Compiled by Dr. Paul Riedesel using independent transcriptions of church registers and other documents for Wittgenstein by Jochen Karl Mehldau (1934-2022), Georg Lauber (1904-1978), and J. Wilhelm Knoche (1883-1944).

Ancestors of Johann Daniel Knoche

Generation 1

 Johann Daniel Knoche, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Knoche, was born on November 10, 1851 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 18, 1917 in Jackson, Missouri. He married Emma Kränzlein about 1878. She was born on November 17, 1854 in Missouri. She died on July 14, 1882 in Missouri (Union Cemetery, Kansas City). He married Mary Lercher in May 1883 in Jackson, Missouri. She was born on April 21, 1868. She died on August 07, 1883 in Jackson, Missouri (Belton Cemetery, Cass County MO).

Notes for Johann Daniel Knoche:

While he was born in Wunderthausen, it is not clear where his (unwed) mother was living. I believe he came to America on the Atlantic out of Bremen to New York, landing on May 28, 1866. He was only 14.

In 1910 he was living with the Louis Tippe household in Jackson County, Missouri. Mrs. Tipton was born a Knoche and had married another Knoche. Two of her children were also in the house.

Generation 2

- 2. Johannes Homrighausen was born in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Knoche.
- 3. **Anna Elisabeth Knoche**, daughter of Georg Franz Knoche and Elisabeth Magdalene Lauber, was born on April 21, 1825 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen: Cited as being from Schulze Haus in Diedenshausen but I cannot make a positive identification.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Knoche:

There is some chance that the son, Johann Daniel, was born to her sister Elisabeth Amalia instead but I believe that this Anna Elisabeth is more likely.

Anna Elisabeth Knoche and Johannes Homrighausen had the following child:

 i. Johann Daniel Knoche was born on November 10, 1851 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 18, 1917 in Jackson, Missouri. He married Emma Kränzlein about 1878. She was born on November 17, 1854 in Missouri. She died on July 14, 1882 in Missouri (Union Cemetery, Kansas City). He married Mary Lercher in May 1883 in Jackson, Missouri. She was born on April 21, 1868. She died on August 07, 1883 in Jackson, Missouri (Belton Cemetery, Cass County MO).

Generation 3

- 6. **Georg Franz Knoche**, son of Johann Jacob Knoche and Catharina Florentine Beitzel, was born on June 19, 1790 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 22, 1856 in Girkhausen. He married **Elisabeth Magdalene Lauber** about 1819.
- 7. **Elisabeth Magdalene Lauber** 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.

Elisabeth Magdalene Lauber and Georg Franz Knoche had the following children:

i. Johann Ludwig Knoche was born on May 13, 1813 in Girkhausen. He married Katharina Weller. She was born on December 27, 1820 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 27, 1857.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Knoche:

Born a few years before his parents were married. Family records list him but I cannot find his birth in the local church records. That he succeeded Georg Franz as the household head of Fränzches strongly suggests that he was indeed a son. Following the death of his wife, he left for Dortmund and the trail disappears.

- ii. Wilhelmine Knoche was born on December 31, 1819 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Maria Knoche was born on July 01, 1822 in Wunderthausen.
- 3. iv. Anna Elisabeth Knoche was born on April 21, 1825 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Homrighausen. He was born in Diedenshausen.
 - v. Elisabeth Amalia Knoche was born on July 12, 1828 in Wunderthausen.
 - vi. Johann Franz Knoche was born on August 11, 1833 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 24, 1833 in Wunderthausen.
 - vii. Georg Werner Knoche was born on August 11, 1833 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 25, 1833 in Wunderthausen.
 - viii. Johannes Knoche was born on December 06, 1834 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 11, 1840 in Wunderthausen.
 - ix. Anna Christina Knoche was born on May 24, 1837 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 14, 1839 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 4

- 12. **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.
- 13. **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.

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.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel: Tenant in Wetzels Haus 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.

Generation 5

24. **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.

25. **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:

- 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.
- 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.
 - 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.
- 26. **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.

27. **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:

- 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 6

- 48. **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.
- 49. **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.
- 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.

- 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.

50. **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.

51. **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:

 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.

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.
- 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.

52. **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.

53. **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.
- 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.

- 54. **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.
- 55. **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.

- 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.