

Ancestors of Wilhelmine Elisabeth (Katherine) Peter

Generation 1

1. **Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter**, daughter of Johann Philipp Peter and Katharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht, was born on March 6, 1842 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 29, 1909 in Wheatland, IA. She married **Georg Ludwig Riedesel** on February 25, 1866 in Girkhausen. He was born on January 7, 1840 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 1, 1913 in Wheatland, IA.

Notes for Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter:

Known as Katherine. Other sources give her year of birth as 1838, but that is in error. She was born in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen. Apparently, she and her husband lived in Diedenshausen before going to America.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:

Known as Louis C. and as "Charley" in the U.S. Born in Bergmanns/Gabels Haus in Wunderthausen. Arrived on the ship Humboldt, which traveled from Bremen to New York and landed on May 27, 1867.

They lived in Cedar County near Lowden, which is close to Big Rock as well. He eventually owned at least 160 acres in Section 24 of the Springfield Township. Their son Ernest continued to farm this land, followed by Ernest's sons Ernest and Harold.

Generation 2

2. **Johann Philipp Peter**, son of Johann Friedrich Paul Peter and Anna Elisabeth Althaus, was born on September 26, 1810 in Diedenshausen. He died on September 2, 1860 in Diedenshausen. He married **Katharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht** on December 5, 1841 in Diedenshausen.
3. **Katharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht**, daughter of Johann Franz Hackenbracht and Anna Katherine Benfer, was born on April 3, 1810 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 22, 1858 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Philipp Peter:

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

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

- i. Franz Peter was born on June 3, 1838 in Diedenshausen. He died on December 20, 1908 in Diedenshausen. He married Wilhelmine Dienst on April 21, 1861 in Diedenshausen. She was born on February 8, 1838 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 21, 1915 in Diedenshausen.
1. ii. Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter was born on March 6, 1842 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 29, 1909 in Wheatland, IA. She married Georg Ludwig Riedesel on February 25, 1866 in Girkhausen. He was born on January 7, 1840 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 1, 1913 in Wheatland, IA.
- iii. Johann Georg Peter was born on December 12, 1846 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Peter:

Came to America with his sister and brother-in-law in 1867 on the ship Humboldt (Bremen to New York). Apparently working a farm laborer in Wheatland as of the 1870 Census. In 1880 there was a George Peter at Glidden, Iowa, age 32 (two years shy, but errors were made).

Generation 3

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

Notes for Johann Friedrich Paul Peter:

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

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Althaus:

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

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

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 - i. Johann Philipp Peter was born on September 26, 1810 in Diedenshausen. He died on September 2, 1860 in Diedenshausen. He married Katharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht on December 5, 1841 in Diedenshausen. She was born on April 3, 1810 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 22, 1858 in Diedenshausen.
 - ii. Elisabeth Peter was born on May 31, 1815 in Diedenshausen. She died on July 4, 1819 in Diedenshausen.
 - iii. Philipp Franz Peter was born on April 30, 1820 in Diedenshausen. He died on October 29, 1875 in Diedenshausen. He married Sophie Julius on September 18, 1847 in Diedenshausen. She was born on March 6, 1823 in Alertshausen. She died on April 7, 1900 in Diedenshausen.
 - iv. Anna Elisabeth Peter was born on July 14, 1824 in Diedenshausen. She died on August 8, 1900 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Wilhelm Schäfer on May 13, 1860 in Diedenshausen.
 - v. Friedrich Peter was born on May 14, 1830 in Diedenshausen. He died on October 12, 1915 in Diedenshausen. He married Elisabeth Amalia Riedesel on April 7, 1861 in Diedenshausen. She was born on December 25, 1836 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 1, 1900 in Diedenshausen.
 - vi. Johannes Peter was born on March 20, 1834 in Diedenshausen. He died on May 9, 1888 in Diedenshausen. He married Luise Keller on September 18, 1856 in Diedenshausen.
6. **Johann Franz Hackenbracht**, son of Johann Debus Hackenbracht and Anna Elisabeth Rück, was born on December 18, 1773 in Diedenshausen. He died on June 16, 1811 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Katherine Benfer** on August 7, 1807 in Diedenshausen.
7. **Anna Katherine Benfer**, daughter of Johann Heinrich Benfer and Anna Katherina Hüster, was born on November 28, 1779 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 8, 1841 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Hackenbracht:

Born in and tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

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

- i. Maria Elisabeth Hackenbracht was born on May 18, 1808 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 9, 1842 in Diedenshausen.
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 - ii. Katharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht was born on April 3, 1810 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 22, 1858 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Philipp Peter on December 5, 1841 in Diedenshausen. He was born on September 26, 1810 in Diedenshausen. He died on September 2, 1860 in Diedenshausen.

Generation 4

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

Notes for Paul Peter:

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

Maria Henriette Langenhagen and Paul Peter had the following child:

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 - i. Johann Friedrich Paul Peter was born on July 23, 1787 in Homrighausen or

Berleburg. He died on December 22, 1857 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Althaus on November 25, 1818 in Berleburg. She was born on April 20, 1792. She died on January 18, 1849 in Diedenshausen.

12. **Johann Debus Hackenbracht**, son of Johann Georg Wilhelm Hackenbracht and Maria Elisabeth Benfer, was born on December 3, 1737 in Diedenshausen. He died on November 19, 1809 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Rück**.
13. **Anna Elisabeth Rück**, daughter of Georg Hermann Rück and Wilhelmine Elisabeth Spies, was born on December 10, 1735 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 8, 1775 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Debus Hackenbracht:

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

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

- i. Georg Hermann Hackenbracht was born on April 15, 1772 in Diedenshausen. He died on June 18, 1772 in Diedenshausen.
6. ii. Johann Franz Hackenbracht was born on December 18, 1773 in Diedenshausen. He died on June 16, 1811 in Diedenshausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Hüster on April 3, 1798 in Diedenshausen. She was born on July 18, 1772 in Elsoff. She died on December 22, 1806 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Katherine Benfer on August 7, 1807 in Diedenshausen. She was born on November 28, 1779 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 8, 1841 in Diedenshausen.
14. **Johann Heinrich Benfer**, son of Johann Heinrich Benfer and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, was born on July 22, 1747 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 2, 1805 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Katherine Hüster** on January 8, 1767 in Diedenshausen.
15. **Anna Katherine Hüster** was born on May 12, 1744 in Elsoff. She died on December 12, 1808 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Benfer:

Born in and tenant in Schneiders Haus, Diedenshausen.

