

## Ancestors of Erna Augusta Kroh

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### Generation 1

1. **Erna Augusta Kroh**, daughter of Georg Ludwig Kroh and Emilie Lisette Riedesel, was born on May 05, 1901 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 09, 1990 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (Davenport Memorial Park). She married **Ferdinand Jacob Kelting** on November 13, 1919 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He was born on July 17, 1898 in Clinton, Iowa. He died on February 06, 1933 in Clinton County, Iowa. She married **Maurice C. Werling** on October 05, 1945 in Rock Island, Illinois. He was born on August 07, 1913 in Iowa. He died in October 1983 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (Davenport Memorial Park).

Notes for Erna Augusta Kroh:

Came to America at the age of one on the ship Bremen out of Bremen, landing in New York on September 24, 1902. Worked as a baker after being widowed.

Notes for Maurice C. Werling:

Known as Ted.

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### Generation 2

2. **Georg Ludwig Kroh**, son of Heinrich Kroh and Anna Elisabeth Knebel, was born on October 28, 1863 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 03, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married **Emilie Lisette Riedesel** on April 01, 1900 in Wunderthausen.
3. **Emilie Lisette Riedesel**, daughter of Johann Georg Riedesel and Katherine Riedesel, was born on January 24, 1879 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 12, 1963 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Kroh:

Known as George. Born in Schwarze Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to the U.S. on the ship Salier out of Bremen, arriving in New York on October 4, 1881. He lived first at Paola, Kansas, before going to Wheatland. He worked at the L.H. Homrighausen rolling mill, and played in the town band. He then farmed and built houses. Following the death of his first wife--the daughter of Wunderthausen emigrants--he returned to Germany. There he married Lisette Riedesel and they came back to Wheatland to live. This trip was on the ship Bremen out of Bremen, landing in New York on September 24, 1902. The rest of her family followed four years later.

His first farm was in Section 20, his second in Section 19 of the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County.

Notes for Emilie Lisette Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen. Her husband, Georg Ludwig Kroh, had gone to Wheatland years before, been married and widowed, and returned to Wunderthausen. They had one child in Germany before returning to America and Wheatland.

They came to America on ship Bremen out of Bremen, landing in New York on September 24, 1902. She was known by her middle name, often spelled Lisetta. Her given first name is spelled variously in different sources. However, the church record from Wunderthausen says 'Emilie' which is proper German spelling as is 'Lisette.'

Emilie Lisette Riedesel and Georg Ludwig Kroh had the following children:

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  - i. Erna Augusta Kroh was born on May 05, 1901 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 09, 1990 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (Davenport Memorial Park). She married Ferdinand Jacob Kelting on November 13, 1919 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He was born on July 17, 1898 in Clinton, Iowa. He died on February 06, 1933 in Clinton County, Iowa. She married Maurice C. Werling on October 05, 1945 in Rock Island, Illinois. He was born on August 07, 1913 in Iowa. He died in October 1983 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (Davenport Memorial Park).
  - ii. Henry J. Kroh was born on December 26, 1902 in Spring Rock Township, Clinton, Iowa. He died on September 13, 1965 (Pine Hill Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Ursa Stoecker on February 15, 1930. She was born on August 11, 1908.

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- iii. Friedrich Kroh was born on July 16, 1904 in Spring Rock Township, Clinton, Iowa. He died in 1905 in Spring Rock Township, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Friedrich Kroh:  
Twin to Freda, died young.

- iv. Frieda Catherine Kroh was born on July 16, 1904 in Spring Rock Township, Clinton, Iowa. She died on April 20, 1987 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa. She married Hugo Henry Gehrls on January 24, 1930. He was born on March 28, 1898 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. He died on December 25, 1989 in Clarence, Cedar, Iowa.

Notes for Frieda Catherine Kroh:  
Twin to Fred.

- v. Eitel Friedrich George Kroh was born on March 05, 1907 in Spring Rock Township, Clinton, Iowa. He died on January 10, 1985 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Ruby Edna Fox on February 26, 1936 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on February 06, 1914 in Iowa. She died on August 04, 2000 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Eitel Friedrich George Kroh:  
Went by the name of Fred after his younger brother (a Twin) named Fred died. I don't know where the "Eitel" or "Idell" came from.

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### Generation 3

4. **Heinrich Kroh**, son of Johannes Kroh and Anna Elisabeth Lückel, was born on June 25, 1825 in Wemlighausen. He died on July 18, 1886 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Knebel** on January 15, 1854 in Wunderthausen.
5. **Anna Elisabeth Knebel**, daughter of Ludwig Heinrich Knebel and Anna Catherine Womelsdorf, was born on March 08, 1833 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 27, 1870 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Heinrich Kroh:  
Born in Kiepehaus in Wemlighausen but inherited Schwarzehaus in Wunderthausen after his marriage.

Anna Elisabeth Knebel and Heinrich Kroh had the following children:

- i. Heinrich Kroh was born on July 03, 1855 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 18, 1864 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Anna Elisabeth Kroh was born on May 07, 1858 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 14, 1867 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Ludwig Heinrich Conrad Kroh was born on January 26, 1860 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 06, 1935 in Wunderthausen. He married Luise Guntermann on February 02, 1921. She was born on October 07, 1887 in Bromskirchen. He married Maria Schneider on December 26, 1892. She was born on June 29, 1870 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 24, 1912 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Conrad Kroh:  
Born in and became the head of Schwarzehaus in Wunderthausen.

- iv. Catharine Kroh was born on March 08, 1862 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 10, 1945 in Wunderthausen.
2. v. Georg Ludwig Kroh was born on October 28, 1863 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 03, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Anna Susannah Homrighausen on October 28, 1891 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on November 11, 1863 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on April 20, 1899 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Emilie Lisette Riedesel on April 01, 1900 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 24, 1879 in Wunderthausen. She died

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on January 12, 1963 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

- vi. Caroline Kroh was born on April 29, 1866 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 22, 1873 in Wunderthausen.
  - vii. Anna Elisabeth Kroh was born on August 03, 1868 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 19, 1932 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Weller on January 06, 1895 in Wunderthausen.
6. **Johann Georg Riedesel**, son of Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Kroh, was born on December 05, 1842 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married **Katherine Riedesel** on November 24, 1872 in Wunderthausen.
7. **Katherine Riedesel**, daughter of Johann Georg Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Dickel, was born on September 22, 1854 in Rüsselsbach. She died on April 11, 1908 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Known as George J. in this country. Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. He and most of the family came to America on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. The property he had in Germany was not insubstantial by village standards and he had a good-sized farm in Section 26 of the Spring Rock Township. They were the last of the Wunderhäuser to come to the Wheatland area. His younger brothers Henry and Fred had already settled in America though not around Wheatland.

