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Forward and Introduction

Who does not have the wish to find out something further concerning the background of his family? Only a few have the fortune to follow their lineage over the length of a century in the same land, in the same place or even on the same farm. More than one devastating war swept over the Palatinate. Always again the population was forced to leave home and farm. Many families were completely obliterated by the events of war.

The largest portion of the families who had to flee in the last three hundred years were a result of the Thirty Years War as at that time it appeared all of the old families had completely died out. Together with those old families who remained, which many had fled to the forest, came foreign settlers in the land. Persons from the Netherlands and especially from Switzerland aided in the rebuilding of the destroyed homes and farms. As farmers and artisans they found a new home in the Palatinate and good possibilities to work. Very often we read in the old documents of this time: "A Swiss", "A person from the Tirol".

They came here because in their land there was religious intolerance and the possibility of earning a living was not possible for as many persons as lived there. Many of the Swiss immigrants came as single persons, but many came also as complete family groups. A portion settled directly in our Palatinate, others settled first in Alsace and Lorraine before coming here. Also in the Palatinate many of these immigrants changed their residence quite frequently until they found a firm place.

For the greater part they belong to the settlers who contributed members who then went to America and to southeastern Europe. Concerning Swiss immigration much has been written during the past fifty years. The Heimatstelle Pfalz in Kaiserslautern has done through systematically organizing many small works much to enlighten the research concerning the Swiss immigration and through this have been able to give beginning points for genealogical studies concerning the families of Swiss origin. Only tenacious endurance and good fortune lead to the goal.

In the study before you I worked with the family Trachsel (Traxel, Traxsel, Draxel, Draxsel and so forth) and have gone through the Reformed church records in the Palatinate which have given the places of origin in Switzerland. The family Trachsel (Draxel, Drachsel etc.) belong to the evangelical belief. In total there were four stems of the Trachsel family who emigrated from Switzerland that are mentioned in the records. Tragsel (Drachsel) appeared about 1710 in the Reformed church records at Hassloch (descendants not carried out), family II appears about 1720 in Wolfersheim, county Hamburg-Saar, at that time belonging to the Reformed Church Walsheim. Place of origin: Lenk i. S. (Switzerland). Family III still has descendants in the Palatinate especially around Lemberg. Family IV (place of origin: Riggisberg, Switzerland) will be dealt with here in a more complete manner.

Riggisberg (Bern) is a separate parish on the line Thun-Schwarzenburg and belongs to the civil county, Mühlethurnen (Switzerland). The place lies from 750 to 970 meters above the sea, is 7.67 square kilometers in size and was in the year 1148 first mentioned in the documents in connection with the cloister Rüeggisberg as a neighboring parish. At 800 meters elevation stands a castle that was sold to the officers of Bern, Konolfingen, Schwarzenburg and Seftingen and was changed into a poor house. Lenk, about 75 kilometers from Riggisberg is in the Bernese Oberland, 1068 meters in elevation, in the farthest corner of the Simental at the foot of the Gletscherhorn.

In the city area of Zweibrücken appears the name Trachsler through the immigration of the Swiss "Abraham Trachsler from Wattwil in the Bernese area" for the first time on the 19th of December 1674 (Stadtkontraktenprotokoll Zweibrücken). He was listed as a tenant farmer.

Wattenwil belonged to the parish, Thurnen im Gürbetal before 1658 (compare Mühlethurnen, Kirchenthurnen). A comparison with the oldest baptismal record of Thurnen shows that on the 21st of December 1657 a Abraham Trachsler, son of Abraham Trachsler and Dori Bäler (Böhler, Böler), was baptised in Thurnen. It is not impossible that the above Abraham Trachsler is identical with this one.

Through the city archivist Siegl of Pirmasens I received some years ago the opportunity to see a work that was completed by Wilhelm H. Traxel, Hanau, Leipziger Strasse 7 which he completed on the 12th of January 1936 concerning the Langendiebacher Traxel family and their connection to the minister Lammersdorf. From 1670 on appeared in Langendiebach Conrad and Clemens Trachsler (Traxel, Thracksel, Draxel).

Wilhelm Traxel in Hanau intended with these materials that he got together to put into the form of a dissertation in an extended manner for the university

of his city of birth, Giessen, or at a Swiss university, but until now this has not been done. In this manner he wanted this work to be in every respect worthy, comprehensive and complete as possible. While he was able to prove the Swiss origin of his family without question, he was however not able to find the place of origin in Switzerland even though he spent much work in this endeavor. He believed that by going through the Primasens archives again that he would find this, but sorry to say this was not accomplished. From a report of the registry of persons in Hanau of 23 November 1955 I received the following report: "It is not known whether Wilhelm Traxel and his wife were killed during the war or whether they left Hanau without reporting. The house on Waldstrasse Nu. 1, now named Heraeusstrasse, was destroyed during the war."

This ambitious researcher we want to thank and from his work give the following quotation:

"Already from 1251-1259 a Traxel family is found in Swiss documents as Trechsla further as Drasil, Trasult, Trachsel, Trachsler. Frequently many further variations of this name are given. All of this and the special entries of the state archives direct one further to research the economic effect of the Thirty Years War in Switzerland and through this came a large immigration into the depopulated areas of Germany. This theme will take a larger importance in this book. Also interesting are the many Swiss and Tirolian Traxel coats of arm, signed figures and farm insignias that almost completely have been put into a stylized form as the heraldic lily, the original form of the Weltesche Yggsdrasil so that many Palatinate persons that carry the name have a family coat or arms. Of special things, the special woodworking occupation of the turner has given from which our family received its name.

Conrad Traxel (d. 27 April 1727) married Anna Barbara. They had seven children: Johann, Elsbeth, Friedrich, Anna, Margarethe, Johann Peter, Dietrich and Konrad. The first four died at the approximate age of 20 years. Clemens Traxel had only son named Johann Georg and was buried on the 25th of June 1676 in Langendiebach. I (Hans Willy Traxel) belong to the Conrad line of which only three main families remain today. The line of Clemens Traxel expanded greatly in this area and at this time has about fifty families here. Dietrich the second son of Conrad Traxel married on the 18th of November 1705, Anna Amalia the daughter of the minister there named Johann Heinrich Lammersdorf from Zweibrücken. In this area no more documents were to be found outside of the Langendiebach church registers. Also the Ysenburg princely house archives in Birstein near Schlüchtern which contain a few documents of the village of Langendiebach, research found nothing.

Dietrich Traxel was a magistrate of Langendiebach and until 1735 a fruit-recorder on the principality of Ysenburg. Lammersdorf must have known the Traxel family for a long time. If it had not been so, it is not likely that one of their descendants would have married their daughters."

In an entry in our Reformed churchbook in Zweibrücken the minister at Langendiebach near Hanau and earlier city school master in Zweibrücken, a son of the princely chancellor registrar Bernhard and grandson of the princely tax collector Theophil Lammersdorf of Zweibrücken married on the 29th of July 1674, Anna Katharina Zeiss, daughter of the innkeeper Christian Zeiss from Zweibrücken. This appeared on the 9th of February 1706 as the wife of the minister Johann Heinrich Lammersdorf of Langendiebach at the baptism of Katharina Magdalena Zeiss, daughter of Isaak Zeiss and Anna Rosina in Zweibrücken (and others together with Anna Katharina, Johann Ulrich Stephani, city schoolmaster his wife). As godfather appeared a magistrate, Conrad

Auerbacher of Albersweiler for Stephani's daughter, Maria Elisabetha on the 16th of November 1685 in Zweibrücken.

Also it has not been possible for me to search the source materials of the Langendiebach Traxel line completely.

The name of Friedrich, Dietrich, Conrad, Clemens Traxel were in the Reform churchbooks of Lenk i. S., in Riggisberg and Rleggisberg among the Trachsel family not used. Other indications of the place of origin are not given. A report "Our Forefathers Came from Switzerland" was handed down from generation to generation. It is no wonder that today after almost 300 years that any documentary material is left in the Palatinate because of the many wars that have taken place there. The research in Swiss churchbooks is not simple. Frequently there are only portions of the needed information given. Much intuition and especially great luck are needed to reach the desired goal.

From a report from the state archivist in Bern no complete information can be given concerning immigrants, "while only a small ^{per cent of the} immigrants at this time were recorded in the official records most of them left without reporting so that the special leaving tax of ten per cent of their possessions would not be taken. Frequently in the records they were only reported afterwards. This record begins first in the year 1694 and contains no Trachsel from Riggisberg."

So was the research concerning the connection between the Palatinate and Switzerland. These results the family history of this work.

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TRACHSEL I

Original home: Switzerland

Settlement in the Palatinate: Hassloch around the year 1713

Source: Reform churchbook Hassloch

In the Reform churchbook Hassloch, Palatinate appears the following persons who carry the name. Concerning the original home the church record gives only "from Switzerland": Samuel Tragsel, son of Hans Tragsel from Switzerland, resident in Hassloch confirmed in the Reform church in Hassloch in 1713, married at Hassloch 27th of July 1718 to Anna Margarethe Theiss, daughter of the late Hermann Theiss, former resident in Hassloch. The following children were all born in Hassloch: 1. Johann Wendel, born 6 August 1721; 2. Johann Hermann, born 24 January 1727, died Hassloch 8 April 1727; 3. Maria Magdalena, born 29 July 1728; 4. Johann Andreas, born 9 August 1730; 5. Anna Elisabetha, born 20 January 1733. My report by Pfarrer Lipps, Zweibrücken, Oselbachstrasse, much more can be found in the sources: 1. Reform churchbooks of Iggelheim which contain much concerning Swiss immigration during these years; 2. in the Oberamtsprotokollen of Neustadt a. d. Weinstrasse (Staatsarchiv Speyer); 3. in the princely archive in Amorbach

TRACHSEL II

Original home: Lenk i. S. Switzerland

1. Settlement in the Palatinate Wolfersheim/Blies about the year 1719

Source: Reform church book Walsheim/Blies, Reform churchbook Lenk i. S. Switzerland

Ancestor: Hans Trachsel, married Elsbeth Gungsel, Lenk i. S. Switzerland.

