

Ancestors of Georg Ludwig Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **Georg Ludwig Riedesel**, son of Johann Ludwig Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Knoche, was born on May 13, 1817 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 27, 1903 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery, Warren County, NJ). He married **Caroline Matilda Schaeffer** about 1845 in probably New Jersey. She was born on August 16, 1824 in Germany. She died on October 27, 1867 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. He married **Catherine ??** about 1870. She was born in 1832 in Bavaria. She died before 1885 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:

Georg Ludwig Riedesel was born May 13, 1817, in Wunderthausen in the house known as Wetzels. He was the eighth of nine recorded children of Johann Ludwig and Anna Elisabeth (Knoche) Riedesel.

An older sister, Catherine, came to live in Warren County, New Jersey in 1837. Ludwig's application for naturalization states that he arrived in 1841 and that is the year he received permission to emigrate. He married Caroline Schaeffer (probably Schäfer) around 1845. She was born August 16, 1824 in Germany. One source gives Wunderthausen as her place of birth but this is unlikely. No Schäfer daughter is recorded in the birth records at this time--and no Schäfer family even lived in the village. Nor were they married there.

Several of the Riedesels who settled in Warren County came to be known as Riddle or Radle. It's not that there weren't other Germans around who could pronounce (and spell) Riedesel correctly, but this seemed to be the rule. Ludwig (or Louis) farmed near what was called Oxford Furnace. Ludwig finally received his naturalization papers in 1854 as "Ludwig Readle" though his signature says "Riedesel." He is buried as "Ludwig Riddle."

They had at least seven children before Caroline died in 1867. Four of their children are buried with them. The family name of his second wife Catherine is not known to me. Some have identified her as another Riedesel/Riddle by birth but that is almost certainly in error. There were three children that we know of from the marriage with Catherine.

Notes for Caroline Matilda Schaeffer:

There are claims that she came from Wunderthausen but there is no sign of her in the quite-complete local church records. There was no Schaeffer/Schäfer/Scheffer families in the village at all. Another source names her father as "Christian Allen." The first name was rare in Wittgenstein while "Allen" did not exist there. Their daughter Louisa's death certificate from 1912 gives her name as "Clara Scheffer." If accurate, that is probably just a family nickname.

Notes for Catherine ??:

This Catherine has often been mistaken for another Riedesel/Riddle--by me among others--specifically a Catherine Riddle born in 1839 to Wunderthausen immigrants. The 1880 Census, however, shows that this woman was born in Bavaria about 1832. She is listed with her husband and family in the 1880 Federal Census but is not listed in the 1885 New Jersey Census and you must assume she had died. The grave marker for Catherine Riddle in the Hazen cemetery (d. August 08, 1917) belongs to the Catherine Riddle born in 1839 who never married. There is a Find-a-Grave entry for the latter but I think the birth year of 1832 is in error.

Generation 2

2. **Johann Ludwig Riedesel**, son of Johann Ludwig Riedesel and Anna Catharina Ruppert, was born on February 21, 1762 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 25, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Knoche** on March 02, 1801 in Wunderthausen.
3. **Anna Elisabeth Knoche**, daughter of Johann Jacob Knoche and Catharina Florentine Beitzel, was born on February 07, 1776 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 23, 1834 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

Tenant in Wetzels Haus in Wunderthausen.

Anna Elisabeth Knoche and Johann Ludwig Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Georg Ludwig Riedesel was born on February 09, 1802 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 24, 1802 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Elisabeth Wilhelmine Riedesel was born on March 23, 1803 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 08, 1878 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Pott on August 03, 1823 in Wunderthausen. He was born on April 01, 1789 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 22, 1856 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Pott:

Born in and became the tenant in Mannes Haus.

- iii. Johannes Riedesel was born on September 26, 1805 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 22, 1808 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Georg Gabriel Riedesel was born on January 01, 1808 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 06, 1828 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel was born on April 02, 1810 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 15, 1826 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Elisabeth Amalia Riedesel was born on January 27, 1812 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 25, 1897 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Ludwig Homrighausen on July 11, 1836 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 22, 1804 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 03, 1878 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Homrighausen:

He was born in Brückeschneiders house in Wunderthausen. He inherited it from his father, but it may have had little if any agricultural land. In his early youth he was employed as a shepherd in neighboring Diedenshausen and then as teacher in the small settlements at Dachsloch and Langewiese. However, in 1833 he began what would be a lifetime of employment as one of the school teachers in Diedenshausen. His family continued to live in Wunderthausen (2km away), but during school he was only there two nights a week.

Originally, his compensation was mostly in grain though he was later paid a cash salary. It was meagre, and like most men in the region he pursued a side craft to help make ends meet. Homrighausen carved spoons, a common trade in Wunderthausen. His birthday was the same as that of Kaiser Wilhelm I, which was a great source of pride.

He married twice. All five children of his first marriage died in childhood, and his wife died shortly after the birth of the last child. The children of his marriage to Amalia Riedesel were healthier

- vii. Anna Catherine Riedesel was born on April 22, 1815 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 11, 1909 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery, Warren County, NJ). She married Johann Georg Riedesel in 1837. He was born on November 13, 1810 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 31, 1894 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery, Warren County, NJ).

Notes for Anna Catherine Riedesel:

Born in Wetzels house in Wunderthausen. Married her husband in Germany in 1837 and came to America that year, according to family records. The 1900 Census gives her name as "Riddle." In other sources it is listed as Radle.

She appears to have been known as Mary Catherine.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Born in Seimes/Weißkopf Haus in Wunderthausen but went to America in 1837, reportedly after being discharged from military service in 1834. He and Catherine were married in Germany in 1837, but not in the Girkhausen parish of which their native Wunderthausen was a part. They went to America and settled at Oxford,

New Jersey (now Hazen) in 1837; the name of their ship or exact travel dates are not known. Much of the information about the family is taken from a family Bible that was transcribed by a descendant.

At least by the children's generation, they had settled on the name of "Riddle" though there are references to other variations. Known as George--sometimes Ritesel, sometimes Radle, sometimes Riddle. A transcription of the New Jersey death record lists him as "J. George Riddle." That source gives his year of death as 1893. His grave marker says 1884. Other family trees say 1894 which I am accepting for now but any of the dates is possible.

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 - viii. Georg Ludwig Riedesel was born on May 13, 1817 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 27, 1903 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery, Warren County, NJ). He married Caroline Matilda Schaeffer about 1845 in probably New Jersey. She was born on August 16, 1824 in Germany. She died on October 27, 1867 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. He married Catherine ?? about 1870. She was born in 1832 in Bavaria. She died before 1885 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey.
 - ix. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on February 20, 1819 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 03, 1843 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Franz Homrighausen on April 26, 1840 in Wunderthausen. He was born on July 06, 1814 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 27, 1907 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Johann Franz Homrighausen:

Known as Franz. Born in Räderhaase/Haasebergers Haus in Wunderthausen. He apparently served some time in the Prussian army as he was later a member of a German veterans association in nearby Lowden. Came to Crawford County, Ohio with the extended Riedesel family. They had arrived in New York out of Bremen on June 7, 1845. The family moved on to what became the Wheatland community by 1857. According to the 1911 memorial booklet celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's church in Wheatland, he had been a founder the of the previous congregation in 1857.

