

Ancestors of Ludwig Heinrich Mörchen

Generation 1

1. **Ludwig Heinrich Mörchen**, son of Johannes Mörchen and Catherine Elisabeth Bernhardt, was born on February 25, 1856 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1870.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Mörchen:

Born in the house "Am Gefälle" in Wunderthausen. Came to America on the ship "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. Nothing more is known.

Generation 2

2. **Johannes Mörchen**, son of Johann Franz Mörchen and Anna Wilhelmine Althaus, was born on August 14, 1820 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1877 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. He married **Catherine Elisabeth Bernhardt** on August 10, 1851 in Wunderthausen.
3. **Catherine Elisabeth Bernhardt**, daughter of Johann Adam Bernhardt and Elisabeth Amalia Trapp, was born on November 27, 1829 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 27, 1915 in Crofton, Knox, Nebraska (Beaver View Cemetery).

Notes for Johannes Mörchen:

The American spelling of the last varied (Merchen, Merchan, Murchen) though he was more consistently known as John. Born in the house Am Gefälle in Wunderthausen. Came to America on the ship "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. Information about his children is inconsistent. I have not seen any one definitive source. Before his death, he farmed 120 acres in Cedar County/Springfield Township/Section 13.

Notes for Catherine Elisabeth Bernhardt:

Known as Catherine. Born in the house called Schneidemühle in Wunderthausen. Came to America on the ship "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. After being widowed in 1877, she apparently moved to Wheatland from Cedar County, and then she and several of the children moved to Knox County, Nebraska near Crofton. The children apparently all used the spelling "Merchen." She was living with her son Henry in 1900.

She bore 11 children, 9 of whom were alive in 1900, and 10 of whose names we know. I have seen a listing for a Joseph Merchen born in 1872, but that is the same year as Henry F. was apparently born. Perhaps they were twins. There was no living Joseph in the 1880 Census. Perhaps there are mistakes.

Catherine Elisabeth Bernhardt and Johannes Mörchen had the following children:

- i. Infant Mörchen was born on October 27, 1852 in Wunderthausen. Infant died on October 27, 1852 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Johann Georg Mörchen was born on December 10, 1853 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1920 in Probably Colorado. He married Carolina Wetter on July 19, 1882 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa. She was born on November 13, 1862 in Sherrill, Dubuque, Iowa. She died on October 08, 1882 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa. He married Eliza Ford on September 13, 1876 in Carroll County, Iowa. She was born in May 1857 in Indiana. He married Alice Floy Irwin on July 25, 1883 in Sac, Iowa. She was born about 1861 in Ohio. She died after 1930 in Probably Colorado.

Notes for Johann Georg Mörchen:

He was known as George Merchen. Born in the house known as Am Gefälle in Wunderthausen. Came to America on the ship "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857 with his family. Caroline (Wetter) died shortly after they were married. After marrying Alice, they moved on to Denver, Colorado where he was a carpenter.

- iii. Ludwig Heinrich Mörchen was born on February 25, 1856 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1870.
- iv. J. Francis Mörchen was born in April 1858 in Cedar County, Iowa. He died on May 03, 1922 in Crofton, Knox, Nebraska (Crofton Cemetery). He married Katherine Van Meter in 1897 in Knox County, Nebraska. She was born on August 27, 1878 in Shelby County, Indiana. She died on March 17, 1927 in Nebraska.

Notes for J. Francis Mörchen:

As of 1920 they were living with her father at Crofton. Also known as Frank and as Merchen.

- v. Susanna Mörchen was born on April 07, 1860 in Cedar County, Iowa. She died on August 11, 1948 in Moore, Cleveland, Oklahoma (Smith Cemetery, Moore). She married Johann Georg Riedesel in Clinton, Iowa. He was born on November 27, 1844 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 18, 1932 in Moore, Cleveland, Oklahoma (Smith Cemetery, Moore).

Notes for Susanna Mörchen:

She was in the first generation of Wunderthäuser born in America. Though her widowed mother and younger siblings moved on to Nebraska, I believe she lived around Wheatland before marrying George D. Riedesel.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Known as George D. Born in Schreiners/Grosseludwigs Haus, Wunderthausen. Arrived in New York on the ship Hansa out of Bremen on October 27, 1865 (Captain H.J. Von Santen). He first lived on the farm of his brother John near Wheatland after coming to the US. Later he owned and farmed land with his other brothers, Louis D. and Henry D. Riedesel. Around 1900, he and his wife moved to Moore, Oklahoma. His tombstone is engraved with the birth date of November 27, 1844 (at odds with the birth record in Wunderthausen) and death date of December 21 (at odds with his death certificate).

