

AUGUST LUDWIG RIEMENSCHNEIDER
AND HIS
CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

On July 2, 1868 August Ludwig Riemenschneider, together with his wife Friederike, his one daughter, and five of his sons emigrated from their home in Wenzel, Germany to America. The oldest son Heinrich had come to America the previous summer, and had gone to State Center, Iowa, possibly because Christian Riemenschneider had gone there from Wenzel in 1855.

August Ludwig and his family went directly to Iowa and settled in Minerva Township -- about four miles north of State Center in a community known as French Grove. The story is that they bought land there for three dollars per acre, but this is hearsay and cannot be verified.

The family had been farmers in Germany and became farmers in America, although on a much larger scale as in Germany they had been known as "Small Farmers." All of the sons except Albert and Ferdinand stayed near State Center, married and raised their families there. August later became a stock buyer, but the others who stayed near State Center remained farmers. Albert went to Cody, Nebraska and Ferdinand went to either Nebraska or Dakota. The one daughter, Karoline, married Fred Ahrens and, I believe, lived in Marshalltown. As far as I know they had one son named Ernest -- I seem to recall that he was called Ernie.

Chart II has been set up to show August Ludwig, his wife, and all their children and grandchildren. The list of grandchildren is as complete as I can make it but there might be some missing. Only the descendants of William and Mary Ann Riemenschneider are carried beyond Chart II.

Birthdates of August Ludwig, his wife, their marriage date, as well as the birthdates of all the children, were obtained by correspondence with Germany. All information later than 1868 was collected in this country from such sources as obituaries in back issues of the State Center Enterprise, and from tombstones, county histories, and many individuals who had record of their own close relatives.

THE WANTZ FAMILY

The known record of the Wantz Family goes back to my great-grandfather George Wantz and his wife Ann Mary, both of whom were born in Europe, he in 1823 and she in 1834.

George Wantz's obituary gives his birthplace as Breitenback, Alsace, France; however, the writeup of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary gives it as Breitendace, Contau Villers, France. Both sources give his birthdate as March 3, 1825. Breitendace may be the French spelling of the German name Breitenback. Alsace was part of France up until the Franco-Prussian War in 1870, so at the time that he left there, it was part of France.

As to the birthplace of Mrs. Wantz, her obituary indicates it as Hechingen; a small city in Würtemberg, Germany. Other sources indicate that she was born in Hochen-zoller, Switzerland. Although I cannot be sure, I am inclined to think the latter is correct, as I recall hearing long ago that she was born in Switzerland.

There is also some question as to her maiden name. All sources agree that her date of birth was January 15, 1834. Her husband's obituary gives her name as Anna Weiner, and her obituary gives it as Anna Marie Weiner. The obituary of my grandmother, Mary Ann Wantz Riemenschneider gives it as Mary Warner and the marriage license issued in La Salle County, Illinois on October 16, 1852 gives it as Ann Mary Warner. This would seem to indicate that she may have been born Weiner, but used the name Warner in this country as she gave it herself for the marriage license. Also I remember the family name as Warner so it is most likely that she used the name Warner here and that it was possible that the name was Weiner in Switzerland.

In 1844, when George Wantz was nineteen, he came to America with his brothers and sisters. The family settled in the German community of Somonauk, Illinois, which shows on a map to be approximately on the border of DeKalb and La Salle counties. In 1846 the family moved to Loherville, New York.

In 1845 Anna Marie Warner, with her father and his additional five children, came to America and settled in Lowville, New York. (Lowville and Loherville are probably the same place.) I find Lowville in the atlas but not Loherville.) The mother had died before the rest of the family came to America. Nothing more is known of the additional children.

In October of 1852, George Wantz and Anna Marie Warner were married in La Salle, Illinois. The obituaries of both of them, (and the Golden Wedding Anniversary writeup) give the wedding date as October 26. Again, I must assume that the date given

by them for the wedding license is correct; rather that that given by survivors.

In 1854, with their oldest daughter Adelaide, they moved to Marshall County, Iowa, to the community of French Grove, about four miles north of the town of State Center. They were among the first settlers of that community, where they farmed for thirty-six years.

The Wantzes retired from farming in 1890 when he was sixty-five, moved to State Center and bought a home there. In October of 1902 they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. In 1907 they moved to the home of their youngest daughter, Mrs. August Riemenschneider where Mrs. Wantz died in 1908. Mr. Wantz died in 1910, having been in exceptionally good health until shortly before his death.

Their oldest daughter, Adelaide, was born in Illinois and three more daughters were born after they had moved to Iowa in 1854. All four daughters survived their parents; Mrs. Fred Ohlsen of Hebron, Nebraska; Mrs. William Voss of St. Joe, Missouri; and Mrs. William Riemenschneider and Mrs. August Riemenschneider, both of State Center, Iowa.

The dates of the births and marriages must be in error in some cases. The records show them as indicated below:

Mr. and Mrs. George Wantz		m. Oct. 26, 1852
Adelaide Wantz	b. Aug. 12, 1854	m. Oct. 17, 1868
Mary Ann Wantz	b. Mar. 8, 1855	m. Apr. 27, 1870
Emma Wantz	b. ?	m. May 4, 1873
Josephine Wantz	b. Nov. 8, 1857	m. Apr. 2, 1877
Anna Ohlsen (oldest child of Adelaide)	b. Apr. 13, 1867	
Laura Ohlsen (second child of Adelaide)	b. June 20, 1868	

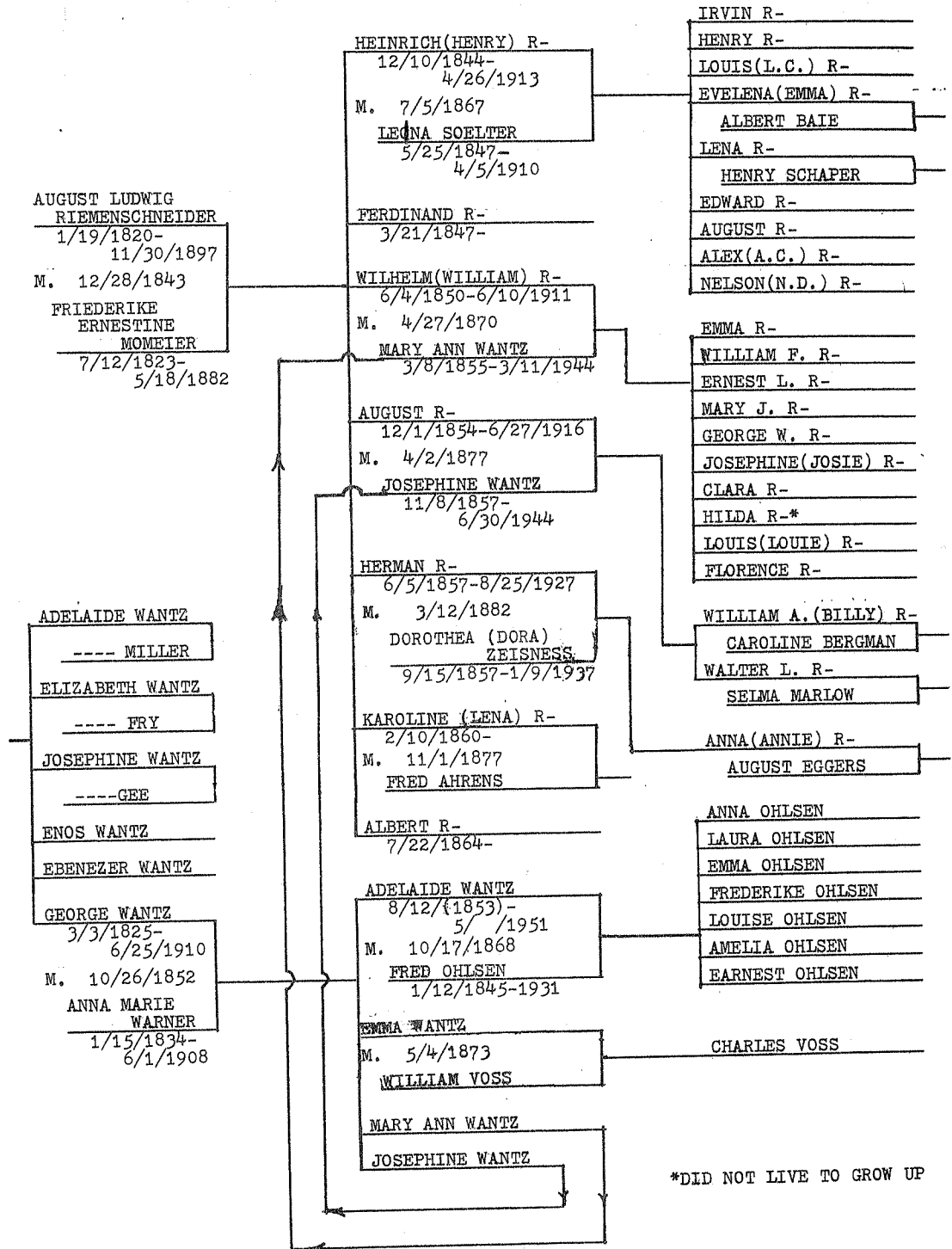
The first discrepancy -- that of the birthdates of Adelaide and Mary Ann Wantz can be reconciled if we assume that the birthdate of Adelaide was 1853 instead of 1854, and I have so indicated it as (1853) on the genealogy chart.

The second discrepancy -- that of the marriage date of Adelaide and the birthdates of her two older children; if she was born in (1853) as seems likely, and if her children's birthdates are correct, she would have had to have been married in 1866 instead of 1868 at the age of thirteen, which seems unlikely. So there is not a very good way to determine which dates are correct.

Chart II covers the Wantz Family as well as the children and grandchildren of August Ludwig and Friederika Momeier Riemenschneider and the relation between the two families, as two of August Ludwig's sons married two of the Wantz daughters.

I have included the brothers and sisters of George Wantz in the genealogy. Ebenezer had at least one child, a son but nothing is known of George's other brother or his sisters as to dates or whether or not there were children.

All information on the Wantz Family has been obtained in this country as I have been unable to reach anyone in Europe for further information.



DESCENDANTS OF
AUGUST LUDWIG RIEMENSCHNEIDER
1820 TO 1897 AND
GEORGE WANTZ
1825 TO 1910

WILHELM (WILLIAM) RIEMENSCHNEIDER
AND HIS
CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

William, the third son of August Ludwig and Friederike Momeier Riemenschneider, was born in Wenzen on June 4, 1850. He emigrated to America with his parents in 1868. In 1870, William married Mary Ann Wantz, second daughter of George and Ann Mary Wantz, farmers in the same area. William and his wife lived on a farm about four miles northwest of State Center and later on another farm just outside of town. They had ten children, all of whom grew up except one daughter, Hilda, who died at the age of twelve. All of the sons became farmers, and all the daughters married farmers, who settled on farms near State Center. They had families of from one to twelve children for a total of fifty grandchildren. Over forty of these children grew to maturity, and many have stayed in Marshall County, not far from State Center.

William, my grandfather, died in 1911 of cancer of the stomach. For some years my grandmother continued to live on the farm with her youngest son and two youngest daughters; she later bought a house in town and lived there alone, with my father looking after its maintenance. My mother had died in 1916 and my father and I lived with my grandmother for a few years beginning in 1921 until 1923, when my father remarried. My grandmother continued living there with a part-time housekeeper until her death in 1944.

Chart III has been made up to show William and Mary Ann and their children and grandchildren. The grandchildren are my generation and are my first cousins. Further generations are continued on another chart for the descendants of my brother and me, but not for our cousins.

Death dates for both William and Mary Ann were obtained from her obituary in a back issue of the State Center Enterprise. His birthdate had been obtained by correspondence from Germany in 1960, and confirmed by me on my visit to Wenzen in 1963. Pastor Knüppel had located the information in the old Wenzen Parish church records. All other information was obtained in this country from such sources as old newspapers, cemeteries, and from people now living. At the present time (1976) William and Mary Ann's youngest son, Louis, is still living at the age of eighty-five.