By the time of his death, he owned 536 acres of farmland at Wheatland (in Sections 27, 28 and 33 of the Spring Rock Township). He was clearly a prosperous farmer and a respected elder in the German community and church. Though his two wives had the same given names, they were not that closely related. His one child with his first wife died a few months after she did in 1843.

The three sons each took over part of his substantial farm.

Generation 3

4. **Johann Ludwig Riedesel**, son of Wilhelm Riedesel and Anna Margarethe Spies, 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.
5. **Anna Catharina Ruppert**, daughter of Johann Conrad Ruppert and Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche, 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.

Anna Catharina Ruppert and Johann Ludwig Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel was born on September 11, 1752 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 12, 1753 in Wunderthausen.

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 - ii. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on February 21, 1762 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 25, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Knoche on March 02, 1801 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 07, 1776 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 23, 1834 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Spies on July 19, 1782 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 27, 1761 in Girkhausen. She died on October 27, 1789 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Juliana Homrighausen on October 30, 1790 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 15, 1765 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 13, 1800 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on October 21, 1766 in Wunderthausen.
 6. **Johann Jacob Knoche**, son of Georg Gabriel Knoche and Anna Margareta Strackbein, was born on January 30, 1741 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 07, 1792 in Wunderthausen. He married **Catharina Florentine Beitzel** on January 29, 1768 in Wunderthausen.
 7. **Catharina Florentine Beitzel**, daughter of Ludwig Franz Beitzel and Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen, was born on October 13, 1749 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 24, 1793 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Knoche:

Born in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen, became tenant in Seilers.

Catharina Florentine Beitzel and Johann Jacob Knoche had the following children:

- i. Johannes Knoche was born on February 07, 1773 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 18, 1800 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Amalia Womelsdorf on October 22, 1793 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 22, 1770 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1829 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Johannes Knoche:
Tenant in Seilers Haus, Wunderthausen.
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 - ii. Anna Elisabeth Knoche was born on February 07, 1776 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 23, 1834 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Ludwig Riedesel on March 02, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 21, 1762 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 25, 1835 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Anna Eleonore Knoche was born on December 07, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 11, 1782 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche was born on October 25, 1783 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 14, 1788 in Wunderthausen.
 - v. Georg Ludwig Knoche was born on September 26, 1786 in Wunderthausen.
 - vi. Georg Franz Knoche was born on June 19, 1790 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 22, 1856 in Girkhausen. He married Elisabeth Magdalene Lauber about 1819. She was born on July 12, 1794 in Girkhausen. She died on December 19, 1847 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Knoche:

Born in Seilers house. Founded Fränzches house Hinter der Hude.

Generation 4

8. **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.
9. **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.
- 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.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:
Born in Gundermanns Haus and became the first tenant in Neuhäusers Haus at some point.

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

- 4. 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.
- 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 Schüller. He died on November 08, 1791 in Wemlighausen.

10. **Johann Conrad Ruppert**, son of Paul Ruppert, was born on December 16, 1691 in Breidenbach, Oberbergischer-Kreis. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche** on August 06, 1723 in Wunderthausen.
11. **Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche**, daughter of Johannes Knoche and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born on October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 21, 1749 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Conrad Ruppert:

Became the tenant in Wetzels house by marriage. What brought him here from the Mosel Valley is an interesting question.

Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche and Johann Conrad Ruppert had the following children:

5. i. Anna Catharina Ruppert was born on June 27, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 06, 1794 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Ludwig Riedesel on November 26, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 06, 1712 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 11, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Gabriel Homrighausen on March 11, 1772. He was born on April 21, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 11, 1794 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johann Georg Ruppert was born on February 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 13, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Juliana Boshoff on January 29, 1764. She was born on April 26, 1738 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 18, 1797 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Ruppert:

Born in Wetzels house. Christened Philippus but known as Johann Georg. Established the house known as Schäfers on Lotzenberg.

- iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Ruppert was born about 1728. She married Johann Michel Homrighausen on December 16, 1759.
- iv. Katherine Elisabeth Ruppert was born on October 25, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Katherine Elisabeth Ruppert was born on May 24, 1735 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 15, 1812. She married ?? Dickel.
- vi. Elisabeth Margarete Ruppert was born on December 11, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 20, 1792 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Delcourt on December 28, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He was born on April 06, 1737 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 16, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She married Ludwig Wetzel.

Notes for Johannes Delcourt:

Born in and became the tenant in Franzose Haus in Wunderthausen.

12. **Georg Gabriel Knoche**, son of Hans Georg Knoche and Louisa Christina Dienst, was born on December 28, 1713 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margareta Strackbein** on July 07, 1738 in Wunderthausen.
13. **Anna Margareta Strackbein**, daughter of Johann Georg Strackbein and Anna Catharina Homrighausen, was born on February 02, 1718 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 20, 1798 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Knoche:

Tenant in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

Anna Margareta Strackbein and Georg Gabriel Knoche had the following children:

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- i. Johannes Knoche was born on September 01, 1739 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 29, 1807 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Pott on July 28, 1769 in Wunderthausen. She was born on September 03, 1753 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 01, 1798 in Wunderthausen.
 - 6. ii. Johann Jacob Knoche was born on January 30, 1741 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 07, 1792 in Wunderthausen. He married Catharina Florentine Beitzel on January 29, 1768 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 13, 1749 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 24, 1793 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche was born on February 17, 1743 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 10, 1773 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Ludwig Riedesel on May 28, 1766 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 01, 1741 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 01, 1801 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

Born in Gundermanns Haus, but became the tenant in Ludwigs/Unter der Laye.

- iv. Catherine Elisabeth Knoche was born on April 24, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 31, 1794 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Franz Riedesel on October 25, 1780 in Wunderthausen. He was born on April 21, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 17, 1810 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Catherine Elisabeth Knoche:

Born in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen. May also have been known as Anna Katharina.

Notes for Georg Franz Riedesel:

First tenant of "Försters am Lotzenberg" Haus in Wunderthausen, was a forester.

- v. Ludwig Franz Knoche was born in May 1747 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Catherine Elisabeth Knoche was born on September 25, 1748 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 26, 1758 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Georg Gabriel Knoche was born on February 22, 1751 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Maria Catharina Knoche was born on January 17, 1753 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 08, 1823 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Wagner on February 17, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He was born on September 19, 1743 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 25, 1790 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Krohe on September 18, 1791. He was born about 1763. He died on March 20, 1807 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Wagner:

Born in and tenant in Lotzes Haus, Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Krohe:

Assumed the tenancy in Lotzes house.

- ix. Amalia Maria Knoche was born on April 16, 1756 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 14, 1758.
 - x. Johann Georg Knoche was born on July 08, 1759 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 01, 1760 in Wunderthausen.
- 14. **Ludwig Franz Beitzel**, son of Johann Jacob Beitzel and Anna Elisabeth Spies, was born on January 26, 1727 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 07, 1800 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen** on August 11, 1748.
 - 15. **Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen**, daughter of Johann Jakob Homrighausen and Catherina Elisabeth Weller, was born on March 03, 1715 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 27, 1790 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Franz Beitzel:

Tenant in Seilers Haus, Wunderthausen, and a church elder.

Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen and Ludwig Franz Beitzel had the following children:

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 - i. Catharina Florentine Beitzel was born on October 13, 1749 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 24, 1793 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Gabriel Riedesel on January 13, 1793 in Wunderthausen. He was born on June 09, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 28, 1833 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Jacob Knoche on January 29, 1768 in Wunderthausen. He was born on January 30, 1741 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 07, 1792 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Annalehne Beitzel was born on November 10, 1750 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 12, 1758 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Catherine Elisabeth Beitzel was born on March 21, 1754 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 13, 1758 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 5

16. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Hederich Riedesel and ??, was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf** on February 18, 1664 in Raumland.
17. **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf**, daughter of Johannes Womelsdorf, was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

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

Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

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

Notes for Georg Mannus Riedesel:

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

- ii. Sebastian Riedesel was born about 1670 in Melbach.
- iii. Johann Reinhard Riedesel was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died on January 15, 1754 in Girkhausen. He married Elisabeth Schüßler on February 25, 1708 in Elsoff. She was born in 1673.

Notes for Johann Reinhard Riedesel:

Built the house in Girkhausen known as Pfaffe-Reinhard's or Pfaffereinerts.

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 - iv. Wilhelm Riedesel was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarethe Spies on August 16, 1703 in Girkhausen. She was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
18. **Johann Georg Spies**, son of Valentin Spies, was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen** on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen.
19. **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen**, daughter of Johannes Homrighausen, was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Spies:

Born in Schmeds house, took over Gundermanns by marriage. It was long believed that he was the son of Gundermann Spies, but expert opinion is that he was in fact the son of Valentin Spies and an unnamed mother.

Notes for Anna Gertraud Homrighausen:

From Seimes Haus in Wunderthausen.

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

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9. i. Anna Margarethe Spies was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Wilhelm Riedesel on August 16, 1703 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Catherine Elisabeth Spies was born on June 20, 1682 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
- iii. Anna Gertraud Spies was born on March 08, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
- iv. Maria Juliana Spies was born on October 02, 1687 in Wunderthausen. She died in 1723 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jacob Beitzel on April 01, 1720. He was born on September 07, 1697 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 28, 1752 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Johann Jacob Beitzel:
Tenant in Seilers Haus, Wunderthausen.
- v. Daughter Spies was born on March 19, 1691.
- vi. Johannes Spies was born on September 08, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 19, 1774 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Strackbein. She was born on July 14, 1702 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 30, 1769 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born on July 14, 1697 in Wunderthausen.
20. **Paul Ruppert** was born about 1670 in Brieden, Cochem-Zell.
- Paul Ruppert had the following child:
10. i. Johann Conrad Ruppert was born on December 16, 1691 in Breidenbach, Oberbergischer-Kreis. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche on August 06, 1723 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 21, 1749 in Wunderthausen.
22. **Johannes Knoche**, son of Johann Herman Knoche, was born on December 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 09, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein** on February 03, 1701 in Wunderthausen.
23. **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**, daughter of Johannes Strackbein and Anna Elisabeth Wetzel, was born on May 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Knoche:

Born in Bormanns, became the tenant in Wetzels.

Anna Elisabeth Strackbein and Johannes Knoche had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Katherine Knoche was born on December 19, 1702 in Wunderthausen.
11. ii. Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche was born on October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 21, 1749 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Conrad Ruppert on August 06, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 16, 1691 in Breidenbach, Oberbergischer-Kreis. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Gabriel Riedesel on July 10, 1740 in Girkhausen. He was born on January 04, 1715 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Katherine Knoche was born on February 16, 1707 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Weber on April 06, 1733. He was born in Feudingingen.
- iv. Johannes Knoche was born on October 30, 1709 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Anna Elisabeth Knoche was born on January 20, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1787 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Riedesel on May 04, 1731 in Wunderthausen. He was born on April 15, 1704 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 15, 1760 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Knoche:

Born in Wetzels Haus, Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:
Heir to Gundermanns Haus.

- vi. Samuel Knoche was born on January 04, 1715 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Anna Elisabeth Knoche was born on January 22, 1716 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Johann Henrich Knoche was born on October 28, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 15, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Spies on February 04, 1752 in Wunderthausen. She was born on September 29, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 04, 1783 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Henrich Knoche:
Became the tenant in Schmeds, Wunderthausen, through marriage. Born in Wetzels house.

- 24. **Hans Georg Knoche**, son of Johann Henrich Knoche and ?? Homrighausen, 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.
- 25. **Louisa Christina Dienst**, daughter of Hans Georg Dienst and ?? Homrighausen, 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.

Louisa Christina Dienst and Hans Georg Knoche had the following children:

- i. Johannes Knoche was born on January 29, 1703 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 05, 1771.
- ii. Anna Elisabeth Knoche was born on October 23, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 24, 1765 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Trapp on December 27, 1728 in Wunderthausen. He was born on April 21, 1709 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1738 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Spies on March 17, 1738 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 18, 1773 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Trapp:
Tenant in Mannes Haus.

Notes for Johannes Spies:
Born in Lotzes Haus, Wunderthausen. Became the tenant in Mannes when he married the widow of Johannes Trapp.

- 12. iii. Georg Gabriel Knoche was born on December 28, 1713 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margareta Strackbein on July 07, 1738 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 02, 1718 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 20, 1798 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Georg Knoche was born on February 04, 1718 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Knoche:
He came from Bormanns Haus in Wunderthausen to Philadelphia in 1752. That is all I know.

- 26. **Johann Georg Strackbein**, son of Hans Georg Strackbein, was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catharina Homrighausen** on February 15, 1703 in Girkhausen.
- 27. **Anna Catharina Homrighausen**, daughter of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born on July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1750 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Strackbein:
Tenant in Hohmanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

Anna Catharina Homrighausen and Johann Georg Strackbein had the following children:

- i. 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.

- ii. Anna Catherine Strackbein was born on January 07, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 17, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jakob Homrighausen on January 08, 1734. He was born on November 21, 1703 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1772 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jakob Homrighausen:

Born in Seimes house but married into Hohmanns.

- iii. Johann Jacob Strackbein was born on December 31, 1714 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 02, 1742 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catherine Strackbein on September 22, 1740. She was born on December 26, 1723 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 04, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catherine Strackbein on September 22, 1740 in Wunderthausen.

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 - iv. Anna Margareta Strackbein was born on February 02, 1718 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 20, 1798 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Gabriel Knoche on July 07, 1738 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 28, 1713 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
 - v. Johann Georg Strackbein was born on June 18, 1721 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
 - vi. Johannes Strackbein was born on January 20, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 13, 1778 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina Riedesel on April 23, 1752 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 03, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 15, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarete Riedesel on December 29, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She was born on May 15, 1744 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1807 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

Born in Hohmann Haus, became tenant in Gundermanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

28. **Johann Jacob Beitzel**, son of Johann Jacob Beitzel and Justina Strackbein, was born on September 07, 1697 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 28, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Spies** on March 01, 1724.
29. **Anna Elisabeth Spies**, daughter of Christine Spies, was born on November 19, 1690 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 03, 1748 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Beitzel:

Tenant in Seilers Haus, Wunderthausen.

