

Ancestors of Catherine Bernhardt

Generation 1

1. **Catherine Bernhardt**, daughter of Johannes Bernhardt and Katharine Aderhold, was born on November 16, 1859 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 14, 1949 in Charlotte, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married **Johann Andreas Kelting** on February 23, 1886 in Clinton County, Iowa. He was born on September 13, 1857 in Marne, Dithmarschen, Schleswig-Holstein. He died in November 1933 in Clinton County, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Catherine Bernhardt:

Born in Lene Haus (Untere Schneidemühle) in Wunderthausen. She came to America on the ship Rhein, landing in New York on March 25, 1872. Bore five children but none were alive in 1900 and I have no names. They lived variously in Cedar County and around Wheatland.

Generation 2

2. **Johannes Bernhardt**, son of Johann Adam Bernhardt and Elisabeth Amalia Trapp, was born on November 25, 1827 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 15, 1894. He married **Katharine Aderhold**
3. **Katharine Aderhold**, daughter of Ludwig Aderhold and Gertrud Born, was born on November 16, 1829 in Berghausen. She died on April 12, 1864 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Bernhardt:

Born in Schneidemühle Haus but founded the house known as Untere Schneidemühle or Lene.

Johannes Bernhardt and Katharine Aderhold had the following children:

- i. Christine Wilhelmine Bernhardt was born on August 12, 1857 in Wunderthausen.
1. ii. Catherine Bernhardt was born on November 16, 1859 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 14, 1949 in Charlotte, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married **Johann Andreas Kelting** on February 23, 1886 in Clinton County, Iowa. He was born on September 13, 1857 in Marne, Dithmarschen, Schleswig-Holstein. He died in November 1933 in Clinton County, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Generation 3

4. **Johann Adam Bernhardt**, son of Andreas Bernhardt and Amalie Trapp, was born on February 24, 1804 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 16, 1877 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Amalia Trapp** on December 03, 1825 in Wunderthausen.
5. **Elisabeth Amalia Trapp**, daughter of Johannes Trapp and Elisabeth Margarete Kümmel, was born on September 20, 1799 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 24, 1876 in Wunderthausen.

Johann Adam Bernhardt and Elisabeth Amalia Trapp had the following children:

2. i. Johannes Bernhardt was born on November 25, 1827 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 15, 1894. He married **Katharine Aderhold** She was born on November 16, 1829 in Berghausen. She died on April 12, 1864 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Catherine Elisabeth Bernhardt was born on November 27, 1829 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 27, 1915 in Crofton, Knox, Nebraska (Beaver View Cemetery). She married **Johannes Mörchen** on August 10, 1851 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 14, 1820 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1877 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. She married **Claus Heinchs** on November 09, 1882 in Tipton, Cedar Co., Iowa. He was born about 1827.

Notes for Catherine Elisabeth Bernhardt:

Known as Catherine. Born in the house called Schneidemühle in Wunderthausen. Came to America on the ship "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. After being widowed in 1877, she apparently moved to Wheatland from Cedar County, and then she and several of the children moved to Knox County, Nebraska near Crofton. The children apparently all used the spelling "Merchen." She was living with her son Henry in 1900.

She bore 11 children, 9 of whom were alive in 1900, and 10 of whose names we know. I have seen a listing for a Joseph Merchen born in 1872, but that is the same year as Henry F. was apparently born. Perhaps they were twins. There was no living Joseph in the 1880 Census. Perhaps there are mistakes.

- iii. Johann Franz Bernhardt was born on January 17, 1836 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 19, 1906 in Wunderthausen. He married **Amalia Wetter** She was born on March 24,

Generation 3 (cont.)

1837 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 21, 1905 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Bernhardt:

Born in and inherited the house Hannams/Schneidemühle in Wunderthausen.

- iv. Luise Bernhardt was born on July 08, 1842 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 20, 1921 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married **Johann Philipp Schneider** about 1870. He was born on July 05, 1839 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 14, 1916 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Luise Bernhardt:

Born in the house called Schneidemühle in Wunderthausen. Came to the U.S. on the "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. She is listed as Luise Schneider in the immediate company of Henry A. Schneider and his wife. It seems likely this was a subterfuge to get her through emigration.

In the 1900 Census, they said they had been married 30 years (thus in around 1870). She bore no children of her own.

6. **Ludwig Aderhold** was born on October 21, 1801 in Wemlighausen. He married **Gertrud Born**
7. **Gertrud Born**, daughter of Christian Born and Elisabeth Hansmann, was born on August 20, 1806 in Berghausen. She died on September 02, 1849 in Berghausen.

Ludwig Aderhold and Gertrud Born had the following child:

3. i. Katharine Aderhold was born on November 16, 1829 in Berghausen. She died on April 12, 1864 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Bernhardt** He was born on November 25, 1827 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 15, 1894.

Generation 4

8. **Andreas Bernhardt** was born in 1774 in Marburg an der Lahn (Simtshausen). He married **Amalie Trapp** in 1803.
9. **Amalie Trapp**, daughter of Johann Jost Trapp and Anna Margretha Haasen, was born on June 25, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 24, 1828 in Wunderthausen.

Andreas Bernhardt and Amalie Trapp had the following child:

4. i. Johann Adam Bernhardt was born on February 24, 1804 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 16, 1877 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Amalia Trapp** on December 03, 1825 in Wunderthausen. She was born on September 20, 1799 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 24, 1876 in Wunderthausen.
10. **Johannes Trapp**, son of Johann Georg Trapp and Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp, was born on November 26, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 27, 1799 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Margarete Kümmel** on May 13, 1796 in Wunderthausen.
11. **Elisabeth Margarete Kümmel**, daughter of Matthias Kümmel and Anna Maria Sophia Amalia Riedesel, was born on October 09, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 26, 1831 in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Trapp and Elisabeth Margarete Kümmel had the following child:

5. i. Elisabeth Amalia Trapp was born on September 20, 1799 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 24, 1876 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Adam Bernhardt** on December 03, 1825 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 24, 1804 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 16, 1877 in Wunderthausen.
14. **Christian Born** was born on October 26, 1778 in Berghausen. He died on April 19, 1806 in Berghausen. He married **Elisabeth Hansmann**
15. **Elisabeth Hansmann** was born on December 05, 1779 in Berghausen. She died on May 10, 1855 in Berghausen.