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

- i. Maria Elisabeth Benfer was born on August 18, 1768 in Diedenshausen. She died on May 22, 1808 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Georg Keller on November 24, 1789 in Diedenshausen. He was born on December 17, 1761 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 6, 1824 in Diedenshausen.
- Notes for Johann Georg Keller:
Born in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen, became the tenant in Schneiders.
- ii. Johann Heinrich Benfer was born on November 13, 1771 in Diedenshausen. He died in America.
- Notes for Johann Heinrich Benfer:
Applied to go to America in 1797 as a single person and having no trade (Handwerk).
- iii. Maria Louysa Benfer was born on August 12, 1775 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1792.
 7. iv. Anna Katherine Benfer was born on November 28, 1779 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 8, 1841 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Franz Hackenbracht on August 7, 1807 in Diedenshausen. He was born on December 18, 1773 in Diedenshausen. He died on June 16, 1811 in Diedenshausen.

Generation 5

24. **Johann Georg Wilhelm Hackenbracht**, son of Johann Georg Hackenbracht and Catharina Elisabeth Spies, was born on October 5, 1690 in Diedenshausen. He died on September 20, 1770 in Diedenshausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Benfer** on May 12, 1724 in Diedenshausen.
25. **Maria Elisabeth Benfer**, daughter of Johann Hermann Benfer and Catharina Elisabeth Saßmannshausen, was born on September 27, 1697 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 13, 1748 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Wilhelm Hackenbracht:

Born in Schulze, became the tenant in Webers Haus, Diedenshausen.

Maria Elisabeth Benfer and Johann Georg Wilhelm Hackenbracht had the following children:

- i. Georg Wilhelm Hackenbracht was born on February 23, 1725 in Diedenshausen. He died on November 15, 1777 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Kunigunda Beitzel on October 24, 1755 in Diedenshausen. She was born on July 22, 1733 in Diedenshausen. She died on March 6, 1805 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johannes Hackenbracht was born on October 27, 1726 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1734 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Catharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht was born on March 4, 1728 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 31, 1795 in Wemlighausen. She married Johannes Dittmann on January 10, 1755.
- iv. Anna Elisabeth Hackenbracht was born on February 14, 1729 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Elisabeth Magdalena Hackenbracht was born on November 5, 1730 in Diedenshausen.
- vi. Johannes Hackenbracht was born on February 4, 1734 in Diedenshausen. He died on October 4, 1765 in Diedenshausen.
12. vii. Johann Debus Hackenbracht was born on December 3, 1737 in Diedenshausen. He died on November 19, 1809 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Rück. She was born on December 10, 1735 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 8, 1775 in Diedenshausen.
26. **Georg Hermann Rück**, son of Sebastian Rück and Anna Catharina Schüßler, was born on November 3, 1695 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1729 in Diedenshausen. He married **Wilhelmine Elisabeth Spies** on May 23, 1732 in Diedenshausen.
27. **Wilhelmine Elisabeth Spies**, daughter of Sebastian Spies and Anna Elisabeth Benfer, was born on March 29, 1702 in Diedenshausen. She died on January 18, 1743 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Georg Hermann Rück:

Born in and tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

Wilhelmine Elisabeth Spies and Georg Hermann Rück had the following children:

- i. Maria Elisabeth Rück was born on March 3, 1733 in Diedenshausen.
13. ii. Anna Elisabeth Rück was born on December 10, 1735 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 8, 1775 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Debus Hackenbracht. He was born on December 3, 1737 in Diedenshausen. He died on November 19, 1809 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Rück was born on March 3, 1738 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1753.
- iv. Georg Franz Rück was born on July 22, 1739 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 30, 1805 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Johann Georg Rück was born on January 6, 1743 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 12, 1811 in Diedenshausen.
28. **Johann Heinrich Benfer**, son of Gabriel Benfer and Anna Catharina Rück, was born on November 7, 1709 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 16, 1777 in Diedenshausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen** on January 19, 1738 in Diedenshausen.
29. **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen**, daughter of Johannes Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Benfer, was born on December 23, 1719 in Diedenshausen. She died on January 23, 1785 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Benfer:

Born in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen, became the tenant in Schneiders.

Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen and Johann Heinrich Benfer had the following children:

- i. Conrad Benfer was born on December 25, 1738 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 8, 1744 in Diedenshausen.

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- ii. Johannes Benfer was born on October 8, 1742 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 19, 1750 in Diedenshausen.
 - iii. Johann Georg Benfer was born on October 4, 1744 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 17, 1746 in Diedenshausen.
 - iv. Johann Konrad Benfer was born on June 21, 1746 in Diedenshausen.
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- v. Johann Heinrich Benfer was born on July 22, 1747 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 2, 1805 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Katherina Hüster on January 8, 1767 in Diedenshausen. She was born on May 12, 1744 in Elsoff. She died on December 12, 1808 in Diedenshausen.
 - vi. ?? Benfer was born on January 3, 1750 in Diedenshausen.
 - vii. Johann Sebastian Benfer was born on September 14, 1752 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 17, 1755 in Diedenshausen.
 - viii. Johanna Juliana Benfer was born on May 1, 1758 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 31, 1760 in Diedenshausen.
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Generation 6

48. **Johann Georg Hackenbracht** was born on January 3, 1655 in Wemlighausen. He died on October 16, 1743 in Diedenshausen. He married **Catharina Elisabeth Spies** on October 19, 1689 in Diedenshausen.
49. **Catharina Elisabeth Spies**, daughter of Johann Wilhelm Spies and Mara ??, was born about 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1730 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Hackenbracht:

Born in Schneiders Haus, Wemlighausen, but became the tenant in Schulze, Diedenshausen.