Anna Elisabeth Spies and Johann Jacob Beitzel had the following children:

- i. Johannes Beitzel was born on December 02, 1724 in Wunderthausen.
- 14. ii. Ludwig Franz Beitzel was born on January 26, 1727 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 07, 1800 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen on August 11, 1748. She was born on March 03, 1715 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 27, 1790 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johannes Werner Beitzel was born on January 17, 1730 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Anna Catharina Beitzel was born on March 01, 1731 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 16, 1792 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Reinhard Wetter on November 30, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He was born on April 06, 1732 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 31, 1802 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Catharina Beitzel:
Born at Seilers Haus in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Reinhard Wetter:
Born and lived at Petersgrund. Four children died within a few weeks of each other in the spring of 1773. The only child known to have lived to marry was Gg. Ludwig, who did at 33.

- 30. **Johann Jakob Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Schüßler, was born on December 15, 1677 in Diedenshausen. He died on January 29, 1740 in Diedenshausen. He married **Catherina Elisabeth Weller** on October 30, 1704 in Diedenshausen.
- 31. **Catherina Elisabeth Weller**, daughter of Gabriel Weller and Anna Magdalena Spies, was born in 1675 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 09, 1740 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Jakob Homrighausen:
Tenant in Hermes Haus in Diedenshausen.

Catherina Elisabeth Weller and Johann Jakob Homrighausen had the following children:

- i. Catherina Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on March 12, 1706 in Diedenshausen. She died on March 14, 1770 in Wunderthausen. She married Francois Delcourt on April 14, 1732 in Wunderthausen. He was born in 1704. He died on November 14, 1755 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Francois Delcourt:
Of a French Huguenot refugee family. In the early 1700s, Wittgenstein was a refuge to a variety of religious dissenters who were persecuted elsewhere. He is described as having been a physician, and people still remember old medical texts (in French) in the house. The identity of his parents is a matter of speculation. Church records include the death of Anna Elisabeth Delcourt, the widow of Jacob Delcourt; there were no other Delcourts in Wunderthausen at the time as far as we know. He was NOT born in Wunderthausen.

- ii. Johannes Homrighausen was born in October 1707 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 24, 1785 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Hackenbracht on July 15, 1736 in Diedenshausen. She was born on October 30, 1714 in Diedenshausen. She died on May 21, 1770 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Johann Jakob Homrighausen was born on November 19, 1709 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 14, 1743 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on February 07, 1712 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 10, 1763 in Girkhausen. She married Georg Wilhelm Dickel in 1737 in Girkhausen. He was born on April 24, 1714 in Girkhausen. He died on December 10, 1763 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Georg Wilhelm Dickel:
Born in and tenant in Reinerts Haus, Girkhausen.

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15. v. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on March 03, 1715 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 27, 1790 in Wunderthausen. She married Ludwig Franz Beitzel on August 11, 1748. He was born on January 26, 1727 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 07, 1800 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Sebastian Homrighausen was born on November 15, 1716 in Diedenshausen. He died on October 26, 1800 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Pott on February 16, 1742 in Diedenshausen. She was born on January 25, 1722 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 06, 1803 in Diedenshausen.
- vii. Marie Catherine Homrighausen was born on July 25, 1721 in Diedenshausen. She died in 1801 in USA. She married Johann Leydich on May 26, 1744.
- viii. Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen was born on January 22, 1724 in Diedenshausen. She died in USA.
- ix. Anna Maria Magdalena Homrighausen was born on February 11, 1728. She died in USA.
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32. **Hederich Riedesel**, son of Henrich Riedesel, was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married ??.
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Notes for Hederich Riedesel:

He is the earliest verifiable ancestor of all the Riedesels of Wittgenstein and of almost all American Riedesels. His name is sometimes rendered as Heyrich or Henrich, but local experts affirm that it was not "Heinrich." He was the tenant in the house called "Herjes" in the small hamlet of Melbach. He served for several years as a coachman to the Count in Berleburg during the 30 Years War (1618-1648) and documents say that his house stood empty for five years. He had returned by 1642. While he was a commoner subject to the Count, various signs suggest that the family was of somewhat higher status than most. It is not certain that his father "Heyrich Riedesel" preceded him at Herjes, but it is very likely.

?? and Hederich Riedesel had the following children:

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

Notes for Anna Katharina Riedesel:

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

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

Notes for Ernst Riedesel:

Lived in "Hermes" house in Schameder.

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

Notes for KurtConrad Riedesel:

The two names were interchangeable at the time.

34. **Johannes Womelsdorf**, son of Gerlach Womelsdorf, was born in 1609 in Girkhausen. He died in 1672 in Girkhausen.

Johannes Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Georg Womelsdorf was born about 1635.
17. ii. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen. She married Johannes Riedesel on February 18, 1664 in Raumland. He was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705

in Girkhausen.

- iii. Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. He died after 1708 in Wunderthausen. He married Juliana Strackbein about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1690.

Notes for Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf:

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

- iv. Johann Kasper Womelsdorf.

36. **Valentin Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ? Dornseiff, was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1675.

Valentin Spies had the following children:

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

Notes for Anna Christina Spies:

Born in Schmeds house which passed to her husband.

Notes for Werner Dienst:

Tenant in Schmeds house, Wunderthausen. It is believed that he was born in Linde house, but this not certain,

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

Notes for Antonius Spies:

Born in Schmeds house. First tenant in Beckers house, Wunderthausen, which was apparently built in 1697. It probably contained a baking-house. The Count strictly controlled the number of fireplaces in each village, allocating a certain number of households to each baking-house.

- v. Ludwig Spies was born about 1665 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1735 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina Eckhardt on November 24, 1687. She was born about 1664 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 20, 1744 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Spies:

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

- vi. Johannes Spies was born about 1668 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Anna Margaretha Spies was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen. She married Theis Trapp on January 03, 1694. He was born in 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709-1711 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Margaretha Spies:

Born in Schmeds house.

Notes for Theis Trapp:
Born in and tenant in Weymers house. Properly Matthias.

38. **Johannes Homrighausen** was born about 1623 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen.
Johannes Homrighausen had the following child:

19. i. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Spies on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen.

44. **Johann Herman Knoche** was born about 1635 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1665 in Wunderthausen.

Johann Herman Knoche had the following children:

- i. Gertraudt Dienst was born about 1667 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 21, 1751 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Gertraudt Dienst:

Believed to be the daughter of Johann Hermann Knoche of Bormanns, but this is not certain.

22. ii. Johannes Knoche was born on December 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 09, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein on February 03, 1701 in Wunderthausen. She was born on May 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

- iii. 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.

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.

46. **Johannes Strackbein** was born about 1645. He died between 1692-1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Wetzel** about 1670.

47. **Anna Elisabeth Wetzel**, daughter of Johannes Wetzel, was born about 1643 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

Became the tenant in Wetzels through marriage.

