

Ancestors of Christian Gerhardt

Generation 1

1. **Christian Gerhardt**, son of Johannes Gerhardt and Anna Katherine Gärte, was born on May 15, 1808 in Elsoff. He died on August 30, 1888 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married **Maria Elisabeth Althaus** in 1834 in Probably Baltimore. She was born on October 20, 1807 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 23, 1890 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Christian Gerhardt:

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

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

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

Generation 2

2. **Johannes Gerhardt**, son of Johann Jost Gerhardt and Anna Gertraud Grauel, was born on February 25, 1772 in Elsoff. He died before 1850 in Prob. Crawford County, Ohio. He married **Anna Katherine Gärte** on April 18, 1793 in Elsoff.
3. **Anna Katherine Gärte**, daughter of Johann Paul Gärte and Anna Christina Grauel, was born on November 05, 1769 in Elsoff. She died before 1840 in Prob. Crawford County, Ohio.

Notes for Johannes Gerhardt:

Tenant in Pauls Haus, Elsoff, but born in Schmieds. Moved to Beddelhausen between 1813-1833. The family came to Baltimore in 1833-1834 but the ships' names are not known. Bought land in Crawford County, Ohio. He is probably the man listed as being in his 70s living with the family of Christian Gerhardt in the 1840 Census of Crawford County. He is not to be found in 1850 so presumably deceased by then.

Notes for Anna Katherine Gärte:

Spelled Gaerthe or Gärthe in other sources. Known as Katherine. Her husband appears to have been living with the family of son Christian Gerhardt in 1840, but she does not so was presumably deceased.

Johannes Gerhardt and Anna Katherine Gärte had the following children:

- i. Johann Jost Gerhardt was born on July 27, 1793 in Elsoff. He died on February 11, 1864 in Crawford County, Ohio (Smith Family Farm). He married **Catherine Elizabeth Smith**. She was born on December 24, 1795 in Perry County, Pennsylvania. She died on May 17, 1861 in Crawford County, Ohio. He married **Maria Katherine Busz** on March 31, 1862 in Crawford County, Ohio.

Notes for Johann Jost Gerhardt:

Known as Joseph in the U.S. He purchased land in Jackson Township (Range 21-W, Section 14) in 1834. The information we have on his family is confusing. It is quite certain that he sailed to the US in 1834 and came directly from Baltimore to Crawford County. Yet various records show the son, John Jacob, being born in Pennsylvania in 1831. The simplest explanation would be that the boy was Catherine's child from an earlier marriage.

It is also possible that Joseph had preceded the rest of the family to America (viz.

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Pennsylvania), married and had a child, returned to Germany to fetch his whole family for settlement in Ohio. Catherine Smith/Schmidt in fact came from a family of earlier emigrants from Wittgenstein, so the latter account is at least plausible. However, an exhaustive inventory of Wittgenstein emigrants shows no trace of Joseph before 1834, so I am going with first hypothesis (that the son was Catherine's).

- ii. Anna Elisabeth Gerhardt was born on January 08, 1795 in Elsoff.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Gerhardt:

LDS sources say he died in 1881.

- iii. Christine Elisabeth Gerhardt was born on August 17, 1797 in Elsoff.

Notes for Christine Elisabeth Gerhardt:

She is not recorded as arriving in the U.S.

- iv. Catharina Elisabeth Gerhardt was born on October 13, 1799 in Elsoff. She died in United States.

- v. Johannes Gerhardt was born on March 02, 1802 in Elsoff. He died on November 15, 1877 in Henry County, Ohio (Knipp Cemetery). He married **Christine Elisabeth Weber** on April 03, 1834 in Elsoff. She was born on January 31, 1809 in Elsoff. She died on May 10, 1874 in Henry County, Ohio (Knipp Cemetery).

Notes for Johannes Gerhardt:

The couple was married in the spring of 1834 in Elsoff (confirmed by German records), but she does not appear on the (sketchy) passenger list fro Baltimore. He owned land in Crawford County, Ohio but eventually moved on to Henry County.

- vi. Johann Georg Gerhardt was born on June 10, 1804 in Elsoff.

Notes for Johann Georg Gerhardt:

The facts about his life are uncertain. A biography of his brother attests that they both arrived in the U.S. on April 13, 1834. He acquired 80 acres in Section 11 of Township 16N, Range 21W in August of 1834. By 1850, this farm was now owned by his brother Christian. Was George even alive? The 1840 Census shows two young daughters. A submitted genealogy names his wife as Anna Christina Weber, but I strongly suspect she has been comingled with another woman by the same name. There is a good chance he and perhaps the whole family had died by 1850. We know that an epidemic of some kind ran through the community in 1847-1848.