Catharina Elisabeth Spies and Johann Georg Hackenbracht had the following children:

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- i. Johann Georg Wilhelm Hackenbracht was born on October 5, 1690 in Diedenshausen. He died on September 20, 1770 in Diedenshausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Benfer on May 12, 1724 in Diedenshausen. She was born on September 27, 1697 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 13, 1748 in Diedenshausen.
 - ii. Johannes Hackenbracht was born on March 28, 1694 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1738 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Elisabeth Benfer on November 16, 1713 in Diedenshausen. She was born on October 20, 1690 in Diedenshausen.
 - iii. Johann David Hackenbracht was born on November 23, 1695 in Diedenshausen.
 - iv. Johann Wilhelm Hackenbracht was born on March 13, 1697 in Diedenshausen.
 - v. Johann Gabriel Hackenbracht was born on February 27, 1699 in Diedenshausen.
 - vi. Johann Samuel Hackenbracht was born on October 24, 1700 in Diedenshausen.
 - vii. Sebastian Hackenbracht was born on December 18, 1702 in Diedenshausen.
 - viii. Johann Heinrich Hackenbracht was born on February 8, 1705 in Diedenshausen.
 - ix. Johann Daniel Hackenbracht was born on January 16, 1707 in Diedenshausen.
50. **Johann Hermann Benfer**, son of Johannes Benfer and ?? Becker, was born about 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married **Catharina Elisabeth Saßmannshausen** on October 10, 1689 in Diedenshausen.
51. **Catharina Elisabeth Saßmannshausen**, daughter of Johann Jacob Saßmannshausen and Anna Elisabeth ??, was born about 1672 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Benfer:

Born in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Webers.

Catharina Elisabeth Saßmannshausen and Johann Hermann Benfer had the following children:

- i. Catharina Elisabeth Benfer was born on October 20, 1690 in Diedenshausen. She married Johannes Hackenbracht on November 16, 1713 in Diedenshausen. He was born on March 28, 1694 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1738 in

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- Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johannes Benfer was born on September 21, 1694 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1709 in Diedenshausen.
 25. iii. Maria Elisabeth Benfer was born on September 27, 1697 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 13, 1748 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Georg Wilhelm Hackenbracht on May 12, 1724 in Diedenshausen. He was born on October 5, 1690 in Diedenshausen. He died on September 20, 1770 in Diedenshausen.
 - iv. Maria Juliana Benfer was born on March 4, 1701 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1725.
 - v. Elisabeth Margaretha Benfer was born on March 22, 1704 in Diedenshausen.
 - vi. Elisabeth Gertraud Benfer was born on March 4, 1706 in Diedenshausen.
 - vii. Johannes Benfer was born on February 10, 1709 in Diedenshausen. He died on October 9, 1763 in Diedenshausen.
 - viii. Anna Elisabeth Benfer was born on February 1, 1712 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 30, 1754 in Diedenshausen. She married Johannes Debus Gernand on June 15, 1736 in Diedenshausen. He was born on November 9, 1709 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 12, 1775 in Diedenshausen.
 52. **Sebastian Rück**, son of Johannes Rück and Anna Homrighausen, was born about 1654 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1705 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina Schüßler** on November 11, 1686 in Diedenshausen.
 53. **Anna Catharina Schüßler**, daughter of Johannes Schüßler, was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1708.

Notes for Sebastian Rück:

Born in and tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

Anna Catharina Schüßler and Sebastian Rück had the following children:

- i. Catharina Elisabeth Rück was born on October 11, 1688 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johann Jacob Rück was born on June 14, 1691 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Johann Georg Rück was born on July 28, 1692 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1729. He married Anna Elisabeth Dienst on December 5, 1713. She was born in Wunderthausen.
26. iv. Georg Hermann Rück was born on November 3, 1695 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1729 in Diedenshausen. He married Wilhelmine Elisabeth Spies on May 23, 1732 in Diedenshausen. She was born on March 29, 1702 in Diedenshausen. She died on January 18, 1743 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Anna Catharina Rück was born on March 15, 1699 in Diedenshausen.
- vi. Johannes Rück was born on April 17, 1700 in Diedenshausen.
- vii. Louysa Catharina Rück was born on January 4, 1705 in Diedenshausen.
54. **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.
55. **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 1, 1684 in Diedenshausen. He died on January 23, 1760 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Spies on February 9, 1714 in Diedenshausen. She was born on January 2, 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.
- 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 8, 1716 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 21, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Valentin Pott:

Born in Kurts Haus but married into Beitzels and became the tenant.

- 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 1735 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Catherine Elisabeth Spies:

Born in Diele Haus in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:

Tenant in Linde Haus.

- 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 8, 1771.
- 27. 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 3, 1695 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1729 in Diedenshausen.
- viii. Johann Georg Spies was born on February 11, 1705 in Diedenshausen. He died probably in Berleburg. He married Catharine Louise Stark on September 19, 1734 in Berleburg.

56. **Gabriel Benfer**, son of Johannes Benfer and ?? Becker, was born about 1662 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina Rück** on November 22, 1694 in Diedenshausen.

57. **Anna Catharina Rück**, daughter of Johannes Rück and Anna Homrighausen, was born about 1675 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gabriel Benfer:

Tenant in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen.

Anna Catharina Rück and Gabriel Benfer had the following children:

- i. Anna Maria Benfer was born about 1695 in Diedenshausen. She died on October 6, 1755 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Georg Spies on February 20, 1718 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1690 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1729. She married Sebastian Homrighausen on May 13, 1729 in Diedenshausen. He was born on July 4, 1695 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 13, 1746 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Spies:

Born in Diele Haus, Diedenshausen, became the tenant in Adriges.

