Compiled by Dr. Paul Riedesel using independent transcriptions of church registers and other documents for Wittgenstein by Jochen Karl Mehldau (1934-2022), Georg Lauber (1904-1978), and J. Wilhelm Knoche (1883-1944).

# Ancestors of Katherine Knebel

# Generation 1

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

Notes for Katherine Knebel:

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

Notes for Johann Heinrich Riedesel:

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

# Generation 2

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

# Notes for Johannes Knebel:

Known as John. Born in Schmeds Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to America in 1865 and settled near Wheatland in November of that year. Previous notes had them coming in1866, but a ship's record matches them well. John, Elisabeth and the three younger children were aboard the SS Hansa, which arrived October 27, 1865 in New York out of Bremen. In the 1870 Census the family is listed near the Puetsch and J.H. Schneider families. John had no real estate so he was obviously renting from another owner. He was getting old when he came to America, but Johns's children flourished here.

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

# Notes for Anna Elisabeth Schneider:

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

Anna Elisabeth Schneider and Johannes Knebel had the following children:

 Amalia Knebel was born on May 16, 1836 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 08, 1918 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married John Koch on October 08, 1859. He was born in December 1824 in Prussia. He died on March 20, 1904 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). Notes for Amalia Knebel:

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

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

- ii. Anna Elisabeth Knebel was born on April 26, 1838 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 10, 1839 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johannes Knebel was born on October 21, 1841 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 26, 1897 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Anna Elisabeth Bender on June 17, 1862 in Wunderthausen. She was born on November 10, 1842 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 25, 1906 in Wheatland Clinton, Iowa.

#### Notes for Johannes Knebel:

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

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Bender:

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

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

Notes for Elisabeth Florentine Knebel:

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

vi. Anna Elisabeth Knebel was born on September 29, 1852 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 27, 1921 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Georg Fey on September 11, 1874 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on October 23, 1848 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 19, 1936 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Knebel:

Came to America in 1865 from Schmeds/Franzose in Wunderthausen on the ship Hansa out of Bremen. The ship arrived on October 27, 1865 in New York. She had six children by 1900 but only three were alive in 1900. The names of the other three are not known to me.

Notes for Johann Georg Fey:

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

# Generation 3

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

Notes for Johann Henrich Knebel:

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

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

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

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

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

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

Notes for Georg Ludwig Schneider: Born in Altehäusers Haus and became the tenant after his father.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel: Born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen.

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

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

Notes for Johann Georg Schneider: Born in Althäusers Haus, Wunderthausen. He was the heir, but sold the property and left for America. He applied for emigration on January 23, 1848 and the family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848. Presumably they went directly to Crawford County, Ohio. Their daughter, Catherine, was already there and had married J. Ludwig Riedesel in Crawford County, Ohio. In 1852, he and his son, Henry, walked to Clinton County, Iowa, to purchase land. He was a founding member of the German Reformed Church in Wheatland and an Elder. There are inconsistent records of the date of his death, but I rely on the contemporaneous diary of the Rev. Klar. He died without leaving a will.

Notes for Luise Florentine Wetter:

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

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

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

Notes for Elisabeth Florentine Schneider:

Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen though lived with her husband at Petersgrund. The family came briefly to America in 1833 but went back to Wunderthausen, returning to stay in 1845. The latter trip was on the ship Minna out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 4, 1845.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Wetter:

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

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

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

- iv. Johannes Schneider was born on December 03, 1807 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 13, 1809 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Ludwig Heinrich Schneider was born on February 20, 1810 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 24, 1883 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Elisabeth Amalia Mörchen on September 23, 1838. She was born on March 11, 1809 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 15, 1894 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Schneider:

Known as Louis or J.H. Born in Altehäusers Haus, Wunderthausen but became a kind of sub-tenant or renter in the house called Häusches . Applied to emigrate on February 18, 1857 and came to America with his family on the ship Johann Schmidt out of Bremen. It landed in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. They apparently went immediately to Wheatland. Was a member of the first Board of Trustees when St. Paul's was founded in 1861. If I am correct, his farm was in Section 17 of the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County.

Notes for Elisabeth Amalia Mörchen:

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

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

Notes for Maria Catherine Schneider:

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

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

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

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

Notes for Elisabeth Florentine Schneider:

She and her twin sister were born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. Some of suggested that she died in 1834, but that was the fate of another 10-year old Elisabeth Schneider.

