

ants, both male and female, by Ferdinand III, Emperor of Austria, in 1662. See the preceding foreign correspondence.

It is stated that the honor was conferred upon George in 1662; it is also stated that he died in 1661; if so, it is probable that the honor had been conferred upon him after his decease, formally, and upon his descendants both male and female. Somewhat altered and improved as the reader will see in the second or latter illustration, which is now generally acknowledged and recognized in the old country, and its patent is recorded in Barmen, a city in Westphalia.

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A BRIEF HISTORY, AS FAR AS COULD BE ASCERTAINED, OF THE RITTERSHAUSENS IN EUROPE.

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1 1 1 HEINRICH RITTERSHAUSEN, born about 1500 or about 400 years ago, was the earliest member of the family in Europe about whom I was able to obtain information. They did then, and do still write their name Rittershausen, or in Latin Rittershusius. Heinrich was a native of Minden in the Province of Westphalia on the Weser, lying northeast of Westphalia. He had a son named Balthaser.

2 2 1 *Balthaser Rittershausen* was born about 1530. He was the father of Conradi, says Wilhelm C. L. Rittershausen of the Hague. I have no further information of him; he had a son Conradi and probably a son Matthias. Above information is from W. C. L. Rittershausen of the Hague, Holland.