- ii. Johannes Benfer was born on November 25, 1697 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Georg Hermann Benfer was born on October 1, 1700 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Hedrich on December 1, 1724. She was born in Womelsdorf. He married Anna Catharina Henk on January 15, 1734. She was born in Rinthe.
- iv. Johann Georg Benfer was born on April 24, 1703 in Diedenshausen. He died on April 1, 1756 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Kunigunda Elisabeth Strackbein

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- on December 1, 1728 in Diedenshausen. She was born on December 1, 1704 in Diedenshausen. She died on February 7, 1777 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Johann Ernst Benfer was born on March 7, 1706 in Diedenshausen. He died in 1761. He married Anna Margarete Althaus. She was born in Womelsdorf.
28. vi. Johann Heinrich Benfer was born on November 7, 1709 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 16, 1777 in Diedenshausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen on January 19, 1738 in Diedenshausen. She was born on December 23, 1719 in Diedenshausen. She died on January 23, 1785 in Diedenshausen.
- vii. Catharina Elisabeth Benfer was born on December 2, 1712 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 29, 1794.
58. **Johannes Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Schüßler, was born on May 8, 1690 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1740 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Benfer** on October 28, 1717 in Diedenshausen.
59. **Anna Elisabeth Benfer**, daughter of Debus (Theobald) Benfer and Catharina Elisabeth Breusing, was born after 1697 in Diedenshausen. She died on August 19, 1760 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

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

Anna Elisabeth Benfer and Johannes Homrighausen had the following children:

- i. Johann Jacob Homrighausen was born on July 9, 1718 in Diedenshausen.
29. ii. Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on December 23, 1719 in Diedenshausen. She died on January 23, 1785 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Heinrich Benfer on January 19, 1738 in Diedenshausen. He was born on November 7, 1709 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 16, 1777 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Johann Anthony Homrighausen was born on January 1, 1722 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Anthony Homrighausen:

Born in Schneiders Haus in Diedenshausen. Went to America in 1748. He was probably part of the party led by Rev. Johann Philipp Leydich of Girkhausen. Leydich was married to one of his first cousins, and three more sisters of that family also went to America. They settled in Maryland.

- iv. Georg Hermann Homrighausen was born on December 13, 1724 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Johann Conrad Homrighausen was born on December 13, 1724 in Diedenshausen.
- vi. Catharina Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on December 13, 1724 in Diedenshausen.
- vii. Kunigunda Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on November 25, 1726 in Diedenshausen.
- viii. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on March 13, 1729 in Diedenshausen.
- ix. Louysa Juliana Homrighausen was born on February 16, 1731 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Philipp Dickel on December 29, 1752 in Schüllar.
- x. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen was born on January 5, 1733 in Diedenshausen.

Generation 7

98. **Johann Wilhelm Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and Anna Catharina ??, was born about 1640 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1691 in Diedenshausen. He married **Mara ??**.
99. **Mara ??**.

Notes for Johann Wilhelm Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

Mara ?? and Johann Wilhelm Spies had the following children:

- 49. i. Catharina Elisabeth Spies was born about 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1730 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Georg Hackenbracht on October 19, 1689 in Diedenshausen. He was born on January 3, 1655 in Wemlighausen. He died on October 16, 1743 in Diedenshausen.

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- ii. Anna Maria Spies was born on December 6, 1679 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 1, 1754 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Daniel Weller on November 26, 1705 in Diedenshausen. He was born on August 11, 1677 in Diedenshausen. He died on November 29, 1761 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Daniel Weller: Tenant
in Christ Haus, Diedenshausen

- iii. Johannes Spies was born on March 15, 1682 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Johannes Spies was born on September 8, 1683 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1699.
- v. Maria Magdalena Spies was born on October 18, 1686 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1730.
- vi. Anna Catharina Spies was born in 1691 in Diedenshausen. She died on July 31, 1752. She married Johann Georg Wagner. He was born on March 23, 1682 in Girkhausen. He died on December 23, 1752 in Girkhausen.
- vii. Samuel Spies was born in Diedenshausen.
- viii. David Spies was born in Diedenshausen.
- ix. Gabriel Spies was born in Diedenshausen. He died after 1699.

100. **Johannes Benfer** was born about 1630. He married ?? **Becker**.

101. **?? Becker**.

Notes for Johannes Benfer:

Tenant in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen. It is uncertain where he was born.

?? Becker and Johannes Benfer had the following children:

118. i. Debus (Theobald) Benfer was born about 1660 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1740 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Elisabeth Breusing on January 26, 1697 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 19, 1740 in Diedenshausen.
56. ii. Gabriel Benfer was born about 1662 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharine Elisabeth Spies on October 30, 1690. She was born about 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died in 1694. He married Anna Catharina Rück on November 22, 1694 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1675 in Diedenshausen.
50. iii. Johann Hermann Benfer was born about 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Elisabeth Saßmannshausen on October 10, 1689 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1672 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Catharina Elisabeth Benfer was born on June 2, 1679 in Diedenshausen. She died on July 14, 1747 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Hermann Gernand on January 29, 1706 in Diedenshausen. He was born in December 1677 in Elsoff. He died on April 2, 1750 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Gernand:
Tenant in Pauls Haus, Diedenshausen.

- v. Johann Jost Benfer was born in June 1681 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 23, 1726 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Gertraud Keller on August 12, 1706. She was born in Hemschlar.
- vi. Anna Elisabeth Benfer was born on December 31, 1683.

102. **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.

103. **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:

51.
 - i. Catharina Elisabeth Saßmannshausen was born about 1672 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Hermann Benfer on October 10, 1689 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1670 in Diedenshausen.
 - ii. Elias Saßmannshausen was born about 1675 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 28, 1740 in Girkhausen. He married 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 9, 1678 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 13, 1743. He married Anna Gertrud Thiel on February 2, 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.
 - 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 3, 1687 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- 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.
- vii. 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 5, 1758 in Girkhausen.
 - viii. Sebastian Saßmannshausen was born on September 27, 1687 in Diedenshausen.

104. **Johannes Rück**, son of Johann Georg Rück and Justina Wagener, was born about 1630. He died after 1654. He married **Anna Homrighausen**.

105. **Anna Homrighausen**, daughter of Franz Homrighausen, was born about 1630 in Elsoff.

Notes for Johannes Rück:

Tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

Anna Homrighausen and Johannes Rück had the following children:

52.
 - i. Sebastian Rück was born about 1654 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1705 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Catharina Schüßler on November 11, 1686 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1708. He married Anna Catherine Spies on March 13, 1677 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1686.
 - ii. Anna Catharina Rück was born about 1675 in Diedenshausen. She married Gabriel Benfer on November 22, 1694 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1662 in Diedenshausen.
 - iii. Jacob Rück.
106. **Johannes Schüßler**, son of Hermann Schüßler, was born about 1620 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1699 in Diedenshausen.

Johannes Schüßler had the following children:

117.
 - i. Elisabeth Schüßler was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen. She married Johannes Homrighausen in 1677 in Diedenshausen. He was born in 1652 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1722 in Diedenshausen.

