dienst was born on February 13, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

22. **Johann Valentin Pott**, son of Curt Pott and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, was born on March 21, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 23, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Magdalena Spies** on June 08, 1716 in Wunderthausen.
23. **Anna Maria Magdalena Spies**, daughter of Sebastian Spies and Anna Elisabeth Benfer, was born on March 13, 1692 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 18, 1760 in Wunderthausen.

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

Johann Valentin Pott and Anna Maria Magdalena Spies had the following children:

i. Johannes Pott was born on August 15, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 16,

1763 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf** on June 20, 1738. She was born on November 22, 1720 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 22, 1773 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Catharina Elisabeth Pott was born on February 09, 1721 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born on January 25, 1722 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 06, 1803 in Diedenshausen. She married **Sebastian Homrighausen** on February 16, 1742 in Diedenshausen. He was born on November 15, 1716 in Diedenshausen. He died on October 26, 1800 in Diedenshausen.

11. iv. Maria Magdalena Pott was born on August 07, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 01, 1800 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Dienst** in 1747 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 11, 1719 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 18, 1784 in Wunderthausen.

v. Anna Gertraud Pott was born on January 20, 1727 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Spies** on December 11, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 27, 1720 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 20, 1787 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Spies** on December 11, 1748.

vi. Johann Hermann Pott was born on August 03, 1729 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 23, 1807 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Trapp** on October 29, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 15, 1730 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 11, 1791 in Wunderthausen.

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

vii. Johann Georg Pott was born on January 30, 1732 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 19, 1796 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Amalia Wagner** on May 28, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 08, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 06, 1830 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Pott:
Born in Beitzels house, but eventually took over Beckers.

viii. Franz Pott was born on March 06, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 15, 1792. He married **Florentine Pott** on November 17, 1755. She was born on September 28, 1739 in Girkhausen. She died on November 26, 1794.

24. **Johann Phillip Althaus**, son of Johann Georg Althaus and Katharina Lauber, was born on November 07, 1700 in Girkhausen. He died on December 11, 1763 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt**

25. **Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt**, daughter of Abraham Eckhardt and Anna Elisabeth Pott, was born on May 14, 1705 in Girkhausen. She died on November 08, 1768 in Girkhausen.

Johann Phillip Althaus and Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt had the following child:

12. i. Philip Althaus was born in 1737 in Girkhausen. He died on December 02, 1799 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Gertraudt Haase** on March 23, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 25, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 17, 1799 in Wunderthausen.

26. **Johannes Haase** was born in 1709 in Probably Mollseifen. He died on October 17, 1777 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche** on January 08, 1734 in Wunderthausen.

27. **Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche**, daughter of Johann Hermann Knoche and Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen, was born on November 16, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 09, 1779 in Wunderthausen.

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 Gertraud 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.

Johannes Haase and Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche had the following children:

i. Elisabeth Gertraud Haase was born on October 15, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on

July 11, 1760 in Wunderthausen.

13. ii. Maria Gertraudt Haase was born on July 25, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 17, 1799 in Wunderthausen. She married **Philip Althaus** on March 23, 1766 in Wunderthausen. He was born in 1737 in Girkhausen. He died on December 02, 1799 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Georg Hermann Haase was born on January 31, 1739 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 11, 1812 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Juliana Homrighausen** on April 24, 1774 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 27, 1741 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 26, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Hermann Haase:
Tenant in Räderhaase Haus in Wunderthausen.

iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Haase was born on September 01, 1747 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 30, 1748 in Wunderthausen.

v. Matthias Haase was born on March 20, 1749 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 25, 1749 in Wunderthausen.

28. **Johann Matthäus Mörchen** was born in January 1681 in Bromskirchen. He died on December 02, 1768 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete ??**

29. **Anna Margarete ??** She 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 (then in the province of Waldeck). Yet others claim he came from Waldeck in Bavaria (which I find very doubtful). 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.

Johann Matthäus Mörchen and Anna Margarete ?? had the following children:

i. Wilhelm Mörchen was born about 1712. He died on May 03, 1786 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Anna Maria Mörchen was born about 1715 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 29, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Trapp** on October 26, 1738 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 02, 1702 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 28, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

14. iii. Johann Jost Mörchen was born on January 20, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died on probably after 1788. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen** on November 18, 1757 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 28, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 10, 1805 in Wunderthausen.

iv. Maria Christiane Mörchen was born on September 20, 1725 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 04, 1802 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Althaus** on June 11, 1754 in Elsoff.

v. Catherine Elisabeth Mörchen was born on February 29, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 04, 1799 in Wunderthausen.

30. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth (Liese) Strackbein, was born on July 21, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein** on January 23, 1728 in Wunderthausen.

31. **Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein**, daughter of Johann Georg Strackbein and Gertraud Knoche, was born on December 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 14, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:
Born in and tenant in Weißkopfs Haus, Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein:
It is uncertain which J. Georg Strackbein was her father.

Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein had the following children:

i. Katharina Homrighausen was born on October 21, 1730 in Wunderthausen. She died on

June 21, 1795 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Johannes Homrighausen was born on January 04, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 16, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Amalia Delcourt** on October 14, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 27, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 27, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:
Born in and tenant in the house known as Weißkopfs or Seimes.

15. iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen was born on December 28, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 10, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Jost Mörchen** on November 18, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He was born on January 20, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died on probably after 1788.

iv. Georg Franz Homrighausen was born on February 15, 1741 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 16, 1826 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Riedesel** on October 10, 1769 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 15, 1743 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 22, 1802 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Homrighausen:
First tenant in Kellers Haus, Wunderthausen.

v. Johann Franz Homrighausen was born on February 15, 1741 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1742 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Johann Werner Homrighausen was born on December 15, 1743 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 14, 1744 in Wunderthausen.

vii. Christine Homrighausen was born on December 23, 1744 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 30, 1770 in Wunderthausen.

viii. Georg Gabriel Homrighausen was born on April 21, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 11, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catharina Ruppert** on March 11, 1772. She was born on June 27, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 06, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Homrighausen:
Born in Seimes house but took over Wetzels by marrige.

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32. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Hederich Riedesel and ??, was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf** on February 18, 1664 in Raumland.

33. **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf**, daughter of Johannes Womelsdorf, was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:
Born in Melbach and that is where he and Anna Maria first lived after marrying. Following the death of her father, they took over Pfaffe house in Girkhausen.

