

## Ancestors of Ludwig Riedesel

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### Generation 1

1. **Ludwig Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Maria Elisabeth Dienst, 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.

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### Generation 2

2. **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.
3. **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.
- 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 Wunderthausen. She died on November 22, 1845 in Wunderthausen.

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Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:  
Born in and tenant in Weymers Haus, 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.

- 1. 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.
- 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 Hanphilippes 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 died on June 22, 1836 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Mörchen:  
The miller in Wunderthausen.

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### Generation 3

- 4. **Georg Gabriel Riedesel**, son of Wilhelm Riedesel and Anna Margarethe Spies, was born on January 04, 1715 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Weller** on February 04, 1752 in Girkhausen.
- 5. **Elisabeth Gertraud Weller**, daughter of Johann Phillip Weller and Anna Gertraud Trapp, was born on August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Riedesel:  
Married into Wetezels house and later to Weymers Haus from Gundermanns. Through his two marriages he is the progenitor of a large majority of Riedesels in the U.S. He is sometimes listed as Johann Gabriel, but was in any case almost certainly known as Gabriel.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Weller:  
Born in Weymers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband.

Elisabeth Gertraud Weller and Georg Gabriel Riedesel had the following children:

- 2. i. Johannes Riedesel was born on August 27, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 19, 1835 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Dienst on April 21,

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1776 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 26, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 07, 1805 in Wunderthausen.

- ii. Anna Margarethe Riedesel was born on December 19, 1756 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 20, 1819 in Langewiese. She married Johannes Spies on September 06, 1781 in Girkhausen. He was born on March 09, 1743 in Langewiese. He died on October 08, 1806 in Langewiese.
- iii. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on March 06, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He died in Prob. America. He married Florentine Spies. She was born in 1759 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Granted permission to emigrate to the United States in 1796/97. It is not absolutely certain that he left and no records of him or any progeny have surfaced in the U.S. One reading of his baptismal record is with the name Ludwig.

- iv. Maria Juliana Riedesel was born on January 31, 1763 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 15, 1763 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Georg Ludwig Riedesel was born on May 21, 1764 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 23, 1764 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Georg Gabriel Riedesel was born on June 09, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 28, 1833 in Diedenshausen. He married Catharina Florentine Beitzel on January 13, 1793 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 13, 1749 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 24, 1793 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Gernand on January 28, 1800 in Diedenshausen. She was born on March 15, 1777 in Diedenshausen. She died on December 20, 1839 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Riedesel:

Born in Weimers Haus in Wunderthausen but became the tenant in Pauls Haus in Diedenshausen. He left for America in 1796, but returned in 1799.

- vii. Georg Franz Riedesel was born on February 19, 1769 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Franz Riedesel:

Believed to have gone to America in 1796. It's a good guess that he was absorbed into the Baltimore community, though other Wittgensteiners settled in Pennsylvania as well.

- viii. Anna Catherina Elisabeth Riedesel was born on February 15, 1773 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 24, 1847 in Wunderthausen. She married Ludwig Heinrich Strackbein on July 23, 1796 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 26, 1771 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 06, 1826 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Strackbein:

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

- 6. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst and Catherine Elisabeth Spies, was born on August 11, 1719 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 18, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Magdalena Pott** in 1747 in Wunderthausen.
- 7. **Maria Magdalena Pott**, daughter of Johann Valentin Pott and Anna Maria Magdalena Spies, was born on August 07, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 01, 1800 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:

Tenant in Linde Haus.

Notes for Maria Magdalena Pott:

Born in Beitzels Haus.

Maria Magdalena Pott and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

- i. Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Dienst was born on December 09, 1747 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 15, 1784 in Wunderthausen. She married

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Georg Gabriel Homrighausen on January 17, 1766 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 14, 1739 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1799 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Homrighausen:

Born in and became the tenant in Hohmanns Haus in Wunderthausen.

- ii. Johann Franz Dienst was born on April 27, 1749 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 19, 1827 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen on January 18, 1782 in Wunderthausen. She 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.

- iii. Catharina Dienst was born on February 26, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 24, 1752 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johannes Dienst was born on December 01, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 06, 1753 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Johannes Dienst was born on January 25, 1754 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 29, 1754 in Wunderthausen.
- 3. vi. Maria Elisabeth Dienst was born on February 26, 1755 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 07, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Riedesel on April 21, 1776 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 27, 1753 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 19, 1835 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Maria Magdalena Dienst was born on March 16, 1757 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 21, 1758 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. Johannes Dienst was born on May 01, 1759 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 02, 1835 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Catharina Homrighausen on January 18, 1789. She was born on September 18, 1763 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 29, 1814 in Diedenshausen.
- ix. Maria Magdalena Dienst was born on March 29, 1762 in Wunderthausen.
- x. Sebastian Dienst was born on February 14, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 04, 1833 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). He married Anna Katharine Lauber on October 23, 1789. She was born on July 25, 1766 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen). She died on August 13, 1834 in Hoheleye, Girkhausen (Girkhausen).

Notes for Sebastian Dienst:

Born in Linde Haus in Wunderthausen but married into a house in Girkhausen/Hoheleye.

- xi. Johann Georg Dienst was born on June 17, 1767 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 12, 1781 in Wunderthausen.
- xii. Johann Georg Dienst was born on March 08, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 27, 1770 in Wunderthausen.