Son: Jacob Trachsel, baptized in Lenk i. S. 5 March 1652 died Wolfersheim 24 December 1721, 71 years old (Reform churchbook Walsheim); married Lenk i. S. 18 November 1684 Margaretha Brengel (Bringel, Bringold, citizen of St. Stephen in Simmental, Switzerland), born 1662, daughter (?) of Steffen Bringel and Elsbeth Blatt(en), died Wolfersheim 21 May 1721, 59 years old four children:

1. Elisabeth, baptized at Lenk i. S. 2. November 1684, died Wolfersheim 30 April 1721, 36 years five months old. 2. Peter, baptized Lenk i. s. 6 November 1691 (godparents: Staffe Pfund, Jakob Jaggi), confirmed in the Reform Church at Rieschweiler 8 April 1708 (Reform churchbook). 3. Hans baptized at Lenk i. S. 4 October 1689, married Anna Maria, three children: a) Hans Peter, born Wolfersheim 3 April 1719, baptized Walsheim 7 April 1719 (godparents: Hanss Bieriser, Peter Berger, Anna Katharina Hunsecker, daughter of Jakob Hunsecker (all from Wolfersheim), Anna Eva Schmidt, wife of Abraham Schmidt of Breitfurt). b) and c) twins: Hanss Michel and Johann Nickel, born Wolfersheim 25 December 1721, baptized at Walsheim 26 December 1721 (godparents: Michel Sieber, Anthoni Freydinge, Johann Nickel and Anna Christina Brengel, children of Christian Brengel from Wolfersheim and Margarethe Hundsecker of Breitfurt. 4. Benedikt Trachsel, married Katharina, daughter Maria Engel (Angelika), born Wolfersheim, baptized Walsheim 4 April 1728 (godparents Trachsel, Barthel Hundsecker, son of Jakob Hundsecker of Wolfersheim, Anna Engel, daughter of Christian Brengel, Wolfersheim, and Anna Maria, daughter of Stephan Rub(en) of Wolfersheim).

Written in ink and marking from number two, Peter who was born at Lenk i. S. 6 November 1691: Immigrant to Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 17 August 1733 ship (Samuel ship appears in a good writing with pictures in the Lehigh county historical society vol. 18 (1950) p. 118 and following.

TRACHSEL III

Original home: Lenk i. S. Switzerland

1. Settlement in the Palatinate: Lemberg by Pirmasens about the year 1699

Source: Pirmasens' church records, Reform churchbook Lenk i. S. Switzerland

Ancestor: Jacob Trachsel and Anna Berchten, Lenk i. S. (Switzerland).

Son: Quer Trachsel (Swiss speech for Quirinus; protecting patron of the church at Frutigen, Switzerland, where he was supposed to have been, the children were given as a second name Quirinus), born Lenk i. S. Switzerland 11 August 1633, died Lemberg, Palatinate 25 February 1710, 76 years, six months, 2 weeks old (church record Pirmasens); married Lenk i. S. 5 May 1662 l. Madle Blatt(en), died Lemberg, Palatinate 1699. Seven children:

- 1) Peter Trachsel, baptized Lenk i. S. 7 August 1664, 1699 until his death (1718) estate farmer in Lemberg. Second marriage to Magdalena (six children:
 - a) Peter, born Lemberg 12 November 1705, married at Annweiler 12 January 1731 to Christina Vest(en), daughter of Johannes Vesten, cowherd in Annweiler.
 - b) Anna Maria Magdalena, born Lemberg 22 July 1707
 - 3) c) Maria Barbara, born Lemberg 11 September 1709, died 10 May 1710.
 - d) Johann Christian, born Lemberg 25 February 1711, died 12 November 1714.
 - e) Anna Maria, born Lemberg 6 September 1713.
 - f) Maria Elisabetha, born Lemberg 12 June 1716.)
- 2) Jakob Trachsel (2), born Lenk i. S. 20 May 1666 (see below).
- 3) Barbly, baptized Lenk i. S. 13 October 1672.
- 4) Elsbeth, baptized Lenk i. S. 16 April 1675
- 4). housekeeper in Buchweiler i. E. 1715.
- 5) Salome, baptized Lenk i. S. 11 November 1677.
- 6) Verona (Veronika), baptized Lenk i. S. 7 September 1683, housekeeper in Buchweiler i. E. 4).
- 7) Anna Margret, married Annweiler 13 September 1701 Andreas Seebach, son on Daniel Seebach, baker in Annweiler, Reform churchbook.)
- 5).

(2) Jakob Trachsel, son of Peter Trachsel (1) and Magdalena (note scratched out and over it is written Quer Trachsel and Madle Blatten), born Lenk i. S. 20 May 1666, in 1703 living at Modenbacherhof, died Burgalben 27 October 1722, 56 years, four months, 7 days old; married Anna Barbara Rieb, born 1671, died Burgalben 25 November 1742, 71 years, five months less five days old. Children:

- 1) Peter Trachsel (3), born about 1709 Modenbach (?) (see below).
- 2) Maria

Elisabetha, born Burgalben 6 June 1712, died 18 December 1712. 3) Maria Margaretha, born Burgalben 9 November 1713, married at the same place 6 May 1732 to Johannes Krämer, son of the miller Johannes Krämer of Trippstadt. 4) Johann Heinrich, born Burgalben 25 August 1717. 5) Anna Magdalena, born Modenbach?, married the same place 4 February 1727 Johann Heinrich Schäfer, Witwer of Weidenthal. 6) Johannes, born in ? (Before 1739 return to Lenk i. S.; supposedly with Hans Trachsel, Miller in Gutttenbrunn, Obersimmental, baptism of a son in Lenk i. S. in 1740 is identical 6). 7) (?) Nikolaus, Hofmann from the Kettrichhof, died at the same place 23 January 1778, 78 years old; married Veronika König, died Kettrichhof 29 January 1757, 60 years old.

(3) Peter Trachsel, son of Jakob Trachsel (2) and Anna Barbara Rieb, born about 1709 in Modenbach (Modenbacherhof), died Lemberg 25 February 1783; married I. Pirmasens 12 May 1733 Maria Staller, daughter of Peter Staller, farmer at Erlenbrunn--married II. Pirmasens 18 May 1773 Barbara Barth, widow of Georg Wittmann, shepherd. Children: 1) Johann Heinrich, born Burgalben 28 April 1734, 1768-90 soldier in Regiment of the Crown Prince of Pirmasens (7 $\frac{1}{4}$ Zoll high). 2) Susanna Katharina, born Burgalben 29 December 1736 7) married I. Georg Arndt--married II. 11 October 1774 Konrad Wendel of Simten. 3) Susanna Magdalena, born Erlenbrunn 11 January 1739, died at the same place 31 March 1749. 4) Johann Peter (4), born Erlenbrunn 21 August 1741 (see below). 5) Anna Maria, born Erlenbrunn 1 November 1743, died in the same place 17 September 1745. 6) Johann Jakob, born Erlenbrunn 10 March 1746, died in the same place 16 November 1749. 7) Anna Barbara, Born in Erlenbrunn 14 November 1748, died Erlenbrunn 19 November 1749, one year, five days old.

(4) Johann Peter Trachsel, son of Peter Trachsel (3), farmer at Erlen-

brunn, born at the same place 21 August 1741, died Langmühle, where he was a day worker; married I. Maria Elisabetha, born 1727, died Langmühle 18 October 1764, 37 years old--married II. Langmühle 7 May 1764 Katharina Maria Lang of Hundsbach, born 1720, died Langmühle 24 January 1770, 50 years old. Children: 1) Georg Peter Trachsel, glassmaker, married Lemberg 15 January 1781 Christina Magdalena Stenger. 2) Johann Benedikt Trachsel, grenadier, born at Lemberg 1761, 1783-1790 soldier in the regiment of the Crown Prince (6½ Zoll); married Maria Magdalena Braun (daughter: Katharina Magdalena, born at Lemberg 24 November 1786). 3) Georg Adam, protector and night watchman at Lemberg, married at the same place 25 November 1783 Maria Magdalena Planalt (Children: a) Katharina Magdalena, born Lemberg 16 July 1784; b) Johann Henrich Benedikt, born at the same place 13 March 1786).

TRACHSEL IV

Original home: Riggisberg Switzerland

Settlement in the Palatinate: Hornbach, Massweiler, Münschweiler, Rieschweiler, Winterbach in the year 1700

Source: Reform churchbook Contwig, Hornbach, Münschweiler, Rieschweiler, Mühlethurnen Switzerland