FREDERICK (FRED) HILLEMANN 12/3/1868-10/2/1901 M. 9/ /1892 EMMA R- 5/31/1871-12/23/1940	LORETTA HILLEMANN LEONA HILLEMANN ILDR A HILLEMANN RUBY HILLEMANN HERBERT HILLEMANN FREDERICK (FRITZ) HILLEMANN
MARTIN BORISCH 1/18/1871-1/24/1940	WALTER BORISCH
WILLIAM F. R- 3/14/1873-11/11/1916 M. 12/15/1910 ALICE NAUKE 12/17/1884-3/3/1914	ROSCOE R-
ERNEST L.R- 1/18/1875-4/2/1953 M. 1/3/1901 EMMA HENZE 9/3/1880-9/25/1916	RALPH W.H.R- EARL G. R- MAYME WEUVE* HILDA WEUVE GEORGE WEUVE HAROLD WEUVE* VERNE WEUVE LEO WEUVE RAYMOND WEUVE*
MARY J. R- 8/21/1879-8/25/1958 M. 10/6/1898 ALBERT WEUVE 2/21/1877-1/7/1965	HILDA R- HELEN R-* DONALD R- MARGARET R- FRANK R- GEORGE R- KENNETH R- CAROL R-
GEORGE W. R- 2/19/1882-1/23/1961 M. 1905 ALICE STOTT 12/12/1883-12/4/1953	CORDELLA BUSCHBOM* FLORENCE BUSCHBOM AMANDA BUSCHBOM MILDRED BUSCHBOM EDITH BUSCHBOM HELEN BUSCHBOM ARNOLD BUSCHBOM OSCAR BUSCHBOM ANDREW BUSCHBOM ARTHERA BUSCHBOM* ALTHEA BUSCHBOM* CECIL BUSCHBOM
CLARA R- 9/1/1886-8/28/1959 M. 8/7/1913 LOUIS(LOU) EDWARDS 1886-5/29/1922	ALVIN EDWARDS FLORENCE EDWARDS DORRINE EDWARDS RUTH EDWARDS*
HILDA R-* 11/7/1888-5/30/1900	
LOUIS(LOUIE) R- 11/30/1891- M. 1920 LELA PETTYS 12/5/1894-5/16/1977	FLOY R- WAYNE R- DON EARL R- JEAN R-
FLORENCE R- 11/2/1894-12/4/1956 M. 6/24/1914 JAMES R(JIMMIE) FIGGINS 3/26/1893-1/21/1957	DALE FIGGINS DORIS FIGGINS DOROTHY FIGGINS MARY FIGGINS* RICHARD FIGGINS

DECENDANTS OF
 WILHELM RIEMENSCHNEIDER
 1850 TO 1911
 AND MARY ANN WANTZ
 1855 TO 1944

*THESE CHILDREN DID NOT
LIVE TO GROW UP

CHART III

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DESCENDANTS OF
ERNEST L. RIEMENSCHNEIDER AND
EMMA HENZE RIEMENSCHNEIDER

Ernest L. Riemenschneider, second son of William and Mary Ann Riemenschneider, was born January 18, 1875 on a farm about four miles north of State Center. Emma Henze, daughter of Henry and Minnie Henze, was born September 3, 1880, on a farm about three miles southwest of State Center. They were married January 3, 1901 and went to live on a farm owned by his father, four miles northwest of State Center.

They had two sons, Ralph William Henry (myself) and Earl George (my younger brother). My middle names were those of my two grandfathers, and my brother's middle name (George) was that of uncles on both sides of the family. Both sons were born on the farm on which our parents first lived. They had five grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and up to the present, one great-grandchild.

In March of 1907, when I was about five and a half years old the family moved to a farm which my father had bought from his father, within the town school district limits. My mother died in 1916 of a tumor on the brain. My father remarried Ruby Riemenschneider, granddaughter of Heinrich Riemenschneider, on November 14, 1923. Heinrich had come to America as a stowaway from Germany in 1867. My father died in 1953, at the age of seventy-eight -- the cause being cancer of the kidneys. His second wife, Ruby, is still living.

In 1926, my brother Earl married Ethel Goodman of Rhodes, Iowa and started farming his father's farm just outside of town, renting on shares, and lived there through the depression until 1937. Some of them were bad years, with corn selling as low as ten cents a bushel, and one year my father's share of the crops did not pay the real estate taxes. While living on this farm, Earl and Ethel had two sons, Stanley, born in 1930 and Ronald, born in 1936. In 1937 Earl bought a farm about three miles south of town and later bought two other nearby farms, one adjoining the one he had bought in 1937. They lived there until retiring in January 1964, when they moved into a new house they had built in State Center. Ethel died of cancer in 1975 and Earl is still living in the house in town.

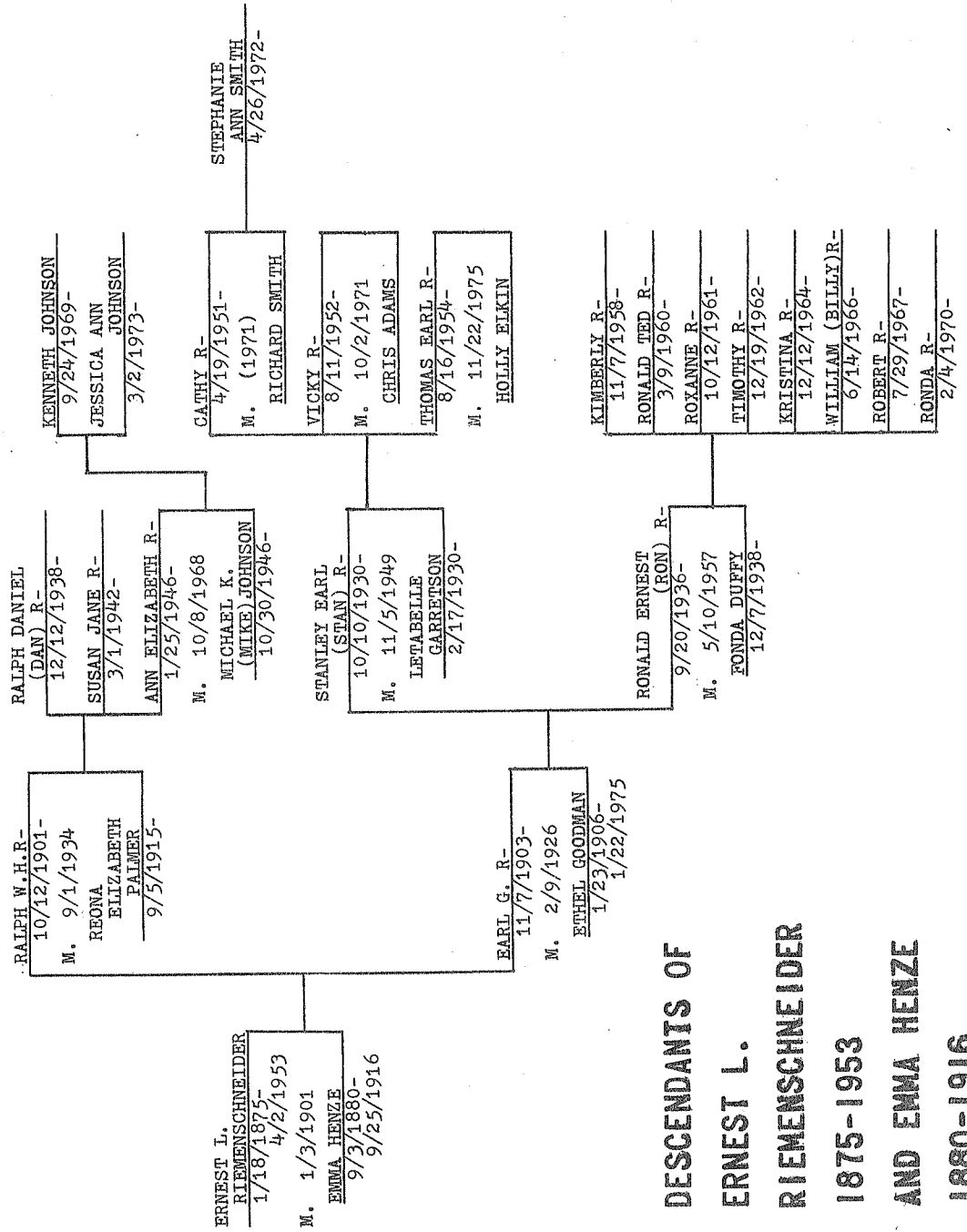
After Stanley, Earl and Ethel's older son finished high school in State Center in 1949, he married Letabelle Garretson, the daughter of a neighboring farmer, and started farming one of his father's farms. They had two daughters and one son, and in the late 1950's moved to a farm Stanley purchased near the small town of Woodstock, in Wright County, Iowa, where they are still living. At the present time all three of their children are married, and the older daughter, Cathy, has a daughter, Stephanie Ann, born in April 1972.

In 1957, Ronald, Earl and Ethel's younger son, married Fonda Duffy, a distant cousin; their great-grandmothers were sisters. They started farming his father's farm south of town and are still living there. They have eight children, four sons and four daughters. The oldest daughter will graduate from high school in 1977; the same year the youngest finishes kindergarten.

For information regarding myself (Ralph) and family, please refer to section entitled "Author."

Birth, marriage, and death dates of Ernest and Emma Riemenschneider were confirmed from their obituaries in back copies of the State Center Enterprise.. Data on all the others, all living, were obtained mostly from members of the family -- primarily from my brother Earl and his wife Ethel.

Chart IV shows the names and dates of Ernest and Emma Henze Riemenschneider and all of their descendants up until this time (the end of 1976). On this chart (IV) absence of death dates indicates that these individuals are still living.



DESCENDANTS OF
 ERNEST L.
 RIEMENSCHNEIDER
 1875-1953
 AND EMMA HENZE
 1880-1916

CHRISTIAN RIEMENSCHNEIDER
AND HIS
CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

As far back as I can remember we were acquainted with some of the members of another Riemenschneider Family, to whom we were told that we were not related. So it was natural that I should try to establish whether or not the two families were related, and if so, how far back it would be.

When I had visited Wenzel in 1963 I asked the minister whom I talked with there to try to find a reference to a Christian Riemenschneider, but we found none with the correct birthdate.

In 1974, I decided to try the same source that had netted me so much information on my own family. So, through Pastor Knüppel, I contacted the State Archives in Wolfenbüttel. From them I received a letter dated 5/16/1974, tracing Christian's ancestors back to a Hans Heinrich Riemenschneider, born in 1690, son of Andreas, or another Hans Heinrich born in 1686, son of Henni, an ancestor of mine. This left it all very much in doubt, so I wrote back asking for further information. I then received a letter dated 3/13/1975 stating that the Hans Heinrich born in 1690 had never married, which meant that the Hans Heinrich born in 1686 was the ancestor of Christian Riemenschneider as well as of my family. This connection is shown on Charts I and XI.

Christian Heinrich Ludwig Riemenschneider was born in Hallensen in Wenzel Parish in Germany on June 4, 1832 and came to America in 1855 together with his older brother Heinrich; settled in Sandwich, Illinois and beyond this there is no further information available on Heinrich.

In 1860, while living in Sandwich, Christian married Louisa Katherine Eisenmenger. She had been born in Germany in 1838 and had come to America in 1857, presumably directly to Sandwich. Their first two children, Alford and Clara were born there. In 1863, the family moved to State Center, Iowa and settled on a farm about three miles southwest of town. Here the rest of the children were born and they lived the rest of their lives.

Altogether, they had twelve children, four of whom did not live to maturity. Only two of the sons, Henry Christian and George Baldwin and one of the daughters, Laura, married. Henry married Johanna Edler of State Center in 1891 and they had sixteen children, thirteen of whom grew to maturity. They lived and raised their large family on a farm about two miles farther southwest of the home place. Three of the sons, Clarence, Harold and Raymond were about the age of my brother

and me -- we became very good friends, often wondering if we were related. Raymond and I started to college at Iowa State in 1922 to study engineering, but he switched to agriculture after the first quarter.

George married Lena Henze, my mother's older sister in 1892 and they had a family of nine; these were my first cousins through our mothers. They lived and raised their family on a farm very near the one where Henry lived and stayed there until their family was grown and then moved to a house in State Center. At this time (end of 1976) only one of the sons is still living (Charles).

Laura, the youngest of Christian's daughters, was a very good friend of my mother, as they were nearly the same age and lived on neighboring farms. Laura married Charles Hart and had, as far as I know, one daughter, Catherine (Katy).

Christian died in 1885, and his wife stayed on the farm with the unmarried children until her death in 1921. At this time only Pat and Emma were living there with their mother. They moved to a house in town and Lenore and Walter, Henry's two oldest sons took over the home place. After Lenore's death in 1953, Clarence and later Harold moved in with Peck. This was the status when I used to visit them whenever I came back to State Center.

Chart V shows Christian, his wife Katherine and their children and grandchildren. I have not carried this branch of the Riemenschneider Family beyond these grandchildren, and have not included husbands and wives. I am indebted to Dorothy Riemenschneider Pickett, Henry's youngest daughter, for the information on her brothers and sisters, part of the data on her aunts and uncles, also for confirmation of some of the data that I had gathered from various sources.

On this Chart V, absence of death dates for Henry's children indicates that they are still living as of 1976.

