

Ancestors of Johannes Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Johann Ludwig Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Spies, was born on September 15, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 03, 1855 in Littlestown, Adams, Pennsylvania. He married **Catherine Elisabeth Pott** about 1815. She was born on November 28, 1793 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 03, 1866 in Littlestown, Adams, Pennsylvania.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in Wetzels Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to Pennsylvania in 1818 where he was known as John Rittase. They farmed near Hanover, York County before moving to a farm in Union Township, Adams County. He is buried at Christ Church near Littlestown, PA, in Adams County with the following inscription:

In memory of
JOHN RITTASE
born Sept. 15, 1787
in the canton of
Wittgenstein in the
kingdom of Prussia
and being a citizen
of America for the
last 40 years
died Nov. 3, 1855

It appears that the family eventually agreed on "Rittase" and used that spelling consistently thereafter. Church records when their children were young used some variation on "Riedes." It was a German-speaking congregation and one might have expected the proper name to have endured, but that was not the case. "Rittase" sounds very much like the Wittgenstein pronunciation of "Riedesel" except for dropping the final "L". Everyone with this name appears to trace back to John.

Generation 2

2. **Johann Ludwig Riedesel**, son of Johann Ludwig Riedesel and Anna Catharina Ruppert, was born on February 21, 1762 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 25, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Spies** on July 19, 1782 in Wunderthausen.
3. **Anna Elisabeth Spies**, daughter of Johann Georg Spies and Anna Elisabeth Weller, was born on February 27, 1761 in Girkhausen. She died on October 27, 1789 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

Tenant in Wetzels Haus in Wunderthausen.

Johann Ludwig Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Spies had the following children:

- i. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on June 24, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 17, 1842 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Pott** on August 03, 1823. She was born on December 02, 1786 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 15, 1852 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:
Tenant in Wetzels Haus, Wunderthausen.
- ii. Elisabeth Amalia Riedesel was born on August 27, 1785 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 12, 1788 in Wunderthausen.
1. iii. Johannes Riedesel was born on September 15, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 03, 1855 in Littlestown, Adams, Pennsylvania. He married **Catherine Elisabeth Pott** about 1815. She was born on November 28, 1793 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 03, 1866 in Littlestown, Adams, Pennsylvania.
- iv. Georg Franz Riedesel was born on October 13, 1789 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 20, 1789 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 3

4. **Johann Ludwig Riedesel**, son of Wilhelm Riedesel and Anna Margarethe Spies, 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.
5. **Anna Catharina Ruppert**, daughter of Johann Conrad Ruppert and Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche,

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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.

Notes for Anna Catharina Ruppert:

Born in Wetzels house.

Johann Ludwig Riedesel and Anna Catharina Ruppert had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel was born on September 11, 1752 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 12, 1753 in Wunderthausen.
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 - ii. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on February 21, 1762 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 25, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Knoche** on March 02, 1801 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 07, 1776 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 23, 1834 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Spies** on July 19, 1782 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 27, 1761 in Girkhausen. She died on October 27, 1789 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Juliana Homrighausen** on October 30, 1790 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 15, 1765 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 13, 1800 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on October 21, 1766 in Wunderthausen.
6. **Johann Georg Spies**, son of Carolus Spies and Elisabeth Gertraud ??, was born on December 18, 1718 in Girkhausen. He died on January 31, 1776 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Weller** on January 05, 1742.
7. **Anna Elisabeth Weller**, daughter of Johann Georg Wilhelm Weller and Anna Elisabeth Weller, was born on October 09, 1722 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 28, 1784 in Girkhausen.

Johann Georg Spies and Anna Elisabeth Weller had the following child:

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 - i. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born on February 27, 1761 in Girkhausen. She died on October 27, 1789 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Ludwig Riedesel** on July 19, 1782 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 21, 1762 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 25, 1835 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 4

8. **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.
9. **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.

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

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Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

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

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 - iv. Johann Ludwig Riedesel 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.
 - 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.
- Notes for Georg Gabriel Riedesel:
Married into Wetezels 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.
- 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.
10. **Johann Conrad Ruppert**, son of Paul Ruppert, was born on December 16, 1691 in Breidenbach, Oberbergischer-Kreis. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche** on August 06, 1723 in Wunderthausen.
11. **Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche**, daughter of Johannes Knoche and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born on October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 21, 1749 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Conrad Ruppert:

Became the tenant in Wetzels house by marriage. What brought him here from the Mosel Valley is an interesting question.