Johannes Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf had the following children:

i. Georg Mannus Riedesel was born about 1664 in Melbach. He died on October 17, 1741 in Girkhausen. He married **Catharina Elisabeth Dickel** before 1696 in Girkhausen. She was born about 1671 in Girkhausen. She died on February 22, 1750 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Georg Mannus Riedesel:
Referred to as Hermann in church records. He became the tenant in Pfaffe house in Girkhausen.

ii. Sebastian Riedesel was born about 1670 in Melbach.

iii. Johann Reinhard Riedesel was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died on January 15, 1754 in Girkhausen. He married **Elisabeth Schüßler** on February 25, 1708 in Elsoff. She was born in 1673.

Notes for Johann Reinhard Riedesel:
Built the house in Girkhausen known as Pfaffe-Reinhards or Pfaffereinerts.

16. iv. Wilhelm Riedesel was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarethe Spies** on August 16, 1703 in Girkhausen. She was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

34. **Johann Georg Spies**, son of Valentin Spies, was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen** on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen.

35. **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen**, daughter of Johannes Homrighausen, was born about 1653 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Spies:
Born in Schmeds house, took over Gundermanns by marriage. It was long believed that he was the son of Gundermann Spies, but expert opinion is that he was in fact the son of Valentin Spies and an unnamed mother.

Notes for Anna Gertraud Homrighausen:
From Seimes Haus in Wunderthausen.

Johann Georg Spies and Anna Gertraud Homrighausen had the following children:

17. i. Anna Margarethe Spies was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married **Wilhelm Riedesel** on August 16, 1703 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Catherine Elisabeth Spies was born on June 20, 1682 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.

iii. Anna Gertraud Spies was born on March 08, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.

iv. Maria Juliana Spies was born on October 02, 1687 in Wunderthausen. She died in 1723 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Jacob Beitzel** on April 01, 1720. He was born on September 07, 1697 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 28, 1752 in Wunderthausen.

v. Daughter Spies was born on March 19, 1691.

vi. Catharina Spies was born on March 19, 1691 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Catharina Spies:
She was a twin, but it seems likely that both died young. Their only female godparent was named Catherine, so one the babies was no doubt given that name.

vii. Johannes Spies was born on September 08, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 19, 1774 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Strackbein** She was born on July 14, 1702 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 30, 1769 in Wunderthausen.

viii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born on July 14, 1697 in Wunderthausen.

36. **Hans Georg Weller** was born in 1620 in Diedenshausen. He died in 1699 in Girkhausen.

Hans Georg Weller had the following child:

18. i. Johann Phillip Weller was born about 1677 in Girkhausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Trapp** on April 01, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 29, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen.

38. **Matthias Trapp**, son of Johannes Trapp, was born about 1664. He married **Anna Margarete Spies**

39. **Anna Margarete Spies**, daughter of Valentin Spies, was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Matthias Trapp:
Also referred to as Theis is some records.

Notes for Anna Margarete Spies:
Born in Schmeds house.

Matthias Trapp and Anna Margarete Spies had the following children:

19. i. Anna Gertraud Trapp was born on April 29, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Phillip Weller** on April 01, 1712 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1677 in Girkhausen. He died in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Jacob Boshoff** on July 22, 1737. He was born on March 28, 1703 in

Wunderthausen. He died on December 16, 1762 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Catharina Elisabetha Trapp was born on July 13, 1697 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Johannes Trapp was born about 1700 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 08, 1765 in Langewiese. He married **Elisabeth ??**

Notes for Johannes Trapp:
His birth is not recorded but other documents identify him as a son of Theiss Trapp. Among other things, he worked as a smith in Langewiese.

iv. Johann Georg Trapp was born on October 02, 1702 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 28, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Mörchen** on October 26, 1738 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1715 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 29, 1778 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp:
Born in Weymers, founded Schusters house.

v. Anton Trapp was born on November 27, 1704 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 08, 1741 in Langewiese. He married **Maria Elisabeth Spies** She was born on August 22, 1708 in Waldeck (Twiste). She died on October 18, 1740 in Langewiese.

Notes for Anton Trapp:
Settled in Langewiese.

vi. Johann Heinrich Trapp was born about 1708 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 13, 1753 in Langewiese. He married **Maria Catherine Lauber** on April 25, 1753 in Girkhausen. She was born about 1730. She died on January 17, 1793 in Girkhausen.

40. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst and ??, was born about 1654 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Justina Gärte** on March 13, 1684 in Wunderthausen.

41. **Anna Justina Gärte**, daughter of Franz Garte and Loysa Henk, was born about 1665 in Arfeld. She died after October 30, 1708 in Wunderthausen.

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.

Johannes Dienst and Anna Justina Gärte had the following children:

i. Anna Christina Dienst was born on July 18, 1686 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.

20. ii. Johannes Dienst was born about 1688 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein** on June 20, 1727 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 04, 1708 in Wunderthausen. He married **Catherine Elisabeth Spies** on May 16, 1718 in Wunderthausen. She was born on November 11, 1694 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1728 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Johann Philipp Dienst was born on October 19, 1692 in Wunderthausen.

iv. Johann Jost Dienst was born on December 06, 1696 in Wunderthausen.

v. Anna Gertraud Dienst was born on December 06, 1696 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Gabriel Dienst was born before 1699 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1713.

42. **Sebastian Spies**, son of Gabriel Spies and Margarete ??, was born about 1653 in Diedenshausen. He died in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Benfer** on November 29, 1683 in Diedenshausen.

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

Notes for Sebastian Spies:
Lived in Diele Haus in Diedenshausen but became the tenant in Schreiners on his marriage to Anna Benfer.

Sebastian Spies and Anna Elisabeth Benfer had the following children:

i. Johannes Spies was born on September 01, 1684 in Diedenshausen. He died on January 23, 1760 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Spies** on February 09, 1714 in Diedenshausen. She was born on January 02, 1694 in Girkhausen. She died on January 28, 1757 in Diedenshausen.

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

ii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born about 1687 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1722.

23. iii. Anna Maria Magdalena Spies was born on March 13, 1692 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 18, 1760 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Valentin Pott** on June 08, 1716 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 21, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 23, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

21. iv. Catherine Elisabeth Spies was born on November 11, 1694 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1728 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Dienst** on May 16, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1688 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734 in Wunderthausen.

v. Maria Gertraud Spies was born on December 28, 1696 in Diedenshausen.

vi. Georg Franz Spies was born on March 11, 1699 in Diedenshausen. He died on January 08, 1771.

vii. Wilhelmine Elisabeth Spies was born on March 29, 1702 in Diedenshausen. She died on January 18, 1743 in Diedenshausen. She married **Georg Hermann Rück** on May 23, 1732 in Diedenshausen. He was born on November 03, 1695 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1729 in Diedenshausen.

viii. Johann Georg Spies was born on February 11, 1705 in Diedenshausen. He died in Prob. Berleburg. He married **Catharine Louise Stark** on September 19, 1734 in Berleburg.