CHRISTIAN HEINRICH R-
6/4/1832-6/13/1885
M. 1860
LOUISA KATHERINE
EISENMENGER
5/10/1838-10/19/1921

ALFORD (ALFRED) R-
9/17/1860-1919
CLARA R-*
2/8/1862-1866
HENRY CHRISTIAN R-
12/19/1863-
5/17/1921
M. 1891
JOHANNA EDLER
9/1/1871-
5/30/1934

GEORGE BALDWIN R-
10/5/1865-2/8/1843
M. 10/27/1892
LENA HENZE
10/16/1875-
2/4/1934
CLARA R-*
2/8/1867-8/17/1875
EMMA R-
8/27/1868-1960
ANNA (ANNIE) R-
6/1/1870-1920
WILBUR (PAT) R-
2/4/1872-1948
CHARLES R-*
9/8/1873-1880
EDWARD (SAM) R-
5/8/1875-1/16/1915
JOHN R-*
8/7/1877-1/26/1878
LAURA R-
3/4/1881-1938

CHARLES HART

LENORE R-
1891-1953
ALMA R-
1892-1953
WALTER (PECK) R-
1893-1960
HARLEY R-*
1895-1897
LUCRETIA (CURTY) R-
1896-1975
ALETHA R-
1898-
-CLARENCE (PRATE) R-
1899-
HAROLD (HOOLEY) R-
1901-1967
HILDA R-
1902-1967
RAYMOND R-
1904-1948
LORETTA R-
1906-
ESTELLE R-
1908-
HOWARD R-
1909-
ELWOOD R-*
1911-1918
DOROTHY R-
1913-
HENRY R-*
1916-1916

EDITH RUTH R-
2/16/1894-
LAWRENCE R-
2/10/1895-
ROBERT (BOB) R-
10/16/1897-
ALBERT (BERT) R-
6/3/1899-
HATTIE R-
6/22/1900-
CHARLES R-**
6/30/1902-
MABEL R-
2/4/1905
LLOYD R-
1/9/1907-
HARLEY R-

CATHERINE (KATY)
HART

CHRISTIAN RIEMENSCHNEIDER
AND HIS CHILDREN
AND GRANDCHILDREN

* THESE CHILDREN DID NOT
LIVE TO GROW UP.

** ONLY ONE OF GEORGE'S
CHILDREN STILL LIVING

OF ALL OF CHRISTIAN'S
CHILDREN, ONLY HENRY,
GEORGE, AND LAURA MARRIED

CHART V
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THE HENZE AND MILLER
FAMILIES

Until 1968 all the information that I had on the Henze Family was my general knowledge of the family as I grew up, the obituaries of Henry and Minnie Henze in the State Center Enterprise, and dates on tombstones in Hillside Cemetery just north of State Center.

In December of 1968, I had a long conversation with Walter Henze, oldest son of my mother's brother Henry. After his wife's death from a stroke in 1922, Grandfather Henze lived with his son Albert on Albert's farm southwest of State Center. At this time Walter was working on the farm and he had many long talks with his grandfather, mostly reminiscing. As related to me by Walter, the story goes something like this: My Grandfather Henze's name originally was not Henze, which was his mother's maiden name, but what sounded like 'Orence.' However, I thought it was more likely to have been Ahrens, which looks more like a German name. Also, my Great-aunt Karoline, only daughter of August Ludwig Riemenschnieder, had married a Fred Ahrens, and all the family had always pronounced it as though it were spelled 'Orence,' so that if my grandfather's name was not originally Henze, it was probably Ahrens. I also asked how the name Ahrens would be pronounced in German and was told that it would sound like we would say the name if it were spelled 'Arntz,' which could easily sound like 'Orence.'

So much for the name -- now for the story as to how it came about. Henry (Ahrens) Henze had spent four years in the army and was in the Reserves, and at the time was living in or near Brunswick, but this is not certain. At this time there were rumors of another war and Henry expected to be called up again. One day, when he was walking near the border with the five-year old daughter of a neighboring family by the name of Timme (I'm not sure of the spelling), he told the girl to say goodbye to his mother for him, crossed the border and made his way to America. He worked for a time in New York State, and then went to Hinckley, Illinois, the place to which the Timme family had by this time emigrated. I have since discovered by studying a large map of Germany that the village where he was born is about a mile from the border of the next "Administrative Area." Also, I remember when I was a child that my parents visited a family in Hinckley, Illinois. This confirms part of the story.

In 1859, Henry's mother married a man named Armbrecht (no record as to whether he was any relation to the Armbrechts still around State Center). From Hinckley, Henry sent money to his mother so she could come to America, but she died before the money reached her and her husband (Armbrecht) came instead. There was no indication as to whether he stayed in America or not.

Later, about 1870, when there were representatives from Germany in this country looking for "deserters." Tipped off by the banker where he had deposited money, Henry decided to change his name to Henze, and became Henry Henze. Up until the winter of 1976-1977 this was all the information I had.

At that time I decided to write to the State Archives at Wolfenbüttel to see if they could tell me anything about this. The city of Wolfenbüttel is not far from Braunschweig where records in this country indicated my grandfather had come from.

In writing I asked if they could find anything on a Henry Henze or a Henry Ahrens that would fit the dates I had. I had two birthdates -- January 3, 1841 and January 2, 1838. Another source indicated that he was born in 1840. I also asked about the Miller Family (Müller in German). From this correspondence I found that there was a Heinrich Wilhelm Ahrens born January 2, 1841, but no record of a Henry Henze born on the indicated date. They also told me that this Heinrich Wilhelm Ahrens was born in Wenzen, the same village from which the Riemenschneiders had come. This correspondence indicated that his mother was Friederike Ahrens (unmarried) and that the father was (probably) Heinrich Wilhelm Henze. If this was true, then Heinrich Wilhelm Ahrens was named after his father but carried the family name of his mother.

This all bears out Walter Henze's story, except that Henry came to this country with his mother's family name, then took the family name of his father when he changed it from Ahrens to Henze in this country, rather than the other way around as Walter Henze had told me. The fact that Henry's mother had married an Armbrecht has also been confirmed in the correspondence. Of course there is no confirmation of the reason for the name change.

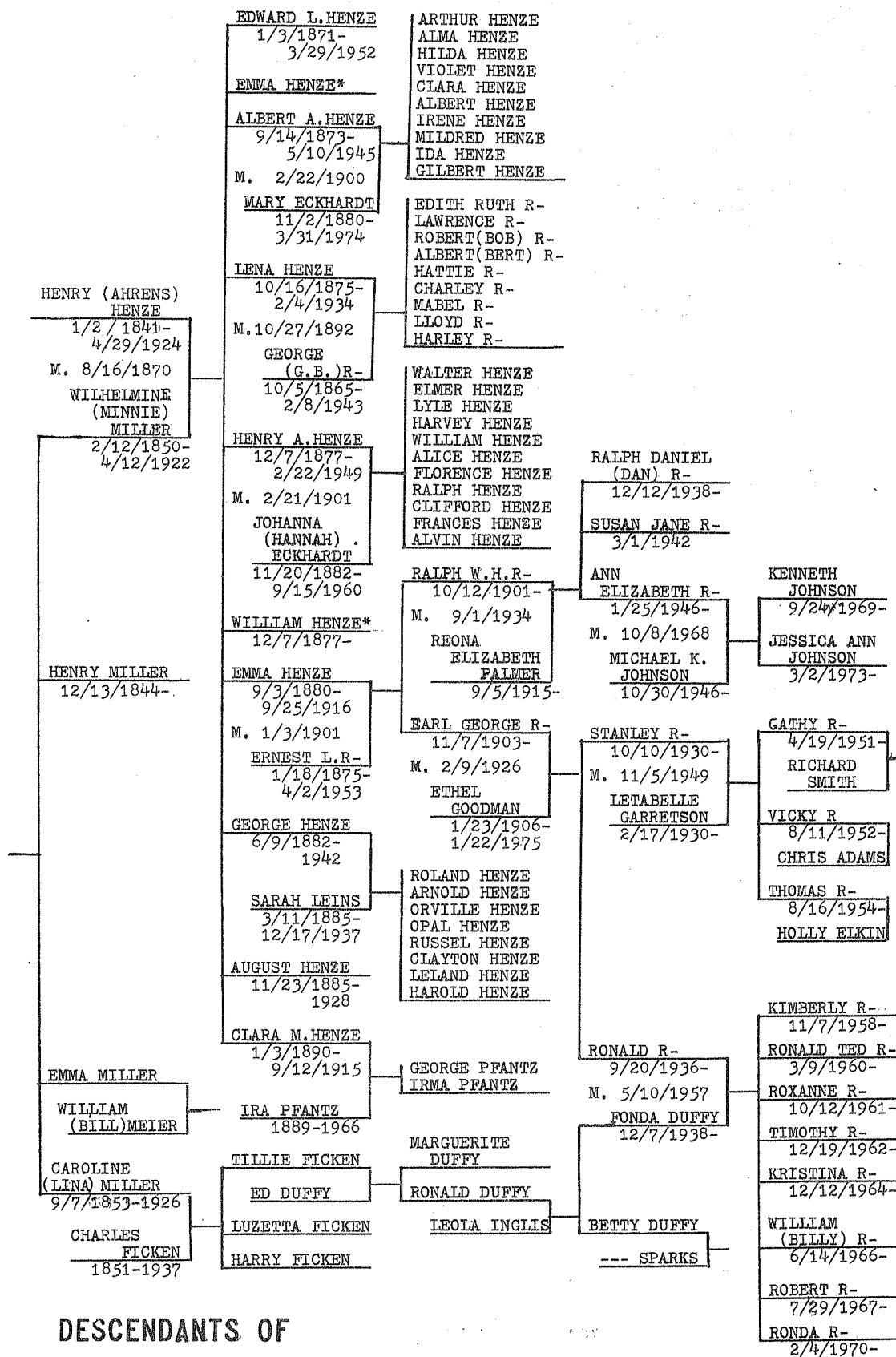
Admittedly, there is no absolute certainty that all of my analysis is correct, but it is the most likely, so I am using the birthdate of January 2, 1841 on Chart VI, covering the Henze and Miller Families in this country.

My grandmother was born Justine Wilhelmine Müller in Wenzen, Germany in 1850 -- records in this country give the name as Wilhelmina (Minnie) Müller. Henry Henze and Wilhelmina Müller were married in 1870 in Somonauk, Illinois and moved to State Center, Iowa in 1878 and settled on a farm about three miles southwest of town. They farmed there until they retired and moved to town. I do not have an actual date for this but would estimate that it was between 1906 and 1910. They had ten children, eight of whom lived to maturity; those born before 1878 were born in Sandwich, Illinois; the younger ones were born on the farm near State Center.

All the sons except Edward and August married and farmed near State Center. The daughters married farmers and also lived near State Center. The second daughter, Emma, was my mother. Henry and Wilhemina had forty-two grandchildren who grew up. If there were any that died at early ages I have no record of it. These grandchildren are my first cousins, most of whom still are living in or near State Center. I did not carry the chart beyond these grandchildren (or indicate marriages or children) except for the descendants of my brother Earl and me.

What I have learned of the brother and sisters of Minnie Miller is included on the same chart. A great-granddaughter of Caroline (Lina) Miller, Fonda Duffy, married a great-grandson of Minnie Miller, Ronald Riemenschneider. Emma Miller had one son (Albert), called Bert. I have no record of any marriage or children of Henry Miller, born in 1844.

Chart VI covers the descendants of Henry and Minnie Henze and what I have learned about the rest of the Miller Family. As far as I know, no other Henzes emigrated to this country.



