

# Wiederhold Genealogy information

## Introduction

This work was motivated by a desire to make earlier work by [Alfred Wiederhold](#), who worked for over thirty years to create a comprehensive genealogy for Wiederholds anywhere in the world. He published about a dozen copies. Gio Wiederhold has been working on achieving and expanding on Alfred Wiederhold's vision. Now the internet provides an opportunity for expanding and sharing the information with a much broader audience. All of Alfred's [source documents](#) are now available on-line.

However, these documents require some effort and cross validation to become as easy to use as the genealogies available on public web sites. Background, motivation, scope, limits, and methods I used to create a comprehensive Wiederhold tree are described in [Genealogy Methods](#), including the contents and format chosen, as well as the assumptions made. A score of [related documents and stories](#) are now available and contributions are welcome.

## The current Wiederhold Genealogy



A searchable tree, as of 28 December 2019 covering [All Early Wiederholds](#) is now available on-line using the WebTrees package available on GoDaddy. That tree is intended to include all known Wiederholds born before 1800, much of their early family, and many of their descendants, especially those that emigrated from Germany to the United States, Chile, and the Netherlands.

The version of 1 February 2020 contains 38,346 related persons. There were 7469 Wiederholds and von Wiederholds, 145 Wedderolds, a name used 1200-1400, 159 Wiederholts (mainly in the US midwestern states), 96 Wetterholts (in Lorraine, an area sometimes French, sometimes German since 1667) and from them 70 Weatherholts (in Michigan since 1869), 38 Wiederholdts (a Dutch branch started before 1753), 33 Wiederholz' (mainly in central Germany), 14 Widerholds, and 9 Wetterolds. Isolated instances of different name spellings have been changed to be consistent with their relatives. Descendants with radically different names, as Cederhout (Netherlands as of 1753) and Woodrow (US as of 1914) are not included. Spouses and maternal ancestors are included, as far as feasible. I try to show all spouses and children of Wiederhold daughters, but rarely follow their descendants. The tree also includes many rulers that affected their lives.

Substantial information on the earliest Wiederholds - or Wedderolds - was not available to Alfred Wiederhold. In 1986 the Warburger Stamtafeln were published and they include data for [Wedderold from 1220 to 1400](#). Many entries from the Warburger Stamtafeln are related to Alfred's entries in the genealogy tree. Many more provide linkages to earlier relatives in maternal lines.

Yet earlier linkages are presented in the story about the founding of Hessen and the origin of the [Counts of Hessen](#), with references to their Wikipedia entries. A contemporaneous map is included there.

## Perusing the [Wiederhold Tree](#)

Because of privacy rules the public file replaces all persons that might be living with the name "Living Wiederhold". That means that in order to find your own ancestors you have to search for the name of a dead relative using a complete name in the General Search box, say "Theodore August Wiederhold". Often that name is uncertain. With Webtree's Advanced Search option can find ancestors based on incomplete data. Once you find a person related to you, you can navigate up and down, using family information shown on the right-hand side, create charts, etc.

Most entries obtained from the original Alfred Wiederhold will have a source entry showing the file names given in the [Sources section](#) of Wiederhold.org. Many others refer to public genealogy sites, as [MyHeritage](#), [Ancestry](#), [Geneanet](#), [Geni](#), [Stamboom](#), and [Wikitree](#). Well known people may have an entry in one of the Wikipedias.

Please let me know of any problems or errors by [email to Gio Wiederhold](#). I will correct them in my private version and update this public version as needed, perhaps every three months.

## Further material

We showed already a general [map of Germany to show where most German Wiederholds were located](#).

This map shows towns that are frequently referenced.



Map of southern Westfalen and Northern Hessen

Many US immigrants came from the catholic Eichsfeld region of Germany, on the map identified by a destination for pilgrimages and cures, Heilbad Heiligenstad. Pages describing two of the major Eichsfeld towns where Wiederholds resided, [Dingelstädt](#) and [Kefferhausen](#), were extracted from a book by C. Duval originally published (in German) in 1845.

## Transformations

I maintain the data using McKiev Ancestry Software, keeping files in their .ftm format and backups in compressed .ftmb format. I can make files in those formats available. To use other genealogy software these files are saved in a standard interchange format: GEDCOM. I can make the file available in that format as well. A simple display application on my iPhone is GedView. The version now publicly available here uses WebTrees, available at GoDaddy.com, the manager of Wiederhold.org. I found out that date ranges here are not handled correctly there. I don't know if the failure is in the translation into or from GEDCOM format. The data has also been moved into Aerdvaer, free software from the Netherlands. That software has some great features, as proper handling of names with prefixes, as 'van Oranjen' and computation of multiple relationships.

A July 2015 version of the Wiederhold tree was made [publicly available on MyHeritage](#). That version has not been updated, has known errors, and does not have the earlier Wedderhold data. It also contains much information on Gio's mothers' family, 'Tuybens', which I now maintain separately. The Wiederhold tree on Wiederhold.org only contains Gio's direct ancestors on the Tuybens side.