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#### Generation 4

- 8. **Wilhelm Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf, was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margarethe Spies** on August 16, 1703 in Girkhausen.
- 9. **Anna Margarethe Spies**, daughter of Johann Georg Spies and Anna Gertraud Homrighausen, was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Wilhelm Riedesel:

Baptised as Johann Wilhelm in Girkhausen (Pfaffe Haus), but known as Wilhelm. Married into Gundermanns Haus in Wunderthausen, one of the larger in the village. He was already paying taxes there in 1699 though did not marry until 1703.

Notes for Anna Margarethe Spies:

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Born into Gundermanns Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband on her marriage.

Anna Margarethe Spies and Wilhelm Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on April 15, 1704 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 15, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Knoche on May 04, 1731 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 20, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1787 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Heir to Gundermanns Haus.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Knoche:

Born in Wetzels Haus, Wunderthausen.

- ii. Liese Gertraudt Riedesel was born on December 30, 1706 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johannes Riedesel was born on April 22, 1709 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 01, 1755 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp on February 22, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 14, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 03, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarete Müsse on May 17, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She 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.

Notes for Anna Maria Gertraud Trapp:

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

- iv. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on February 06, 1712 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 11, 1771 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina Ruppert on November 26, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She was born on June 27, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 06, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

Born in Gundermanns Haus, became tenant in Wetzels Haus in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Catharina Ruppert:

Born in Wetzels house.

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  - v. Georg Gabriel Riedesel was born on January 04, 1715 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Weller on February 04, 1752 in Girkhausen. She was born on August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche on July 10, 1740 in Girkhausen. She was born on October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 21, 1749 in Wunderthausen.
  - vi. Samuel Riedesel was born on June 23, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
  - vii. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel was born on May 14, 1720 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 16, 1764 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Homrighausen on September 05, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 03, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 20, 1784 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Heinrich Pott on January 06, 1747 in Wunderthausen. He was born in 1704 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 08, 1749 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Homrighausen:

Became the tenant in Beitzels.

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- viii. Anna Margarethe Riedesel was born on May 16, 1725 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 08, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Ludwig Fuchs on October 21, 1751 in Wemlighausen. He was born on December 07, 1726 in Schüller. He died on November 08, 1791 in Wemlighausen.
10. **Johann Phillip Weller**, son of Hans Georg Weller, was born about 1677 in Girkhausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Trapp** on April 01, 1712 in Wunderthausen.
11. **Anna Gertraud Trapp**, daughter of Theis Trapp and Anna Margaretha Spies, was born on April 29, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Phillip Weller:

Born in the village of Girkhausen but married into Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Gertraud Trapp:

Born in Weymers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband.

Anna Gertraud Trapp and Johann Phillip Weller had the following children:

- i. Johann Jost Weller was born on March 01, 1716 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Johann Georg Weller was born on September 13, 1719 in Wunderthausen.
  - iii. Christina Weller was born on March 21, 1723 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 12, 1798 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Trapp on October 01, 1744 in Wunderthausen. He was born on June 27, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1787 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Johann Georg Trapp:  
Born in Mannes Haus, became tenant in Brückewaymars Haus in Wunderthausen.
5. iv. Elisabeth Gertraud Weller was born on August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Gabriel Riedesel on February 04, 1752 in Girkhausen. He was born on January 04, 1715 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Johann Heinrich Weller was born on April 09, 1730 in Wunderthausen.
  - vi. Johannes Weller was born on October 11, 1731 in Wunderthausen.
  - vii. Johannes Weller was born on January 02, 1735 in Wunderthausen.
12. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst and Anna Justina Gärte, was born on July 18, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734 in Wunderthausen. He married **Catherine Elisabeth Spies** on May 16, 1718 in Wunderthausen.
13. **Catherine Elisabeth Spies**, daughter of Sebastian Spies and Anna Elisabeth Benfer, was born on November 11, 1694 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1728 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:

Tenant in Linde Haus.

Notes for Catherine Elisabeth Spies:

Born in Diele or Schreiners Haus in Diedenshausen.

Catherine Elisabeth Spies and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

6. i. Johannes Dienst was born on August 11, 1719 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 18, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Magdalena Pott in 1747 in Wunderthausen. She was born on August 07, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 01, 1800 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Maria Magdalena Dienst was born on March 10, 1722 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Johann Heinrich Dienst was born on February 13, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

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14. **Johann Valentin Pott**, son of Curt Pott and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, was born on March 21, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 23, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Maria Magdalena Spies** on June 08, 1716 in Wunderthausen.
  15. **Anna Maria Magdalena Spies**, daughter of Sebastian Spies and Anna Elisabeth Benfer, was born on March 13, 1692 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 18, 1760 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Valentin Pott:

Born in Kurts Haus but married into Beitzels and became the tenant.

Anna Maria Magdalena Spies and Johann Valentin Pott had the following children:

- i. Johannes Pott was born on August 15, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 16, 1763 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf on June 20, 1738. She was born on November 22, 1720 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 22, 1773 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Catharina Elisabeth Pott was born on February 09, 1721 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born on January 25, 1722 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 06, 1803 in Diedenshausen. She married Sebastian Homrighausen on February 16, 1742 in Diedenshausen. He was born on November 15, 1716 in Diedenshausen. He died on October 26, 1800 in Diedenshausen.
7. iv. Maria Magdalena Pott was born on August 07, 1724 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 01, 1800 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Dienst in 1747 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 11, 1719 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 18, 1784 in Wunderthausen.
- v. Anna Gertraud Pott was born on January 20, 1727 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 21, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Spies on December 11, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 27, 1720 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 20, 1787 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Spies on December 11, 1748.

