

# Ancestors of Johann Georg Homrighausen

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## Generation 1

1. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Spies, was born on May 20, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 21, 1909 in Black Hawk County, Iowa. He married **Anna Elisabeth Müsse** on April 17, 1864 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 10, 1843 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 20, 1865 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Riedesel** on October 27, 1867. She was born on June 04, 1844 in Rehseifen. She died in 1916 in Iowa.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Born in the house im Oberen Sohl, Wunderthausen. Shortly after his second marriage to Elisabeth Riedesel, he went to America--probably 1868, but I have not found an exact record. The German records say they went to Wheatland. However, the 1880 Census appears to place them in Bremer County where his occupation is that of a mason. The oldest daughter's birthplace was listed as Illinois. In 1900 they are near Waterloo in Black Hawk County.

The family adopted the spelling of Homrighaus.

Notes for Elisabeth Riedesel:

By 1900 she had borne ten children, of whom five were still alive. I cannot identify her parents, though the Wunderthausen record says her father was Ludwig Riedesel, a forest supervisor in nearby Rehseifen.

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## Generation 2

2. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Maria Magdalena Pott, was born on March 17, 1813 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 22, 1874 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Spies**.
3. **Anna Elisabeth Spies**, daughter of Johannes Spies and Anna Elisabeth Lauber, was born on April 26, 1810 in Girkhausen. She died on December 11, 1857 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Inherited Langes Haus but sold it to build the house Im oberen Sohl.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Spies:

She seems to have been born in a house at Hoheleye, a hamlet belonging to Girkhausen.

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

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  - i. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born on May 20, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 21, 1909 in Black Hawk County, Iowa. He married Anna Elisabeth Müsse on April 17, 1864 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 10, 1843 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 20, 1865 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Riedesel on October 27, 1867. She was born on June 04, 1844 in Rehseifen. She died in 1916 in Iowa.
  - ii. Maria Magdalena Homrighausen was born on May 21, 1838 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 12, 1838 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Sophia Homrighausen was born on June 28, 1840 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 09, 1840.
  - iv. Ludwig Homrighausen was born on April 27, 1843 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 07, 1843 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Georg Wilhelm Homrighausen was born on April 05, 1844 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1928 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharine Riedesel on November 15, 1868 in Girkhausen. She was born on December 11, 1848 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 14, 1912 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Wilhelm Homrighausen:

Born in the house im Sohl but became the owner of Bergmanns/Gabels through marriage.

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- vi. Jacob Heinrich Homrighausen was born on June 18, 1849 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 06, 1926 in Wunderthausen.
  - vii. Johannes Homrighausen was born on May 29, 1851 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 08, 1852 in Wunderthausen.
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### Generation 3

- 4. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Elisabeth Amalia Riedesel, was born on February 09, 1786 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 19, 1851 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Magdalena Pott** on January 15, 1801 in Wunderthausen.
- 5. **Maria Magdalena Pott**, daughter of Johannes Pott and Maria Elisabeth Klein, was born on November 08, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 08, 1850 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Tenant in Neues Brückehaus/Langes. Found frozen to death.

Notes for Maria Magdalena Pott:

Born in Mannes Haus.

Maria Magdalena Pott and Johann Georg Homrighausen had the following children:

- i. Johann Philipp Homrighausen was born on August 07, 1805 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 28, 1885 in Denver, Bremer, Iowa (Fairview Cemetery, Denver, Iowa). He married Helene Magdalena Germann. She was born on September 28, 1819 in Germany. She died on October 12, 1857 in Schaumburg, Cook, Illinois.

Notes for Johann Philipp Homrighausen:

Born in Langes Haus in Wunderthausen. Went to America in the Apollo, landing in New York out of Bremen on July 7, 1835. He was another of those whose children modified the family name. There were other Wunderthäuser who settled in Denver, Iowa, but this family spent a lot of time in Ohio first.

- ii. Georg Ludwig Homrighausen was born on January 03, 1808 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 19, 1885 in Stone Creek, Tuscarawas, Ohio.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Homrighausen:

He was born in Langes Haus in Wunderthausen. Records show that he went to America on the ship "Themis" which landed in Baltimore out of Bremen on July 24, 1834.