Two sons and a daughter, Adele (known as Della), all unmarried, lived on the family farm.

- vi. Louis Mörchen was born on May 03, 1862 in Cedar County, Iowa. He died on June 26, 1936 in Rapid City, Pennington, South Dakota. He married Anna McKee on July 07, 1890 in Wayne, Custer, Nebraska. She was born on November 19, 1872 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on April 13, 1954 in Rapid City, Pennington, South Dakota.

Notes for Louis Mörchen:

Some family referred to him as "Louis Zeke" Merchen.

Notes for Anna McKee:

Bore six children by 1900, five of whom were alive. One source says she had 13 children in all. Her son Harry's obituary refers to twelve deceased siblings, and one who was still alive in 2003 (making 14, including the nameless infant).

- vii. John Mörchen was born on May 02, 1864 in Cedar County, Iowa. He died on July 14, 1959 in Fresno, California (Belmont Memorial Park). He married Rebecca Mayer about 1896 in Naper, Nebraska, USA. She was born on May 07, 1878 in Russia. She died on November 19, 1966 in Fresno, California (Belmont Memorial Park).

Notes for John Mörchen:

As of 1910 he was a retail merchant and living next to his cousin Henry Fred in the Basin township of Boyd County, NE.

Notes for Rebecca Mayer:

Came to America in 1893.

- viii. Kathryn Mörchen was born on November 15, 1865 in Cedar County, Iowa. She died on July 25, 1913 in Knox County, Nebraska. She married Adolph Schaller on October 13, 1887 in Audubon, Iowa. He was born in October 1856 in Minnesota. He died on February 07, 1930 in Knox County, Nebraska (Bloomfield Cemetery).

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- ix. Philip Henry Mörchen was born on June 05, 1868 in Cedar County, Iowa. He died on May 23, 1944 in Crofton, Knox, Nebraska (Beaver View Cemetery). He married Dora Angie McKee on February 07, 1893 in Crofton, Knox, Nebraska. She was born in March 1873 in Redfield, MN. She died on December 31, 1962 in Creighton, Knox, Nebraska. He married Dora Merchen. She was born about 1872 in Nebraska.

Notes for Philip Henry Mörchen:

1900 Census gives his year of birth as 1868 and the 1880 Census implies the same. However, his grave in the Beaverview Cemetery gives it as 1865 (or has been transcribed incorrectly). May have been known as John at some point.

- x. Charles Ernest Frederick Mörchen was born on August 16, 1870 in Cedar County, Iowa. He died on August 03, 1944 in Marsland, Dawes, Nebraska. He married Matilda Ulrika Hammerback on December 19, 1895 in Niobrara, Knox, Nebraska. She was born on March 17, 1878 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois. She died on February 05, 1972 in Denver, Colorado.

Notes for Matilda Ulrika Hammerback:

The 1900 Census says that she had borne four children, three of whom were living. However, only John and an unnamed daughter are enumerated. May have been known as Lila.

- xi. Henry Fredrick Mörchen was born on November 15, 1872 in Cedar County, Iowa. He died in 1936 in Norman, Cleveland, Oklahoma (Smith Cemetery, Moore). He married Unknown about 1894. She was born in Norway. She died before 1900. He married Maude May Richardson on August 27, 1907 in Butte, Nebraska, USA. She was born about 1886 in Nebraska. She died about 1922.

Notes for Henry Fredrick Mörchen:

Known as Henry Merchen (or even Merchant). Appears to have been widowed by 1900. The Census shows him living with his daughter and mother. In 1910 he had a young wife, Maud, and a child living with them. His name is listed as "Ray Richardson" and I suspect this was a step-son. This was at Basin, Boyd County, Nebraska.

Generation 3

4. **Johann Franz Mörchen**, son of Georg Ludwig Mörchen and Elisabeth Amalie Riedesel, was born on December 10, 1795 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1855 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Wilhelmine Althaus** on March 12, 1824 in Wunderthausen.
5. **Anna Wilhelmine Althaus**, daughter of Philip Althaus and Maria Gertraudt Haase, was born on October 29, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 25, 1844 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Mörchen:

Inherited the house Am Gefälle.