Anna Elisabeth Wetzel and Johannes Strackbein had the following children:

23. i. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein was born on May 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Knoche on February 03, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 07, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 09, 1751 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Anna Catharine Strackbein was born on September 05, 1683 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Samuel Strackbein was born on October 28, 1686 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein on August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 04, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 30, 1752 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Samuel Strackbein:

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

48. **Johann Henrich Knoche** was born about 1640 in Prob. Wingshausen. He married ?? **Homrighausen**.

49. **?? Homrighausen**, daughter of Bastian Homrighausen and ?? Beitzel, was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen.

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

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24. i. 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.
- 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.
- iv. 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.
- vi. Johann Jacob Knoche was born on October 01, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740.
- 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.

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.

50. **Hans Georg Dienst** was born about 1640. He died after 1718 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? **Homrighausen**.

52. **Hans Georg Strackbein**, son of Reinhard Strackbein, was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1665.

Hans Georg Strackbein had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1665 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1689.
26. ii. Johann Georg Strackbein was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina Homrighausen on February 15, 1703 in Girkhausen. She was born on July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1750 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Maria Strackbein was born about 1672 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Curt Boshoff on May 10, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Maria Strackbein:

Born in Hohmanns house.

- iv. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1675 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Anna Liese Strackbein was born before 1677 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 17, 1742 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Homrighausen on January 19, 1701. He was born before 1675 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Liese Strackbein:

Born in Hohmanns Haus.

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.

- vi. Anna Margarethe Strackbein was born on January 16, 1685 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Johannes Strackbein was born on July 01, 1688 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 17, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarete Spies on August 22, 1717 in Wunderthausen. She was born on September 28, 1690 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

Born in Hohmanns Haus, became the tenant in Lotzes Haus, Wunderthausen.

- 54. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Hans Homrighausen and ??, was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein** about 1670.
- 55. **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**, daughter of Hans Georg Strackbein and ?? Pletsch, was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Born in Seimes house and became the tenant.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Strackbein:

Born in Mannes house.

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

- i. Johannes Homrighausen was born before 1675 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Liese Strackbein on January 19, 1701. She was born before 1677 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 17, 1742 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

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

Notes for Anna Liese Strackbein:

Born in Hohmanns Haus.

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

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

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

Notes for Anna Catharina Boshoff:

She was born in the house known variously as Gertrudens, Unter der Leye, and Leieschneiders. There is no record of her birth, but several generations of Boßhof (Booßhoff) are recorded there in other records. As of 1650, the house itself lay between Wunderthausen and Diedenshausen. When it was moved into Wunderthausen is not known.

- iv. Johann Jacob Homrighausen was born on April 25, 1682 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1744 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Christina Boshoff on

January 22, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 10, 1682 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 07, 1745 in Wunderthausen.

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.

- v. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1683 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Wetzel on August 20, 1705 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Wetzel:

Shepherd, and lived in Schwarze house.

27. vi. Anna Catharina Homrighausen was born on July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1750 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Strackbein on February 15, 1703 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Anna Margretha Homrighausen was born on April 07, 1688 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1706.
- viii. Elias Werner Homrighausen was born on July 15, 1691 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 13, 1753.
56. **Johann Jacob Beitzel**, son of Jacob Beitzel and ??, was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1715 in Wunderthausen. He married **Justina Strackbein** on March 21, 1694.
57. **Justina Strackbein**, daughter of Theiß Strackbein, was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Beitzel:

Born in Beitzels house, became tenant in Seilers. .

Justina Strackbein and Johann Jacob Beitzel had the following children:

28. i. Johann Jacob Beitzel was born on September 07, 1697 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 28, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Spies on March 01, 1724. She was born on November 19, 1690 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 03, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Juliana Spies on April 01, 1720. She was born on October 02, 1687 in Wunderthausen. She died in 1723 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Anna Catharina Beitzel was born about 1699 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 23, 1771 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johann Ludwig Beitzel was born on December 02, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 16, 1762 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen on November 07, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 13, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 11, 1772 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina Boshoff. She was born about 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died between 1732-1734 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Beitzel:

Born in Seilers house, though not to the main tenant. Became the tenant in Unter der Leye 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.

Notes for Anna Catharina Boshoff:

She was born in the house known variously as Gertrudens, Unter der Leye, and Leienschneiders. There is no record of her birth, but several generations of Boßhof (Booßhoff) are recorded there in other records. As of 1650, the house itself lay between Wunderthausen and Diedenshausen. When it was moved into

Wunderthausen is not known.

- iv. Anna Margarethe Beitzel was born on May 06, 1704 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Anna Elisabeth Beitzel was born on August 03, 1705 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johann Werner Beitzel was born on December 10, 1708 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Anna Elisabeth Beitzel was born on February 04, 1711 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Anna Gertraud Beitzel was born on February 27, 1715 in Wunderthausen.

59. **Christine Spies**, daughter of Gundermann Spies, was born about 1655.

Christine Spies had the following child:

- 29. i. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born on November 19, 1690 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 03, 1748 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jacob Beitzel on March 01, 1724. He was born on September 07, 1697 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 28, 1752 in Wunderthausen.

60. **Johannes Homrighausen**, son of Hans Homrighausen and ??, was born in 1652 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1722 in Diedenshausen. He married **Elisabeth Schüßler** in 1677 in Diedenshausen.

61. **Elisabeth Schüßler**, daughter of Johannes Schüßler, was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

Born in Seimes Haus in Wunderthausen but became the tenant in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen.

Elisabeth Schüßler and Johannes Homrighausen had the following children:

- 30. i. Johann Jakob Homrighausen was born on December 15, 1677 in Diedenshausen. He died on January 29, 1740 in Diedenshausen. He married Catherina Elisabeth Weller on October 30, 1704 in Diedenshausen. She was born in 1675 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 09, 1740 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Katharina Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on December 10, 1679 in Diedenshausen. She died on January 14, 1756 in Hüttental über Schwarzenau. She married Elias Saßmannshausen on October 21, 1699 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1675 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 28, 1740 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Elias Saßmannshausen:

First known tenant in Kurts Haus, Girkhausen.

- iii. Johann Jost Homrighausen was born on November 21, 1682 in Diedenshausen.
- iv. Anna Catharina Homrighausen was born on June 06, 1684 in Diedenshausen.
- v. Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on August 22, 1687 in Diedenshausen.
- vi. Johannes Homrighausen was born on May 08, 1690 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1740 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Benfer on October 28, 1717 in Diedenshausen. She was born after 1697 in Diedenshausen. She died on August 19, 1760 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

Born in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Schneiders.

- vii. Sebastian Homrighausen was born on July 04, 1695 in Diedenshausen. He died on February 13, 1746 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Maria Benfer on May 13, 1729 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1695 in Diedenshausen. She died on October 06, 1755 in Diedenshausen.

62. **Gabriel Weller**, son of Johann Phillip Weller and ? Spies, was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1694 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Magdalena Spies** about 1673 in Diedenshausen.

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63. **Anna Magdalena Spies**, daughter of Johannes Spies and Anna Catharina ??, was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died after May 23, 1697 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gabriel Weller:

The miller in Diedenshausen.