Riggisberg, Switzerland

Overview of the Generations

1
Winterbach

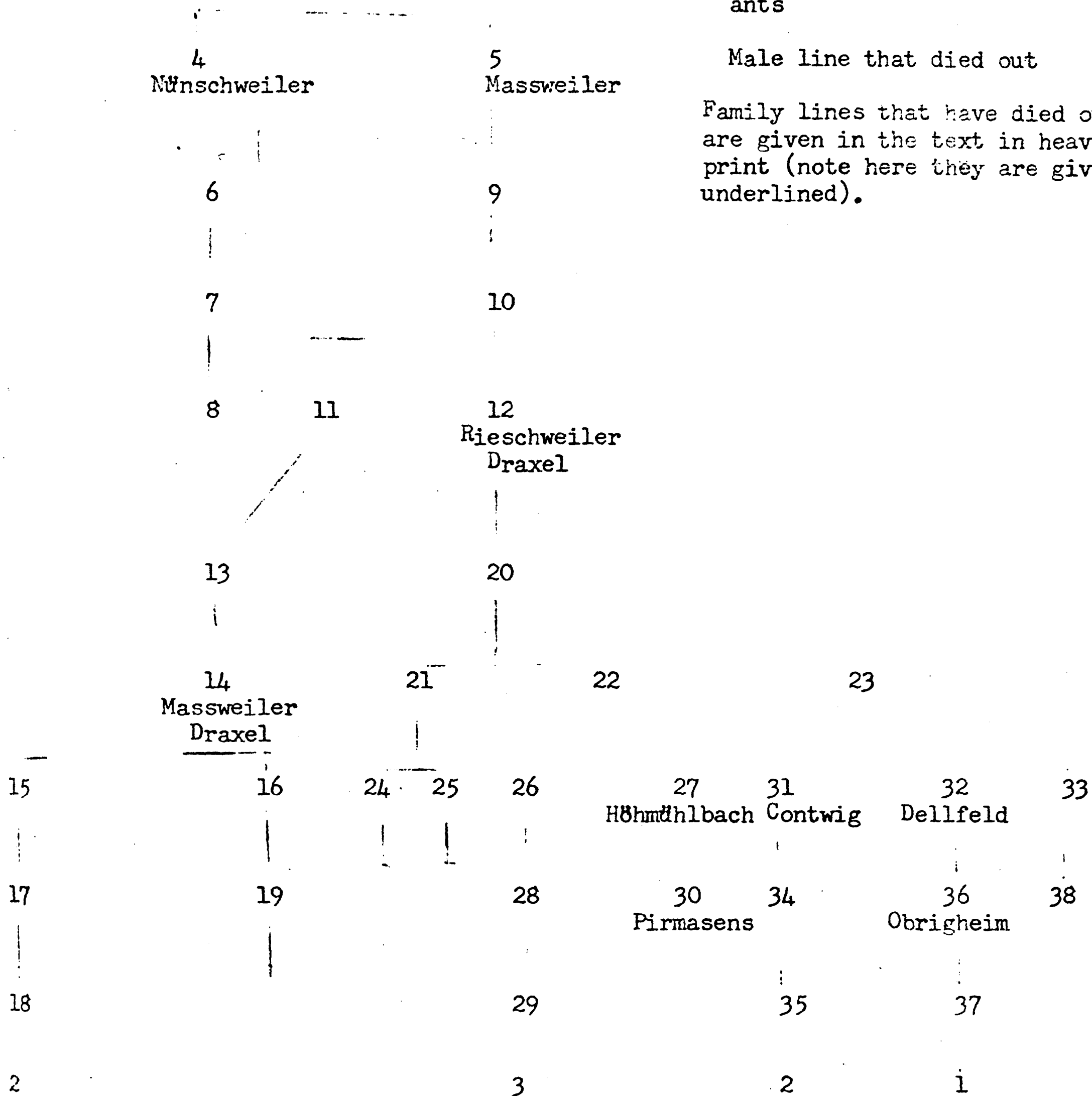
2
(Klein-) Steinhausen

Explanation:

2 Presently living male descendants

Male line that died out

Family lines that have died out are given in the text in heavy print (note here they are given underlined).



Ancestor: M^olcher (Melchior) Trachsel married at Thurnen Switzerland 13th of January 1600 to Verony (Veronika) B^äler (B^öler, B^öhler) (Reformed church book Thurnen, today M^ühlethurnen). Two sons: a) Benedikt Trachsel, baptized at Thurnen 2 March, 1609 (see below) b) Melcher Trachsel (2) baptized at Thurnen 7 March, 1619 (see below).

(1) Benedikt Trachsel

baptized at Thurnen 2 March, 1609, married Anna B^äler. Son: Melcher Trachsel (3), baptized at Thurnen 1632 (see below).

(3) Melcher Trachsel

baptized at Thurnen 26 August, 1632 (Godparents: Melcher Egger, Daniel Kirsner, Anna Wagner) died at Winterbach (Palatinate) the 18th of April 1702, 70 years old; married at 12 March 1674 to Stini (Christina) Gruening (Gr^ünig and so forth) from Th^örishaus (Bern). Children: a) Melcher, baptized at Thurnen 15 April, 1675. b) Maria, baptized at Thurnen 17 December 1682 (son Christian, baptized at Hornbach about 1710, see the Reformed church book Hornbach number 1012). c) Madlen, baptized at Thurnen 25 April, 1686. d) Benedikt, baptized at Thurnen confirmed in the Reformed Church Winterbach 1705, 15 years old; in 1725 he was the manager of the dairy Kirrberg, married Christina (son Johann Niclas, baptized at Homburg 30 November, 1725, see Luthern Church book Homburg; Godparents: Wilhelm Kennel the old former manager and Johann Niclas Baus the other manager).

(2) Melcher Trachsel

son of Melchior Trachsel (1) baptized at Thurnen 7 March 1619, married at Thurnen 18 March 1639 to Anna Sag^essmann. Children: a) Anna, baptized at

Thurnen 8 November, 1640. b) Madlen, baptized at Thurnen 9 October, 1642. c) Stini, baptized at Thurnen 28 September 1645. d) Melcher Trachsel, (4) baptized at Thurnen 18 June, 1648, (see below). e) Christen (Christian) Trachsel (5), baptized 4 April, 1652 (see below). f) Rudolf, baptized at Thurnen 20 March, 1654. g) Stini, baptized at Thurnen 5 October, 1656.

(4) Melcher Trachsel jr.,

Son of Melchior Trachsel (2), baptized at Thurnen 18 June, 1648, in 1678 he was in Riggisberg, in 1724 at Althornbach married at Thurnen 22 August, 1678 to Anna Müller from Mühlethurnen. Children: a) Julianne, baptized at Thurnen 12 October 1679. b) Christine, baptized at Thurnen 17 December, 1682. c) Melcher, baptized at Thurnen 23 November, 1684. d) Daniel (Drachsel), baptized at Thurnen 27 November, 1687, married at Hornbach about 1717 (see the church books of Hornbach number 1780) Anna Schmid, daughter of Benedict Schmid from Riggisberg, (died before 1717 in Dietrichingen) ~~XXX~~ and Barbli Vorster, baptized at Thurnen 18 May, 1684. e) Elsbeth, baptized at Thurnen 15 May, 1692, married Christian Rohrbach(er) of Rüeggisberg (Bern), son (?) of Christian Rohrbach, former citizen of Rüeggisberg and Elsbeth Kiener, baptized at Hinterfultigen (civil registry of Rüeggisberg) 11 January, 1691. f) Christian Trachsel (6), baptized at Thurnen 19 July, 1696 (see below). g) Magdalena, baptized at Thurnen 5 February 1699 (see Reformed Church book Rieschweiler: Magdalena, Melchior Trachsels from "Ryckisberg" legitimate daughter, the Godparent on the 16th of August, 1722 of Johann Jakob Rohrbacher, son of Christian Rohrbacher and Elsbeth (Drachsel)).

(6) Christian Trachsel,

tailor, son of Melcher Trachsel (4) and Anna Müller, baptized at Thurnen 19 July, 1696, died at Nünschweiler (Palatinate) 29 December, 1757, 61

years old; married at Nünschweiler 25 January, 1724 (Reformed Church Rieschweiler) 8) Anna Ottilia Gut(t) daughter of Master Heinrich Gut(t), wagonmaker and Anna Margarethe of Nünschweiler, baptized at the same place 8 May, 1704 (Godparents: Rudolf Gutt, manager of Ransbrunn, "alias V. OberLondern in the district of Knonaw of the republic of Zürich," that is Oberlunern in Kant. Zürich) died at Nünschweiler 6 November 1755. Children:

a) Christian Trachsel (7), baptized at Nünschweiler 25 January, 1732 (see below). b) Johann Jakob, born at Nünschweiler 29 December, 1734 (Godparents: Hans Jakob Buchheit, Philips Weydmann, Maria Margarethe Pauli, Gertraud Schmitt). c) Christina, born at Nünschweiler 6 April 1737 (Godparents: Hans Georg Schmitt, Henrich Jakob Beer (Bähr, Behr, Bär), son of Jakob Beer, Elisabetha Schmitt, widow of Martin Schmitt, Christina Gast(in). d) Anna Ursula, born at Nünschweiler 23 May, 1739 (Godparents: Jakob Glan, Ursula Guth(in). e) Hanss Georg, born at Nünschweiler 12 September, 1741 (Godparents: Hanss Georg Schmitt, Hanss Jakob Schmitt, Eva Behr, wife of Henrich Behr, Anna Margarethe Scherer). f) Johann Daniel born at Nünschweiler 27 October, 1744 (Godparents: Daniel Scherer, Nickel Schmidt, Maria Katharina Cordier, wife of a school-teacher Philipp Cordie, Magdalena Schmidt). g) Maria Elisabetha, born at Nünschweiler 21 July, 1748 (Godparents: Vinzenz Riem, Maria Elisabetha Schmitt, wife of Hans Georg Schmitt), married at Nünschweiler 17 January, 1769 to Johann Henrich Bähr, citizen and shoemaker in Nünschweiler, son of Johann Henrich Bähr. h) Maria Elisabetha born at Nünschweiler 14 March, 1728 died at Nünschweiler 7 March 1729 (Godparents: Jakob Beer, of Nünschweiler, Martin Schmitt, Maria Elisabetha Schmitt, Maria Catharina Buchmann). i) and k) (twins) Johann Philipp and Johann Rudolf born at Nünschweiler 7, July, 1730 (Godparents of i.) Philipp Cordier, Schulmeister in Nünschweiler, Christina, daughter of Hans Georg Buchheit; (Godparents

of k: Johann Rudolf Guth and Anna, wife of Kuhhirten Roth of Walshausen).

(7) Christian Trachsel, son of Christian Trachsel (6) and Anna Ottilie Gutt, born in Münschweiler 25, January, 1732 (Godparents: Henrich Schmitt, Burger and resident at Münschweiler, Christian Buchmann, son of late Jakob Buchmann, Anna Ottilia Seferin), died at Rieschweiler 9 April, 1779; married at Rieschweiler 27 March, 1764 to Maria Katharina, daughter of Jakob Keller of Rieschweiler. Son: Johann Jakob (8), born 1767 (see below).