Christian Born and Elisabeth Hansmann had the following child:

7. i. Gertrud Born was born on August 20, 1806 in Berghausen. She died on September 02, 1849 in Berghausen. She married **Ludwig Aderhold** He was born on October 21, 1801 in Wemlighausen.

Generation 5

18. **Johann Jost Trapp** He married **Anna Margretha Haasen**
19. **Anna Margretha Haasen** was born on March 21, 1739 in Mollseifen. She died on December 30, 1811 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 5 (cont.)

Johann Jost Trapp and Anna Margretha Haasen had the following child:

9. i. Amalie Trapp was born on June 25, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 24, 1828 in Wunderthausen. She married **Andreas Bernhardt** in 1803. He was born in 1774 in Marburg an der Lahn (Simtshausen).
20. **Johann Georg Trapp**, son of Johann Georg Trapp and Christina Weller, was born on May 19, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 22, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp** on March 10, 1769 in Wunderthausen.
21. **Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp**, daughter of Johann Georg Trapp and Christina Weller, was born on June 02, 1744 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp:

Born in and tenant in Brückewaymars Haus in Wunderthausen.

Johann Georg Trapp and Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp had the following children:

- i. Gabriel Trapp was born on December 24, 1769 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
10. ii. Johannes Trapp was born on November 26, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 27, 1799 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Margarete Kümmel** on May 13, 1796 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 09, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 26, 1831 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp was born on February 25, 1773 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp:

The records are unclear. 40 years later the pastor noted that a deceased Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp was 40 years old. However, she had a younger sister with the same name who is recorded as having lived and married. My hypothesis is that the older daughter died young (though I can find no record), and that the pastor's note many years later was in error.

- iv. Elisabeth Juliane Trapp was born on January 09, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 12, 1834 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Franz Riedesel** on August 20, 1808 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 10, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 14, 1829 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp was born on December 09, 1779 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 28, 1813 in Wunderthausen. She married **Georg Hermann Pott** on May 05, 1799. He was born on February 27, 1764 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 22, 1816 in Wunderthausen.
22. **Matthias Kümmel**, son of Johann Jost Kümmel and Anna Margarete Homrighausen, was born on December 04, 1737 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 25, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Sophia Amalia Riedesel** on January 07, 1772 in Wunderthausen.
23. **Anna Maria Sophia Amalia Riedesel**, daughter of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp, was born on February 01, 1754 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 30, 1813 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Matthias Kümmel:

Born in Althäusers house in Wunderthausen; married into and became the tenant in Neuhäusers.

Matthias Kümmel and Anna Maria Sophia Amalia Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Johann Franz Kümmel was born on September 18, 1772 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Kropp** on November 29, 1799. She was born in Battenberg.
11. ii. Elisabeth Margarete Kümmel was born on October 09, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 26, 1831 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Trapp** on May 13, 1796 in Wunderthausen. He was born on November 26, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 27, 1799 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Kümmel was born on December 25, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Ludwig Riedesel** on October 15, 1805 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 25, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 12, 1821 in Wunderthausen. She married **Andreas Janson**

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Kümmel:

Her triplets, born in 1812, were extremely rare. All died.

- iv. Elisabeth Dorothea Kümmel was born on July 03, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 11, 1784 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 5 (cont.)

- v. Johann Georg Kümmel was born on August 17, 1785 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 04, 1788 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Anna Elisabeth Kümmel was born on September 08, 1788 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 04, 1828 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 6

- 40. **Johann Georg Trapp**, son of Gabriel Trapp and Anna Elisabeth Catharina Womelsdorf, was born on June 27, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He married **Christina Weller** on October 01, 1744 in Wunderthausen.
 - 41. **Christina Weller**, daughter of Johann Phillip Weller and Anna Gertraud Trapp, was born on March 21, 1723 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 12, 1798 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Johann Georg Trapp:
Born in Mannes Haus, became tenant in Brückewaymars Haus in Wunderthausen.
- Johann Georg Trapp and Christina Weller had the following children:
- 21. i. Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp was born on June 02, 1744 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Trapp** on March 10, 1769 in Wunderthausen. He was born on May 19, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 22, 1801 in Wunderthausen.
 - 20. ii. Johann Georg Trapp was born on May 19, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 22, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp** on March 10, 1769 in Wunderthausen. She was born on June 02, 1744 in Wunderthausen.
- 44. **Johann Jost Kümmel**, son of Johann Nickel Kümmel and Juliana Louisa Wolf, was born on November 06, 1708 in Oberauerbach, Zweibrücken. He died on August 16, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Homrighausen** on February 15, 1729 in Wunderthausen.
 - 45. **Anna Margarete Homrighausen**, daughter of Johann Jacob Homrighausen and Anna Christina Boshoff, was born on October 30, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1770 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jost Kümmel:

He was born in a village in the Rheinland-Pfalz, but somehow married into Wunderthausen. One hypothesis is that he was a journeyman of some guild.

Notes for Anna Margarete Homrighausen:

Born in Altehäusers which passed to her husband on her marriage.

Johann Jost Kümmel and Anna Margarete Homrighausen had the following children:

- i. Maria Elisabeth Kümmel was born on November 23, 1729 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Anna Margarete Kümmel was born on April 12, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 02, 1791 in Wunderthausen. She married **Gabriel Riedesel** on November 29, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He was born on May 03, 1735 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 24, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Margarete Kümmel:

Born in Altehäusers which passed to her husband on her marriage. Her birth name was Anna Margarete, but she was known as Elisabeth at the time of her marriage.

