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 Elisabeth Florentine Mörchen

Generation 1

1. **Elisabeth Florentine Mörchen**, daughter of Johann Franz Mörchen and Anna Wilhelmine Althaus, was born on April 10, 1824 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 24, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married **Johann Georg Schneider** on August 15, 1847 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 06, 1817 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1890 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Elisabeth Florentine Mörchen:

Born in the Haus Am Gefälle in Wunderthausen. Came to the US on the ship "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. By the 1900 Census she claimed 11 children, only 3 of whom were living--all with her.

Notes for Johann Georg Schneider:

Born in Hanphilippses Haus in Wunderthausen, and may have lived with his wife at "Am Gefälle." Applied to emigrate on March 23, 1857. Came to the US on the ship "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. I believe they had a small farm on the eastern edge of Cedar County/Springfield Township/Section 13, and that he was called George D. I have been unable to locate the family in the 1860 Census in either the Spring Rock (Wheatland) Township of Clinton County, Iowa or in Cedar County. There were family connections back in New Jersey but I cannot imagine them sailing through New Orleans if that was their intent. It was a direct boat trip up to Clinton County. The fates of three of their children who were not enumerated in 1870 is thus unknown.

Generation 2

- 2. **Johann Franz Mörchen**, son of Georg Ludwig Mörchen and Elisabeth Amalie Riedesel, was born on December 10, 1795 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1855 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Wilhelmine Althaus** on March 12, 1824 in Wunderthausen.
- 3. **Anna Wilhelmine Althaus**, daughter of Philip Althaus and Maria Gertraudt Haase, was born on October 29, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 25, 1844 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Mörchen: Inherited the house Am Gefälle.

Anna Wilhelmine Althaus and Johann Franz Mörchen had the following children:

 Johannes Mörchen was born on August 14, 1820 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1877 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. He married Catherine Elisabeth Bernhardt on August 10, 1851 in Wunderthausen. She was born on November 27, 1829 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 27, 1915 in Crofton, Knox, Nebraska (Beaver View Cemetery).

Notes for Johannes Mörchen:

The American spelling of the last varied (Merchen, Merchan, Murchen) though he was more consistently known as John. Born in the house Am Gefälle in Wunderthausen. Came to America on the ship "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. Information about his children is inconsistent. I have not seen any one definitive source. Before his death, he farmed 120 acres in Cedar County/Springfield Township/Section 13.

Notes for Catherine Elisabeth Bernhardt:

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

She bore 11 children, 9 of whom were alive in 1900, and 10 of whose names we

know. I have seen a listing for a Joseph Merchen born in 1872, but that is the same year as Henry F. was apparently born. Perhaps they were twins. There was no living Joseph in the 1880 Census. Perhaps there are mistakes.

ii. Elisabeth Florentine Mörchen was born on April 10, 1824 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 24, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Georg Schneider on August 15, 1847 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 06, 1817 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1890 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Generation 3

- 4. Georg Ludwig Mörchen, son of Johann Jost Mörchen and Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen, was born on December 11, 1763 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 17, 1828 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Amalie Riedesel on September 14, 1794 in Wunderthausen.
- 5. **Elisabeth Amalie Riedesel**, daughter of Gabriel Riedesel and Anna Margarete Kümmel, was born on February 26, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 11, 1849 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Mörchen:

First tenant am Gefälle.

Elisabeth Amalie Riedesel and Georg Ludwig Mörchen had the following child:

- i. Johann Franz Mörchen was born on December 10, 1795 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1855 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Wilhelmine Althaus on March 12, 1824 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 29, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 25, 1844 in Wunderthausen.
- 6. **Philip Althaus**, son of Johann Phillip Althaus and Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt, was born in 1737 in Girkhausen. He died on December 02, 1799 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Gertraudt Haase** on March 23, 1766 in Wunderthausen.
- 7. **Maria Gertraudt Haase**, daughter of Johannes Haase and Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche, was born on July 25, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 17, 1799 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Philip Althaus:

Born in Häusches Haus in Girkhausen but married into Haase Haus in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Maria Gertraudt Haase:

Born in Haase Haus which passed to her husband upon her marriage.

