

Ancestors of Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter

Generation 1

1. **Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter**, daughter of Johann Philipp Peter and Katharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht, was born on March 06, 1842 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 29, 1909 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married **Georg Ludwig Riedesel** on February 25, 1866 in Diedenshausen. He was born on January 07, 1840 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 01, 1913 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter:

Known as Katherine. Other sources give her year of birth as 1838, but that is in error. She was born in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen. Apparently, she and her husband lived in Diedenshausen before going to America. Came on the ship Humboldt with her family, which traveled from Bremen to New York and landed on May 27, 1867. Her obituary says she bore 14 children, three of whom preceded her in death. The 14th was probably an infant whose name has not come down to us.

Generation 2

2. **Johann Philipp Peter**, son of Johann Friedrich Paul Peter and Anna Elisabeth Althaus, was born on September 26, 1810 in Diedenshausen. He died on September 02, 1860 in Diedenshausen. He married **Katharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht** on December 05, 1841 in Diedenshausen.
3. **Katharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht**, daughter of Johann Franz Hackenbracht and Anna Katherine Benfer, was born on April 03, 1810 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 22, 1858 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Philipp Peter:

Born in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Wagners.

Johann Philipp Peter and Katharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht had the following children:

- i. Franz Peter was born on June 03, 1838 in Diedenshausen. He died on December 20, 1908 in Diedenshausen. He married **Wilhelmine Dienst** on April 21, 1861 in Diedenshausen. She was born on February 08, 1838 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 21, 1915 in Diedenshausen.
1. ii. Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter was born on March 06, 1842 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 29, 1909 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married **Georg Ludwig Riedesel** on February 25, 1866 in Diedenshausen. He was born on January 07, 1840 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 01, 1913 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- iii. Johann Georg Peter was born on December 12, 1846 in Diedenshausen. He died on July 06, 1927 in Lidderdale, Carroll, Iowa. He married **Karolina Herling** about 1873 in Carroll County, Iowa. She was born on January 14, 1841 in Germany. She died on May 27, 1896 in Carroll County, Iowa. He married **Dorothea Boell** on November 11, 1897 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa. She was born in 1837 in Germany. She died in 1929.

Notes for Johann Georg Peter:

He was born in Diedenshausen. Came to America with his sister and brother-in-law in 1867 on the ship Humboldt (Bremen to New York). Apparently working a farm laborer in Wheatland as of the 1870 Census. However, he moved on to Carroll County, Iowa in 1874. A number of other first- and second-generation Wittgensteiners did likewise.

Generation 3

4. **Johann Friedrich Paul Peter**, son of Paul Peter and Maria Henriette Langenhagen, was born on July 23, 1787 in Homrighausen or Berleburg. He died on December 22, 1857 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Althaus** on November 25, 1818 in Berleburg.
5. **Anna Elisabeth Althaus** was born on April 20, 1792. She died on January 18, 1849 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Friedrich Paul Peter:

He lived for a while in the pietist community at Homrighausen (a small enclave north of Berleburg), as did his future wife and her parents. Became the tenant in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen, by purchasing the land from Georg Wilhelm Homrighausen for 2000 Thalers in 1818 (the Homrighausens went to Baltimore, though returned later). Such a sale was only possible in the wake of the Napoleonic Wars and the absorption of Wittgenstein into the Prussian state, at which time feudalism was finally abolished.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Althaus:

Generation 3 (cont.)

Her family is believed to have come from Girkhausen, though they too lived at Homrighausen.

Johann Friedrich Paul Peter and Anna Elisabeth Althaus had the following children:

2.
 - i. Johann Philipp Peter was born on September 26, 1810 in Diedenshausen. He died on September 02, 1860 in Diedenshausen. He married **Katharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht** on December 05, 1841 in Diedenshausen. She was born on April 03, 1810 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 22, 1858 in Diedenshausen.
 - ii. Elisabeth Peter was born on May 31, 1815 in Diedenshausen. She died on July 04, 1819 in Diedenshausen.
 - iii. Philipp Franz Peter was born on April 30, 1820 in Diedenshausen. He died on October 29, 1875 in Diedenshausen. He married **Sophie Julius** on September 18, 1847 in Diedenshausen. She was born on March 06, 1823 in Alertshausen. She died on April 07, 1900 in Diedenshausen.
 - iv. Anna Elisabeth Peter was born on July 14, 1824 in Diedenshausen. She died on August 08, 1900 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johann Wilhelm Schäfer** on May 13, 1860 in Diedenshausen.
 - v. Friedrich Peter was born on May 14, 1830 in Diedenshausen. He died on October 12, 1915 in Diedenshausen. He married **Elisabeth Amalia Riedesel** on April 07, 1861 in Diedenshausen. She was born on December 25, 1836 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 01, 1900 in Diedenshausen.
 - vi. Johannes Peter was born on March 20, 1834 in Diedenshausen. He died on May 09, 1888 in Diedenshausen. He married **Luise Keller** on September 18, 1859. She was born on January 09, 1837 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 11, 1905 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johannes Peter:

Born in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen. Took over Daniels Haus by marrying Luise.