- iii. Anna Dorothea Kümmel was born on September 12, 1733 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 10, 1797 in Diedenshausen. She married **Johannes Gernand** on March 28, 1764. He was born in 1738 in Diedenshausen. He died on October 17, 1806 in Diedenshausen.
- 22. iv. Matthias Kümmel was born on December 04, 1737 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 25, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel** on November 29, 1765 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 05, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 24, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Sophia Amalia Riedesel** on January 07, 1772 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 01, 1754 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 30, 1813 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Georg Ludwig Kümmel was born on August 13, 1740 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 11, 1808 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Kümmel:

Born in Altehäusers, never married.

- vi. Maria Elisabeth Kümmel was born on August 04, 1743 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 6 (cont.)

- vii. Johannes Kümmel was born on May 30, 1746 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 29, 1788 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Kümmel:
Born in Altehäusers, never married.

- viii. Johann Georg Kümmel was born on May 20, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1758 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Kümmel:
Died of smallpox.

46. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Wilhelm Riedesel and Anna Margarethe Spies, was born on April 22, 1709 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 01, 1755 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp** on February 22, 1745 in Wunderthausen.
47. **Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp**, daughter of Johannes Trapp and Anna Gertraud Strackbein, was born on April 14, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 03, 1783 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:
Born in Gundermanns Haus and became the first tenant in Neuhäusers Haus at some point. He had some duties as a forester but this was limited to the administration of forest rights around Wunderthausen rather than as a full-fledged official of the Count.

Notes for Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp:
Apparently known as Anna Maria, though her baptismal name was Anna Gertraud.

Johannes Riedesel and Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel was born on December 05, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 24, 1770 in Wunderthausen. She married **Matthias Kümmel** on November 29, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 04, 1737 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 25, 1794 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Georg Franz Riedesel was born on April 21, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 17, 1810 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Gertraud Wagner** on June 02, 1795 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 04, 1766 in Wunderthausen. He married **Catherine Elisabeth Knoche** on October 25, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 24, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 31, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Katherine Dickel** on December 03, 1797 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 20, 1770 in Schüller. She died on April 06, 1808 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Georg Franz Riedesel:
First tenant of "Försters am Lotzenberg" Haus in Wunderthausen, was a forester.
23. iii. Anna Maria Sophia Amalia Riedesel was born on February 01, 1754 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 30, 1813 in Wunderthausen. She married **Matthias Kümmel** on January 07, 1772 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 04, 1737 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 25, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 7

80. **Gabriel Trapp**, son of Johannes Trapp and Margretha Weymer, was born about 1672 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734. He married **Anna Elisabeth Catharina Womelsdorf** on March 02, 1700 in Wunderthausen.
81. **Anna Elisabeth Catharina Womelsdorf**, daughter of Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf and Juliana Strackbein, was born in February 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 22, 1742 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Gabriel Trapp:
Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen, became the tenant in Mannes.

Gabriel Trapp and Anna Elisabeth Catharina Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Hans Georg Trapp was born on June 10, 1700.
- ii. Johannes Trapp was born in 1703 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1709 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Gertraud Trapp was born on May 22, 1705 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 7 (cont.)

- iv. Johann Georg Trapp was born on January 17, 1707 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Johannes Trapp was born on April 21, 1709 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1738 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Knoche** on December 27, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 23, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 24, 1765 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Trapp:
Tenant in Mannes Haus.

- vi. Georg Wilhelm Trapp was born on November 05, 1711 in Wunderthausen.
 - vii. Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp was born on April 03, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Homrighausen** on June 07, 1761 in Wunderthausen. He was born on September 27, 1706 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 11, 1783 in Wunderthausen.
 - 40. viii. Johann Georg Trapp was born on June 27, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He married **Christina Weller** on October 01, 1744 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 21, 1723 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 12, 1798 in Wunderthausen.
 - ix. Georg Wilhelm Trapp was born on March 02, 1721.
82. **Johann Phillip Weller**, son of Hans Georg Weller, was born about 1677 in Girkhausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Trapp** on April 01, 1712 in Wunderthausen.
83. **Anna Gertraud Trapp**, daughter of Matthias Trapp and Anna Margarete Spies, was born on April 29, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Phillip Weller:
Born in the village of Girkhausen but married into Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Gertraud Trapp:
Born in Weymers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband.

Johann Phillip Weller and Anna Gertraud Trapp had the following children:

- i. Johann Jost Weller was born on March 01, 1716 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johann Georg Weller was born on September 13, 1719 in Wunderthausen.
- 41. iii. Christina Weller was born on March 21, 1723 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 12, 1798 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Trapp** on October 01, 1744 in Wunderthausen. He was born on June 27, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1787 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Weller was born on August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She married **Georg Gabriel Riedesel** on February 04, 1752 in Girkhausen. He was born on January 04, 1715 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Weller:
Born in Weymers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband.

- v. Johann Heinrich Weller was born on April 09, 1730 in Wunderthausen.
 - vi. Johannes Weller was born on October 11, 1731 in Wunderthausen.
 - vii. Johannes Weller was born on January 02, 1735 in Wunderthausen.
88. **Johann Nickel Kümmell** was born on February 02, 1662 in Oberauerbach, Contwig. He died on February 22, 1727 in Oberauerbach, Contwig. He married **Juliana Louisa Wolf**
89. **Juliana Louisa Wolf** was born on June 22, 1676 in Oberauerbach, Contwig. She died on September 03, 1744 in Oberauerbach, Contwig.

Johann Nickel Kümmell and Juliana Louisa Wolf had the following child:

- 44. i. Johann Jost Kümmel was born on November 06, 1708 in Oberauerbach, Zweibrücken. He died on August 16, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Homrighausen** on February 15, 1729 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 30, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
90. **Johann Jacob Homrighausen**, son of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Elisabeth ??, 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.
91. **Anna Christina Boshoff**, daughter of Johann Theis Boshoff and Anna Elisabeth Dienst, was born on July 10, 1682 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 07, 1745 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 7 (cont.)

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.

