

Ancestors of Georg Ludwig Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **Georg Ludwig Riedesel**, son of Ludwig Riedesel and Florentine Althaus, 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. O. 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."

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. The name of their ship is not recorded. 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. In 1845, most of the family left Wunderthausen to go to America. They traveled to New York though we do not know the ship's name. Their arrival is reported as 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.

Florentine Althaus and Ludwig Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel was born on July 12, 1818 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 20, 1901 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He

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 Galion, 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.

Notes for Maria Amalia Riedesel:

Although her parents did not marry, Maria Amalia was apparently known as Riedesel. This was the name recorded at the time of her marriage. Her father's identity was acknowledged though what became of him is not known. Numerous other secondary sources give her name as Beitzel. This is not wrong in a technical sense but I am opting for the name she was evidently known by. She came with her husband, two children and the extended Riedesel family to New York, landing on June 7, 1845. We know only that she died in 1847-1848 in some kind of epidemic.

- 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 Wunderhausen. He was born on July 06, 1814 in Wunderhausen. 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 Wunderhausen. 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.

Notes for Johann Franz Homrighausen:

Known as Franz. Born in Räderhaase/Haasebergers Haus in Wunderhausen. Came to Crawford County, Ohio with the extended Riedesel family. They had arrived in New York out of Bremen on June 7, 1845. The family moved on to what became the Wheatland community by 1857. According to the 1911 memorial booklet celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's church in Wheatland, he had been a founder of the previous congregation in 1857.

By the time of his death, he owned 536 acres of farmland at Wheatland (in Sections 27, 28 and 33 of the Spring Rock Township). He was clearly a prosperous farmer and a respected elder in the German community and church. Though his two wives had the same given names, they were not that closely related. His one child with his first wife died a few months after she did in 1843.

The three sons each took over part of his substantial farm.

- iii. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on August 05, 1822 in Wunderhausen. 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 Wunderhausen. She died on September 22, 1894 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa, USA.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

Christened Johann Ludwig, but known as J. Ludwig. He was born in Haase Haus in Wunderhausen. 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 fiancée, 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. LUDWIG RIEDESEL, farmer, Section 32; owns 160 acres of land, valued at \$35 per acre; born in Germany in 1822; came to America in 1844, and located in Ohio; removed to Iowa in 1855; and located in this county; in 1868, settled on his present farm. Married Catherine Snyder in 1845; she, too, was born in Germany; have eight children--Susan, Franz, Ludwig, Phillip, Flora, George, John and Anna. Are

members of the German Reformed Church; Democrat.

Notes for Catherine Schneider:

She was born in Althäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. In 1845, she traveled with the extended Riedesel family to New York, arriving on June 7. They made their way to Crawford County, Ohio in a month's time or less, as Catherine and J. Ludwig were married there on July 1. Their family settled near Wheatland in 1855 though moved on to Carroll County, Iowa around 1880. She appears to have been a rather small woman.

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 - 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).
 - 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, 1904 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 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.

Notes for Elisabeth Knoche:

Born in Hanphilippes house. She came to America aboard the "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, arriving in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. On the ship's list she is named as Elisabeth Schneider. After John's death, she continued to live on a farm with several of their unmarried children. By 1905 this was a smaller piece of land that had been owned by his brother George (whose son-in-law, August Kramer, came to own much of John's original land). Elisabeth had taken her father's name even though the parents were not married.

- 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 Johann 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.

Notes for Maria Elisabeth Dienst:

Born in Linde Haus in Wunderthausen.

Maria Elisabeth Dienst and Johannes Riedesel 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.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Schneider:

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

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 Stetti.

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.

Notes for Johann Philipp Schneider:
First tenant in Hanphilippses Haus 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.

Notes for Johannes Mörchen:
The miller 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.

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

Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen and Georg Herman Althaus 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 Wingshausen. She married Georg Heinrich Wetter on October 16, 1825 in Wingshausen. He was born in Wingshausen.

Notes for Christine Althaus:
I have my doubts about whether this marriage took place.

- 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 Althaus" 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.

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- 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.

Notes for Christian Gerhardt:

Born in the house called "Pauls" in the village of Elsoff (slightly south of Wunderthausen). For reasons unknown and a duration uncertain, the family left their property in Elsoff and lived in the village of Beddelhausen. It seems clear that they did not own their own house and land there. The family all came to Baltimore in 1833-1834 and all located to Crawford County, Ohio, where they acquired land in the Jackson Township. Christian himself purchased 80 acres in Section 14 with a certificate dated August 6, 1834. Why they would have settled there seemed inexplicable until I discovered that their close neighbors were descendants of a man who had emigrated from Elsoff a century earlier.

