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Ancestors of Johannes Spies

Generation 1

1. **Johannes Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Strackbein, was born on March 09, 1724 in Wunderthausen. He died in Probably America.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Born in Schmeds Haus in Wunderthausen. Tentatively identified as the Johannes Spies who sailed to Philadelphia in 1748 on the ship Judith out of Rotterdam.

Some family trees show him as dying in Wunderthausen in 1803, but that is incorrect. The latter was a Johannes Spies born in 1742,

Generation 2

- 2. **Johannes Spies**, son of Antonius Spies and Anna Margarete Klein, 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.
- 3. **Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Strackbein**, daughter of Johannes Strackbein and Anna Elisabeth Dienst, 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.

Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Strackbein and Johannes Spies had the following children:

- 1. i. Johannes Spies was born on March 09, 1724 in Wunderthausen. He died in Probably America.
 - ii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born on September 29, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 04, 1783 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Henrich Knoche on February 04, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 28, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 15, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

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

- iii. Johann Franz Spies was born on March 30, 1729 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740.
- iv. Johann Georg Spies was born on December 05, 1731 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740.
- v. Johannes Spies was born on January 23, 1735 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 08, 1755 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Anna Christina Spies was born on March 28, 1738 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
- vii. Catherine Elisabeth Spies was born on June 29, 1742 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 26, 1755 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Elisabeth Gertraud Spies was born on December 15, 1744 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 28, 1788 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Wagner on April 02, 1791. He was born on February 18, 1747 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 18, 1797 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Wagner: Became the tenant in Franzose house in Wunderthausen through marriage.

- 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.

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.
 - 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. **Johannes Strackbein**. He married **Anna Elisabeth Dienst** on June 09, 1701 in Wunderthausen.
- 7. **Anna Elisabeth Dienst**, daughter of Werner Dienst and Anna Christina Spies, was born about 1680 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1744.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

Became the tenant in Schmeds house, Wunderthausen, through marriage. Possibly born in Grosse house.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Dienst:

Known as Anliese. She was born in Schmeds house which passed to her husband.

Anna Elisabeth Dienst and Johannes Strackbein had the following children:

 Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Strackbein was born on July 14, 1702 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 30, 1769 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Spies on May 14, 1719 in Wunderthausen. He was born on June 01, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 19, 1774 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Spies. He was born on September 08, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 19, 1774 in Wunderthausen.

- ii. Catharine Elisabeth Strackbein was born on November 06, 1705 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
- iii. Johannes Strackbein was born on October 27, 1708 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 17, 1742 in Berleburg. He married ?? on February 23, 1736.
- iv. Johann Georg Strackbein.

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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 14. **Werner Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst and ??, was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Christina Spies** on October 11, 1678 in Wunderthausen.
- 15. **Anna Christina Spies**, daughter of Valentin Spies, was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1708 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Werner Dienst:

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

Notes for Anna Christina Spies:

Born in Schmeds house which passed to he husband.

Anna Christina Spies and Werner Dienst had the following children:

- 7. i. Anna Elisabeth Dienst was born about 1680 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1744. She married Johannes Strackbein on June 09, 1701 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Anna Margarete Dienst was born on April 12, 1688 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 04, 1753 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Anton Dienst was born on January 13, 1690 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740.
 - iv. Johann Jacob Dienst was born on April 16, 1697 in Wunderthausen.
 - v. Justina Dienst was born on March 25, 1699 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
 - vi. Anna Christiana Dienst was born on July 02, 1702 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 01, 1765 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Strackbein on June 05, 1728 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 18, 1702 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 06, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein: Tenant in Grosse house.

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:

- 8. 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:

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

Johannetta Bode and Peter Klein had the following children:

- 10. 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.
- 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.
- 28. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst and ?? Kuhn, was born about 1635. He married **??** about 1660.
- 29. **??**.

Notes for Johannes Dienst: Tenant in Linde house.

?? and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

- 14. i. Werner Dienst was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Christina Spies on October 11, 1678 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1708 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Johannes Dienst was born about 1658 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Justina Gärte on March 13, 1684 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1665 in Arfeld. She died after October 30, 1708 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst: Lived in Linde Haus. Members of the Dienst family lived in this house as early as 1610. It is one of the oldest in Wunderthausen.

30. **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.
 - 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.

Generation 6

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.
- 56. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Georg Dienst and Katharina Linde, was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Kuhn** about 1635.
- 57. **?? Kuhn**, daughter of Theis Kuhn, was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:

Early tenant in the house "Beim Wasser" or Linde.

?? Kuhn and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

- 28. i. Johannes Dienst was born about 1635. He married ?? about 1660.
 - ii. Johann Georg Dienst. He married ?? Strackbein.
- 60. Johannes Spies. He married ? Dornseiff about 1620.
- 61. **? Dornseiff**, daughter of Johannes Dornseiff, was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen.

? Dornseiff and Johannes Spies had the following children:

- 8. 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.