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53. ii. Anna Catharina Schüßler was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1708. She married Sebastian Rück on November 11, 1686 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1654 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1705 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Schüßler was born about 1660 in Diedenshausen.
108. **Gabriel Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ?? Dickel, was born about 1623 in Diedenshausen. He married **Margarete ??** about 1649.
109. **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.

54. 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.

110. **Gabriel Benfer** was born about 1640. He died after 1678 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina Giebel**.
111. **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:

55. 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.

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- iv. Maria Elisabeth Benfer was born in Diedenshausen. She died after 1692.
112. **Johannes Benfer** was born about 1630. He married **?? Becker**.
113. **?? Becker**.

Notes for Johannes Benfer:

Tenant in Adrighes Haus, Diedenshausen. It is uncertain where he was born.

?? Becker and Johannes Benfer had the following children:

118. i. Debus (Theobald) Benfer was born about 1660 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1740 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Elisabeth Breusing on January 26, 1697 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 19, 1740 in Diedenshausen.
56. ii. Gabriel Benfer was born about 1662 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharine Elisabeth Spies on October 30, 1690. She was born about 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died in 1694. He married Anna Catharina Rück on November 22, 1694 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1675 in Diedenshausen.
50. iii. Johann Hermann Benfer was born about 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Elisabeth Saßmannshausen on October 10, 1689 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1672 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Catharina Elisabeth Benfer was born on June 2, 1679 in Diedenshausen. She died on July 14, 1747 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Hermann Gernand on January 29, 1706 in Diedenshausen. He was born in December 1677 in Elsoff. He died on April 2, 1750 in Diedenshausen.
- Notes for Johann Hermann Gernand:
Tenant in Pauls Haus, Diedenshausen.
- v. Johann Jost Benfer was born in June 1681 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 23, 1726 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Gertraud Keller on August 12, 1706. She was born in Hemschlar.
- vi. Anna Elisabeth Benfer was born on December 31, 1683.
114. **Johannes Rück**, son of Johann Georg Rück and Justina Wagener, was born about 1630. He died after 1654. He married **Anna Homrighausen**.
115. **Anna Homrighausen**, daughter of Franz Homrighausen, was born about 1630 in Elsoff.

Notes for Johannes Rück:

Tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

Anna Homrighausen and Johannes Rück had the following children:

52. i. Sebastian Rück was born about 1654 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1705 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Catharina Schüßler on November 11, 1686 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1708. He married Anna Catherine Spies on March 13, 1677 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1686.
57. ii. Anna Catharina Rück was born about 1675 in Diedenshausen. She married Gabriel Benfer on November 22, 1694 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1662 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Jacob Rück.
116. **Johannes Homrighausen**, son of Hans Homrighausen and ??, was born in 1652 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1722 in Diedenshausen. He married **Elisabeth Schüßler** in 1677 in Diedenshausen.
117. **Elisabeth Schüßler**, daughter of Johannes Schüßler, was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

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

Elisabeth Schüssler and Johannes Homrighausen had the following children:

- i. Johann Jakob Homrighausen was born on December 15, 1677 in Diedenshausen. He died on January 29, 1740 in Diedenshausen. He married Catherina Elisabeth Weller on October 30, 1704 in Diedenshausen. She was born in 1675 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 9, 1740 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Jakob Homrighausen:

Tenant in Hermes Haus in Diedenshausen.

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

Notes for Elias Saßmannshausen:

First known tenant in Kurts Haus, Girkhausen.

- iii. Johann Jost Homrighausen was born on November 21, 1682 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Anna Catharina Homrighausen was born on June 6, 1684 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on August 22, 1687 in Diedenshausen.
58. vi. Johannes Homrighausen was born on May 8, 1690 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1740 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Benfer on October 28, 1717 in Diedenshausen. She was born after 1697 in Diedenshausen. She died on August 19, 1760 in Diedenshausen.
- vii. Sebastian Homrighausen was born on July 4, 1695 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 13, 1746 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Maria Benfer on May 13, 1729 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1695 in Diedenshausen. She died on October 6, 1755 in Diedenshausen.
118. **Debus (Theobald) Benfer**, son of Johannes Benfer and ?? Becker, was born about 1660 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1740 in Diedenshausen. He married **Catharina Elisabeth Breusing** on January 26, 1697 in Diedenshausen.
119. **Catharina Elisabeth Breusing**, daughter of Johann Siebert Breusing, was born about 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 19, 1740 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Debus (Theobald) Benfer:

Third husband of Catharina Breusing. He was born in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Schneiders.

Catharina Elisabeth Breusing and Debus (Theobald) Benfer had the following children:

59. i. Anna Elisabeth Benfer was born after 1697 in Diedenshausen. She died on August 19, 1760 in Diedenshausen. She married Johannes Homrighausen on October 28, 1717 in Diedenshausen. He was born on May 8, 1690 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1740 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Anna Catharina Benfer was born on February 20, 1702.
- iii. Anna Gertraud Benfer.
- iv. Louysa Juliana Benfer. She married Daniel Althaus. He was born in Alertshausen.
- v. Johann Georg Benfer.

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

Notes for Johannes Spies:

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

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

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98. i. Johann Wilhelm Spies was born about 1640 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1691 in Diedenshausen. He married Mara ??.
- ii. Elisabeth Spies was born about 1645 in Diedenshausen. She married Sebastian Dickel. He was born in 1645 in Girkhausen. He died in 1730 in Girkhausen.
- iii. Johann Gabriel Spies was born about 1648 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1694. He married Agnes Beitzel on June 22, 1671. She was born in Wemlighausen.
- iv. Anna Magdalena Spies was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died after May 23, 1697 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Jost Strackbein about 1694 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She married Gabriel Weller about 1673 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1694 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gabriel Weller: The miller in Diedenshausen.

202. **Thönges Becker** was born about 1610 in Berleburg. He married **?? Beitzel** in Diedenshausen.

203. **?? Beitzel**, daughter of Adrian Beitzel and ?? Weber, was born about 1603.

Notes for Thönges Becker:
Tenant in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen.

?? Beitzel and Thönges Becker had the following child:

101. i. ?? Becker. She married Johannes Benfer. He was born about 1630.

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

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

Notes for Samuel Saßmannshausen:

Origins unknown, but became the tenant in Webers Haus, Diedenshausen. He lived his life during and in the aftermath of the destructive Thirty Years War. It is possible that he, or his parents, came from the village of Saßmanshausen (where Mannus Riedesel was later to build the impressive school/church that stands to this day).