Anna Magdalena Spies and Gabriel Weller had the following children:

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 - i. Catherina Elisabeth Weller was born in 1675 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 09, 1740 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Jakob Homrighausen on October 30, 1704 in Diedenshausen. He was born on December 15, 1677 in Diedenshausen. He died on January 29, 1740 in Diedenshausen.
 - ii. Johann Georg Weller was born on July 12, 1677 in Diedenshausen.
 - iii. Anna Gertraud Weller was born on December 22, 1678 in Diedenshausen.
 - iv. Johannes Weller was born on September 06, 1681 in Diedenshausen.
 - v. Johannes Georg Wilhelm Weller was born on April 20, 1684 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 21, 1762 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Weller on October 19, 1705 in Diedenshausen.
 - vi. Johann Georg Wilhelm Weller was born on April 20, 1684 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 21, 1762 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Weller on October 19, 1705 in Diedenshausen. She was born on December 05, 1684 in Diedenshausen. She died on February 10, 1755.

Notes for Johann Georg Wilhelm Weller:

The miller in Diedenshausen.

- vii. Anna Catharina Weller was born on October 04, 1686 in Diedenshausen.
- viii. Johann Philipp Weller was born on September 20, 1689 in Diedenshausen. He died on June 25, 1761 in Warren County, New Jersey. He married Anna Elisabeth Schäfer on April 08, 1725 in Diedenshausen. She was born in 1711. She died on October 18, 1779 in Warren County, New Jersey.

Notes for Johann Philipp Weller:

Went to America in 1730. First settled at Amwell, Hunterdon, New Jersey. Later moved to Warren County, New Jersey. He and his family were probably the first of many generations to be buried in the Weller Free Church Cemetery at Willow Grove.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Schäfer:

It is unlikely that she was born in Wittgenstein. Her grave marker gives her dates as 1711-October 18, 1779.

- ix. Samuel Weller was born on February 27, 1692 in Diedenshausen.

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64. **Henrich Riedesel** was born about 1580 in Melbach.

Henrich Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Dorothea/Dechen Riedesel was born about 1610 in Melbach. She died on February 05, 1686 in Bernershausen. She married Johannes Konrad. He was born about 1605. He died on June 21, 1670 in Bernershausen.

Notes for Johannes Konrad:
He was a miller and sometimes referred to as "Schmidt" but later records consistently use the Konrad family name.
32. ii. Hederich Riedesel was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married ??. He married Gerthrut Dickel on May 14, 1661 in Melbach. She was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. She died on April 29, 1703 in Melbach.

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

Gerlach Womelsdorf had the following children:

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

72. **Johannes Spies**. He married **? Dornseiff** about 1620.

73. **? Dornseiff**, daughter of Johannes Dornseiff, was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen.

? Dornseiff and Johannes Spies had the following children:

- 36. i. Valentin Spies was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1675.
- ii. Antonius Spies was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Barbara Spies was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen.

94. **Johannes Wetzel**, son of Hans Wetzel and ?? Weber, was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died before June 1697 in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Wetzel had the following children:

- 47. i. Anna Elisabeth Wetzel was born about 1643 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Strackbein about 1670. He was born about 1645. He died between 1692-1698 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johannes Wetzel was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1718. He married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein about 1670. She was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1702 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Wetzel:

Born in Wetzels house, married into Schwarze.

- iii. Anna Catharina Wetzel was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Germann Kraftthöfer. He was born in Berleburg.
- iv. Catharina Wetzel was born about 1652 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Beitzel on May 18, 1680 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Beitzel:

Born in and tenant in Beitzels house.

98. **Bastian Homrighausen** was born about 1599 in Wemlighausen (?). He died after December 1651 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Beitzel** in 1628.

99. **?? Beitzel**, daughter of Curt Beitzel, was born about 1600 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Bastian Homrighausen:

Married into Bormanns Haus in Wunderthausen.

?? Beitzel and Bastian Homrighausen had the following children:

- i. Anna Katharina Homrighausen was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 03, 1695 in Bromskirchen (Dachsloch). She married Johann Peter Klein on July 03, 1656 in Bromskirchen. He was born in 1632 in Dachsloch. He died on October 21, 1688 in Dachsloch (Buried Bromskirchen).

Notes for Johann Peter Klein:

Known as Hans Peter. Baptised on August 8, 1632 so presumably born in the summer of that year. The family trade was that of charcoal making. He is said to have been the Kappellenmeister in (Protestant) Alerthausen though Dachsloch was associated with Catholic Bromskirchen.

- 49. ii. ?? Homrighausen was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. She married Hans Georg Dienst. He was born about 1640. He died after 1718 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Henrich Knoche. He was born about 1640 in Prob.

Wingeshausen.

- iii. ?? Homrighausen was born about 1642 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Hermann Knoche. He was born about 1640. He died between 1698-1701 in Wunderthausen.

104. **Reinhard Strackbein** was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1691 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1640.

Reinhard Strackbein had the following child:

- 52. i. Hans Georg Strackbein was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1665.

108. **Hans Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Hüster, was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? about 1645.

109. ?? was born about 1615.

Notes for Hans Homrighausen:

Tenant in Seimes.

?? and Hans Homrighausen had the following children:

- 54. i. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein about 1670. She was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen.
- 19. ii. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Spies on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen.
- 60. iii. Johannes Homrighausen was born in 1652 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1722 in Diedenshausen. He married Elisabeth Schüßler in 1677 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen.

110. **Hans Georg Strackbein** was born about 1615. He died before 1680. He married ?? **Pletsch** about 1645.

111. ?? **Pletsch**. She died after 1680.

Notes for Hans Georg Strackbein:

Tenant in Mannes house.

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

- i. Juliana Strackbein was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1690. She married Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. He died after 1708 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf:

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

- 55. ii. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen about 1670. He was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Gertraud Strackbein was born about 1651 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Georg Strackbein. He died after 1685.
- v. Elisabeth Strackbein.

112. **Jacob Beitzel**, son of Johannes Beitzel and ??, was born about 1620 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1696-1698 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? about 1650.

113. ??.

Notes for Jacob Beitzel:

Born in and tenant in Beitzels house.

?? and Jacob Beitzel had the following children:

- i. Johannes Beitzel was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. He married Catharina Wetzel on May 18, 1680 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1652 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Beitzel:

Born in and tenant in Beitzels house.

- 56. ii. Johann Jacob Beitzel was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1715 in Wunderthausen. He married Justina Strackbein on March 21, 1694. She was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Christina Beitzel was born before 1664 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1681.
- iv. Johann Werner Beitzel was born about 1665 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1722 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Boshoff (?) about 1693.
- v. Johann Henrich Beitzel was born in Wunderthausen. He died before March 23, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Gertraud Strackbein.

114. **Theiß Strackbein**, son of Theis Strackbein, was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1678 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1645.

Theiß Strackbein had the following children:

- i. Johannes Strackbein was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698.
- ii. Georg Strackbein was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. He died after December 1722. He married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein on February 08, 1683. She was born about 1655.

Notes for Georg Strackbein:

Born in Seilers house and became the tenant.

- 57. iii. Justina Strackbein was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jacob Beitzel on March 21, 1694. He was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1715 in Wunderthausen.