Maria Gertraudt Haase and Philip Althaus had the following children:

i. Georg Herman Althaus was born on March 09, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 21, 1824 in Wunderthausen. He married Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen on October 30, 1791 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 03, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 24, 1842 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Herman Althaus:

Inherited the tenancy of Haase Haus from his father.

Notes for Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen:

She born at the Wunderthausen mill.

- ii. Elisabeth Florentine Althaus was born on December 07, 1767 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 20, 1817.
- iii. Johannes Althaus was born on July 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Georg Althaus was born on September 13, 1773 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 12, 1841 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Trapp. She was born on September 29, 1782 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 19, 1849 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Althaus: Founded Hanjörges Haus.

- v. Johann Hermann Althaus was born on October 19, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 29, 1777 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Elisabeth Gertraud Althaus was born on October 28, 1778 in Wunderthausen.
- 3. vii. Anna Wilhelmine Althaus was born on October 29, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 25, 1844 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Franz Mörchen on March 12, 1824 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 10, 1795 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1855 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 4

- 8. **Johann Jost Mörchen**, son of Johann Matthäus Mörchen and Anna Margarete ??, was born on January 20, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died on probably after 1788. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen** on November 18, 1757 in Wunderthausen.
- 9. **Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen**, daughter of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein, was born on December 28, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 10, 1805 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jost Mörchen:

Born at the Wunderthausen Mill and lived there. Christened Johannes Matthias. A record of his death is oddly missing from the local church records. I would surmise that he died after 1788 when his son (and heir to the mill) Johann Georg married.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen: Born in Weißkopfs Haus.

Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen and Johann Jost Mörchen had the following children:

i. Elisabeth Amalia Mörchen was born on December 25, 1758 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 10, 1822 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Strackbein on April 23, 1779 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 23, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 16, 1822 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Amalia Mörchen:

Referred to as Anna Amalia in some records but she was christened Elisabeth Amalia. Born at the Wunderthausen mill.

ii. Johann Georg Mörchen was born on November 30, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 15, 1828 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein on August 30, 1788 in Wunderthausen. She was born on August 08, 1763 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 05, 1814 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Mörchen: The miller in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein:

Born in Gundernanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

- iii. Georg Ludwig Mörchen was born on December 11, 1763 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 17, 1828 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Amalie Riedesel on September 14, 1794 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 26, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 11, 1849 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen was born on March 03, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 24, 1842 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Herman Althaus on October 30, 1791 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 09, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 21, 1824 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen: She born at the Wunderthausen mill.

Notes for Georg Herman Althaus: Inherited the tenancy of Haase Haus from his father.

v. Georg Franz Mörchen was born on July 15, 1769 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 30, 1847 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Amalia Womelsdorf on January 17, 1802 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 22, 1770 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1829 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Mörchen:

Born at the Wunderthausen mill. Married the widow of the tenant at Seilers Haus.

vi. Georg Gabriel Mörchen was born on December 12, 1771 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Mörchen:

He was born at the Wunderthausen mill. Applied to emigrate to America in 1796.

- vii. Johannes Mörchen was born on April 08, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 11, 1816 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Magdalene Strackbein on April 25, 1802 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 03, 1784 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 09, 1844 in Wunderthausen.
- 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.
- 11. **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:

i. 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.

Notes for Catharina Elisabeth Dorothea Riedesel:

Born in Altehäusers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband. Known as Anna Elisabeth.

Notes for Johann Jost Schneider:

Born in the Hilchenbach area but married into Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen.

- ii. Maria Elisabeth Riedesel was born on January 27, 1769 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 24, 1826 in Wunderthausen.
- 5. iii. 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.
 - 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.
- 12. **Johann Phillip Althaus**, son of Johann Georg Althaus, was born on November 07, 1700 in Girkhausen. He died on December 11, 1763 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt**.
- 13. **Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt**, daughter of Abraham Eckhardt and Anna Elisabeth Pott, was born on May 14, 1705 in Girkhausen. She died on November 08, 1768 in Girkhausen.

Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt and Johann Phillip Althaus had the following child:

- 6. i. Philip Althaus was born in 1737 in Girkhausen. He died on December 02, 1799 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Gertraudt Haase on March 23, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 25, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 17, 1799 in Wunderthausen.
- 14. Johannes Haase was born in 1709 in Probably Mollseifen. He died on October 17, 1777 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche on January 08, 1734 in Wunderthausen.
- 15. **Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche**, daughter of Johann Hermann Knoche and Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen, was born on November 16, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 09, 1779 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Haase:

Haase Haus was built for Johannes Haase, probably in the 1730s. His origins are not known but he was probably not from Wunderthausen originally.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche:

She was born in Bormanns Haus in Wunderthausen and, with her husband, moved to what became known as Haase Haus when it was built.

Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche and Johannes Haase had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Gertraud Haase was born on October 15, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 11, 1760 in Wunderthausen.
- 7. ii. Maria Gertraudt Haase was born on July 25, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 17, 1799 in Wunderthausen. She married Philip Althaus on March 23, 1766 in Wunderthausen. He was born in 1737 in Girkhausen. He died on December 02, 1799 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Georg Hermann Haase was born on January 31, 1739 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 11, 1812 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Juliana Homrighausen on April 24, 1774 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 27, 1741 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 26, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Hermann Haase: Tenant in Räderhaase Haus in Wunderthausen.

- iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Haase was born on September 01, 1747 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 30, 1748 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Matthias Haase was born on March 20, 1749 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 25. 1749 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 5

- 16. **Johann Matthäus Mörchen** was born in January 1681 in Bromskirchen. He died on December 02, 1768 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete ??**.
- 17. Anna Margarete ??. She died in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Matthäus Mörchen:

In an exception to the rule of passing tenancy to the oldest child of either gender, the mill remained in the hands of a Mörchen from its first mention in the early 1700s until it was demolished around 1920. One record says that J. Matthäus (or Matthias) came to Wunderthausen from Bromskirchen, a larger town to the east outside of Wittgenstein (then in the province of Waldeck). Yet others claim he came from Waldeck in Bavaria (which I find very doubtful). If the mill was established when Matthias Mörchen came to Wunderthausen, it was during the reign of Graf Casimir who tried his best to diversify the economy of Wittgenstein. Establishing a mill where there had been none and bringing in a trained miller would have been consistent with Casimir's practices.

Anna Margarete ?? and Johann Matthäus Mörchen had the following children:

i. Wilhelm Mörchen was born about 1712. He died on May 03, 1786 in Wunderthausen.

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

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp: Born in Weymers, founded Schusters house.

- 8. iii. Johann Jost Mörchen was born on January 20, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died on probably after 1788. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen on November 18, 1757 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 28, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 10, 1805 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Maria Christiane Mörchen was born on September 20, 1725 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 04, 1802 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Althaus on June 11, 1754 in Elsoff.
 - v. Catherine Elisabeth Mörchen was born on February 29, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 04, 1799 in Wunderthausen.
- 18. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Anna Liese Strackbein, was born on July 21, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein** on January 23, 1728 in Wunderthausen.
- 19. **Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein**, daughter of Hans Georg Strackbein and Gertraud Knoche, was born on December 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 14, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen: Born in and tenant in Weißkopfs Haus, Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein:

It is uncertain which J. Georg Strackbein was her father.

Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein and Johann Georg Homrighausen had the following children:

- i. Katharina Homrighausen was born on October 21, 1730 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 21, 1795 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johannes Homrighausen was born on January 04, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 16, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Maria Amalia Delcourt on October 14, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 27, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 27, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen: Born in and tenant in the house known as Weißkopfs or Seimes.

- 9. iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen was born on December 28, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 10, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jost Mörchen on November 18, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He was born on January 20, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died on probably after 1788.
 - iv. Georg Franz Homrighausen was born on February 15, 1741 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 16, 1826 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Riedesel on October 10, 1769 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 15, 1743 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 22, 1802 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Homrighausen: First tenant in Kellers Haus, Wunderthausen.