Notes for Katherine Riedesel:

She was born in the single house at Rüsselsbach near Wunderthausen. Came to America on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. Clinton County Register of Deaths gives her name as Katrina Riedesel. Her tombstone is erroneously engraved with 1909 as the year of death.

Katherine Riedesel and Johann Georg Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Georg Wilhelm Riedesel was born on August 22, 1874 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 22, 1877 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Catherine Luise Riedesel was born on March 26, 1876 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 04, 1933 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- Notes for Catherine Luise Riedesel:  
Came to America with her parents on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. Never married.
3. iii. Emilie Lisette Riedesel was born on January 24, 1879 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 12, 1963 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Georg Ludwig Kroh on April 01, 1900 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 28, 1863 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 03, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- iv. Luise Riedesel was born on July 17, 1881 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 12, 1937 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married John Conrad Strackbein on December 05, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on November 09, 1872 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 25, 1968 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Luise Riedesel:

Preceded parents and other siblings to the U.S. She traveled on the ship Rhein out of Bremen and landed in Baltimore on June 24, 1903. Also on the ship was a 23-year old Georg Strackbein whom I have not been able to identify. I think he was a Wunderthausen cousin who came as an escort and to visit relatives before returning home.

Her older sister, Lisetta, had come the year before.

Notes for John Conrad Strackbein:

Sometimes referred to as John Conrad, but family members say he had no given

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middle name.

- v. Georg Ludwig Riedesel was born on September 19, 1883 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 19, 1931 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Anna Wilhelmine Fox on February 27, 1912 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on March 03, 1891 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on March 15, 1991 in Maquoketa, Jackson, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. There were no children to the marriage. His death was a suicide.

Notes for Anna Wilhelmine Fox:

Served as a housekeeper to "Doc" (Elmer Vinton) Riedesel. Known as Minnie.

- vi. Hermine Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on December 02, 1885 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 23, 1952 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Frank Henry Strackbein on April 28, 1909 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on October 24, 1883 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on May 14, 1974 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Hermine Anna Elisabeth Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906.

- vii. Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel was born on March 21, 1888 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 08, 1958 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Evelyn K. Jenkins on June 19, 1928 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa. She was born about 1904 in Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky. She died in January 1979.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906.

Known as Louis H. or "Irish." By 1930 he was working as an auto mechanic in Rock Island, IL. The 1930 Census is the first indication I have that he was ever married. The Census shows a 7-year old step-daughter named Mary who was born in Iowa.

- viii. Friedrich Heinrich Riedesel was born on December 17, 1889 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 09, 1977 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Ethel Mae Diller on April 08, 1931 in Davenport, Iowa, USA. She was born on December 18, 1903 in Iowa. She died on June 15, 1962 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Friedrich Heinrich Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. No children from the marriage. Known as Fred. Naturalized April 7, 1936. A 14-year old girl named Lucille Riedesel and described as their daughter is listed in the 1940 Census. I believe that was an enumerator's error. Ethel had a legitimate sister this age named Lucille.

- ix. Emma C. Riedesel was born on April 27, 1891 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 14, 1986 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Albert Fred Strackbein on February 28, 1913 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on October 21, 1886 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on January 15, 1958 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Emma C. Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906.

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- x. Heinrich Gustav Riedesel was born on September 16, 1893 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 27, 1959 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Emma Wilhelmine Mildred Wolfe on December 17, 1918 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on August 30, 1900 in Shatoper Tp Iowa, USA. She died on May 28, 1979 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa.

Notes for Heinrich Gustav Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. Referred to as Gustave Heinrich by family but was christened Heinrich Gustav.

Notes for Emma Wilhelmine Mildred Wolfe:

Her last name is also given as Wulf in some sources. That is actually much more common a name in Germany, from which her parents came, than 'Wolfe.' 'Wolff' is more common than either.

- xi. Heinrich Adolph Riedesel was born on July 11, 1895 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 14, 1973 in De Witt, Clinton, Iowa. He married Elsie Viola Ott on January 29, 1920 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on June 24, 1900 in Smithtown, Iowa. She died on November 27, 1959 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Anna Wieck on July 10, 1965.

Notes for Heinrich Adolph Riedesel:

Born in Weymer Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. No children from either marriage. He was naturalized in Scott County in 1928. He farmed near Wheatland and later owned a farm implement business.

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#### Generation 4

8. **Johannes Kroh**, son of Johann Georg Kroh and Anna Katherine Dickel, was born on November 26, 1786. He died on March 31, 1837. He married **Anna Elisabeth Lückel**.
9. **Anna Elisabeth Lückel**, daughter of Johann Georg Lückel and Maria Magdalena Rath, was born on November 19, 1790. She died on March 13, 1860.
- Anna Elisabeth Lückel and Johannes Kroh had the following child:
4. i. Heinrich Kroh was born on June 25, 1825 in Wemlighausen. He died on July 18, 1886 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Knebel on January 15, 1854 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 08, 1833 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 27, 1870 in Wunderthausen.
10. **Ludwig Heinrich Knebel**, son of Johann Georg Knebel and Maria Amalia Strackbein, was born on December 20, 1791 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 12, 1867 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catherine Womelsdorf** on January 14, 1824 in Wunderthausen.
11. **Anna Catherine Womelsdorf**, daughter of Johann Ludwig Womelsdorf and Elisabeth Gertraud Dienst, was born on December 27, 1806 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 01, 1848 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Knebel:

Tenant in Schwarze house.

Notes for Anna Catherine Womelsdorf:

Born in Beckers house.

Anna Catherine Womelsdorf and Ludwig Heinrich Knebel had the following children:

- i. Johann Heinrich Knebel was born on August 21, 1826 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 20, 1911 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Knebel:

Known as Henry. Born in Schwarzehaus, Wunderthausen. He was probably the Henry Knebel aboard the "Auguste" which landed in New Orleans out of Bremen on October 25, 1854. He appears to have lived with the John P. Knoche family in Jackson County, Missouri, in 1860 but eventually went back to Wheatland. He had

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a farm just over the Clinton County line in Section 6 of the Liberty Township of Scott County. He evidently never married.

- ii. Maria Amalia Knebel was born on August 12, 1828 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 29, 1835 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johann Georg Knebel was born on July 24, 1831 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1870 in Wunderthausen.
5. iv. Anna Elisabeth Knebel was born on March 08, 1833 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 27, 1870 in Wunderthausen. She married Heinrich Kroh on January 15, 1854 in Wunderthausen. He was born on June 25, 1825 in Wemlighausen. He died on July 18, 1886 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Ludwig Heinrich Knebel was born on November 04, 1834 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Knebel:

Probably went to America. A man matching his description lived with his first cousin Caroline (Knebel) Riedesel in Monroe County, IL, in 1870.

- vi. Johannes Knebel was born on October 08, 1836 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 07, 1839 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Anna Catherine Knebel was born on August 21, 1838 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 18, 1864.
- viii. Ludwig Knebel was born on March 09, 1841 in Wunderthausen.
- ix. Johannes Knebel was born on June 24, 1843 in Wunderthausen. He died in Prob. America.