Notes for Anna Catharina Homburger:

May have been Anna Catharina, born in Webers Haus.

Anna Catharina Homburger and Samuel Saßmannshausen had the following child:

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

208. **Johann Georg Rück** was born about 1600 probably in Alertshausen. He died before 1647 in Diedenshausen. He married **Justina Wagener**.

209. **Justina Wagener**, daughter of Hans Wagener and Margarethe ??, was born about 1600 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1649.

Notes for Johann Georg Rück:

Probably born in Alertshausen, but became the tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

Justina Wagener and Johann Georg Rück had the following children:

104. i. Johannes Rück was born about 1630. He died after 1654. He married Anna Homrighausen. She was born about 1630 in Elsoff.
- ii. Maria Rück was born about 1640.

210. **Franz Homrighausen**. He died in 1636 in Elsoff.

Franz Homrighausen had the following child:

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105. i. Anna Homrighausen was born about 1630 in Elsoff. She married Johannes Rück. He was born about 1630. He died after 1654.
212. **Hermann Schüßler**, son of Hans Schüßler, was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1649 in Diedenshausen.
Hermann Schüßler had the following child:
106. i. Johannes Schüßler was born about 1620 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1699 in Diedenshausen.
216. **Johannes Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ?? Althaus, was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married **?? Dickel**.
217. **?? Dickel**.
- Notes for Johannes Spies:
Born in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Diele. He owned three horses (more than most other peasants), and is therefore thought to have a side business of hauling.
?? Dickel and Johannes Spies had the following child:
108. i. Gabriel Spies was born about 1623 in Diedenshausen. He married Margarete ?? about 1649. She was born about 1628.
222. **Jost Giebel** was born about 1605. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married **Magdalene Schmidt**.
223. **Magdalene Schmidt**, daughter of Matthias Schmidt, was born about 1610 in Probably Diedenshausen.
- Notes for Jost Giebel:
Origins uncertain. Was the tenant in Schreiners Haus, Diedenshausen. The father of his wife was apparently Theis Schmitt, born around 1590 and died after 1630.
Magdalene Schmidt and Jost Giebel had the following child:
111. i. Anna Catharina Giebel was born about 1640 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1678 in Diedenshausen. She married Gabriel Benfer. He was born about 1640. He died after 1678 in Diedenshausen.
226. **Thönges Becker** was born about 1610 in Berleburg. He married **?? Beitzel** in Diedenshausen.
227. **?? Beitzel**, daughter of Adrian Beitzel and ?? Weber, was born about 1603.
- Notes for Thönges Becker:
Tenant in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen.
?? Beitzel and Thönges Becker had the following child:
101. i. ?? Becker. She married Johannes Benfer. He was born about 1630.
228. **Johann Georg Rück** was born about 1600 probably in Alertshausen. He died before 1647 in Diedenshausen. He married **Justina Wagener**.
229. **Justina Wagener**, daughter of Hans Wagener and Margarethe ??, was born about 1600 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1649.
- Notes for Johann Georg Rück:
Probably born in Alertshausen, but became the tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.
Justina Wagener and Johann Georg Rück had the following children:
104. i. Johannes Rück was born about 1630. He died after 1654. He married Anna Homrighausen. She was born about 1630 in Elsoff.
ii. Maria Rück was born about 1640.
230. **Franz Homrighausen**. He died in 1636 in Elsoff.
Franz Homrighausen had the following child:
105. i. Anna Homrighausen was born about 1630 in Elsoff. She married Johannes Rück. He was born about 1630. He died after 1654.
232. **Hans Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Hüster, was born about

1615 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? about 1645.

233. ?? was born about 1615.

Notes for Hans Homrighausen:

Tenant in Seimes.

?? and Hans Homrighausen had the following children:

- i. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein about 1670. She 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.

- ii. 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.

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

116. iii. Johannes Homrighausen was born in 1652 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1722 in Diedenshausen. He married Elisabeth Schüßler in 1677 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen.

234. **Johannes Schüßler**, son of Hermann Schüßler, was born about 1620 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1699 in Diedenshausen.

Johannes Schüßler had the following children:

117. i. Elisabeth Schüßler was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen. She married Johannes Homrighausen in 1677 in Diedenshausen. He was born in 1652 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1722 in Diedenshausen.
53. ii. Anna Catharina Schüßler was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1708. She married Sebastian Rück on November 11, 1686 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1654 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1705 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Schüßler was born about 1660 in Diedenshausen.

236. **Johannes Benfer** was born about 1630. He married ?? **Becker**.

237. ?? **Becker**.

Notes for Johannes Benfer:

Tenant in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen. It is uncertain where he was born.

?? Becker and Johannes Benfer had the following children:

118. i. Debus (Theobald) Benfer was born about 1660 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1740 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Elisabeth Breusing on January 26, 1697 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 19, 1740 in Diedenshausen.
56. ii. Gabriel Benfer was born about 1662 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharine Elisabeth Spies on October 30, 1690. She was born about 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died in 1694. He married Anna Catharina Rück on November 22, 1694 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1675 in Diedenshausen.
50. iii. Johann Hermann Benfer was born about 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Elisabeth Saßmannshausen on October 10, 1689 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1672 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Catharina Elisabeth Benfer was born on June 2, 1679 in Diedenshausen. She died

on July 14, 1747 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Hermann Gernand on January 29, 1706 in Diedenshausen. He was born in December 1677 in Elsoff. He died on April 2, 1750 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Gernand:
Tenant in Pauls Haus, Diedenshausen.