- v. Johann Franz Homrighausen was born on February 15, 1741 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1742 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johann Werner Homrighausen was born on December 15, 1743 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 14, 1744 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Christine Homrighausen was born on December 23, 1744 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 30, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Georg Gabriel Homrighausen was born on April 21, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 11, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina

Ruppert on March 11, 1772. She was born on June 27, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 06, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Homrighausen:

Born in Seimes house but took over Wetzels by marrige.

Notes for Anna Catharina Ruppert:

Born in Wetzels house.

- 20. 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.
- 21. **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:

- 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.
- 22. 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.
- 23. **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.
- 11. 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.

24. Johann Georg Althaus.

Johann Georg Althaus had the following child:

- i. Johann Phillip Althaus was born on November 07, 1700 in Girkhausen. He died on December 11, 1763 in Girkhausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt. She was born on May 14, 1705 in Girkhausen. She died on November 08, 1768 in Girkhausen.
- 26. **Abraham Eckhardt**, son of Johann Jost Eckhardt and Gertraudt Beitzel, was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died before 1740. He married **Anna Elisabeth Pott** on February 20, 1697.
- 27. **Anna Elisabeth Pott**, daughter of Curt Pott and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, was born in 1671 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1746.

Anna Elisabeth Pott and Abraham Eckhardt had the following children:

- i. Johann Georg Eckhardt was born on August 01, 1697 in Diedenshausen.
- 13. ii. Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt was born on May 14, 1705 in Girkhausen. She died on November 08, 1768 in Girkhausen. She married Johann Phillip Althaus. He was born on November 07, 1700 in Girkhausen. He died on December 11, 1763 in Girkhausen.
- 30. **Johann Hermann Knoche**, son of Johann Henrich Knoche and ?? Homrighausen, was born on April 03, 1687 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen** on August 19, 1708.
- 31. **Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen**, daughter of Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen and Anna Elisabeth ??, was born on November 28, 1684 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1740 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Knoche:

Born in Bormanns Haus, but may have later resided in Haase Haus with their daughter, Anna Elisabeth, and her husband, Johannes Haase.

Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen and Johann Hermann Knoche had the following child:

15. i. Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche was born on November 16, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 09, 1779 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Haase on January 08, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He was born in 1709 in Probably Mollseifen. He died on October 17, 1777 in Wunderthausen.

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36. **Johannes Homrighausen**, son of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born before 1675 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Liese Strackbein** on January 19, 1701.

37. **Anna Liese Strackbein**, daughter of Hans Georg Strackbein, was born before 1677 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 17, 1742 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

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

Notes for Anna Liese Strackbein:

Born in Hohmanns Haus.

Anna Liese Strackbein and Johannes Homrighausen had the following children:

- 18. i. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born on July 21, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein on January 23, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 14, 1775 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Johann Jakob Homrighausen was born on November 21, 1703 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1772 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catherine Strackbein on January 08, 1734. She was born on January 07, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 17, 1780 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jakob Homrighausen: Born in Seimes house but married into Hohmanns.

- iii. Johannes Homrighausen was born on September 27, 1706 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 11, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Magdalena Strackbein on December 17, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 15, 1711 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 02, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp on June 07, 1761 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 03, 1714 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Werner Homrighausen was born on February 21, 1709 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 04, 1788 in Girkhausen. He married Anna Magdalene Dickel before 1734. She was born on April 04, 1714 in Girkhausen. She died on May 21, 1759 in Girkhausen.
- v. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on August 27, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- 38. **Hans Georg Strackbein**, son of Hans Strackbein, was born about 1669 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 15, 1744 in Wunderthausen. He married **Gertraud Knoche** on June 09, 1701.
- 39. **Gertraud Knoche** was born about 1667 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 21, 1751.

Notes for Hans Georg Strackbein:

Tenant in Grosse house. Elder (Presbyter) for many years in the church.

Gertraud Knoche and Hans Georg Strackbein had the following children:

 Johannes Strackbein was born on February 18, 1702 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 06, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Christiana Dienst on June 05, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 02, 1702 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 01, 1765 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein: Tenant in Grosse house.