- vii. Maria Elisabeth Gerhardt was born on May 17, 1807 in Elsoff. She died in Probably Elsoff.
- 1. viii. Christian Gerhardt was born on May 15, 1808 in Elsoff. He died on August 30, 1888 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married **Maria Elisabeth Althaus** in 1834 in Probably Baltimore. She was born on October 20, 1807 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 23, 1890 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- ix. Maria Elisabeth Gerhardt was born on November 30, 1810 in Elsoff. She died in United States.
- x. Jacob Gerhardt was born on November 30, 1813 in Elsoff. He died on September 04, 1889 in Crestline, Crawford, Ohio (Windfall Cemetery, Crawford County). He married **Mary Elisabeth Baetzel** on September 08, 1834 in North Robinson, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on August 20, 1816 in Elsoff. She died on August 09, 1901 in Crawford County, Ohio (Windfall Cemetery, Crawford County).

Notes for Jacob Gerhardt:

A 1902 county history says that he came with his brother George in 1834 (landing April 13 in Baltimore) and that he was a wagonmaker by trade. His 80 acres, purchased in 1834, are in what became the Jefferson Township though at the time was part of the larger Jackson Township. The history attests that his wife was "an old German sweet heart." I trust the claim that she was the Maria Elisabeth Baetzel born in Elsoff in 1816. He was later engaged in beer brewing and butchering. The children seemed to have taken the spelling Gearhart. There may have been additional children but these seven are the only ones I can document.

A centennial biographical history of Crawford County, Ohio, 1902.

Generation 3

4. **Johann Jost Gerhardt**, son of Simon Gerhardt and Anna Christina Zacharias, was born on April 07, 1747 in Elsoff. He died on January 21, 1823 in Elsoff. He married **Anna Gertraud Grauel** on June 20, 1771 in Elsoff.
5. **Anna Gertraud Grauel**, daughter of Johann Jakob Grauel and Elisabeth Margarete Henk, was born on August 01, 1749 in Elsoff. She died on March 25, 1796 in Elsoff.

Notes for Johann Jost Gerhardt:
Tenant in Schmieds Haus, Elsoff.

Johann Jost Gerhardt and Anna Gertraud Grauel had the following children:

2. i. Johannes Gerhardt was born on February 25, 1772 in Elsoff. He died before 1850 in Prob. Crawford County, Ohio. He married **Anna Katherine Gärte** on April 18, 1793 in Elsoff. She was born on November 05, 1769 in Elsoff. She died before 1840 in Prob. Crawford County, Ohio.
- ii. Anna Gertraud Gerhardt was born on April 08, 1775 in Elsoff.
- iii. Johann Jost Gerhardt was born on March 10, 1782. He died on January 21, 1823.
6. **Johann Paul Gärte**, son of Johann Georg Gärte and Maria Elisabeth Köhler, was born in January 1745 in Elsoff. He died on November 30, 1806 in Elsoff. He married **Anna Christina Grauel** on November 25, 1767.
7. **Anna Christina Grauel**, daughter of Johann Peter Grauel and Maria Elisabeth Bätzel.

Notes for Johann Paul Gärte:
Tenant in Pauls Haus, Elsoff, but born in Veltes.

Johann Paul Gärte and Anna Christina Grauel had the following children:

- i. Maria Elisabeth Gärte was born on July 30, 1768 in Elsoff.
3. ii. Anna Katherine Gärte was born on November 05, 1769 in Elsoff. She died before 1840 in Prob. Crawford County, Ohio. She married **Johannes Gerhardt** on April 18, 1793 in Elsoff. He was born on February 25, 1772 in Elsoff. He died before 1850 in Prob. Crawford County, Ohio.
- iii. Johann Jost Gärte was born on October 06, 1772 in Elsoff.
- iv. Anna Elisabeth Gärte was born on June 25, 1779.
- v. Christina Gärte was born on September 21, 1782.

Generation 4

8. **Simon Gerhardt** was born in 1716 in Garsbach. He married **Anna Christina Zacharias** on July 26, 1739 in Elsoff.
9. **Anna Christina Zacharias**, daughter of Matthias Zacharias, was born in Elsoff.

Notes for Simon Gerhardt:
Tenant in Schmieds Haus, Elsoff.

Simon Gerhardt and Anna Christina Zacharias had the following child:

4. i. Johann Jost Gerhardt was born on April 07, 1747 in Elsoff. He died on January 21, 1823 in Elsoff. He married **Anna Gertraud Grauel** on June 20, 1771 in Elsoff. She was born on August 01, 1749 in Elsoff. She died on March 25, 1796 in Elsoff.
10. **Johann Jakob Grauel** was born on May 30, 1716 in Elsoff. He died on May 30, 1716 in Elsoff. He married **Elisabeth Margarete Henk** on April 15, 1742 in Elsoff.
11. **Elisabeth Margarete Henk** was born on January 09, 1724 in Sassenhausen. She died on June 27, 1796 in Elsoff.