Johann Conrad Ruppert and Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche had the following children:

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 - i. Anna Catharina Ruppert was born on June 27, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 06, 1794 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Ludwig Riedesel** on November 26, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 06, 1712 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 11, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She married **Georg Gabriel Homrighausen** on March 11, 1772. He was born on April 21, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 11, 1794 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Johann Georg Ruppert was born on February 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 13, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Juliana Boshoff** on January 29, 1764. She was born on April 26, 1738 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 18, 1797 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Ruppert:

Born in Wetzels house. Christened Philippus but known as Johann Georg. Established the house known as Schäfers on Lotzenberg.

- iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Ruppert was born about 1728. She married **Johann Michel Homrighausen** on December 16, 1759.
- iv. Katherine Elisabeth Ruppert was born on October 25, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died

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before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

- v. Katherine Elisabeth Ruppert was born on May 24, 1735 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 15, 1812. She married **?? Dickel**
 - vi. Elisabeth Margarete Ruppert was born on December 11, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 20, 1792 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Delcourt** on December 28, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He was born on April 06, 1737 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 16, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She married **Ludwig Wetzel**
12. **Carolus Spies**, son of Johann Georg Spies and Anna Dorothea Stark, was born on August 03, 1689 in Girkhausen. He died on January 10, 1740 in Girkhausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraudt ??**
13. **Elisabeth Gertraudt ??**

Notes for Carolus Spies:

These dates are given in published genealogies but I find no trace of him in the actual Girkhausen records.

Carolus Spies and Elisabeth Gertraudt ?? had the following child:

- 6. i. Johann Georg Spies was born on December 18, 1718 in Girkhausen. He died on January 31, 1776 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Weller** on January 05, 1742. She was born on October 09, 1722 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 28, 1784 in Girkhausen.
14. **Johann Georg Wilhelm Weller**, son of Gabriel Weller and Anna Magdalena Spies, was born on April 20, 1684 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 21, 1762 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Weller** on October 19, 1705 in Diedenshausen.
15. **Anna Elisabeth Weller**, daughter of Johann Jacob Weller and Margaretha Strackbein, was born on December 05, 1684 in Diedenshausen. She died on February 10, 1755.

Notes for Johann Georg Wilhelm Weller:

The miller in Diedenshausen.

Johann Georg Wilhelm Weller and Anna Elisabeth Weller had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Gertraud Weller was born on September 29, 1706 in Diedenshausen. She married **Jacob Schneider** on November 02, 1732. He was born in Dotzlar.
 - ii. Johann Daniel Weller was born in February 1708 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1749.
 - iii. Catharina Elisabeth Weller was born on August 31, 1709 in Diedenshausen. She died in October 1772. She married **Johann Georg Homrighausen** on January 11, 1728 in Berleburg.
- Notes for Catharina Elisabeth Weller:
She was buried on October 17, 1772.
- iv. Maria Catharina Weller was born on May 26, 1712 in Diedenshausen. She married **Wilhelm Theobald Prinz** on May 28, 1734.
 - v. Anna Maria Weller was born on April 04, 1714 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1735.
 - vi. Maria Magdalena Weller was born on May 23, 1715 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johannes Beitzel** about 1737. He was born on April 12, 1712 in Stünzel. He died on August 25, 1794 in York, Pennsylvania.
 - vii. Catharina Elisabeth Weller was born on April 20, 1717 in Diedenshausen.
 - viii. Georg Hermann Weller was born on February 07, 1719 in Diedenshausen. He died on June 07, 1810 in Diedenshausen. He married **Catharina Elisabeth Saßmanshausen** on February 06, 1748 in Diedenshausen. She was born on December 08, 1725 in Girkhausen. She died on January 15, 1781 in Diedenshausen.
- Notes for Georg Hermann Weller:
Miller in Diedenshausen.
- 7. ix. Anna Elisabeth Weller was born on October 09, 1722 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 28, 1784 in Girkhausen. She married **Johann Georg Spies** on January 05, 1742. He was born on December 18, 1718 in Girkhausen. He died on January 31, 1776 in Girkhausen.
 - x. Anna Maria Elisabeth Weller was born on October 31, 1728 in Diedenshausen. She died on September 16, 1794 in Diedenshausen. She married **Mannus Beitzel** on June 29, 1749 in Diedenshausen. He was born on September 23, 1719 in Stünzel. He died on April 10, 1793 in Diedenshausen.