Notes for Johann Georg Spies:

Born in and tenant in Beckers Haus, Wunderthausen.

- vi. Johann Hermann Pott was born on August 03, 1729 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 23, 1807 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Trapp on October 29, 1751 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 15, 1730 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 11, 1791 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Pott:

Born in Beitzels Haus, Wunderthausen, became the tenant in Mannes.

Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Trapp:

Born in Mannes Haus.

- vii. Johann Georg Pott was born on January 30, 1732 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 19, 1796 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Amalia Wagner on May 28, 1775 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 08, 1745 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 06, 1830 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Pott:

Born in Beitzels house, but eventually took over Beckers.

- viii. Franz Pott was born on March 06, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 15, 1792. He married Florentine Pott on November 17, 1755. She was born on September 28, 1739 in Girkhausen. She died on November 26, 1794.

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#### Generation 5

16. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Hederich Riedesel and ??, was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf** on February 18, 1664 in Raumland.

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17. **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf**, daughter of Johannes Womelsdorf, was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in Melbach and that is where he and Anna Maria first lived after marrying. Following the death of her father, they took over Pfaffe house in Girkhausen.

Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Georg Mannus Riedesel was born about 1664 in Melbach. He died on October 17, 1741 in Girkhausen. He married Catharina Elisabeth Dickel before 1696 in Girkhausen. She was born about 1671 in Girkhausen. She died on February 22, 1750 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Georg Mannus Riedesel:

Referred to as Hermann in church records. He became the tenant in Pfaffe house in Girkhausen.

- ii. Sebastian Riedesel was born about 1670 in Melbach.
- iii. Johann Reinhard Riedesel was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died on January 15, 1754 in Girkhausen. He married Elisabeth Schüßler on February 25, 1708 in Elsoff. She was born in 1673.

Notes for Johann Reinhard Riedesel:

Built the house in Girkhausen known as Pfaffe-Reinhard's or Pfaffereiners.

8. iv. Wilhelm Riedesel was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarethe Spies on August 16, 1703 in Girkhausen. She was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
18. **Johann Georg Spies**, son of Valentin Spies, was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen** on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen.
19. **Anna Gertraud Homrighausen**, daughter of Johannes Homrighausen, was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Spies:

Born in Schmeds house, took over Gundermanns by marriage. It was long believed that he was the son of Gundermann Spies, but expert opinion is that he was in fact the son of Valentin Spies and an unnamed mother.

Notes for Anna Gertraud Homrighausen:

From Seimes Haus in Wunderthausen.

Anna Gertraud Homrighausen and Johann Georg Spies had the following children:

9. i. Anna Margarethe Spies was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Wilhelm Riedesel on August 16, 1703 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Catherine Elisabeth Spies was born on June 20, 1682 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
- iii. Anna Gertraud Spies was born on March 08, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
- iv. Maria Juliana Spies was born on October 02, 1687 in Wunderthausen. She died in 1723 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jacob Beitzel on April 01, 1720. He was born on September 07, 1697 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 28, 1752 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Beitzel:

Tenant in Seilers Haus, Wunderthausen.

- v. Daughter Spies was born on March 19, 1691.



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- vi. Johannes Spies was born on September 08, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 19, 1774 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Strackbein. She was born on July 14, 1702 in Wunderthausen. She died on March 30, 1769 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born on July 14, 1697 in Wunderthausen.
20. **Hans Georg Weller** was born in 1620 in Diedenshausen. He died in 1699 in Girkhausen.  
Hans Georg Weller had the following child:
10. i. Johann Phillip Weller was born about 1677 in Girkhausen. He died in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Gertraud Trapp on April 01, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 29, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen.
22. **Theis Trapp**, son of Johannes Trapp and Margretha Weymer, was born in 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709-1711 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Margaretha Spies** on January 03, 1694.
23. **Anna Margaretha Spies**, daughter of Valentin Spies, was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Theis Trapp:

Born in and tenant in Weymers house. Properly Matthias.

Notes for Anna Margaretha Spies:

Born in Schmeds house.

Anna Margaretha Spies and Theis Trapp had the following children:

11. i. Anna Gertraud Trapp was born on April 29, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 04, 1754 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Phillip Weller on April 01, 1712 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1677 in Girkhausen. He died in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jacob Boshoff on July 22, 1737. He was born on March 28, 1703 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 16, 1762 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Catharina Elisabetha Trapp was born on July 13, 1697 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Anna Margretha Trapp was born about 1700 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Johann Georg Trapp was born on October 02, 1702 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 28, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Maria Mörchen on October 26, 1738 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1715 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 29, 1778 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Trapp:

Born in Weymers, founded Schusters house.

- v. AntonyAntonius Trapp was born on November 27, 1704 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 08, 1741 in Langewiese. He married Maria Elisabeth Spies. She was born on August 22, 1708 in Waldeck (Twiste). She died on October 18, 1740 in Langewiese.

Notes for AntonyAntonius Trapp:

Settled in Langewiese.

24. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst and ??, was born about 1658 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Justina Gärte** on March 13, 1684 in Wunderthausen.
25. **Anna Justina Gärte**, daughter of Franz Garte and Loysa Henk, was born about 1665 in Arfeld. She died after October 30, 1708 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:

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

Anna Justina Gärte and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

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- i. Anna Christina Dienst was born on July 18, 1686 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740.
  - ii. Johann Philipp Dienst was born on October 19, 1692 in Wunderthausen.
  12. iii. Johannes Dienst was born on July 18, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein on June 20, 1727 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 04, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 30, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He married Catherine Elisabeth Spies on May 16, 1718 in Wunderthausen. She was born on November 11, 1694 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1728 in Wunderthausen.
  - iv. Johann Jost Dienst was born on December 06, 1696 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Anna Gertraud Dienst was born on December 06, 1696 in Wunderthausen.
  - vi. Gabriel Dienst was born before 1699 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1713.
  26. **Sebastian Spies**, son of Gabriel Spies and Margarete ??, was born about 1653 in Diedenshausen. He died in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Benfer** on November 29, 1683 in Diedenshausen.
  27. **Anna Elisabeth Benfer**, daughter of Gabriel Benfer and Anna Catharina Giebel, was born in 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Sebastian Spies:

Lived in Diele Haus in Diedenshausen but became the tenant in Schreiners on his marriage to Anna Benfer.

Anna Elisabeth Benfer and Sebastian Spies had the following children:

- i. Johannes Spies was born on September 01, 1684 in Diedenshausen. He died on January 23, 1760 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Spies on February 09, 1714 in Diedenshausen. She was born on January 02, 1694 in Girkhausen. She died on January 28, 1757 in Diedenshausen.
- Notes for Johannes Spies:  
Tenant in Schreiners Haus, Diedenshausen.
- ii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born about 1687 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1722.
  15. iii. Anna Maria Magdalena Spies was born on March 13, 1692 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 18, 1760 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Valentin Pott on June 08, 1716 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 21, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 23, 1775 in Wunderthausen.
  13. iv. Catherine Elisabeth Spies was born on November 11, 1694 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1728 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Dienst on May 16, 1718 in Wunderthausen. He was born on July 18, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Maria Gertraud Spies was born on December 28, 1696 in Diedenshausen.
  - vi. Georg Franz Spies was born on March 11, 1699 in Diedenshausen. He died on January 08, 1771.
  - vii. Wilhelmine Elisabeth Spies was born on March 29, 1702 in Diedenshausen. She died on January 18, 1743 in Diedenshausen. She married Georg Hermann Rück on May 23, 1732 in Diedenshausen. He was born on November 03, 1695 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1729 in Diedenshausen.
- Notes for Georg Hermann Rück:  
Born in and tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.
- viii. Johann Georg Spies was born on February 11, 1705 in Diedenshausen. He died in Prob. Berleburg. He married Catharine Louise Stark on September 19, 1734 in Berleburg.
  28. **Curt Pott**, son of Matthias Pott and Katherine Eckhardt, was born about 1635 in Bracht, Amt Marburg. He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen**

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before 1659.

29. **Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen**, daughter of Steffen Homrighausen and ?? Eckhardt, was born about 1635 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1686 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Curt Pott:

He had the unusual status of being a free man. Local legends as to his origins and status do not necessarily correspond to what is in the written record. In any case he was a man of some substance.

The house which he occupied came to be known as Kurts (or Curts) Haus locally, although it had been inhabited by his Homrighausen in-laws and before then by Eckharts.

Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen and Curt Pott had the following children:

- i. Johann Hermann Pott was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Knoche on March 20, 1698. She was born about 1675 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1715 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Hermann Pott:

Born in and became the tenant in Kurts.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Knoche:

Said to be born in Bormanns house, Wunderthausen, but does not show up in the records for that house as a child.

- ii. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born in 1671 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 02, 1746. She married Abraham Eckhardt on February 20, 1697. He was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died before 1740.
- iii. Catharina Pott was born about 1677 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Anna Elisabeth Pott was born on April 06, 1679 in Wunderthausen.
14. v. Johann Valentin Pott was born on March 21, 1681 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 23, 1775 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Maria Magdalena Spies on June 08, 1716 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 13, 1692 in Diedenshausen. She died on April 18, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Christiana Beitzel on May 08, 1704 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 18, 1681 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johann Matthias Pott was born on June 24, 1684 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Johann Georg Pott was born on May 10, 1686 in Wunderthausen.

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#### Generation 6

32. **Hederich Riedesel**, son of Henrich Riedesel, was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married ??.

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Notes for Hederich Riedesel:

He is the earliest verifiable ancestor of all the Riedesels of Wittgenstein and of almost all American Riedesels. His name is sometimes rendered as Heyrich or Henrich, but local experts affirm that it was not "Heinrich." He was the tenant in the house called "Herjes" in the small hamlet of Melbach. He served for several years as a coachman to the Count in Berleburg during the 30 Years War (1618-1648) and documents say that his house stood empty for five years. He had returned by 1642. While he was a commoner subject to the Count, various signs suggest that the family was of somewhat higher status than most. It is not certain that his father "Heyrich Riedesel" preceded him at Herjes, but it is very likely.

?? and Hederich Riedesel had the following children:

16. i. Johannes Riedesel was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf on February 18, 1664 in Raumland. She was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen.

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- ii. Anna Katharina Riedesel was born about 1645.