Notes for Johannes Knebel:

Born in Schwarze Haus in Wunderthausen. A Johann Knebel matching his age and traveling with other Knebels was on board the "Jupiter" when it arrived in New York on June 11, 1867. His likely sister, Amalia, is listed immediately below him. What happened to him subsequently is unknown to me.

- x. Amalia Knebel was born on August 04, 1846 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Amalia Knebel:

Born in Schwarze Haus in Wunderthausen. She came to America with her older brother Johannes on the ship Jupiter out of Bremen which landed in New York on June 11, 1867. Where she went thereafter is unknown.

12. **Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel**, son of Johann Georg Riedesel and Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs, was born on February 09, 1802 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 16, 1876 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Kroh** on November 17, 1839 in Wunderthausen.
13. **Anna Elisabeth Kroh**, daughter of Georg Ludwig Kroh and Anna Elisabeth Kroh, was born on December 31, 1814 in Wemlighausen. She died on March 31, 1878 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel:

Born in and tenant in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen.

Anna Elisabeth Kroh and Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Catherine Lisette Riedesel was born on September 07, 1840 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 18, 1908 in Wunderthausen. She married Conrad Heinrich Steinmeyer on January 27, 1862 in Wunderthausen. He was born on May 12, 1836 in Lippe-Detmold. He died on December 19, 1924 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Conrad Heinrich Steinmeyer:

Married into Wunderthausen and Brückeweimers Haus.

6. ii. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on December 05, 1842 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Katherine Riedesel on November 24, 1872 in Wunderthausen. She was born on September 22, 1854 in Rüsselsbach. She died on April 11, 1908 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

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- iii. Georg Ludwig Riedesel was born on June 18, 1845 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 23, 1927 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catherine Strackbein on October 15, 1873 in Girkhausen. She was born on November 14, 1850 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 30, 1883 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:

Born in Weymers house, married into Kurts.

- iv. Johann Heinrich Riedesel was born on October 23, 1847 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 26, 1930 in Salem, Marion, Oregon (City View Cemetery, Salem). He married Charlotte Bohle on October 31, 1874 in Cherokee County, Iowa. She was born on March 18, 1854 in Washington, Franklin, Missouri. She died on September 09, 1937 in Salem, Marion, Oregon (City View Cemetery, Salem).

Notes for Johann Heinrich Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. He arrived in New York on October 21, 1867 on the ship Union out of Bremen. He reportedly worked for seven years in a Pennsylvania coal mine but this is questionable as he appears to have been living in Wheatland, Iowa by 1870. Known as Henry.

Married in Iowa in 1874; Charlotte was from Washington, Missouri. Lived in Cherokee County, Iowa, until about 1902 when they moved to Cathy, North Dakota. In 1915 they went to Salem, Oregon. Living at 740 North Cottage Street in West Salem, Polk County, in 1926 when their daughter, Amanda, died.

Notes for Charlotte Bohle:

Secondary sources do not agree on the year of her birth, but her obituary says March of 1854. There is some confusion about her place of birth but she may be found in the 1860 Census in Washington, Franklin County, Missouri (not Mississippi).

- v. Catherine Elisabeth Luise Riedesel was born on October 27, 1849 in Wunderthausen. She married Ludwig Heinrich Fuchs on September 22, 1872 in Girkhausen.
- vi. Georg Friedrich Riedesel was born on August 19, 1852 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 15, 1916 in Worthington, Nobles, Minnesota. He married Petra Nella Vander Meer on March 04, 1884. She was born on April 22, 1864 in Workum, Netherlands. She died on June 29, 1946 in Worthington, Nobles, Minnesota.

Notes for Georg Friedrich Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen.

He came to the U.S. on the ship Holsatia out of Hamburg. It arrived in New York on December 7, 1871. The years between his arrival and his ultimate marriage are not well-documented. By 1880 he was living with/near his brother Henry in Cherokee County, Iowa.

He was known as Fred in this country.

14. **Johann Georg Riedesel**, son of Johann Ludwig Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Benfer, was born on February 26, 1828 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1927 in Wemlighausen (?). He married **Anna Elisabeth Dickel** on April 24, 1853.
15. **Anna Elisabeth Dickel**, daughter of Johannes Ludwig Dickel and Anna Elisabeth Lückel, was born on November 24, 1828. She died on August 28, 1885.

Anna Elisabeth Dickel and Johann Georg Riedesel had the following children:

7. i. Katherine Riedesel was born on September 22, 1854 in Rüsselsbach. She died on April 11, 1908 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Georg Riedesel on November 24, 1872 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 05, 1842 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

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- ii. Louise Elisabeth Riedesel was born on July 26, 1856 in Rüsselsbach. She died on January 10, 1908. She married Johann Georg Sonneborn on March 01, 1874 in Girkhausen. He was born on March 05, 1849 in Girkhausen. He died on April 01, 1926 in Rüsselsbach.
  - iii. Karoline Riedesel was born on May 10, 1859 in Rüsselsbach. She died on April 12, 1869 in Rüsselsbach.
  - iv. Henrich Riedesel was born on December 25, 1861 in Rüsselsbach.
  - v. Georg Riedesel was born on December 03, 1863 in Rüsselsbach. He died on January 15, 1868 in Wemlighausen.
  - vi. Wilhelmine Riedesel was born on February 23, 1866 in Rüsselsbach. She died on June 08, 1868 in Wemlighausen.
  - vii. Georg Wilhelm Riedesel was born on May 08, 1868 in Rüsselsbach. He died on August 24, 1938 in Wuppertal. He married Anna Dahlmann. She was born on October 06, 1868. She died on January 25, 1933 in Wuppertal.
  - viii. Friedrich Riedesel was born on October 25, 1870 in Rüsselsbach. He died on June 13, 1901. He married Ida Karweg.
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#### Generation 5

- 16. **Johann Georg Kroh**, son of Johann Georg Kroh and Maria Elisabeth Kroh, was born on April 18, 1754. He died on May 18, 1804. He married **Anna Katherine Dickel**.
- 17. **Anna Katherine Dickel**, daughter of Johann Philipp Dickel and Anna Katharina Belz, was born on November 21, 1760. She died on November 19, 1816.  
Anna Katherine Dickel and Johann Georg Kroh had the following child:
  - 8. i. Johannes Kroh was born on November 26, 1786. He died on March 31, 1837. He married Anna Elisabeth Lückel. She was born on November 19, 1790. She died on March 13, 1860.
- 18. **Johann Georg Lückel**, son of Georg Wilhelm Lückel and Katherine Elisabeth Dickel, was born on October 30, 1760. He died on January 27, 1832. He married **Maria Magdalena Rath**.
- 19. **Maria Magdalena Rath**, daughter of Johann Daniel Rath and Anna Elisabeth Bohl, was born on July 12, 1765. She died on January 15, 1854.  
Maria Magdalena Rath and Johann Georg Lückel had the following child:
  - 9. i. Anna Elisabeth Lückel was born on November 19, 1790. She died on March 13, 1860. She married Johannes Kroh. He was born on November 26, 1786. He died on March 31, 1837.
- 20. **Johann Georg Knebel**, son of Georg Hermann Knebel and Elisabeth Gertraud Womelsdorf, was born on February 21, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 25, 1832 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Amalia Strackbein** on March 07, 1785 in Wunderthausen.
- 21. **Maria Amalia Strackbein**, daughter of Johann Georg Strackbein and Maria Magdalena Pott, was born on June 15, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 13, 1833 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Knebel:  
Born in and tenant in Schwarze house.