Anna Wilhelmine Althaus and Johann Franz Mörchen had the following children:

2. i. Johannes Mörchen was born on August 14, 1820 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1877 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. He married Catherine Elisabeth Bernhardt on August 10, 1851 in Wunderthausen. She was born on November 27, 1829 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 27, 1915 in Crofton, Knox, Nebraska (Beaver View Cemetery).
- ii. Elisabeth Florentine Mörchen was born on April 10, 1824 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 24, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Georg Schneider on August 15, 1847 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 06, 1817 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1890 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Elisabeth Florentine Mörchen:

Born in the Haus Am Gefälle in Wunderthausen. Came to the US on the ship "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. By the

1900 Census she claimed 11 children, only 3 of whom were living--all with her.

Notes for Johann Georg Schneider:

Born in Hanphilippes Haus in Wunderthausen, and may have lived with his wife at "Am Gefälle." Applied to emigrate on March 23, 1857. Came to the US on the ship "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. I believe they had a small farm on the eastern edge of Cedar County/Springfield Township/Section 13, and that he was called George D. I have been unable to locate the family in the 1860 Census in either the Spring Rock (Wheatland) Township of Clinton County, Iowa or in Cedar County. There were family connections back in New Jersey but I cannot imagine them sailing through New Orleans if that was their intent. It was a direct boat trip up to Clinton County. The fates of three of their children who were not enumerated in 1870 is thus unknown.

6. **Johann Adam Bernhardt**, son of Andreas Bernhardt and Amalie Trapp, was born on February 24, 1804 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 16, 1877 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Amalia Trapp** on December 03, 1825 in Wunderthausen.
7. **Elisabeth Amalia Trapp**, daughter of Johannes Trapp and Elisabeth Margarete Kümmler, was born on September 20, 1799 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 24, 1876 in Wunderthausen.

Elisabeth Amalia Trapp and Johann Adam Bernhardt had the following children:

- i. Johannes Bernhardt was born on November 25, 1827 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 15, 1894. He married Katharine Aderhold. She was born on November 16, 1829 in Berghausen. She died on April 12, 1864 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Bernhardt:

Born in Schneidemühle Haus but founded the house known as Untere Schneidemühle or Lene.

3. ii. Catherine Elisabeth Bernhardt was born on November 27, 1829 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 27, 1915 in Crofton, Knox, Nebraska (Beaver View Cemetery). She married Johannes Mörchen on August 10, 1851 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 14, 1820 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1877 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. She married Claus Heinchs on November 09, 1882 in Tipton, Cedar Co., Iowa. He was born about 1827.
- iii. Johann Franz Bernhardt was born on January 17, 1836 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 19, 1906 in Wunderthausen. He married Amalia Wetter. She was born on March 24, 1837 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 21, 1905 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Bernhardt:

Born in and inherited the house Hannams/Schneidemühle in Wunderthausen.

- iv. Luise Bernhardt was born on July 08, 1842 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 20, 1921 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Philipp Schneider about 1870. He was born on July 05, 1839 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 14, 1916 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Luise Bernhardt:

Born in the house called Schneidemühle in Wunderthausen. Came to the U.S. on the "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. She is listed as Luise Schneider in the immediate company of Henry A. Schneider and his wife. It seems likely this was a subterfuge to get her through emigration.

In the 1900 Census, they said they had been married 30 years (thus in around 1870). She bore no children of her own.

Notes for Johann Philipp Schneider:

Known as Philipp or J.P. Born in Häusches Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to

American on the ship "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. I believe his farm was in Section 18 of the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County. They had no children of their own but took in one of the three Meyer sisters (Emma, born 1863) who were entrusted to the care of St. Paul's church. As of 1900 they had an adopted daughter born in September 1880 named Amelia. I do not know what became of her.

Generation 4

8. **Georg Ludwig Mörchen**, son of Johann Jost Mörchen and Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen, 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.
9. **Elisabeth Amalie Riedesel**, daughter of Gabriel Riedesel and Anna Margarete Kümmler, 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.