44. **Curt Pott**, son of Matthias Pott and Katherine Eckhardt, was born about 1635 in Bracht, Amt Marburg. He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen** before 1659.

45. **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen**, daughter of Steffen Homrighausen and ?? Eckhardt, was born about 1635 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1686 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Curt Pott:
He had the unusual status of being a free man. Local legends as to his origins and status do not necessarily correspond to what is in the written record. In any case he was a man of some substance.

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 Eckharts. In those times the names K/Curt and K/Conrad were interchangeable.

Curt Pott and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen had the following children:

i. Johann Hermann Pott was born about 1668 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Knoche** on March 20, 1698. She was born about 1675 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1715 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Pott:
Born in and became the tenant in Kurts.

ii. Catharina Pott was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen.

51. iii. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born about November 14, 1677 in Wunderthausen. She married **Abraham Eckhardt** on February 20, 1697. He was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died before 1740.

iv. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born on April 06, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1746 in Wunderthausen.

22. v. Johann Valentin Pott was born on March 21, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 23, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Magdalena Spies** on June 08, 1716 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 13, 1692 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 18, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Christiana Beitzel** on May 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 18, 1681 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Johann Matthias Pott was born on June 24, 1684 in Wunderthausen.

vii. Johann Georg Pott was born on May 10, 1686 in Wunderthausen.

48. **Johann Georg Althaus**, son of Abraham Althaus, was born about 1670. He married **Katharina Lauber**

49. **Katharina Lauber**, daughter of Kaspar Lauber, was born on February 18, 1681 in Girkhausen. She died on August 13, 1742 in Girkhausen.

Johann Georg Althaus and Katharina Lauber had the following children:

24. i. Johann Phillip Althaus was born on November 07, 1700 in Girkhausen. He died on December 11, 1763 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt** She was born on

May 14, 1705 in Girkhausen. She died on November 08, 1768 in Girkhausen.

ii. Maria Elisabeth Althaus was born on July 15, 1702 in Girkhausen.

iii. Anna Gertraud Althaus was born on June 16, 1703 in Girkhausen. He died on August 12, 1762 in Girkhausen.

iv. Johann Georg Althaus was born on December 29, 1708 in Girkhausen.

v. Anna Elisabeth Althaus was born on March 25, 1713 in Girkhau.

50. **Abraham Eckhardt**, son of Johann Jost Eckhardt and Gertraudt Beitzel, was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died before 1740. He married **Anna Elisabeth Pott** on February 20, 1697.

51. **Anna Elisabeth Pott**, daughter of Curt Pott and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, was born about November 14, 1677 in Wunderthausen.

Abraham Eckhardt and Anna Elisabeth Pott had the following children:

i. Johann Georg Eckhardt was born on August 01, 1697 in Diedenshausen.

25. ii. Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt was born on May 14, 1705 in Girkhausen. She died on November 08, 1768 in Girkhausen. She married **Johann Phillip Althaus** He was born on November 07, 1700 in Girkhausen. He died on December 11, 1763 in Girkhausen.

54. **Johann Hermann Knoche**, son of Johann Hermann Knoche, was born on April 03, 1687 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen** on August 19, 1708.

55. **Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen**, daughter of Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen and Anna Elisabeth ??, was born on November 28, 1684 in Diedenshausen. She 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.

Johann Hermann Knoche and Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen had the following child:

27. i. Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche was born on November 16, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 09, 1779 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Haase** on January 08, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He was born in 1709 in Probably Mollseifen. He died on October 17, 1777 in Wunderthausen.

60. **Johannes Homrighausen**, son of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Elisabeth ??, was born about 1673 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth (Liese) Strackbein** on January 19, 1701.

61. **Anna Elisabeth (Liese) Strackbein**, daughter of Hans Georg Strackbein, was born before 1677 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 17, 1742 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 Elisabeth (Liese) Strackbein:
Born in Hohmanns Haus. Known as Liese.

Johannes Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth (Liese) Strackbein had the following children:

30. i. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born on July 21, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein** on January 23, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 14, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Johann Jakob Homrighausen was born on November 21, 1703 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1772 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catherine Strackbein** on January 08, 1734. She was born on January 07, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 17, 1780 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jakob Homrighausen:
Born in Seimes house but married into Hohmanns.

iii. Johannes Homrighausen was born on September 27, 1706 in Wunderthausen. He died on

February 11, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Magdalena Strackbein** on December 17, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 15, 1711 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 02, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp** on June 07, 1761 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 03, 1714 in Wunderthausen.

iv. Johann Werner Homrighausen was born on February 21, 1709 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 04, 1788 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Magdalene Dickel** before 1734. She was born on April 04, 1714 in Girkhausen. She died on May 21, 1759 in Girkhausen.

v. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on August 27, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

62. **Johann Georg Strackbein**, son of Johannes Strackbein, was born about 1671 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 15, 1744 in Wunderthausen. He married **Gertraud Knoche** on June 09, 1701.

63. **Gertraud Knoche**, daughter of Johann Hermann Knoche, was born about 1667 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 21, 1751.

Notes for Johann Georg Strackbein:
Tenant in Grosse house. Elder (Presbyter) for many years in the church. Known as Hans.

Johann Georg Strackbein and Gertraud Knoche had the following children:

i. Johannes Strackbein was born on February 18, 1702 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 06, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Christiana Dienst** on June 05, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 02, 1702 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 01, 1765 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:
Tenant in Grosse house.

31. ii. Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein was born on December 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 14, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Homrighausen** on January 23, 1728 in Wunderthausen. He was born on July 21, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein was born on January 04, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Dienst** on June 20, 1727 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1688 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734 in Wunderthausen.

iv. Elisabeth Magdalena Strackbein was born on January 15, 1711 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 02, 1760 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Homrighausen** on December 17, 1732 in Wunderthausen. He was born on September 27, 1706 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 11, 1783 in Wunderthausen.

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64. **Hederich Riedesel**, son of Henrich Riedesel, was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married **??**

65. **??**

Notes for Hederich Riedesel:
He is the earliest verifiable ancestor of all the Riedesels of Wittgenstein and of almost all American Riedesels. His name is sometimes rendered as Heyrich or Henrich, but local experts affirm that it was not "Heinrich." He was the tenant in the house called "Herjes" in the small hamlet of Melbach. He served for several years as a coachman to the Count in Berleburg during the 30 Years War (1618-1648) and documents say that his house stood empty for five years. He had returned by 1642. While he was a commoner subject to the Count, various signs suggest that the family was of somewhat higher status than most. It is not certain that his father "Heyrich Riedesel" preceded him at Herjes, but it is very likely. There were other officials named Riedesel who are documented in Wittgenstein in the 1500s. I think it is likely that they were earlier ancestors. A relation to the noble Riedesels is plausible. The current scholarly opinion is that the Wittgenstein Riedesels descend from the "Riedesel zu Josbach", a line that slipped out of the official knighthood in the 16th century (no, no one was thrown out for marrying a commoner; that's not how things worked). What is certain is that the Wittgenstein Riedesels have NO meaningful relationship to the Riedesel zu Eisenbach who received the title of Baron (Freiherr) in 1680.