Generation 5

16. **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.
17. **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.

8. 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.
18. **Johann Georg Spies**, son of Valentin Spies, was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen** on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen.
19. **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen**, daughter of Johannes Homrighausen, was born about 1650 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:

9. 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. 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.
- vii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born on July 14, 1697 in Wunderthausen.
20. **Paul Ruppert** was born about 1670 in Brieden, Cochem-Zell.

Paul Ruppert had the following child:

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10. i. Johann Conrad Ruppert was born on December 16, 1691 in Breidenbach, Oberbergischer-Kreis. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche** on August 06, 1723 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 21, 1749 in Wunderthausen.
22. **Johannes Knoche**, son of Johann Herman Knoche, was born on December 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 09, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein** on February 03, 1701 in Wunderthausen.
23. **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**, daughter of Johannes Strackbein and Anna Elisabeth Wetzel, was born on May 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Knoche:

Born in Bormanns, became the tenant in Wetzels.

Johannes Knoche and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Katherine Knoche was born on December 19, 1702 in Wunderthausen.
11. ii. Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche was born on October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 21, 1749 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Conrad Ruppert** on August 06, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 16, 1691 in Breidenbach, Oberbergischer-Kreis. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married **Georg Gabriel Riedesel** on July 10, 1740 in Girkhausen. He was born on January 04, 1715 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Katherine Knoche was born on February 16, 1707 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Weber** on April 06, 1733. He was born in Feudingingen.
- iv. Johannes Knoche was born on October 30, 1709 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Anna Elisabeth Knoche was born on January 20, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1787 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Riedesel** on May 04, 1731 in Wunderthausen. He was born on April 15, 1704 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 15, 1760 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Knoche:

Born in Wetzels Haus, Wunderthausen.

- vi. Samuel Knoche was born on January 04, 1715 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Anna Elisabeth Knoche was born on January 22, 1716 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Johann Henrich Knoche was born on October 28, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 15, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Spies** on February 04, 1752 in Wunderthausen. She was born on September 29, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 04, 1783 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Henrich Knoche:

Became the tenant in Schmeds, Wunderthausen, through marriage. Born in Wetzels house.

24. **Johann Georg Spies**, son of Johann Hermann Spies, was born about 1665 in Girkhausen. He died about 1740 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Dorothea Stark** on October 18, 1688 in Girkhausen.
25. **Anna Dorothea Stark**, daughter of Johann Röttger Stark and Margaretha ??, was born about November 1666 in Berleburg. She died on January 11, 1743 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Anna Dorothea Stark:

Christened in Berleburg November 18, 1666. Her parents may or may not have lived in Berleburg itself.

Johann Georg Spies and Anna Dorothea Stark had the following children:

- i. Johannes Spies was born about 1679 in Probably Girkhausen. He died on October 17, 1758 in Langewiese. He married **Anna Margarete ??** about 1709. She was born about 1684.
12. ii. Carolus Spies was born on August 03, 1689 in Girkhausen. He died on January 10, 1740 in Girkhausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraudt ??**
28. **Gabriel Weller**, son of Johann Phillip Weller and ? Spies, was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1694 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Magdalena Spies** about 1673 in Diedenshausen.
29. **Anna Magdalena Spies**, daughter of Johannes Spies and Anna Catharina ??, was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died after May 23, 1697 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gabriel Weller:

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The miller in Diedenshausen.