DESCENDANTS OF
HENRY HENZE 1841-1924 AND
MINNIE MILLER 1850-1922
AND THE MILLER FAMILY

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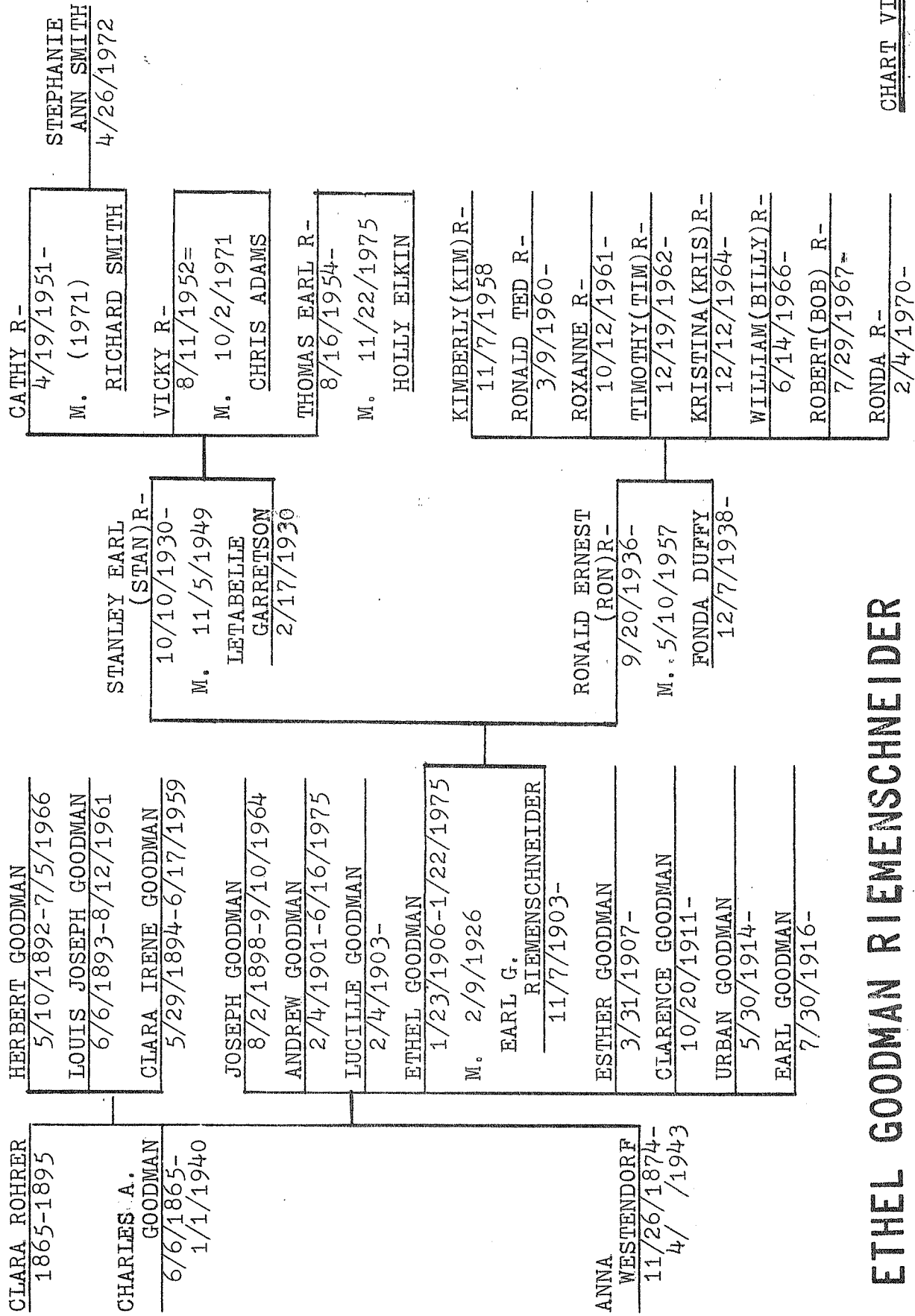
FAMILY OF CHARLES A. GOODMAN

Charles A. Goodman was born at Rhodes, Iowa on June 6, 1865. His first wife's name was Clara Rohrer, but I do not have their wedding date. They had three children, two boys and one girl.

Charles' second wife was Anna Westendorf, who was born in Petersburg, Iowa in 1874. They lived on a farm south of Rhodes and had eight children, five sons and three daughters. Five of these children are still living (as of 1976).

One of the daughters, Ethel, who was born in 1906, married my brother Earl on February 9, 1926. Most of the data on the Goodman Family was supplied to me by Ethel.

Charts VII and XI have been made up to show the Goodman family's connection to the Riemenschneider Family.



ETHEL GOODMAN RIEMENSCHNEIDER AND HER FAMILY AND DESCENDANTS

CHART VII

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ANCESTORS AND CHILDREN OF
MICHAEL KENNETH JOHNSON

Bernard Johnson was born of Swedish parents on 11/10/1895 in Portland, Oregon and married Irene Lawson of Cannon Falls, a small town about forty miles southeast of Minneapolis, where she had been born in 1895. She was the daughter of Frank Lawson, who had previously changed his name from Larson to Lawson. Frank Lawson's mother's given name was Magdalena and his wife's mother's given name was Ingabor. Their family names are not known. Bernard and Irene Johnson had two children, Kenneth Lawson born in 1919, and a younger son Robert Jerome.

Frank Krol and his wife Frances lived in Poland in a town which we were told was spelled Niescow or Nieskow, but the nearest thing to that I can find on a map is Nisko, about seventy-five miles northeast of Krakow, and near the Austrian border. This may well be the same place. Frances was killed in the war in 1939. Frank and Frances had at least five children: two daughters now dead, a son now living in Poland, a son now living in Long Island, New York, and a daughter Magdalena, born in 1898. Her family was well-to-do and sent her to the United States in her middle teens to escape the troubles in Poland at that time. Apparently she came directly to Oswego, New York.

Michael Kuzawski was born in Poland in 1894 and came to Oswego as a young man. There, in 1915, he married Magdalena Krol, daughter of Frank and Frances Krol. They lived in Oswego all the time they were bringing up their family of nine children, born in the period from 1917 to 1940. Michael Kuzawski died in 1969 and Magdalena is still living in Oswego (end of 1976).

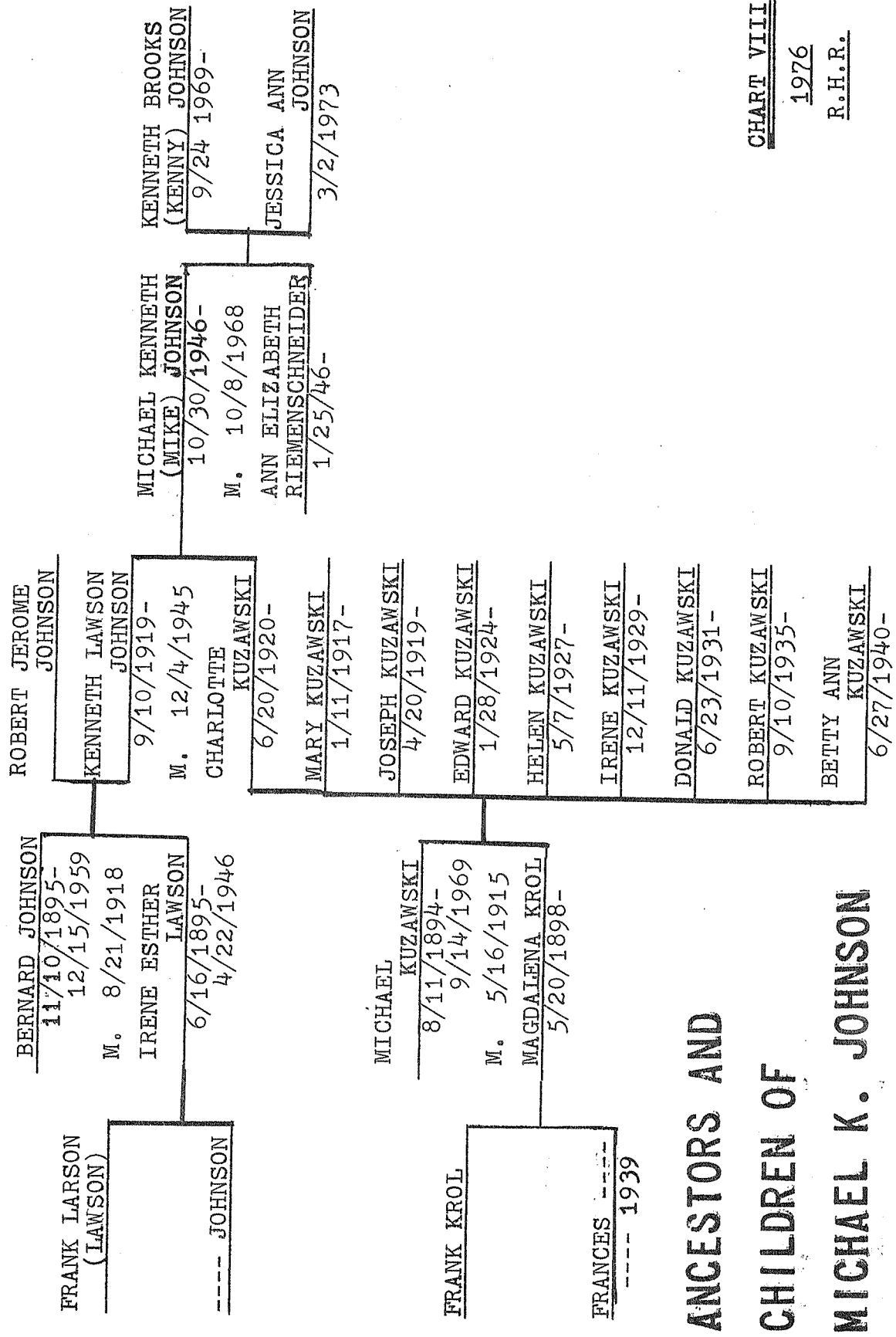
In Oswego, in 1945 Kenneth Lawson Johnson married Charlotte Kuzawski, Michael and Magdalena Kuzawski's third child. Their only child, Michael Kenneth Johnson was born in Oswego in 1946 while his father was serving in the U.S. Army in Germany. When he was returned to the United States he stayed in the army and served in several places including Hawaii and for a year in South Korea, where he was a Divisional Commander as a Major General. He retired in 1973 and is now living with his wife, Charlotte, in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Michael K. Johnson joined the army in 1966, spent two years in Germany, and for part of that time acted as Transportation Manager. He was transferred back to this country early in the fall of 1968, and was stationed at Fort Devon, near

Boston. There he met and married my younger daughter, Ann Riemenschneider, and is still in the army at the end of 1976, but will be discharged as a Captain at the end of February, 1977.

During the period between 1969 and 1976 he spent a year in Vietnam, two years in Lynchburg, Virginia finishing his college work and getting a degree in Business Administration. Next were two years at Fort Eustace, in Newport News, Virginia, and then two years at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas. Ann was with him at all these locations except, of course, Vietnam. During the assignment in Vietnam Ann stayed with her parents in Bloomfield, New Jersey. They have two children, Kenneth who was born in New Jersey while his father was in Vietnam in 1969, and Jessica Ann who was born in Newport News in 1973.

Chart VIII has been made up to show what I have been able to learn about the Johnson and Kuzawski Families and their relation to the Riemenschneider Family by marriage. Most of the information has been supplied by Michael and Ann, and also by Michael's mother Charlotte.



ANCESTORS AND
CHILDREN OF
MICHAEL K. JOHNSON

CHART VIII
1976
R.H.R.

THE PALMER FAMILY

Having had little contact with the Palmers in Maryland except for a visit there with my sister and brother when I was five, and a summer spent with Uncle Charles and Aunt Stella, most of this information comes from Betty Irene Palmer Ratajczak, daughter of Gordon and Irene Palmer. I have also exchanged Christmas cards with Myrtle Rubeck, daughter of my father's sister, Cecelia. From a letter to my sister, Mildred, from Betty Irene, I have gathered the older names included in this writeup.

Betty believes that Michael Palmer was the first Palmer to arrive in America. He first settled in Talbot County, Maryland, then in 1735 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He had six sons. One, George and his wife Mary (Widdle) Palmer came from the Elberton, Maryland area and had five children: Franklin, Jacob, Amanda (never married) and two girls who died at an early age. Franklin was instrumental in organizing the Mountainside Union Chapel in 1882 and Bethel Lutheran Church in Frederick, Maryland. Franklin and his wife Susan (Wachter) Palmer lived on a farm in the small community of Lewiston, not far from Frederick. They had four children: Thomas, Daniel, Charles and Cecelia. Thomas and Charles stayed in Lewiston and Cecelia married a man by the name of ----- May. Both Cecelia and her husband died of TB and their three children were adopted.

Daniel H. Palmer left Maryland in his twenties and arrived in Bureau County, Illinois where he met and married Verna Swan in 1902. At first they lived on the Lee farm in Seatonville where Mildred was born, then on the Heinz farm where Raymond was born. They moved to Princeton about 1913 where Dan worked for Seth Bradley selling farm equipment, and where I (Reona) was born. Dan died of diabetes in January 1917.

After Dan's death, Verna (Vernie) became a practical nurse during the flu epidemic about 1918. She had found a way to support herself and family as well as a profession she loved. It was her main interest until she was in her seventies and Raymond forced her to stop. Vernie was ninety-four April 1976, living at Prairie View outside of Princeton.

Mildred went to New York City in 1926 where she took a course in Interior Decoration. She later became a topnotch secretary working for the Hide Exchange on Wall Street for many years. She then joined Ann Delafield at the Dubarry Success School and went with her to California in 1952. In 1960, she returned to New York, later moved to Connecticut where she worked until her retirement at the age of seventy in 1973 and moved to Hendersonville, North Carolina where she seems very happy.

Their second child, Raymond Newton Palmer (Chuck) stayed in Princeton where he married Ruth Rasmussen and they have three sons, Don, Larry and Charles. Ray and Harold Dean owned and ran a tavern, The Princeton Inn north of Princeton, until they sold out and retired in 1975 when Ray was sixty-five.

After graduating from Princeton High School I went to New York City where I lived with my sister, Mildred in an apartment in Gramercy Park until my marriage to Ralph Riemenschneider in 1934.

We lived on West 17th Street, later on West 86th Street in New York City. After our first child, Dan, was born we moved to Pleasantville, New York where our three children grew up. During that time I was active in several community projects: PTA, Girl Scouts, Civil Defense, Red Cross, Gray Lady Chairman, and the Community Scholarship Fund. I also worked for the District Nursing Association for about three years, then was Base Secretary with U.S. Steel's Aircraft Division at Westchester County Airport until they moved to Trenton, New Jersey. After we moved to Bloomfield, New Jersey in 1969, to be near the new Lummus Company offices, I became a secretary in 1971 for Sampson-Neill Associates (an executive search group for the health industries) in Upper Montclair. At this time, while retired, Ralph was still working at Lummus as a consultant anywhere from one to five days a week.