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### **Generation 4**

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

Notes for Georg Hermann Knebel: Born in and tenant in Schwarze Haus, Wunderthausen.

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

i. Johann Georg Knebel was born on February 21, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 25, 1832 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Amalia Strackbein on March 07, 1785 in Wunderthausen. She was born on June 15, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 13, 1833 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Knebel: Born in and tenant in Schwarze house.

Notes for Maria Amalia Strackbein: Born in Kurts house.

ii. Elisabeth Gertraud Knebel was born on January 17, 1760 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 29, 1813 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Strackbein on March 07, 1785 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Strackbein on March 07, 1785. He was born on December 27, 1762 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 04, 1829 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein: Born in and tenant in Kurts house.

- iii. Ludwig Knebel was born on December 01, 1762 in Wunderthausen.
- 4. iv. Johann Henrich Knebel was born on December 15, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 18, 1820 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Margarete Lauber on January 24, 1794 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 23, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 10, 1826 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Elisabeth Amalia Knebel was born on November 04, 1768 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 11, 1813 in Wunderthausen.
  - vi. Anna Elisabeth Knebel was born on February 14, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 13, 1797 in Wunderthausen.
  - vii. Georg Hermann Knebel was born on January 20, 1774 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 08, 1775 in Wunderthausen.
  - viii. Georg Garbriel Knebel was born on December 19, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 25, 1806 in Wunderthausen.
  - ix. Elisabeth Gertraud Knebel was born on January 23, 1779 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 28, 1779 in Wunderthausen.
- 10. **Johann Phillip Lauber**, son of Johannes Lauber and Anna Martha Elisabeth Neumeyer, was born on January 10, 1750 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He died on November 22, 1793 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Spies** on May 29, 1772 in Girkhausen.
- 11. **Anna Elisabeth Spies**, daughter of Johann Georg Spies and Anna Gertraud Pott, was born on January 24, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 26, 1817 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Phillip Lauber:

Born at Hoheleye near Girkhausen, became tenant in Beckers. Moved on to Schmeds house. Anna Elisabeth Spies and Johann Phillip Lauber had the following children:

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

Notes for Johann Heinrich Dickel:

During his life, the mill belonged to the parish and community of Girkhausen. Only following a modern reorganization is the property officially tied to the villageof Neuastenberg in the town of Winterberg in the Hochsauerland Kreis.

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

Notes for Johann Jost Schneider: Born in the Hilchenbach area but married into Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Catharina Elisabeth Dorothea Riedesel: Born in Altehäusers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband. Known as Anna Elisabeth.

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

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

Notes for Johann Philipp Schneider: First tenant in Hanphilippses Haus in Wunderthausen.

iii. Johann Georg Schneider was born on January 21, 1791 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 17, 1791 in Wunderthausen.

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

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born into Weymers Haus and became the tenant. He was the second person to serve as schoolmaster in Wunderthausen. There was no school building so classes were held in one or another house, which was not very satisfactory.

Notes for Maria Elisabeth Dienst:

Born in Linde Haus in Wunderthausen.

Maria Elisabeth Dienst and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

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

Notes for Johann Franz Riedesel: Born in Weymers Haus but became the tenant in Seimes.

- ii. Maria Juliana Riedesel was born on March 31, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 04, 1777 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on June 02, 1778 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 15, 1857 in Wunderthausen. He married Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 22, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 22, 1845 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel: Born in and tenant in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen.

- iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel was born on March 02, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 14, 1852 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Ludwig Schneider on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 28, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 08, 1837 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Ludwig Riedesel was born on February 21, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. He married Florentine Althaus on February 08, 1818 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 08, 1792 in Wunderthausen. She died in 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio.

Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:

He was born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen but married into Haase Haus. This was one of the smaller houses in the village. It was unusual for a man his age to emigrate, but the greater opportunities for his four sons (and already married daughter) may have been compelling. The house and property (meagre, I think) were sold to J. Daniel Müsse from Jochums Haus. Most of the family traveled to New York, landing on June 7, 1845. Son J. Ludwig had gone the year before, and they brought with them his fiance, Catherine Schneider. All settled in Crawford County, Ohio.