- v. Johann Jost Benfer was born in June 1681 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 23, 1726 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Gertraud Keller on August 12, 1706. She was born in Hemschlar.
 - vi. Anna Elisabeth Benfer was born on December 31, 1683.
238. **Johann Siebert Breusing**, son of Johannes Breusing and Ottilia Wetzel, was born about 1633 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1689 in Diedenshausen.
Johann Siebert Breusing had the following children:
- i. Elisabeth Breusing was born about 1654 in Diedenshausen.
 - ii. Anna Margaretha Breusing was born about 1657 in Diedenshausen.
119. iii. Catharina Elisabeth Breusing was born about 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died on November 19, 1740 in Diedenshausen. She married Debus (Theobald) Benfer on January 26, 1697 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1660 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1740 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Elias Breusing was born on June 27, 1678 in Diedenshausen.
 - v. Anna Magdalene Breusing was born on September 27, 1679 in Diedenshausen.
 - vi. Hendrich Kaspar Breusing was born on November 27, 1681 in Diedenshausen.
 - vii. Johann Jacob Breusing was born on November 19, 1683 in Diedenshausen.
 - viii. Maria Elisabeth Breusing was born in Diedenshausen.
 - ix. Anna Elisabeth Breusing was born in Diedenshausen. She died on November 19, 1740 in Diedenshausen.
 - x. Johann Georg Breusing was born in Diedenshausen.

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392. **Gabriel Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ?? Althaus, was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.
Gabriel Spies had the following children:
- i. Maria Magdalena Spies was born about 1612 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Ludwig Kirstner.
- Notes for Maria Magdalena Spies:
She was a chambermaid at the palace in Berleburg and her husband was a secretary. He came from the county of Lauingen.
196. ii. Johannes Spies was born about 1615 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Catharina ??.
406. **Adrian Beitzel** was born about 1580 probably in Wunderthausen. He died between 1645-1647 in Diedenshausen. He married ?? **Weber** about 1603 in Diedenshausen.
407. ?? **Weber**, daughter of Simon Weber, was born about 1580 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Adrian Beitzel:
Tenant in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen.

?? Weber and Adrian Beitzel had the following children:

- i. Johannes Beitzel was born about 1600 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Hüster before July 27, 1634 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1600.

Notes for Johannes Beitzel:

Born in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Hanses.

- 203. ii. ?? Beitzel was born about 1603. She married Thönges Becker in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1610 in Berleburg.
- iii. Daniel Beitzel was born about 1604.

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

411. ?? **Pfeil**.

Notes for Debus Homburger:

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

?? Pfeil and Debus Homburger had the following child:

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

418. **Hans Wagener**, son of Ludwig Wagener, was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1618. He married **Margarethe ??**.

419. **Margarethe ??**.

Notes for Hans Wagener:

Tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

Margarethe ?? and Hans Wagener had the following child:

- 209. i. Justina Wagener was born about 1600 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1649. She married Johann Georg Rück. He was born about 1600 probably in Alertshausen. He died before 1647 in Diedenshausen.

424. **Hans Schüßler**, son of Jost Schüßler, was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.

Hans Schüßler had the following child:

- 212. i. Hermann Schüßler was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1649 in Diedenshausen.

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

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

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

?? Althaus and Johannes Spies had the following children:

- 392. i. Gabriel Spies was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.
- 216. ii. Johannes Spies was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married ?? Dickel.
- iii. Bastian Spies was born in Diedenshausen. He died before 1616.

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

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

Notes for Emanuel Dickel:

Tenant in Diele Haus, Diedenshausen. His origins are unknown.

Cathrein ?? and Emanuel Dickel had the following children:

- 217. i. ?? Dickel. He married Johannes Spies. He was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Elsbeth Dickel was born in Diedenshausen. She married Hans Flecken on February 12, 1640 in Berleburg. He was born in Berghausen.

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

Matthias Schmidt had the following child:

223. i. Magdalene Schmidt was born about 1610 in Probably Diedenshausen. She married Jost Giebel. He was born about 1605. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen.
454. **Adrian Beitzel** was born about 1580 probably in Wunderthausen. He died between 1645-1647 in Diedenshausen. He married **?? Weber** about 1603 in Diedenshausen.
455. **?? Weber**, daughter of Simon Weber, was born about 1580 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Adrian Beitzel:

Tenant in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen.

?? Weber and Adrian Beitzel had the following children:

- i. Johannes Beitzel was born about 1600 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Hüster before July 27, 1634 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1600.
- Notes for Johannes Beitzel:
Born in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Hanses.
203. ii. ?? Beitzel was born about 1603. She married Thönges Becker in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1610 in Berleburg.
- iii. Daniel Beitzel was born about 1604.
458. **Hans Wagener**, son of Ludwig Wagener, was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1618. He married **Margarethe ??**.
459. **Margarethe ??**.

Notes for Hans Wagener:

Tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

Margarethe ?? and Hans Wagener had the following child:

209. i. Justina Wagener was born about 1600 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1649. She married Johann Georg Rück. He was born about 1600 probably in Alertshausen. He died before 1647 in Diedenshausen.
464. **Johannes Homrighausen** was born about 1585 in Wemlighausen. He died after 1643. He married **Elisabeth Hüster** about 1610.
465. **Elisabeth Hüster**, daughter of Simon Hüster and Luzia Strackbein, was born about 1585 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes

Homrighausen: Tenant in Seimes.

Elisabeth Hüster and Johannes Homrighausen had the following child:

232. i. Hans Homrighausen was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? about 1645. She was born about 1615.
468. **Hermann Schüßler**, son of Hans Schüßler, was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1649 in Diedenshausen.
Hermann Schüßler had the following child:
106. i. Johannes Schüßler was born about 1620 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1699 in Diedenshausen.
474. **Thönges Becker** was born about 1610 in Berleburg. He married **?? Beitzel** in Diedenshausen.
475. **?? Beitzel**, daughter of Adrian Beitzel and ?? Weber, was born about 1603.

Notes for Thönges Becker:

Tenant in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen.

?? Beitzel and Thönges Becker had the following child:

101. i. ?? Becker. She married Johannes Benfer. He was born about 1630.
476. **Johannes Breusing**, son of Johannes Breusing, was born about 1610 in Diedenshausen. He

died after 1671 in Diedenshausen. He married **Ottilia Wetzel**.

477. **Ottilia Wetzel**, daughter of Geud Wetzel, was born in Alertshausen. She died after 1656.

Notes for Johannes Breusing:

Tenant farmer and under-forester in Schneiders Haus, Diedenshausen. His marriage to Ottilia Wetzel was his second, and the identify of his first wife is not known. Which children were born to which marriage is also unknown. It seems likely that Johann Siebert was born to the first marriage.