Detailed dates and relationships are shown on Charts IX and X.

ANCESTORS OF Verna SWAN PALMER
AND RELATED FAMILIES

The earliest known ancestors of Verna Swan Palmer lived at the time of the American Revolution. One of them, Edward H. Hall, (of English descent) was born in Bladen County, North Carolina in 1759 or 1760. He was married to Rachel Barnes, born in Georgia (of Welsh descent). Edward H. Hall fought in the Revolutionary War and later became a Methodist Episcopal minister. Of their eight children some were born in Georgia and some in Kentucky. One of their daughters, Sarah (Sally) Hall married Henry J. Miller son of ---- Miller and Elizabeth Detheridge Miller.

In 1832, after having moved from Kentucky to Indiana, then to Illinois, Edward H. Hall and his son-in-law Henry J. Miller and their families moved to Indian Creek in LaSalle County, Illinois. While Edward and his sons-in-law Henry Miller and Gilbert Kellum were making claims in Bureau County, the small colony of fourteen they left at Indian Creek were massacred by Black Hawk Indians. Edward's two granddaughters Rachel and Sylvia Hall were captured by the Indians but later ransomed for 40 ponies and \$2000 cash.

Henry and Sally Hall Miller had five children. One of their sons, Edward Hall Miller (b. 1826) married Matilda Munson (b. 1824), the daughter of Alamson and Rosanna Sage Munson. Edward H. and Matilda Munson Miller had a son who died at an early age and one daughter, Samantha Elizabeth Miller (b. 1851), my grandmother. Edward Miller died of cancer in 1888.

William and Martha Gillespie Swan moved to Bureau County from Morgan County, Illinois in 1833. Of their five children; Mary Swan married John W. Hall (grandson of Edward H. Hall and only survivor of the Indian Creek massacre) and James Gillespie Swan (b. 1808) married Susan Jane Larimore (b. 1814), daughter of William (b. 1784) and Nancy (b. 1890) Larimore in Tazewell County, Illinois.

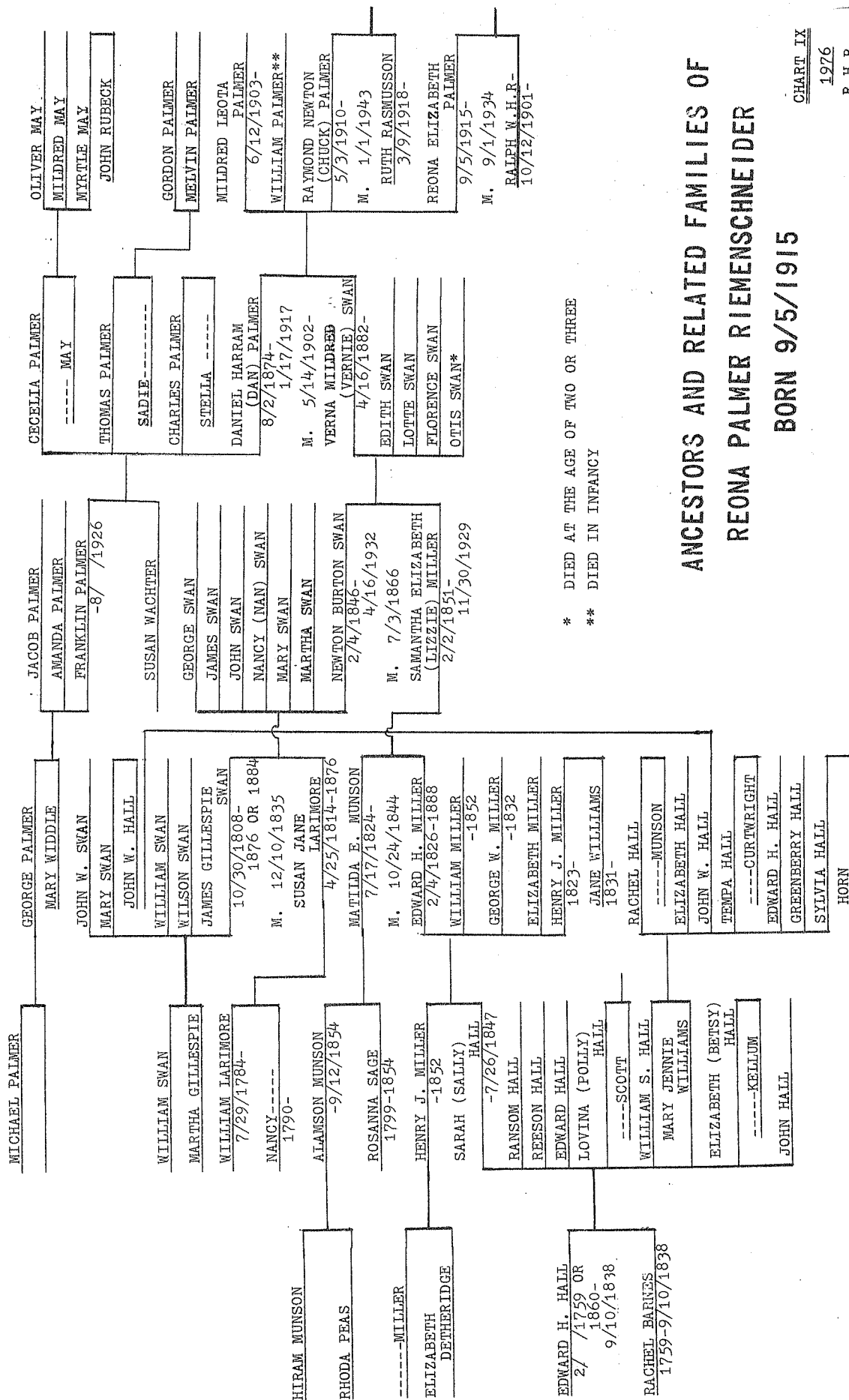
James G. and Susan Larimore Swan had seven children, one of whom, Newton Burton, married Samantha E. Miller in 1866. They lived on a farm near Seatonville where they had one son, Otis who died at the age of three or four. They also had four daughters, the second of which, Verna Mildred married Daniel H. Palmer. Newton and Samantha lived on the farm until about 1914 or 1915, when they moved to Princeton. Samantha died there in 1929 of Bright's Disease, and Newton died in 1932 of cancer of the throat.

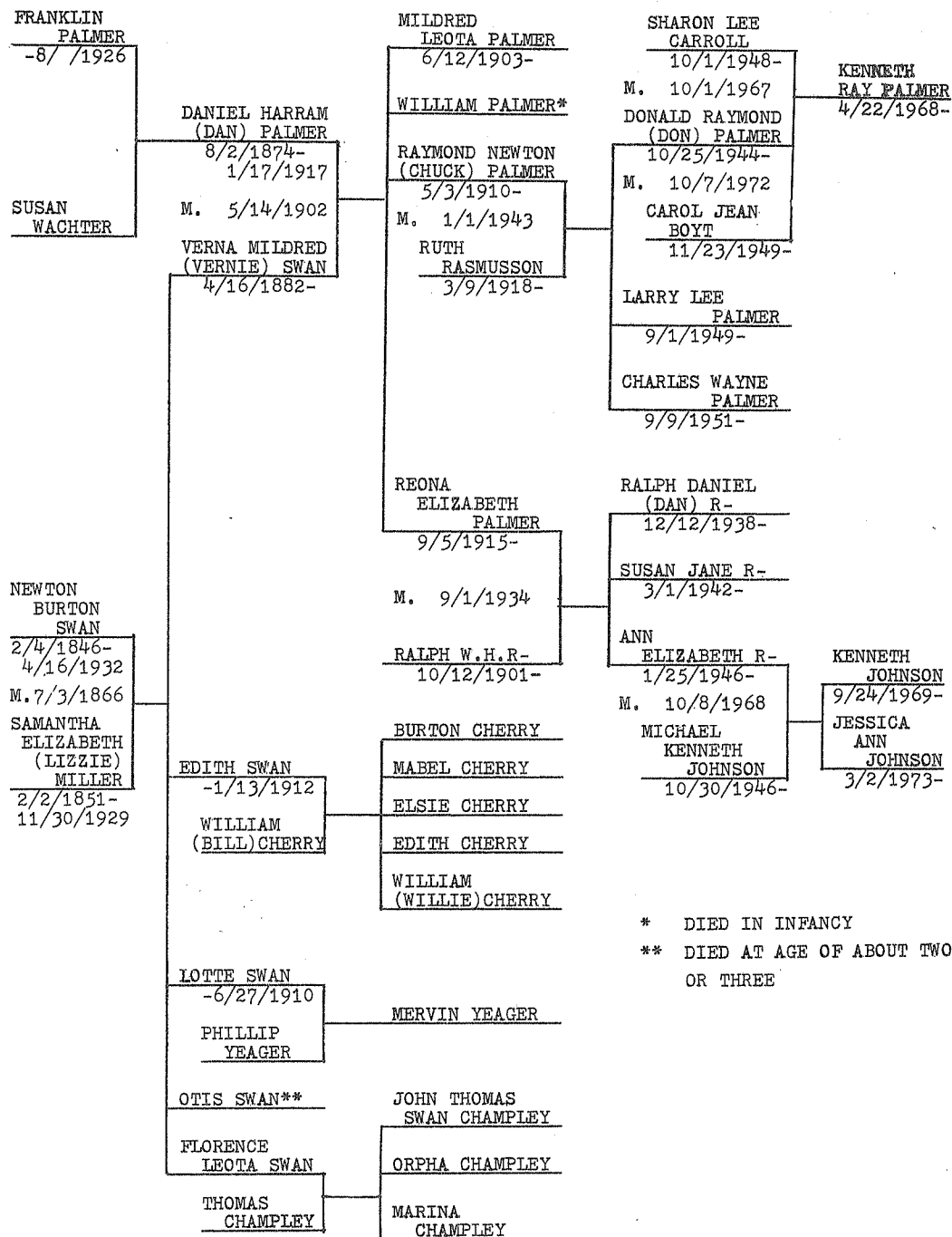
Further information regarding related families can be obtained from "History of Bureau County" by H. C. Bradsby, published in 1885.

Related names:

Howard Munson (brother of Matilda Munson Miller) married in October 1840, Eliza J. Seaton (b. 1826) the daughter of James and Nancy (Wilhoit) Seaton. Two other brothers Caleb and William Munson went to Nebraska.

Details as to dates and relationships are shown on Charts IX and X.





DESCENDANTS OF
FRANKLIN PALMER —DIED 1926
AND SUSAN WACHTER
ALSO
NEWTON B.SWAN-1846-1932 AND
SAMANTHA E.MILLER-1851-1929

THE RIEMENSCHNEIDER FAMILY
1598 to 1976
AND RELATED FAMILIES

Individual charts have been drawn up showing all data available for a limited number of generations each, as putting all information for all generations on one chart becomes too complicated and cumbersome.

However, one chart covering all generations of the Riemen-schneider Family and their relationship to other families by marriage, has been drawn up as Chart XI. This gives only the direct line of descent, without brothers and sisters, and the only dates shown are birth years. By simplifying in this way, thirteen generations have been put on one chart. This chart also shows the splitting of the two branches in the Seventeenth Century, both emigrating to America and both settling in the same area; also a marriage between the two branches on January 1, 1969.