Gabriel Weller and Anna Magdalena Spies had the following children:

- i. Catherina Elisabeth Weller was born in 1675 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 09, 1740 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johann Jakob Homrighausen** on October 30, 1704 in Diedenshausen. He was born on December 15, 1677 in Diedenshausen. He died on January 29, 1740 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johann Georg Weller was born on July 12, 1677 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Anna Gertraud Weller was born on December 22, 1678 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Johannes Weller was born on September 06, 1681 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Johannes Georg Wilhelm Weller was born on April 20, 1684 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 21, 1762 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Weller** on October 19, 1705 in Diedenshausen.
14. vi. Johann Georg Wilhelm Weller was born on April 20, 1684 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 21, 1762 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Weller** on October 19, 1705 in Diedenshausen. She was born on December 05, 1684 in Diedenshausen. She died on February 10, 1755.
- vii. Anna Catharina Weller was born on October 04, 1686 in Diedenshausen.
- viii. Johann Philipp Weller was born on September 20, 1689 in Diedenshausen. He died on June 25, 1761 in Warren County, New Jersey. He married **Anna Elisabeth Schäfer** on April 08, 1725 in Diedenshausen. She was born in 1711. She died on October 18, 1779 in Warren County, New Jersey.

Notes for Johann Philipp Weller:

Went to America in 1730. First settled at Amwell, Hunterdon, New Jersey. Later moved to Warren County, New Jersey. He and his family were probably the first of many generations to be buried in the Weller Free Church Cemetery at Willow Grove.

- ix. Samuel Weller was born on February 27, 1692 in Diedenshausen.
30. **Johann Jacob Weller** was born about 1650 in Girkhausen. He died on February 03, 1693 in Diedenshausen. He married **Margaretha Strackbein** before 1677.
31. **Margaretha Strackbein**, daughter of Johannes Strackbein and Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen, was born about 1653 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1693.

Notes for Johann Jacob Weller:

Became the tenant in Christs Haus, Diedenshausen.

Johann Jacob Weller and Margaretha Strackbein had the following children:

- i. Johann Daniel Weller was born on August 11, 1677 in Diedenshausen. He died on November 29, 1761 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Maria Spies** on November 26, 1705 in Diedenshausen. She was born on December 06, 1679 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 01, 1754 in Diedenshausen.
- Notes for Johann Daniel Weller:
Tenant in Christ Haus, Diedenshausen
- ii. Anna Gertraudt Weller was born on October 13, 1678 in Diedenshausen.
 - iii. Johann Jacob Weller was born on September 28, 1680 in Diedenshausen.
 - iv. Johann Philipp Weller was born on August 13, 1682 in Diedenshausen. He died on January 07, 1754 in Diedenshausen.
 15. v. Anna Elisabeth Weller was born on December 05, 1684 in Diedenshausen. She died on February 10, 1755. She married **Johann Georg Wilhelm Weller** on October 19, 1705 in Diedenshausen. He was born on April 20, 1684 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 21, 1762 in Diedenshausen.
 - vi. Anna Maria Elisabeth Weller was born on November 03, 1687 in Diedenshausen. She died on October 02, 1752 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johann Jacob Beitzel** about 1722 in Diedenshausen. He was born on December 26, 1685 in Diedenshausen. He died on May 05, 1765 in Diedenshausen.

Generation 6

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

33. ??

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.

Hederich Riedesel and ?? had the following children:

16. 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.

34. **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.
17. 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

36. **Valentin Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ? Dornseiff, was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1675.

Notes for Valentin Spies:

Tenant in Schmeds.

Valentin Spies had the following children:

18. i. Johann Georg Spies was born about 1648 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 1650 in Wunderthausen. She died before

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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 1655 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. Antonius 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 Antonius Spies:

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

- v. Ludwig Spies 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 1664 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.
- vii. Anna Margaretha Spies was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen. She married **Theis Trapp** on January 03, 1694. He was born in 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709–1711 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Margaretha Spies:

Born in Schmeds house.

- 38. **Johannes Homrighausen** was born about 1623 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Homrighausen had the following child:

- 19. i. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Spies** on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen.

- 44. **Johann Herman Knoche** was born about 1635 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Herman Knoche:

Resided in Bormanns Haus.

Johann Herman Knoche had the following children:

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

Notes for Johann Hermann Knoche:

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

- 46. **Johannes Strackbein** was born about 1645. He died between 1692–1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Wetzel** about 1670.

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

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

Became the tenant in Wetzels through marriage.

Johannes Strackbein and Anna Elisabeth Wetzel had the following children:

23. 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 on August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein** 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.