Ottilia Wetzel and Johannes Breusing had the following children:

238. i. Johann Siebert Breusing was born about 1633 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1689 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Anna Catharina Breusing was born about 1640 in Diedenshausen. She married Peter Richstein on May 23, 1664 in Alertshausen.
- iii. Anna Maria Breusing was born about 1645 in Diedenshausen. She married Johannes ?? on October 2, 1670 in Beddelhausen.

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

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

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

?? Althaus and Johannes Spies had the following children:

392. i. Gabriel Spies was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.
216. ii. Johannes Spies was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married ?? Dickel.
- iii. Bastian Spies was born in Diedenshausen. He died before 1616.

814. **Simon Weber**, son of Heinze Weber, was born about 1545 in Diedenshausen. He died between 1572-1606 in Diedenshausen.

Simon Weber had the following child:

407. i. ?? Weber was born about 1580 in Diedenshausen. She married Adrian Beitzel about 1603 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1580 probably in Wunderthausen. He died between 1645-1647 in Diedenshausen.

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

Debus Pfeil had the following child:

411. i. ?? Pfeil. She married Debus Homburger. He was born about 1585 probably in Homburg. He died after 1651 in Diedenshausen.

836. **Ludwig Wagener** was born about 1535. He married an unknown spouse on November 18, 1577.

Ludwig Wagener had the following child:

418. i. Hans Wagener was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1618. He married Margarethe ??.

848. **Jost Schüßler** was born about 1530. He died before 1589 in Diedenshausen.

Jost Schüßler had the following child:

424. i. Hans Schüßler was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.

866. **Hans Althaus** was born in 1535 in Alertshausen or Bromskirchen?. He died after 1591.

Hans Althaus had the following children:

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

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- ii. Johannes Althaus was born about 1563.

Notes for Johannes Althaus:

May be the great scholar known to history as Johannes Althusius. If so, he was educated at the count's expense and went on to a legal career, marrying in 1595 and living until August 17, 1638.

- iii. Zacharias Althaus.

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

Thiel ?? had the following child:

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

910. **Simon Weber**, son of Heinze Weber, was born about 1545 in Diedenshausen. He died between 1572-1606 in Diedenshausen.

Simon Weber had the following child:

- 407. i. ?? Weber was born about 1580 in Diedenshausen. She married Adrian Beitzel about 1603 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1580 probably in Wunderthausen. He died between 1645-1647 in Diedenshausen.

916. **Ludwig Wagener** was born about 1535. He married an unknown spouse on November 18, 1577.

Ludwig Wagener had the following child:

- 418. i. Hans Wagener was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1618. He married Margarethe ??.

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

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

Notes for Luzia Strackbein:

Born in Seimes house.

Luzia Strackbein and Simon Hüster had the following child:

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

936. **Hans Schüßler**, son of Jost Schüßler, was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.

Hans Schüßler had the following child:

- 212. i. Hermann Schüßler was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1649 in Diedenshausen.

950. **Adrian Beitzel** was born about 1580 probably in Wunderthausen. He died between 1645-1647 in Diedenshausen. He married **?? Weber** about 1603 in Diedenshausen.

951. **?? Weber**, daughter of Simon Weber, was born about 1580 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Adrian Beitzel:

Tenant in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen.

?? Weber and Adrian Beitzel had the following children:

- i. Johannes Beitzel was born about 1600 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Hüster before July 27, 1634 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1600.

Notes for Johannes Beitzel:

Born in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Hanses.

- 203. ii. ?? Beitzel was born about 1603. She married Thönges Becker in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1610 in Berleburg.

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- iii. Daniel Beitzel was born about 1604.
952. **Johannes Breusing** was born about 1580 probably in Wunderthausen.
Johannes Breusing had the following child:
476. i. Johannes Breusing was born about 1610 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1671 in Diedenshausen. He married Ottilia Wetzel. She was born in Alertshausen. She died after 1656.
954. **Geud Wetzel.**
Geud Wetzel had the following child:
477. i. Ottilia Wetzel was born in Alertshausen. She died after 1656. She married Johannes Breusing. He was born about 1610 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1671 in Diedenshausen.
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1570. **Hans Althaus** was born in 1535 in Alertshausen or Bromskirchen?. He died after 1591.
Hans Althaus had the following children:
785. i. ?? Althaus was born about 1560. She married Johannes Spies. He was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johannes Althaus was born about 1563.
- Notes for Johannes Althaus:
May be the great scholar known to history as Johannes Althusius. If so, he was educated at the count's expense and went on to a legal career, marrying in 1595 and living until August 17, 1638.
- iii. Zacharias Althaus.
1628. **Heinze Weber** was born about 1520 in Diedenshausen.
Heinze Weber had the following child:
815. i. Simon Weber was born about 1545 in Diedenshausen. He died between 1572-1606 in Diedenshausen.
1644. **Johenchen Pfeil** was born about 1540 in Diedenshausen.
Johenchen Pfeil had the following child:
822. i. Debus Pfeil was born about 1565 in Diedenshausen. He died between 1606-1616 in Diedenshausen.
1740. **Heynrich ??.**
Heynrich ?? had the following child:
870. i. Thiel ?? was born about 1540.
1820. **Heinze Weber** was born about 1520 in Diedenshausen.
Heinze Weber had the following child:
814. i. Simon Weber was born about 1545 in Diedenshausen. He died between 1572-1606 in Diedenshausen.
1862. **Simon Strackbein** was born about 1530 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1572 in Wunderthausen.
Simon Strackbein had the following child:
931. i. Luzia Strackbein was born about 1560 in Wunderthausen. She married Simon Hüster about 1585. He was born about 1560 in Elsoff or Alertshausen. He died after 1606.
1872. **Jost Schüßler** was born about 1530. He died before 1589 in Diedenshausen.
Jost Schüßler had the following child:
424. i. Hans Schüßler was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.

1902. **Simon Weber**, son of Heinze Weber, was born about 1545 in Diedenshausen. He died between 1572-1606 in Diedenshausen.

Simon Weber had the following child:

407. i. ?? Weber was born about 1580 in Diedenshausen. She married Adrian Beitzel about 1603 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1580 probably in Wunderthausen. He died between 1645-1647 in Diedenshausen.

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3804. **Heinze Weber** was born about 1520 in Diedenshausen.

Heinze Weber had the following child:

814. i. Simon Weber was born about 1545 in Diedenshausen. He died between 1572-1606 in Diedenshausen.