## Other publications

I have obtained or borrowed a number of publications that have validated and extended the Wiederhold Genealogy as well as the Tuybens ancestry. Major sources have been *boldened*. The family books for Kefferhausen and Dingelstädt have each about 1500 Wiederhold entries, but many are duplicates.

- John Adams: *Old Square-Toes and His Lady, The Life of James and Amelia Douglas*; Touch Word Editions, 2011.
- Hamid Algadri: *Dutch Policy Against Islam and Indonesians of Arab Descent in Indonesia*; LP3ES, 1994.
- Bruce E. Bourgogne: *Defeat, Disaster, and Dedication*; Heritage Books, 2008.
- Centraal Bureau voor Genealogie: *Regerings Almanak van Nederlandsch-Indie 1815-1900*; CD published by the CBG, the Hague, The Netherlands, 2011.
- Centraal Bureau voor Genealogie: *Regerings Almanak van Nederlandsch-Indie 1901-1940*; CD published by the CBG, the Hague, The Netherlands, 2011.
- Centraal Bureau voor Genealogie: *The European population of Malacca 1818-1825*; CBG;; annual review 1986.
- Alfred Chapuis: *La Horlogerie Neuchatelois*; Manuel Emch, Jaquet Droz; Assouline, 2009.
- C. Duval: *Romantische Beschreibung des Eichsfeldes*; 1945, reprinted 1922.

- Hans Ebert: “Die Freiherren von Wiederhold zu Weidenhofen in Rietheim”; *Tuttlinger Heimatblätter*, Stadt Tuttlingen, 2013.
- Ludwig Finckh: *Konrad Widerholt*; Silberburg, 1960.
- C. W. Heckert: *The German-American Diary*; McClain Printing Co, Parsons, WV, 1980.
- Friedrich Joseph Liborius Heidenreich: *Warburger Stammtafeln (ancestor Records from Warburg)*; Westfälische Gesellschaft für Genealogie und Familienkunde (Westphalian Society for Genealogy and Family Research), Münster, 1986, 2 vols, a book and a set of 294 charts.
- Ewald Frankenberg: *Ortsfamilienbuch der katholischen Pfarrgemeinde St. Johannes Bapt Kefferhausen (local family book of the catholic parish St. John the Baptist, Kefferhausen)*; Frankenberg, Weilerswiel, 2013.
- Alfons Grunenberg and Uwe Schössow: *Geschichte der Pfarrei Heuten mit ihrer Filiale Flensberg (History of the Heuthen, Eichsfeld parish)*; Rockstuhl 2015, available at Amazon.
- C.W. Heckert: *The German-American Diary*; McClain Printing, 1980.
- Hutteroth: *Die Althessischen Pfarrer der Reformationszeit*; Marburg 1953.
- Rüdiger Kruse: *Auswander-Emigrants aus-von Heuthen nach-to America*; 2017.
- Christoph Reske: *Die Buchdrucker des 16. und 17. Jahrhunderts in Deutschen Sprachgebiet*; Google, 2017.
- Aloys Schulz and Ewald Frankenberg: *Dingelstädt/Eichsfeld Ortsfamilienbuch. auf der Basis des katholischen Kirchenbuchs der Pfarrgemeinde St. Gertrudis (local family book for Dingelstädt (Eichsfeld), based on the catholic parish St. Gertrudis)*; Frankenberg, Weilerswil, 2013.
- Kenneth Jones, Ed.: *Johannes Schwalm: The Hessian*; Johannes Schwalm Historical Association, 1976. Available at Abe books.
- Paul Tienkamp has an [extensive collection](#), focusing on the Netherlands, also accessible on [Geneanet](#).
- André Tissot: *Voyage de Pierre Jaquet-Droz à la Cour du Roi D’Espagne*; Cahiers de l’Institut Neuchatelois, 1982.
- Albrecht Thoma: *Konrad Widerholt*; Lehmann Verlag, 1903.
- Various: *Genealogisches Handbuch bürgerlicher Familien*; Starcke Verlag, Limburg, 2002, 185 volumes on 23 CDs.
- Genealogie Hessen on Facebook (not yet exploited) via Hans-Georg Vogel.
- Josef Weinberg: *Der Kommandant vom Hohen-Twiel*; Kurt Arnholt Verlag, 1938.

Internet sources containing genealogical information. Like anything on the Internet, the data have to be used with care.

- Wikipedias in English, German, French and Spanish
- Website for [Ancestry.com](#).
- Website for [Geneanet \(used by Ruud de Ruiter\)](#).
- Website for the [Geni World Family Tree](#).

- Website for [MyHeritage](#), maintained by the Church of Latter-day Saints, with access to their library of published family genealogies.
- The web site for [Wikitrees](#).
- The documents available on the [GenWiki](#) website

While I use all of them, I am not in full control of their contents and not at all of their content management. Neither can I afford to maintain a complete and correct copies of an up-to-date Wiederhold genealogy there. They all do provide useful references to source publications.

Entries in my genealogy should always be identified with the source, and the specific location within a major source in the field labeled Alfred W. If source information in an entry is missing check the entries for the nearest relatives.

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- Marco Born, who maintains a [beautiful genealogy site for the Ziegenfuss family](#), which includes many Wiederholds from the Eichsfeld region.

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