Elisabeth Amalie Riedesel and Georg Ludwig Mörchen had the following child:

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 - i. Johann Franz Mörchen was born on December 10, 1795 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1855 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Wilhelmine Althaus on March 12, 1824 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 29, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 25, 1844 in Wunderthausen.
10. **Philip Althaus**, son of Johann Phillip Althaus and Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt, was born in 1737 in Girkhausen. He died on December 02, 1799 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Gertraudt Haase** on March 23, 1766 in Wunderthausen.
11. **Maria Gertraudt Haase**, daughter of Johannes Haase and Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche, was born on July 25, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 17, 1799 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Philip Althaus:
Born in Häusches Haus in Girkhausen but married into Haase Haus in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Maria Gertraudt Haase:
Born in Haase Haus which passed to her husband upon her marriage.

Maria Gertraudt Haase and Philip Althaus had the following children:

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

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

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

- ii. Elisabeth Florentine Althaus was born on December 07, 1767 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 20, 1817.
- iii. Johannes Althaus was born on July 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Georg Althaus was born on September 13, 1773 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 12, 1841 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Trapp. She was born on September 29, 1782 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 19, 1849 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Althaus:
Founded Hanjörges Haus.

- v. Johann Hermann Althaus was born on October 19, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 29, 1777 in Wunderthausen.

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- vi. Elisabeth Gertraud Althaus was born on October 28, 1778 in Wunderthausen.
 - 5. vii. Anna Wilhelmine Althaus was born on October 29, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 25, 1844 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Franz Mörchen on March 12, 1824 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 10, 1795 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1855 in Wunderthausen.
 - 12. **Andreas Bernhardt** was born in 1774 in Marburg an der Lahn (Simtshausen). He married **Amalie Trapp** in 1803.
 - 13. **Amalie Trapp**, daughter of Johann Jost Trapp and Anna Margretha Haasen, was born on June 25, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 24, 1828 in Wunderthausen.
Amalie Trapp and Andreas Bernhardt had the following child:
 - 6. i. Johann Adam Bernhardt was born on February 24, 1804 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 16, 1877 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Amalia Trapp on December 03, 1825 in Wunderthausen. She was born on September 20, 1799 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 24, 1876 in Wunderthausen.
 - 14. **Johannes Trapp**, son of Johann Georg Trapp and Elisabeth Gertraud Trapp, was born on November 26, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 27, 1799 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Margarete Kümmel** on May 13, 1796 in Wunderthausen.
 - 15. **Elisabeth Margarete Kümmel**, daughter of Matthias Kümmel and Anna Maria Sophia Amalia Riedesel, was born on October 09, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 26, 1831 in Wunderthausen.
Elisabeth Margarete Kümmel and Johannes Trapp had the following child:
 - 7. i. Elisabeth Amalia Trapp was born on September 20, 1799 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 24, 1876 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Adam Bernhardt on December 03, 1825 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 24, 1804 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 16, 1877 in Wunderthausen.
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Generation 5

- 16. **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.
- 17. **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:

- i. 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.

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 - 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.
 - 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.

- vi. Georg Gabriel Mörchen 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.

- 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.

18. **Gabriel Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Margarete Müsse, was born on May 03, 1735 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 24, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Kümmel** on November 29, 1765 in Wunderthausen.

19. **Anna Margarete Kümmel**, daughter of Johann Jost Kümmel and Anna Margarete Homrighausen, was born on April 12, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 02, 1791 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Gabriel Riedesel:
Born in Gundermanns Haus but married into Altehäusers and became the tenant.

Notes for Anna Margarete Kümmel:
Born in Altehäusers which passed to her husband on her marriage. Her birth name was Anna Margarete, but she was known as Elisabeth at the time of her marriage.

Anna Margarete Kümmel and Gabriel Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Catharina Elisabeth Dorothea Riedesel was born on August 30, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1806 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jost Schneider on February 14, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 31, 1756 in Helberhausen. He died on February 26, 1839 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Catharina Elisabeth Dorothea Riedesel:
Born in Altehäusers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband. Known as Anna Elisabeth.

Notes for Johann Jost Schneider:

Born in the Hilchenbach area but married into Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen.

