

LA HAGUE, Oct. 21, 1892.

Sir.—Since I perceive that you are in search of the derivation of the name Rittershausen—you will oblige me much by mentioning the object of your research and of the trouble you are giving yourself for that end. For my part I am quite willing to give you all the assistance possible in discovering the family of the Rittershuysen, whose name I bear and of whom I am a descendant. Believe me, etc., your affectionate,

J. RITTERSHAUSEN.

Translated from the French.

(The first part is a copy from a letter from one of the writer's friends.)

LA HAGUE, February 11, 1893.

Dear Sir.—I am greatly indebted to you for the offer of the medal (very fine) and tender you herewith my best thanks for it; recommending myself for anything you may be able to communicate to me regarding the family.

I would like to ask you where Mr. David Rittershausen comes from?

I must also observe that the name is not *Rittenhuis* but *Rittershausen*, in Latin *Rittershusius*. Mr. George R. has examined the coats of arms of the extant nobility at *Barmen* in Westphalia, from where the whole family Rittershausen originates and of which I am a descendant almost eighty years of age (one year lacking).

I shall shortly have the pleasure of sending you information which will be to the highest degree useful and welcome in your researches.

Hoping to receive more of your interesting letters, I have the honor and the pleasure to be, sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. C. L. RITTERSHAUS,
RITTERSHUSIUS,
RITTENHAUS.
RITTERSHAUSEN.

OHEDE NEAR ELBERFELD, Sept. 1, 1806.

GERHD. C. RITTERSHAUSEN, ESQ. :—

My Dear Cousin.—After a short absence from home, I found at my return your honored letter and the genealogy of our ancestors. Both gave me great pleasure, and I thank you most kindly for the communication.

I have taken much information and tried to find data of our origin. However, I could not get any other but those you had the kindness to