



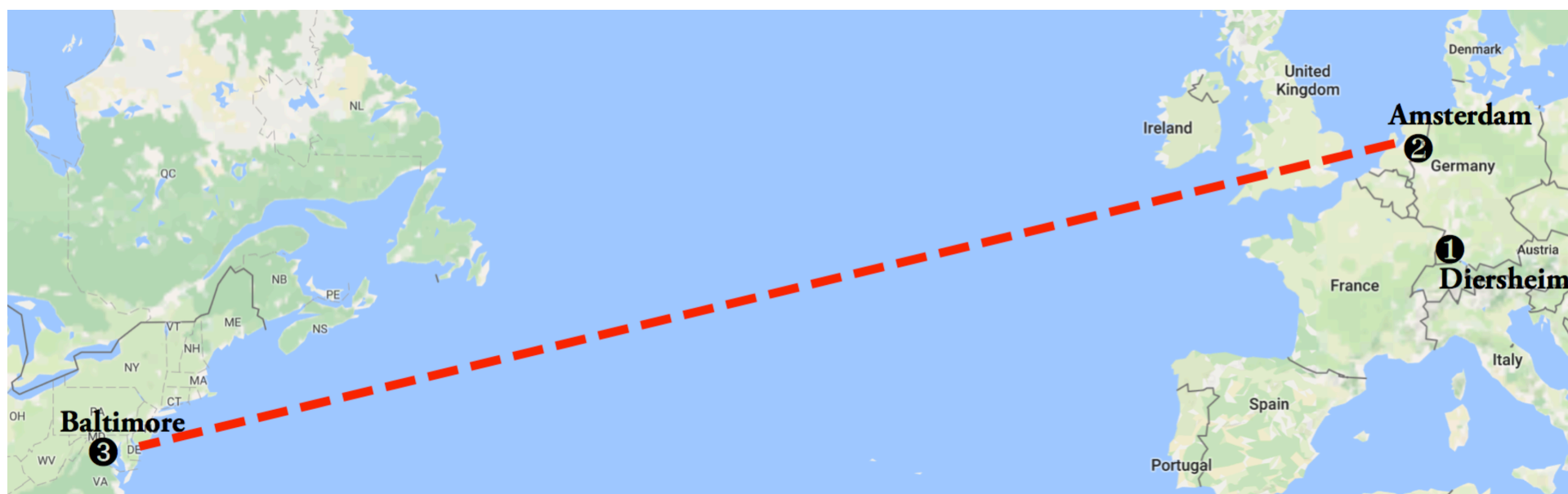
church in Diersheim
built 1731

Johanes Haus Family 1817-1836

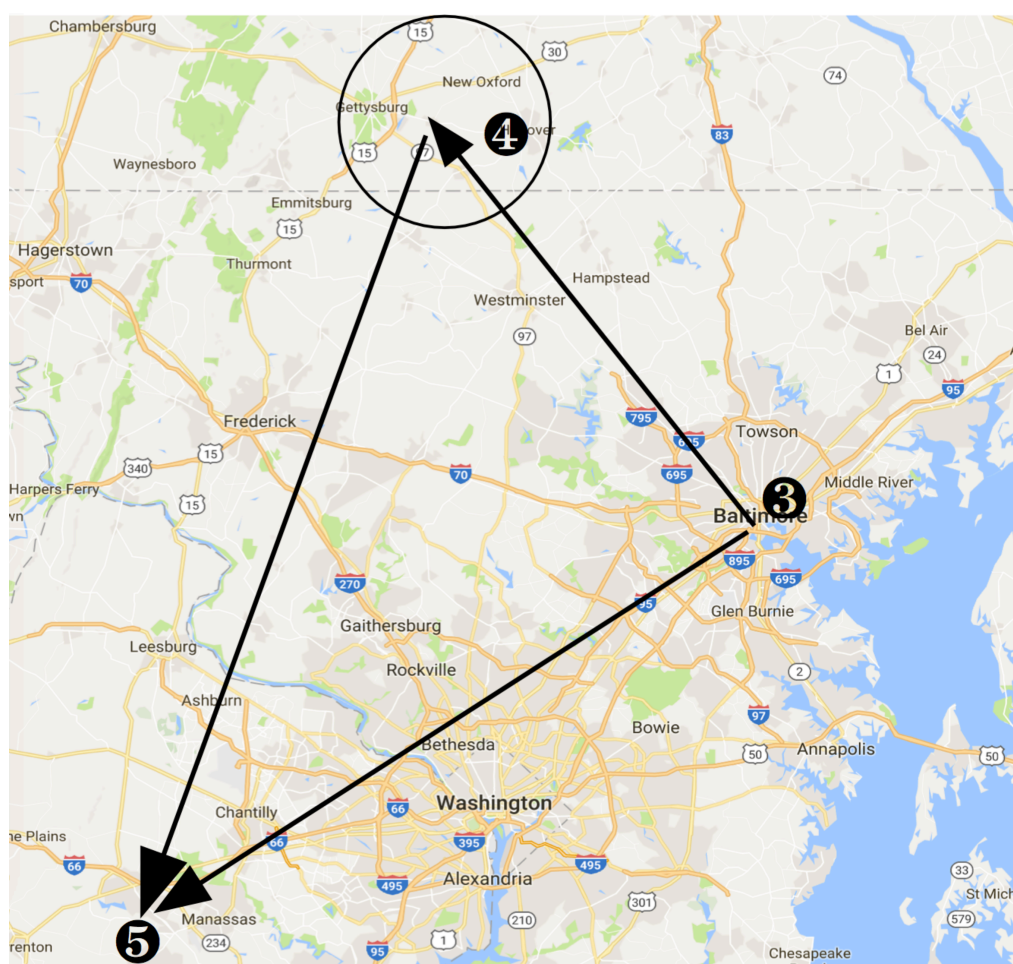
Reunion July 1, 2017 Greenwich, Virginia



Greenwich Church
Built 1858



Johanes House left Diersheim¹, probably in early 1817, with 9 family members and a close friend. They sailed from Amsterdam² in the spring of 1817. Johanes and his granddaughter died on the challenging 6-month voyage. The rest of the party arrived in Baltimore³ in the fall of 1817 with hardly any food left on board.



When arriving in Baltimore, the family included:

- (mother) Maria Margaratha
- Margaret (House) and George Sheets
- John and Catherine (Bless) House
- Catherine House
- Michael House
- Barbara House
- family friend Michael Rusie

- John and his wife went to Adams County, PA⁴.
- George and Margaret (House) Sheets went to Prince William County, VA⁵.
- Details for the others are not clear.

By 1822, Michael Rusie had married Catherine House. All of the family members, living elsewhere, moved to Prince William County, Virginia, so that the family was together again.

In 1836, leaving Michael House, his Virginia-born wife, and child, the bulk of the family (8 men and women, and 22 children) headed west. Their destination was Iowa. They ran out of flour near Indianapolis, Indiana and were invited to stay the winter in the relatively new town of Mooresville⁶. They ended up staying well beyond that winter. Some family members did eventually move to Iowa.