Notes for Anna Katharina Riedesel:

I have seen references to her marrying a Hanß Böhmer in southwestern Germany, but this is HIGHLY unlikely.

- iii. Ernst Riedesel was born about 1646 in Melbach. He died on December 24, 1693 in Schameder. He married Anna Elisabeth Müller before 1687. She was born in 1651. She died on December 14, 1693 in Schameder.

Notes for Ernst Riedesel:

Lived in "Hermes" house in Schameder.

- iv. KurtConrad Riedesel was born about 1655 in Melbach. He died in 1709 in Melbach.

Notes for KurtConrad Riedesel:

The two names were interchangeable at the time.

- 34. **Johannes Womelsdorf**, son of Gerlach Womelsdorf, was born in 1609 in Girkhausen. He died in 1672 in Girkhausen.

Johannes Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Georg Womelsdorf was born about 1635.
- 17. ii. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen. She married Johannes Riedesel on February 18, 1664 in Raumland. He was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen.
- iii. Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. He died after 1708 in Wunderthausen. He married Juliana Strackbein about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1690.

Notes for Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf:

Born in Pfaffe Haus, Girkhausen. Became the tenant through marriage in what has been since then as "Mannes" Haus.

- iv. Johann Kasper Womelsdorf.
- 36. **Valentin Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ? Dornseiff, was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1675.

Valentin Spies had the following children:

- 18. i. Johann Georg Spies was born about 1648 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1698 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margaretha Spies about 1672. She was born about 1645 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1678. He married Anna Gertraud Homrighausen on May 13, 1678 in Girkhausen. She was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Anna Christina Spies was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1708 in Wunderthausen. She married Werner Dienst on October 11, 1678 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Christina Spies:

Born in Schmeds house which passed to he husband.

Notes for Werner Dienst:

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

- iii. Anna Elisabeth Spies was born about 1660 in Wunderthausen.
- iv. Antonius Spies was born about 1662 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 18, 1751 in Langewiese. He married Anna Margarete Klein on August 30, 1694 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1669 in Dachsloch. She died before 1740 in

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Wunderthausen.

Notes for Antonius Spies:

Born in Schmeds house. First tenant in Beckers house, Wunderthausen, which was apparently built in 1697. It probably contained a baking-house. The Count strictly controlled the number of fireplaces in each village, allocating a certain number of households to each baking-house.

- v. Ludwig Spies was born about 1665 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1735 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina Eckhardt on November 24, 1687. She was born about 1664 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 20, 1744 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Spies:

Known as Lotz. Born in Schmeds Haus. Eventually took over the house known as Lotzes.

- vi. Johannes Spies was born about 1668 in Wunderthausen.
23. vii. Anna Margaretha Spies was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen. She married Theis Trapp on January 03, 1694. He was born in 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709-1711 in Wunderthausen.
38. **Johannes Homrighausen** was born about 1623 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen. Johannes Homrighausen had the following child:
- 19. i. 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.
44. **Johannes Trapp** was born about 1640. He married **Margretha Weymer** about 1670.
45. **Margretha Weymer**, daughter of Johannes Waymar and ? Heidt, was born about 1640.

Notes for Johannes Trapp:

Origin unknown. Married into Weymers house in Wunderthausen.

Margretha Weymer and Johannes Trapp had the following children:

- 22. i. Theis Trapp was born in 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died between 1709-1711 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margaretha Spies on January 03, 1694. She was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 23, 1741 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Gabriel Trapp was born about 1672 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734. He married Anna Elisabeth Catharina Womelsdorf on March 02, 1700 in Wunderthausen. She was born in February 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 22, 1742 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Gabriel Trapp:  
Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen, became the tenant in Mannes.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Trapp was born about 1674 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 07, 1751.
  - iv. Elisabeth Trapp was born about 1676 in Wunderthausen.
  - v. Johannes Trapp was born on November 05, 1677 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Gertraud Strackbein on February 25, 1709 in Wunderthausen.
- Notes for Johannes Trapp:  
Born in Weymers house, Wunderthausen. After marriage, lived until 1712 in Weymers and then built Bergmanns.
- vi. Sophia Elisabetha Trapp was born on September 27, 1680 in Wunderthausen.
48. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst and ?? Kuhn, was born about 1635. He married ?? about 1660.

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Notes for Johannes Dienst:  
Tenant in Linde house.

?? and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

- i. Werner Dienst was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Christina Spies on October 11, 1678 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1655 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1708 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Werner Dienst:  
Tenant in Schmeds house, Wunderthausen. It is believed that he was born in Linde house, but this not certain,

Notes for Anna Christina Spies:  
Born in Schmeds house which passed to he husband.

24. ii. Johannes Dienst was born about 1658 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Justina Gärtle on March 13, 1684 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1665 in Arfeld. She died after October 30, 1708 in Wunderthausen.

50. **Franz Garte** was born in 1625. He died on February 02, 1695 in Arfeld. He married **Loysa Henk**.

51. **Loysa Henk**, daughter of Martin Henk and ? Irle, was born in 1638. She died on March 16, 1710 in Arfeld.

Notes for Loysa Henk:  
Born in Hanneisers Haus in Arfeld which passed to her husband.

Loysa Henk and Franz Garte had the following child:

25. i. Anna Justina Gärtle was born about 1665 in Arfeld. She died after October 30, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Dienst on March 13, 1684 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1658 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

52. **Gabriel Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ?? Dickel, was born about 1623 in Diedenshausen. He married **Margarete ??** about 1649.