- ii. Maria Elisabeth Riedesel was born on January 27, 1769 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 24, 1826 in Wunderthausen.
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 - iii. Elisabeth Amalie Riedesel was born on February 26, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 11, 1849 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Ludwig Mörchen on September 14, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 11, 1763 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 17, 1828 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Johann Franz Riedesel was born on August 10, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 14, 1829 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Juliane Trapp on August 20, 1808 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 09, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 12, 1834 in Wunderthausen.
20. **Johann Phillip Althaus**, son of Johann Georg Althaus, was born on November 07, 1700 in Girkhausen. He died on December 11, 1763 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt**.
21. **Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt**, daughter of Abraham Eckhardt and Anna Elisabeth Pott, was born on May 14, 1705 in Girkhausen. She died on November 08, 1768 in Girkhausen.
Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt and Johann Phillip Althaus had the following child:
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 - i. Philip Althaus was born in 1737 in Girkhausen. He died on December 02, 1799 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Gertraudt Haase on March 23, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She was born on July 25, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 17, 1799 in Wunderthausen.
22. **Johannes Haase** was born in 1709 in Probably Mollseifen. He died on October 17, 1777 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche** on January 08, 1734 in Wunderthausen.
23. **Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche**, daughter of Johann Hermann Knoche and Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen, was born on November 16, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 09, 1779 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Haase:

Haase Haus was built for Johannes Haase, probably in the 1730s. His origins are not known but he was probably not from Wunderthausen originally.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche:

She was born in Bormanns Haus in Wunderthausen and, with her husband, moved to what became known as Haase Haus when it was built.

Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche and Johannes Haase had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Gertraud Haase was born on October 15, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 11, 1760 in Wunderthausen.
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 - ii. Maria Gertraudt Haase was born on July 25, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 17, 1799 in Wunderthausen. She married Philip Althaus on March 23, 1766 in Wunderthausen. He was born in 1737 in Girkhausen. He died on December 02, 1799 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Georg Hermann Haase was born on January 31, 1739 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 11, 1812 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Juliana Homrighausen on April 24, 1774 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 27, 1741 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 26, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Hermann Haase:

Tenant in Räderhaase Haus in Wunderthausen.

- iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Haase was born on September 01, 1747 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 30, 1748 in Wunderthausen.
 - v. Matthias Haase was born on March 20, 1749 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 25, 1749 in Wunderthausen.

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26. **Johann Jost Trapp**. He married **Anna Margretha Haasen**.
27. **Anna Margretha Haasen** was born on March 21, 1739 in Mollseifen. She died on December 30, 1811 in Wunderthausen.
- Anna Margretha Haasen and Johann Jost Trapp had the following child:
13. i. Amalie Trapp was born on June 25, 1777 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 24, 1828 in Wunderthausen. She married Andreas Bernhardt in 1803. He was born in 1774 in Marburg an der Lahn (Simtshausen).
28. **Johann Georg Trapp**, son of Johann Georg Trapp and Christina Weller, was born on May 19, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 22, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp** on March 10, 1769 in Wunderthausen.
29. **Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp**, daughter of Johann Georg Trapp and Christina Weller, was born on June 02, 1744 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp:

Born in and tenant in Brückewaymars Haus in Wunderthausen.

Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp and Johann Georg Trapp had the following children:

- i. Gabriel Trapp was born on December 24, 1769 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
14. ii. Johannes Trapp was born on November 26, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 27, 1799 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Margarete Kümmel on May 13, 1796 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 09, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 26, 1831 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp was born on February 25, 1773 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp:

The records are unclear. 40 years later the pastor noted that a deceased Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp was 40 years old. However, she had a younger sister with the same name who is recorded as having lived and married. My hypothesis is that the older daughter died young (though I can find no record), and that the pastor's note many years later was in error.

- iv. Elisabeth Juliane Trapp was born on January 09, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 12, 1834 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Franz Riedesel on August 20, 1808 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 10, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 14, 1829 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp was born on December 09, 1779 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 28, 1813 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Hermann Pott on May 05, 1799. He was born on February 27, 1764 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 22, 1816 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Hermann Pott:

Tenant in Brückeweymers house, Wunderthausen. The children who grew to be adults all apparently went to America.

30. **Matthias Kümmel**, son of Johann Jost Kümmel and Anna Margarete Homrighausen, was born on December 04, 1737 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 25, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Sophia Amalia Riedesel** on January 07, 1772 in Wunderthausen.
31. **Anna Maria Sophia Amalia Riedesel**, daughter of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp, was born on February 01, 1754 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 30, 1813 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Matthias Kümmel:

Born in Altehäusers house in Wunderthausen; married into and became the tenant in Neuhäusers.

