Ancestors of Johann Ludwig Spies

Generation 1

1. **Johann Ludwig Spies**, son of Anton Spies and Anna Margarete Klein, 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.

Generation 2

2. **Anton 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.
3. **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 Anton 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. Records show that he died in the small village of Langewiese north and east of Wunderthausen. I don't know of any children who lived there, so this is unusual.

   Anton Spies and Anna Margarete Klein 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.

   Notes for Johann Daniel Spies:
   Tenant in Beckers house.

   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.

1. viii. Johann Ludwig Spies was born on March 25, 1715 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 3

4. **Valentin Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ? Dornseiff, was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1678.

Notes for Valentin Spies:
Tenant in Schmeds. There are no records of his birth or death, though he was certainly deceased by 1678. Experts can only make educated guesses from what records do exist. One important scholar (Jochen Karl Mehldau) proposes a birth date around 1617. But Klaus Homrighausen has more in-depth knowledge of Wunderthausen and proposes roughly 1630. The two made different reconstructions of their offspring as well. We will never know, but I lean toward the family presented here as outlined by Hr. Homrighausen.

Valentin Spies had the following children:

i. Johann Georg Spies was born about 1650 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 1653 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.

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 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Christina Spies:
Born in Schmeds house which passed to he husband.

iii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen.

2. iv. Anton 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 1662 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 Margarete Spies was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen. She married **Matthias Trapp** on January 03, 1694. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709–1711 in Wunderthausen. She married **Matthias Trapp** He was born about 1664.

Notes for Anna Margarete Spies:
Born in Schmeds house.

6. **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.

7. **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.

Johann Peter Klein and Anna Katharina Homrighausen 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.

3. ii. Anna Margarete Klein was born about 1669 in Dachsloch. She died before 1740 in

Wunderthausen. She married **Anton Spies** on August 30, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1662 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 18, 1751 in Langewiese.

Generation 4

8. **Johannes Spies** was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen. He married **? Dornseiff** about 1620.
9. **? Dornseiff**, daughter of Johannes Dornseiff, was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Spies:
Tenant in Schmedshannes by marriage.

Johannes Spies and ? Dornseiff had the following children:

4. i. Valentin Spies was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1678.
   ii. Antonius Spies was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen.
   iii. Barbara Spies was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen.

12. **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.
13. **Johannetta Bode** was born about 1593. She died on December 24, 1667 in Alertshausen.

Notes for Peter Klein:
Was a charcoal maker (Kohler) in Dachsloch which is near Diedenshausen.

Peter Klein and Johannetta Bode had the following children:

6. i. 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

14. **Bastian Homrighausen** was born about 1599 in Wemlighausen (?). He died after December 1651 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Beitzel** in 1628.
15. **?? Beitzel**, daughter of Curt Beitzel, was born about 1600 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Bastian Homrighausen:
Married into Bormanns Haus in Wunderthausen.

Bastian Homrighausen and ?? Beitzel had the following children:

7. 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 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1718 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 5

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

Notes for Johannes Dornseiff:
May have been born in Lotzes house. Tenant in Schmedshannes.

Johannes Dornseiff had the following child:

9. i. ? Dornseiff was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Spies** about 1620. He was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen.

24. **Kaspar Klein**

Kaspar Klein had the following child:

12. i. 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.

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

Notes for Curt Beitzel:

Born in and tenant in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

Curt Beitzel had the following child:

15. 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.

Generation 6

36. **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.

37. **?? 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.

Reinhard Dornseiff and ?? Breusing 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

18. ii. Johannes Dornseiff was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen.

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

Notes for Hans Beitzel:
First known tenant in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

Hans Beitzel had the following child:

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

Generation 7

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

73. **? von Winter**

Hermann Dornseiff and ? von Winter had the following child:

36. 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.

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

Notes for Johannes Breusing:
First known tenant in the house that became known as Lotzes. He was probably part of the new settlement in Wunderthausen around 1500 following its abandonment for several decades. He was on a higher rung of the social order than others, as were the Dornseiffs into which his daughter married.

Johannes Breusing had the following children:

37. 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.

Generation 8

144. **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:

72. i. Hermann Dornseiff was born about 1495 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1576 in Bromskirchen. He married **? von Winter**

Generation 9

288. **Johann of Dornsyffen** was born about 1410 in Dornseiff.

Johann of Dornsyffen had the following child:

144. i. Hermannus Dornseiff was born about 1444 in Siegen or Dornseiff. He died in Bromskirchen.