Hederich Riedesel and ?? had the following children:

32. i. Johannes Riedesel was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf** on February 18, 1664 in Raumland. She was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen.

ii. Anna Katharina Riedesel was born about 1645.

Notes for Anna Katharina Riedesel:
I have seen references to her marrying a Hanß Böhmer in southwestern Germany, but this is HIGHLY unlikely.

iii. Ernst Riedesel was born about 1646 in Melbach. He died on December 24, 1693 in Schameder. He married **Anna Elisabeth Müller** before 1687. She was born in 1651. She died on December 14, 1693 in Schameder.

Notes for Ernst Riedesel:
Lived in "Hermes" house in Schameder.

iv. KurtConrad Riedesel was born about 1655 in Melbach. He died in 1709 in Melbach.

Notes for KurtConrad Riedesel:
The two names were interchangeable at the time.

66. **Johannes Womelsdorf**, son of Gerlach Womelsdorf, was born in 1609 in Girkhausen. He died in 1672 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johannes Womelsdorf:
Tenant in Pfaffe Haus in Girkhausen.

Johannes Womelsdorf had the following children:

i. Georg Womelsdorf was born about 1635.

33. ii. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen. She married **Johannes Riedesel** on February 18, 1664 in Raumland. He was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen.

iii. Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. He died after 1708 in Wunderthausen. He married **Juliana Strackbein** about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. She 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.

iv. Johann Kasper Womelsdorf

68. **Valentin Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ? Dornseiff, was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1678.

Notes for Valentin Spies:
Tenant in Schmeds. There are no records of his birth or death, though he was certainly deceased by 1678. Experts can only make educated guesses from what records do exist. One important scholar (Jochen Karl Mehldau) proposes a birth date around 1617. But Klaus Homrighausen has more in-depth knowledge of Wunderthausen and proposes roughly 1630. The two made different reconstructions of their offspring as well. We will never know, but I lean toward the family presented here as outlined by Hr. Homrighausen.

Valentin Spies had the following children:

34. i. Johann Georg Spies was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margaretha Spies** about 1672. She was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1678. He married **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen** on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen. She was born about 1653 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Anna Christina Spies was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1708 in Wunderthausen. She married **Werner Dienst** on October 11, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Christina Spies:
Born in Schmeds house which passed to he husband.

iii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen.

iv. Anton Spies was born about 1662 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 18, 1751 in Langewiese. He married **Anna Margarete Klein** on August 30, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1669 in Dachsloch. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anton 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. Records show that he died in the small village of Langewiese north and east of Wunderthausen. I don't know of any children who lived there, so this is unusual.

v. Ludwig Spies was born about 1665 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1735 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catharina Eckhardt** on November 24, 1687. She was born about 1662 in Wunderthausen. She died on 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 was born about 1668 in Wunderthausen.

39. vii. Anna Margarete Spies was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen. She married **Matthias Trapp** on January 03, 1694. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709–1711 in Wunderthausen. She married **Matthias Trapp** He was born about 1664.

70. **Johannes Homrighausen** was born about 1623 in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Homrighausen had the following child:

35. i. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1653 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Spies** on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen.

76. **Johannes Trapp** was born about 1640.

Notes for Johannes Trapp:
Origin unknown. Married into Weymers house in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Trapp and Margretha Weymer had the following children:

i. Matthias Trapp was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709–1711 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Spies** on January 03, 1694. She was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Matthias Trapp:
Born in and tenant in Weymers house. Commonly known as Theis.

ii. Gabriel Trapp was born about 1672 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734. He married **Anna Elisabeth Catharina Womelsdorf** on March 02, 1700 in Wunderthausen. She was born in February 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 22, 1742 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Gabriel Trapp:
Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen, became the tenant in Mannes.

iii. Anna Elisabeth Trapp was born about 1674 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 07, 1751.

iv. Elisabeth Trapp was born about 1676 in Wunderthausen.

v. Johannes Trapp was born on November 05, 1677 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Strackbein** on February 25, 1709 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 was born on September 27, 1680 in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Trapp had the following child:

38. i. Matthias Trapp was born about 1664. He married **Anna Margarete Spies** She was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen.

80. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst and ?? Kuhn, was born about 1635. He married **??** about 1660.

81. **??**

Notes for Johannes Dienst:
Tenant in Linde house.

Johannes Dienst and ?? had the following children:

i. Werner Dienst was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Christina Spies** on October 11, 1678 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1708 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Werner Dienst:
Tenant in Schmeds house, Wunderthausen. It is believed that he was born in Linde house, but this not certain,

40. ii. Johannes Dienst was born about 1654 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Justina Gärte** on March 13, 1684 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1665 in Arfeld. She died after October 30, 1708 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Anna Elisabeth Dienst was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Theis Boshoff** on April 19, 1682. He was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen. He 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.

82. **Franz Garte** was born in 1625. He died on February 02, 1695 in Arfeld. He married **Loysa Henk**

83. **Loysa Henk**, daughter of Martin Henk and ? Irle, was born in 1638. She died on March 16, 1710 in Arfeld.

Notes for Loysa Henk:
Born in Hanneisers Haus in Arfeld which passed to her husband.

Franz Garte and Loysa Henk had the following child:

41. i. Anna Justina Gärte was born about 1665 in Arfeld. She died after October 30, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Dienst** on March 13, 1684 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1654 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

84. **Gabriel Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ?? Dickel, was born about 1623 in Diedenshausen. He married **Margarete ??** about 1649.

85. **Margarete ??** was born about 1628.

Notes for Gabriel Spies:
Born in and tenant in Diele Haus, Diedenshausen. The name of his wife is not known.

Gabriel Spies and Margarete ?? had the following children:

i. Samuel Spies was born about 1645 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina ??** before 1677 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1645 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1684 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Samuel Spies:
Born in and tenant in Diele Haus, Diedenshausen.

ii. Anna Catherine Spies was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1686. She married **Sebastian Rück** on March 13, 1677 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1654 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1705 in Diedenshausen.

42. iii. Sebastian Spies was born about 1653 in Diedenshausen. He died in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Benfer** on November 29, 1683 in Diedenshausen. She was born in 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen.

iv. Catharine Elisabeth Spies was born about 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died in 1694. She

married **Gabriel Benfer** on October 30, 1690. He was born about 1662 in Diedenshausen.

v. Gabriel Spies was born in Diedenshausen. He died after 1700.

