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Ancestors of Maria Dorothea Althaus

Generation 1

1. **Maria Dorothea Althaus**, daughter of ?? Althaus and Elisabeth Juliana Wetzel, was born on February 28, 1796.

Notes for Maria Dorothea Althaus:

Born in the house Auf der Leye in Wunderthausen to one of the unmarried Wetzel sisters. The best authority says her mother was Elisabeth Juliana and that her father was an Althaus (whose last name she took). Records show her sailing to New York in 1835 out of Bremen on the ship Apollo. It was a party of two, so it is almost certain that her little daughter Elisabeth was with her. Several other people from Wunderthausen were also on board.

Generation 2

- 2. **?? Althaus**. He married Elisabeth Juliana Wetzel.
- 3. **Elisabeth Juliana Wetzel**, daughter of Johann Ludwig Wetzel and Anna Catherine Homrighausen, was born on December 28, 1763 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 26, 1804 in Wunderthausen.

Elisabeth Juliana Wetzel and ?? Althaus had the following child:

1. i. Maria Dorothea Althaus was born on February 28, 1796.

Generation 3

- 6. **Johann Ludwig Wetzel**, son of Johannes Wetzel and Anna Elisabeth Beitzel, was born on April 17, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 20, 1791 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catherine Homrighausen** on August 01, 1756 in Wunderthausen.
- 7. **Anna Catherine Homrighausen**, daughter of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Catharina Boshoff, was born on January 31, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.

Anna Catherine Homrighausen and Johann Ludwig Wetzel had the following children:

i. Anna Catharina Elisabeth Wetzel was born on April 23, 1759 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 16, 1797 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Philipp Delcourt on March 04, 1777 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 24, 1746 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 03, 1806 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Catharina Elisabeth Wetzel: Her father's name was Ludwig Wetzel and she was certainly born in the house Auf der Laye.

Notes for Johann Philipp Delcourt: Born in Franzose house, married into Auf der Leye. Born in Franzosehaus in Wunderthausen, became the tenant in Auf der Laye.

- 3. ii. Elisabeth Juliana Wetzel was born on December 28, 1763 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 26, 1804 in Wunderthausen. She married ?? Althaus.
 - iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Wetzel.

Generation 4

- 12. **Johannes Wetzel**, son of Johannes Wetzel and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born in 1688 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 10, 1761 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Beitzel**.
- 13. **Anna Elisabeth Beitzel**, daughter of Johann Werner Beitzel and Anna Elisabeth Boshoff (?), was born on February 25, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 17, 1772 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Wetzel:

Born in Schwarze house, married into Auf Der Leye--apparently. There is some confusion between this Johannes and his supposed brother Johann Hermann. One of them married Anna Elisabeth Beitzel. There could only have been one of them.

Anna Elisabeth Beitzel and Johannes Wetzel had the following children:

i. Johann Georg Wetzel was born on October 01, 1720 in Wunderthausen. He died in December 1783 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Barbara Althaus. She was born in Berleburg.

Notes for Johann Georg Wetzel: On March 23, 1753 he was granted citizenship rights in Berleburg, but the fees were steep. They are known to have had five children.

- ii. Johann Ludwig Wetzel was born on April 17, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 20, 1791 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catherine Homrighausen on August 01, 1756 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 31, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
 - iii. Anna Elisabeth Wetzel was born on July 08, 1727 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 10, 1805 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Anna Christina Wetzel was born on July 07, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
 - v. Johannes Wetzel was born on October 24, 1736 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740.
- 14. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born on August 10, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1730. He married **Anna Catharina Boshoff** on December 28, 1714 in Wunderthausen.
- 15. **Anna Catharina Boshoff**, daughter of Johann Conrad Boßhof, was born about 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died between 1732-1734 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Born in Seimes house. Became the tenant through marriage in Leyeschneiders. First known tenant in the house known as Unter der Laye. His family of origin is not certain.