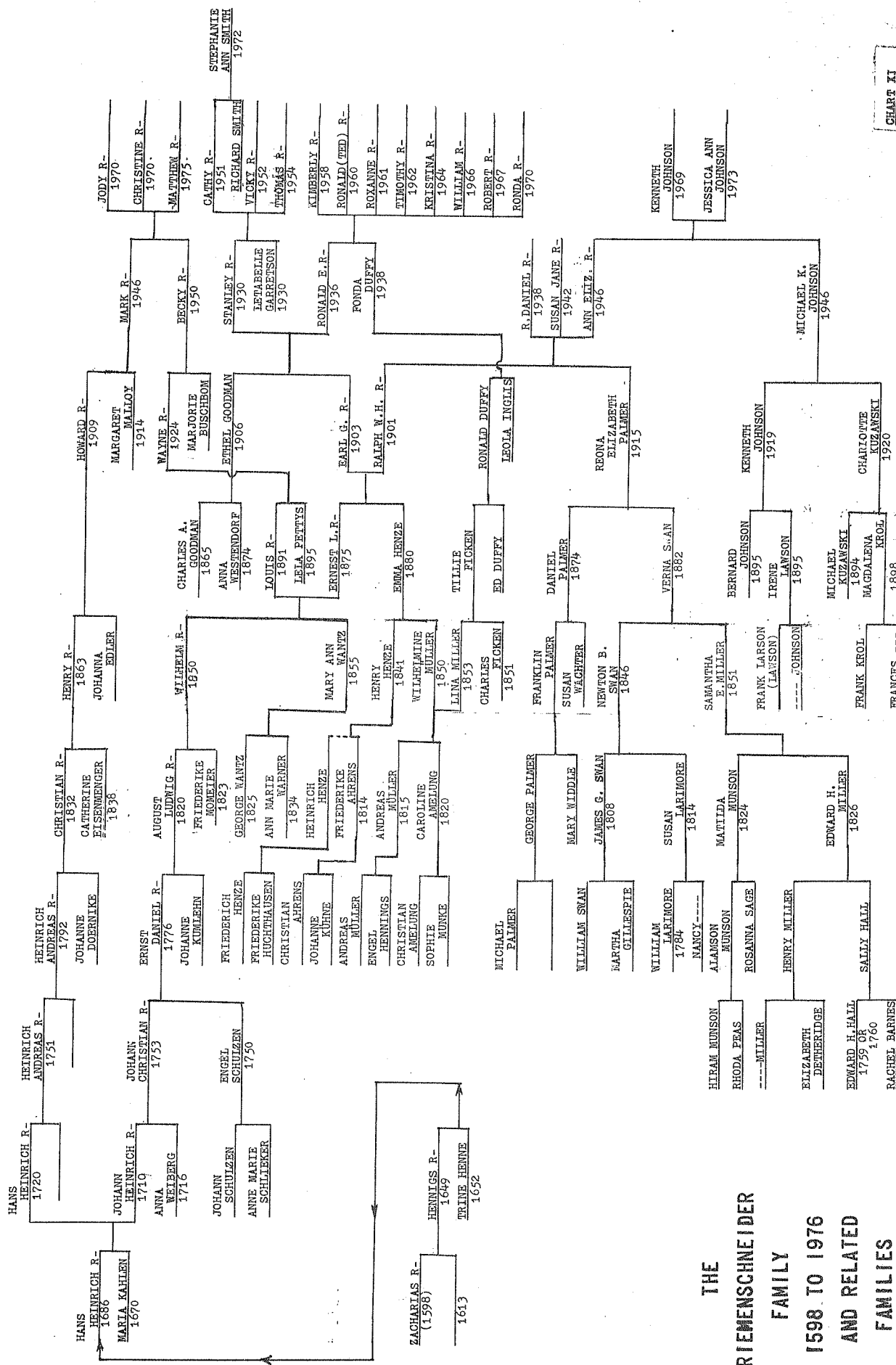
Most of my direct ancestors, from Zacharias, born about 1598 to August Ludwig's children, born from 1844 to 1864, were born in Wenzel in the Parish of Wenzel. Most of Christian's ancestors in Germany were born in Hallensen, which is also in the Parish of Wenzel. All the later members of both branches of the family were born in Marshall County at or near the town of State Center, Iowa.

George Wantz and his wife were both born in Europe and first lived in Illinois and later moved to Iowa. Henry Henze and his wife were both born in Germany and also came first to Illinois and later to Iowa.

The Palmer ancestors of Reona, as far as we could determine, came from England to Maryland; while the Swans (her mother's ancestors) probably came from England to Virginia, then to Illinois via Kentucky. They became farmers near Princeton, Illinois and Reona was born there on September 5, 1915. One of her mother's ancestors was Edward H. Hall, a soldier in the American Revolutionary War.

Charles A. Goodman was born at Rhodes, Iowa. He married twice and raised a large family, living all his life in the vicinity of Rhodes. One of his daughters, Ethel, married my brother Earl.

Information on the ancestors of Michael Johnson goes as far back as his grandfather on his father's side, who was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His mother's parents came from Poland, and lived in Oswego, New York all of their married life.



TILMAN RIEMENSCHNEIDER

THE MAN AND HIS FAMILY

The "Blue Book" on Tilman Riemenschneider that Günther Bareiss had his parents send us from Germany in the mid-fifties was printed in German, and while it told us a great deal about his work, there was very little about him as a man or about his family.

The information that I have been able to collect about him has come from several sources. Two of these are copies of pages from the *Kunstler-Lexicon* (Art Encyclopedia) of Thieme Becker, Volume 28, and a book on Tilman by Max Frieden. These I received from the Mainfrankisches Museum in Würzburg in Germany, in which museum there is one wing devoted entirely to Tilman's work. Other sources were: May 16, 1960 and December 14, 1962 issues of *Time Magazine*, the *Stars and Stripes* issue of December 22, 1963, a short article in the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, and several shorter articles both in English and in German. As I know very little German, it has been difficult to get more than simple facts from articles printed in that language.

I visited the Museum in Würzburg in 1963 and 1966 and saw many of Tilman's works, including the figures of Adam and Eve sculptured in stone. I also picked up some items of information, such as the fact that Tilman was married several times and had two sons who followed in their father's profession, and was told that these two sons went to Switzerland when Tilman got into trouble during the Peasants Rebellion in 1525, but I have been unable to verify this from any other source.

Tilman Riemenschneider was born in 1460 in or near Osterode in the Harz Mountains. A handwritten note on one of the pages of the *Art Encyclopedia* indicates his birth place as "Heiligenstadt im Eichsfeld", but I cannot locate such a place on the map. Most sources indicate that he was born in Osterode in 1464, but I believe that the 1460 date is the correct one. All accounts, however, agree that he lived in Osterode as a young man.

Several sources indicate that Tilman's father was Muntzmeister (Mint Master), one says in Osterode and another says in Würzburg. It seems that Osterode is more likely as Tilman was born in that area and lived there as a young man. We do not know the given name of Tilman's father nor the date of his birth, but do have his year of death as 1483.

Tilman had an uncle Nickolaus who owned and operated a cannon factory in Northeim, and another uncle in Würzburg when he came there as a journeyman woodcarver about 1480. Various sources do not agree as to the actual date. Through his uncle's influence he was soon well known in Würzburg. He became a citizen in 1485. From 1505 to 1507 he was city architect, from 1507 to 1520 he was on the town council and was Burgomeister from 1520 to 1525. During the early 1500's until 1525 he ran a school for sculptors and woodcarvers, two of his sons, Georg and Hans being among those who worked there with him.

In 1525, at the time of a Peasant's Rebellion, Tilman and some of the others on the city council refused to back the Bishop of Würzburg, siding with the peasants instead. After the definite victory of the Bishop, Tilman, along with other Councilmen and Burgers, was arrested. Among them was the city clerk, Martin Gronthal. They were imprisoned and tortured. That Tilman's hands were deliberately broken is a legend that originated at a much later date. After his release he was expelled from the city council, and until his death on July 7, 1531 he lived in retirement.

Tilman was married several times and two of his sons followed his profession. His first marriage was on May 15, 1484 when he married the widow of Würzburger Ewalt Schmidt, Goldsmith. She had been born Anna Uchenhofer. She brought him three stepsons, Georg, Hans, and Klaus, and bore him a daughter Gertrud. She also brought a house and farm to the marriage. This first wife died on February 24, 1495, at which time a contract was drawn up giving the stepsons full inheritance rights.

On Easter of 1497 Tilman was married for the second time to Anna Rappolt and with her had three sons, Georg, Hans, and Bartholomäus and one daughter (given name not known). She died in 1504.

In 1507 Tilman was married for the third time to Margarete Wurzbach, the widow of a blacksmith. In 1520 or 1521 he was married for the fourth time to Margred (last name not known), who outlived him.

In the meantime, his daughter Gertrud had married a village Mayor by the name of Bernard Hop. I have found no record of what happened to the other daughter born to his second wife. His son Bartholomäus went into service with the Bishop of Trent in 1532 after Tilman's death. His two sons Georg and Hans, who had worked with him in his school in Würzburg, continued in the same profession.

Georg Riemenschneider, Tilman's son by his second wife, was born about 1500 in Würzburg and spent his life almost entirely in that city. On July 25, 1522 he was named Meister in the Würzburger Lukasbruderschaft (Würzburg Brotherhood). At this time he was living with his brothers in the Wagnergasse (Wagner Street). In the same year Georg became the sole proprietor of a house formerly owned by his father, and later in 1525 he sold the house. His work is considered to stand only after that of his father's (Tilman's). His work was in both wood and stone. Among his works in stone is the Gravestone of his father, probably in Würzburg. The exact date of Georg's death is not recorded but it was approximately 1570 in Würzburg.

Hans Riemenschneider, another son of Tilman, was born about 1500 in Würzburg. He went to Nürnberg in 1522 and spent most of his life there, where he died in 1582. He was a woodcarver but not as well known as Tilman and Georg.

Two other Riemenschneiders who lived at the time of Tilman and his sons are listed in the Encyclopedia mentioned earlier. The older was Jost, Castle and Fortress Builder in Kassel, who lived from about 1480 to 1568. Under Heinrich the Younger (1518-1568) Duke of Braunschweig-Wolfenbüttel, he became a magistrate. He was later active in Kassel.

Anton Riemenschneider, son of Jost, worked with his father in the same profession, with him building the fortification at Kassel about 1527-1530. He had been born about 1500 and lived to January 1, 1582. In 1540 he was appointed Master Builder through the generosity of Count Phillip and Henry IV.

There is no indication as to whether or not either Jost or Anton were related to Tilman or if they might have been connected to my earliest ancestor on record, Zacharias, who died in 1678 at the age of approximately eighty years, which would put his birth at about 1598.

TILMAN'S WORK

Tilman Riemenschneider was one of the chief German Woodcarvers and Sculptors of the Renaissance and accomplished his better known works between 1490 and 1525, when he retired until his death in 1531. During the time that he produced these works he lived in Würzburg, having come there as a young journeyman woodcarver from Osterode.

He did most of his work in wood, often lindenwood, and is known mostly as the Bildschnitzer (Woodcarver) of Würzburg, although some of his well known work was done in stone. A good example of this is the Statues of Adam and Eve, at the entrance to the Riemenschneider Wing of the Mainfränkisches Museum which is now located in the old fortress (Festung) on a hill high above and across the river from the main part of

Würzburg. Another well known work in stone is the double tomb of Kaiser Henry II and Kaiserin Kunigunde in the Cathedral of Bamberg. The two figures lying at full length on the sarcophagus are extraordinarily lifelike. This work was done between 1499 and 1513.

Tilman's figures in wood are mostly of Biblical subjects at the time of Christ, a number of them being of the apostles. One of his greatest works in the Heiligenblutaltar (Holy Blood Altar) in St. Jacobskirche in Rotenburg. The town commissioned him to do this work in 1501 and it was finished in 1505. I visited this in 1963 on my way from Munich to Würzburg. The main theme of the sculpture, in wood, is the Last Supper, with the left wing of the Altar showing Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. The center piece shows the Last Supper itself, and at the right is the night's prayer on the Mount of Olives. Above is the Annunciation of Mary. The complete Altar is in very great detail.

Another of his major works is an altar in the Herrgottskirche in the Chapel in Creglingen. From the Annunciation to the Assumption and final crowning, Mary's life is reenacted. This work was done between 1495 and 1499.

Other major works are in Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Bamberg, Munich, Würzburg, Dettwang, Rimpfing and Grünsfeld. However Tilman is little known outside Germany, where he is honored both as an old Master as well as a hero.

DOCUMENTATION

IN THE UNITED STATES

The information covering the various families after they had come to this country was obtained from tombstones, county histories, obituaries from copies of old newspapers, from members of the families still living, as well as my own knowledge acquired by growing up in the same community as most of the Riemenschneiders and Henzes. No particular documentation is included for this.

FROM GERMANYMy Ancestors

Letter from Fritz Gruhne of Wolfenbüttel dated 8/21/1960, giving some information from a preliminary search of the Archives and offering to make a complete search for a fee.

A translation of the above.

Letter from Fritz Gruhne dated 9/5/1960, giving data on August Ludwig Riemenschneider's family and a tabulation of his ancestors as far back as he could go, signed by a G. Küster, perhaps an employee at the Archives.

A translation of the above.*

Christian's Ancestors

Letter from the Niedersächsisches Staatsarchiv, dated 5/6/1974.

Letter from the Niedersächsisches Staatsarchiv, dated 3/13/1975.

These two letters establish the fact that I have a common ancestor in the person of Hans Heinrich Riemenschneider, born 4/18/1686.

Ancestors of Henry Henze and Wilhelmina Miller Henze

Letter from the Niedersächsisches Staatsarchiv, dated 2/1/1977, mostly on the Muller Family.

Letter from the Niedersächsisches Staatsarchiv, dated 2/24/1977, mostly on Henry Henze's ancestors.

Ancestors of Katherine Eisenmenger Riemenschneider

Tabulation received from Dorothy Pickett Riemenschneider covering research by one of Katherine's nieces.

- * The correspondence on my ancestors as received from Germany was in German and translations were difficult, especially that copied from the Wenzen Church Book, as some of it was old German, dating back to 1649.

Sehr geehrter Herr Riemenschneider!

Ihr an das Kirchenbuchamt Hildesheim gerichtetes Schreiben v.25.7.60 wurde von diesem an das Staatsarchiv Wolfenbüttel weitergegeben. Von diesem wurde es mir übergeben mit der Bitte, in meinem Verzeichnis der Auswanderer aus dem ehemaligen Herzogtum Braunschweig festzustellen, ob sich der von Ihnen gesuchte Ludwig Riemenschneider ermitteln lässt.