48. **Johann Hermann Spies** was born about 1625 in Girkhausen.

Johann Hermann Spies had the following child:

24. i. Johann Georg Spies was born about 1665 in Girkhausen. He died about 1740 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Dorothea Stark** on October 18, 1688 in Girkhausen. She was born about November 1666 in Berleburg. She died on January 11, 1743 in Girkhausen.

50. **Johann Röttger Stark**, son of Georg Stark and Johanetta Fleck, was born on January 15, 1632 in Berleburg. He died on April 09, 1713 in Berleburg. He married **Margaretha ??**

51. **Margaretha ??** was born about 1636. She died on April 14, 1702 in Berleburg.

Johann Röttger Stark and Margaretha ?? had the following child:

25. i. Anna Dorothea Stark was born about November 1666 in Berleburg. She died on January 11, 1743 in Girkhausen. She married **Johann Georg Spies** on October 18, 1688 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1665 in Girkhausen. He died about 1740 in Girkhausen.

56. **Johann Phillip Weller**, son of Hans Weller and ?? Plocher, was born about 1610 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1678 in Diedenshausen. He married **? Spies** about 1645.

57. **? Spies**

Notes for Johann Phillip Weller:

The miller in Diedenshausen.

Johann Phillip Weller and ? Spies had the following children:

28. i. Gabriel Weller was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1694 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Magdalena Spies** about 1673 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died after May 23, 1697 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Maria Catharina Weller was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 26, 1675. She married **Conrad Kroh** on November 08, 1671. He was born about 1648 in Wemlighausen. He died on February 23, 1718.
- iii. Samuel Weller was born about 1658 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1692. He married **Anna Elisabeth ??** She was born in Wemlighausen.
- iv. Johann Philipp Weller was born about 1660 in Diedenshausen. He died on December 16, 1737. He married **Anna Getraud Fischer** on September 10, 1695. She was born in 1671. She died on February 22, 1736. He married **Anna Gertraud Heirsdorf** on August 08, 1685. She was born on February 22, 1667. She died in February 1695.

58. **Johannes Spies**, son of Gabriel Spies, was born about 1615 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina ??**

59. **Anna Catharina ??**

Notes for Johannes Spies:

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

Johannes Spies and Anna Catharina ?? had the following children:

- i. Johann Wilhelm Spies was born about 1640 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1691 in

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Diedenshausen. He married **Mara ??**

Notes for Johann Wilhelm Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

- ii. Elisabeth Spies was born on May 09, 1647 in Diedenshausen. She died in 1710 in Diedenshausen. She married **Sebastian Dickel** before 1681. He was born in 1646 in Schüller. He died in 1730 in Girkhausen.
- iii. Johann Gabriel Spies was born about 1648 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1694. He married **Agnes Beitzel** on June 22, 1671. She was born in Wemlighausen.
- 29. iv. Anna Magdalena Spies was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died after May 23, 1697 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johann Jost Strackbein** about 1694 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She married **Gabriel Weller** about 1673 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1694 in Diedenshausen.
- 62. **Johannes Strackbein** was born about 1630 in Prob. Wunderthausen. He died between 1677–1680 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen**
- 63. **Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen**, daughter of Jost Homrighausen and ?? Kappe, was born about 1630 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1679 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

Tenant in Christs Haus, Diedenshausen.

Johannes Strackbein and Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen had the following children:

- 31. i. Margaretha Strackbein was born about 1653 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1693. She married **Johann Jacob Weller** before 1677. He was born about 1650 in Girkhausen. He died on February 03, 1693 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johann Jost Strackbein was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Magdalena Spies** about 1694 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died after May 23, 1697 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Maria Strackbein was born about 1660 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johann ArnoldArndt Beitzel** on October 15, 1691 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1670 in Diedenshausen. He died on May 27, 1731 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1662 in Diedenshausen.

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- 64. **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.
- 32. 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.
- 68. **Gerlach Womelsdorf**, son of Rheinart Womelsdorf and Catharina ??, was born about 1565 in Girkhausen. He died in 1629 in Girkhausen.