118. **Gundermann Spies** was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1680 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1640.

Gundermann Spies had the following children:

- i. Anna Margaretha Spies was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1678. She married Johann Georg Spies about 1672. He was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Margaretha Spies:

Believed to have been born in Gundermanns Haus, but her family name is not certain. The tenancy passed to her husband Johann Georg Spies.

Notes for Johann Georg Spies:

Born in Schmeds house, took over Gundermanns by marriage. It was long believed that he was the son of Gundermann Spies, but expert opinion is that he was in fact the son of Valentin Spies and an unnamed mother.

- 59. ii. Christine Spies was born about 1655.

122. **Johannes Schüßler**, son of Hermann Schüßler, was born about 1620 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1699 in Diedenshausen.

Johannes Schüßler had the following children:

- 61. i. Elisabeth Schüßler was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen. She married Johannes Homrighausen in 1677 in Diedenshausen. He was born in 1652 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1722 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Anna Catharina Schüßler was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1708. She married Sebastian Rück on November 11, 1686 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1654 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1705 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Sebastian Rück:
Born in and tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

iii. Anna Elisabeth Schüßler was born about 1660 in Diedenshausen.

124. **Johann Phillip Weller**, son of Hans Weller and ?? Plocher, was born about 1610 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1678 in Diedenshausen. He married **? Spies** about 1645.

125. **? Spies**.

Notes for Johann Phillip Weller:
The miller in Diedenshausen.

? Spies and Johann Phillip Weller had the following children:

62. i. Gabriel Weller was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1694 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Magdalena Spies about 1673 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died after May 23, 1697 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Maria Catharina Weller was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 26, 1675. She married Conrad Kroh on November 08, 1671. He was born about 1648 in Wemlighausen. He died on February 23, 1718.
- iii. Samuel Weller was born about 1658 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1692. He married Anna Elisabeth ?. She was born in Wemlighausen.
- iv. Johann Philipp Weller was born about 1660 in Diedenshausen. He died on December 16, 1737. He married Anna Getraud Fischer on September 10, 1695. She was born in 1671. She died on February 22, 1736. He married Anna Gertraud Heirsdorf on August 08, 1685. She was born on February 22, 1667. She died in February 1695.

126. **Johannes Spies**, son of Gabriel Spies, was born about 1615 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina ??**.

127. **Anna Catharina ??**.

Notes for Johannes Spies:
"The younger." Tenant in Schulze. He was a Schultheiß (Schulze in slang), which was a kind of policeman or deputy in service of the count.

Anna Catharina ?? and Johannes Spies had the following children:

- i. Johann Wilhelm Spies was born about 1640 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1691 in Diedenshausen. He married Mara ??.

Notes for Johann Wilhelm Spies:
Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

- ii. Elisabeth Spies was born on May 09, 1647 in Diedenshausen. She died in 1710 in Diedenshausen. She married Sebastian Dickel before 1681. He was born in 1646 in Schüller. He died in 1730 in Girkhausen.
- iii. Johann Gabriel Spies was born about 1648 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1694. He married Agnes Beitzel on June 22, 1671. She was born in Wemlighausen.
63. iv. Anna Magdalena Spies was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died after May 23, 1697 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Jost Strackbein about 1694 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She married Gabriel Weller about 1673 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1694 in Diedenshausen.

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

137. **Catharina ??**.

Catharina ?? and Reinhart Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Jochenchen Womelsdorf was born about 1550.
- ii. Georg Womelsdorf was born about 1555.
- 68. iii. Gerlach Womelsdorf was born about 1565 in Girkhausen. He died in 1629 in Girkhausen.
- iv. HeintzHeinrich Womelsdorf.

146. **Johannes Dornseiff**, son of Reinhard Dornseiff and ?? Breusing, was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Dornseiff had the following child:

- 73. i. ? Dornseiff was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Spies about 1620.

188. **Hans Wetzel** was born about 1580 in Elsoff. He died before 1647 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Weber**.

189. **?? Weber**, daughter of Ebert Weber, was born about 1580.

Notes for Hans Wetzel:

Became the tenant in Wetzels house, which took his name.

?? Weber and Hans Wetzel had the following child:

- 94. i. Johannes Wetzel was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died before June 1697 in Wunderthausen.

198. **Curt Beitzel**, son of Hans Beitzel, was born about 1565 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1616 in Wunderthausen.

Curt Beitzel had the following child:

- 99. i. ?? Beitzel was born about 1600 in Wunderthausen. She married Bastian Homrighausen in 1628. He was born about 1599 in Wemlighausen (?). He died after December 1651 in Wunderthausen.

216. **Johannes Homrighausen** was born about 1585 in Wemlighausen. He died after 1643. He married **Elisabeth Hüster** about 1610.

217. **Elisabeth Hüster**, daughter of Simon Hüster and Luzia Strackbein, was born about 1585 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

Tenant in Seimes.

Elisabeth Hüster and Johannes Homrighausen had the following child:

- 108. i. Hans Homrighausen was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? about 1645. She was born about 1615.

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

Johann Georg Pletsch had the following children:

- i. ElisabethLeisgen Pletsch was born about 1591 in Wunderthausen. She married Nicolaus Zacharias on March 31, 1611. He was born in Elsoff.
- 111. ii. ?? Pletsch. She died after 1680. She married Hans Georg Strackbein about 1645. He was born about 1615. He died before 1680.
- iii. ?? Pletsch. She married Hans Beitzel before 1616. He died about 1672. She married Hans Beitzel. He was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen.

224. **Johannes Beitzel**, son of Jacob Beitzel, was born about 1585 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1643. He married **??** about 1620.

225. **??**.

Notes for Johannes Beitzel:

Born in and tenant in Beitzels house.

?? and Johannes Beitzel had the following child:

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112. i. Jacob Beitzel was born about 1620 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1696-1698 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? about 1650.
228. **Theis Strackbein**, son of Theis Strackbein, was born about 1575 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1643 in Wunderthausen.
Theis Strackbein had the following child:
114. i. Theiß Strackbein was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1678 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1645.
244. **Hermann Schüßler**, son of Hans Schüßler, was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1649 in Diedenshausen.
Hermann Schüßler had the following child:
122. i. Johannes Schüßler was born about 1620 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1699 in Diedenshausen.
248. **Hans Weller** was born about 1575. He died after 1630 in Diedenshausen. He married ?? **Plocher**.
249. **?? Plocher**.
?? Plocher and Hans Weller had the following child:
124. i. Johann Phillip Weller was born about 1610 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1678 in Diedenshausen. He married ? Spies about 1645.
252. **Gabriel Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ?? Althaus, was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.
Gabriel Spies had the following children:
- i. Maria Magdalena Spies was born about 1612 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Ludwig Kirstner.
- Notes for Maria Magdalena Spies:
She was a chambermaid at the palace in Berleburg and her husband was a secretary. He came from the county of Lauingen.
126. ii. Johannes Spies was born about 1615 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Catharina ??.
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Generation 9

272. **Johenchen Womelsdorf**, son of Heinrich Womelsdorf, was born about 1480. He married **Catherina ??**.
273. **Catherina ??**.
Catherina ?? and Johenchen Womelsdorf had the following child:
136. i. Rheinhart Womelsdorf was born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He married Catharina ??.
292. **Reinhard Dornseiff**, son of Hermann Dornseiff and ? von Winter, was born about 1525 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1590 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? **Breusing** before 1560.
293. **?? Breusing**, daughter of Johannes Breusing, was born about 1535.
- Notes for Reinhard Dornseiff:
Served as Unterschultheiss in Wunderthausen (kind of deputy sherrif). Lived in the house that became known as Lotzes.
- ?? Breusing and Reinhard Dornseiff had the following children:
- i. Reinhard Dornseiff was born about 1560 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1624 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Reinhard Dornseiff:
Tenant in what became known as Lotzes
146. ii. Johannes Dornseiff was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen.
378. **Ebert Weber** was born about 1540 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1606 in Wunderthausen.