Ludwig and Florentine died around 1847-1848, reportedly in an epidemic of some kind (cholera?) along with their daughter-in-law and at least one grandchild. They were interred in a private cemetery probably belonging to the Gerhardts. Its identity is long lost but we are reasonably certain where it is.

Notes for Florentine Althaus:

She was born in Haase Haus, which passed to her husband upon their marriage since she was the oldest child. In 1845, most of the family left Wunderthausen to go to America. They traveled on the ship "New York" out of Bremen, and landed in New York city on June 7, 1845. Her sister, Maria Elisabeth, had come to America years before, married Christian Gerhardt, and settled in Crawford County, Ohio. They joined them. Florentine and her husband died within a few years, reportedly in 1847-1848 in an epidemic.

vi. Johannes Riedesel was born on June 24, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 16, 1812 in Stetti.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

He died in a military hospital in Stettin, a once German city now "Szczecin" in Poland. He was a conscript in the army with which Napoleon fatally invaded Russia. The French had taken over Wittgenstein years before so the peasants were subject to both heavy taxes and conscription.

vii. Maria Amalia Riedesel was born on January 18, 1789 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 19, 1846 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Philipp Schneider on May 05, 1811 in Wunderthausen. He was born on September 21, 1788 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 22, 1838 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Philipp Schneider: First tenant in Hanphilippses Haus in Wunderthausen.

viii. Maria Juliana Riedesel was born on June 30, 1791 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 22, 1836 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Mörchen on June 19, 1830 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 02, 1796 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 22, 1836 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Mörchen: The miller in Wunderthausen.

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- 16. **Johann Hermann Knebel** was born about 1685 in Berghausen. He died on May 05, 1750 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catherine Wetzel** on November 28, 1727 in Wunderthausen.
- 17. **Anna Catherine Wetzel**, daughter of Johann Georg Wetzel and Anna Gertraud Homrighausen, was born on December 08, 1705 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 14, 1783 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Knebel: Was a shepherd and died in a meadow with the sheep. Resided in Schwarze Haus, Wunderthausen.

Anna Catherine Wetzel and Johann Hermann Knebel had the following children:

- Georg Hermann Knebel was born on August 01, 1729 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 01, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Womelsdorf on January 08, 1756 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 17, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 28, 1794 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Elisabeth Gertraud Knebel was born on March 28, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 22, 1742 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Anna Elisabeth Knebel was born on December 13, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 08, 1799 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen on April 06, 1772 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 03, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 20, 1784 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Strackbein on March 01, 1786. He was born on February 26, 1749 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen: Became the tenant in Beitzels.

- iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Knebel was born on August 14, 1743 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Strackbein.
- v. Johannes Knebel was born on December 25, 1746 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 21, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Dorothea Schröder on January 07, 1780.
- Johannes Womelsdorf, son of Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf and Juliana Strackbein, was born on August 27, 1690 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Gertraud Pott on October 21, 1718.
- 19. **Anna Gertraud Pott**, daughter of Johann Hermann Pott and Anna Elisabeth Knoche, 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.

Anna Gertraud Pott and Johannes Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf was born on November 22, 1720 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 22, 1773 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Pott on June 20, 1738. He was born on August 15, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 16, 1763 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johannes Womelsdorf was born on February 05, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1726 in Wunderthausen.
- Johannes Womelsdorf was born on December 10, 1726 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 12, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein on July 03, 1750 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 29, 1730 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 19, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Womelsdorf: Became the tenant in Grosse house.

 iv. Ludwig Heinrich Womelsdorf was born on November 19, 1729 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 26, 1773 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Amalia Wagner on January 18, 1770 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 08, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 06, 1830 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Womelsdorf: Born in Kurts Haus, Wunderthausen, but eventually became the tenant in Beckers.

- v. Anna Gertraud Womelsdorf was born on March 11, 1733 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1745.
- vi. Elisabeth Gertraud Womelsdorf was born on December 17, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 28, 1794 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Hermann Knebel on January 08, 1756 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 01, 1729 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 01, 1794 in Wunderthausen.
- 20. **Johannes Lauber**, son of Johann Philipp Lauber and Anna Margarete Lückel, was born on February 22, 1715 in Girkhausen (Hoheleye). He died on February 28, 1797 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He married **Anna Martha Elisabeth Neumeyer** in 1737 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen).
- 21. **Anna Martha Elisabeth Neumeyer**, daughter of Christian Friedrich Neumeyer and Anna Elisabeth Möller, was born on October 17, 1721 in Fulda, Germany. She died on December 04, 1796 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen).