53. **Margarete ??** was born about 1628.

Notes for Gabriel Spies:  
Born in and tenant in Diele Haus, Diedenshausen. The name of his wife is not known.

Margarete ?? and Gabriel Spies had the following children:

- i. Samuel Spies was born about 1645 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Catharina ?? before 1677 in Diedenshausen. She was born about 1645 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1684 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Samuel Spies:  
Born in and tenant in Diele Haus, Diedenshausen.

Notes for Anna Catharina ??:  
If she had a child in 1700, she was surely born later than 1645.

- ii. Anna Catherine Spies was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died before 1686. She married Sebastian Rück on March 13, 1677 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1654 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1705 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Sebastian Rück:  
Born in and tenant in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen.

26. iii. Sebastian Spies was born about 1653 in Diedenshausen. He died in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Benfer on November 29, 1683 in

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Diedenshausen. She was born in 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen.

- iv. Catharine Elisabeth Spies was born about 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died in 1694. She married Gabriel Benfer on October 30, 1690. He was born about 1662 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gabriel Benfer:  
Tenant in Adriges Haus, Diedenshausen.

- v. Gabriel Spies was born in Diedenshausen. He died after 1700.

54. **Gabriel Benfer** was born about 1640. He died after 1678 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina Giebel**.
55. **Anna Catharina Giebel**, daughter of Jost Giebel and Magdalene Schmidt, was born about 1640 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1678 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gabriel Benfer:  
His origins are unknown, but he became the tenant in Schreiners Haus in Diedenshausen.  
Anna Catharina Giebel and Gabriel Benfer had the following children:

27. i. Anna Elisabeth Benfer was born in 1665 in Diedenshausen. She died in Diedenshausen. She married Sebastian Spies on November 29, 1683 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1653 in Diedenshausen. He died in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Anna Juliana Benfer was born on February 25, 1679 in Diedenshausen.
- iii. Johann Benfer was born in Diedenshausen. He died after 1682.
- iv. Maria Elisabeth Benfer was born in Diedenshausen. She died after 1692.
56. **Matthias Pott** was born in Black Forest. He died before 1659 in Marburg?. He married **Katherine Eckhardt** after 1619.
57. **Katherine Eckhardt**, daughter of Jost Eckhardt and Leisa ??, was born about 1600 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1659 in Wunderthausen?.

Notes for Matthias Pott:  
I have seen a death date of 1653.

Katherine Eckhardt and Matthias Pott had the following child:

28. i. Curt Pott was born about 1635 in Bracht, Amt Marburg. He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen. He married Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen before 1659. She was born about 1635 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1686 in Wunderthausen.
58. **Steffen Homrighausen** was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1678 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Eckhardt** about 1635.
59. **?? Eckhardt**, daughter of Jost Eckhardt and Leisa ??, was born about 1605 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Steffen Homrighausen:  
Born in Seimes house, Wunderthausen and married into what became Kurts.

?? Eckhardt and Steffen Homrighausen had the following child:

29. i. Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen was born about 1635 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1686 in Wunderthausen. She married Curt Pott before 1659. He was born about 1635 in Bracht, Amt Marburg. He died after 1699 in Wunderthausen.

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### Generation 7

64. **Henrich Riedesel** was born about 1580 in Melbach.
- Henrich Riedesel had the following children:
- i. Dorothea/Dechen Riedesel was born about 1610 in Melbach. She died on February 05, 1686 in Bermershausen. She married Johannes Konrad. He was born about 1605. He died on June 21, 1670 in Bermershausen.

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Notes for Johannes Konrad:

He was a miller and sometimes referred to as "Schmidt" but later records consistently use the Konrad family name.

32. ii. Hederich Riedesel was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married ?? He married Gerthrut Dickel on May 14, 1661 in Melbach. She was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. She died on April 29, 1703 in Melbach.
68. **Gerlach Womelsdorf**, son of Rheinart Womelsdorf and Catharina ??, was born about 1565 in Girkhausen. He died in 1629 in Girkhausen.

Gerlach Womelsdorf had the following children:

34. i. Johannes Womelsdorf was born in 1609 in Girkhausen. He died in 1672 in Girkhausen.
- ii. Reinhardt Womelsdorf.
72. **Johannes Spies**. He married ? **Dornseiff** about 1620.

73. ? **Dornseiff**, daughter of Johannes Dornseiff, was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen.

? Dornseiff and Johannes Spies had the following children:

36. i. Valentin Spies was born about 1630 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1675.
- ii. Antonius Spies was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen.
- iii. Barbara Spies was born about 1650 in Wunderthausen.
90. **Johannes Waymar**. He married ? **Heidt**.

91. ? **Heidt**.

? Heidi and Johannes Waymar had the following child:

45. i. Margretha Weymer was born about 1640. She married Johannes Trapp about 1670. He was born about 1640.
96. **Johannes Dienst**, son of Georg Dienst and Katharina Linde, was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? **Kuhn** about 1635.
97. ?? **Kuhn**, daughter of Theis Kuhn, was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Dienst:

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

?? Kuhn and Johannes Dienst had the following children:

48. i. Johannes Dienst was born about 1635. He married ?? about 1660.
- ii. Johann Georg Dienst. He married ?? Strackbein.

102. **Martin Henk**. He married ? **Irlle**.