Notes for Maria Amalia Strackbein:  
Born in Kurts house.

Maria Amalia Strackbein and Johann Georg Knebel had the following children:

- i. Ludwig Heinrich Knebel was born on January 08, 1788 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 18, 1788 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johann Hermann Knebel was born on March 19, 1789 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 26, 1789 in Wunderthausen.
- 10. iii. Ludwig Heinrich Knebel was born on December 20, 1791 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 12, 1867 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catherine Womelsdorf on January 14, 1824 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 27, 1806 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 01, 1848 in Wunderthausen.



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- iv. Johann Heinrich Knebel was born on December 09, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1795 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Maria Amalia Knebel was born on March 06, 1796 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 06, 1855 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Ludwig Wetter on March 09, 1823 in Wunderthausen. He was born on May 03, 1789 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 14, 1840 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Wetter:

Born at Petersgrund near Wunderthausen. The land was divided in 1828 between him and his brother, who eventually sold his share and moved to America.

- vi. Johann Peter Knebel was born on May 28, 1799 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Johannes Knebel was born on December 09, 1802 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1803 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Johann Heinrich Knebel was born on February 24, 1805 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 19, 1869 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Amalia Womelsdorf on January 14, 1824 in Wunderthausen. She was born on November 19, 1808 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1881 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Knebel:

Born in Schwarze Haus, Wunderthausen, but assumed ownership of Beckers Haus by marriage.

- 22. **Johann Ludwig Womelsdorf**, son of Ludwig Heinrich Womelsdorf and Maria Amalia Wagner, was born on March 20, 1771 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 27, 1816 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Dienst** on August 11, 1805.
- 23. **Elisabeth Gertraud Dienst**, daughter of Johann Franz Dienst and Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen, was born on January 24, 1783 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 19, 1871 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Womelsdorf:

Tenant in Beckers Haus, Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Dienst:

Born in Linde Haus, Wunderthausen.

Elisabeth Gertraud Dienst and Johann Ludwig Womelsdorf had the following children:

- 11.
  - i. Anna Catherine Womelsdorf was born on December 27, 1806 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 01, 1848 in Wunderthausen. She married Ludwig Heinrich Knebel on January 14, 1824 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 20, 1791 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 12, 1867 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Maria Amalia Womelsdorf was born on November 19, 1808 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1881 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Heinrich Knebel on January 14, 1824 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 24, 1805 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 19, 1869 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Knebel:

Born in Schwarze Haus, Wunderthausen, but assumed ownership of Beckers Haus by marriage.

- iii. Johann Ludwig Heinrich Womelsdorf was born on September 12, 1810 in Wunderthausen. He died in Prob. America.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Heinrich Womelsdorf:

Born in Beckers Haus in Wunderthausen. In 1841 he arrived in New Orleans on the ship Diana out of Bremen, along with his brother. What happened to them, I don't know.

- iv. Johann Franz Womelsdorf was born on July 30, 1813 in Wunderthausen.

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- v. Johann Georg Womelsdorf was born on June 13, 1816 in Wunderthausen. He died in Prob.America.

Notes for Johann Georg Womelsdorf:

In 1841 he arrived in New Orleans on the ship Diana out of Bremen, along with his brother. They came from Beckers house in Wunderthausen. What happened to them, I don't know.

24. **Johann Georg Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Maria Elisabeth Dienst, was born on June 02, 1778 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 15, 1857 in Wunderthausen. He married **Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs** on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen.
25. **Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs**, daughter of Johann Ludwig Fuchs and Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen, was born on December 22, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 22, 1845 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Born in and tenant in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen.

Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs and Johann Georg Riedesel had the following children:

12. i. Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel was born on February 09, 1802 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 16, 1876 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Kroh on November 17, 1839 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 31, 1814 in Wemlighausen. She died on March 31, 1878 in Wunderthausen.
28. ii. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on January 27, 1805 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 29, 1869 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Benfer on September 16, 1827 in Wunderthausen. She was born on May 11, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 10, 1868 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Elisabeth Amalia Riedesel was born on April 24, 1808 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 04, 1815 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johannes Riedesel was born on October 20, 1810 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 30, 1873 in Cherokee, Iowa. He married Maria Katherine Repp on April 01, 1840 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. She was born in 1820 in Aßlar, Germany. She died on May 29, 1869 in Clinton County, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen. He came to America in March 1837 according to his naturalization record in Warren County, New Jersey. For whatever reasons, he and other Riedesels living there began to be called "Riddle" or "Radle."

He lived near Oxford (Furnace) where he was married and the children were born. In the mid-1860s the family moved out to Wheatland, Iowa, the home of dozens of fellow immigrants from Wunderthausen. When Maria died in 1869, she was buried as Catherine Riedesel even though they were otherwise called Radle. John and the younger children moved on to Cherokee County, Iowa after 1870 where they used the name Radle. But even among them, the spelling varied. Several of the older children moved back east but all but Margaret lived at least for a while around Wheatland. This obituary implies that all was not well within the family.

Cherokee Leader: July 2, 1873: pg 4

John Radle, of Silver Township, shot dead by his own Hand!

