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# **Ancestors of Antonius Spies**

# Generation 1

1. **Antonius Spies**, son of Johann Daniel Spies and Anna Elisabeth Hederich, was born on December 10, 1726 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 29, 1805 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He married **Margaret Meyer**. She was born on November 18, 1738. She died on December 31, 1814 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Notes for Antonius Spies:

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

#### **Generation 2**

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

Notes for Johann Daniel Spies: Tenant in Beckers house.

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

i. Johann Georg Spies was born on December 27, 1720 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 20, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Gertraud Pott on December 11, 1748 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 20, 1727 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1805 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Spies: Born in and tenant in Beckers Haus, Wunderthausen.

- ii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born on February 09, 1723 in Wunderthausen. She married Emanuel Weyland on June 12, 1756 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Antonius Spies was born on December 10, 1726 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 29, 1805 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He married Margaret Meyer. She was born on November 18, 1738. She died on December 31, 1814 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
  - iv. Elisabeth Margarete Spies was born on March 07, 1730 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
  - v. Johann Arndt Spies was born on December 10, 1732 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Trapp on November 26, 1756 in Wunderthausen. She was born on August 24, 1738 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 26, 1802 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Trapp:

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

# **Generation 3**

4. **Antonius Spies**, son of Valentin 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.

5. **Anna Margarete Klein**, daughter of Johann Peter Klein and Anna Katharina Homrighausen, 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.

Anna Margarete Klein and Antonius Spies had the following children:

- i. Johann Sebastian Spies was born on November 21, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740.
- ii. Johann Daniel Spies was born on September 24, 1696 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 22, 1781 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Hederich on February 23, 1719. She was born about 1693. She died on July 19, 1755 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Johann Georg Spies was born on December 23, 1699 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740.
  - iv. Johannes Spies was born on June 01, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 19, 1774 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Strackbein on May 14, 1719 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 14, 1702 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 30, 1769 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Spies: Became the tenant in Schemds house, Wunderthausen, through marriage. Probably born in Beckers.

v. Catherine Elisabeth Spies was born on May 19, 1705 in Wunderthausen. She died in Possibly America.

Notes for Catherine Elisabeth Spies: Born in Beckers Haus in Wunderthausen. She had been tentatively identified as the Anna Catherine Spies who traveled to Philadelphia from Rotterdam in 1738 on the ship "St. Andrew."

- vi. Anna Christina Spies was born on September 09, 1708 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Johannes Spies was born on November 23, 1711 in Wunderthausen. He died in Possibly America.
- viii. Johann Ludwig Spies was born on March 25, 1715 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Spies: Born in Beckers Haus in Wunderthausen. Believed to have gone to America in 1749 on the ship "Two Brothers" which sailed from Rotterdam to Philadelphia.

- 6. **Johann Jost Hederich**, son of Peter Hederich and Elisabeth Reistenberger, was born about 1658 in Birkefehl or Elsoff. He died on November 01, 1688 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Magarete Boshof** in 1688.
- 7. **Anna Magarete Boshof**, daughter of Johann Daniel Boshoff, was born about 1663 in Probably Wunderthausen.

Anna Magarete Boshof and Johann Jost Hederich had the following child:

 Anna Elisabeth Hederich was born about 1693. She died on July 19, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Daniel Spies on February 23, 1719. He was born on September 24, 1696 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 22, 1781 in Wunderthausen.

# Generation 4

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

Valentin Spies had the following children:

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.

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 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 Anna Gertraud Homrighausen: From Seimes Haus in Wunderthausen.

 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 he 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.
  - 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.

10. **Johann Peter Klein**, son of Peter Klein and Johannetta Bode, was born in 1632 in Dachsloch. He died on October 21, 1688 in Dachsloch (Buried Bromskirchen). He married **Anna Katharina Homrighausen** on July 03, 1656 in Bromskirchen. 11. **Anna Katharina Homrighausen**, daughter of Bastian Homrighausen and ?? Beitzel, was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 03, 1695 in Bromskirchen (Dachsloch).

#### 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.

Anna Katharina Homrighausen and Johann Peter Klein had the following children:

- i. Johann Peter Klein was born on March 31, 1657. He died on January 12, 1727 in Dachsloch. He married Anna Maria Benfer on October 19, 1688 in Bromskirchen. She was born about 1665. She died on May 05, 1737 in Dachsloch.
- ii. Anna Margarete Klein was born about 1669 in Dachsloch. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Antonius Spies on August 30, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1662 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 18, 1751 in Langewiese.
- 12. **Peter Hederich** was born about 1615. He died on October 21, 1673 in Birkefehl. He married **Elisabeth Reistenberger** about 1645.
- 13. **Elisabeth Reistenberger**, daughter of Johannes Reistenberger and ?? Linde, was born about 1620. She died on April 11, 1687 in Birkefehl.

