

Wiederhold Name Changes

While the individuals with name Wiederhold are the focus of this genealogy, other names are also related to this family. Many are single instances, where a name was transcribed differently. Those are often just shown in the Also-Known-As entries in the Wiederhold Tree. Some preachers latinized the name Wiederhold to Antiphilus ('against beauty'?!), not considering the actual origin of the name. Other changes persisted. Some significant ones are listed here.

Counts for name occurrences in the current working tree are given in the page providing general [Wiederhold Genealogy Information](#).

Alternate family name spellings

Wedderold (before 1500)

The earliest entries use the name Wedderold, after the earliest male ancestor, Volland (~1185-1248) named one of his 3 sons Wedderold. There are about 150 Wedderolds shown in the Wiederhold tree. The name was also used as a given first name. There are at least 12 distinct Wedderold Wedderhold listed in those documents; others added roman numerals to distinguish them. In the Felsberg and Homberg branches the name changed around 1500, but there are instances as late 1750.

Von Wiederhold (1644, 1649)

In Germany nobility assumes the prefix "von". There are several such instances. To what extent successors can continue that name was regulated, but those regulations differed over time and by area, so some descendants reverted to the name Wiederhold. Later Germany discontinued recognizing nobility formally, but some people continued using the prefix to impress people.

Konrad Wiederhold (1598-1667), after his defense of the Hohentwiel castle (1634-1644), received lands in Württemberg from the duke and then was known as Konrad Wiederhold von und zu Neidlingen.

Johann Georg Wiederhold (1600-1677), also having been involved in the defense of the Hohentwiel, adopted the title Johann Georg Wiederhold von Weydenhofen. His second wife, married in 1646, Anna Sabina von und zu Karpfen (1608-1675), had become nobility with already nobility,

Georg Reinhard Wiederhold (1599-1648) became a commander in the Dutch forces during the 80-years war, used the name Georg Reinhard de Widerhold by 1636. Later he also adopted the name Georg Reinhard Wiederhold von Weidenhofen. I have no record of a formal enobling, but he worked closely with the reigning families in the Netherlands,

A Johann David Wiederhold (1603-after 1650) became an officer Swedish, Dutch, and Hessian armies, and Legatus supremus Militaris; and was enobled in 1649., becoming Hans David Wiederhold von Weidenhofen

An branch in the Austrian military adopted the name von Wiederhold around 1731, likely claiming an undocumented relationship to Johann Daniel Widerhold von Weidenhofen (1646)

Some immigrants that went to the USA just adopted name "von Wiederhold" as their name, as John H. von Wiederhold (Oct 1867) oo Dora (not Dorothea Jageman 1869; Dorothea Otto 1877, no match found)

Wetterhold (~1698)

Johann Wiederhold was born 1667 in Neukirchen, Hessen as the son of Nikolaus Wiederhold, (*1641) but moved by 1698 to the Lotharigen or Lorraine region across the Rhine river. That region is now part of the Bas-Rhin region of France. He was a shepherd. In Lorraine he is known as Johann Nicolaus Wetterhold and had over 120 descendants. At least 3 children of Hans Niklaus Wetterhold (1700-1728) and Anne Marie Urban (1695-1728) emigrated to Pennsylvania. One of the three children is Johann Nicolas Wetterhold (1722-1791) who arrived 22 October 1754 on the ship Halifax via Rotterdam. In 1755 he is listed as a Captain, likely in the local militia.

Since this branch reused the same names over and over, the records shown on Internet genealogies are quite confusing. Some show Anne Marie Urban having children at age 60. I put much effort into having this part of the tree presented here as trustworthy as possible.

The name Wetterholt also appears in Sweden around 1870, but I have found no linkage.

Weatherhold (~1750)

A grandson of Hans Niklaus Wetterhold (1700-1728) and Anne Marie Urban (1695-1728, Johan Jacob Wetterhold (1726-1763), also born in the Lorraine region of France, emigrated around 1750, also to Pennsylvania. He was killed in a battle with Indians in 1763 and his wife remarried a Dutch immigrant and they moved with the children to West Virginia. The oldest son, Jacob (1760-1937) moved to the Ohio territory, near the Ohio river and there was known as Jacob Weatherhold. That area became Kentucky. There are about 800 Weatherholt descendants shown in the Wiederhold tree. They warrant a separate story <WetterholdDescendants(1754)>. The Weatherholt genealogy is documented in a copyrighted document by Gary Dewayne Weatherholt: *The family of Jacob Weatherholt, 1760-1837*; 1994, 419pp, on [file at the family History Library in Salt Lake City](#) and several other libraries, as the New York Public Library.

Wetherhold (1781)

Jost Henrich Wiederhold (1754 – aft 1801), a Hessian mercenary, remained in the US, settling in Pennsylvania. There he adopted the name Joseph Henrich Wetherhold. There are quite a number descendants, which have not been followed yet

There are also some Wetherholds in England, around York.

Hedrich von Wiederhold (1861)

Johan Edward Wiederhold (1843-1919), living then in the Neterlands East Indies (now Indonsia) requested a name change to keep the family name of his mother, Johanna Petronella Hedrich (1806-1868) alive. That was authorized by a Dutch royal order on 19 November 1890. The Wiederhold Genealogy now contains 22 Hedrich von Wiederhold entries. A few descendants, as Tomas Willem Gerard Hedrich von Wiederhold (1870-1945) actually called themselves “Hedrich von Wiederhold von und zu Naidlingen zum Hohentwiel”, but that name did not stick.

Woodrow (1914)

Philip Edward Wiederhold (1883-1967) changed his family name to Philip Edward Woodrow, likely as a reaction to events during World War I. I have not followed his descendants.

Fischer (~1950)

David Roger Weatherholt (1948), son of David Owen Weatherholt (1927) was adopted by his stepfather after his mother, Betty John Quisenberry (1928) remarried, and took on the name James Roger Fischer.

Alternate first name spellings

Here only some general guidance can be provided. There are many spellings for common given names, as Caspar, Elizabeth, Heinrich, and especially Johannes. Alfred Wiederhold generally used the modern German spellings as Kaspar, where the original documents used Caspar. I have in general retained Alfred's spelling, augmented in the Also-Known-As (AKA) field when further information came from alternate sources.

The name Johannes is especially problematical. Its [meaning, God is gracious](#), caused it to be used in a baptism as a first name very frequently, but not always subsequently. It is by far the most frequent name in the Wiederhold genealogy. I counted in September 2020

| First given name | Instances | | First given name | Instances |
|------------------|-----------|--|------------------|-----------|
| Johann | 609 | | Jean | 12 |
| Johannes* | 299 | | Johan | 8 |
| Hans | 105 | | Joannis | 9 |
| Joannes | 40 | | Evan | 2 |
| John | 30 | | Hannes | 1 |
| Jan | 13 | | Gio (Giovanni) | 1 |

* When in a record the abbreviation Jo'es was used I expanded it to Johannes.

Those counts will change as the [Wiederhold Tree](#) is updated.



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