(8) Johann Jakob Trachsel, son of Christian Trachsel (7) and Maria Katharina Keller, born at Rieschweiler 29 March, 1767 (Godparents: Johann Jakob Keller, Hirt at Rieschweiler, Elisabetha Keller, wife of Jakob Keller in Rieschweiler), confirmed in the Reformed Church at Rieschweiler on Easter 1780; married at Rieschweiler 10 April, 1793 to Lusie Weynmann, daughter of Philipp Weynmann of Rieschweiler, born at Rieschweiler 13 April, 1771 (Lutheran Church Battweiler-Dellfeld) (Godparents: Friedrich Wolf, son of Philipp Wolf of Rieschweiler, Susanna Katharina Stock, wife of Friedrich Stock, Katharina Luise Andrie, daughter of Philipp Jakob Andrie from Rieschweiler). Children: a) Maria Luise, born in Rieschweiler 19 March, 1795 (Lutheran Church Battweiler). b) Peter Adam, born in Rieschweiler 1803, died in the same place in 1815. c) Maria Barbara, born Rieschweiler 3 February, 1797 (see Luthern Church book of Battweiler). d) Friedrich, born at Rieschweiler 23 December, 1807. e) Karoline Elisabetha, born at Rieschweiler 20 June, 1809, died at the same place 27 April, 1813. f) Christian, born at Rieschweiler 17 February, 1812.

(5) Christian Trachsel

son of Melcher Trachsel (2) and Anna Sagessmann, born at Thurnen 4 April, 1652, died before 1701 at Wlashausen (Steinhausen), married the first time..., married the second time to Katharina (1708 lived at Kleinsteinhausen, a godparent in Contwig). Children: a) Katharina Anna Elisabetha,

confirmed in the Reformed Church at Tieschweiler 16 April, 1703. b) Melchior Traxel (Draxel) 9) confirmed in the Reformed Church 23 April, 1704 at Tieschweiler. c) Maria Charlotte, born at Rieschweiler 15 January, 1699 (Godparents: Johann Bollinger, Katharina Charlotte Euler, daughter of the late minister Johannes Euler of Zweibrücken, Anna Maria Weidler, wife of weaver Johann Jakob Weidler of Rieschweiler), married at Höhmühlbach 26 July, 1718 (Reformed Church Rieschweiler) Johann Jakob Entzer, son of the late Rudolf Entzer of Diesbach, Kanton Bern (Switzerland) (1 son: Görg Theobald Entzer, baptized at (Höh)Mühlbach 8 September, 1720 (Reformed Church book Rieschweiler) Godparents: Johann Görg Roth, son of Hans Roth, buried in Nünschweiler, Theobald Stegner, son of Andres Stegner of Mühlbach, Anna Margarethe Schärer (Scherer, Schährer and others), daughter of Michael Schärer, of Nünschweiler, Anna Elisabetha Schärer, daughter of Martin Schärer of Nünschweiler). d) Christian Trachsel (9), born 1684 (see below).

(9) Christian Trachsel,

son of Christian Trachsel (5) born in 1684, confirmed in the Reformed Church at Rieschweiler 27 March, 1701 ("Christian Trachsels son of Rickesberg"), died at Massweiler 6 September 1754, 70 years old; married Barbara, born in 1695, died at Massweiler 23 February, 1728, 33 years old. Son: Christian Trachesl (10), born in 1715 (see below).

(10) Christian Trachsel,

son of Christian Trachsel (9) and Barbara, born in 1715, confirmed in the Reformed Church at Rieschweiler 9 April, 1730, died at Massweiler 29 November 1796, 81 years old; married at Massweiler 25 March 1738 to Anna Elisabetha Hoch, daughter of Johannes Hoch, of Rieschweiler, born at the same place in May of 1715, baptized at the same place 12 May, 1715

(Godparents: Henrich Buchmann, of Rieschweiler, Johann Jakob Guth, son of Hans Guth of Taussen Ampt Knonaw in the Lürich area, that is Toussen by Obfelden, Kanton Lürich, Maria Elisabetha Schärer, daughter of Martin Schärer, of Mühlbach, Anna Christina Hoch, daughter of the late Jakob Hoch von Wörth in Alsace), confirmed and reformed Church of Rieschweiler 9 April, 1730, died at Massweiler 1 September, 1792, 77 years, 3 months and 14 days old. Children: a) Christian Traxel (11), baptised at Massweiler 15 March, 1739. b) Maria Katharina, baptised at Massweiler 26 February, 1741, confirmed and reformed Church of Rieschweiler Easter 1755, died at Massweiler 27 September, 1821; married at Höhmühlbach 26 June, 1764 to Johann Georg Scherer, son of Johann Georg Scherer, a citizen of Höhmühlbach. c) Johann Jakob, born at Massweiler 18 March, 1745, (Godparents: Jakob Neumüller, manager of the Kneispermühle), died at Massweiler 18 June, 1753; d) Anna Margarethe, baptised at Massweiler 15 May, 1743 (Godparents: Elisabetha Feller, wife of Kaspar Feller, church inspector and manager of the Hitscherhof and others), confirmed in the Reformed Church of Rieschweiler on Easter 1758, died at Massweiler 8 March, 1828; married at Massweiler 23 October, 1760 to Johann Henrich Neumüller, Smith, son of Jakob Neumüller, manager of the Kneispermühle. e) Anna Elisabetha, baptised at Massweiler 23 January, 1748, died at the same place, 10 May, 1750. f) Johannes, baptised at Massweiler 2 August, 1750, died at the same place, 25 December, 1813 (single). g) Johann Henrich Trachsel (12), baptised at Massweiler 6 June, 1752 (see below). h) Johann Jakob Traxel, a citizen, born at Massweiler 31 August, 1754, confirmed in the Reformed Church of Rieschweiler 1768, died at Massweiler 30 September, 1793; married in Massweiler 5 December, 1780 to Maria Katharina Neumüller, daughter of Henrich Neumüller, Massweiler, born in Massweiler 25 December, 1761, confirmed in the reformed Church of Rieschweiler on Easter 1776, died at Massweiler 30 May, 1828 (1 daughter: Maria Margarethe, baptised at Massweiler 16 October, 1792 (Godparents: Henrich Traxel, manager of Hitscherhof

Maria Margarethe Fischer, wife of Theobald Fischer of the Kneisperrmühle). Died at Rieschweiler 30 November 1874; married at Rieschweiler 28 October, 1807 to Daniel Andreas Isemann, son of Reverend Friedrich Christian Isemann and Charlotte Sophia Weitzel, born at Rieschweiler 14 July, 1778, baptized the same place 21 July, 1778 (Godparents: Daniel Kämpf, Evangelical Lutheran minister in Battweiler, Andreas Rauch, Forster at Battweiler, Sophia Magdalena Scheffe, wife of Friedrich Scheffe, Concordia Carolina Weitzel, daughter of Reverend Philipp Ludwig Weitzel, of Winterbach), died at Massweiler 10 April, 1844.

(11) Christian Trachsel,

son of Christian Trachsel (10) and Anna Elisabetha Hoch, baptized at Massweiler 15 March, 1739, confirmed in the Reformed Church at Rieschweiler on Easter 1753. Died at Massweiler 5 April, 1805, 66 years old; married at Massweiler 3 January, 1769 to Anna Margarethe Hofmann, daughter of Nikkel Hofmann of Battweiler 11) born at Battweiler 30 April, 1745 (Godparents: Johann Jakob Göller of Winterbach, Maria Margarethe Veit, wife of Friedrich Veit of Battweiler). Son: Johann Christian Traxel (13), born at Massweiler 11 February, 1773 (see below).

(13) Johann Christian Traxel,

citizen, only son of Christian Traxel (11) and Anna Margarethe Hofmann, born at Massweiler 11 February, 1773, confirmed in the Reformed Church of Rieschweiler on Easter 1788. Died at Massweiler 6 October, 1838 ("from consumption"), 66 years old; married at Massweiler 1 March, 1791 to Barbara Stauder, daughter of Anton Stauder, the manager of the Hitscherhof, born at Hitscherhof 28 February, 1773 (see the Lutheran Church book at Battweiler) (Godparents: Christian Wild, resident and master wool weaver of Hornbach and others) confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Battweiler in 1786. Children: a) Philipp Jakob Traxel, citizen, born at Massweiler 2 August, 1792 (Godparents: Jakob Lang, baker at Massweiler,

Philipp Gelbach, of Battweiler, Luise Stauder, wife of Jakob Stauder, of Hitscherhof), married at Hitscherhof 9 June, 1816 to Maria Margarethe Traxel, daughter of Henrich Traxel (12), farm manager of the Hitscherhof (Children: 1) Christian Traxel, born at Massweiler 16 January, 1820 married the first time at Hitscherhof 31 March, 1844 (see the marriage records at the official registry at Massweiler) to Maria Susanna Bauer, daughter of Ludwig Lauer and Elisabetha Weinmann of Mauschbach, born at Mauschbach 20 February, 1821, confirmed in the protestant Klosterkirche at Hornbach 28 March, 1834, died 1845 -- married the second time at Hitscherhof on 5 February, 1846 to Katharina Elisabetha Scherer, daughter of Jakob Scherer of Walshausen and Maria Elisabetha Schäfer, born at Massweiler 3 June, 1828 married at Hitscherhof 24 March, 1848 to Daniel Fischer, son of Georg Fischer and Luise Scheppler, of Hitscherhof). b) Heinrich Jakob Traxel, citizen, born at Massweiler 3 May, 1796, married at Rieschweiler on the 10th of March, 1814 to Elisabetha Schwab, daughter of Hans Jakob Schwab, citizen of Massweiler and Anna Elisabetha, born at Massweiler 9 July, 1797 (Godparents: Johann Georg Süss, a student, of Massweiler, Maria Elisabetha Hofmann, wife of Paul Hofmann of Battweiler). One daughter: Elisabetha Traxel, born at Massweiler 16 March, 1820, died at the same place in 1865; married at Massweiler 8 March, 1838 to Philipp Lang, son of Wilhelm Lang of Nünschweiler 12) c) Luise Traxel, born at Massweiler 13 September, 1804, died at the same place 11 January 1807. d) Christian, born at Massweiler 13 October, 1800, died at the same place 28 February, 1825 ("suddenly on a river"). e) Luise, born at Massweiler 18 November, 1814. f) Daniel Draxel (14), born at Hitscherhof 30 November, 1811 (see below).

