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 Georg Gabriel Mörchen

Generation 1

1. **Georg Gabriel Mörchen**, son of Johann Jost Mörchen and Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen, was born on December 12, 1771 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Mörchen: He was born at the Wunderthausen mill. Applied to emigrate to America in 1796.

Generation 2

- 2. Johann Jost Mörchen, son of Johann Matthäus Mörchen and Anna Margarete ??, was born on January 20, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died on probably after 1788. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen on November 18, 1757 in Wunderthausen.
- 3. **Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen**, daughter of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein, was born on December 28, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 10, 1805 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jost Mörchen:

Born at the Wunderthausen Mill and lived there. Christened Johannes Matthias. A record of his death is oddly missing from the local church records. I would surmise that he died after 1788 when his son (and heir to the mill) Johann Georg married.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen: Born in Weißkopfs Haus.

Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen and Johann Jost Mörchen had the following children:

 Elisabeth Amalia Mörchen was born on December 25, 1758 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 10, 1822 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Strackbein on April 23, 1779 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 23, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 16, 1822 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Amalia Mörchen: Referred to as Anna Amalia in some records but she was christened Elisabeth Amalia. Born at the Wunderthausen mill.

ii. Johann Georg Mörchen was born on November 30, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 15, 1828 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein on August 30, 1788 in Wunderthausen. She was born on August 08, 1763 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 05, 1814 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Mörchen: The miller in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein: Born in Gundernanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

iii. Georg Ludwig Mörchen was born on December 11, 1763 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 17, 1828 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Amalie Riedesel on September 14, 1794 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 26, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 11, 1849 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Mörchen: First tenant am Gefälle.

 iv. Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen was born on March 03, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 24, 1842 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Herman Althaus on October 30, 1791 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 09, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 21, 1824 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen: She born at the Wunderthausen mill.

Notes for Georg Herman Althaus: Inherited the tenancy of Haase Haus from his father.

 V. Georg Franz Mörchen was born on July 15, 1769 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 30, 1847 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Amalia Womelsdorf on January 17, 1802 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 22, 1770 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1829 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Mörchen: Born at the Wunderthausen mill. Married the widow of the tenant at Seilers Haus.

- 1. vi. Georg Gabriel Mörchen was born on December 12, 1771 in Wunderthausen.
 - vii. Johannes Mörchen was born on April 08, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 11, 1816 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Magdalene Strackbein on April 25, 1802 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 03, 1784 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 09, 1844 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 3

- 4. **Johann Matthäus Mörchen** was born in January 1681 in Bromskirchen. He died on December 02, 1768 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete ??**.
- 5. Anna Margarete ??. She died in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Matthäus Mörchen:

In an exception to the rule of passing tenancy to the oldest child of either gender, the mill remained in the hands of a Mörchen from its first mention in the early 1700s until it was demolished around 1920. One record says that J. Matthäus (or Matthias) came to Wunderthausen from Bromskirchen, a larger town to the east outside of Wittgenstein (then in the province of Waldeck). Yet others claim he came from Waldeck in Bavaria (which I find very doubtful). If the mill was established when Matthias Mörchen came to Wunderthausen, it was during the reign of Graf Casimir who tried his best to diversify the economy of Wittgenstein. Establishing a mill where there had been none and bringing in a trained miller would have been consistent with Casimir's practices.

Anna Margarete ?? and Johann Matthäus Mörchen had the following children:

- i. Wilhelm Mörchen was born about 1712. He died on May 03, 1786 in Wunderthausen.
- Anna Maria Mörchen was born about 1715 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 29, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Trapp on October 26, 1738 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 02, 1702 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 28, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp: Born in Weymers, founded Schusters house.

- iii. Johann Jost Mörchen was born on January 20, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died on probably after 1788. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen on November 18, 1757 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 28, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 10, 1805 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Maria Christiane Mörchen was born on September 20, 1725 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 04, 1802 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Althaus on June 11, 1754 in Elsoff.
 - v. Catherine Elisabeth Mörchen was born on February 29, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 04, 1799 in Wunderthausen.
- 6. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Anna Liese Strackbein, was born on July 21, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein** on January 23, 1728 in Wunderthausen.
- 7. **Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein**, daughter of Hans Georg Strackbein and Gertraud Knoche, was born on December 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 14, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen: Born in and tenant in Weißkopfs Haus, Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein:

It is uncertain which J. Georg Strackbein was her father.

Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein and Johann Georg Homrighausen had the following children:

- i. Katharina Homrighausen was born on October 21, 1730 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 21, 1795 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johannes Homrighausen was born on January 04, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 16, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Maria Amalia Delcourt on October 14, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 27, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 27, 1775 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen: Born in and tenant in the house known as Weißkopfs or Seimes.

- iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen was born on December 28, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 10, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jost Mörchen on November 18, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He was born on January 20, 1723 in Wunderthausen. He died on probably after 1788.
 - iv. Georg Franz Homrighausen was born on February 15, 1741 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 16, 1826 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Riedesel on October 10, 1769 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 15, 1743 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 22, 1802 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Homrighausen: First tenant in Kellers Haus, Wunderthausen.

- v. Johann Franz Homrighausen was born on February 15, 1741 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1742 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johann Werner Homrighausen was born on December 15, 1743 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 14, 1744 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Christine Homrighausen was born on December 23, 1744 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 30, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Georg Gabriel Homrighausen was born on April 21, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 11, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina Ruppert on March 11, 1772. She was born on June 27, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 06, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Homrighausen: Born in Seimes house but took over Wetzels by marrige.

Notes for Anna Catharina Ruppert: Born in Wetzels house.

Generation 4

- 12. **Johannes Homrighausen**, son of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born before 1675 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Liese Strackbein** on January 19, 1701.
- 13. **Anna Liese Strackbein**, daughter of Hans Georg Strackbein, was born before 1677 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 17, 1742 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

Tenant at the house name variously as Weißkopfs and Seimes. The latter derives from a dialect term for honey, so the occupants were probably bee keepers at one time (honey being the only real sweetener available). He was known as the village as der alte Weißkopf (white head), hence the other name.

Notes for Anna Liese Strackbein: Born in Hohmanns Haus. Anna Liese Strackbein and Johannes Homrighausen had the following children:

- Johann Georg Homrighausen was born on July 21, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein on January 23, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 14, 1775 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Johann Jakob Homrighausen was born on November 21, 1703 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1772 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catherine Strackbein on January 08, 1734. She was born on January 07, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 17, 1780 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jakob Homrighausen: Born in Seimes house but married into Hohmanns.

- iii. Johannes Homrighausen was born on September 27, 1706 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 11, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Magdalena Strackbein on December 17, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 15, 1711 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 02, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp on June 07, 1761 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 03, 1714 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Werner Homrighausen was born on February 21, 1709 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 04, 1788 in Girkhausen. He married Anna Magdalene Dickel before 1734. She was born on April 04, 1714 in Girkhausen. She died on May 21, 1759 in Girkhausen.
- v. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on August 27, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- 14. **Hans Georg Strackbein**, son of Hans Strackbein, was born about 1669 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 15, 1744 in Wunderthausen. He married **Gertraud Knoche** on June 09, 1701.
- 15. Gertraud Knoche was born about 1667 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 21, 1751.

Notes for Hans Georg Strackbein:

Tenant in Grosse house. Elder (Presbyter) for many years in the church.

Gertraud Knoche and Hans Georg Strackbein had the following children:

i. Johannes Strackbein was born on February 18, 1702 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 06, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Christiana Dienst on June 05, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 02, 1702 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 01, 1765 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein: Tenant in Grosse house.

- ii. Anna Maria Juliana Strackbein was born on December 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 14, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen on January 23, 1728 in Wunderthausen. He was born on July 21, 1701 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1775 in Wunderthausen.
 - 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.

iv. Elisabeth Magdalena Strackbein was born on January 15, 1711 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 02, 1760 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Homrighausen on December 17, 1732 in Wunderthausen. He was born on September 27, 1706 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 11, 1783 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 5

- 24. **Johann Georg Homrighausen**, son of Hans Homrighausen and ??, was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein** about 1670.
- 25. **Anna Elisabeth Strackbein**, daughter of Hans Georg Strackbein and ?? Pletsch, was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen: Born in Seimes house and became the tenant.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Strackbein: Born in Mannes house.

Anna Elisabeth Strackbein and Johann Georg Homrighausen had the following children:

- Johannes Homrighausen was born before 1675 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Liese Strackbein on January 19, 1701. She was born before 1677 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 17, 1742 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Anna Catharina Homrighausen was born before 1677.
 - iii. Johann Georg Homrighausen was born on August 10, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1730. He married Anna Catharina Boshoff on December 28, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died between 1732-1734 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Born in Seimes house. Became the tenant through marriage in Leyeschneiders. First known tenant in the house known as Unter der Laye. His family of origin is not certain.