Anna Martha Elisabeth Neumeyer and Johannes Lauber had the following children:

- Anna Elisabeth Lauber was born on February 25, 1747 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). She died on August 28, 1777 in Langewiese. She married Johannes Spies on November 16, 1763 in Girkhausen. He was born on March 09, 1743 in Langewiese. He died on October 08, 1806 in Langewiese.
- 10. ii. Johann Phillip Lauber was born on January 10, 1750 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He died on November 22, 1793 in Wunderthausen. He married

Anna Elisabeth Spies on May 29, 1772 in Girkhausen. She was born on January 24, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 26, 1817 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Georg Hermann Lauber was born on December 02, 1762 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 18, 1793 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Magdalena
 Womelsdorf on July 04, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 17, 1759 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 24, 1819 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Hermann Lauber: Born at Hoheleye near Girkhausen, took over Grosse house in Wunderthauen by marriage.

- 22. **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.
- 23. **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:

- 11. 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.
  - ii. Johann Arndt Spies was born on December 16, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 11, 1757 in Wunderthausen.
  - 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.

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.

- 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.
- Johannes Schneider was born in Hilchenbach. He married Anna Maria Helm.

# 25. Anna Maria Helm. She died in 1783.

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Anna Maria Helm and Johannes Schneider had the following child:

- Johann Jost Schneider was born on October 31, 1756 in Helberhausen. He died on February 26, 1839 in Wunderthausen. He married Catharina Elisabeth Dorothea Riedesel on February 14, 1783 in Wunderthausen. She was born on August 30, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1806 in Wunderthausen.
- 26. **Gabriel Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Margarete Müsse, was born on May 03, 1735 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 24, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Kümmel** on November 29, 1765 in Wunderthausen.
- 27. **Anna Margarete Kümmel**, daughter of Johann Jost Kümmel and Anna Margarete Homrighausen, was born on April 12, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 02, 1791 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Gabriel Riedesel:

Born in Gundermanns Haus but married into Altehäusers and became the tenant.

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.

Anna Margarete Kümmel and Gabriel Riedesel had the following children:

- Catharina Elisabeth Dorothea Riedesel was born on August 30, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1806 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jost Schneider on February 14, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 31, 1756 in Helberhausen. He died on February 26, 1839 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Maria Elisabeth Riedesel was born on January 27, 1769 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 24, 1826 in Wunderthausen.
  - Elisabeth Amalie Riedesel was born on February 26, 1771 in Wunderthausen.
    She died on May 11, 1849 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Ludwig Mörchen on September 14, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 11, 1763 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 17, 1828 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Mörchen: First tenant am Gefälle.

- iv. Johann Franz Riedesel was born on August 10, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 14, 1829 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Juliane Trapp on August 20, 1808 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 09, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 12, 1834 in Wunderthausen.
- 28. **Georg Gabriel Riedesel**, son of Wilhelm Riedesel and Anna Margarethe Spies, 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.
- 29. **Elisabeth Gertraud Weller**, daughter of Johann Phillip Weller and Anna Gertraud Trapp, was born on August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Riedesel:

Married into Wetezels 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.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Weller:

Born in Weymers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband.

Elisabeth Gertraud Weller and Georg Gabriel Riedesel had the following children:

- Johannes Riedesel was born on August 27, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 19, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Dienst on April 21, 1776 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 26, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 07, 1805 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Anna Margarethe Riedesel was born on December 19, 1756 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 20, 1819 in Langewiese. She married Johannes Spies on September 06, 1781 in Girkhausen. He was born on March 09, 1743 in Langewiese. He died on October 08, 1806 in Langewiese.
  - iii. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on March 06, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He died in Prob. America. He married Florentine Spies. She was born in 1759 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel: Granted permission to emigrate to the United States in 1796/97. It is not

absolutely certain that he left and no records of him or any progeny have surfaced in the U.S. One reading of his baptismal record is with the name Ludwig.