At about six o'clock last Monday morning, John Radle, living in Silver township, near the Morgan School House, this county, shot him self with a rifle. From the testimony of the witnesses before the Coroner inquest, held at one o'clock, p.m., of the same day, we deduce as follows John Radle, deceased, went out to the barn yard that morning, turned the cows out, re-entered the house and went up stairs. Shortly after he had ascended the stairs, the report of gun was heard. His two daughters at the time were in a room on the first floor. They rushed out and

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cried "Pa has shot himself !" A son, Frederick Radle, and hired man were at the barn, and at once hurried up stairs. The words of the frightened daughters were only too true there lay the gray-haired father in his own blood-dead! The butt end of the rifle was resting upon a bed, the muzzle being under his body. Near by was a long piece of timber which had previously laid up in the vicinity of the rafters, and one side was covered with dust. At one end finger marks were distinctly visible. The conclusion was that the deceased had placed the butt end of the rifle upon the bed, having previously cocked the trigger, and with the strip of timber, discharged the contents the ball entering his heart. The body lay untouched until about the time of the inquisition. E. P. Purcell, acting as special constable, summoned a jury, who, after an examination into the cause of deceased's death, before J. D. F. Smith, acting coroner, rendered the following

VERDICT

STATE OF IOWA, )CHEROKEE COUNTY. An inquisition holden at John Radle's house in Silver township, Cherokee County, on the 30th day of June A D.1873, before J. D F. Smith, justice of the Peace acting as Coroner, upon the body of John Radle, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed. The said jurors upon their oaths, do say after having; heard the evidence and examined said body, we do find that the deceased did come to his death by a ball or shot, fired from a gun in his own hand, said ball or shot taking effect about two inches to the right of the left nipple, on the person of the said John Radle. Given under our hands this 30th, day of June A.D. 1873. JAMES JENNESS, J. M. SMITH, ELIAS DUDS,

Deceased, is supposed to have been driven to this self destructive step by family trouble, having a few days before threatened his children to lay his own hands on himself if he was not more favored in the control of the farm affairs. He was in the 60th year of his age. Deceased was a native of Germany. He lived several years in New Jersey and at the close of the war became a resident of Scranton, Pa. From Pennsylvania he removed to Clinton County, Iowa, four years ago, and thence to Silver Township, this county, last September.

Notes for Maria Katherine Repp:

She had come to America with her parents in 1833 on the Brig Luna, landing in the port of Baltimore. No record of a grave marker seems to exist, but a member of the St. Paul's cemetery board provided me with a list of /burials/ that includes a Catharine Riedesel born in 1820 and deceased 1869. An Iowa Genweb database of burials in Clinton County likewise lists a Catharine Riedesel who died May of 1869. I am certain this is her, and she was obviously buried as a Riedesel even though the family was mostly known as Radle. A privately published family history from 1924 further confirms that she died and is buried at Wheatland.

- v. Anna Catherine Riedesel was born on February 14, 1813 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 16, 1881 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Ludwig Strackbein on November 17, 1839 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 12, 1821 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 11, 1881 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Strackbein:

Became the tenant in Gundermanns house in Wunderthausen.

- vi. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on January 13, 1816 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 01, 1872 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Florentine Lauber on November 01, 1846 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 28, 1821 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 13, 1907 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Founded the house Auf dem Landebach.

- vii. Catherine Elisabeth Riedesel was born on August 02, 1818 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 29, 1823 in Wunderthausen.

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- viii. Florentine Riedesel was born on October 27, 1820 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 22, 1876. She married Johannes Fuchs on December 17, 1843 in Wunderthausen. He was born on November 20, 1817 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 04, 1893 in Wunderthausen.
26. **Georg Ludwig Kroh** was born on December 22, 1771 in Wemlighausen. He died on March 11, 1827 in Wemlighausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Kroh**.
27. **Anna Elisabeth Kroh** was born on September 11, 1769 in Wemlighausen. She died on October 16, 1819 in Wemlighausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Kroh:

Tenant in Jöstches house in Wemlighausen.

Anna Elisabeth Kroh and Georg Ludwig Kroh had the following children:

- i. Anna Katherine Kroh was born on April 29, 1807 in Wemlighausen. She died on January 03, 1867 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Henrich Lauber on March 30, 1824. He was born on October 20, 1794 in Girkhausen (Hoheleye). He died on March 26, 1871 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Anna Katherine Kroh:  
Born in Jöstes house in Wemlighausen.
- Notes for Johann Henrich Lauber:  
Born in the house Graberhof in Hoheleye, part of the community of Girkhausen. When the Knoche family left Beitzels house to move to Missouri in about 1845, he purchased the land (over 100 Morgen).
13. ii. Anna Elisabeth Kroh was born on December 31, 1814 in Wemlighausen. She died on March 31, 1878 in Wunderthausen. She married Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel on November 17, 1839 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 09, 1802 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 16, 1876 in Wunderthausen.
28. **Johann Ludwig Riedesel**, son of Johann Georg Riedesel and Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs, was born on January 27, 1805 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 29, 1869 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Benfer** on September 16, 1827 in Wunderthausen.
29. **Anna Elisabeth Benfer**, daughter of Henrich Ludwig Benfer and Anna Elisabeth Trapp, was born on May 11, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 10, 1868 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, but became a forester and tenant in Försters hinter der Huthe in Wunderthausen.

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

- i. Ludwig Riedesel was born on February 24, 1826 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 01, 1891 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina Fuchs on July 03, 1853 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 09, 1830 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 28, 1907 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:  
Born in and tenant in Försters hinter der Huthe in Wunderthausen. Three of the youngest children went to America.
14. ii. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on February 26, 1828 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1927 in Wemlighausen (?). He married Anna Elisabeth Dickel on April 24, 1853. She was born on November 24, 1828. She died on August 28, 1885. He married Elisabeth Riedesel on May 22, 1887. She was born on November 09, 1863 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 21, 1945.
- iii. Anna Catharina Riedesel was born on May 28, 1830 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Heinrich Wagner on November 02, 1851 in Girkhausen. He was born on September 03, 1922 in Mollseifen.

Notes for Anna Catharina Riedesel:

Born in Försters hinter der Huthe

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- iv. Johann Heinrich Riedesel was born on December 06, 1832 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 13, 1917 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Magdalena Kroh on July 29, 1855 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1831.
  - v. Georg Hermann Riedesel was born on October 07, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 16, 1890 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen on October 25, 1863 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 24, 1836 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 20, 1898 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Hermann Riedesel:

Born in Försters Haus in Wunderthausen but became the tenant in "Am Kloster" through marriage.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen:

Tenancy of the house 'Am Kloster' and associated land passed to her as the oldest living child.

- vi. Maria Elisabeth Riedesel was born on November 11, 1838 in Wunderthausen. She married ???. She married Friedrich Hellweg on August 06, 1865 in Girkhausen. He was born in 1836.
  - vii. Wilhelmine Riedesel was born on March 19, 1841 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 23, 1863 in Wunderthausen. She married Friedrich Hellweg on June 07, 1863 in Girkhausen. He was born in 1836.
  - viii. Georg Riedesel was born on June 28, 1844 in Wunderthausen. He married Philippine Christine Dettke. She was born in Berleburg.
  - ix. Elisabeth Riedesel was born on June 04, 1846 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen on October 27, 1867 in Girkhausen. He was born on May 28, 1826.
30. **Johannes Ludwig Dickel**, son of Johann Philipp Dickel and Anna Catharina Spies, was born on January 12, 1791 in Rüsselsbach. He died on January 31, 1844. He married **Anna Elisabeth Lückel**.
  31. **Anna Elisabeth Lückel** was born on March 25, 1796 in Wemlighausen. She died on March 21, 1877 in Wemlighausen.