Gerlach Womelsdorf had the following children:

- 34. i. Johannes Womelsdorf was born in 1609 in Girkhausen. He died in 1672 in Girkhausen.
- ii. Reinhardt Womelsdorf
- 72. **Johannes Spies** He married ? **Dornseiff** about 1620.
- 73. ? **Dornseiff**, daughter of Johannes Dornseiff, was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Spies and ? Dornseiff had the following children:

- 36. i. Valentin Spies was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1675.
- ii. Antonius Spies was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Barbara Spies was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen.
- 94. **Johannes Wetzel**, son of Hans Wetzel and ?? Weber, was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He

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died before June 1697 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Wetzel:

Born in and tenant in Wetzels, Wunderthausen.

Johannes Wetzel had the following children:

47. i. Anna Elisabeth Wetzel was born about 1643 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Strackbein** about 1670. He was born about 1645. He died between 1692–1698 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johannes Wetzel was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1718. He married **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein** about 1670. She was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1702 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Wetzel:

Born in Wetzels house, married into Schwarze.

- iii. Anna Catharina Wetzel was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Germann Kraftthöfer** He was born in Berleburg.
- iv. Catharina Wetzel was born about 1652 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Beitzel** on May 18, 1680 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen.
100. **Georg Stark**, son of Johann Peter Stark, was born about 1600 in Probably Schüller. He married **Johanetta Fleck** on November 17, 1630 in Berleburg.
101. **Johanetta Fleck**, daughter of Jost Fleck, was born about 1605 in probably Berghausen. She died in March 1667 in Berleburg.

Georg Stark and Johanetta Fleck had the following child:

50. i. Johann Röttger Stark was born on January 15, 1632 in Berleburg. He died on April 09, 1713 in Berleburg. He married **Margaretha ??** She was born about 1636. She died on April 14, 1702 in Berleburg.
112. **Hans Weller** was born about 1575. He died after 1630 in Diedenshausen. He married **?? Plocher**
113. **?? Plocher**, daughter of Junghen Plocher and ? Muder.

Hans Weller and ?? Plocher had the following child:

56. i. Johann Phillip Weller was born about 1610 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1678 in Diedenshausen. He married **? Spies** about 1645.
116. **Gabriel Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ?? Althaus, was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gabriel Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

Gabriel Spies had the following children:

- i. Maria Magdalena Spies was born about 1612 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johann Ludwig Kirstner**

Notes for Maria Magdalena Spies:

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

58. ii. Johannes Spies was born about 1615 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina ??**
126. **Jost Homrighausen** was born about 1605 in Prob. Wunderthausen. He married **?? Kappe**
127. **?? Kappe**, daughter of Johannes Kappe and Catarin Spies, was born about 1605 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Jost Homrighausen:

Tenant in Christs Haus, Diedenshausen.

Jost Homrighausen and ?? Kappe had the following children:

63. i. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen was born about 1630 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1679 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johannes Strackbein** He was born about 1630 in Prob. Wunderthausen. He died between 1677–1680 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Rötger Homrighausen was born about 1632 in Diedenshausen. He died in April 1675 in Diedenshausen. He married **Catharine ??** in Prob. Berleburg.

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

137. **Catharina ??**

Rheinhart Womelsdorf and Catharina ?? had the following children:

- i. Johenchen Womelsdorf was born about 1550.
- ii. Georg Womelsdorf was born about 1555.
- 68. iii. Gerlach Womelsdorf was born about 1565 in Girkhausen. He died in 1629 in Girkhausen.
- iv. HeintzHeinrich Womelsdorf

146. **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.

Johannes Dornseiff had the following child:

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

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

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

Notes for Hans Wetzel:

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

Hans Wetzel and ?? Weber had the following child:

94. i. Johannes Wetzel was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died before June 1697 in Wunderthausen.

200. **Johann Peter Stark** was born about 1570 in Outside of Wittgenstein. He died before 1622.

Johann Peter Stark had the following child:

100. i. Georg Stark was born about 1600 in Probably Schüller. He married **Johanetta Fleck** on November 17, 1630 in Berleburg. She was born about 1605 in probably Berghausen. She died in March 1667 in Berleburg.

202. **Jost Fleck** was born about 1575 in probably Berghausen.

