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Ancestors of Peter Reinhard Stark

Generation 1

1. **Peter Reinhard Stark**, son of Johann Philipp Wilhelm Stark and Maria Magdalena Wagner, was born on November 12, 1778 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Peter Reinhard Stark: Apparently born in Jochums Haus in Wunderthausen. Appears to have gone to America with his parents in 1796.

Generation 2

- 2. **Johann Philipp Wilhelm Stark** was born on April 01, 1751 in Wemlighausen. He died in Prob. USA. He married **Maria Magdalena Wagner** on September 27, 1776.
- 3. **Maria Magdalena Wagner**, daughter of Georg Hermann Wagener and Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen, was born on March 23, 1756 in Wunderthausen. She died in Prob. USA.

Notes for Johann Philipp Wilhelm Stark:

His wife was born in Jochums Haus in Wunderthausen, and they lived there as sub-tenants. Apparently they were both poor and in debt when they sold whatever they had to travel to America. The family were among those recorded as going to America in 1796. Their actual fates are often unknown. I believe that the family name then disappeared from Wunderthausen, though it was common elsewhere in Wittgenstein.

Notes for Maria Magdalena Wagner: Born in Jochums Haus in Wunderthausen. Believed to have gone to America in 1796.

There are family trees out there showing her married to a Thomas Lanham and having died in 1818 in Maryland. Assuming the 1796 immigration date (attested by contemporary documents in Wittgenstein), then this is bogus.

Maria Magdalena Wagner and Johann Philipp Wilhelm Stark had the following children:

- 1. i. Peter Reinhard Stark was born on November 12, 1778 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Georg Gabriel Stark was born on April 28, 1782 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 23, 1782 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Johann Stark was born on February 11, 1784 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Stark: Born in Jochums Haus in Wunderthausen. As far as we know, he went to America with his parents in 1796.

iv. Johann Debus Stark was born on October 20, 1786 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Debus Stark: Apparently born in Jochums Haus in Wunderthausen. As far we know, he went to America with his parents in 1796.

- v. Maria Magdalena Stark was born on August 30, 1789 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 03, 1789 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johann Philipp Stark was born on August 15, 1792 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Philipp Stark: Apparently born in Jochums Has in Wunderthausen. As far as we know, he went to America with his parents in 1796.

Generation 3

- 6. **Georg Hermann Wagener**, son of Johann Christian Wagner and Anna Gertraudt Dickel, was born on December 03, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died after June 1795 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen** on April 02, 1755.
- 7. **Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen**, daughter of Johann Jakob Homrighausen and Anna Catherine Strackbein, was born on August 15, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 01, 1790 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Hermann Wagener: Born in and tenant in Jochums house.

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Notes for Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen:

She was christened Elisabeth Gertraudt but apparently known as Catherine by the time of her marriage.

Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen and Georg Hermann Wagener had the following children:

- Maria Magdalena Wagner was born on March 23, 1756 in Wunderthausen. She died in Prob. USA. She married Johann Philipp Wilhelm Stark on September 27, 1776. He was born on April 01, 1751 in Wemlighausen. He died in Prob. USA.
 - ii. Johann Georg Wagner was born on February 12, 1759 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 23, 1827 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Spies on November 12, 1815 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 17, 1778 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 15, 1845 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Amalia Krohe on January 14, 1787. She was born on February 17, 1757 in Wemlighausen. She died on March 17, 1801. He married Elisabeth Magdalena Riedesel on June 07, 1801 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 31, 1773 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 23, 1804 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Georg Wagner: Born in Jochums house, first tenant in Wagners.

Notes for Elisabeth Magdalena Riedesel: Christened Maria Magdalena but also known as Elisabeth.

- iii. Elisabeth Juliana Wagner was born on August 02, 1762 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 06, 1771 in Wunderthausen.
- Maria Gertraud Wagner was born on April 04, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She died in Prob. USA. She married Georg Franz Riedesel on June 02, 1795 in Wunderthausen. He was born on April 21, 1751 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 17, 1810 in Wunderthausen.