- iv. Maria Juliana Riedesel was born on January 31, 1763 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 15, 1763 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Georg Ludwig Riedesel was born on May 21, 1764 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 23, 1764 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Georg Gabriel Riedesel was born on June 09, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 28, 1833 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Florentine Beitzel on January 13, 1793 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 13, 1749 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 24, 1793 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Gernand on January 28, 1800 in Diedenshausen. She was born on March 15, 1777 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 20, 1839 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Riedesel:

Born in Weimers Haus in Wunderthausen but became the tenant in Pauls Haus in Diedenshausen. He left for America in 1796, but returned in 1799.

vii. Georg Franz Riedesel was born on February 19, 1769 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Riedesel: Believed to have gone to America in 1796. It's a good guess that he was absorbed into the Baltimore community, though other Wittgensteiners settled in Pennsylvania as well.

viii. Anna Catherina Elisabeth Riedesel was born on February 15, 1773 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 24, 1847 in Wunderthausen. She married Ludwig Heinrich Strackbein on July 23, 1796 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 26, 1771 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 06, 1826 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Strackbein: Born in Kurts Haus, Wunderthausen. Became the tenant in Schäfers.

- 30. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst and Catherine Elisabeth Spies, was born on August 11, 1719 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 18, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Magdalena Pott** in 1747 in Wunderthausen.
- 31. **Maria Magdalena Pott**, daughter of Johann Valentin Pott and Anna Maria Magdalena Spies, was born on August 07, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 01, 1800 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst: Tenant in Linde Haus.

Notes for Maria Magdalena Pott: Born in Beitzels Haus.

Maria Magdalena Pott and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

i. Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Dienst was born on December 09, 1747 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 15, 1784 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Gabriel Homrighausen on January 17, 1766 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 14, 1739 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1799 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Homrighausen: Born in and became the tenant in Hohmanns Haus in Wunderthausen.

 ii. Johann Franz Dienst was born on April 27, 1749 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 19, 1827 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen on January 18, 1782 in Wunderthausen. She was born on August 27, 1759 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 29, 1835 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Dienst: Born in and tenant in Linde Haus, Wunderthausen.

- iii. Catharina Dienst was born on February 26, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 24, 1752 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johannes Dienst was born on December 01, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 06, 1753 in Wunderthausen.

- v. Johannes Dienst was born on January 25, 1754 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 29, 1754 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Maria Elisabeth Dienst was born on February 26, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 07, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Riedesel on April 21, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 27, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 19, 1835 in Wunderthausen.
  - vii. Maria Magdalena Dienst was born on March 16, 1757 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 21, 1758 in Wunderthausen.
  - viii. Johannes Dienst was born on May 01, 1759 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 02, 1835 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Catharina Homrighausen on January 18, 1789. She was born on September 18, 1763 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 29, 1814 in Diedenshausen.
  - ix. Maria Magdalena Dienst was born on March 29, 1762 in Wunderthausen.
  - x. Sebastian Dienst was born on February 14, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 04, 1833 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He married Anna Katharine Lauber on October 23, 1789. She was born on July 25, 1766 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). She died on August 13, 1834 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen).

Notes for Sebastian Dienst: Born in Linde Haus in Wunderthausen but married into a house in Girkhausen/Hoheleye.

- xi. Johann Georg Dienst was born on June 17, 1767 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 12, 1781 in Wunderthausen.
- xii. Johann Georg Dienst was born on March 08, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1770 in Wunderthausen.

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- 34. **Johann Georg Wetzel**, son of Johannes Wetzel and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen** on August 20, 1705 in Wunderthausen.
- 35. **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen**, daughter of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born about 1683 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Wetzel:

Shepherd, and lived in Schwarze house.

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

- Anna Catherine Wetzel was born on December 08, 1705 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 14, 1783 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Hermann Knebel on November 28, 1727 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1685 in Berghausen. He died on May 05, 1750 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Elisabeth Margaretehe Wetzel was born before 1711 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1726.
- 36. **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.
- 37. **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.

Juliana Strackbein and Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Anna Catharina Womelsdorf was born about 1676.
- ii. Anna Gertraud Womelsdorf was born on October 14, 1679.

 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.