There is some false information out there about him. It was not him who fathered a child by Catherine Magdalena Weller back in Wunderthausen, but a Georg Hermann Homrighausen. Nor is there a baptismal record for a daughter Elisabeth (or anyone else!) born in Wunderthausen on July 20, 1834. If he did marry an Elisabeth Alderman, she was not a Wittgensteiner. An Elisabeth Homrighausen married a Cronebach and had a family, but I am not at all certain of the relationships.

- iii. Johannes Homrighausen was born on October 06, 1810 in Wunderthausen.
- 2. iv. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born on March 17, 1813 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 22, 1874 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Spies. She was born on April 26, 1810 in Girkhausen. She died on December 11, 1857 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Katharina Lauber on May 16, 1858. She was born on July 23, 1818 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). She died on September 26, 1869 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Ludwig Heinrich Homrighausen was born on February 26, 1821 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 09, 1855 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio (Mud Run Cemetery, Tuscarawas). He married Julia Kinsey about 1844 in Ohio. She was born in 1821 in Switzerland.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Homrighausen:

Born in Neus Brückehaus/Langes in Wunderthausen. Received permission to come to America in 1841 but we don't have a ship's record for him. He settled in

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Tuscarawas County, Ohio His children and their descendants modified the family name.

Notes for Julia Kinsey:  
She had at least one previous marriage.

6. **Johannes Spies**, son of Johann Georg Spies and Anna Gertraud Pott, was born on August 28, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 29, 1820 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Lauber** on March 23, 1787.
7. **Anna Elisabeth Lauber**, daughter of Johannes Lauber and Anna Elisabeth Rühl, was born on November 15, 1767 in Girkhausen. She died on April 22, 1828.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Lauber:

She lived in a house at Hoheleye, a hamlet belonging to Girkhausen. Her husband was from Wunderthausen but married into this house.

Anna Elisabeth Lauber and Johannes Spies had the following child:

3. i. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born on April 26, 1810 in Girkhausen. She died on December 11, 1857 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen. He was born on March 17, 1813 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 22, 1874 in Wunderthausen.

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#### Generation 4

8. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Magdalena Strackbein, was born on April 07, 1744 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 30, 1824 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Amalia Riedesel** on February 10, 1774 in Wunderthausen.
  9. **Elisabeth Amalia Riedesel**, daughter of Johann Georg Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Knoche, was born on November 18, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 10, 1821 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:  
Tenant in Neues Brüchehaus/Langes.
- Elisabeth Amalia Riedesel and Johann Georg Homrighausen had the following children:
- i. Elisabeth Amalia Homrighausen was born on August 17, 1783 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 25, 1784 in Wunderthausen.
  4. ii. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born on February 09, 1786 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 19, 1851 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Magdalena Pott on January 15, 1801 in Wunderthausen. She was born on November 08, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 08, 1850 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen was born on October 26, 1788 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 03, 1789 in Wunderthausen.
10. **Johannes Pott**, son of Johann Hermann Pott and Elisabeth Gertraud Trapp, was born on October 01, 1755 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 06, 1824 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Klein** on November 16, 1786 in Wunderthausen.
  11. **Maria Elisabeth Klein**, daughter of Johannes Klein and Anna Becker, was born on July 31, 1754 in Dachsloch. She died on March 21, 1823 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Pott:  
Born in and tenant in Mannes Haus, Wunderthausen.

Notes for Maria Elisabeth Klein:  
Born in Dachsloch.

Maria Elisabeth Klein and Johannes Pott had the following children:

- i. Johannes Pott was born before 1780. He died on March 18, 1850.
5. ii. Maria Magdalena Pott was born on November 08, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 08, 1850 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen. He was born on November 02, 1781 in Wunderthausen. He died

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on December 19, 1851 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen on January 15, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 09, 1786 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 19, 1851 in Wunderthausen.

- iii. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born on October 28, 1784 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 06, 1827 in Wunderthausen. She married Christian Beitzel. He was born on November 09, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 18, 1816 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Pott:  
Born in Mannes Haus.

Notes for Christian Beitzel:  
Born in the house Unter der Leye. Neither he nor his wife inherited a tenancy so it is unclear where or how they lived.