Anna Elisabeth Lückel and Johannes Ludwig Dickel had the following child:

15. i. Anna Elisabeth Dickel was born on November 24, 1828. She died on August 28, 1885. She married Johann Georg Riedesel on April 24, 1853. He was born on February 26, 1828 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1927 in Wemlighausen (?). She married Johann Georg Dickel. He was born on May 29, 1820. He died on March 20, 1852 in Rüsselsbach.

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32. **Johann Georg Kroh** was born on September 07, 1721. He died on February 28, 1770. He married **Maria Elisabeth Kroh**.
33. **Maria Elisabeth Kroh** was born on October 28, 1734. She died on June 23, 1788.  
Maria Elisabeth Kroh and Johann Georg Kroh had the following child:
  16. i. Johann Georg Kroh was born on April 18, 1754. He died on May 18, 1804. He married Anna Katherine Dickel. She was born on November 21, 1760. She died on November 19, 1816.
34. **Johann Philipp Dickel**. He married **Anna Katharina Belz**.
35. **Anna Katharina Belz** was born on January 24, 1734. She died on September 08, 1813.  
Anna Katharina Belz and Johann Philipp Dickel had the following child:
  17. i. Anna Katherine Dickel was born on November 21, 1760. She died on November 19, 1816. She married Johann Georg Kroh. He was born on April 18, 1754. He died on May 18, 1804.

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36. **Georg Wilhelm Lückel** was born on August 28, 1729. He died on January 26, 1791. He married **Katherine Elisabeth Dickel**.
37. **Katherine Elisabeth Dickel** was born on November 17, 1738. She died on July 26, 1811.  
Katherine Elisabeth Dickel and Georg Wilhelm Lückel had the following child:
18. i. **Johann Georg Lückel** was born on October 30, 1760. He died on January 27, 1832. He married Maria Magdalena Rath. She was born on July 12, 1765. She died on January 15, 1854.
38. **Johann Daniel Rath** was born on August 16, 1739. He died on October 12, 1809. He married **Anna Elisabeth Bohl**.
39. **Anna Elisabeth Bohl** was born on September 20, 1739. She died on March 28, 1803.  
Anna Elisabeth Bohl and Johann Daniel Rath had the following child:
19. i. **Maria Magdalena Rath** was born on July 12, 1765. She died on January 15, 1854. She married Johann Georg Lückel. He was born on October 30, 1760. He died on January 27, 1832.
40. **Georg Hermann Knebel**, son of Johann Hermann Knebel and Anna Catherine Wetzels, was born on August 01, 1729 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 01, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Womelsdorf** on January 08, 1756 in Wunderthausen.
41. **Elisabeth Gertraud Womelsdorf**, daughter of Johannes Womelsdorf and Anna Gertraud Pott, was born on December 17, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 28, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Hermann Knebel:

Born in and tenant in Schwarze Haus, Wunderthausen.

Elisabeth Gertraud Womelsdorf and Georg Hermann Knebel had the following children:

20. i. **Johann Georg Knebel** was born on February 21, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 25, 1832 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Amalia Strackbein on March 07, 1785 in Wunderthausen. She was born on June 15, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 13, 1833 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. **Elisabeth Gertraud Knebel** was born on January 17, 1760 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 29, 1813 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Strackbein on March 07, 1785 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Strackbein on March 07, 1785. He was born on December 27, 1762 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 04, 1829 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

Born in and tenant in Kurts house.

- iii. **Ludwig Knebel** was born on December 01, 1762 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. **Johann Henrich Knebel** was born on December 15, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 18, 1820 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Margarete Lauber on January 24, 1794 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 23, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 10, 1826 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Henrich Knebel:

Born in Schwarze Haus, Wunderthausen, but became the tenant in Schmeds.

- v. **Elisabeth Amalia Knebel** was born on November 04, 1768 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 11, 1813 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. **Anna Elisabeth Knebel** was born on February 14, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 13, 1797 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. **Georg Hermann Knebel** was born on January 20, 1774 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 08, 1775 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. **Georg Garbriel Knebel** was born on December 19, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 25, 1806 in Wunderthausen.
- ix. **Elisabeth Gertraud Knebel** was born on January 23, 1779 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 28, 1779 in Wunderthausen.

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42. **Johann Georg Strackbein**, son of Samuel Strackbein and Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein, was born on December 10, 1735 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 23, 1800 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Magdalena Pott** on July 07, 1762 in Wunderthausen.
43. **Maria Magdalena Pott**, daughter of Johannes Pott and Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf, was born on December 12, 1742 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 17, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Strackbein:

Tenant in Kurts Haus, Wunderthausen, born in Linde house.

Maria Magdalena Pott and Johann Georg Strackbein had the following children:

- i. Johannes Strackbein was born on December 27, 1762 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 04, 1829 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Knebel on March 07, 1785. She was born on January 17, 1760 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 29, 1813 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein:

Born in and tenant in Kurts house.

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  - ii. Maria Amalia Strackbein was born on June 15, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 13, 1833 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Knebel on March 07, 1785 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 21, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 25, 1832 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Ludwig Heinrich Strackbein was born on August 26, 1771 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 06, 1826 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catherina Elisabeth Riedesel on July 23, 1796 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 15, 1773 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 24, 1847 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Strackbein:

Born in Kurts Haus, Wunderthausen. Became the tenant in Schäfers.

- iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein was born on August 22, 1774 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 06, 1775 in Wunderthausen.
44. **Ludwig Heinrich Womelsdorf**, son of Johannes Womelsdorf and Anna Gertraud Pott, was born on November 19, 1729 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 26, 1773 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Amalia Wagner** on January 18, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
45. **Maria Amalia Wagner**, daughter of Johannes Wagner and Anna Catherine Strackbein, was born on February 08, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 06, 1830 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Womelsdorf:

Born in Kurts Haus, Wunderthausen, but eventually became the tenant in Beckers.

Maria Amalia Wagner and Ludwig Heinrich Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Maria Amalia Womelsdorf was born on April 22, 1770 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1829 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Knoche on October 22, 1793 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 07, 1773 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 18, 1800 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Franz Mörchen on January 17, 1802 in Wunderthausen. He was born on July 15, 1769 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 30, 1847 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Knoche:

Tenant in Seilers Haus, Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Mörchen:

Born at the Wunderthausen mill. Married the widow of the tenant at Seilers Haus.

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    - ii. Johann Ludwig Womelsdorf was born on March 20, 1771 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 27, 1816 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Dienst on August 11, 1805. She was born on January 24, 1783 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 19, 1871 in Wunderthausen.
46. **Johann Franz Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst and Maria Magdalena Pott, was born on April 27, 1749 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 19, 1827 in Wunderthausen. He married

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**Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen** on January 18, 1782 in Wunderthausen.