Notes for Anna Catharina Boshoff:

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

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

- i. Anna Catherina Homrighausen was born on January 29, 1716 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born on March 23, 1718 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
- iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen was born on December 18, 1722 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 11, 1772 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jost Beitzel on January 19, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He was born on September 03, 1716 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 31, 1768 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jost Beitzel: Became the tenant in Unter der Laye, Wunderthausen but born at Petersgrund.

iv. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born on August 03, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 20, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel on September 05, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She was born on May 14, 1720 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 16, 1764 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Knebel on April 06, 1772 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 13, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 08, 1799 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen: Became the tenant in Beitzels. v. Anna Catherine Homrighausen was born on January 31, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740. She married Johann Ludwig Wetzel on August 01, 1756 in Wunderthausen. He was born on April 17, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 20, 1791 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 5

- 24. **Johannes Wetzel**, son of Johannes Wetzel, was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1718. He married **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein** about 1670.
- 25. **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**, daughter of Johannes Strackbein, was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1702 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Wetzel:

Born in Wetzels house, married into Schwarze.

Anna Elisabeth Strackbein and Johannes Wetzel had the following children:

 Johann Georg Wetzel was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Gertraud Homrighausen on August 20, 1705 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1683 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

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

- ii. Anna Katharine Wetzel was born on January 18, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 27, 1755 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johann Werner Wetzel was born on July 16, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 09, 1753 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Hermann Wetzel was born on November 18, 1683 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse on October 21, 1718 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Wetzel: Born in Schwarze house, married into Auf der Leve.

- v. Anna Elisabeth Wetzel was born on May 26, 1686 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johannes Wetzel was born in 1688 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 10, 1761 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Beitzel. She was born on February 25, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 17, 1772 in Wunderthausen.
- 26. **Johann Werner Beitzel**, son of Jacob Beitzel and ??, was born about 1665 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1722 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Boshoff (?)** about 1693.

27. Anna Elisabeth Boshoff (?).

Anna Elisabeth Boshoff (?) and Johann Werner Beitzel had the following children:

- i. Daughter Beitzel was born on February 25, 1694 in Wunderthausen.
- 13. ii. Anna Elisabeth Beitzel was born on February 25, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 17, 1772 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Wetzel. He was born in 1688 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 10, 1761 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Anna Catharina Beitzel was born on March 31, 1698 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Johann Georg Beitzel was born on June 08, 1700 in Wunderthausen.
 - v. Anna Gertraud Beitzel was born on November 27, 1704 in Wunderthausen.
- 28. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Hans Homrighausen and ??, was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein** about 1670.
- 29. **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**, daughter of Hans Georg Strackbein and ?? Pletsch, was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen.

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

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Strackbein:

Born in Mannes house.

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

 Johannes Homrighausen was born before 1675 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Liese Strackbein on January 19, 1701. She was born before 1677 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 17, 1742 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

Tenant at the house name variously as Weißkopfs and Seimes. The latter derives from a dialect term for honey, so the occupants were probably bee keepers at one time (honey being the only real sweetener available). He was known as the village as der alte Weißkopf (white head), hence the other name.

Notes for Anna Liese Strackbein: Born in Hohmanns Haus.

- ii. Anna Catharina Homrighausen was born before 1677.
- iii. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born on August 10, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1730. He married Anna Catharina Boshoff on December 28, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died between 1732-1734 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Johann Jacob Homrighausen was born on April 25, 1682 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1744 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Christina Boshoff on January 22, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 10, 1682 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 07, 1745 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Homrighausen: Lived in Altehäusers which probably came to him through marriage. Born in Seimes Haus.

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

 Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1683 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Wetzel on August 20, 1705 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

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

vi. Anna Catharina Homrighausen was born on July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1750 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Strackbein on February 15, 1703 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Strackbein: Tenant in Hohmanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

- vii. Anna Margretha Homrighausen was born on April 07, 1688 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1706.
- viii. Elias Werner Homrighausen was born on July 15, 1691 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 13, 1753.