August Ludwig Riemenschneider, geb. am 19.1.1820, wanderte im Jahre 1868 mit seiner Frau und 6 Kindern nach Amerika aus. Er stammte aus Wenzen im Braunschweigischen, seine Frau Friederike Ernestine Momcier aus Andershausen. Ihr Grossvater wurde auf die Namen Wilhelm Heinrich Carpatius getauft.

Falls Sie Interesse daran haben, die Herkunft Ihrer Familie weiter zu verfolgen, bin ich gern bereit, diese Arbeit zu übernehmen. Die Kirchenbücher von Wenzen liegen im hiesigen Staatsarchiv.

Die Forschungsarbeit im Staatsarchiv berechne ich mit DM 3.00/je Stunde, für die Bereitstellung der Kirchenbücher durch das Archiv ist ein Betrag von DM 1.00/Tag zu zahlen.

Ich sehe Ihrer Antwort gern entgegen und bin mit ergebensten Grusse

Ihr

Fritz Gruhne

PS. In der gleichen Angelegenheit hat sich auch das Stadtarchiv Braunschweig an mich gewandt.

TRANSLATION

Fritz Gruhne

Wolfenbüttel
8/21/1960

Dear Mr. Riemenschneider:

Your letter of 7/25/1960 to the Church Office of Hildesheim was passed on to the Staatsarchiv at Wolfenbüttel. From there it was handed on to me because of my interest in the emigrants from the Dukedom of Braunschweig, from which place Ludwig Riemenschneider had requested permission to leave.

August Ludwig Riemenschneider was born 1/19/1820, and in 1868 emigrated to America with his wife and six children. He came from Wenzen in Braunschweig, and his wife had been born Friederike Ernestine Momeier of Andershausen. Your grandfather was christened Wilhelm Heinrich Carpatius.

If you have an interest in the extraction of your family, I am prepared to pursue it further and undertake the work. The Church Books of Wenzen are stored in the State Archives of this place. The investigation can be carried out at a cost of 3 Marks per hour for the searching of the Archives plus a charge of 1 mark per day, for using the Archives.

I await your answer and with most humble greetings remain,

Yours,

Fritz Gruhne

In the same Matter I, myself, have access to the State Archives.

Note:

This may not be an exact translation at all points, as there are some words for which I cannot find a meaning, but I believe that it is correct in all important details, such as dates, names and places.

R.H.R.

Fritz Gruhne

Wolfenbüttel, 5 Sep 60
Juliusstr. 8

Dear Mr. Riemenschneider '

Attached please find a list of your ancestors which I could trace back to the start of the church-book (of Wenzen, presumably). This was connected with some trouble, since the name Riemenschneider does not ~~xxxx~~ only occur at Wenzen very frequently, but also in the locations of Bartshausen, Eimen, Voldagsen and Hallensen, which all belonged to the parish of Wenzen. Since many of the first names were identical, too, it was not always easy to find out the "Real" ancestor

I transmit to you the literal excerpts from the church-books restricting myself to the bearers of the name Riemenschneider, i.e. I also listed the names of the wives ~~xxxx~~ they married and the date of their death. The marriages usually took place in other villages, those, from which the bride came. Names of villages were entered by the priest in the local dialect. I did not bother about verifying them (the names of those villages). If you think it would be worthwhile to know them, I shall try to investigate this matter.

For the children from the marriage Riemenschneider - Momeier I list the dates of birth as I found them at the time I wrote my first letter to you

1) Heinrich Wilhelm Ludwig	10.12.1844
2) Karl Heinrich Ferdinand	21. 3.1847
3) Wilhelm Heinrich Carpatius	4. 6.1850
4) Heinrich Christian August	1.12.1854
5) Christian Ernst Hermann	5. 6.1857
6) Ernestine Adolphine Caroline	10. 2.1860
7) Albert Gustav Adolph	22. 7.1864

Emmigration took place with only 6 children. Which one of them remained, I did not investigate.

For my work in the archiv I spent on two days a total of 10 hours so that including the fee for ~~the~~ using the books a sum of 32.- DM results. Since I do not know whether you can send the money from Holland on my postal checking account, I suggest you send it by money order.

I hope you are pleased with the outcome of my work and remain with friendly regards your

F.G.

P.S. The age shown in connection with entries concerning funerals is subject to suspicion and is not correct in most cases. Frequently the priest made a mistake by just 10 years. The dates thus provide at least a guide to find the proper date.

des August Ludwig Riemenschneider, Viertelspänner in Wenzen, geb. 19.1.1820, verheiratet Einbeck 28.12.1843 mit Friederike Ernestine Momeier, geb. Andersen 12.7.1823.

Eltern des August Ludwig Riemenschneider.

II/2 S.385. 1776 Ernst Daniel Riemenschneider ist geboren zu Wenzen d.17.Junii Morg. um 3 Uhr und d.23.huj.Dom. 3.p.Trin. getauft. Der Vater ist: Joh.Christian Riemenschneider Die Mutter: Engel Christine Schultzen Gevatter waren 1) Dan.Hartwig 2) Jürgen Ernst Helmke 3) Margar. Hed.Rischen 4) Engel Riemenschneider, Papenbergs Ehefrau.

IV S.261. 1805 Dom.23. und 24.p, Tr. sind proclamirt der 1/4 Spänner Ernst Daniel Riemenschneider, des Viertelspanners Christian Riemenschneider alhier Sohn mit Johanne Caroline Kumlehn, des Grosköthers Christian Kumlehn in Meietsholzen Tochter.

Kb 2 S.527. 1843 Ernst Daniel Riemenschneider, Viertelspänner gest. 20.9., begr. 23.9., Wassersucht, 67 Jahr 3 Mon 3 Tage.

Eltern des Ernst Daniel Riemenschneider.

II/1 S.147. 1753 d.10 t Octob. um 11 Uhr ist Joh.Heinr.Riemschneiders Söhnlg. geb. d.14t getauft Johann Christian. Gevattern 1) Christian Kahlen 2) Claus Schulzen uxor 3) N.Wille von Relliehausen.

II/1 S.50. 1771 d.28t Nov. ist Joh.Christj.Riemenschneider, des Grosköthers Joh.Henr.Riemenschneiders ehel.Sohn hieselbst mit Engel Christina Schulzen, Christoph Schulzen Halbspanners hies.ehel Tochter copulirt. Der Bedem. war d.d.Grene d.12t Nov.1770 Teichmüller.

Kb 2 S.331. 1819 Ww.u.Leibzüchter Joh.Christian Riemenschneider, Viertelspänner i. Wenzen, des weiland Johann Heinrich Riemenschneider und Anne Ilse Weiberg nachgelassener Sohn gest. 26.12., begr. 29.12. Altersschwäche 66 j.u.2 Mon.

V/1 S.79. 1784 d.30t May starb zu Wenzen des Viertelspanners Johann Christian R.s Ehefrau Engel Christine Schulzen des Mittags gegen 11 Uhr am Geschwulst und wurd d.1st Jun. öffentl. begraben aet.33J 7 M 14 Tg.

Eltern des Johann Christian Riemenschneiders.

I/1 S.260. 1710 Hans Heinrich Riemenschneiders Fr. ist den 30t 7bris um 2 Uhr nachmitteags niederkommen mit einem Söhnlein niderkommen so den t 8bris getauft u.genand worden Johann Heinrich. Gevattern sindt: Johan Huchthausen, Heinrich Münchmeyer und Anna Dorthia Kahlen.

V S.6. 1774 d.14t April Abends 11 Uhr ist hieselbst Johan Henr. Riemenschneider verstorben und d.17t ej.beerdiget aet.63 1/2 J.

V S.3. 1773 d.4t April ist hieselbst des Köthers Joh.Nenr. Riemenschneiders Ehefr. Anna Ilse Weibergs verstorben und mit dem (unleserlich) beide am 9t ej.beerdiget aet.57 1/4 J. (Die Verheiratung war bislang nicht zu finden, vermutlich fand sie an einem anderen Orte, dem Wohnsitz der Braut, statt.)

Eltern des Johann Heinrich Riemenschneider.

I/1 S.123 1686 den 18t Aprilis Henni Riemenschneide einen Sohn getauft, genand Hanss Hinrich. Gevattern sind Hinrich Riemenschneid und Ilsa Riemenschneid, Hinrich Meyers Frau von Abendshausen.

- I/2 S.454. 1706 den 21t 7bris ist Hans Hinrich Riemenschneider und Anna Maria Kahlen, Hinrich Kahlen Tochter zu Vardeilsen ? copuliret worden.
- I/2 S.618. 1736 den 23t 7br Hans Henrich Riemenschneider im 60ten Jahr s. Alters und zugleich dessen Tochter Ilse Cathrinen im Ehebruch erzeugtes Kind namens Trin Hedewig, 5 Wochen alt beerdiget. NB. Obige 37 Personen sind an der rothen Ruhr, welche hier und anderswo starck grassirt, gestorben.
- II/3. S.654. 1742 d. 17 9br Hanss Heinrich Riemschneiders Rl. Maria Kahlen begr. alt 72 Jahr.

Eltern des Hans Hinrich Riemenschneider.

- I/1. S.4. 1649 den 27. April Zacharias Riemensch. Hennigs getauft. Gev. Henni Friederichs, Hans Papen von Wenshaus ? und Jost Papen Frau.
- I/2. S.428. Eodem die (16. 11.) Henni Riemenschneider und Trine Henne zu Deitersen ? copuliret. 1680.
- I/2. S.592. 1726 d. 19t Jan. Hennig Riemenschneider zu Hallensen verschieden so d. 21t beerdiget seines Alters 76 Jahr 3 Mhnt.
- I/2. S.540. 1693 den 6t 9bris ist Henni Riemenschneiders Frau begr. alt 41 Jahr.

Eltern des Hennig Riemenschneider.

- I/2. S.502. 1668 den 1. Febr. Zacharias Riemensch. zu Hall. Frau (begr.) alters 55 Jahr.
- I/2. S.517. 1678 den 9t 7bris Zacharias Riemenschneid begraben alt ohngefehr 80 J.

Eltern der Engel Christine Schultze.

- II/1. S.11. 1748 d. 25. 9br. Johann Christophel Schultze mit Anne Marie Schlieker (copulirt).

Bekanntmachung in den Braunschweigischen Anzeigen 1868, Nr. 83.
S. 4959. Auswanderungen.

Der Viertelspänner Ludwig Riemenschneider zu Wenzen, 48 Jahre alt, beabsichtigt mit seiner 45 Jahre alten Ehefrau Friederike geb. Momeier und seinen Kindern

Ferdinand	21 Jahre alt
Wilhelm	17 " "
August	13 " "
Hermann	10 " "
Karoline	8 " "
Albert	3 " "

in nächster Zeit nach Amerika auszuwandern.
Gandersheim, am 3. April 1868.
Herzogliche Kreis-Direction
G. Küster.

ANCESTORS

The following lists the ancestors of August Ludwig Riemenschneider, "Small Farmer" in Wenzen, born January 19, 1820, married in Einbeck December 28, 1843 to Friederike Ernestine Momeier, born at Andershausen July 12, 1823.

Parents of August Ludwig Riemenschneider

At 3 A.M. June 17, 1776 Ernst Daniel Riemenschneider was born in Wenzen, and christened on the 23rd. The father is Johan Christian Riemenschneider, the mother: Engel Christine Schulzen. Godparents were 1) Dan. Hartwig 2) Jürgen Ernst Helmke 3) Margar. Hed. Rischen 4) Engel Riemenschneider, Papenberg's wife.

On the 23rd and 24th post Trinity in 1805 was proclaimed (the marriage) of "Small Farmer" Ernst Daniel Riemenschneider, the son of Christian Riemenschneider with Johanne Kumlehn, the daughter of Christian Kumlehn in Meiersholzen. On September 20, 1843 Ernst Daniel Riemenschneider died of dropsy and was buried on September 23, Age 67 years 3 months.

Parents of Ernst Daniel Riemenschneider

On October 10, 1753 at 11 oclock Johan Heinrich Riemenschneider's little son was born, and christened Johan Christian on the 14th. Godparents were 1) Christian Kahlen 2) Claus Schulzen 3) N. Wille von Relliehausen.

On November 28, 1771 Johan Christian, son of Johan Heinrich, married Engel Christine Schulzen, daughter of Christian Schulzen, Middle Farmer of this place.

On December 26, 1819 Pensioner Johan Christian Riemenschneider, "Small Farmer" in Wenzen, son of the former Johan Heinrich Riemenschneider and Anne Ilsa Weiberg died and was buried on the 29th. Senility. Age 66 years 2 months.

On May 30, 1784 Johan Christian Riemenschneider's wife, Engel Christine Schulzen died in Wenzen of a tumor at about 11 oclock toward noon, and was publicly buried on June 1st. Age 33 years 7 months 14 days.

