

Ancestors of Katherine Knebel

Generation 1

1. **Katherine Knebel**, daughter of Johannes Knebel and Anna Elisabeth Schneider, was born on May 01, 1845 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 12, 1887 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married **Johann Heinrich Riedesel** on November 01, 1871 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on June 22, 1841 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 29, 1917 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Katherine Knebel:

Born in Schmeds/Franzose house in Wunderthausen. Came to the US on the ship Hansa out of Bremen. It ship arrived on October 27, 1865 in New York.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Riedesel:

Known as Henry D. in America. Born in the house known as Schreiners/Grosseludwigs in Wundethausen where he learned the stone mason's trade. Served in the Prussian army between about 1864-1866 and was in the battle of Königgrätz. He came to America with his father, step-mother and two step-siblings on the ship Argonaut out of Bremen and arrived at New York on November 9, 1867. He lived at Kansas City for a year but went to Wheatland where he farmed. Henry D. owned and farmed a variety of land with his brothers Louis D. and George D. Eventually he had a large farm of his own in Section 16 of the Spring Rock Township. He and his second wife, Louise, moved to town in 1908.

Generation 2

2. **Johannes Knebel**, son of Johann Heinrich Knebel and Elisabeth Margarete Lauber, was born on November 13, 1803 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 24, 1872 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married **Anna Elisabeth Schneider** on January 07, 1836 in Wunderthausen.
3. **Anna Elisabeth Schneider**, daughter of Georg Ludwig Schneider and Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel, was born on July 30, 1815 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 19, 1906 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Johannes Knebel:

Known as John. Born in Schmeds Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to America in 1865 and settled near Wheatland in November of that year. Previous notes had them coming in 1866, but a ship's record matches them well. John, Elisabeth and the three younger children were aboard the SS Hansa, which arrived October 27, 1865 in New York out of Bremen. In the 1870 Census the family is listed near the Puetsch and J.H. Schneider families. John had no real estate so he was obviously renting from another owner. He was getting old when he came to America, but Johns's children flourished here.

(Note that in German, the family name rhymes with 'table.' It morphed into Knabel in later generations).

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Schneider:

Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. Arrived in New York on the ship "Hansa" out of Bremen on October 27, 1865 with her husband and some children. By the 1880 Census, she was living in the home of her daughter and son-in-law and listed as "Lizzie." I doubt she was called quite that but most likely was known by her middle name of Elisabeth.

Anna Elisabeth Schneider and Johannes Knebel had the following children:

- i. **Amalia Knebel** was born on May 16, 1836 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 08, 1918 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married John Koch about 1857. He was born in December 1824 in Prussia. He died on March 20, 1904 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Amalia Knebel:

Born in Schmeds house in Wunderthausen. Came to the US before her parents and other siblings on the ship "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. She had nine children, of whom eight were alive in 1900. Unfortunately I have had difficulty tracing many of them.

Notes for John Koch:

Came to the US in 1853. He had a farm in Section 6 of the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County right on the border with Cedar County.

- ii. Anna Elisabeth Knebel was born on April 26, 1838 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 10, 1839 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johannes Knebel was born on November 14, 1841 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 26, 1897 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Anna Elisabeth Bender on June 17, 1862 in Wunderthausen. She was born on November 10, 1842 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 25, 1906 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Johannes Knebel:

Came to New York on the "Jupiter" out of Bremen, landing on June 11, 1866 from Schmeds/Franzose in Wunderthausen. Came to Wheatland to live on February 10, 1867. He appears not to have owned his own farmland as of an 1874 atlas, but eventually had land in section 29 of the Spring Rock Township. At least some of his children spelled the name Knabel.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Bender:

Born at Petersgrund near Wunderthausen, and came to America on the ship Jupiter out of Bremen landing in New York on June 11, 1867. She bore 12 children but I have the names of only 10.

- 1. iv. Katherine Knebel was born on May 01, 1845 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 12, 1887 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Heinrich Riedesel on November 01, 1871 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on June 22, 1841 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 29, 1917 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- v. Elisabeth Florentine Knebel was born on May 14, 1848 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Florentine Knebel:

Came to America in 1865 from Schmeds/Franzose in Wunderthausen on the ship Hansa out of Bremen. The ship arrived on October 27, 1865 in New York. Indications are that she left Wheatland and was out of touch with the rest of the family.

- vi. Anna Elisabeth Knebel was born on September 29, 1852 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 27, 1921 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Georg Fey in 1874 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on October 23, 1848 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 19, 1936 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Knebel:

Came to America in 1865 from Schmeds/Franzose in Wunderthausen on the ship Hansa out of Bremen. The ship arrived on October 27, 1865 in New York. She had six children by 1900 but only three were alive in 1900.