Johann Jacob Homrighausen and Anna Christina Boshoff had the following children:

45. i. Anna Margarete Homrighausen was born on October 30, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1770 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Jost Kümmel** on February 15, 1729 in Wunderthausen. He was born on November 06, 1708 in Oberauerbach, Zweibrücken. He died on August 16, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen was born on October 13, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 11, 1772 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Ludwig Beitzel** on November 07, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 02, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 16, 1762 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Catherine Homrighausen was born on November 25, 1713 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Matthias Homrighausen was born on March 16, 1716 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 19, 1790 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Kümmel** about 1747 in Wunderthausen. She was born in 1717. She died on April 21, 1782 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Matthias Homrighausen:

Born in Altehäusers Haus; became the cow-herder for Wunderthausen, living in Huthehaus.

- v. Georg Ludwig Homrighausen was born on March 23, 1719 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 22, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp** on May 11, 1756. She was born on April 14, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 03, 1783 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Homrighausen:

Worked as the cowherd for the village.

- vi. Georg Wilhelm Homrighausen was born on April 05, 1723 in Wunderthausen.
92. **Wilhelm Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf, was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarethe Spies** on August 16, 1703 in Girkhausen.
93. **Anna Margarethe Spies**, daughter of Johann Georg Spies and Anna Gertraud Homrighausen, was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Wilhelm Riedesel:

Baptised as Johann Wilhelm in Girkhausen (Pfaffe Haus), but known as Wilhelm. Married into Gundermanns Haus in Wunderthausen, one of the larger in the village. He was already paying taxes there in 1699 though did not marry until 1703. He had a role in the administration of forest rights for the village. He and his wife are the ancestors of all Riedesels who went to America from Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Margarethe Spies:

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

Wilhelm Riedesel and Anna Margarethe Spies had the following children:

- i. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on April 15, 1704 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 15, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Knoche** on May 04, 1731 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 20, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1787 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Heir to Gundermanns Haus.

- ii. Liese Gertraudt Riedesel was born on December 30, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
46. iii. Johannes Riedesel was born on April 22, 1709 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 01, 1755 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp** on February 22, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 14, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 03, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Müsse** on May 17, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1715 in Elsoff. She died on July 10, 1743 in

Generation 7 (cont.)

Wunderthausen.

- iv. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on February 06, 1712 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 11, 1771 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catharina Ruppert** on November 26, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She was born on June 27, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 06, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

Born in Gundermanns Haus, became tenant in Wetzels Haus in Wunderthausen. He had some duties as a forester but this was limited to the administration of forest rights around Wunderthausen rather than as a full-fledged official of the Count.

- v. Georg Gabriel Riedesel was born on January 04, 1715 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Weller** on February 04, 1752 in Girkhausen. She was born on August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche** on July 10, 1740 in Girkhausen. She was born on October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 21, 1749 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Riedesel:

Married into Wetzels house and later to Weymers Haus from Gundermanns. Through his two marriages he is the progenitor of a large majority of Riedesels in the U.S. He is sometimes listed as Johann Gabriel, but was in any case almost certainly known as Gabriel. He had some duties as a forester but this was limited to the administration of forest rights around Wunderthausen rather than as a full-fledged official of the Count.

- vi. Samuel Riedesel was born on June 23, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel was born on May 14, 1720 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 16, 1764 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Homrighausen** on September 05, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 03, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 20, 1784 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Heinrich Pott** on January 06, 1747 in Wunderthausen. He was born in 1704 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 08, 1749 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Anna Margarethe Riedesel was born on May 16, 1725 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 08, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Ludwig Fuchs** on October 21, 1751 in Wemlighausen. He was born on December 07, 1726 in Schüllar. He died on November 08, 1791 in Wemlighausen.

- 94. **Johannes Trapp**, son of Johannes Trapp and Margretha Weymer, was born on November 05, 1677 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Strackbein** on February 25, 1709 in Wunderthausen.

- 95. **Anna Gertraud Strackbein**

Notes for Johannes Trapp:

Born in Weymers house, Wunderthausen. After marriage, lived until 1712 in Weymers and then built Bergmanns.

Johannes Trapp and Anna Gertraud Strackbein had the following children:

- i. Johannes Trapp was born on September 27, 1710 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 16, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Christina Hembler** on November 10, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She was born on May 02, 1716 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 28, 1789 in Wunderthausen.
- 47. ii. Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp was born on April 14, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 03, 1783 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Riedesel** on February 22, 1745 in Wunderthausen. He was born on April 22, 1709 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 01, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She married **Georg Ludwig Homrighausen** on May 11, 1756. He was born on March 23, 1719 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 22, 1783 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Maria Gertraud Trapp was born on September 03, 1717 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Georg Trapp was born on December 25, 1719 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Mörchen** on October 26, 1738 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 7 (cont.)

- v. Anna Elisabeth Trapp was born on October 16, 1722 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Georg Gabriel Trapp was born on March 11, 1726 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 07, 1755 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 8

- 160. **Johannes Trapp** was born about 1640. He married **Margretha Weymer** about 1670.
- 161. **Margretha Weymer**, daughter of Johannes Waymar and ? Heidt, was born about 1640.

Notes for Johannes Trapp:

Origin unknown. Married into Weymers house in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Trapp and Margretha Weymer had the following children:

- i. Matthias Trapp was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709–1711 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Spies** on January 03, 1694. She was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Matthias Trapp:

Born in and tenant in Weymers house. Commonly known as Theis.

- 80. ii. Gabriel Trapp was born about 1672 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734. He married **Anna Elisabeth Catharina Womelsdorf** on March 02, 1700 in Wunderthausen. She was born in February 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 22, 1742 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Trapp was born about 1674 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 07, 1751.
- iv. Elisabeth Trapp was born about 1676 in Wunderthausen.
- 94. v. Johannes Trapp was born on November 05, 1677 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Strackbein** on February 25, 1709 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Sophia Elisabetha Trapp was born on September 27, 1680 in Wunderthausen.
- 162. **Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf**, son of Johannes Womelsdorf, was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. He died after 1708 in Wunderthausen. He married **Juliana Strackbein** about 1670 in Wunderthausen.
- 163. **Juliana Strackbein**, daughter of Hans Georg Strackbein and ?? Pletsch, was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1690.