Anna Maria Sophia Amalia Riedesel and Matthias Kümmel had the following children:

- i. Johann Franz Kümmel was born on September 18, 1772 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Kropp on November 29, 1799. She was born in

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- Battenberg.
15. ii. Elisabeth Margarete Kümmel was born on October 09, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 26, 1831 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Trapp on May 13, 1796 in Wunderthausen. He was born on November 26, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 27, 1799 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Elisabeth Gertraud Kümmel was born on December 25, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Ludwig Riedesel on October 15, 1805 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 25, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 12, 1821 in Wunderthausen. She married Andreas Janson.
- Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Kümmel:
Her triplets, born in 1812, were extremely rare. All died.
- Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:
Tenant in Neuhäusers, Wunderthausen.
- iv. Elisabeth Dorothea Kümmel was born on July 03, 1781 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 11, 1784 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Johann Georg Kümmel was born on August 17, 1785 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 04, 1788 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Anna Elisabeth Kümmel was born on September 08, 1788 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 04, 1828 in Wunderthausen.
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32. **Johann Matthäus Mörchen** was born in January 1681 in Bromskirchen. He died on December 02, 1768 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete ??**.
33. **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.
- ii. 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.
16. 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.

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- v. Catherine Elisabeth Mörchen was born on February 29, 1728 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 04, 1799 in Wunderthausen.
34. **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.
35. **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.
17. 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 marriage.

Notes for Anna Catharina Ruppert:
Born in Wetzels house.

36. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Wilhelm Riedesel and Anna Margarethe Spies, was born on April 22, 1709 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 01, 1755 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Müsse** on May 17, 1734 in Wunderthausen.
37. **Anna Margarete Müsse** was born about 1715 in Elsoff. She died on July 10, 1743 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in Gundermanns Haus and became the first tenant in Neuhäusers Haus at some point.

Anna Margarete Müsse and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

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 - i. Gabriel Riedesel was born on May 03, 1735 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 24, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarete Kümmel on November 29, 1765 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 12, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 02, 1791 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on March 13, 1737 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 23, 1740 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Johann Philipp Riedesel was born on January 28, 1741 in Wunderthausen.
38. **Johann Jost Kümmel**, son of Johann Nickel Kümmell and Juliana Louisa Wolf, was born on November 06, 1708 in Oberauerbach, Zweibrücken. He died on August 16, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarete Homrighausen** on February 15, 1729 in Wunderthausen.
39. **Anna Margarete Homrighausen**, daughter of Johann Jacob Homrighausen and Anna Christina Boshoff, was born on October 30, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1770 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jost Kümmel:

He was born in a village in the Rheinland-Pfalz, but somehow married into Wunderthausen. One hypothesis is that he was a journeyman of some guild.

Notes for Anna Margarete Homrighausen:

Born in Altehäusers which passed to her husband on her marriage.

Anna Margarete Homrighausen and Johann Jost Kümmel had the following children:

- i. Maria Elisabeth Kümmel was born on November 23, 1729 in Wunderthausen.
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 - ii. Anna Margarete Kümmel was born on April 12, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 02, 1791 in Wunderthausen. She married Gabriel Riedesel on November 29, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He was born on May 03, 1735 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 24, 1794 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Anna Dorothea Kümmel was born on September 12, 1733 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 10, 1797 in Diedenshausen. She married Johannes Gernand on March 28, 1764. He was born in 1738 in Diedenshausen. He died on October 17, 1806 in Diedenshausen.
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 - iv. Matthias Kümmel was born on December 04, 1737 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 25, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel on November 29, 1765 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 05, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 24, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Maria Sophia Amalia Riedesel on January 07, 1772 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 01, 1754 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 30, 1813 in Wunderthausen.
 - v. Georg Ludwig Kümmel was born on August 13, 1740 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 11, 1808 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Kümmel:

Born in Altehäusers, never married.

- vi. Maria Elisabeth Kümmel was born on August 04, 1743 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Johannes Kümmel was born on May 30, 1746 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 29, 1788 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Kümmel:

Born in Altehäusers, never married.