Ebert Weber had the following child:

- 189. i. ?? Weber was born about 1580. She married Hans Wetzel. He was born about 1580 in Elsoff. He died before 1647 in Wunderthausen.

396. **Hans Beitzel** was born about 1535 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1606 in Wunderthausen.

Hans Beitzel had the following child:

- 198. i. Curt Beitzel was born about 1565 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1616 in Wunderthausen.

434. **Simon Hüster** was born about 1560 in Elsoff or Alertshausen. He died after 1606. He married **Luzia Strackbein** about 1585.

435. **Luzia Strackbein**, daughter of Simon Strackbein, was born about 1560 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Luzia Strackbein:

Born in Seimes house.

Luzia Strackbein and Simon Hüster had the following child:

- 217. i. Elisabeth Hüster was born about 1585 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Homrighausen about 1610. He was born about 1585 in Wemlighausen. He died after 1643.

448. **Jacob Beitzel**, son of Adrian Beitzel and Catharina ??, was born about 1560 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1610 in Wunderthausen.

Jacob Beitzel had the following child:

- 224. i. Johannes Beitzel was born about 1585 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1643. He married ?? about 1620.

456. **Theis Strackbein** was born about 1545 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1606 in Wunderthausen.

Theis Strackbein had the following child:

- 228. i. Theis Strackbein was born about 1575 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1643 in Wunderthausen.

488. **Hans Schüßler**, son of Jost Schüßler, was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.

Hans Schüßler had the following child:

- 244. i. Hermann Schüßler was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1649 in Diedenshausen.

498. **Junghen Plocher** was born about 1550. He died in Diedenshausen. He married ? **Muder**.

499. ? **Muder**, daughter of Hen Muder, was born in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Junghen Plocher:

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? Muder and Junghen Plocher had the following children:

- i. Georg Plocher was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died between 1631-1640 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Möller in June 1618 in Diedenshausen. She was born in Elsoff. She died before 1740 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Georg Plocher:

Born in and tenant in Schmitte Haus, Diedenshausen.

- 249. ii. ?? Plocher. She married Hans Weller. He was born about 1575. He died after 1630 in Diedenshausen.

504. **Johannes Spies** was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen. He married ?? **Althaus**.

505. ?? **Althaus**, daughter of Hans Althaus, was born about 1560.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

?? Althaus and Johannes Spies had the following children:

- 252. i. Gabriel Spies was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johannes Spies was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married ?? Dickel.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Born in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Diele. He owned three horses (more than most other peasants), and is therefore thought to have a side business of hauling.

- iii. Bastian Spies was born in Diedenshausen. He died before 1616.

Generation 10

544. **Heinrich Womelsdorf** was born about 1450.

Heinrich Womelsdorf had the following child:

- 272. i. Johenchen Womelsdorf was born about 1480. He married Catherina ??.

584. **Hermann Dornseiff**, son of Hermannus Dornseiff, was born about 1495 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1576 in Bromskirchen. He married **? von Winter**.

585. **? von Winter**.

? von Winter and Hermann Dornseiff had the following child:

- 292. i. Reinhard Dornseiff was born about 1525 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1590 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? Breusing before 1560. She was born about 1535.

586. **Johannes Breusing** was born about 1510 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1535.

Johannes Breusing had the following children:

- 293. i. ?? Breusing was born about 1535. She married Reinhard Dornseiff before 1560. He was born about 1525 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1590 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Joachim Breusing was born about 1536 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 22, 1602 in Berleburg. He married Ursula Jäger. She was born about 1541.

Notes for Joachim Breusing:

Became a notary for the Count and lived in Berleburg.

- iii. Johannes Breusing was born about 1541 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Breusing:

Thought to have moved to Diedenshausen.

- iv. Eberhard Breusing.

Notes for Eberhard Breusing:

Became a brewer in Elsoff.

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

Simon Strackbein had the following child:

- 435. i. Luzia Strackbein was born about 1560 in Wunderthausen. She married Simon Hüster about 1585. He was born about 1560 in Elsoff or Alertshausen. He died after 1606.

896. **Adrian Beitzel** was born about 1535 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1589 in Wunderthausen. He married **Catharina ??** about 1560.

897. **Catharina ??**. She died after April 01, 1591.

Notes for Adrian Beitzel:

Probably the son of a Hen Beitzel from Hallenberg, so represented the second generation of Beitzels in Wunderthausen. It is supposed that Hans Beitzel in Borrmans house was his brother.

Catharina ?? and Adrian Beitzel had the following children:

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448. i. Jacob Beitzel was born about 1560 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1610 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Hans Beitzel was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? Pletsch.
- iii. Daughter Beitzel.
976. **Jost Schüßler** was born about 1530. He died before 1589 in Diedenshausen.
- Jost Schüßler had the following child:
488. i. Hans Schüßler was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.
998. **Hen Muder**, son of Hen Muder, was born about 1525 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1572 in Diedenshausen.
- Hen Muder had the following child:
499. i. ? Muder was born in Diedenshausen. She married Junghen Plocher. He was born about 1550. He died in Diedenshausen.
1010. **Hans Althaus** was born in 1535 in Alertshausen or Bromskirchen?. He died after 1591.
- Hans Althaus had the following children:
505. i. ?? Althaus was born about 1560. She married Johannes Spies. He was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johannes Althaus was born about 1563.
- Notes for Johannes Althaus:
May be the great scholar known to history as Johannes Althusius. If so, he was educated at the count's expense and went on to a legal career, marrying in 1595 and living until August 17, 1638.
- iii. Zacharias Althaus.
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Generation 11

1168. **Hermannus Dornseiff**, son of Johann of Dornsyffen, was born about 1444 in Siegen or Dornseiff. He died in Bromskirchen.
- Hermannus Dornseiff had the following child:
584. i. Hermann Dornseiff was born about 1495 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1576 in Bromskirchen. He married ? von Winter.
1996. **Hen Muder** was born about 1492. He died before 1572 in Diedenshausen.
- Hen Muder had the following child:
998. i. Hen Muder was born about 1525 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1572 in Diedenshausen.
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Generation 12

2336. **Johann of Dornsyffen** was born about 1410 in Dornseiff.
- Johann of Dornsyffen had the following child:
1168. i. Hermannus Dornseiff was born about 1444 in Siegen or Dornseiff. He died in Bromskirchen.