Notes for Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf:

Born in Pfaffe Haus, Girkhausen. Became the tenant through marriage in what has been since then as "Mannes" Haus.

Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf and Juliana Strackbein had the following children:

- i. Anna Catharina Womelsdorf was born about 1676.
- ii. Anna Gertraud Womelsdorf was born on October 14, 1679.
- 81. iii. Anna Elisabeth Catharina Womelsdorf was born in February 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 22, 1742 in Wunderthausen. She married **Gabriel Trapp** on March 02, 1700 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1672 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734.
- iv. Johannes Womelsdorf was born on August 27, 1690 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Pott** on October 21, 1718. She was born on March 30, 1703 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 08, 1762 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Womelsdorf:

Born in Mannes Haus, Wunderthausen, but became the tenant in Kurts.

- 164. **Hans Georg Weller** was born in 1620 in Diedenshausen. He died in 1699 in Girkhausen.

Hans Georg Weller had the following child:

- 82. i. Johann Phillip Weller was born about 1677 in Girkhausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Trapp** on April 01, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 29, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen.
- 166. **Matthias Trapp**, son of Johannes Trapp, was born about 1664. He married **Anna Margarete Spies**
- 167. **Anna Margarete Spies**, daughter of Valentin Spies, was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Matthias Trapp:

Also referred to as Theis in some records.

Generation 8 (cont.)

Notes for Anna Margarete Spies:
Born in Schmeds house.

Matthias Trapp and Anna Margarete Spies had the following children:

83. i. Anna Gertraud Trapp was born on April 29, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Phillip Weller** on April 01, 1712 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1677 in Girkhausen. He died in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Jacob Boshoff** on July 22, 1737. He was born on March 28, 1703 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 16, 1762 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Catharina Elisabetha Trapp was born on July 13, 1697 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johannes Trapp was born about 1700 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 08, 1765 in Langewiese. He married **Elisabeth ??**

Notes for Johannes Trapp:

His birth is not recorded but other documents identify him as a son of Theiss Trapp. Among other things, he worked as a smith in Langewiese.

- iv. Johann Georg Trapp was born on October 02, 1702 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 28, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Mörchen** on October 26, 1738 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1715 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 29, 1778 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp:

Born in Weymers, founded Schusters house.

- v. Anton Trapp was born on November 27, 1704 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 08, 1741 in Langewiese. He married **Maria Elisabeth Spies** She was born on August 22, 1708 in Waldeck (Twiste). She died on October 18, 1740 in Langewiese.

Notes for Anton Trapp:

Settled in Langewiese.

- vi. Johann Heinrich Trapp was born about 1708 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 13, 1753 in Langewiese. He married **Maria Catherine Lauber** on April 25, 1753 in Girkhausen. She was born about 1730. She died on January 17, 1793 in Girkhausen.

180. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and ??, was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth ??** about 1670.

181. **Elisabeth ??**

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

Johann Georg Homrighausen and Elisabeth ?? had the following children:

- i. Johannes Homrighausen was born about 1673 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth (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.

- ii. Anna Catharina Homrighausen was born before 1677.
- iii. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born on August 10, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1730. He married **Anna Catharina Boshoff** on December 28, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died between 1732–1734 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

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

Generation 8 (cont.)

certain.

90. 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.
- v. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1683 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Wetzel** on August 20, 1705 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- 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.
- 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.
182. **Johann Theis Boshoff**, son of Johann Daniel Boshoff, was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen. He died before June 1718 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Dienst** on April 19, 1682.
183. **Anna Elisabeth Dienst**, daughter of Johannes Dienst and ??, was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Theis Boshoff:

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

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Dienst:

She and her brother Johannes divided the property that had belonged to Linde house ("beim Wasser"). She resided in what became Altehäusers, while he kept Linde.

Johann Theis Boshoff and Anna Elisabeth Dienst had the following children:

91. i. Anna Christina Boshoff was born on July 10, 1682 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 07, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Jacob Homrighausen** on January 22, 1706 in Wunderthausen. He was born on April 25, 1682 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1744 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johannes Boshoff was born on May 05, 1685 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Boshoff was born on November 03, 1687 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Georg Boshoff was born on April 05, 1690 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Johannes Boshoff was born on December 12, 1692 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Matthias Boshoff was born on September 26, 1695 in Wunderthausen.
184. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Hederich Riedesel and ??, was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf** on February 18, 1664 in Raumland.
185. **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf**, daughter of Johannes Womelsdorf, was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in Melbach and that is where he and Anna Maria first lived after marrying. Following the death of her father, they took over Pfaffe house in Girkhausen.

Johannes Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Georg Mannus Riedesel was born about 1664 in Melbach. He died on October 17, 1741 in Girkhausen. He married **Catharina Elisabeth Dickel** before 1696 in Girkhausen. She was born about 1671 in Girkhausen. She died on February 22, 1750 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Georg Mannus Riedesel:

Referred to as Hermann in church records. He became the tenant in Pfaffe house in Girkhausen.

- ii. Sebastian Riedesel was born about 1670 in Melbach.

Generation 8 (cont.)

- iii. Johann Reinhard Riedesel was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died on January 15, 1754 in Girkhausen. He married **Elisabeth Schüßler** on February 25, 1708 in Elsoff. She was born in 1673.

Notes for Johann Reinhard Riedesel:

Built the house in Girkhausen known as Pfaffe-Reinhardt's or Pfaffereinherts.

92. iv. Wilhelm Riedesel was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarethe Spies** on August 16, 1703 in Girkhausen. She was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
186. **Johann Georg Spies**, son of Valentin Spies, was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen** on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen.
187. **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen**, daughter of Johannes Homrighausen, was born about 1653 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 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.

Notes for Anna Gertraud Homrighausen:

From Seimes Haus in Wunderthausen.