Christian and Maria Elisabeth moved from Ohio to live near the family of George and Elisabeth (Gerhardt) Riedesel in Wheatland. There he purchased land from George in Section 34 of the Liberty Township of Clinton County in the spring of 1873. Their other known daughter, Catherine, remained in the Galion, Ohio area but we know that there was an ongoing connection between the two communities.

The 1850 Ohio Census gives both of their places of birth as Pennsylvania, but this is incorrect. The spelling of the last name varies but I am using Gerhardt following the standard in Germany. I am not alone in mistakenly concluding that the family arrived on the ship James in 1833, but this is almost certainly incorrect. They got here though.

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

Notes for Johann Gabriel Riedesel:

Married into Weymers Haus from Gundermanns. Through his two marriages he is the progenitor of a large majority of Riedesels in the U.S.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Weller:

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

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

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 - 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.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Strackbein:

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

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.

Maria Magdalena Pott and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

- i. Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt 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.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Homrighausen:

Born in and became the tenant in Hohmanns Haus 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.

Maria Gertraudt Haase and Philip Althaus had the following children:

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 - 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.

Notes for Johann Franz Mörchen:
Inherited the house Am Gefälle.

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.

Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen and Johann Jost Mörchen 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.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein:
Born in Gundernanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

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- 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:
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 Wunderthausen.
- 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.

Notes for Anna Margarethe Spies:

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

Anna Margarethe Spies and Wilhelm Riedesel 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.

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

- 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.

Notes for Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp:

Apparently known as Anna Maria, though her baptismal name was Anna Gertraud.

- 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.

Notes for Anna Catharina Ruppert:

Born in Wetzels house.

8. v. Johann 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 Wunderthausen. She was born on August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche. 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.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Became the tenant in Beitzels when he married.

- 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. He was born in Schüller.

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 Theis Trapp and Anna Margaretha 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.

Anna Gertraud Trapp and Johann Phillip Weller 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.

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp:

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

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 - iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Weller was born on August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Gabriel Riedesel on February 04, 1752 in Wunderthausen. 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 on July 18, 1694 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 Haus in Diedenshausen.

Catherine Elisabeth Spies and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

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 - 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 Spies was born on March 10, 1722 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Johann Heinrich Spies 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.

Anna Maria Magdalena Spies and Johann Valentin Pott 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 in Wunderthausen. 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.
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 - 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.

Notes for Johann Georg Spies:
Born in and tenant in Beckers Haus, Wunderthausen.

- 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.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Trapp:
Born in Mannes Haus.

- vii. Johann Georg Pott was born on January 30, 1732 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 19, 1796 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Amalia Womelsdorf on May 28, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 08, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 06, 1830 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Franz Pott was born on March 06, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He married Florentine Pott on November 17, 1755.

24. **Johann Phillip Althaus**, son of Johann Georg Althaus, 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.

Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt and Johann Phillip Althaus 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 ?. He died on October 17, 1777 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche** 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.

Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche and Johannes Haase 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.

Anna Margarete ?? and Johann Matthäus Mörchen 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.

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

- 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 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 Anna Catharina Homrighausen, 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:
Born in Hohmanns Haus.

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

- i. 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. ii. 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.
- iii. 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 Franz Homrighausen:

First tenant in Kellers Haus, Wunderthausen.

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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 1642 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in Melbach but married into Pfaffe-Haus in Girkhausen. I had reported his approximate birth year as 1634 in previous writing, but have been persuaded that 1640 is a better guess. The fact that he and his wife were married at Raumland yet assumed the tenancy of a house in Girkhausen was unusual; a couple normally married where they were bound to live.

Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Georg Mannus Riedesel was born about 1664 in Girkhausen. 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.

Notes for Sebastian Riedesel:

I have no confirmed evidence of his existence. If he lived, it is likely that he was born between 1668 and 1673, and died before 1740. He could well have left Wittgenstein.

- 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-Reinhard's 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 Wunderthausen. 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 1645 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen** on May 13, 1678 in Wunderthausen.