(14) Daniel Draxel,

son of Johann Christian Traxel (13) and Barbara Stauder, born at Hitscherhof 30 November, 1811, died at Massweiler 6 December, 1851; married at Rieschweiler 21 September, 1834 to Maria Katharina Schwab, daughter of Theobald Schwab and Margarethe Maria Scherer of Massweiler. Children:
 a) Katharina, born at Massweiler 19 May, 1846, died at the same place 11 August, 1843. b) Katharina, born at Massweiler 11 February, 1848, died at the same place 25 October, 1917; married at Massweiler 10 April, 1869 to Valentine Süss, son of Ackerer Christian Süss, manager at Massweiler, and Dorothea Gölter. c) Christian Draxel (15) born at Massweiler 23 June, 1838 (see below). d) Daniel, born at Massweiler 7 January, 1844, died at the same place 9 December, 1845. e) Friedrich Draxsel (16), born at Massweiler 10 October, 1834 (see below).

(15) Christian Draxsel,

son of Daniel Draxel (14) and Maria Katharina Schwab of Massweiler, born at the same place 23 June, 1838, died 14 December, 1914, 77 years old; married at Massweiler 2 August, 1862 to Katharina Süss, daughter of Georg Süss, farmer, and Katharina Charlotte Isemann, born at Massweiler 1838, died at the same place 30 October, 1905, 67 years old. Children:
 a) Gustav Draxsel, born at Massweiler 7 December, 1875, died at the same place 11 July, 1877 (from inflammation). b) Daniel, born at Massweiler 16 August, 1867, died at the same place 25 April, 1942, single.
 c) Katharina, born at Massweiler 16 January, 1865, married at Massweiler 24 August, 1889 to Karl Moser, son of Wilhelm Moser and Susanna Rossy, born at Niederauerbach 11 June, 1862. d) Christian Draxsel (17), born at Massweiler 30 October, 1862 (see below). e) Emma Draxsel, born at Massweiler 14 March, 1873, married at Massweiler 10 June, 1897 to

Jakob Theison, baker, son of Jakob Theison and Katharina Mauss of Hornbach, born in Hornbach 8, May, 1871. f) Elisabetha Draxsel, born at Massweiler, 8 February, 1876, died at Hornbach 20 November, 1903; married at Hornbach 20 December 1898 to Friedrich Christ, son of Friedrich Christ, baker; an innkeeper in Hornbach, and Friederike Voltz, born at Hornbach 20 June, 1864, died at Zweibrücken. g) August Draxsel, retired railroad inspector, born at Massweiler 25 August, 1878, died at Saargemünd 7 October, 1905, to Anna Fink, daughter of Karl Fink and Phillippine, born at Saargemünd 13 September, 1877, living in Brühl near Köln, Pingsdorferstrasse 10/II (daughter: Erna Anna Auguste Philippina, born at Saargemünd 10 January, 1907, married to Gleissner).

(17) Christian Draxsel,

baker, son of Christian Draxsel (13) and Katharina Stüss, born at Massweiler 30 October, 1862, died at the same place 5 August, 1926; married at Massweiler 18 December 1890 to Luise Hoffmann, daughter of Adam Hoffmann and Luise Buchmann of Hühndhlbach, born at Hühndhlbach 5 February, 1870. Children: a) Pauline, born at Massweiler, 24 August, 1891, married at Oberbexbach 24 September, 1919 to Friedrich Schmidt, son of Theobald Schmidt and Theresia Kullmann, born at Oberbexbach 2 July, 1893, miner, now retired, living at Oberbexbach, Hauptstrasse 243. b) Eugen Draxsel, born at Massweiler 9 September, 1892, fell in the First World War 29 September, 1914. c) Albert Draxsel, born at Massweiler 3 February, 1894, fell on the West front during World War I 13 November, 1916. d) Adolf Draxsel, born at Massweiler 17 May, 1895, died at Massweiler 9 August, 1895. e) Frieda, born at Massweiler 11 August, 1896, Married at Oberbexbach 23 February, 1922 to August Geimer, son of Daniel Geimer and Luise Reber, born at Oberbexbach 8 June, 1893, miner, now pensioner, living at Oberbexbach, Hangarderstrasse 14. f) Richard, born at Massweiler 13 August, 1898, died at the

same place 13 August, 1898. g) Ernst Draxsel (18), born at Massweiler 9 October, 1904 (see below). h) Emma Draxsel, born at Massweiler 12 June 1906, married at Rieschweiler to Otto Danner, a tinsmith, living in Rieschweiler, Bahnhofstrasse. i) Johanna, born at Massweiler 19 December, 1899. k) Rosa, born at Massweiler 4 October, 1900, married at Massweiler 1 February, 1924 to Eugen Scherer, of Massweiler (Children: Albert Scherer, born at Massweiler 13 December, 1924, missing in world war II, Gertrud Scherer born at Massweiler 8 January, 1924, Willi Scherer, born at Massweiler 18 November, 1929, Margaretha, born at Massweiler 8 November, 1934). l) Luise Draxsel, born at Massweiler 4 April, 1910, married Ernst Koch, of Thaleischweiler, Zweibrücker Strasse.

(18) Ernst Draxsel,

farmer, son of Christian Draxsel (17) and Luise Hoffman, born at Massweiler 9 October, 1904, married at Dellfeld 20 October, 1933 to Hilde Brutsch, born at Dellfeld 2 April, 1909 (Children: a) Heinz Draxsel, born at Massweiler 15 July, 1934. b) Willi Draxsel, born at Massweiler 30 January, 1939. c) Hilde Draxsel, born at Massweiler 20 February, 1944), living at Massweiler, Hauptstrasse 20).

(16) Friedrich Draxsel,

farmer, son of Daniel Draxsel (14) and Maria Katharina Schwab, born at Massweiler 10 October, 1834, died at Thaleischweiler 14 April, 1881; married at Thalwischweiler 23 October 1863 to Amalie Hasemann, of Thaleischweiler. One son: Daniel Draxsel (19), born at Thaleischweiler 15 April, 1865.

(19) Daniel Draxsel,

farmer, son of Friedrich Draxsel (16), born at Thaleischweiler 15 April, 1865, died at the same place in 1919; married at Rieschweiler 2 April, 1887 to Elisabetha Draxsel, daughter of Jakob Draxel (24) and Luise

Klein, of Rieschweiler, born at Rieschweiler 20 July, 1866, died at Thalwischweiler 1951. Children: a) Henrietta, born at Thalwischweiler 7 December, 1886, died at the same place 18 January, 1887. b) Analie, born at Thaleischweiler 16 June, 1888, married the first time in 1915 at Thaleischweiler to a Müller; married the second time to a Schoch, living on the Scharrhof near Wallhalben-Oberhausen). c) Elisabetha Draxsel, born at Thalwischweiler 12 September, 1890; married at the same place 11 May, 1920 to Friedrich Rudolf Schwartz, a farmer, son of Friedrich Schwartz, a farmer at Webenheim, born at the same place 1 January, 1890, died 27 December 1949. d) Emma Draxsel, born at Thaleischweiler 21 December, 1892, died at the same place 28 February, 1894. e) Katharina, born at Thaleischweiler 5 February, 1895, died at the same place 19 October, 1950, single. f) August, born at Thalwischweiler 27 January, 1898, died 1932, single. f) Lina, born at Thaleischweiler 25 October, 1900, married (to a Bauer of Hettenhausen). g) Frieda, born at Thalwischweiler 1903, married to a Kiefer of Hettenhausen. h) Albert, born at Thaleischweiler 1906, died at the same place 1907. i) Gustav Draxsel, born at Thaleischweiler 13 November, 1908, married at the same place 13 April, 1938 to Hedwig Metz, daughter of Daniel Metz and Berta Fung, of Thaleischweiler (Children: Lilli Draxsel born at Thaleischweiler 16 April, 1940 and Hedwig Draxsel, born at the same place 17 September, 1941)

(12) Johann Henrich Trachsel,

son of Christian Trachsel (10) and Anna Elisabetha Hoch of Massweiler, born at Massweiler, baptized at the same place 6 June, 1752, confirmed in the Reformed Church Rieschweiler On Easter 1766, died at the same place 13 May, 1823 ("died from a stroke on the way to Zweibrücken and died suddenly"); married at Hitscherhof 24 February, 1778 to Katharina Fischer, daughter of Henrich Fischer, leaser of the Hitscherhof, born at the same place 8 October, 1757 (Godparents: Hans Georg Fischer, manager of the

Hitscherhof and others), confirmed in the Reformed Church on 12 October 1772 in Rieschweiler, died at Hitscherhof 13 January, 1824. Children: a) Hanss Georg Draxsel, born at Massweiler 6 March, 1779 (Godparents: Johann Jakob Stauder, son of Anton Stauder, leaser of the Hitscherhof, Hanss George Fischer, son of Henrich Fischer, also a manager at the same place), died at Kleinsteinhausen 2 October, 1848; married at Kleinsteinhausen 24 January, 1810 to Elisabetha Katharina Weidler, daughter of Jakob Weidler and Katharina Schmidt, born at Kleinsteinhausen 28 December, 1789 (Daughter: Elisabetha Katharina Draxsel, born at Kleinsteinhausen 9 January, 1817, died at the same place 1 April, 1893). b) Christian Traxel (20), born at Rieschweiler 19 January, 1781 (see below). c) Elisabetha Margarethe, born at Hitscherhof 31 December, 1783, died at the same place 8 November, 1822. d) Louise, born at Hitscherhof 21 July, 1786, died at Althornbach 5 January, 1834; married at Hitscherhof 1 June, 1813 to Johann Nickel Bastian of Althornbach. e) Maria Margaretha, born at Hitscherhof 30 December, 1791, married at the same place 9 June, 1816 to Philipp Jakob Draxsel, son of Johann Christian Traxel (13) and Barbara Stauder of Hitscherhof. f) Henrich, born at Hitscherhof 18 December, 1789, died at the same place 9 February, 1790.

(20) Christian Traxel,

leaser, son of Johann Henrich Traxsel (12) and Katharina Fischer, born at Rieschweiler 19 January, 1781, died at the same place 24 August, 1854; married at Hitscherhof 5 November, 1799 to Luise Guth, daughter of Christian Guth jr. and Anna Elisabetha, born at Rieschweiler 5 July, 1779, died at the same place 20 June, 1837. Children: a) Friedrich Goerg Jakob Draxel (21) born at Rieschweiler 27 August, 1804 (see below). b) Christian Draxel (22) born at Rieschweiler 30 December 1801 (see below). c) Johann Henrich Draxel (23) born at Rieschweiler 14 January, 1809 (see below). d) Maria Margarethe, born at Hitscherhof 20 May, 1807, died at

March

~~May~~ 1810. e) Luise, born at Hitscherhof 30 June, 1811, died at the same place 29 November, 1815. f) Carolina, born at Hitscherhof 20 June, 1817.