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 Georg Franz Riedesel: First tenant of "Försters am Lotzenberg" Haus in Wunderthausen, was a forester.

- v. Georg Hermann Wagner was born on May 23, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 23, 1770 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johann Justus Wagner was born on November 04, 1781 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 19, 1782 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 4

- 12. **Johann Christian Wagner**, son of Heinrich Wagner, was born on December 14, 1682 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Gertraudt Dickel** on January 19, 1714 in Wunderthausen.
- 13. **Anna Gertraudt Dickel** was born on January 06, 1685 in Berghausen. She died on November 09, 1752 in Wunderthausen.

Anna Gertraudt Dickel and Johann Christian Wagner had the following children:

i. Johann Jacob Wagner was born on June 25, 1717 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jacob Wagner: Born in Jochums Haus in Wunderthausen. Apparently went to America

6. ii. Georg Hermann Wagener was born on December 03, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died after June 1795 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen on April 02, 1755. She was born on August 15, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 01, 1790 in Wunderthausen.

- 14. **Johann Jakob Homrighausen**, son of Johannes Homrighausen and Anna Liese Strackbein, was born on November 21, 1703 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1772 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catherine Strackbein** on January 08, 1734.
- 15. **Anna Catherine Strackbein**, daughter of Johann Georg Strackbein and Anna Catharina Homrighausen, was born on January 07, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 17, 1780 in Wunderthausen.

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

Anna Catherine Strackbein and Johann Jakob Homrighausen had the following children:

- Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen was born on August 15, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 01, 1790 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Hermann Wagener on April 02, 1755. He was born on December 03, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died after June 1795 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. Johann Jakob Homrighausen was born on January 01, 1736 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 30, 1759 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Georg Gabriel Homrighausen was born on March 14, 1739 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1799 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Dienst on January 17, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 09, 1747 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 15, 1784 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Homrighausen: Born in and became the tenant in Hohmanns Haus in Wunderthausen.

iv. Maria Juliana Homrighausen was born on October 27, 1741 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 26, 1794 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Hermann Haase on April 24, 1774 in Wunderthausen. He was born on January 31, 1739 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 11, 1812 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Hermann Haase: Tenant in Räderhaase Haus in Wunderthausen.

- v. Johannes Homrighausen was born on May 15, 1746 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1784 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born on September 23, 1749 in Wunderthausen.
- vii. Georg Hermann Heinrich Homrighausen was born on November 06, 1752 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 01, 1758 in Wunderthausen.

Generation 5

24. Heinrich Wagner, son of Joachim Wagner (?), was born about 1655.

Heinrich Wagner had the following children:

- i. Johann Jacob Wagner was born on July 23, 1679 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 24, 1742 in Wunderthausen.
- 12. ii. Johann Christian Wagner was born on December 14, 1682 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Gertraudt Dickel on January 19, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 06, 1685 in Berghausen. She died on November 09, 1752 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Anna Elisabeth Wagener was born on July 27, 1687 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Heinrich Beitzel on May 06, 1711 in Wunderthausen. He was born on June 25, 1682 in Diedenshausen. He died on August 27, 1760 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Wagener: She was born in Jochums Haus in Wunderthausen. Notes for Johann Heinrich Beitzel:

Around 1700, the Counts of Sayn-Wittgenstein began granting rights for new houses and land. Recipients paid a fairly high tax (called a "Canon"), but were exempt from some of the other tax and service burdens of the other peasants. Many were individual houses outside of the developed villages, and the property at Petersgrund near Wunderthausen was one of them.

It was operating by 1712. Heinrich Beitzel, born in Hanses Haus in Diedenshausen, was the first "Canonist" in Petersgrund (also known locally as "Auf dem Platz").

- iv. Anna Maria Wagner was born on February 26, 1691 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 01, 1771 in Wunderthausen.
- 28. **Johannes Homrighausen**, son of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born before 1675 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1745 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Liese Strackbein** on January 19, 1701.
- 29. **Anna Liese Strackbein**, daughter of Hans Georg Strackbein, was born before 1677 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 17, 1742 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Homrighausen:

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

Notes for Anna Liese Strackbein:

Born in Hohmanns Haus.