35. **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen**, daughter of Johannes Homrighausen, was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

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

Anna Gertraud Homrighausen and Johann Georg Spies 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 Wunderthausen. 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. He was born on September 07, 1697 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 28, 1752 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Beitzel:
Tenant in Seilers Haus, 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.
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. **Theis Trapp**, son of Johannes Trapp and Margretha Weymer, was born in 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709-1711 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margaretha Spies** on January 03, 1694.

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

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

Notes for Anna Margaretha Spies:
Born in Schmeds house.

Anna Margaretha Spies and Theis Trapp 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. Anna Margretha Trapp was born about 1700 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Johannes Trapp was born about 1700 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 08, 1765 in Langewiese. He married Anna Elisabeth Riehl. She was born on February 27, 1701. She died on February 19, 1777 in Langewiese.

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.

- v. 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.

- vi. AntonyAntonius 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 AntonyAntonius Trapp:

Settled in Langewiese.

- vii. 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 1658 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.

Anna Justina Gärte and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

- i. Daughter Dienst was born on July 18, 1686 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
 - ii. Johann Philipp Dienst was born on October 19, 1692 in Wunderthausen.
 - 20. iii. Johannes Dienst was born on July 18, 1694 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. She died on April 30, 1752 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.
 - 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.

Anna Elisabeth Benfer and Sebastian Spies 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 on July 18, 1694 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.

Notes for Georg Hermann Rück:

Born in and tenant in Wagners Haus, 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, Amot Marburg (Bracht). He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen** before 1659 in Wunderthausen.
- 45. **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen**, daughter of Steffen Homrighausen and ?? Eckhardt Scheffer, 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 Scheffers.

Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen and Curt Pott had the following children:

- i. Johann Hermann Pott was born about 1670 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.

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.

- 51. ii. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born in 1671 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1746. She married Abraham Eckhardt on February 20, 1697. He was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died before 1740.
- iii. Catharina Pott was born about 1677 in Wunderthausen.
- 22. iv. 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.

- v. Johann Matthias Pott was born on June 24, 1684 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johann Georg Pott was born on May 10, 1686 in Wunderthausen.

48. **Johann Georg Althaus.**

Johann Georg Althaus had the following child:

- 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.

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 in 1671 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1746.

Anna Elisabeth Pott and Abraham Eckhardt 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 Herman 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 Saßmannshausen 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.

Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen and Johann Hermann Knoche 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 in Wunderthausen. He was born in 1709 in ?. He died on October 17, 1777 in Wunderthausen.

60. **Johannes Homrighausen**, son of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born before 1675 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Liese Strackbein** on January 19, 1701.

61. **Anna 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 Liese Strackbein:

Born in Hohmanns Haus.

Anna Liese Strackbein and Johannes Homrighausen 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 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 07, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 17, 1780 in Wunderthausen.
- 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. 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 Hans 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 Wunderthausen.

63. **Anna Catharina Homrighausen**, daughter of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, 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.

Anna Catharina Homrighausen and Johann Georg Strackbein had the following children:

31. i. 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.
- ii. Anna Catherine Strackbein was born on January 07, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 17, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jakob Homrighausen on January 08, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He was born on November 21, 1703 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1772 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johann Jakob Strackbein was born on December 31, 1714 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 02, 1742 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catherine Strackbein on September 22, 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Anna Margareta Strackbein was born on February 02, 1718 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 20, 1798 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Gabriel Knoche on July 07, 1738 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 28, 1713 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Knoche:
Tenant in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

- v. Johann Georg Strackbein was born on June 18, 1721 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johannes Strackbein was born on January 20, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 13, 1778 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina Riedesel on April 23, 1752 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 03, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 15, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarete Riedesel on December 29, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She was born on May 15, 1744 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1807 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

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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:

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.

?? and Hederich Riedesel 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 1642 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.

Johannes Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Georg Womelsdorf was born about 1635.
- ii. 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.

33. iii. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf was born about 1642 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.
- iv. Johann Kasper Womelsdorf.

68. **Valentin Spies** was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1665-1675 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1650.

Valentin Spies had the following children:

34. i. Johann Georg Spies was born about 1645 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 Wunderthausen. She was born about 1650 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 1655 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Werner Dienst:

Tenant in Schmeds house, Wunderthausen.

- iii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Ludwig Spies was born about 1665 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1735 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina Eckhard 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.

- v. Johannes Spies was born about 1668 in Wunderthausen.
- 39. vi. 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.
- vii. Antonius Spies was born about 1670 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.