47. **Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen**, daughter of Georg Hermann Homrighausen and Maria Catharina Kuhn, was born on August 27, 1759 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 29, 1835 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Dienst:

Born in and tenant in Linde Haus, Wunderthausen.

Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen and Johann Franz Dienst had the following children:

23. i. Elisabeth Gertraud Dienst was born on January 24, 1783 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 19, 1871 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Ludwig Womelsdorf on August 11, 1805. He was born on March 20, 1771 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 27, 1816 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Juliana Catherine Gertraud Dienst was born on January 27, 1784 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 17, 1853. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen on July 18, 1802. He was born on July 15, 1762 in Diedenshausen. He died on December 03, 1825 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Born in Hermes house, Diedenshausen, married into Linde house in Wunderthausen.

- iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Dienst was born on August 15, 1788 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 19, 1871 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Womelsdorf on August 11, 1805 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Maria Magdalena Dienst was born on July 18, 1790 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 22, 1857 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Hermann Beitzel on July 05, 1818 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 29, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 02, 1834 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Johannes Dienst was born on May 01, 1793 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 24, 1851 in Diedenshausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Keller on December 03, 1823. She was born in Diedenshausen.
48. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Georg Gabriel Riedesel and Elisabeth Gertraud Weller, was born on August 27, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 19, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Dienst** on April 21, 1776 in Wunderthausen.
49. **Maria Elisabeth Dienst**, daughter of Johannes Dienst and Maria Magdalena Pott, was born on February 26, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 07, 1805 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born into Weymers Haus and became the tenant. He was the second person to serve as schoolmaster in Wunderthausen. There was no school building so classes were held in one or another house, which was not very satisfactory.

Notes for Maria Elisabeth Dienst:

Born in Linde Haus in Wunderthausen.

Maria Elisabeth Dienst and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Johann Franz Riedesel was born on August 21, 1774 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 14, 1843 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarete Fuchs on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 11, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 26, 1840 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus but became the tenant in Seimes.

- ii. Maria Juliana Riedesel was born on March 31, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 04, 1777 in Wunderthausen.
24. iii. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on June 02, 1778 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 15, 1857 in Wunderthausen. He married Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 22, 1778 in



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Wunderthausen. She died on November 22, 1845 in Wunderthausen.

- iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel was born on March 02, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 14, 1852 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Ludwig Schneider on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 28, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 08, 1837 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel:  
Born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Schneider:  
Born in Altehäusers Haus and became the tenant after his father.

- v. Ludwig Riedesel was born on February 21, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. He married Florentine Althaus on February 08, 1818 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 08, 1792 in Wunderthausen. She died in 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio.

Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:  
He was born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen but married into Haase Haus. This was one of the smaller houses in the village. It was unusual for a man his age to emigrate, but the greater opportunities for his four sons (and already married daughter) may have been compelling. The house and property (meagre, I think) were sold to J. Daniel Müsse from Jochums Haus. Most of the family traveled to New York, landing on June 7, 1845. Son J. Ludwig had gone the year before, and they brought with them his fiance, Catherine Schneider. All settled in Crawford County, Ohio.

Ludwig and Florentine died around 1847-1848, reportedly in an epidemic of some kind (cholera?) along with their daughter-in-law and at least one grandchild. They were interred in a private cemetery probably belonging to the Gerhardts. Its identity is long lost but we are reasonably certain where it is.

Notes for Florentine Althaus:  
She was born in Haase Haus, which passed to her husband upon their marriage since she was the oldest child. In 1845, most of the family left Wunderthausen to go to America. They traveled on the ship "New York" out of Bremen, and landed in New York city on June 7, 1845. Her sister, Maria Elisabeth, had come to America years before, married Christian Gerhardt, and settled in Crawford County, Ohio. They joined them. Florentine and her husband died within a few years, reportedly in 1847-1848 in an epidemic.

- vi. Johannes Riedesel was born on June 24, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 16, 1812 in Stetti.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:  
He died in a military hospital in Stettin, a once German city now "Szczecin" in Poland. He was a conscript in the army with which Napoleon fatally invaded Russia. The French had taken over Wittgenstein years before so the peasants were subject to both heavy taxes and conscription.

- vii. Maria Amalia Riedesel was born on January 18, 1789 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 19, 1846 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Philipp Schneider on May 05, 1811 in Wunderthausen. He was born on September 21, 1788 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 22, 1838 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Philipp Schneider:  
First tenant in Hanphilippses Haus in Wunderthausen.

- viii. Maria Juliana Riedesel was born on June 30, 1791 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 22, 1836 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Mörchen on June 19, 1830 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 02, 1796 in Wunderthausen. He

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died on June 22, 1836 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Mörchen:  
The miller in Wunderthausen.

50. **Johann Ludwig Fuchs**, son of Johann Georg Ludwig Fuchs and Anna Margarethe Riedesel, was born on May 05, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 18, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen** on January 12, 1776 in Wunderthausen.
51. **Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen**, daughter of Johannes Homrighausen and Anna Maria Amalia Delcourt, was born on October 22, 1757 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 25, 1793 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Fuchs:

Grew up in Gondermanns Haus but became the tenant of Seimes through marriage.

Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen and Johann Ludwig Fuchs had the following children:

- i. Anna Margarete Fuchs was born on January 11, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 26, 1840 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Franz Riedesel on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 21, 1774 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 14, 1843 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus but became the tenant in Seimes.

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  - ii. Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs was born on December 22, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 22, 1845 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Riedesel on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen. He was born on June 02, 1778 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 15, 1857 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Elisabeth Amalia Fuchs was born on December 12, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 01, 1781 in Wunderthausen.
  - iv. Maria Elisabeth Fuchs was born on January 23, 1782 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 14, 1782 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Johann Ludwig Fuchs was born on May 02, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 28, 1784 in Wunderthausen.
  - vi. Florentine Fuchs was born on April 13, 1785 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 09, 1800 in Wunderthausen.
  - vii. Georg Ludwig Fuchs was born on February 01, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 27, 1788 in Wunderthausen.
  - viii. Elisabeth Gertraud Fuchs was born on July 02, 1790 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 10, 1853 in Wunderthausen.
  - ix. Johann Georg Fuchs was born on February 08, 1792 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 23, 1834 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Amalia Knoche on October 03, 1824 in Wunderthausen. She was born on November 28, 1796 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 21, 1847 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Fuchs:

Master joiner, born in Seimes house. Took over Lotzes house which from then on was known as Fuchs house.

- x. Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs was born on December 22, 1793. She married Johann Jost Munker on October 18, 1824. He was born in Krombach, Siegen.
56. **Johann Georg Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Maria Elisabeth Dienst, was born on June 02, 1778 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 15, 1857 in Wunderthausen. He married **Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs** on December 11, 1800 in Wunderthausen.
57. **Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs**, daughter of Johann Ludwig Fuchs and Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen, was born on December 22, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 22, 1845 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

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Born in and tenant in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen.