- iv. Maria Elisabeth Pott was born on December 02, 1786 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 15, 1852 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Riedesel on August 03, 1823. He was born on June 24, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 17, 1842 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Maria Elisabeth Pott:  
Born in Mannes Haus.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:  
Tenant in Wetzels Haus, Wunderthausen.

- v. Johannes Pott was born on April 01, 1789 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 22, 1856 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Wilhelmine Riedesel on August 03, 1823 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 23, 1803 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 08, 1878 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Pott:  
Born in and became the tenant in Mannes Haus.

- vi. Catherine Elisabeth Pott was born on November 28, 1793 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 03, 1866 in Littlestown, Adams, Pennsylvania. She married Johannes Riedesel about 1815. He was born on September 15, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 03, 1855 in Littlestown, Adams, Pennsylvania.

Notes for Catherine Elisabeth Pott:  
Born in Mannes Haus in Wunderthausen. The records show her traveling to America as "Pott" and with a child in 1818. Her husband (to be) left at the same time, but it appears that they were not married at the time they applied to emigrate. The child was certainly the son known later as Johannes Riedesel or Rittase.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:  
Born in Wetzels Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to Pennsylvania in 1818 where he was known as John Rittase. They farmed near Hanover, York County before moving to a farm in Union Township, Adams County. He is buried at Christ Church near Littlestown, PA, in Adams County with the following inscription:

In memory of  
JOHN RITTASE  
born Sept. 15, 1787  
in the canton of  
Wittgenstein in the  
kingdom of Prussia  
and being a citizen  
of America for the  
last 40 years

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died Nov. 3, 1855

It appears that the family eventually agreed on "Rittase" and used that spelling consistently thereafter. Church records when their children were young used some variation on "Riedes." It was a German-speaking congregation and one might have expected the proper name to have endured, but that was not the case. "Rittase" sounds very much like the Wittgenstein pronunciation of "Riedesel" except for dropping the final "L". Everyone with this name appears to trace back to John.

12. **Johann Georg Spies**, son of Johann Daniel Spies and Anna Elisabeth Hederich, was born on December 27, 1720 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 20, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Pott** on December 11, 1748 in Wunderthausen.

13. **Anna Gertraud Pott**, daughter of Johann Valentin Pott and Anna Maria Magdalena Spies, was born on January 20, 1727 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1805 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Spies:

Born in and tenant in Beckers Haus, Wunderthausen.

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

- i. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born on January 24, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 26, 1817 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Phillip Lauber on May 29, 1772 in Girkhausen. He was born on January 10, 1750 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He died on November 22, 1793 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Phillip Lauber:

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

- ii. Johann Arndt Spies was born on December 16, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 11, 1757 in Wunderthausen.
  - 6. iii. Johannes Spies was born on August 28, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 29, 1820 in Girkhausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Lauber on March 23, 1787. She was born on November 15, 1767 in Girkhausen. She died on April 22, 1828.
  - iv. Anna Gertraud Spies was born on January 01, 1762 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 07, 1812 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Maria Juliana Spies was born on February 01, 1767 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 22, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
14. **Johannes Lauber**, son of Johannes Lauber, was born on September 13, 1743 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He died on November 04, 1793 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He married **Anna Elisabeth Rühl** on February 24, 1767.

15. **Anna Elisabeth Rühl**, daughter of Konrad Rühl and Katharina Benfer, was born on January 02, 1742 in Langewiese. She died on January 31, 1801 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen).

Anna Elisabeth Rühl and Johannes Lauber had the following children:

- 7. i. Anna Elisabeth Lauber was born on November 15, 1767 in Girkhausen. She died on April 22, 1828. She married Johannes Spies on March 23, 1787. He was born on August 28, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 29, 1820 in Girkhausen.
- ii. Johann Georg Lauber was born on August 07, 1772 in Girkhausen (Hoheleye). He died on January 05, 1860 in Girkhausen (Hoheleye). He married Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Pott on October 07, 1791. She was born on March 15, 1762 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 14, 1836 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He married an unknown spouse on October 07, 1791.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Pott:

Born in Mannes Haus.