(21) Friedrich Georg Jakob Draxel,

son of Christian Traxel (20) and Luise Guth, of Rieschweiler, born at the same place 27 August, 1804, died at the same place 13 May, 1873; married at Rieschweiler 18 June, 1829 to Margaretha Elisabetha Lauer, daughter of Jakob Bayer senior and Louise Isemann, born at Rieschweiler 24 December, 1807 died at the same place 28 April, 1882. Children:

a) Jakob Draxel (24), born at Rieschweiler 24 August, 1839 (see below)

b) Heinrich, born at Rieschweiler 4 August, 1842, died at the same place 16 December, 1869. c) Christian Draxel (25), born at Rieschweiler 5 October, 1833 (see below). d) Maria Elisabetha, born at Rieschweiler 6 January, 1831, died at the same place 6 September, 1851. e) Luise, born at Rieschweiler 12 August, 1836. f) Katharina, born at Rieschweiler 10 May, 1845, died at the same place 13 March, 1852.

(24) Jakob Draxel III,

farmer, son of Friedrich Georg Jakob Draxel (21) and Margarethe Elisabetha Bayer, born at Rieschweiler 24 August, 1839, died at the same place 9 June, 1895; married the first time at Rieschweiler 24 November, 1864 to Luise Klein, daughter of Heinrich Klein, master wagon maker, and Maria Susanna Buchmann, died at Rieschweiler 29 November, 1866 - married the second time at Rieschweiler 29 December, 1870 to Katharina Lauer, daughter of Christian Lauer and Maria Gehlbach, of Stockbornerhof (Children: (I) Elisabetha, born at Rieschweiler 20 June, 1866, married at the same

place 2 April, 1887 to Daniel Draxsel (19), farmer, son of Friedrich Draxsel and Amalie Hasemann. (II) Friedrich Jakob, ~~1861~~ born at Rieschweiler 25 March, 1872, died at the same place 7 September, 1889).

(25) Christian Draxel,

farmer, son of Friedrich Georg Jakob Draxel (21) and Margarethe Elisabetha Bayer of Rieschweiler, born at the same place 5 October, 1833, died at the same place 20 April, 1865; married the first time at Rieschweiler 30 June, 1859 to Maria Elisabetha Klein, daughter of Heinrich Klein and Susanna Buchmann, wagonmaker in Rieschweiler, born at the same place 9 June, 1836, died at the same place 3 January, 1873 (she married the second time at Rieschweiler 21 June, 1866 to Jakob Keller, son on Jakob Keller nad Luise Crusius, born at Rieschweiler December 1798, died at the same place - he married the second time to an Oberer) Children: (Draxel): 1) Adam Draxel, farmer, born at Rieschweiler 16 June, 1862, died at Dellfeld 28 March, 1932; married the first time at Dellfeld 19 June, 1886 to Luise Glahn, daughter of Adam Glahn and Luise Stock, of Dellfeld, born at the same place 3 November, 1863, tied at the same place 20 July, 1904 - married the second time to Berta Laudemann, of Dellfeld, later living in Waldfischbach - without children. 2) Luise Draxel, born at Rieschweiler 29 March, 1860, baptized at the same place 3 April, 1860 in the church in Rieschweiler (Godparents: Peter Stein, farmer, Jakob Draxel, single, Maria Elisabetha Scheffe, wife of Christian Bayer, Luise Klein, single, all of Rieschweiler), died at Rieschweiler 30 August, 1940, buried at the same place 2 September, 1940 by Dekan Dauber, of Homburg, at that time the minister in Landstuhl ("returned from his evacuation on 20 August, 1940 to come home to die. A ringing of the bells still was not possible. She was a widow almost 51 years, led a strong Christian life and left behind three still living married children/1)

daughter who died in 1916 in Homburg), 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren" - compare the Protestant Church record at Rieschweiler); married at Rieschweiler 19 November, 1879 to Jakob Leonhardt, son of Philipp Leonhardt, farmer, and Maria Elisabetha Wolf, of Rieschweiler, born at the same place 19 September, 1854, died at the same place 25 January, 1889 (Children: 1) August Leonhardt, married Berta Pfeiffer, Rieschweiler, living at the same place, Hauptstrasse. 2) Katharina Leonhardt (1882-1958), married Jakob Stoffel, master butcher in Herschberg (died). 3) Blondine Leonhardt (1884-1957), married Karl Stoffel, farmer, at Herschberg (deceased). 4) Emma Leonhardt (1888-1916), married Friedrich Schmidt, of Homburg) (Son: the author).

(22) Christian Draxel, farmer, son of Christian Draxel (20), farm Leesor, and Luise Guth, Rieschweiler, born at the same place 30 December, 1801, died at the same place, 26 July, 1854; married at Rieschweiler 5 May, 1828 to Luise Wolf, daughter of Friedrich Wolf, of Rieschweiler, born at the same place 3 May, 1805, died 23 September, 1854. Children: Luise, born at Rieschweiler 12 November, 1836, died at the same place 24 January, 1892; married at Rieschweiler 13 November, 1860 to Johann Jakob Weber III., son of Johann Jakob Weber and Luise Stock, died at Rieschweiler 13 December, 1892, (of stomach cancer). 2) Elisabetha, born at Rieschwiler 14 June, 1840, died at the same place 13 February, 1890; married at Rieschweiler 16 April, 1868 to Jakob Bayer, of Rieschweiler. 3) Heinrich Draxel (26) born at Rieschweiler 24 September, 1833 (see below). 4) Christian Draxel (27), born at Rieschweiler 10 September, 1831 (see below). 5) Jakob Draxel, farmer, born at Rieschweiler 12 June, 1829, died at the same place 2 June, 1888; married at Höhfröschen 18 March, 1857 to Eva Hüh, daughter of Jakob Hüh and Anna Elisabetha Felder, Höhfröschen, born

at the same place 4 January, 1834, died at Rieschweiler 1859. 1 daughter: Luise Draxel, born at Rieschweiler 7 February, 1858, died at the same place 26 June, 1954; married at Münschweiler 23 March, 1876 to Jakob Veith, son of Daniel Veith, farmer, and Luise Schmidt from Münschweiler, born at the same place 9 July, 1850, died at Rieschweiler 5 November, 1913 (9 children 13)).

(26) Heinrich Draxel,

Smith, son of Christian Draxel (22) and Luise Wolf, of Rieschweiler, born at the same place 24 September, 1833, died at the same place 15 August, 1870; married at Rieschweiler 30 March, 1861 to Luise Draxel, daughter of Heinrich Draxel (23) and Luise Scheffe, of Rieschweiler. Children: a) Jakob, born at Rieschweiler 13 September, 1862, died at the same place 30 September, 1862. b) Heinrich, born at Rieschweiler 4 July, 1865, died 27 July, 1865. c) Adam Draxel (28), born at Rieschweiler 29 August, 1866 (see below).

(28) Adam Draxel,

farmer, born at Rieschweiler 29 August, 1866, died at the same place 14 December, 1943; married at Massweiler 6 April, 1889 to Elisabetha Keller, daughter of Jakob Keller and Maria Elisabetha Klein (see 25), born at Rieschweiler 18 November, 1868 died at the same place 11 November, 1947. Children: a) Blondina Draxel, born at Rieschweiler 13 November, 1894, living in Höheinöd; married in Höheinöd 26 March, 1920 to Eugen Wagner, son of Adam Wagner and Elisabetha Gross, Höheinöd, born 1 July, 1891, died at the same place 6 June, 1958, (son Albert Wagner, born at Höheinöd 19 March, 1922, fell in Russia 5 September, 1943). b) Anna Draxel, born at Rieschweiler 4 August, 1903, living in Herschberg, Hauptstrasse; married at Herschberg 27 December, 1927 to Ludwig Kiefer, farmer and inn-keeper in Herschberg. c) August Draxel (29), born at Rieschweiler 27

July, 1891 (see below).

(29) August Draxel,

farmer, born at Rieschweiler 27 July, 1891, died at the same place 26 January, 1948; married at Rieschweiler 5 February, 1921 to Anna Stauch, daughter of Heinrich Stauch and Elisabetha Fricker, wagonmaker, living at Contwig, born at the same place 17 May, 1897, living in Rieschweiler, Friedhofstrasse 115. Children: a) Erwin Draxel, born at Rieschweiler 23 May, 1924, died in the Second World War 27 August, 1943. b) Albert, Born at Rieschweiler 18 April, 1930, living in Nümschweiler; married at Nümschweiler 14 March, 1953 to Lilli Schneble. c) Elsa, born at Rieschweiler 19 November, 1921, living in Rieschweiler; married at Rieschweiler 8 November, 1947 to Hermann Leonhardt, son of Philipp Leonhardt and Charlotte Stein, Rieschweiler, born at the same place 23 October, 1920. d) Walter, born at Rieschweiler 27 January, 1928. e) Otto, born at Rieschweiler 5 April, 1932.