86. **Gabriel Benfer** was born about 1640. He died after 1678 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina Giebel**

87. **Anna Catharina Giebel**, daughter of Jost Giebel and Magdalene Schmidt, was born about 1640 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1678 in Diedenshausen.

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

Gabriel Benfer and Anna Catharina Giebel had the following children:

43. i. Anna Elisabeth Benfer was born in 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen. She married **Sebastian Spies** on November 29, 1683 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1653 in Diedenshausen. He died in Diedenshausen.

ii. Anna Juliana Benfer was born on February 25, 1679 in Diedenshausen.

iii. Johann Benfer was born in Diedenshausen. He died after 1682.

iv. Maria Elisabeth Benfer was born in Diedenshausen. She died after 1692.

88. **Matthias Pott** was born in Black Forest. He died before 1659 in Marburg?. He married **Katherine Eckhardt** after 1619.

89. **Katherine Eckhardt**, daughter of Jost Eckhardt and Leisa ??, was born about 1600 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1659 in Wunderthausen?.

Notes for Matthias Pott:
I have seen a death date of 1653.

Matthias Pott and Katherine Eckhardt had the following child:

44. i. Curt Pott was born about 1635 in Bracht, Amt Marburg. He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen** before 1659. She was born about 1635 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1686 in Wunderthausen.

90. **Steffen Homrighausen** was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1678 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Eckhardt** about 1635.

91. **?? Eckhardt**, daughter of Jost Eckhardt and Leisa ??, was born about 1605 in Wunderthausen.

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

Steffen Homrighausen and ?? Eckhardt had the following child:

45. i. Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen was born about 1635 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1686 in Wunderthausen. She married **Curt Pott** before 1659. He was born about 1635 in Bracht, Amt Marburg. He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen.

96. **Abraham Althaus**, son of Abraham Althaus.

Abraham Althaus had the following child:

48. i. Johann Georg Althaus was born about 1670. He married **Katharina Lauber** She was born on February 18, 1681 in Girkhausen. She died on August 13, 1742 in Girkhausen.

98. **Kaspar Lauber**, son of Johannes Lauber, was born about 1651.

Kaspar Lauber had the following child:

49. i. Katharina Lauber was born on February 18, 1681 in Girkhausen. She died on August 13, 1742 in Girkhausen. She married **Johann Georg Althaus** He was born about 1670.

100. **Johann Jost Eckhardt** was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1702 in Diedenshausen. He married **Gertraudt Beitzel**

101. **Gertraudt Beitzel** She died between 1678–1683 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Jost Eckhardt:
Born in and tenant in Pauls house, Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gertraudt Beitzel:
From Hanses house, Diedenshausen.

Johann Jost Eckhardt and Gertraudt Beitzel had the following child:

50. i. Abraham Eckhardt was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died before 1740. He married

Anna Elisabeth Pott on February 20, 1697. She was born about November 14, 1677 in Wunderthausen.

102. **Curt Pott**, son of Matthias Pott and Katherine Eckhardt, was born about 1635 in Bracht, Amt Marburg. He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen** before 1659.

103. **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen**, daughter of Steffen Homrighausen and ?? Eckhardt, was born about 1635 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1686 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Curt Pott:
He had the unusual status of being a free man. Local legends as to his origins and status do not necessarily correspond to what is in the written record. In any case he was a man of some substance.

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 Eckharts. In those times the names K/Curt and K/Conrad were interchangeable.

Curt Pott and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen had the following children:

i. Johann Hermann Pott was born about 1668 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Knoche** on March 20, 1698. She was born about 1675 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1715 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Pott:
Born in and became the tenant in Kurts.

ii. Catharina Pott was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen.

51. iii. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born about November 14, 1677 in Wunderthausen. She married **Abraham Eckhardt** on February 20, 1697. He was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died before 1740.

iv. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born on April 06, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1746 in Wunderthausen.

22. v. Johann Valentin Pott was born on March 21, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 23, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Magdalena Spies** on June 08, 1716 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 13, 1692 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 18, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Christiana Beitzel** on May 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 18, 1681 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Johann Matthias Pott was born on June 24, 1684 in Wunderthausen.

vii. Johann Georg Pott was born on May 10, 1686 in Wunderthausen.

108. **Johann Hermann Knoche** was born about 1636 in Prob. Wingeshausen. He died between 1698–1701 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Knoche:
Some sources refer to him as Johann Henrich, but I think Hermann is more likely correct. The identity of his wife is uncertain. She could have been a Homrighausen.

Johann Hermann Knoche had the following children:

i. Hans Georg Knoche was born about 1666 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 29, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He married **Louisa Christina Dienst** on July 12, 1703 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1674 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 15, 1755 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Hans Georg Knoche:
Born in Bormanns Haus and became the tenant.

63. ii. Gertraud Knoche was born about 1667 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 21, 1751. She married **Johann Georg Strackbein** on June 09, 1701. He was born about 1671 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 15, 1744 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Johann Jost Knoche was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen.

iv. Anna Elisabeth Knoche was born about 1675 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1715 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Hermann Pott** on March 20, 1698. He was born

about 1668 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen.

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.

v. Johannes Knoche was born on February 12, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 09, 1751 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Johann Jacob Knoche was born on October 01, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740.

54. vii. Johann Hermann Knoche was born on April 03, 1687 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen** on August 19, 1708. She was born on November 28, 1684 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1740 in Diedenshausen.

110. **Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen**, son of Samuel Saßmannshausen and Anna Catharina Homburger, was born about 1635 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1702 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth ??** about 1670 in Diedenshausen.

111. **Anna Elisabeth ??**

Notes for Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen:
Born in and tenant in Webers Haus, Diedenshausen.

Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen and Anna Elisabeth ?? had the following children:

i. Catharina Elisabeth Saßmannshausen was born about 1672 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johann Hermann Benfer** on October 10, 1689 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1670 in Diedenshausen.

ii. Elias Saßmannshausen was born about 1675 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 28, 1740 in Girkhausen. He married **Katharina Elisabeth Homrighausen** on October 21, 1699 in Diedenshausen. She was born on December 10, 1679 in Diedenshausen. She died on January 14, 1756 in Hüttental über Schwarzenau.

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

iii. Johann Gabriel Saßmannshausen was born on February 09, 1678 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 13, 1743. He married **Anna Gertrud Thiel** on February 02, 1702. She was born in Elsoff.

iv. Johann Samuel Saßmannshausen was born on October 25, 1680 in Diedenshausen.

v. Anna Margaretha Saßmannshausen was born on December 11, 1681 in Diedenshausen. She died on January 18, 1758 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johann Jost Weller** in 1706. He was born in Girkhausen.