Notes for Johann Georg Fey:

Known as George. Born in Hanphilippes Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to America on the ship "Marco Polo" out of Bremen, arriving in New York on June 1, 1868 with his widowed mother and other family members. He eventually owned land in section 20 of the Spring Rock Township.

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4. **Johann Heinrich Knebel**, son of Johann Hermann Knebel and Elisabeth Gertraud Womelsdorf, was born on December 15, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 18, 1820 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Margarete Lauber** on January 24, 1794 in Wunderthausen.
 5. **Elisabeth Margarete Lauber**, daughter of Johann Phillip Lauber and Anna Elisabeth Spies, was born on April 23, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 10, 1826 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Knebel:

Born in Schwarze Haus, Wunderthausen, but became the tenant in Schmeds.

Elisabeth Margarete Lauber and Johann Heinrich Knebel had the following children:

- i. Maria Elisabeth Knebel was born on July 09, 1797 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 12, 1860 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Homrighausen on October 26, 1826 in Wunderthausen. He was born on June 27, 1797 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 02, 1870 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (Homrighausen Cemetery in rural Clinton County).

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

He was born in Lotzes house in Wunderthausen but married into Schmeds/Franzose (aka Schmedshannes). Came to Wheatland as a widower with several children. He and three sons were on the ship Hansa out of Bremen that landed in New York on October 10, 1864. He was the first to be buried in the private "Homrighausen Cemetery" outside of Wheatland.

- ii. Georg Heinrich Knebel was born on October 12, 1799 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 17, 1823 in Wunderthausen.
2. iii. Johannes Knebel was born on November 13, 1803 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 24, 1872 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Anna Elisabeth Schneider on January 07, 1836 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 30, 1815 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 19, 1906 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- iv. Johann Heinrich Knebel was born on May 22, 1807 in Wunderthausen.
6. **Georg Ludwig Schneider**, son of Johann Jost Schneider and Catharina Elisabeth Dorothea Riedesel, was born on December 28, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 08, 1837 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel** on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen.
7. **Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel**, daughter of Johannes Riedesel and Maria Elisabeth Dienst, was born on March 02, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 14, 1852 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Schneider:

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

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen.

Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel and Georg Ludwig Schneider had the following children:

- i. Georg Ludwig Schneider was born on October 11, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 29, 1801 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johann Georg Schneider was born on November 18, 1802 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 15, 1864 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Luise Florentine Wetter on May 21, 1826 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 29, 1803 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 18, 1889 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Johann Georg Schneider:

Born in Althäusers Haus, Wunderthausen. He was the heir, but sold the property and left for America. He applied for emigration on January 23, 1848 and the family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848. Presumably they went directly to Crawford County, Ohio. Their daughter, Catherine, was already there and had married J. Ludwig Riedesel in Crawford County, Ohio.

In 1852, he and his son Henry, walked to Clinton County, Iowa, to purchase land. He was a founding member of the German Reformed Church in Wheatland and an Elder. There are inconsistent records of the date of his death, but I rely on the contemporaneous diary of the Rev. Klar. He died without leaving a will.

Notes for Luise Florentine Wetter:

Born in Petersgrund near Wunderthausen. She and her family came to New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848 and to the Wheatland area around 1851. He died in 1864, and by 1870 she was living with the family of their son, John Henry, in the Spring Rock township near Wheatland.

Her obituary notes that she had 80 grandchildren, of whom 58 were alive at the time, and another 52 living great-grandchildren.

- iii. Elisabeth Florentine Schneider was born on March 16, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 04, 1884 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa. She married Georg Gabriel Wetter on November 30, 1828 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 27, 1793 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 22, 1864 in Sherrill, Dubuque, Iowa.

Notes for Elisabeth Florentine Schneider:

Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. The family came briefly to America in 1833 but went back to Wunderthausen, returning to stay in 1845.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Wetter:

Born at Petersgrund (a single house near but not in Wunderthausen). What had been a single property was divided between Gabriel and his brother, Georg Ludwig. In 1833 Gabriel and his family went to America (Baltimore) where one of his brothers was already established as a merchant. This was almost certainly Gg. Hermann (b.1798). By the end of 1833 the family was back in Germany, petitioning the authorities for the right to resume their residence in Wittgenstein. Fortunately, their possessions were still in the care of Schneider relatives. Family accounts have said that they first went to America in 1831 but archives in Germany include their petition in March 1833 to be allowed to leave.

Wunderthausen church records note that their daughter, Amalia, was born onboard the return ship. In 1845, he sold his interests in the property at Petersgrund to the "Prince" of Sayn-Wittgenstein in Berleburg. They came to the U.S. on the ship Minna out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 4, 1845 and were in Sherrill, Iowa, by 1847. Mrs. Hobbs reported that they came to New Orleans and then up the Mississippi. However, we have a passenger list from New York that identifies them beyond doubt. Maybe they took another boat to New Orleans rather than traveling overland.