(27) Christian Draxel,

farmer, son of Christian Draxel (22) and Luise Wolf, of Rieschweiler, born at Rieschweiler 10 September, 1831, died at Höhmühlbach 12 January, 1894; married at Höhmühlbach 8 May, 1855 to Anna Elisabetha Hoffmann, daughter of Friedrich Joffmann and Anna Elisabetha Sieber, born at Höhmühlbach 4 November, 1834, died at Battweiler 1897. Children: a) Christian, born at Höhmühlbach 22 August, 1856, died at the same place 18 November 1856. b) Jakob Draxel, farmer, born at Höhmühlbach, died at Speyer on the Rhine 9 April, 1937; married at Burgalben 3 March, 1888 to Rosalia Stichler, daughter of Heinrich Stichler and Margarethe Stephan, farmer, in Burgalben, born at the same place 25 May, 1865, died at the same place 15 November, 1926 (Children: 1) Frieda, Burgalben 1891-1908. 2) Gustav, Burgalben 1899-1902. 3) Emma, born at Burgalben 10 March, 1903, living at Speyer on the Rhine, Johannesstrasse 30; married the first time at Burgalben in 1927 to Peter Penninger, a miller, born at

Berg, in lower Bavaria, died - married the second time to Fritz Hahn, born at Schifferstadt 17 May, 1904). c) Anna Elisabetha, born at Höhmühlbach 8 June, 1867, died; married at Grosssteinhausen 29 March, 1890 to Peter Müller, a baker, son of Friedrich Müller, a farmer, and Katharina Sophia Theison, of Bottenbach, born at the same place 9 June, 1863, died. d) Friedrich Draxel (30), born at Höhmühlbach 31 August, 1857 (see below) . e) Katharina, born at Höhmühlbach 26 April, 1871, living in Battwiler, Wirtschaft Kau; married at Battweiler 15 August, 1896 to August Kau, son of Christian Kau and Margarethe Höhler, of Battweiler (died). f) Luise, born at Höhmühlbach 21 April, 1865, died at the same place 21 July, 1866. h) Adam Draxel, businessman, born at Höhmühlbach 8 October, 1874, died at Pirmasens 3 December, 1947; married Luise Hammel, daughter of Heinrich Hammel and Julianne Hoschar, Pirmasens, living at the same place, Luisenstrasse 57. (Children: a) Theo Draxel, businessman, born at Pirmasens 13 August, 1901, living at the same place, Luisenstrasse 57. b) Elisabetha Draxel, business owner, living at Pirmasens, Luisenstrasse, c) Luise Draxel, born at Pirmasens, living at the same place, Luisenstrasse; married at Pirmasens 13 March, 1943 to Ludwig Fischer from Pirmasens (died October 1945, missing in Russian war prisoner ship) (Son: Theo Fischer, born at Pirmasens 27 January, 1944)).

(30) Friedrich Draxel,

farmer, son of Christian Draxel (27) and Anna Elisabetha Hoffmann, of Höhmühlbach, born at the same place 31 August, 1857, died at Pirmasens in 1924; married at Höhmühlbach 5 April, 1888 to Anna Kettenring, of Hoheinöd, born at the same place 1865, died at Pirmasens 28 December, 1921 (in the year 1910 moved from Höhmühlbach to Pirmasens). Children: a) Otto Draxel, post official, born at Höhmühlbach 30 April, 1889, living in Pirmasens, Maximilianstrasse 5; married at Pirmasens 9 September, 1922 to Cäcilie Werner, born at Niedermohr near Kaiserslautern (Daughter:

~~Annemarie, born at Pirmasens 7 November 1890)~~

Höhmühlbach 14 August, 1890, died at the same place 25 September, 1890.

c) Karl, born at Höhmühlbach 8 August, 1893, died January 1917 in the First World War in Rumania. d) Anna, born at Höhmühlbach 5 February, 1895. e) Berta, born at Höhmühlbach 14 February, 1899, living in Pirmasens; married at Pirmasens 3 June, 1922 to Hermann Volkemer, born at Pirmasens 26 September, 1900.

(23) Johann Henrich Draxel, farmer, son of Christian Traxel (20), of Hofbeständer and Luise Guth, of Rieschweiler, born at the same place 14 January, 1809, died at the same place 22 November 1873; married at Rieschweiler 17 March, 1833 to Luise Scheffe, born at Rieschweiler 20 March, 1812, died at the same place 26 December 1884. Children: a) Adam Draxel (31), born at Rieschweiler 21 November, 1864 (see below). b) Heinrich Draxel, farmer, born at Rieschweiler 21 September 1839, died in America (after marriage immigrated without known purpose); married at Rieschweiler 19 July, 1866 to Katharina Scheffe, daughter of Jakob Scheffe and Maria Neulist, of Rieschweiler. c) Christian Draxel (32), born at Rieschweiler 12 November, 1836 (see below). d) Jakob Draxel (33), born at Rieschweiler 9 November, 1843 (see below). e) Luise, born at Rieschweiler 14 November, 1834, died at the same place 1 September 1868; married Henrich Draxel (26), born at Rieschweiler 24 September, 1833 (see above). f) Maria Elisabetha Draxel, born at Rieschweiler 17 September, 1840, died at the same place 7 October, 1842.

(31) Adam Draxel, son of Johann Henrich Draxel (23) and Luise Scheffe, of Rieschweiler, born at the same place 21 November, 1846, died at Contwig (Ludwigslust) 27 January, 1909; married at Contwig 13 February, 1873 to Barbara Gingrich, daughter of Christian Gingrich and Magdalena Stalter, Contwig,

Ludwigslust, Mennonites, born at Contwig (Truppacherhof) 19 October, 1845, died at Contwig 7 January, 1906. Children: a) Daniel Draxel (34), born at Contwig 21 November, 1873 (see below). b) Jakob Draxel, born at Contwig 6 May, 1880, died at Zweibrücken 11 May, 1946; married at Zweibrücken 17 August, 1907 (section of city called Niederauerbach) to Elisabetha Denger, daughter of Jakob Denger and Elisabetha Backhaus, of Niederauerbach, widow of Christian Hudlet, born at Niederauerbach 4 March, 1876, died at Zweibrücken 9 May, 1948 - without children.

(34) Daniel Draxel,

farmer at Ludwigslust, son of farmer Adam Draxel (31) and Barbara Gingrich, born at Contwig 21 November, 1873, died at the same place 3 November, 1942; married at Contwig 6 June, 1903 to Charlotte Enkler, daughter of Jakob Enkler and Elisabetha Herschler, of Contwig, born at the same place 13 June, 1878, died at the same place 20 March, 1945 (killed by a shot in the head by the Infantry when the Allied troops marched into Contwig). Children: a) Otto Draxel (35), born at Contwig 20 August, 1904 (see below). b) Emma, born at Contwig 3 July, 1906, married (Hoffmann, of Oberauerbach). c) Helma, born at Contwig 8 November, 1921, married (Ehrmanntraut, of Mörschweiler).

(35) Otto Draxel,

farmer at Ludwigslust in Contwig, son of Daniel Draxel (34) and Charlotte Enkler, of Contwig, born at the same place 20 August, 1904, missing in the Second World War; married at Contwig 24 October, 1931 to Emma Bayer, daughter of Jakob Bayer and Luise Lauer, of Battweiler, born at the same place 15 October, 1905, living in Contwig, Ludwigslust. Children: a) Werner Draxel, born at Contwig 11 September, 1932. b) Rudi Draxel, born at Contwig 28 April, 1939

(32) Christian Draxel,

farmer, son of Johann Henrich Draxel (23) and Luise Scheffe, of Rieschweiler, born at the same place 12 November, 1836, died at Dellfeld 5 December, 1897; married at Dellfeld 13 September 1864 to Elisabetha Huber, of Dellfeld. Children: a) Elisabetha, born at Dellfeld 5 July, 1865, died at the same place 8 August, 1865. b) Luise, born at Dellfeld 9 June, 1866, died 7 November, 1867. c) Jakob Draxel, born at Dellfeld 18 September, 1868, died at the same place 6 May, 1918; married at Dellfeld 3 August, 1895 to Charlotte Seebald, daughter of Philipp Seebald and Elisabetha Wagner, born at Dellfeld 31 August, 1874, died at Heidelberg 1939 (during the evacuation) - without children. d) Heinrich, born at Dellfeld 18 September, 1868, died at the same place 29 October, 1868. e) Adam Draxel (36), born at Dellfeld 7 July, 1878 (see below).

(36) Adam Draxel,

farmer, son of Christian Draxel (32) and Elisabetha Huber, of Dellfeld, born at the same place 7 July, 1878, died at the same place 4 December, 1954; married at Contwig 2 September, 1905 to Katharina Hüther, of Bottenbach, born at Bottenbach 21 August, 1875, died at Niedermoschel 16 July, 1950. Children: a) Elsa, born at Dellfeld 26 May, 1906, living in Niedermoschel, baker and innkeeper; married at Niedermoschel 3 June, 1937 to Albert Rudolph, son of Jakob Rudolph and Charlotte Linn, of Niedermoschel (Children: a) Volker Rudolph, born at Hockenhausen 2 March, 1939. b) Lothar Rudolph, born at the same place 27 April, 1940). b) Jakob Draxel, born at Dellfeld 25 August, 1907, living in Dellfeld; married at Grossbundenbach 9 February, 1940 to Anna Spacke, daughter of Theobald Spacke and Philippine Winter, born at Kirkel 19 November, 1908 - without children. c) Alfred Draxel (37), born at Dellfeld 9 November, 1911 (see below).

(37) Alfred Draxel,

son of Adam Draxel (36) and Katharina Hü^uther, of Dellfeld, born at the same place 9 November, 1911, living in Obrigheim, Kreis Frankenthal, married at the same place 19 June, 1948 to Wilhelmine Kolh, daughter of Michael Kohl, and Anna Klingel, born at Obrigheim 1 January, 1920 (son: Alfred Draxel, born at Obrigheim 7 December, 1948).

(33) Jakob Draxel IV,

farmer, son of Johann Henrich Draxel (23) and Luise Scheffe, of Rieschweiler, born at the same place 9 December, 1843; died at the same place 9 December, 1916; married at Rieschweiler 9 December, 1869 to Katharina Rosin, daughter of Henrich Rosin and Anna Elisabetha Knerr, of Dellfeld, born at the same place 25 December, 1846, died at Rieschweiler 2 February, 1927. Children: a) Jakob Draxel, farmer, born at Rieschweiler 15 November, 1871, died in Rieschweiler 25 August, 1960; Anna Scheffe, daughter of Heinrich Scheffe and Maria Leonhardt, of Rieschweiler, born at the same place 9 January, 1877, died at Rieschweiler 7 February, 1939 (Children: 1) Gustav (1898-1912). 2) Emma (1908-1943). 3) Albert (1901-1902). 4) Otto Draxel, born at Rieschweiler 11 November, 1902, died at the same place 21 February, 1947; married at Rieschweiler 8 June, 1935 to Ida Stein, daughter of Friedrich S^tein, farmer and Maria Elisabetha Leber (see: second marriage to Ernst Stalter, of Stambach) (1 daughter: Lilli Draxel, born at Rieschweiler 23 November, 1936)) b) August Draxel (38), born at Rieschweiler 10 May, 1878 (see below). c) Hermann Draxel, born at Rieschweiler 13 September, 1885, living in Hö^heischweiler; married at Hö^heischweiler 31 December, 1929 to Sophie Isemann, daughter of Jakob Isemann and Maria Elisabetha Scherer, of Hö^hmühlbach, born at the same place 30 April, 1894 - without children.