30. Johann Conrad Boßhof.

Johann Conrad Boßhof had the following child:

15. i. Anna Catharina Boshoff was born about 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died between 1732-1734 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Ludwig Beitzel. He was born on December 02, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 16, 1762

in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen on December 28, 1714 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 10, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1730.

Generation 6

48. **Johannes Wetzel**, son of Hans Wetzel and ?? Weber, was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died before June 1697 in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Wetzel had the following children:

i. Anna Elisabeth Wetzel was born about 1643 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Strackbein about 1670. He was born about 1645. He died between 1692-1698 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein: Became the tenant in Wetzels through marriage.

- 24. ii. Johannes Wetzel was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1718. He married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein about 1670. She was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1702 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Anna Catharina Wetzel was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Germann Kraftthöfer. He was born in Berleburg.
 - iv. Catharina Wetzel was born about 1652 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Beitzel on May 18, 1680 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Beitzel: Born in and tenant in Beitzels house.

50. **Johannes Strackbein**, son of Theis Hans Strackbein, was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1660 in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Strackbein had the following children:

- Anna Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1702 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Wetzel about 1670. He was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1718.
 - ii. Anna Catharina Strackbein was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. She married Valentin Vollmar.

Notes for Anna Catharina Strackbein: Born in Schwarze house.

Notes for Valentin Vollmar: Lived in Brückeschneiders.

- iii. Gertraud Strackbein was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johannes Strackbein was born in Wunderthausen.
- 52. **Jacob Beitzel**, son of Johannes Beitzel and ??, was born about 1620 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1696-1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **??** about 1650.
- 53. **??**.

Notes for Jacob Beitzel: Born in and tenant in Beitzels house.

?? and Jacob Beitzel had the following children:

i. Johannes Beitzel was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. He married Catharina Wetzel on May 18, 1680 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1652 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Beitzel:

Born in and tenant in Beitzels house.

ii. Johann Jacob Beitzel was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1715 in Wunderthausen. He married Justina Strackbein on March 21, 1694. She was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Beitzel: Born in Beitzels house, became tenant in Seilers. .

- iii. Anna Christina Beitzel was born before 1664 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1681.
- 26. iv. Johann Werner Beitzel was born about 1665 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1722 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Boshoff (?) about 1693.
 - v. Johann Henrich Beitzel was born in Wunderthausen. He died before March 23, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Gertraud Strackbein.
- 56. **Hans Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Hüster, was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He married **??** about 1645.
- 57. **??** was born about 1615.

Notes for Hans Homrighausen: Tenant in Seimes.

?? and Hans Homrighausen had the following children:

- Johann Georg Homrighausen was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein about 1670. She was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen.
 - Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Spies on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen.

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

Notes for Johann Georg Spies:

Born in Schmeds house, took over Gundermanns by marriage. It was long believed that he was the son of Gundermann Spies, but expert opinion is that he was in fact the son of Valentin Spies and an unnamed mother.

 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.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen: Born in Seimes Haus in Wunderthausen but became the tenant in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen.

- 58. **Hans Georg Strackbein** was born about 1615. He died before 1680. He married **?? Pletsch** about 1645.
- 59. **?? Pletsch**. She died after 1680.

Notes for Hans Georg Strackbein: Tennant in Mannes house.

?? Pletsch and Hans Georg Strackbein had the following children:

i. Juliana Strackbein was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1690. She married Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. He died after 1708 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf: Born in Pfaffe Haus, Girkhausen. Became the tenant through marriage in what has been since then as "Mannes" Haus.

- 29. ii. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen about 1670. He was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Anna Gertraud Strackbein was born about 1651 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Johann Georg Strackbein. He died after 1685.
 - v. Elisabeth Strackbein.