Catherine Elisabeth Fuchs and Johann Georg Riedesel had the following children:

12. i. Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel was born on February 09, 1802 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 16, 1876 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Kroh on November 17, 1839 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 31, 1814 in Wemlighausen. She died on March 31, 1878 in Wunderthausen.
28. ii. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on January 27, 1805 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 29, 1869 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Benfer on September 16, 1827 in Wunderthausen. She was born on May 11, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 10, 1868 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Elisabeth Amalia Riedesel was born on April 24, 1808 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 04, 1815 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johannes Riedesel was born on October 20, 1810 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 30, 1873 in Cherokee, Iowa. He married Maria Katherine Repp on April 01, 1840 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. She was born in 1820 in Aßlar, Germany. She died on May 29, 1869 in Clinton County, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen. He came to America in March 1837 according to his naturalization record in Warren County, New Jersey. For whatever reasons, he and other Riedesels living there began to be called "Riddle" or "Radle."

He lived near Oxford (Furnace) where he was married and the children were born. In the mid-1860s the family moved out to Wheatland, Iowa, the home of dozens of fellow immigrants from Wunderthausen. When Maria died in 1869, she was buried as Catherine Riedesel even though they were otherwise called Radle. John and the younger children moved on to Cherokee County, Iowa after 1870 where they used the name Radle. But even among them, the spelling varied. Several of the older children moved back east but all but Margaret lived at least for a while around Wheatland. This obituary implies that all was not well within the family.

Cherokee Leader: July 2, 1873: pg 4

John Radle, of Silver Township, shot dead by his own Hand!

At about six o'clock last Monday morning, John Radle, living in Silver township, near the Morgan School House, this county, shot him self with a rifle. From the testimony of the witnesses before the Coroner inquest, held at one o'clock, p.m., of the same day, we deduce as follows John Radle, deceased, went out to the barn yard that morning, turned the cows out, re-entered the house and went up stairs. Shortly after he had ascended the stairs, the report of gun was heard. His two daughters at the time were in a room on the first floor. They rushed out and cried "Pa has shot himself !" A son, Frederick Radle, and hired man were at the barn, and at once hurried up stairs. The words of the frightened daughters were only too true there lay the gray-haired father in his own blood-dead! The butt end of the rifle was resting upon a bed, the muzzle being under his body. Near by was a long piece of timber which had previously laid up in the vicinity of the rafters, and one side was covered with dust. At one end finger marks were distinctly visible. The conclusion was that the deceased had placed the butt end of the rifle upon the bed, having previously cocked the trigger, and with the strip of timber, discharged the contents the ball entering his heart. The body lay untouched until about the time of the inquisition. E. P. Purcell, acting as special constable, summoned a jury, who, after an examination into the cause of deceased's death, before J. D. F. Smith, acting coroner, rendered the following

VERDICT

STATE OF IOWA, )CHEROKEE COUNTY. An inquisition holden at John Radle's house in Silver township, Cherokee County, on the 30th day of June A D. 1873,

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before J. D F. Smith, justice of the Peace acting as Coroner, upon the body of John Radle, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed. The said jurors upon their oaths, do say after having; heard the evidence and examined said body, we do find that the deceased did come to his death by a ball or shot, fired from a gun in his own hand, said ball or shot taking effect about two inches to the right of the left nipple, on the person of the said John Radle. Given under our hands this 30th, day of June A.D. 1873. JAMES JENNESS, J. M. SMITH, ELIAS DUDS,

Deceased, is supposed to have been driven to this self destructive step by family trouble, having a few days before threatened his children to lay his own hands on himself if he was not more favored in the control of the farm affairs. He was in the 60th year of his age. Deceased was a native of Germany. He lived several years in New Jersey and at the close of the war became a resident of Scranton, Pa. From Pennsylvania he removed to Clinton County, Iowa, four years ago, and thence to Silver Township, this county, last September.

Notes for Maria Katherine Repp:

She had come to America with her parents in 1833 on the Brig Luna, landing in the port of Baltimore. No record of a grave marker seems to exist, but a member of the St. Paul's cemetery board provided me with a list of /burials/ that includes a Catharine Riedesel born in 1820 and deceased 1869. An Iowa Genweb database of burials in Clinton County likewise lists a Catharine Riedesel who died May of 1869. I am certain this is her, and she was obviously buried as a Riedesel even though the family was mostly known as Radle. A privately published family history from 1924 further confirms that she died and is buried at Wheatland.

- v. Anna Catherine Riedesel was born on February 14, 1813 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 16, 1881 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Ludwig Strackbein on November 17, 1839 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 12, 1821 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 11, 1881 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Strackbein:

Became the tenant in Gundermanns house in Wunderthausen.

- vi. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on January 13, 1816 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 01, 1872 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Florentine Lauber on November 01, 1846 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 28, 1821 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 13, 1907 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Founded the house Auf dem Landebach.

- vii. Catherine Elisabeth Riedesel was born on August 02, 1818 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 29, 1823 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Florentine Riedesel was born on October 27, 1820 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 22, 1876. She married Johannes Fuchs on December 17, 1843 in Wunderthausen. He was born on November 20, 1817 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 04, 1893 in Wunderthausen.

- 58. **Henrich Ludwig Benfer**, son of Johann Henrich Benfer and Maria Catharina Schröder, was born on June 10, 1781 in Girkhausen. He died on June 09, 1838 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Trapp** on June 01, 1804 in Wunderthausen.
- 59. **Anna Elisabeth Trapp**, daughter of Georg Gabriel Trapp and Anna Elisabeth Gernand, was born on September 29, 1782 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 27, 1850 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Henrich Ludwig Benfer:

Born in Girkhausen, became underforester and tenant in Försters hinter der Huthe, Wunderthausen.

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Anna Elisabeth Trapp and Henrich Ludwig Benfer had the following children:

29.
  - i. Anna Elisabeth Benfer was born on May 11, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 10, 1868 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Ludwig Riedesel on September 16, 1827 in Wunderthausen. He was born on January 27, 1805 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 29, 1869 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Albrecht Benfer was born on December 30, 1827.
60. **Johann Philipp Dickel**, son of Johann Georg Dickel and Elisabeth Gertraud Dickel, was born on March 06, 1764. He died on September 27, 1837 in Wingshausen. He married **Anna Catharina Spies**.
61. **Anna Catharina Spies**, daughter of Elias Spies and Anna Catharina Fröbe, was born on August 23, 1771 in Girkhausen. She died on March 20, 1848 in Rüsselsbach.

Anna Catharina Spies and Johann Philipp Dickel had the following child:

30.
  - i. Johannes Ludwig Dickel was born on January 12, 1791 in Rüsselsbach. He died on January 31, 1844. He married Anna Elisabeth Lückel. She was born on March 25, 1796 in Wemlighausen. She died on March 21, 1877 in Wemlighausen.