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

- 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.
- 38. **Johann Hermann Pott**, son of Curt Pott and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Knoche** on March 20, 1698.
- 39. **Anna Elisabeth Knoche**, daughter of Johann Henrich Knoche and ?? Homrighausen, was born about 1675 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1715 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Pott: Born in and became the tenant in Kurts.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Knoche:

Said to be born in Bormanns house, Wunderthausen, but does not show up in the records for that house as a child.

Anna Elisabeth Knoche and Johann Hermann Pott had the following children:

- i. Johann Jacob Pott was born on December 27, 1698 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johannes Pott was born on February 24, 1700 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 16, 1760. He married Anna Maria Wagner. She was born on December 11, 1711 in Girkhausen. She died on August 24, 1780.
- iii. Anna Gertraud Pott was born on March 30, 1703 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 08, 1762 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Womelsdorf on October 21, 1718. He was born on August 27, 1690 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- 40. **Johann Philipp Lauber**, son of Johann Kaspar Lauber and Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf, was born on October 26, 1683 in Girkhausen. He died on April 18, 1742 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Margarete Lückel** before 1701.
- 41. **Anna Margarete Lückel**, daughter of Johann Kaspar Lückel, was born about 1679 in Probably Girkhausen. She died on September 24, 1751 in Girkhausen.

Anna Margarete Lückel and Johann Philipp Lauber had the following child:

- Johannes Lauber was born on February 22, 1715 in Girkhausen (Hoheleye). He died on February 28, 1797 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He married Anna Martha Elisabeth Neumeyer in 1737 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). She was born on October 17, 1721 in Fulda, Germany. She died on December 04, 1796 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen).
- 42. Christian Friedrich Neumeyer was born in Rotenburg a.d. Fulda. He married Anna Elisabeth Möller.
- 43. **Anna Elisabeth Möller** was born about 1671. She died on September 13, 1741 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen).

Notes for Christian Friedrich Neumeyer:

First Canonist in the Hoheleye. Was a former soldier in Electoral Hesse. He apparently left Hoheleye and settled in Alertshausen.

Anna Elisabeth Möller and Christian Friedrich Neumeyer had the following child:

21. i. Anna Martha Elisabeth Neumeyer was born on October 17, 1721 in Fulda, Germany. She died on December 04, 1796 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). She married Johannes Lauber in 1737 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He was born on February 22, 1715 in Girkhausen (Hoheleye). He died on February 28, 1797 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen).

- 44. **Johann Daniel Spies**, son of Antonius Spies and Anna Margarete Klein, was born on September 24, 1696 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 22, 1781 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Hederich** on February 23, 1719.
- 45. **Anna Elisabeth Hederich**, daughter of Johann Jost Hederich and Anna Magarete Boshof, was born about 1693. She died on July 19, 1755 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Daniel Spies: Tenant in Beckers house.

Anna Elisabeth Hederich and Johann Daniel Spies had the following children:

- Johann Georg Spies 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. She was born on January 20, 1727 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1805 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born on February 09, 1723 in Wunderthausen. She married Emanuel Weyland on June 12, 1756 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Antonius Spies was born on December 10, 1726 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Antonius Spies:

Born in Beckers Haus in Wunderthausen. Believed to have gone to America in 1749 on the ship Fane which sailed from Rotterdam to Philadelphia.

- iv. Elisabeth Margarete Spies was born on March 07, 1730 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
- v. Johann Arndt Spies was born on December 10, 1732 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Trapp on November 26, 1756 in Wunderthausen. She was born on August 24, 1738 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 26, 1802 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Trapp:

The identities of Anna Elisabeth and Anna Gertraud are confused in the church records. The transcript says that Anna Gertraud married Arndt Spies in 1756, but she would only have been 14-15 years old. The marriage date makes more sense for the older sister; what is confusing is that burial record of the widow of Arndt Spies in 1802 says she was 61 (thus born when Anna Gertraud was). But other records show an Anna Gertraudt Trapp marrying Elias Zoode after having his child in 1765. The Girkhausen Dorfbuch (1970 also lists Elias as being married to Anna Gertraud. I lean toward the conclusion that Anna Elisabeth married Arndt Spies and Anna Gertraud married Elias Zoode.

- 46. **Johann Valentin Pott**, son of Curt Pott and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, was born on March 21, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 23, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Magdalena Spies** on June 08, 1716 in Wunderthausen.
- 47. **Anna Maria Magdalena Spies**, daughter of Sebastian Spies and Anna Elisabeth Benfer, was born on March 13, 1692 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 18, 1760 in Wunderthausen.