Parents of Johan Christian Riemenschneider

On September 30, 1710 Hans Heinrich Riemenschneider's wife was confined at 2 oclock in the afternoon with a little son who was christened October 8th and named Johan Heinrich. Godparents were Johan Huchthausen, Heinrich Münchmeyer and Anna Dorothea Kahlen.

On the 14th Of April, 1774 at 11 oclock in the evening Johan Heinrich Riemenschneider, of this place, died and was burried on the 17th, Age 63½ years

On August 4, 1773 the wife of Johan Heinrich Riemenschneider, Anna Ilse Weiberg, died and was burried on the 9th. Age 57½ years. The marriage date was not to be found presumably because the wedding was at another village, the home of the bride.

Parents of Johan Heinrich Riemenschneider

On the 18th of April, 1686 a son of Henni Riemenschneider was christened and named Hans Heinrich. Godparents were Hinrich Riemenschneider, and Ilsa Riemenschneider, Hinrich Meyers wife from Abendshausen.

On September 21, 1706 Hans Heinrich Riemenschneider and Anna Maria Kahlen were married at Vardeilsen.

On September 23, 1736, in his 60th year Hans Heinrich Riemenschneider died together with his daughter Ilsa Catherine's illegitimate child by name of Trin Hedwig, 5 years old. They and many other people died of dysentery, which was widespread in the area at that time.

Hans Heinrich Riemenschneider's wife Anna Maria Kahlen was burried on November 17, 1742 at the age of 72 years.

Parents of Hans Hinrich Riemenschneider

On April 27, 1649 Zacharias Riemenschneider christened his son Hennigs. God parents were Henni Friederichs, Hans Papen von Wenshaus and Jost Papens wife.

On November 16, 1680 Henni Riemenschneider and Trine Henne of Deitersen were married. Henni Riemenschneider of Hallensen died on January 19, 1726 and was burried on the 21st. 76 years and 3 months.

On November 6, 1693 Henni's wife was burried, 41 years old.

Parents of Hennig Riemenschneider

On February 1, 1668 the wife of Zacharias Riemenschneider was burried at the age of 55 years.

In 1678 Zacharias Riemenschneider was burried at the approximate age of 80 years.

Parents of Engel Christine Schulze

On the 25th of November Johan Christop Schulze was married to Anna Marie Schlieker in the year of 1748.

Announcement in the Braunschweigischen Reporter of 1868 of emigrants.

The "Small Farmer" Ludwig Riemenschneider of Wenzen, 48 years old, intends to emigrate to America in the near future with his 45 year old wife, born Momeier and his children:

Ferdinand	21	years	old
Wilhelm	17	"	"
August	13	"	"
Hermann	10	"	"
Karoline	8	"	"
Albert	3	"	"

Gandersheim on the 3rd of April, 1868.
Ducal District-Direction

The above is a translation of a tabulation of information on my ancestors from Zacharias, born about 1598, to the emigration of August Ludwig and his family to America in 1868. The original, in German, was received with a letter from Fritz Gruehne dated September 5, 1960. The translation is not perfect as there are many words in old German which are not to be found in a modern dictionary, and my meager knowledge of German made it doubly difficult.

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To Mister Ralph H. Riemenschneider

95 Renner Ave,
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003
USA

Dear Mister Riemenschneider!

I refer to Your letter from March 22. 1974-to pastor Knueppel
at Wenzen.Christian Heinrich Ludwig Riemenschneider was born at Hallen-
sen 4.6.1832; this village belongs to the parish of Wenzen.He and his brother Heinrich (Henry), born Hallensen 13.7.1825,
emigrated to USA in 1855.Parents were: Halbspänner (middle farmer) Heinrich Andreas R.,
born Hallensen 20.12.1792, died 3.1.1865, and Johanne Justine
Caroline Wilhelmine Doerneke.Grandfather: Heinrich Andreas R., born Hallensen 29.11.1751,
died 15.10.1827.Greatgrandfather: Hans Henrich, born at Hallensen, baptized
at Wenzen 27.9.1720.Greatgreatgrandfather: Hans Henrich, baptized Wenzen 30.9.1690
(father Andreas) or 18.4.1686 (father Henni). To make funda-
mental researches address to Mister Dr. Kurt Guenther, 35 Kassel-
Harleshausen, Wolfhager Str. 338. Perhaps he is ready to make
further investigations for fees.

Be so kind as to send 5 Dollars in notes für this letter.

Respectfully

I.A.

Wrocław

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13/3/1975

To Mister
Ralph H. Riemenschneider
95 Renner Ave,
Bloomfield, New Jersey, 07003

Gentleman:

Many thanks for your 10 Dollar note sent in your letter of
20/2/1975.

Hans Heinrich Riemenschneider was baptized at Wenzon on
30/9/1690, died there on 22/11/1724. He seemed to be unmarried.
He was the son of Andreas Riemenschneider, buried at
Wenzon on 22/4/1696, and Marie (Mary) Bruster.

Hans Heinrich Riemenschneider, born at Hallensen (Wenzon
Parish) baptized at Wenzon on 18/4/1686, died at Hallensen,
buried at Wenzon 23/9/1736. His profession was farmer. His
father Henni (or Hennig) Riemenschneider was a farmer at
Hallensen too.

He first married at Deitersen near Einbeck on 16/11/1680
Trine (Catherina) Henne, 16/11/1693, second marriage at
Avendshausen near Einbeck on 26/6/1694 Anna Margareta
Herbst, died at Hallensen 27/4/1731, 64 years old.

Sincerely,

I.A.

(Christoph Wilkzek)

The above was copied from the original because it was
written on blue paper and could not be reproduced.

Note: In all of Europe dates are written with the month as
the second number

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To Mister Ralph H. Riemenschneider
95 Renner Avenue
Bloomfield New Jersey
07003/USA

Gentleman!

I refer to Your letter from January 15. 1977. Many thanks for the
10 Dollars!

The Mueller (Müller)-family came from Wenzen, too. In 1868 there
emigrated following persons to USA:

Jürgen Andreas Müller, forest-worker, * Wenzen 15.12.1815
(parents: weaver Andreas Müller-Engel Friederike Hennings),
∞ Wenzen 2.12.1844 Engel Caroline Hedwig Amelung, * Wenzen
22.1.1820 (parents: cottager ("Kleinkothsaß" or small farmer)
Christian Amelung - Sophie Christine Munke);

Children: 1) Johanne Justine Friederike Juliane Müller, * Wenzen
20.10.1841 (before marriage of her parents), ∞
Wenzen 13.4.1868 Heinrich Christian Ludwig Eggers,
carpenter, * Kaierde 13.4.1841 - this couple
emigrated in 1868, too. Children (born before marriage):
(twins) * * Wenzen 16. Mai 1867

a) Christian Friedrich Wilhelm Eggers
b) Auguste Wilhelmine Caroline Eggers

2) Christian Heinrich Andreas Müller * Wenzen 13.12.1844

3) Justine Wilhelmine Friederike Müller * Wenzen 12.2.1850

4) Caroline (Lina) Wilhelmine Friederike Müller,
* Wenzen ~~12.2.1850~~ 7.9.1853.

There was born at Wenzen on January 2 nd 1841 Christian Heinrich
Wilhelm Ahrens, son of Engel Friederike Herdwig Ahrens. He
emigrated in 1866. Perhaps he is the same as Your grandfather
Henry Henze. He may be called "Henze" after his father, whose
name is not mentioned in the lutheran church records of Wenzen.

Respectfully

I.A.

Wilhelm

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To Mister

Ralph H. Riemenschneider

95 Renner Ave
Bloomfield
New Jersey
07003 USA

Gentleman: I refer to Your letter from 11.2.1977. Many thanks for the 5 Dollars.

Christian Heinrich Wilhelm Ahrens, born at Wenzen on 2.1.1841, was confirmed in lutheran confession on 15.4.1855.

His mother Engel Friederike Hedwig Ahrens was born at Wenzen on 18.2.1814, died there on 11.4.1871 (parents: Christian Philipp Ahrens, watching-man during night, and Johanne Friederike Wilhelmine Katharine Kuehne); she married at Wenzen on 22.5.1859 Heinrich Christian Ludwig Armbrrecht, raggatherer, born at Wenzen on 6.5.1819, died after ~~1876~~ 1875.

The fi-rst child of Friederike Ahrens was Johanne Wilhelmine Caroline Ahrens, born at Wenzen on 19.12.1839, died there on 29.1.1840. The father of this child, not married with the mother, was Heinrich Wilhelm Henze, at that time servant at Voldagsen near Wenzen, born at 3351 Avendshausen near 3352 Einbeck, son of Friedrich Henze, small farmer (=Kleinkothsaß) and Friederike Huchthausen. Perhaps he is the father of Heinrich Ahrens, too. The church-records of Avendshausen probably are collected at 3352 Einbeck, Stiftsplatz 9. If Heinrich Wilhelm Henze also emigrated to USA write to "Niedersächsisches Hauptstaatsarchiv at 3000 Hannover, Am Archive 1", where the emigration papers of the district of Einbeck are magazined. The emigrations papers of "Hessen-Kassel" are lying at "3500 Marburg/Lahn, Friedrichplatz, Hessisches Staatsarchiv".

Respectfully

I.A.

Wilczek

EISENMENGER

Frederick Karl Eisenmenger - married - Christina Rosina Gramlich
 1774-1853 1801 1783-1834

s. George Christopher
 s. Christian Godfrey
 d. Louisa Juliana
 d. Christina Juliana
 d. Karoline
 s. Louis

George Christopher Eisenmenger - married - Susan Zortlow
 1801-1855 1828 1802-1858

s. George - 1827 (to Australia)
 s. John George - 1833 (to Pennsylvania)
 s. Ludwig Frederick - 1835 (to Australia)
 d. Louisa Katherine - 1838-1921 (to Iowa)
 s. Christian Henry - 1841 (to Kansas)
 (later shortened name to Ise)
 s. Frederick Karl - 1844 (to Australia)

Christian Heinrich Ludwig - married - Louisa Katherine Eisenmenger
 Riemenschneider
 6-4-1832 -- 6-13-1885 1860 5/10/1838 - 10/19/1921

s. Alford - 1860-1919
 d. Clara - 1862-1866
 s. Henry - 12/19/1863-5/17/1921
 s. George - 10/5/1865-1943
 d. Clara - 1867-1875
 d. Emma - 1868-1960
 d. Anna - 1870-1920
 s. William (Pat) 1872-1948
 s. Charles 1873-1880
 s. Edward (Sam) - ~~1877~~/~~1878~~ 1875-1915
 s/ John R. - 1877-1878
 d. Laura - 1881-1938

P.S. Louisa (Louisa) Katherine (Catherine) Eisenmenger, as we grandchildren knew it, always spelled her name Catherine and did not use the name Louisa (Louise) Louisa probably is the correct spelling of her first name.

Carvings of Relative Sculptor

A former State Center man, now a resident of Pleasantville, N. Y., and a chemical engineer, has traced his ancestry back hundreds of years and found he is related to the master German sculptor, Tilmann Riemenschneider.

The easterner is Ralph Riemenschneider, a brother of Earl Riemenschneider of State Center and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Riemenschneider.

The past year, Ralph was sent to The Hague in Holland to supervise the expanding of a refinery for the Lunas Company. While he was there he took a week's trip to Wenzin, Germany where he found records of the birth of his grandfather, Wilhelm Riemenschneider.

He also visited Riemg Museum in an old castle in Wurzburg and saw the priceless carvings and mastery of the German sculptor, Tilmann Riemenschneider.

Tilmann Riemenschneider carved his images of faith around 1495 and he was then a modest citizen who worked hard at his trade, producing altarpieces, sepulchers, reliefs and statues for churches and dignitaries.

A year or so ago Life magazine featured an article on this German sculptor and carried several pages in color of some of his better known images. They included one showing Christopher carrying the

groom, registered the guests and the gifts were cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Harold McNaull of Malcom and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Beck of Brooklyn.

Following a wedding trip to Colorado the couple is at home on a farm near State Center.

The bride is a 1961 graduate of Lynnville-Sully High School and for the past 2½ years has been employed at the General Telephone office in Grinnell. Mr. Goecke is a graduate of the LaMoille High School and is engaged in farming.

Out of state guests were present from Minnesota, Illinois, Kansas and Colorado.

headless Christ Child on his shoulder, Eustace and Erasmus. Another showed one of the Magi adoring the Christ Child. Still another was the right half of a Nativity scene carved around 1504, which was of Joseph beside an ox and a donkey.

There were many of the lifeless body of Christ, carved with rigorous realism, others of The Virgin, the Virgin and Child, an alabaster image, 15 inches high of St. Jerome and his lion. One of the Madonna and Child was elaborately surrounded by a wreath and scenes of the Nativity.

At the time Tilmann Riemenschneider made his carvings he also helped run the city of Wurzburg, serving variously as judge, councilor, tax collector, and burgomaster, the highest civic post.

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