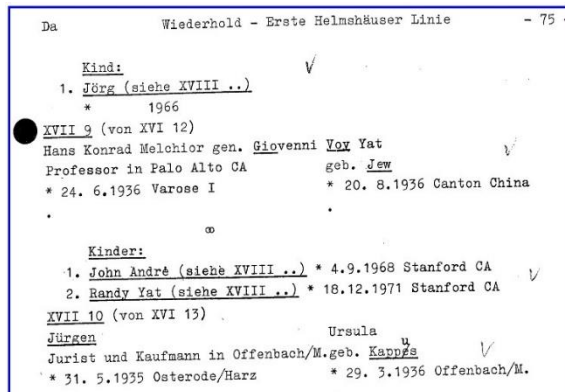


Alfred Wiederhold (1918-1989?)

In 1984 I was contacted by Alfred Wiederhold. I learned that he had spent much of his life creating a genealogy of all the Wiederholds in the world. At that time Alfred was travelling throughout the United States, staying with various Wiederholds who he had contacted and that were willing to put him up and share their information. We invited him to stay in a motel close by our house in Palo Alto. He was able to link me into his ancestry, and we were duly placed into generation Felsberg-Helmshausen XVII and XVIII in Volume Felsberg II, Section Da, of his books.

It seemed that all Wiederholds are related. There are varied spelling in many of the earlier books, since the preachers just transcribed what they heard, say at a baptism. The prime branches were landowners in Hesse, the province surrounding Frankfurt, centered there around two small towns, Felsberg for my branch and Homberg Efze, about 10 miles away, for a parallel branch. During the 30-years war (1618-1648) there was much movement due to religious infighting, broadening the geographical scope of the family history, but also creating many uncertainties in the linkages.



Soon after Alfred Wiederhold produced about a dozen copies of each the 12 books he created for sale using mimeograph technology. I purchased a set.

Page 75 of his Felsberg Volume 2 shows my family.

Alfred's own story, translated into [English by Dottie Wiederhold-Momany](#) in 1987, is available here in the section giving [Source](#) material. It includes a table of contents for the books.

I was able to get much of the 12 books scanned professionally, except for the extensive and complex charts. Now much of the texts can be searched, although underlined names, umlauts, diereses, and hand-written insertions will not be found. The charts I marked and scanned myself. I made the scans available on a CD as searchable Adobe pdf documents. To avoid that this huge oeuvre would be lost I started transcribing the information into computer formats and have been making those trees available on the Internet.

To complete and validate the work I now subscribe to most genealogy Internet sources, and have also purchased some major collections, as the 138 volumes of the 'Deutsche Geschlechterbücher' on 18 CDs, a copy of the Warburger Stammtafeln, the address books of the Dutch East Indies on 2 CDs, and several German churchbooks in print or on CDs.



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