55. vi. Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen was born on November 28, 1684 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1740 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johann Hermann Knoche** on August 19, 1708. He was born on April 03, 1687 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

vii. Sebastian Saßmannshausen was born on September 27, 1687 in Diedenshausen.

viii. Peter Saßmannshausen was born on September 27, 1687 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 20, 1762 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Becker** She was born in 1699 in Girkhausen. She died on January 05, 1758 in Girkhausen.

120. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and ??, was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth ??** about 1670.

121. **Elisabeth ??**

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:
Born in Seimes house and became the tenant.

Johann Georg Homrighausen and Elisabeth ?? had the following children:

60. i. Johannes Homrighausen was born about 1673 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth (Liese) Strackbein** on January 19, 1701. She was born before 1677 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 17, 1742 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Anna Catharina Homrighausen was born before 1677.

iii. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born on August 10, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died

before 1730. He married **Anna Catharina Boshoff** on December 28, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died between 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 or Leyeschneiders. His family of origin is not certain.

iv. Johann Jacob Homrighausen was born on April 25, 1682 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1744 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Christina Boshoff** on January 22, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 10, 1682 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 07, 1745 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Homrighausen:
Lived in Altehäusers which probably came to him through marriage. Born in Seimes Haus.

v. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1683 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Wetzel** on August 20, 1705 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Anna Catharina Homrighausen was born on July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1750 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Strackbein** on February 15, 1703 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen.

vii. Anna Margretha Homrighausen was born on April 07, 1688 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1706.

viii. Elias Werner Homrighausen was born on July 15, 1691 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 13, 1753.

122. **Hans Georg Strackbein**, son of Reinhard Strackbein and ?? Hans, was born about 1634 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Hans Georg Strackbein:
Hohmanns house.

Hans Georg Strackbein had the following children:

i. Johann Georg Strackbein was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catharina Homrighausen** on February 15, 1703 in Girkhausen. She was born on July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1750 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Strackbein:
Tenant in Hohmanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

ii. Anna Maria Strackbein was born about 1672 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Curt/ Conrad Boshoff** on May 10, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Maria Strackbein:
Born in Hohmanns house.

iii. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1675 in Wunderthausen.

61. iv. Anna Elisabeth (Liese) Strackbein was born before 1677 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 17, 1742 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Homrighausen** on January 19, 1701. He was born about 1673 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen.

v. Anna Margarethe Strackbein was born on January 16, 1685 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Johannes Strackbein was born on July 01, 1688 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 17, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Spies** on August 22, 1717 in Wunderthausen. She was born on September 28, 1690 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

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

124. **Johannes Strackbein**, son of Johannes Strackbein, was born about 1641. He died between 1692–1698 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1660.

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

Johannes Strackbein and Anna Elisabeth Wetzel had the following children:

i. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein was born on May 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Knoche** on February 03, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 09, 1751 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Anna Catharine Strackbein was born on September 05, 1683 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Samuel Strackbein was born on October 28, 1686 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740. He married **Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Dienst** on August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 04, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 30, 1752 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Samuel Strackbein:
Born in Grosse Haus, Wunderthausen, but took over Linde by marriage.

Johannes Strackbein had the following children:

i. Johannes Strackbein was born about 1670. He married **Anna Elisabeth Dienst** She was born about 1680 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1744.

62. ii. Johann Georg Strackbein was born about 1671 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 15, 1744 in Wunderthausen. He married **Gertraud Knoche** on June 09, 1701. She was born about 1667 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 21, 1751.

iii. Anna Catherine Strackbein was born on September 05, 1683 in Wunderthausen.

iv. Samuel Strackbein was born on October 28, 1686 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740. He married **Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Dienst** on August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 04, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 30, 1752 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Samuel Strackbein:
Born in Grosse Haus, Wunderthausen, but took over Linde by marriage.

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128. **Henrich Riedesel** was born about 1580 in Melbach.

Notes for Henrich Riedesel:
There is documentation that a Henrich (or Heyrich) preceded the Hederich as the tenant in Herjes house at the Melbach, and the probability is that he was a Riedesel.

Henrich Riedesel had the following children:

i. Dorothea/Dechen Riedesel was born about 1610 in Melbach. She died on February 05, 1686 in Bermershausen. She married **Johannes Konrad** He was born about 1605. He died on June 21, 1670 in Bermershausen.

64. ii. Hederich Riedesel was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married **??** He married **Gerthrut Dickel** on May 14, 1661 in Melbach. She was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. She died on April 29, 1703 in Melbach.

132. **Gerlach Womelsdorf**, son of Rheinhart Womelsdorf and Catharina ??, was born about 1565 in Girkhausen. He died in 1629 in Girkhausen.

Gerlach Womelsdorf had the following children:

66. i. Johannes Womelsdorf was born in 1609 in Girkhausen. He died in 1672 in Girkhausen.

ii. Reinhardt Womelsdorf

136. **Johannes Spies** was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen. He married **? Dornseiff** about 1620.

137. **? Dornseiff**, daughter of Johannes Dornseiff, was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Spies:
Tenant in Schmedshannes by marriage.

Johannes Spies and ? Dornseiff had the following children:

68. i. Valentin Spies was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1678.
ii. Antonius Spies was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen.
iii. Barbara Spies was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen.

160. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Georg Dienst and Katharina /Linch Linck, was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Kuhn** about 1635.

161. **?? Kuhn**, daughter of Theis Kuhn, was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:
Early tenant in the house "Beim Wasser" or Linde.

Johannes Dienst and ?? Kuhn had the following child:

80. i. Johannes Dienst was born about 1635. He married **??** about 1660.

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

167. **? Irle**, daughter of Johannes Irle.

Martin Henk and ? Irle had the following child:

83. i. Loysa Henk was born in 1638. She died on March 16, 1710 in Arfeld. She married **Franz Garte** He was born in 1625. He died on February 02, 1695 in Arfeld.

168. **Johannes Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ?? Althaus, was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married **?? Dickel**

169. **?? Dickel**, son of Emanuel Dickel and 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.

Johannes Spies and ?? Dickel had the following child:

84. i. Gabriel Spies was born about 1623 in Diedenshausen. He married **Margarete ??** about 1649. She was born about 1628.

174. **Jost Giebel** was born about 1605. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married **Magdalene Schmidt**

175. **Magdalene Schmidt**, daughter of Matthias Schmidt, was born about 1610 in Probably Diedenshausen.

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.

Jost Giebel and Magdalene Schmidt had the following child:

87. i. Anna Catharina Giebel was born about 1640 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1678 in Diedenshausen. She married **Gabriel Benfer** He was born about 1640. He died after 1678 in Diedenshausen.