Elisabeth Reistenberger and Peter Hederich had the following child:

- Johann Jost Hederich was born about 1658 in Birkefehl or Elsoff. He died on November 01, 1688 in Girkhausen. He married Anna Magarete Boshof in 1688. She was born about 1663 in Probably Wunderthausen.
- 14. **Johann Daniel Boshoff** was born about 1620 in Probably Wunderthausen. He died before 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1645.

Johann Daniel Boshoff had the following children:

i. Johann Conrad Boshoff was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1670.

Notes for Johann Conrad Boshoff: Tenant in Leyeschneiders.

 Johann Theis Boshoff was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen. He died before June 1718 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Dienst on April 19, 1682. She was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Theis Boshoff: AKA Matthias. Born in Unter der Leye, Wundehausen. Married into Linde. Known to be alive in 1678 when he served as a godparent.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Dienst: She and her brother Johannes divided the property that had belonged to Linde house ("beim Wasser"). She resided in what became Altehäusers, while he kept

- iii. Anna Magarete Boshof was born about 1663 in Probably Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jost Hederich in 1688. He was born about 1658 in Birkefehl or Elsoff. He died on November 01, 1688 in Girkhausen.
  - iv. Anna Catherina Boshoff.

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Notes for Anna Catherina Boshoff: Known to be alive in 1695 when she served as a godparent.

v. Anna Elisabeth Boshoff.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Boshoff: Known to be alive in 1687 when she served as a godparent. vi. Johann Georg Boshoff. He married Martha Wiedersprecher on February 23, 1693. She was born in Wingeshausen.

# Generation 5

- 16. Johannes Spies. He married ? Dornseiff about 1620.
- 17. **? Dornseiff**, daughter of Johannes Dornseiff, was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen.

? Dornseiff and Johannes Spies had the following children:

- 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.
- 20. **Peter Klein**, son of Kaspar Klein, was born about 1585 in Großsenbach. He died on February 05, 1677 in Alertshausen. He married **Johannetta Bode** on November 08, 1618 in Feudingen.
- 21. Johannetta Bode was born about 1593. She died on December 24, 1667 in Alertshausen.

Notes for Peter Klein:

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Was a charcoal maker (Kohler) in Dachsloch which is near Diedenshausen.

Johannetta Bode and Peter Klein had the following children:

- Johann Peter Klein was born in 1632 in Dachsloch. He died on October 21, 1688 in Dachsloch (Buried Bromskirchen). He married Anna Katharina Homrighausen on July 03, 1656 in Bromskirchen. She was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 03, 1695 in Bromskirchen (Dachsloch).
  - ii. Matthes Klein.
- 22. **Bastian Homrighausen** was born about 1599 in Wemlighausen (?). He died after December 1651 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Beitzel** in 1628.
- 23. **?? 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:

- 11. 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).
  - 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.

Notes for Hans Georg Dienst: May have been born in Linde Haus, but married into Bormanns.

- 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.
- 26. Johannes Reistenberger was born about 1590 in Probably Birkefehl. He married ?? Linde.
- 27. **?? Linde**, daughter of Paul Linde, was born about 1595 in Probably Birkefehl.

?? Linde and Johannes Reistenberger had the following child:

13. i. Elisabeth Reistenberger was born about 1620. She died on April 11, 1687 in Birkefehl. She married Peter Hederich about 1645. He was born about 1615. He died on October 21, 1673 in Birkefehl. 34. **Johannes Dornseiff**, son of Reinhard Dornseiff and ?? Breusing, was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen.

Johannes Dornseiff had the following child:

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

#### 40. Kaspar Klein.

Kaspar Klein had the following child:

- Peter Klein was born about 1585 in Großsenbach. He died on February 05, 1677 in Alertshausen. He married Johannetta Bode on November 08, 1618 in Feudingen. She was born about 1593. She died on December 24, 1667 in Alertshausen.
- 46. **Curt Beitzel**, son of Hans Beitzel, was born about 1565 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1616 in Wunderthausen.

Curt Beitzel had the following child:

- 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.
- 54. Paul Linde was born about 1565.

Paul Linde had the following child:

27. i. ?? Linde was born about 1595 in Probably Birkefehl. She married Johannes Reistenberger. He was born about 1590 in Probably Birkefehl.