Mrs. Hobbs says that he initially purchased 160 acres at \$1.25 per acre. He later bought an adjoining 40 acres.

- iv. Johannes Schneider was born on December 03, 1807 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 13, 1809 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Ludwig Heinrich Schneider was born on February 20, 1810 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 24, 1883 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Elisabeth Amalia Mörchen about 1838. She was born on March 11, 1809 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 15, 1894 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Schneider:

Known as Louis or J.H. Born in Altehäusers Haus, Wunderthausen. Applied to emigrate on February 18, 1857 and came to America with his family on the ship Johann Schmidt out of Bremen. It landed in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. They apparently went immediately to Wheatland. Was a member of the first Board of Trustees when St. Paul's was founded in 1861. If I am correct, his farm was in

Section 17 of the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County.

Notes for Elisabeth Amalia Mörchen:

Born in Häusches Haus in Wunderthausen. Arrived in New Orleans on the ship Johann Schmidt out of Bremen on June 1, 1857. Known as Molly.

- vi. Johann Ludwig Schneider was born on December 06, 1812 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 03, 1870 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Amalia Treude on August 15, 1847 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 18, 1811 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 18, 1861 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Amalia Riedesel on November 23, 1862 in Wunderthausen. She was born on September 23, 1826 in Wunderthausen.
- 3. vii. Anna Elisabeth Schneider was born on July 30, 1815 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 19, 1906 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johannes Knebel on January 07, 1836 in Wunderthausen. He was born on November 13, 1803 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 24, 1872 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- viii. Maria Amalia Schneider was born on May 17, 1818 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 18, 1842 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Mörchen on September 23, 1838 in Wunderthausen. He was born on June 15, 1803 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 08, 1867 in Wunderthausen.
- ix. Johann Philip Schneider was born on October 10, 1820 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 06, 1822 in Wunderthausen.
- x. Maria Catherine Schneider was born on July 01, 1822 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 11, 1887 in Calaveras County, California (Mokelumne Hill Protestant Cemetery). She married Martin Daniel Fischer on June 17, 1849 in St Louis, Missouri. He was born on June 07, 1820 in Kassel. He died on July 09, 1909 in Calaveras County, California.

Notes for Maria Catherine Schneider:

When and how she got to America is uncertain. Her brother J. Georg's family came to Ohio in 1848. It would have made sense to travel together but that apparently did not happen. Whether her twin lived to emigrate is also not clear.

Moved from St. Louis to California in 1853. Living in Calaveras County by 1860.

- xi. Elisabeth Florentine Schneider was born on July 01, 1822 in Wunderthausen. She married M. C. Schmidt.

Notes for Elisabeth Florentine Schneider:

The only source I have is Emma Wetter Hobbs' 1947 book. She describes both twins as having come to America, though has their spouses mixed up. Maria Catherine was definitely the wife of Martin Daniel Fischer in California. These women were Emma's great-aunts. While obviously not very close to her, I have no doubt both came to America, one settling in California and the other in or near Milwaukee.

Generation 4

- 8. **Johann Hermann Knebel**, son of Johann Hermann Knebel and Anna Catherine Wetzel, was born on August 01, 1729 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 01, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Womelsdorf** on January 08, 1756 in Wunderthausen.
- 9. **Elisabeth Gertraud Womelsdorf**, daughter of Johannes Womelsdorf and Anna Gertraud Pott, was born on December 17, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 28, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Knebel:

Born in and tenant in Schwarze Haus, Wunderthausen.

Elisabeth Gertraud Womelsdorf and Johann Hermann Knebel had the following children:

- i. Johann Georg Knebel was born on February 21, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 25, 1832 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Amalia Strackbein on March

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- 07, 1785 in Wunderthausen. She was born on June 15, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 13, 1833 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Elisabeth Gertraud Knebel was born on January 17, 1760 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 29, 1813 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Strackbein on March 07, 1785 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Strackbein on March 07, 1785 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 27, 1762 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 04, 1829 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Ludwig Knebel was born on December 01, 1762 in Wunderthausen.
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- iv. Johann Heinrich Knebel was born on December 15, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 18, 1820 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Margarete Lauber on January 24, 1794 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 23, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 10, 1826 in Wunderthausen.
 - v. Elisabeth Amalia Knebel was born on November 04, 1768 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 11, 1813 in Wunderthausen.
 - vi. Anna Elisabeth Knebel was born on February 14, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 13, 1797 in Wunderthausen.
 - vii. Georg Hermann Knebel was born on January 20, 1774 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 08, 1775 in Wunderthausen.
 - viii. Georg Garbriel Knebel was born on December 19, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 25, 1806 in Wunderthausen.
 - ix. Elisabeth Gertraud Knebel was born on January 23, 1779.
10. **Johann Phillip Lauber**, son of Johannes Lauber and Anna Martha Elisabeth Neumeyer, was born on January 10, 1750 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He died on November 22, 1793 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Spies** on May 29, 1772 in Girkhausen.
11. **Anna Elisabeth Spies**, daughter of Johann Georg Spies and Anna Gertraud Pott, was born on January 24, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 26, 1817 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Phillip Lauber:

Born at Hoheleye near Girkhausen, became tenant in Beckers. Moved on to Schmeds house.