(38) August Draxel, farmer, son of Jakob Draxel IV. (33) and Katharina Rosin, of Rieschweiler, born at the same place 10 May, 1878, died 23 February, 1918 W. War II. in Alsace, he was in Landsturmmann, 3. Ers. Infantry Regiment 4. (earlier was buried in the Protestant cemetery in Lutterbach, Grave 271, reburied at the cemetery of Cernai, Department Haut Rhin Grave 2009); married at Rieschweiler 6 February, 1904 to Emma Bayer, daughter of Jakob Bayer and Elisabetha Draxel, daughter of Christian Draxel (22) and Luise Wolf, born at Rieschweiler 14 December, 1879, living at Rieschweiler, Friedhofstrasse 105. Children: a) Ernst Draxel, farmer, born at Rieschweiler 20 April, 1908, missing in Rumania during W. War II; married at Rieschweiler 27 April, 1935 to Anna Maria Keller, daughter of Jakob Keller and Elisabetha Pfeiffer, born at Rieschweiler 18 April, 1911, living in Rieschweiler, Friedhofstrasse 105 (Children: 1) Anna Elfriede, born at Rieschweiler 17 June, 1936; married a Kramer, of Massweiler), living in Rieschweiler, Friedhofstrasse 105. 2) Gerda, born at Rieschweiler 19 January, 1942). b) Luise Draxel, born at Rieschweiler 15 May, 1913, living in Rieschweiler, Hauptstrasse 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; married at Rieschweiler 4 November, 1934 to Ernst Hartstirn, born at Rieschweiler, died at the same place 1949. (Children: 1) Hildegard Hartstirn born at Rieschweiler 8 June, 1938; married an Alschbach, of Rieschweiler 8 June, 1938. 3) Martha Hartstirn, born at the same place 26 March, 1942)¹⁴).

N O T E S

¹Compare Lutheran Church book Homburg page 171: "Quirinus Tragsel, farmer on Bätthener Hoof" (Beeden bei Homburg), married 9 April, 1700 to Elisabetha, late Christoph Schmutzens widow, Reformed religion. (Children: 1) Maria Elisabetha, baptised at Homburg 5 August, 1701. 2) Johann Martin, baptised at the same place 8 July, 1703).

²Compare section Hanau-Lichtenberg number 132, State Archives Speyer and Kamofmann, Schweizer Einwanderer in Lemberger Amt, Rings um den Horeb, 1951, page 4, sheet 8.

³Compare Church Book Walsheim (Blies): Magdalena, daughter of the late Peter Drachssel, farmer at Wirschweyler in Otweyler, married at Breitfurt 30 May, 1730 to Johannes Sutor (Suter, Suder) of Breitfurt (both from the Canton Bern).

⁴Peter Trachsel bought on the 14 January, 1715 the inheritance of his sisters Elisabetha and Veronika, both of whom were in the area of Hanau-Lichtenberg in Buchweiler i.e. (see Lemberger Briefprotokolle of 1715, State Archives, Speyer).

⁵Compare Reformed Church Book of Annweiler: "Jakob Trachsel, resident at Modenbach, the mother's brother", godfather on 20 February, 1703 in Annweiler for Johann Jakob Seebach, son of Andreas Seebach and Margreth (Trachsel), and also with Barbara his wife and Johannes Hener, residents of Modenbach.

⁶Compare Section Lemberger Briefprotokolle (4 June, 1739), State Archives Speyer: Johannes Traxel, now living in the Obersiebenthal on the Lenk in Canton Bern, auctioned on 4 June, 1739 a piece of land he received from his mother Anna Barbara wife of the late Jakob Traxel of Rodalben .

⁷Compare reformed baptismal record at Lenk i.S., which is the baptism of Susanna Katharina, baptised 1737, Susanna Magdalena, baptised 1739, and Johann Peter, baptised 1741 according to the baptismal certificate issued by Reverend Müller of Pirmasens. The following godparents are listed: Heinrich Schädler of Weitenthal, Susanna Catharina Arn Hoofmännin of Erlenbrunn (1737), Rudolf Gebhard Hoofmann of Kederich (1741) and Susanne Börtsch, farmer's wife of Raansbrunn (1739).

⁸All the entries for the Church at Nünschweiler until 1725 (inclusive) are in the Reformed Church record of Rieschweiler and from 1726 on, in the Reformed Church Book of Nünschweiler.

⁹The old church records of Hornbach (reformed 1647-1798, Lutheran 1707-1789, Catholic 1697-1798) were completely destroyed by the war in 1939.

Here are a few scattered notes concerning Melchior Trachsel: Melchior Draxel, of Grosssteinhausen, son of ?, married Katharina Elisabetha Schmidt, born at Dietrichingen 1732, died 1801, 69 years old (Standesamtsregister Grosssteinhausen Akte 8/IX) (Children: 1) Anna Maria Draxel, born about 1759, died at Mauschbach 2 March, 1816, 75 years old; married at Mauschbach to Paul Weber (he was the godfather in Walshausen on the 13th of February 1780 for Anna Maria Teuscher, daughter of Bernhard Teuscher of Walshausen and Anna Maria Goldinger Taufpat.). 2) Katharina Draxel, daughter of Melchior Draxel, Grosssteinhausen, married at Walshausen 29 January, 1788 to Johann Henrich Sprau, son of Johann Adam Sprau Müller at Walshausen (compare Reformed Church record Nunschweiler). 3) Susanna Traxel of Grosssteinhausen, married Philipp Weber, stone-mason of Mauschbach (son: Christian Weber, married^x Brenschelbach 23 April, 1821). 4) Margarethe Draxel, born 1758, died at Grosssteinhausen 4 January, 1814, 56 years old; married Paul Herbruck (compare Standesamtsregister Grosssteinhausen 2/14).

¹⁰Compare Church Book Rieschweiler: "legitimate daughter of Christian Trachsel, former resident at Steinhausen."

¹¹Compare Reformed Church Book Winterbach: Nickel Hoffmann, resident in Battweiler, married at Winterbach 14 April, 1744 to Anna Elisabetha Velten, daughter of Schmiedes Nickel Velten of Battweiler.

¹²Compare the civil register of Massweiler (Children of the married

couple Lang: 1) Heinrich Lang, born 4 July, 1839 2) Elisabetha Lang, born 6 January, 1841. 3) Philipp Lang, born 26 January, 1843. 4) Daniel Lang, born 26 May, 1845. 5) Jakob Lang, born 20 November, 1847. 6) Luise Lang, born 7 April, 1850. 7) Christian Lang, born 28 March, 1852. 8) Katharina Lang, born 22 April, 1855. 9) Magdalena Lang, born 11 September, 1857. 10) Adam Lang, born 9 December, 1859. 11) Karl Lang, born 28 June, 1863.

¹³Compare the civil register of Rieschweiler (children of the married couple Veith): 1) Anna Veith, born 4 January, 1877. 2) Luise Veith, born 11 November, 1879. 3) Emma Veith, born 8 October, 1881. 4) Katharina Veith, born 6 February, 1884. 5) Elisabetha Veith, born 13 June, 1886. 6) Bertha Veith, born 17 October, 1888. 7) Rosa Veith, born 19 July, 1891. 8) Albert Veith, born 29 April, 1894, retired senior teacher, county deputy and representative in the provincial parliament, living in Rieschweiler. 9) Karoline Veith, born 14 June, 1897.

¹⁴The following are scattered notes from the Reformed and Protestant church records of Contwig, Hornbach, and so forth. However, by my study I have not been able to place them in this book that I have done: 1) Drachsel, Anna, confirmed in the Reformed church at Contwig 9 April, 1719. 2) Drachsel, Hans, shepherd at Truppacherhof; second marriage at Contwig 26 July, 1718 to Barbara, the widow of Christian Schantz from Brenschelbach (his first wife Anna died at Contwig 28 February, 1718). Children: a) Anna Magdalena, baptized at Contwig 28 February, 1718 (godparents: Christian Riehmann from Essweilerhof, Anna Magdalena from Kirschbacherhof). b) Anna Elisabetha, baptized at Contwig 2 August, 1719 (godparents: Johannes Grünewaldt from Heydelbingen, Anna Barbara Sauerbronn, wife of Friedrich Sauerbronn, a butcher at Contwig, Anna Elisabetha Weber, daughter of Philipp Weber, miller in Contwig). c) Johann Christian, born at Contwig 14 March baptized at the same place 23 March, 1721 (godparents: Christian Messerle of Dietrichingen, Johannes Fischer of Dietrichingen, Anna Regine and Anna Christina Grinnerin of Offwei-

lertal). 3) Drachsel, Christian, servant in the service of our graceful lord, the ruler of Pyhl of Offweiler (son of the deceased Hans Drachsel, formerly day-laborer from Truppacherhof), married at Contwig 2 December, 1737 to Elisabetha Roth, daughter of the deceased Wolfgang Roth of Grindelwaldt, Canton Bern. 4) Drachsel, Christian, confirmed in the Reformed church of Contwig 1723, from Heidelbingen. 5) Drachsel, Elisabetha, daughter of Peter Drachsel from Glantalerhof and Charlotte Drachsel, married at Nünschweiler 11 July, 1816 to Johann Georg Weber, son of Heinrich Weber on the Bährenziegelhütte bey Ninschweiler and of Anna Katharina Sieber. 6) Trachsel, Christen, from Mühlithurnen (compare Die Grosse Berner Auswanderung nach Brandenburg im Jahr 1691 by Franz Moser. Worked teacher in Fürstenwalde a. d. Sprre, Archiv für Seppenforschung und alle verwandten Gebiete, 1937, p. 215).

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