- ii. Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein was born on December 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 14, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen on January 23, 1728 in Wunderthausen. He was born on July 21, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1775 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein was born on January 04, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 30, 1752 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Dienst on June 20, 1727 in Wunderthausen. He was born on July 18, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734 in Wunderthausen. She married

Samuel Strackbein on August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 28, 1686 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Strackbein on August 23, 1740. He was born in 1711. He died on December 14, 1770.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:

Tenant in Linde Haus.

Notes for Samuel Strackbein:

Born in Grosse Haus, Wunderthausen, but took over Linde by marriage.

Notes for Johann Georg Strackbein:

It is not clear where he came from though is certainly a Wittgensteiner. Married into Linde Haus in Wunderthausen but it is not certain where he came from.

- iv. Elisabeth Magdalena Strackbein was born on January 15, 1711 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 02, 1760 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Homrighausen on December 17, 1732 in Wunderthausen. He was born on September 27, 1706 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 11, 1783 in Wunderthausen.
- 40. **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.
- 41. **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:

 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.
- 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.

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

Notes for Georg Gabriel Riedesel:

Married into 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.

- 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.
- 44. **Johann Nickel Kümmell** was born on February 02, 1662 in Oberauerbach, Contwig. He died on February 22, 1727 in Oberauerbach, Contwig. He married **Juliana Louisa Wolf**.
- 45. **Juliana Louisa Wolf** was born on June 22, 1676 in Oberauerbach, Contwig. She died on September 03, 1744 in Oberauerbach, Contwig.

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

- Johann Jost Kümmel was born on November 06, 1708 in Oberauerbach, Zweibrücken. He died on August 16, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarete Homrighausen on February 15, 1729 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 30, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
- 46. **Johann Jacob Homrighausen**, son of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born on April 25, 1682 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1744 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Christina Boshoff** on January 22, 1706 in Wunderthausen.
- 47. **Anna Christina Boshoff**, daughter of Johann Theis Boshoff and Anna Elisabeth Dienst, was born on July 10, 1682 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 07, 1745 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Homrighausen:

Lived in Altehäusers which probably came to him through marriage. Born in Seimes Haus.

Notes for Anna Christina Boshoff:

Almost certainly born in Altehäusers as the daughter of Theiß Boßhof.

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

- i. Anna Margarete Homrighausen was born on October 30, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1770 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jost Kümmel on February 15, 1729 in Wunderthausen. He was born on November 06, 1708 in Oberauerbach, Zweibrücken. He died on August 16, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen was born on October 13, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 11, 1772 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Ludwig Beitzel on November 07, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 02, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 16, 1762 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Beitzel:

Born in Seilers house, though not to the main tenant. Became the tenant in Unter der Laye through marriage. None of the children of either of his marriages succeeded him there.Born in Seilers house, became the tenant in Leyeschneiders through marriage.

- iii. Anna Catherine Homrighausen was born on November 25, 1713 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Matthias Homrighausen was born on March 16, 1716 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 19, 1790 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Kümmel about 1747 in Wunderthausen. She was born in 1717. She died on April 21, 1782 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Matthias Homrighausen:

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

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

Notes for Georg Ludwig Homrighausen: Worked as the cowherd for the village.

Notes for Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp:

Apparently known as Anna Maria, though her baptismal name was Anna Gertraud.

- vi. Georg Wilhelm Homrighausen was born on April 05, 1723 in Wunderthausen.
- 52. **Johann Jost Eckhardt** was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1702 in Diedenshausen. He married **Gertraudt Beitzel**.
- 53. **Gertraudt Beitzel**. She died between 1678-1683 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Jost Eckhardt:

Born in and tenant in Pauls house, Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gertraudt Beitzel:

From Hanses house, Diedenshausen.

Gertraudt Beitzel and Johann Jost Eckhardt had the following child:

- 26. i. Abraham Eckhardt was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died before 1740. He married Anna Elisabeth Pott on February 20, 1697. She was born in 1671 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1746.
- 54. **Curt Pott**, son of Matthias Pott and Katherine Eckhardt, was born about 1635 in Bracht, Amt Marburg. He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen** before 1659.