Johann Jakob Grauel and Elisabeth Margarete Henk had the following child:

5. i. Anna Gertraud Grauel was born on August 01, 1749 in Elsoff. She died on March 25, 1796 in Elsoff. She married **Johann Jost Gerhardt** on June 20, 1771 in Elsoff. He was born on April 07, 1747 in Elsoff. He died on January 21, 1823 in Elsoff.
12. **Johann Georg Gärte** He married **Maria Elisabeth Köhler**
13. **Maria Elisabeth Köhler**

Notes for Johann Georg Gärte:
Tenant in Veltes house in Elsoff.

Johann Georg Gärte and Maria Elisabeth Köhler had the following child:

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6. i. Johann Paul Gärte was born in January 1745 in Elsoff. He died on November 30, 1806 in Elsoff. He married **Anna Christina Grauel** on November 25, 1767.
14. **Johann Peter Grauel** was born in 1703 in Elsoff. He died in 1762 in Elsoff. He married **Maria Elisabeth Bätzel**
15. **Maria Elisabeth Bätzel** was born in 1713 in Elsoff. She died in 1791 in Elsoff.
- Johann Peter Grauel and Maria Elisabeth Bätzel had the following child:
7. i. Anna Christina Grauel She married **Johann Paul Gärte** on November 25, 1767. He was born in January 1745 in Elsoff. He died on November 30, 1806 in Elsoff.

Generation 5

18. **Matthias Zacharias**, son of Henrich Zacharias and Katharina Hof, was born about 1681 in Elsoff.
- Notes for Matthias Zacharias:
Tenant in Schmieds Haus, Elsoff.
- Matthias Zacharias had the following child:
9. i. Anna Christina Zacharias was born in Elsoff. She married **Simon Gerhardt** on July 26, 1739 in Elsoff. He was born in 1716 in Garsbach.

Generation 6

36. **Henrich Zacharias**, son of Johannes Zacharias and Anna Schmidt, was born about 1656 in Elsoff. He died before 1725 in Elsoff. He married **Katharina Hof** on February 26, 1699 in Elsoff.
37. **Katharina Hof**
- Notes for Henrich Zacharias:
Tenant in Schmieds Haus, Elsoff.
- Notes for Katharina Hof:
Attempted to leave (illegally) for East Prussia in 1725 as a widow with the three children.
- Henrich Zacharias and Katharina Hof had the following children:
18. i. Matthias Zacharias was born about 1681 in Elsoff.
ii. Christine Zacharias
iii. Johannes Zacharias

Generation 7

72. **Johannes Zacharias** was born about 1608 in Elsoff. He married **Anna Schmidt** on February 06, 1638 in Elsoff.
73. **Anna Schmidt**, daughter of Matthias Schmidt and Judith Hüster, was born in September 1620 in Elsoff. She died in February 1693.
- Notes for Johannes Zacharias:
Tenant in Schmieds Haus, Elsoff.
- Johannes Zacharias and Anna Schmidt had the following child:
36. i. Henrich Zacharias was born about 1656 in Elsoff. He died before 1725 in Elsoff. He married **Katharina Hof** on February 26, 1699 in Elsoff.

Generation 8

146. **Matthias Schmidt**, son of Johenchen Schmidt and Anna ??, was born about 1588 in Elsoff. He died on July 01, 1634. He married **Judith Hüster** on February 15, 1618.
147. **Judith Hüster** was born about 1593 in Elsoff. She died on August 02, 1636 in Elsoff.
- Notes for Matthias Schmidt:
Tenant in Schmieds Haus, Elsoff. Also called Theiss.
- Matthias Schmidt and Judith Hüster had the following child:
73. i. Anna Schmidt was born in September 1620 in Elsoff. She died in February 1693. She married **Johannes Zacharias** on February 06, 1638 in Elsoff. He was born about 1608 in Elsoff.

Generation 9

292. **Johenchen Schmidt**, son of Andreas Schmidt, was born about 1554 in Elsoff. He died on March 23, 1627 in Elsoff. He married **Anna ??** in 1584.

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293. **Anna ??**

Notes for Johenchen Schmidt:
Tenant in Schmieds Haus, Elsoff.

Johenchen Schmidt and Anna ?? had the following child:

146. i. Matthias Schmidt was born about 1588 in Elsoff. He died on July 01, 1634. He married **Judith Hüster** on February 15, 1618. She was born about 1593 in Elsoff. She died on August 02, 1636 in Elsoff.

Generation 10

584. **Andreas Schmidt** was born about 1524 in Elsoff.

Notes for Andreas Schmidt:
First known tenant in Schmieds Haus, Elsoff.

Andreas Schmidt had the following child:

292. i. Johenchen Schmidt was born about 1554 in Elsoff. He died on March 23, 1627 in Elsoff. He married **Anna ??** in 1584.