178. **Jost Eckhardt** was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1616 in Wunderthausen. He married **Leisa ??**

179. **Leisa ??**

Notes for Jost Eckhardt:
First known tenant in what became known as Kurts house in Wunderthausen.

Jost Eckhardt and Leisa ?? had the following children:

89. i. Katherine Eckhardt was born about 1600 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1659 in Wunderthausen?. She married **Matthias Pott** after 1619. He was born in Black Forest. He died before 1659 in Marburg?.

91. ii. ?? Eckhardt was born about 1605 in Wunderthausen. She married **Steffen Homrighausen** about 1635. He was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1678 in Wunderthausen.

192. **Abraham Althaus**

Abraham Althaus had the following child:

96. i. Abraham Althaus

196. **Johannes Lauber**

Johannes Lauber had the following child:

98. i. Kaspar Lauber was born about 1651.

220. **Samuel Saßmannshausen** was born about 1615 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina Homburger**

221. **Anna Catharina Homburger**, daughter of Debus Homburger and ?? Pfeil, was born on May 15, 1615 in Hattingen.

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 Homburger:
May have been Anna Catharina, born in Webers Haus.

Samuel Saßmannshausen and Anna Catharina Homburger had the following child:

110. i. Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen was born about 1635 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1702 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth ??** about 1670 in Diedenshausen.

240. **Johannes Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Hüster, was born about 1617 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married **??** about 1645.

241. **??**

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:
Tenant in Seimes. Named as Hans in some sources, but this is just a nickname for Johannes.

Johannes Homrighausen and ?? had the following children:

i. Johannes Homrighausen was born about 1647 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1722 in Diedenshausen. He married **Elisabeth Schüßler** in 1677 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen.

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

120. ii. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth ??** about 1670.

iii. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. She married **Tobias Lümmel** on February 17, 1669 in Berleberg.

244. **Reinhard Strackbein** was born about 1605 in Prob. Wunderthausen. He died before 1691 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Hans** about 1640.

245. **?? Hans**, daughter of Stephan Hans.

Notes for Reinhard Strackbein:
Tenant in Grosse house.
Tenant in Grosse house, known as Johannes the lesser.

Reinhard Strackbein and ?? Hans had the following child:

122. i. Hans Georg Strackbein was born about 1634 in Wunderthausen.

248. **Johannes Strackbein**, son of Johannes Strackbein, was born about 1611 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:
Known as "der Kleine", more or less "the younger" vis a vis his father.

Johannes Strackbein had the following child:

124. i. Johannes Strackbein was born about 1641. He died between 1692–1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Wetzel** about 1670. She was born about 1643 in

Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1660.

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264. **Rheinhart Womelsdorf**, son of Johenchen Womelsdorf and Catherina ??, was born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He married **Catharina ??**

265. **Catharina ??**

Rheinhart Womelsdorf and Catharina ?? had the following children:

i. Johenchen Womelsdorf was born about 1550.

ii. Georg Womelsdorf was born about 1555.

132. iii. Gerlach Womelsdorf was born about 1565 in Girkhausen. He died in 1629 in Girkhausen.

iv. HeintzHeinrich Womelsdorf

274. **Johannes Dornseiff**, son of Reinhard Dornseiff and ?? Breusing, was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dornseiff:
May have been born in Lotzes house. Tenant in Schmedshannes.

Johannes Dornseiff had the following child:

137. i. ? Dornseiff was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Spies** about 1620. He was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen.

320. **Georg Dienst**, son of Bartholomäus Dienst, was born about 1581 in Alertshausen. He died on December 05, 1651 in Wunderthausen. He married **Katharina /Linch Linck**

321. **Katharina /Linch Linck**, daughter of Johannes /Linnch Linck, was born about 1583 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Dienst:
Tenant in Altehäusers (now Hanjosts), then called Linde.

Georg Dienst and Katharina /Linch Linck had the following child:

160. i. Johannes Dienst was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Kuhn** about 1635. She was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen.

322. **Theis Kuhn** was born about 1570 in Prob. Beddelhausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1595.

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.

Theis Kuhn had the following children:

i. Gertraud Kuhn was born about 1595 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1626. She married **Johannes Schumacher** in 1617. He was born in Alertshausen. She married **Johannes Schlüßler** He was born in Wunderthausen.

ii. Abraham Kuhn was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died about 1680 in Diedenshausen. He married **Maria ??** in 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 was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Dienst** about 1635. He was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen.

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

Notes for Johannes Irle:
Lived in Hanneisers Haus in Arfeld.

Johannes Irle had the following child:

167. i. ? Irle She married **Martin Henk**

336. **Johannes Spies** was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen. He married **?? Althaus**

337. **?? Althaus**, daughter of Hans Althaus, was born about 1560.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

Johannes Spies and ?? Althaus had the following children:

i. Gabriel Spies was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.

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

168. ii. Johannes Spies was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married **?? Dickel**

iii. Bastian Spies was born in Diedenshausen. He died before 1616.

338. **Emanuel Dickel** was born about 1568 in Probably Diedenshausen. He died before 1640 in Diedenshausen. He married **Cathrein ??** before 1609.

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

Notes for Emanuel Dickel:
Tenant in Diele Haus, Diedenshausen. His origins are unknown.

Emanuel Dickel and Cathrein ?? had the following children:

169. i. ?? Dickel He married **Johannes Spies** He was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen.

ii. Elsbeth Dickel was born in Diedenshausen. She married **Hans Flecken** on February 12, 1640 in Berleburg. He was born in Berghausen.

350. **Matthias Schmidt** was born about 1580 in Probably Diedenshausen. He died after 1630.

Matthias Schmidt had the following child:

175. i. Magdalene Schmidt was born about 1610 in Probably Diedenshausen. She married **Jost Giebel** He was born about 1605. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen.

442. **Debus Homburger** was born about 1585 in Prob. Homburg. He died after 1651 in Diedenshausen. He married **?? Pfeil**

443. **?? Pfeil**, daughter of Debus Pfeil.

Notes for Debus Homburger:
Homburg was a county in neighboring Hesse. He became the tenant in Webers Haus, Diedenshausen, through marriage to the daughter of Debus Pfeil.

Debus Homburger and ?? Pfeil had the following child:

221. i. Anna Catharina Homburger was born on May 15, 1615 in Hattingen. She married **Samuel Saßmannshausen** He was born about 1615 in Diedenshausen.

480. **Johannes Homrighausen** was born about 1585 in Wemlighausen. He died after 1643. He married **Elisabeth Hüster** about 1610.

481. **Elisabeth Hüster**, daughter of Simon Hüster and Luzia Strackbein, was born about 1585 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:
Tenant in Seimes.

Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Hüster had the following child:

240. i. Johannes Homrighausen was born about 1617 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married **??** about 1645.

490. **Stephan Hans** was born about 1580 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1624.

Notes for Stephan Hans:
First known tenant in Hohnmanns house.

Stephan Hans had the following child:

245. i. ?? Hans She married **Reinhard Strackbein** about 1640. He was born about 1605 in Prob. Wunderthausen. He died before 1691 in Wunderthausen.

496. **Johannes Strackbein** was born about 1575 in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Strackbein had the following child:

248. i. Johannes Strackbein was born about 1611 in Wunderthausen.

528. **Johenchen Womelsdorf**, son of Heinrich Womelsdorf, was born about 1480. He married **Catherina ??**

529. **Catherina ??**

Johenchen Womelsdorf and Catherina ?? had the following child:

264. i. Rheinhart Womelsdorf was born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He married **Catharina ??**

548. **Reinhard Dornseiff**, son of Hermann Dornseiff and ? von Winter, was born about 1525 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1590 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Breusing** before 1560.

549. **?? Breusing**, daughter of Johannes Breusing, was born about 1535.

Notes for Reinhard Dornseiff:
Served as Unterschultheiss in Wunderthausen (kind of deputy sherrif). Lived in the house that became known as Lotzes.

Reinhard Dornseiff and ?? Breusing had the following children:

i. Reinhard Dornseiff was born about 1560 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1624 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Reinhard Dornseiff:
Tenant in what became known as Lotzes

274. ii. Johannes Dornseiff was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen.

640. **Bartholomäus Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst, was born about 1548 in Alertshausen. He died on July 08, 1630 in Laasphe.

Notes for Bartholomäus Dienst:
AKA Mebes.

Bartholomäus Dienst had the following child:

320. i. Georg Dienst was born about 1581 in Alertshausen. He died on December 05, 1651 in Wunderthausen. He married **Katharina /Linch Linck** She was born about 1583 in Wunderthausen.

642. **Johannes /Linnch Linck**

Johannes /Linnch Linck had the following child:

321. i. Katharina /Linch Linck was born about 1583 in Wunderthausen. She married **Georg Dienst** He was born about 1581 in Alertshausen. He died on December 05, 1651 in Wunderthausen.

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

Notes for Johannes Erle:
Lived in Hanneisers Haus in Arfeld.

Johannes Erle had the following child:

334. i. Johannes Irle was born in Arfeld. He died in Arfeld.

674. **Hans Althaus** was born in 1535 in Alertshausen or Bromskirchen?. He 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.

Hans Althaus had the following children:

337. i. ?? Althaus was born about 1560. She married **Johannes Spies** He was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.

ii. Johannes Althaus was 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.

iii. Zacharias Althaus

678. **Thiel ??**, son of Heynrich ??, was born about 1540.

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 Wingeshausen when it was broken down [to be replaced in 1700-1710 by a Mannus Riedesel building, which itself was demolished in 1912].

Thiel ?? had the following child:

339. i. Cathrein ?? was born in Probably Diedenshausen. She married **Emanuel Dickel** before 1609. He was born about 1568 in Probably Diedenshausen. He died before 1640 in Diedenshausen.

886. **Debus Pfeil**, son of Johenchen Pfeil, was born about 1565 in Diedenshausen. He died between 1606–1616 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Debus Pfeil:
Tenant in Weber Haus, Diedenshausen.

Debus Pfeil had the following child:

443. i. ?? Pfeil She married **Debus Homburger** He was born about 1585 in Prob. Homburg. He died after 1651 in Diedenshausen.

962. **Simon Hüster** was born about 1560 in Elsoff or Alertshausen. He died after 1606. He married **Luzia Strackbein** about 1585.

963. **Luzia Strackbein**, daughter of Simon Strackbein, was born about 1560 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Luzia Strackbein:
Born in Seimes house.

Simon Hüster and Luzia Strackbein had the following child:

481. i. Elisabeth Hüster was born about 1585 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Homrighausen** about 1610. He was born about 1585 in Wemlighausen. He died after 1643.

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1056. **Heinrich Womelsdorf** was born about 1450.

Heinrich Womelsdorf had the following child:

528. i. Johenchen Womelsdorf was born about 1480. He married **Catherina ??**

1096. **Hermann Dornseiff**, son of Hermannus Dornseiff, was born about 1495 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1576 in Bromskirchen. He married **? von Winter**

1097. **? von Winter**

Hermann Dornseiff and ? von Winter had the following child:

548. i. Reinhard Dornseiff was born about 1525 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1590 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Breusing** before 1560. She was born about 1535.

1098. **Johannes Breusing** was born about 1510 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1535.

Notes for Johannes Breusing:
First known tenant in the house that became known as Lotzes. He was probably part of the new settlement in Wunderthausen around 1500 following its abandonment for several decades. He was on a higher rung of the social order than others, as were the Dornseiffs into which his daughter married.

Johannes Breusing had the following children:

549. i. ?? Breusing was born about 1535. She married **Reinhard Dornseiff** before 1560. He was born about 1525 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1590 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Joachim Breusing was born about 1536 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 22, 1602 in Berleburg. He married **Ursula Jäger** She was born about 1541.

Notes for Joachim Breusing:
Became a notary for the Count and lived in Berleburg.

iii. Johannes Breusing was born about 1541 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Breusing:
Thought to have moved to Diedenshausen.

iv. Eberhard Breusing

Notes for Eberhard Breusing:
Became a brewer in Elsoff.

1280. **Johannes Dienst** was born about 1518 in Alertshausen.

Johannes Dienst had the following child:

640. i. Bartholomäus Dienst was born about 1548 in Alertshausen. He died on July 08, 1630 in Laasphe.

1356. **Heynrich ??**

Heynrich ?? had the following child:

678. i. Thiel ?? was born about 1540.

1772. **Johenchen Pfeil** was 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.

Johenchen Pfeil had the following child:

886. i. Debus Pfeil was born about 1565 in Diedenshausen. He died between 1606–1616 in Diedenshausen.

1926. **Simon Strackbein** was born about 1530 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1572 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Simon Strackbein:
The first known tenant in the house known as Seimes.

Simon Strackbein had the following child:

963. i. Luzia Strackbein was born about 1560 in Wunderthausen. She married **Simon Hüster** about 1585. He was born about 1560 in Elsoff or Alertshausen. He died after 1606.

2192. **Hermannus Dornseiff**, son of Johann of Dornsyffen, was born about 1444 in Siegen or Dornseiff. He died in Bromskirchen.

Hermannus Dornseiff had the following child:

1096. i. Hermann Dornseiff was born about 1495 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1576 in Bromskirchen. He married **? von Winter**