6. **Johann Franz Hackenbracht**, son of Johann Debus Hackenbracht and Anna Elisabeth Rück, was born on December 18, 1773 in Diedenshausen. He died on June 16, 1811 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Katherine Benfer** on August 07, 1807 in Diedenshausen.
7. **Anna Katherine Benfer**, daughter of Johann Heinrich Benfer and Anna Katherina Hüster, was born on November 28, 1779 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 08, 1841 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Hackenbracht:

Born in and tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

Johann Franz Hackenbracht and Anna Katherine Benfer had the following children:

- i. Maria Elisabeth Hackenbracht was born on May 18, 1808 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 09, 1842 in Diedenshausen.
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 - ii. Katharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht was born on April 03, 1810 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 22, 1858 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johann Philipp Peter** on December 05, 1841 in Diedenshausen. He was born on September 26, 1810 in Diedenshausen. He died on September 02, 1860 in Diedenshausen.

Generation 4

8. **Paul Peter** was born in Bohemia. He married **Maria Henriette Langenhagen**
9. **Maria Henriette Langenhagen** was born in Berleburg.

Notes for Paul Peter:

A coachman in the service of an official with the Imperial government (viz. the Hapsburgs in Vienna). He is said to have been from Bohemia.

Paul Peter and Maria Henriette Langenhagen had the following child:

4.
 - i. Johann Friedrich Paul Peter was born on July 23, 1787 in Homrighausen or Berleburg. He died on December 22, 1857 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Althaus** on November 25, 1818 in Berleburg. She was born on April 20, 1792. She died on January 18, 1849 in Diedenshausen.
12. **Johann Debus Hackenbracht**, son of Johann Georg Wilhelm Hackenbracht and Maria Elisabeth Benfer, was born on December 03, 1737 in Diedenshausen. He died on November 19, 1809 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Rück**
13. **Anna Elisabeth Rück**, daughter of Georg Hermann Rück and Wilhelmine Elisabeth Spies, was born on December 10, 1735 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 08, 1775 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Debus Hackenbracht:

Generation 4 (cont.)

Born in Webers Haus, Diedenshausen, became tenant in Wagners.

Johann Debus Hackenbracht and Anna Elisabeth Rück had the following children:

- i. Georg Hermann Hackenbracht was born on April 15, 1772 in Diedenshausen. He died on June 18, 1772 in Diedenshausen.
6. ii. Johann Franz Hackenbracht was born on December 18, 1773 in Diedenshausen. He died on June 16, 1811 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Katherine Benfer** on August 07, 1807 in Diedenshausen. She was born on November 28, 1779 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 08, 1841 in Diedenshausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Hüster** on April 03, 1798 in Diedenshausen. She was born on July 18, 1772 in Elsoff. She died on December 22, 1806 in Diedenshausen.
14. **Johann Heinrich Benfer**, son of Johann Heinrich Benfer and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, was born on July 22, 1747 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 02, 1805 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Katherina Hüster** on January 08, 1767 in Diedenshausen.
15. **Anna Katherina Hüster** was born on May 12, 1744 in Elsoff. She died on December 12, 1808 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Benfer:

Born in and tenant in Schneiders Haus, Diedenshausen.

Johann Heinrich Benfer and Anna Katherina Hüster had the following children:

- i. Maria Elisabeth Benfer was born on August 18, 1768 in Diedenshausen. She died on May 22, 1808 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johann Georg Keller** on November 24, 1789 in Diedenshausen. He was born on December 17, 1761 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 06, 1824 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johann Heinrich Benfer was born on November 13, 1771 in Diedenshausen. He died in America.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Benfer:

Applied to go to America in 1797 as a single person and having no trade (Handwerk).

- iii. Maria Louysa Benfer was born on August 12, 1775 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1792.
7. iv. Anna Katherine Benfer was born on November 28, 1779 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 08, 1841 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johann Franz Hackenbracht** on August 07, 1807 in Diedenshausen. He was born on December 18, 1773 in Diedenshausen. He died on June 16, 1811 in Diedenshausen.