Jost Fleck had the following child:

101. i. Johanetta Fleck was born about 1605 in probably Berghausen. She died in March 1667 in Berleburg. She married **Georg Stark** on November 17, 1630 in Berleburg. He was born about 1600 in Probably Schüller.

226. **Junghen Plocher** was born about 1550. He died in Diedenshausen. He married **? Muder**

227. **? Muder**, daughter of Hen Muder, was born in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Junghen Plocher:

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Junghen Plocher and ? Muder had the following children:

- i. Georg Plocher was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died between 1631–1640 in Diedenshausen. He married **Catharina Möller** in June 1618 in Diedenshausen. She was born in Elsoff. She died before 1740 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Georg Plocher:

Born in and tenant in Schmitte Haus, Diedenshausen.

113. ii. ?? Plocher She married **Hans Weller** He was born about 1575. He died after 1630 in Diedenshausen.

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

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

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

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Johannes Spies and ?? Althaus had the following children:

- 116. i. Gabriel Spies was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johannes Spies was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married ?? **Dickel**

Notes for Johannes Spies:

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

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

254. **Johannes Kappe** was born about 1570 in Prob. Berleburg. He died between 1624–1629 in Diedenshausen. He married **Catarin Spies**

255. **Catarin Spies**, daughter of Christ Spies and ??, was born about 1580 in Diedenshausen. She died after May 1629 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johannes Kappe:

Tenant in Christs Haus, Diedenshausen.

Johannes Kappe and Catarin Spies had the following children:

- 127. i. ?? Kappe was born about 1605 in Diedenshausen. She married **Jost Homrighausen** He was born about 1605 in Prob. Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johannes Kappe was born about 1607 in Diedenshausen. He married **Margarethe Kemper** She was born in Wemlighausen.
- iii. Daniel Kappe was born about 1612 in Diedenshausen. He died in Prob. Berleburg. He married **Magdalena Textor**

Notes for Daniel Kappe:

He was granted the right to live in Berleburg in 1638.

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

273. **Catherina ??**

Johenchen Womelsdorf and Catherina ?? had the following child:

- 136. i. Rheinart Womelsdorf was born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He married **Catharina ??**

292. **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.

293. ?? **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

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

378. **Ebert Weber** was born about 1540 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1606 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ebert Weber:

Early tenant in what became Wetzels house, Wunderthausen.

Ebert Weber had the following child:

- 189. i. ?? Weber was born about 1580. She married **Hans Wetzel** He was born about 1580 in Elsoff. He died before 1647 in Wunderthausen.

454. **Hen Muder**, son of Hen Muder, was born about 1525 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1572 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Hen Muder:

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Hen Muder had the following child:

227. i. ? Muder was born in Diedenshausen. She married **Junghen Plocher** He was born about 1550. He died in Diedenshausen.

466. **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:

233. 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

510. **Christ Spies** was born about 1550. He died between 1590–1606 in Diedenshausen. He married ??

511. ??

Notes for Christ Spies:

His origins are unknown, but he was the first Spies in Diedenshausen. The name is common in Elsoff, just to the south.

Notes for ??:

Her father was named Heynzte and was the first known tenant at Christs Haus in Diedenshausen. Diedenshausen was resettled beginning in 1507 and the house probably dates from that time.

Christ Spies and ?? had the following child:

255. i. Catarin Spies was born about 1580 in Diedenshausen. She died after May 1629 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johannes Kappe** He was born about 1570 in Prob. Berleburg. He died between 1624–1629 in Diedenshausen.

Generation 10

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

Heinrich Womelsdorf had the following child:

272. i. Jochenchen Womelsdorf was born about 1480. He married **Catherina ??**

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

585. **? von Winter**

Hermann Dornseiff and ? von Winter had the following child:

292. 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.

586. **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:

293. 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:

Generation 10 (cont.)

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.

908. **Hen Muder** was born about 1492. He died before 1572 in Diedenshausen.

Hen Muder had the following child:

454. i. Hen Muder was born about 1525 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1572 in Diedenshausen.

Generation 11

1168. **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:

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

Generation 12

2336. **Johann of Dornsyffen** was born about 1410 in Dornseiff.

Johann of Dornsyffen had the following child:

1168. i. Hermannus Dornseiff was born about 1444 in Siegen or Dornseiff. He died in Bromskirchen.