Anna Liese Strackbein and Johannes Homrighausen had the following children:

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

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.

- 14. ii. Johann Jakob Homrighausen was born on November 21, 1703 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1772 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catherine Strackbein on January 08, 1734. She was born on January 07, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 17, 1780 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Johannes Homrighausen was born on September 27, 1706 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 11, 1783 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Magdalena Strackbein on December 17, 1732 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 15, 1711 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 02, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He married Elisabeth Gertraudt Trapp on June 07, 1761 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 03, 1714 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Johann Werner Homrighausen was born on February 21, 1709 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 04, 1788 in Girkhausen. He married Anna Magdalene Dickel before 1734. She was born on April 04, 1714 in Girkhausen. She died on May 21, 1759 in Girkhausen.
 - v. Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen was born on August 27, 1714 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- 30. **Johann Georg Strackbein**, son of Hans Georg Strackbein, was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna**

Catharina Homrighausen on February 15, 1703 in Girkhausen.

31. **Anna Catharina Homrighausen**, daughter of Johann Georg Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Strackbein, was born on July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1750 in Wunderthausen.

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

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

 Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Strackbein was born on January 04, 1708 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 30, 1752 in Wunderthausen. She married Johannes Dienst on June 20, 1727 in Wunderthausen. He was born on July 18, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1734 in Wunderthausen. She married Samuel Strackbein on August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 28, 1686 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 29, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Strackbein on August 23, 1740. He was born in 1711. He died on December 14, 1770.

Notes for Johannes Dienst: Tenant in Linde Haus.

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

Notes for Johann Georg Strackbein: It is not clear where he came from though is certainly a Wittgensteiner. Married into Linde Haus in Wunderthausen but it is not certain where he came from.

- Anna Catherine Strackbein was born on January 07, 1712 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 17, 1780 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Jakob Homrighausen on January 08, 1734. He was born on November 21, 1703 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1772 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Johann Jacob Strackbein was born on December 31, 1714 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 02, 1742 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catherine Strackbein on September 22, 1740. She was born on December 26, 1723 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 04, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catherine Strackbein on September 22, 1740 in Wunderthausen.
 - iv. Anna Margareta Strackbein was born on February 02, 1718 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 20, 1798 in Wunderthausen. She married Georg Gabriel Knoche on July 07, 1738 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 28, 1713 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 02, 1770 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Knoche: Tenant in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

- v. Johann Georg Strackbein was born on June 18, 1721 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.
- vi. Johannes Strackbein was born on January 20, 1725 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 13, 1778 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina Riedesel on April 23, 1752 in Wunderthausen. She was born on February 03, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 15, 1765 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarete Riedesel on December 29, 1766 in Wunderthausen. She was born on May 15, 1744 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1807 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johannes Strackbein: Born in Hohmann Haus, became tenant in Gundermanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

48. Joachim Wagner (?).

Joachim Wagner (?) had the following child:

24. i. Heinrich Wagner was born about 1655.

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

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

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Strackbein: Born in Mannes house.

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

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

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

Notes for Anna Catharina Boshoff:

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

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

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

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

 Anna Gertraud Homrighausen was born about 1683 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg Wetzel on August 20, 1705 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

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

31. vi. Anna Catharina Homrighausen was born on July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1750 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Georg

Strackbein on February 15, 1703 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen.

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

Hans Georg Strackbein had the following children:

- i. Elisabeth Strackbein was born about 1665 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1689.
- Johann Georg Strackbein was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 26, 1740 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Catharina Homrighausen on February 15, 1703 in Girkhausen. She was born on July 10, 1685 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 13, 1750 in Wunderthausen.
 - iii. Anna Maria Strackbein was born about 1672 in Wunderthausen. She married Johann Curt Boshoff on May 10, 1694 in Wunderthausen. He was born about 1670 in Wunderthausen. He died after 1712 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Anna Maria Strackbein: Born in Hohmanns house.

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

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