- viii. Johann Georg Kümmel was born on May 20, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1758 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Kümmel:

Died of smallpox.

40. **Johann Georg Althaus.**

Johann Georg Althaus had the following child:

20. i. Johann Phillip Althaus was born on November 07, 1700 in Girkhausen. He died on December 11, 1763 in Girkhausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt. She was born on May 14, 1705 in Girkhausen. She died on November 08, 1768 in Girkhausen.

42. **Abraham Eckhardt**, son of Johann Jost Eckhardt and Gertraudt Beitzel, was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died before 1740. He married **Anna Elisabeth Pott** on February 20, 1697.

43. **Anna Elisabeth Pott**, daughter of Curt Pott and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, was born in 1671 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1746.

Anna Elisabeth Pott and Abraham Eckhardt had the following children:

- i. Johann Georg Eckhardt was born on August 01, 1697 in Diedenshausen.
21. ii. Anna Elisabeth Eckhardt was born on May 14, 1705 in Girkhausen. She died on November 08, 1768 in Girkhausen. She married Johann Phillip Althaus. He was born on November 07, 1700 in Girkhausen. He died on December 11, 1763 in Girkhausen.

46. **Johann Hermann Knoche**, son of Johann Henrich Knoche and ?? Homrighausen, was born on April 03, 1687 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen** on August 19, 1708.

47. **Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen**, daughter of Johann Jacob Saßmanshausen and Anna Elisabeth ??, was born on November 28, 1684 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1740 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Knoche:

Born in Bormanns Haus, but may have later resided in Haase Haus with their daughter, Anna Elisabeth, and her husband, Johannes Haase.

Anna Magdalena Saßmannshausen and Johann Hermann Knoche had the following child:

23. i. Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche was born on November 16, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 09, 1779 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Haase on January 08, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He was born in 1709 in Probably Mollseifen. He died on October 17, 1777 in Wunderthausen.

56. **Johann Georg Trapp**, son of Gabriel Trapp and Anna Elisabeth Catharina Womelsdorf, was born on June 27, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1787 in Wunderthausen. He married **Christina Weller** on October 01, 1744 in Wunderthausen.

57. **Christina Weller**, daughter of Johann Phillip Weller and Anna Gertraud Trapp, was born on March 21, 1723 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 12, 1798 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp:

Born in Mannes Haus, became tenant in Brückewaymars Haus in Wunderthausen.

Christina Weller and Johann Georg Trapp had the following children:

29. i. Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp was born on June 02, 1744 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Trapp on March 10, 1769 in Wunderthausen. He was born on May 19, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 22, 1801 in Wunderthausen.
28. ii. Johann Georg Trapp was born on May 19, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 22, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp on March 10, 1769 in Wunderthausen. She was born on June 02, 1744 in Wunderthausen.

63. **Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp**, daughter of Johannes Trapp and Anna Gertraud Strackbein, was born on April 14, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 03, 1783 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in Gundermanns Haus and became the first tenant in Neuhäusers Haus at some point.

Notes for Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp:

Apparently known as Anna Maria, though her baptismal name was Anna Gertraud.

Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel was born on December 05, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 24, 1770 in Wunderthausen. She married Matthias Kümmel on November 29, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 04, 1737 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 25, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Matthias Kümmel:

Born in Altehäusers house in Wunderthausen; married into and became the tenant in Neuhäusers.

- ii. Georg Franz Riedesel was born on April 21, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 17, 1810 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Gertraud Wagner on June 02, 1795 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 04, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died in Prob. USA. He married Catherine Elisabeth Knoche on October 25, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 24, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 31, 1794 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Katherine Dickel on December 03, 1797 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 20, 1770 in Schüllar. She died on April 06, 1808 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Riedesel:

First tenant of "Försters am Lotzenberg" Haus in Wunderthausen, was a forester.

Notes for Maria Gertraud Wagner:

Born in Jochums Haus in Wunderthausen. May have immigrated to America in 1796 without Georg Franz but with an earlier child.

Notes for Catherine Elisabeth Knoche:

Born in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen. May also have been known as Anna Katharina.

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 - iii. Anna Maria Sophia Amalia Riedesel was born on February 01, 1754 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 30, 1813 in Wunderthausen. She married Matthias Kümmel on January 07, 1772 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 04, 1737 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 25, 1794 in Wunderthausen.