- 70. **Johannes Homrighausen** was born in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Homrighausen had the following child:

- 35. 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 Wunderthausen. He was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen.

- 76. **Johannes Trapp** was born about 1640. He married **Margretha Weymer** about 1670.

- 77. **Margretha Weymer**, daughter of Johannes Waymar and ? Heidt, was born about 1640.

Notes for Johannes Trapp:

Origin unknown. Married into Weymers house in Wunderthausen.

Margretha Weymer and Johannes Trapp had the following children:

- 38. i. Theis Trapp was born in 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709-1711 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margaretha Spies on January 03, 1694. She was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen.
- 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.

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

81. ??.

?? and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

- i. Werner Dienst was born about 1655 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.

- 40. ii. Johannes Dienst was born about 1658 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.

Notes for Johann Theis Boshoff:

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

82. **Franz Garte** 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.

Loysa Henk and Franz Garte 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 1658 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.

Margarete ?? and Gabriel Spies 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.

Notes for Anna Catharina ??:
If she had a child in 1700, she was surely born later than 1645.

- 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.

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

Notes for Gabriel Benfer:
Tenant in Adriges Haus, 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.

Anna Catharina Giebel and Gabriel Benfer 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**. She died before 1659 in Wunderthausen?.

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

Katherine Eckhardt and Matthias Pott had the following child:

- 44.
 - i. Curt Pott was born about 1635 in Bracht, Amot Marburg (Bracht). He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen before 1659 in Wunderthausen. 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 Scheffer**.

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91. ?? **Eckhardt Scheffer** was born about 1605 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Steffen Homrighausen:

Born in Seimes house, Wunderthausen and married into what became Curts.

?? Eckhardt Scheffer and Steffen Homrighausen 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 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1635 in Bracht, Amot Marburg (Bracht). He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen.

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.

Gertraudt Beitzel and Johann Jost Eckhardt 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 in 1671 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1746.

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

103. **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen**, daughter of Steffen Homrighausen and ?? Eckhardt Scheffer, 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 Scheffers.

Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen and Curt Pott had the following children:

- i. Johann Hermann Pott was born about 1670 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.

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.

51. ii. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born in 1671 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1746. She married Abraham Eckhardt on February 20, 1697. He was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died before 1740.
- iii. Catharina Pott was born about 1677 in Wunderthausen.
22. iv. 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.

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- v. Johann Matthias Pott was born on June 24, 1684 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johann Georg Pott was born on May 10, 1686 in Wunderthausen.
108. **Johann Herman Knoche** was born about 1635 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1665 in Wunderthausen.
- Johann Herman Knoche had the following children:
- i. Gertraudt Dienst was born about 1667 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 21, 1751 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Gertraudt Dienst:
Believed to be the daughter of Johann Hermann Knoche of Bormanns, but this is not certain.
- ii. 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.
- Notes for Johannes Knoche:
Born in Bormanns, became the tenant in Wetzels.
54. iii. 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.
- Anna Elisabeth ?? and Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen 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.
- Notes for Johann Hermann Benfer:
Born in Adrigues Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Webers.
- ii. Elias Saßmannshausen was born about 1675 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 28, 1740 in Girkhausen. He married Catharina Elisabeth Homrighausen on October 21, 1699 in Diedenshausen. She was born on December 10, 1679 in Diedenshausen. She died in Hüttental.
- 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.

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- 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 Hans Homrighausen and ??, was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein** about 1670.
121. **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**, daughter of Hans Georg Strackbein and ?? Pletsch, was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen.

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

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Strackbein:
Born in Mannes house.

Anna Elisabeth Strackbein and Johann Georg Homrighausen had the following children:

- 60. i. Johannes Homrighausen was born before 1675 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna 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. His family of origin is not certain.

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

- iv. Johann Jacob Homrighausen 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.

Notes for Anna Christina Boshoff:
Almost certainly born in Altehäusers as the daughter of Theiß Boßhof.

- 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.

Notes for Johann Georg Wetzel:
Shepherd, and lived in Schwarze house.

- 63. 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 Wunderthausen. 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** was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1665.

Hans Georg Strackbein had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1665 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1689.
- 62. ii. 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 Wunderthausen. She was born on July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1750 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Maria Strackbein was born about 1672 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Curt 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.

- iv. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1675 in Wunderthausen.
- 61. v. Anna 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 before 1675 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Anna Margarethe Strackbein was born on January 16, 1685 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. 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.