103. ? **Irlle**.

? Irlle and Martin Henk had the following child:

51. i. Loysa Henk was born in 1638. She died on March 16, 1710 in Arfeld. She married Franz Garte. He was born in 1625. He died on February 02, 1695 in Arfeld.
104. **Johannes Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ?? Althaus, was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married ?? **Dickel**.
105. ?? **Dickel**.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Born in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Diele. He owned three horses (more than most other peasants), and is therefore thought to have a side business of hauling.

?? Dickel and Johannes Spies had the following child:

52. i. Gabriel Spies was born about 1623 in Diedenshausen. He married Margarete ?? about 1649. She was born about 1628.



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110. **Jost Giebel** was born about 1605. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married **Magdalene Schmidt**.
111. **Magdalene Schmidt**, daughter of Matthias Schmidt, was born about 1610 in Probably Diedenshausen.

Notes for Jost Giebel:

Origins uncertain. Was the tenant in Schreiners Haus, Diedenshausen. The father of his wife was apparently Theis Schmitt, born around 1590 and died after 1630.

Magdalene Schmidt and Jost Giebel had the following child:

55. i. Anna Catharina Giebel was born about 1640 in Diedenshausen. She died after 1678 in Diedenshausen. She married Gabriel Benfer. He was born about 1640. He died after 1678 in Diedenshausen.
114. **Jost Eckhardt** was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1616 in Wunderthausen. He married **Leisa ??**.
115. **Leisa ??**.

Notes for Jost Eckhardt:

First known tenant in what became known as Kurts house in Wunderthausen.

Leisa ?? and Jost Eckhardt had the following children:

57. i. Katherine Eckhardt was born about 1600 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1659 in Wunderthausen?. She married Matthias Pott after 1619. He was born in Black Forest. He died before 1659 in Marburg?.
59. ii. ?? Eckhardt was born about 1605 in Wunderthausen. She married Steffen Homrighausen about 1635. He was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1678 in Wunderthausen.

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#### Generation 8

136. **Rheinart Womelsdorf**, son of Jochenchen Womelsdorf and Catherina ??, was born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He married **Catharina ??**.
137. **Catharina ??**.
- Catharina ?? and Rheinart Womelsdorf had the following children:
- i. Jochenchen Womelsdorf was born about 1550.
- ii. Georg Womelsdorf was born about 1555.
68. iii. Gerlach Womelsdorf was born about 1565 in Girkhausen. He died in 1629 in Girkhausen.
- iv. HeintzHeinrich Womelsdorf.
146. **Johannes Dornseiff**, son of Reinhard Dornseiff and ?? Breusing, was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen.
- Johannes Dornseiff had the following child:
73. i. ? Dornseiff was born about 1590 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Spies about 1620.
180. **Hans Weimar**.
- Hans Weimar had the following child:
90. i. Johannes Waymar. He married ? Heidt.
182. **Ebert Heidt**.
- Ebert Heidt had the following child:
91. i. ? Heidt. She married Johannes Waymar.
192. **Georg Dienst**, son of Bartholomäus Dienst, was born about 1581 in Alertshausen. He died on December 05, 1651 in Wunderthausen. He married **Katharina Linde**.
193. **Katharina Linde**, daughter of Johannes Linde, was born about 1583 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Dienst:

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Tenant in Altehäusers (now Hanjosts), then called Linde.

Katharina Linde and Georg Dienst had the following child:

- 96. i. Johannes Dienst was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? Kuhn about 1635. She was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen.

194. **Theis Kuhn** was born about 1570 in Prob. Beddelhausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1595.

Theis Kuhn had the following children:

- i. Gertraud Kuhn was born about 1595 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1626. She married Johannes Schumacher in 1617. He was born in Alertshausen. She married Johannes Schlußler. He was born in Wunderthausen.
- ii. Abraham Kuhn was born about 1610 in Wunderthausen. He died about 1680 in Diedenshausen. He married Maria ?? in 1632.

Notes for Abraham Kuhn:

Although he was born in Wunderthausen, he established himself in Diedenshausen after the devastation of the 30 Years War in the house known as Maies. He may well have had other children, but only four are known.

- 97. iii. ?? Kuhn was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Dienst about 1635. He was born about 1615 in Wunderthausen.

206. **Johannes Irle**, son of Johannes Erle, was born in Arfeld. He died in Arfeld.

Johannes Irle had the following child:

- 103. i. ? Irle. She married Martin Henk.

208. **Johannes Spies** was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen. He married ?? **Althaus**.

209. **?? Althaus**, daughter of Hans Althaus, was born about 1560.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

?? Althaus and Johannes Spies had the following children:

- i. Gabriel Spies was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gabriel Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

- 104. ii. Johannes Spies was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married ?? Dickel.
- iii. Bastian Spies was born in Diedenshausen. He died before 1616.

210. **Emanuel Dickel** was born about 1568 in Probably Diedenshausen. He died before 1640 in Diedenshausen. He married **Cathrein ??** before 1609.

211. **Cathrein ??**, daughter of Thiel ??, was born in Probably Diedenshausen.

Notes for Emanuel Dickel:

Tenant in Diele Haus, Diedenshausen. His origins are unknown.

Cathrein ?? and Emanuel Dickel had the following children:

- 105. i. ?? Dickel. He married Johannes Spies. He was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Elsbeth Dickel was born in Diedenshausen. She married Hans Flecken on February 12, 1640 in Berleburg. He was born in Berghausen.