#### Notes for Johann Valentin Pott:

Born in Kurts Haus but married into Beitzels and became the tenant.

Anna Maria Magdalena Spies and Johann Valentin Pott had the following children:

- i. Johannes Pott was born on August 15, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 16, 1763 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf on June 20, 1738. She was born on November 22, 1720 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 22, 1773 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Catharina Elisabeth Pott was born on February 09, 1721 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born on January 25, 1722 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 06, 1803 in Diedenshausen. She married Sebastian Homrighausen on February 16, 1742 in Diedenshausen. He was born on November 15, 1716 in

Diedenshausen. He died on October 26, 1800 in Diedenshausen.

- 31. iv. Maria Magdalena Pott was born on August 07, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 01, 1800 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Dienst in 1747 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 11, 1719 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 18, 1784 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Anna Gertraud Pott was born on January 20, 1727 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Spies on December 11, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 27, 1720 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 20, 1787 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Spies on December 11, 1748.
  - vi. Johann Hermann Pott was born on August 03, 1729 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 23, 1807 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Trapp on October 29, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 15, 1730 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 11, 1791 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Pott: Born in Beitzels Haus, Wunderthausen, became the tenant in Mannes.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Trapp: Born in Mannes Haus.

 vii. Johann Georg Pott was born on January 30, 1732 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 19, 1796 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Amalia Wagner on May 28, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 08, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 06, 1830 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Pott: Born in Beitzels house, but eventually took over Beckers.

- viii. Franz Pott was born on March 06, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 15, 1792. He married Florentine Pott on November 17, 1755. She was born on September 28, 1739 in Girkhausen. She died on November 26, 1794.
- 52. **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 Margarete Müsse** on May 17, 1734 in Wunderthausen.
- 53. **Anna Margarete Müsse** was born about 1715 in Elsoff. She died on July 10, 1743 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in Gundermanns Haus and became the first tenant in Neuhäusers Haus at some point.

Anna Margarete Müsse and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

- 26. i. Gabriel Riedesel was born on May 03, 1735 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 24, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarete Kümmel on November 29, 1765 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 12, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 02, 1791 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on March 13, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 23, 1740 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Johann Philipp Riedesel was born on January 28, 1741 in Wunderthausen.
- 54. **Johann Jost Kümmel**, son of Johann Nickel Kümmell 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.
- 55. **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.

Anna Margarete Homrighausen and Johann Jost Kümmel 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.

Notes for Matthias Kümmel: Born in Altehäusers house in Wunderthausen; married into and became the tenant in Neuhäusers.

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.
- 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.

- 56. **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.
- 57. **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.

# Notes for Anna Margarethe Spies:

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

Anna Margarethe Spies and Wilhelm Riedesel 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.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Knoche: Born in Wetzels Haus, Wunderthausen.

- ii. Liese Gertraudt Riedesel was born on December 30, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- 52. 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 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.

Notes for Anna Catharina Ruppert: Born in Wetzels house.

- 28. 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.
  - 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.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen: Became the tenant in Beitzels.

- 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.
- 58. **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.
- 59. **Anna Gertraud Trapp**, daughter of Theis Trapp and Anna Margaretha 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.

Anna Gertraud Trapp and Johann Phillip Weller 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.
- 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.

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp: Born in Mannes Haus, became tenant in Brückewaymars Haus 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.
  - 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.
- 60. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst and Anna Justina Gärte, was born on July 18, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734 in Wunderthausen. He married **Catherine Elisabeth Spies** on May 16, 1718 in Wunderthausen.
- 61. **Catherine Elisabeth Spies**, daughter of Sebastian Spies and Anna Elisabeth Benfer, was born on November 11, 1694 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1728 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst: Tenant in Linde Haus.

Notes for Catherine Elisabeth Spies:

Born in Diele or Schreiners Haus in Diedenshausen.

Catherine Elisabeth Spies and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

- Johannes Dienst was born on August 11, 1719 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 18, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Magdalena Pott in 1747 in Wunderthausen. She was born on August 07, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 01, 1800 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Maria Magdalena Dienst was born on March 10, 1722 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Johann Heinrich Dienst was born on February 13, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.