Johann Georg Spies and Anna Gertraud Homrighausen had the following children:

93. i. Anna Margarethe Spies was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married **Wilhelm Riedesel** on August 16, 1703 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Catherine Elisabeth Spies was born on June 20, 1682 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
- iii. Anna Gertraud Spies was born on March 08, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
- iv. Maria Juliana Spies was born on October 02, 1687 in Wunderthausen. She died in 1723 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Jacob Beitzel** on April 01, 1720. He was born on September 07, 1697 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 28, 1752 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Daughter Spies was born on March 19, 1691.
- vi. Catharina Spies was born on March 19, 1691 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Catharina Spies:

She was a twin, but it seems likely that both died young. Their only female godparent was named Catherine, so one of the babies was no doubt given that name.

- vii. Johannes Spies was born on September 08, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 19, 1774 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein**. She was born on July 14, 1702 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 30, 1769 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born on July 14, 1697 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 9

322. **Johannes Waymar**, son of Hans Weimar, was born about 1610. He married **? Heidt**
323. **? Heidt**, daughter of Ebert Heidt.

Johannes Waymar and ? Heidt had the following child:

161. i. Margretha Weymer was born about 1640. She married **Johannes Trapp** about 1670. He was born about 1640.
324. **Johannes Womelsdorf**, son of Gerlach Womelsdorf, was born in 1609 in Girkhausen. He died in 1672 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johannes Womelsdorf:

Tenant in Pfaffe Haus in Girkhausen.

Johannes Womelsdorf had the following children:

Generation 9 (cont.)

- i. Georg Womelsdorf was born about 1635.
- 185. ii. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen. She married **Johannes Riedesel** on February 18, 1664 in Raumland. He was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen.
- 162. iii. Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. He died after 1708 in Wunderthausen. He married **Juliana Strackbein** about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1690.
- iv. Johann Kasper Womelsdorf
- 326. **Hans Georg Strackbein** was born about 1615. He died before 1680. He married **?? Pletsch** about 1625.
- 327. **?? Pletsch**, daughter of Johann Georg Pletsch. She died after 1680.

Notes for Hans Georg Strackbein:
Tennant in Mannes house.

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

- 163. 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.
 - ii. Anna Luise Strackbein was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Anna Luise Strackbein:
Born in Mannes house.
- iii. Anna Gertraud Strackbein was born about 1651 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Johann Georg Strackbein He died after 1685.
 - v. Elisabeth Strackbein
332. **Johannes Trapp** was born about 1640.

Notes for Johannes Trapp:
Origin unknown. Married into Weymers house in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Trapp and Margretha Weymer had the following children:

- i. Matthias Trapp was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709–1711 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Spies** on January 03, 1694. She was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Matthias Trapp:
Born in and tenant in Weymers house. Commonly known as Theis.
- 80. ii. Gabriel Trapp was born about 1672 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734. He married **Anna Elisabeth Catharina Womelsdorf** on March 02, 1700 in Wunderthausen. She was born in February 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 22, 1742 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Anna Elisabeth Trapp was born about 1674 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 07, 1751.
 - iv. Elisabeth Trapp was born about 1676 in Wunderthausen.
 - 94. v. Johannes Trapp was born on November 05, 1677 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Strackbein** on February 25, 1709 in Wunderthausen.
 - vi. Sophia Elisabetha Trapp was born on September 27, 1680 in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Trapp had the following child:

- 166. i. Matthias Trapp was born about 1664. He married **Anna Margarete Spies** She was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen.
334. **Valentin Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ? Dornseiff, was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1678.

Notes for Valentin Spies:
Tenant in Schmeds. There are no records of his birth or death, though he was certainly deceased by 1678. Experts can only make educated guesses from what records do exist. One important scholar (Jochen Karl Mehldau) proposes a birth date around 1617. But Klaus Homrighausen has more in-depth knowledge of Wunderthausen and proposes roughly 1630. The two made different reconstructions of

Generation 9 (cont.)

their offspring as well. We will never know, but I lean toward the family presented here as outlined by Hr. Homrighausen.

Valentin Spies had the following children:

186. i. Johann Georg Spies was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margaretha Spies** about 1672. She was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1678. He married **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen** on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen. She was born about 1653 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Anna Christina Spies was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1708 in Wunderthausen. She married **Werner Dienst** on October 11, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Christina Spies:

Born in Schmeds house which passed to he husband.

- iii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Anton Spies was born about 1662 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 18, 1751 in Langewiese. He married **Anna Margarete Klein** on August 30, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1669 in Dachsloch. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anton Spies:

Born in Schmeds house. First tenant in Beckers house, Wunderthausen, which was apparently built in 1697. It probably contained a baking-house. The Count strictly controlled the number of fireplaces in each village, allocating a certain number of households to each baking-house. Records show that he died in the small village of Langewiese north and east of Wunderthausen. I don't know of any children who lived there, so this is unusual.

- v. Ludwig Spies was born about 1665 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1735 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catharina Eckhardt** on November 24, 1687. She was born about 1662 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 20, 1744 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Spies:

Known as Lotz. Born in Schmeds Haus. Eventually took over the house known as Lotzes.

- vi. Johannes Spies was born about 1668 in Wunderthausen.
167. vii. Anna Margarete Spies was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen. She married **Matthias Trapp** on January 03, 1694. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709–1711 in Wunderthausen. She married **Matthias Trapp** He was born about 1664.
360. **Johannes Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Hüster, was born about 1617 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married ?? about 1645.
361. ??

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

Tenant in Seimes. Named as Hans in some sources, but this is just a nickname for Johannes.

Johannes Homrighausen and ?? had the following children:

- i. Johannes Homrighausen was born about 1647 in Diedenshausen. 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.

180. ii. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth ??** about 1670.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. She married **Tobias Lümmel** on February 17, 1669 in Berleberg.
364. **Johann Daniel Boshoff** was born about 1620 in Probably Wunderthausen. He died before 1699 in

Generation 9 (cont.)

Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1645.

Notes for Johann Daniel Boshoff:
Probably born in the house Unter der Leye.

Johann Daniel Boshoff had the following children:

- i. Johann Conrad Boshoff was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1670.

Notes for Johann Conrad Boshoff:
Tenant in Leyeschneiders.

- 182. ii. Johann Theis Boshoff was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen. He died before June 1718 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Dienst** on April 19, 1682. She was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Magarete Boshof was born about 1663 in Probably Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Jost Hederich** in 1688. He was born about 1658 in Birkefehl or Elsoff. He died on November 01, 1688 in Girkhausen.
- iv. Anna Catherina Boshoff

Notes for Anna Catherina Boshoff:
Known to be alive in 1695 when she served as a godparent.

- v. Anna Elisabeth Boshoff

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Boshoff:
Known to be alive in 1687 when she served as a godparent.

- vi. Johann Georg Boshoff He married **Martha Wiedersprecher** on February 23, 1693. She was born in Wingshausen.

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

367. ??

Notes for Johannes Dienst:
Tenant in Linde house.

Johannes Dienst and ?? had the following children:

- i. Werner Dienst was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Christina Spies** on October 11, 1678 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1708 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Werner Dienst:
Tenant in Schmeds house, Wunderthausen. It is believed that he was born in Linde house, but this not certain,

- ii. Johannes Dienst was born about 1654 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Justina Gärtle** on March 13, 1684 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1665 in Arfeld. She died after October 30, 1708 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:
Lived in Linde Haus. Members of the Dienst family lived in this house as early as 1610. It is one of the oldest in Wunderthausen.

- 183. iii. Anna Elisabeth Dienst was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Theis Boshoff** on April 19, 1682. He was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen. He died before June 1718 in Wunderthausen.

368. **Hederich Riedesel**, son of Henrich Riedesel, was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married ??

369. ??

Notes for Hederich Riedesel:
He is the earliest verifiable ancestor of all the Riedesels of Wittgenstein and of almost all American

Generation 9 (cont.)

Riedesels. His name is sometimes rendered as Heyrich or Henrich, but local experts affirm that it was not "Heinrich." He was the tenant in the house called "Herjes" in the small hamlet of Melbach. He served for several years as a coachman to the Count in Berleburg during the 30 Years War (1618-1648) and documents say that his house stood empty for five years. He had returned by 1642. While he was a commoner subject to the Count, various signs suggest that the family was of somewhat higher status than most. It is not certain that his father "Heyrich Riedesel" preceded him at Herjes, but it is very likely. There were other officials named Riedesel who are documented in Wittgenstein in the 1500s. I think it is likely that they were earlier ancestors. A relation to the noble Riedesels is plausible. The current scholarly opinion is that the Wittgenstein Riedesels descend from the "Riedesel zu Josbach", a line that slipped out of the official knighthood in the 16th century (no, no one was thrown out for marrying a commoner; that's not how things worked). What is certain is that the Wittgenstein Riedesels have NO meaningful relationship to the Riedesel zu Eisenbach who received the title of Baron (Freiherr) in 1680.

Hederich Riedesel and ?? had the following children:

184. i. Johannes Riedesel was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf** on February 18, 1664 in Raumland. She was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen.
- ii. Anna Katharina Riedesel was born about 1645.

Notes for Anna Katharina Riedesel:

I have seen references to her marrying a Hanß Böhmer in southwestern Germany, but this is HIGHLY unlikely.

- iii. Ernst Riedesel was born about 1646 in Melbach. He died on December 24, 1693 in Schameder. He married **Anna Elisabeth Müller** before 1687. She was born in 1651. She died on December 14, 1693 in Schameder.

Notes for Ernst Riedesel:

Lived in "Hermes" house in Schameder.

- iv. KurtConrad Riedesel was born about 1655 in Melbach. He died in 1709 in Melbach.

Notes for KurtConrad Riedesel:

The two names were interchangeable at the time.

374. **Johannes Homrighausen** was born about 1623 in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Homrighausen had the following child:

187. i. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1653 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Spies** on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 10

644. **Hans Weimar** was born about 1585 in Weimar/Marburg.

Hans Weimar had the following child:

322. i. Johannes Waymar was born about 1610. He married **? Heidt**

646. **Ebert Heidt** was born about 1575.

Notes for Ebert Heidt:

First known tenant in the house known as Weymers.

Ebert Heidt had the following child:

323. i. ? Heidt She married **Johannes Waymar** He was born about 1610.

648. **Gerlach Womelsdorf**, son of Rheinart Womelsdorf and Catharina ??, was born about 1565 in Girkhausen. He died in 1629 in Girkhausen.

Gerlach Womelsdorf had the following children:

324. i. Johannes Womelsdorf was born in 1609 in Girkhausen. He died in 1672 in Girkhausen.
- ii. Reinhardt Womelsdorf

654. **Johann Georg Pletsch** was born about 1565. He died before 1642 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1590.

Generation 10 (cont.)

Notes for Johann Georg Pletsch:

Thought to have been born in Berleburg, Girkhausen or Berghausen. Lived in the house later known as Mannes in Wunderthausen.

Johann Georg Pletsch had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Leisgen Pletsch was born about 1591 in Wunderthausen. She married **Nicolaus Zacharias** on March 31, 1611. He was born in Elsoff.
 - 327. ii. ?? Pletsch She died after 1680. She married **Hans Georg Strackbein** about 1625. He was born about 1615. He died before 1680.
 - iii. ?? Pletsch She married **Hans Beitzel** before 1616. He died about 1672. She married **Hans Beitzel** He was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen.
668. **Johannes Spies** was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen. He married **? Dornseiff** about 1620.
669. **? Dornseiff**, daughter of Johannes Dornseiff, was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Tenant in Schmedshannes by marriage.