55. **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen**, daughter of Steffen Homrighausen and ?? Eckhardt, was born about 1635 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1686 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Curt Pott:

He had the unusual status of being a free man. Local legends as to his origins and status do not necessarily correspond to what is in the written record. In any case he was a man of some substance.

The house which he occupied came to be known as Kurts (or Curts) Haus locally, although it had been inhabited by his Homrighausen in-laws and before then by Eckharts.

Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen and Curt Pott had the following children:

 Johann Hermann Pott was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Knoche on March 20, 1698. She 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.

- 27. ii. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born in 1671 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1746. She married Abraham Eckhardt on February 20, 1697. He was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died before 1740.
 - iii. Catharina Pott was born about 1677 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born on April 06, 1679 in Wunderthausen.
 - v. Johann Valentin Pott 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. She was born on March 13, 1692 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 18, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Christiana Beitzel on May 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 18, 1681 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Valentin Pott:

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

- vi. Johann Matthias Pott was born on June 24, 1684 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Johann Georg Pott was born on May 10, 1686 in Wunderthausen.
- **Johann Henrich Knoche** was born about 1640 in Prob. Wingeshausen. He married **?? Homrighausen**.
- 61. **?? Homrighausen**, daughter of Bastian Homrighausen and ?? Beitzel, was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen.

?? Homrighausen and Johann Henrich Knoche had the following children:

 Hans Georg Knoche was born about 1666 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 29, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He married Louisa Christina Dienst on July 12, 1703 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1674 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 15, 1755 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Hans Georg Knoche:

Born in Bormanns Haus and became the tenant.

- ii. Gertraudt Knoche was born about 1667 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 21, 1751 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johann Jost Knoche was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen.
- Anna Elisabeth Knoche was born about 1675 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1715 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Hermann Pott on March 20, 1698.

He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen.

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.

Notes for Johann Hermann Pott:

Born in and became the tenant in Kurts.

- v. Johannes Knoche was born on February 12, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 09, 1751 in Wunderthausen.
- Johann Jacob Knoche was born on October 01, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740.
- 30. vii. Johann Hermann Knoche was born on April 03, 1687 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen on August 19, 1708. She was born on November 28, 1684 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1740 in Diedenshausen.
- 62. **Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen**, son of Samuel Saßmannshausen and Anna Catharina Homburger, was born about 1635 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1702 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth ??** about 1670 in Diedenshausen.
- 63. Anna Elisabeth ??.

Notes for Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen:

Born in and tenant in Webers Haus. Diedenshausen.

Anna Elisabeth ?? and Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen had the following children:

Catharina Elisabeth Saßmannshausen was born about 1672 in Diedenshausen.
She married Johann Hermann Benfer on October 10, 1689 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1670 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Benfer:

Born in Adriges Haus. Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Webers.

ii. Elias Saßmannshausen was born about 1675 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 28, 1740 in Girkhausen. He married Katharina Elisabeth Homrighausen on October 21, 1699 in Diedenshausen. She was born on December 10, 1679 in Diedenshausen. She died on January 14, 1756 in Hüttental über Schwarzenau.

Notes for Elias Saßmannshausen:

First known tenant in Kurts Haus, Girkhausen.

- iii. Johann Gabriel Saßmannshausen was born on February 09, 1678 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 13, 1743. He married Anna Gertrud Thiel on February 02, 1702. She was born in Elsoff.
- Johann Samuel Saßmannshausen was born on October 25, 1680 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Anna Margaretha Saßmannshausen was born on December 11, 1681 in Diedenshausen. She died on January 18, 1758 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Jost Weller in 1706. He was born in Girkhausen.
- 31. vi. Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen was born on November 28, 1684 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1740 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Hermann Knoche on August 19, 1708. He was born on April 03, 1687 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
 - vii. Sebastian Saßmannshausen was born on September 27, 1687 in Diedenshausen.
 - viii. Peter Saßmannshausen was born on September 27, 1687 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 20, 1762 in Girkhausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Becker. She was born in 1699 in Girkhausen. She died on January 05, 1758 in Girkhausen.