Anna Elisabeth Spies and Johann Phillip Lauber had the following children:

- i. Johann Georg Lauber was born on September 19, 1773 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 14, 1774 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Johannes Lauber was born on April 03, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 02, 1776 in Wunderthausen.
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- iii. Elisabeth Margarete Lauber was born on April 23, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 10, 1826 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Heinrich Knebel on January 24, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 15, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 18, 1820 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Lauber was born on February 09, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 07, 1839 in Wunderthausen.
 - v. Johannes Lauber was born on July 25, 1782 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 23, 1782 in Wunderthausen.
 - vi. Anna Catharine Lauber was born on July 22, 1783 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 28, 1783 in Wunderthausen.
 - vii. Ludwig Heinrich Lauber was born on August 24, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 27, 1785 in Wunderthausen.
 - viii. Anna Elisabeth Lauber was born on March 25, 1787 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Benfer on November 02, 1817. He was born in Diedenshausen.
 - ix. Maria Amalia Lauber was born on June 16, 1791 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 17, 1855 in Girkhausen. She married Johann Heinrich Dickel on April 06, 1817 in Girkhausen. He was born on June 08, 1795 in Girkhausen. He died on May 13, 1856 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Dickel:

During his life, the mill belonged to the parish and community of Girkhausen. Only

following a modern reorganization is the property officially tied to the village of Neuastenberg in the town of Winterberg in the Hochsauerland Kreis.

12. **Johann Jost Schneider**, son of Johannes Schneider and Anna Maria Helm, was born on October 31, 1756 in Helberhausen. He died on February 26, 1839 in Wunderhausen. He married **Catharina Elisabeth Dorothea Riedesel** on February 14, 1783 in Wunderhausen.
13. **Catharina Elisabeth Dorothea Riedesel**, daughter of Gabriel Riedesel and Anna Margarete Kümme, was born on August 30, 1766 in Wunderhausen. She died on July 02, 1806 in Wunderhausen.

Notes for Johann Jost Schneider:

Born in the Hilchenbach area but married into Althäusers Haus in Wunderhausen.

Notes for Catharina Elisabeth Dorothea Riedesel:

Born in Althäusers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband. Known as Anna Elisabeth.

Catharina Elisabeth Dorothea Riedesel and Johann Jost Schneider had the following children:

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 - i. Georg Ludwig Schneider was born on December 28, 1783 in Wunderhausen. He died on September 08, 1837 in Wunderhausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel on December 11, 1800 in Wunderhausen. She was born on March 02, 1781 in Wunderhausen. She died on September 14, 1852 in Wunderhausen.
 - ii. Johann Philipp Schneider was born on September 21, 1788 in Wunderhausen. He died on December 22, 1838 in Wunderhausen. He married Maria Amalia Riedesel on May 05, 1811 in Wunderhausen. She was born on January 18, 1789 in Wunderhausen. She died on March 19, 1846 in Wunderhausen.

Notes for Johann Philipp Schneider:

First tenant in Hanphilippses Haus in Wunderhausen.

- iii. Johann Georg Schneider was born on January 21, 1791 in Wunderhausen. He died on May 17, 1791 in Wunderhausen.
 - iv. Maria Elisabeth Schneider was born on May 08, 1792 in Wunderhausen. She died on September 24, 1799 in Wunderhausen.
 - v. Johann Franz Schneider was born on January 06, 1794 in Wunderhausen. He died on January 15, 1796 in Wunderhausen.
14. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Johann Gabriel Riedesel and Elisabeth Gertraud Weller, was born on August 27, 1753 in Wunderhausen. He died on July 19, 1835 in Wunderhausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Dienst** on April 21, 1776 in Wunderhausen.
15. **Maria Elisabeth Dienst**, daughter of Johannes Dienst and Maria Magdalena Pott, was born on February 26, 1755 in Wunderhausen. She died on February 07, 1805 in Wunderhausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born into Weymers Haus and became the tenant. He was the second person to serve as schoolmaster in Wunderhausen. 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 Wunderhausen.

Maria Elisabeth Dienst and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

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

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 Wunderhausen. She died on April 04, 1777 in Wunderhausen.

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- 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.

7. 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.
- 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.

Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:

He was born in Weymers Haus 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) was 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, possibly in an epidemic of 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.

- 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.