Johannes Spies and ? Dornseiff had the following children:

- 334. i. Valentin Spies was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1678.
 - ii. Antonius Spies was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Barbara Spies was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen.
720. **Johannes Homrighausen** was born about 1585 in Wemlighausen. He died after 1643. He married **Elisabeth Hüster** about 1610.
721. **Elisabeth Hüster**, daughter of Simon Hüster and Luzia Strackbein, was born about 1585 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

Tenant in Seimes.

Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Hüster had the following child:

- 360. i. Johannes Homrighausen was born about 1617 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married ?? about 1645.
732. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Georg Dienst and Katharina /Linch Linck, was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? **Kuhn** about 1635.
733. **?? Kuhn**, daughter of Theis Kuhn, was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:

Early tenant in the house "Beim Wasser" or Linde.

Johannes Dienst and ?? Kuhn had the following child:

- 366. i. Johannes Dienst was born about 1635. He married ?? about 1660.
736. **Henrich Riedesel** was born about 1580 in Melbach.

Notes for Henrich Riedesel:

There is documentation that a Henrich (or Heyrich) preceded the Hederich as the tenant in Herjes house at the Melbach, and the probability is that he was a Riedesel.

Henrich Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Dorothea/Dechen Riedesel was born about 1610 in Melbach. She died on February 05, 1686 in Bermershausen. She married **Johannes Konrad** He was born about 1605. He died on June 21, 1670 in Bermershausen.
- 368. ii. Hederich Riedesel was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married ?? He married **Gerthrut Dickel** on May 14, 1661 in Melbach. She was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. She died on April 29, 1703 in Melbach.

Generation 11

1296. **Rheinhardt Womelsdorf**, son of Jochenchen Womelsdorf and Catherina ??, was born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He married **Catharina ??**
1297. **Catharina ??**

Generation 11 (cont.)

Rheinart Womelsdorf and Catharina ?? had the following children:

- i. Jochenchen Womelsdorf was born about 1550.
 - ii. Georg Womelsdorf was born about 1555.
 - 648. iii. Gerlach Womelsdorf was born about 1565 in Girkhausen. He died in 1629 in Girkhausen.
 - iv. HeintzHeinrich Womelsdorf
1338. **Johannes Dornseiff**, son of Reinhard Dornseiff and ?? Breusing, was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dornseiff:

May have been born in Lotzes house. Tenant in Schmedshannes.

Johannes Dornseiff had the following child:

669. i. ? Dornseiff was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Spies** about 1620. He was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen.
1442. **Simon Hüster** was born about 1560 in Elsoff or Alertshausen. He died after 1606. He married **Luzia Strackbein** about 1585.
1443. **Luzia Strackbein**, daughter of Simon Strackbein, was born about 1560 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Luzia Strackbein:

Born in Seimes house.

Simon Hüster and Luzia Strackbein had the following child:

721. 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.
1464. **Georg Dienst**, son of Bartholomäus Dienst, was born about 1581 in Alertshausen. He died on December 05, 1651 in Wunderthausen. He married **Katharina /Linch Linck**
1465. **Katharina /Linch Linck**, daughter of Johannes /Linnch Linck, was born about 1583 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Dienst:

Tenant in Altehäusers (now Hanjosts), then called Linde.

Georg Dienst and Katharina /Linch Linck had the following child:

732. i. Johannes Dienst was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? **Kuhn** about 1635. She was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen.
1466. **Theis Kuhn** was born about 1570 in Prob. Beddelhausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1595.

Notes for Theis Kuhn:

Lived in the house referred to as "beim Wasser" and is the first tenant whose name is certain. It may have been in the family of his wife, named Biebighausen.

Theis Kuhn had the following children:

- i. Gertraud Kuhn was born about 1595 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1626. She married **Johannes Schumacher** in 1617. He was born in Alertshausen. She married **Johannes Schlüßler** He was born in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Abraham Kuhn was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died about 1680 in Diedenshausen. He married **Maria ??** in 1632.

Notes for Abraham Kuhn:

Although he was born in Wunderthausen, he established himself in Diedenshausen after the devastation of the 30 Years War in the house known as Maies. He may well have had other children, but only four are known.

733. iii. ?? Kuhn was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Dienst** about 1635. He was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 12

2592. **Jochenchen Womelsdorf**, son of Heinrich Womelsdorf, was born about 1480. He married **Catherina ??**
2593. **Catherina ??**

Jochenchen Womelsdorf and Catherina ?? had the following child:

1296. i. Rheinart Womelsdorf was born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He married **Catharina ??**
2676. **Reinhard Dornseiff**, son of Hermann Dornseiff and ? von Winter, was born about 1525 in

Generation 12 (cont.)

Bromskirchen. He died after 1590 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? **Breusing** before 1560.

2677. ?? **Breusing**, daughter of Johannes Breusing, was born about 1535.

Notes for Reinhard Dornseiff:

Served as Unterschultheiss in Wunderthausen (kind of deputy sherrif). Lived in the house that became known as Lotzes.

Reinhard Dornseiff and ?? Breusing had the following children:

- i. Reinhard Dornseiff was born about 1560 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1624 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Reinhard Dornseiff:

Tenant in what became known as Lotzes

1338. ii. Johannes Dornseiff was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen.

2886. **Simon Strackbein** was born about 1530 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1572 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Simon Strackbein:

The first known tenant in the house known as Seimes.

Simon Strackbein had the following child:

1443. 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.

2928. **Bartholomäus Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst, was born about 1548 in Alertshausen. He died on July 08, 1630 in Laasphe.

Notes for Bartholomäus Dienst:

AKA Mebes.

Bartholomäus Dienst had the following child:

1464. i. Georg Dienst was born about 1581 in Alertshausen. He died on December 05, 1651 in Wunderthausen. He married **Katharina /Linch Linck** She was born about 1583 in Wunderthausen.

2930. **Johannes /Linnch Linck**

Johannes /Linnch Linck had the following child:

1465. i. Katharina /Linch Linck was born about 1583 in Wunderthausen. She married **Georg Dienst** He was born about 1581 in Alertshausen. He died on December 05, 1651 in Wunderthausen.