Notes for Anna Catharina Boshoff:

She was born in the house known variously as Gertrudens, Unter der Leye, and Leienschneiders. There is no record of her birth, but several generations of Boßhof (Booßhoff) are recorded there in other records. As of 1650, the house itself lay between Wunderthausen and Diedenshausen. When it was moved into Wunderthausen is not known.

iv. Johann Jacob Homrighausen was born on April 25, 1682 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1744 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Christina Boshoff on January 22, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 10, 1682 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 07, 1745 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Homrighausen: Lived in Altehäusers which probably came to him through marriage. Born in

Seimes Haus.

Notes for Anna Christina Boshoff: Almost certainly born in Altehäusers as the daughter of Theiß Boßhof.

v. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1683 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Wetzel on August 20,

1705 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Wetzel: Shepherd, and lived in Schwarze house.

vi. Anna Catharina Homrighausen was born on July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1750 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Strackbein on February 15, 1703 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Strackbein: Tenant in Hohmanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

- vii. Anna Margretha Homrighausen was born on April 07, 1688 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1706.
- viii. Elias Werner Homrighausen was born on July 15, 1691 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 13, 1753.
- 26. **Hans Georg Strackbein**, son of Reinhard Strackbein, was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1665.

Hans Georg Strackbein had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1665 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1689.
- ii. Johann 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. She 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.

iii. Anna Maria Strackbein was born about 1672 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Curt Boshoff on May 10, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Maria Strackbein: Born in Hohmanns house.

- iv. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1675 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Anna Liese Strackbein was born before 1677 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 17, 1742 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Homrighausen on January 19, 1701. He was born before 1675 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen.
 - vi. Anna Margarethe Strackbein was born on January 16, 1685 in Wunderthausen.
 - vii. Johannes Strackbein was born on July 01, 1688 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 17, 1757 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarete Spies on August 22, 1717 in Wunderthausen. She was born on September 28, 1690 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein: Born in Hohmanns Haus, became the tenant in Lotzes Haus, Wunderthausen.

28. **Hans Strackbein**, son of Johannes Strackbein, was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen.

Hans Strackbein had the following children:

- 14. i. Hans Georg Strackbein was born about 1669 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 15, 1744 in Wunderthausen. He married Gertraud Knoche on June 09, 1701. She was born about 1667 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 21, 1751.
 - ii. Johannes Strackbein was born about 1670.

- iii. Anna Catherine Strackbein was born on September 05, 1683 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Samuel Strackbein was born on October 28, 1686 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein on August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 04, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 30, 1752 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Samuel Strackbein: Born in Grosse Haus, Wunderthausen, but took over Linde by marriage.

Generation 6

- 48. **Hans Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Elisabeth Hüster, was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He married **??** about 1645.
- 49. **??** was born about 1615.

Notes for Hans Homrighausen: Tenant in Seimes.

?? and Hans Homrighausen had the following children:

- Johann Georg Homrighausen was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Strackbein about 1670. She was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen.
 - Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Spies on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Gertraud Homrighausen: From Seimes Haus 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.

 Johannes Homrighausen was born in 1652 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1722 in Diedenshausen. He married Elisabeth Schüßler in 1677 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen: Born in Seimes Haus in Wunderthausen but became the tenant in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen.

- 50. **Hans Georg Strackbein** was born about 1615. He died before 1680. He married **?? Pletsch** about 1645.
- 51. **?? Pletsch**. She died after 1680.

Notes for Hans Georg Strackbein: Tennant in Mannes house.

?? Pletsch and Hans Georg Strackbein had the following children:

i. Juliana Strackbein was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1690. She married Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. He died after 1708 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf: Born in Pfaffe Haus, Girkhausen. Became the tenant through marriage in what has been since then as "Mannes" Haus.

25. ii. Anna Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen about 1670. He was born about 1645 in

Wunderthausen.

- iii. Anna Gertraud Strackbein was born about 1651 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Georg Strackbein. He died after 1685.
- v. Elisabeth Strackbein.
- 52. Reinhard Strackbein was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1691 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1640.
 Reinhard Strackbein had the following child:
 - 26. i. Hans Georg Strackbein was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1665.
- 56. **Johannes Strackbein**, son of Johannes Strackbein, was born about 1600 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1648 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1630. Johannes Strackbein had the following children:
 - 28. i. Hans Strackbein was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Werner Strackbein Strackbein.