222. **Matthias Schmidt** was born about 1580 in Probably Diedenshausen. He died after 1630.

Matthias Schmidt had the following child:

- 111. i. Magdalene Schmidt was born about 1610 in Probably Diedenshausen. She married Jost Giebel. He was born about 1605. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen.

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### Generation 9

272. **Johenchen Womelsdorf**, son of Heinrich Womelsdorf, was born about 1480. He married **Catherina ??**.

273. **Catherina ??**.

Catherina ?? and Johenchen Womelsdorf had the following child:

136. i. Rheinart Womelsdorf was born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He married Catharina ??.

292. **Reinhard Dornseiff**, son of Hermann Dornseiff and ? von Winter, was born about 1525 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1590 in Wunderthausen. He married **?? Breusing** before 1560.

293. **?? Breusing**, daughter of Johannes Breusing, was born about 1535.

Notes for Reinhard Dornseiff:

Served as Unterschultheiss in Wunderthausen (kind of deputy sherrif). Lived in the house that became known as Lotzes.

?? Breusing and Reinhard Dornseiff had the following children:

i. Reinhard Dornseiff was born about 1560 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1624 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Reinhard Dornseiff:

Tenant in what became known as Lotzes

146. ii. Johannes Dornseiff was born about 1570 in Wunderthausen. He died in Wunderthausen.

384. **Bartholomäus Dienst**, son of Johannes Dienst, was born about 1548 in Alertshausen. He died on July 08, 1630 in Laasphe.

Bartholomäus Dienst had the following child:

192. i. Georg Dienst was born about 1581 in Alertshausen. He died on December 05, 1651 in Wunderthausen. He married Katharina Linde. She was born about 1583 in Wunderthausen.

386. **Johannes Linde**.

Johannes Linde had the following child:

193. i. Katharina Linde was born about 1583 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Dienst. He was born about 1581 in Alertshausen. He died on December 05, 1651 in Wunderthausen.

412. **Johannes Erle**. He died in 1641 in Arfeld.

Johannes Erle had the following child:

206. i. Johannes Irle was born in Arfeld. He died in Arfeld.

418. **Hans Althaus** was born in 1535 in Alertshausen or Bromskirchen?. He died after 1591.

Hans Althaus had the following children:

209. i. ?? Althaus was born about 1560. She married Johannes Spies. He was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.

ii. Johannes Althaus was born about 1563.

Notes for Johannes Althaus:

May be the great scholar known to history as Johannes Althusius. If so, he was educated at the count's expense and went on to a legal career, marrying in 1595 and living until August 17, 1638.

iii. Zacharias Althaus.

422. **Thiel ??**, son of Heynrich ??, was born about 1540.

Thiel ?? had the following child:

211. i. Cathrein ?? was born in Probably Diedenshausen. She married Emanuel Dickel before 1609. He was born about 1568 in Probably Diedenshausen. He died before

**Generation 10**

544. **Heinrich Womelsdorf** was born about 1450.  
Heinrich Womelsdorf had the following child:
- 272. i. Johenchen Womelsdorf was born about 1480. He married Catherina ??.
584. **Hermann Dornseiff**, son of Hermannus Dornseiff, was born about 1495 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1576 in Bromskirchen. He married **? von Winter**.
585. **? von Winter**.  
? von Winter and Hermann Dornseiff had the following child:
- 292. i. Reinhard Dornseiff was born about 1525 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1590 in Wunderthausen. He married ?? Breusing before 1560. She was born about 1535.
586. **Johannes Breusing** was born about 1510 in Wunderthausen. He married an unknown spouse about 1535.  
Johannes Breusing had the following children:
- 293. i. ?? Breusing was born about 1535. She married Reinhard Dornseiff before 1560. He was born about 1525 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1590 in Wunderthausen.
  - ii. Joachim Breusing was born about 1536 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 22, 1602 in Berleburg. He married Ursula Jäger. She was born about 1541.  
  
Notes for Joachim Breusing:  
Became a notary for the Count and lived in Berleburg.
  - iii. Johannes Breusing was born about 1541 in Wunderthausen.  
  
Notes for Johannes Breusing:  
Thought to have moved to Diedenshausen.
  - iv. Eberhard Breusing.  
  
Notes for Eberhard Breusing:  
Became a brewer in Elsoff.
768. **Johannes Dienst** was born about 1518 in Alertshausen.  
Johannes Dienst had the following child:
- 384. i. Bartholomäus Dienst was born about 1548 in Alertshausen. He died on July 08, 1630 in Laasphe.
844. **Heynrich ??**.  
Heynrich ?? had the following child:
- 422. i. Thiel ?? was born about 1540.

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**Generation 11**

1168. **Hermannus Dornseiff**, son of Johann of Dornsyffen, was born about 1444 in Siegen or Dornseiff. He died in Bromskirchen.  
Hermannus Dornseiff had the following child:
- 584. i. Hermann Dornseiff was born about 1495 in Bromskirchen. He died after 1576 in Bromskirchen. He married ? von Winter.

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**Generation 12**

2336. **Johann of Dornsyffen** was born about 1410 in Dornseiff.  
Johann of Dornsyffen had the following child:
- 1168. i. Hermannus Dornseiff was born about 1444 in Siegen or Dornseiff. He died in Bromskirchen.