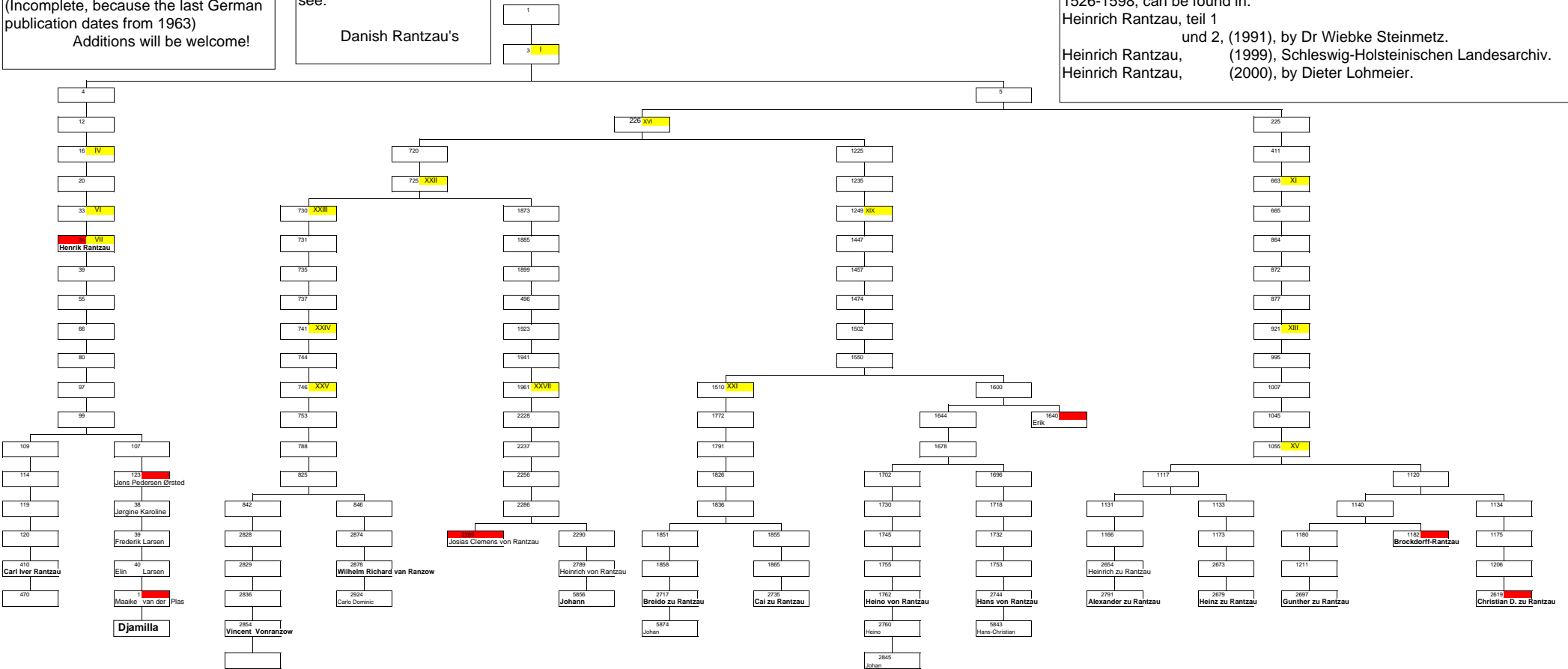


Overview of Rantzau branches,
with selected individuals representing
each branch.
(Incomplete, because the last German
publication dates from 1963)
Additions will be welcome!

For explanations about all these numbers and colours, see:

Danish Rantzau's

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Further information on the most famous, Heinrich Rantzau, who lived from 1526-1598, can be found in:

Heinrich Rantzau, teil 1

und 2, (1991), by Dr Wiebke Steinmetz.

Heinrich Rantzau, (1999), Schleswig-Holsteinischen Landesarchiv.

Heinrich Rantzau, (2000), by Dieter Lohmeier.

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<p>The Danish branch are the only straight descendants from</p> <p>HENRIK RANTZAU</p>	<p>The Dutch Connection</p> <p>The bastards:</p> <p>Practically all of them still live in Denmark.</p> <p>There are, however Icelandic and USA branches</p> <p>And one married a Dutchman, hence all this.</p> <p>The most famous of the bastards is: Niels Henning Ørsted Pedersen</p>	<p>The Indonesian / American connection</p> <p>In the late 17 hundreds one of the Schmoel branch got involved with the VOC. (Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie) He went to Ceylon, then a Dutch colony. After the Napoleonic wars the English failed to return the colony.</p> <p>As a result the descendants moved to the Dutch East Indies. While there they applied for Dutch nobility under the name of "van Ranzow". (Nowadays, however, they use "von Ranzow")</p> <p>After the 2nd WW, they left Indonesia, part of them for California, the others for the Netherlands. The Americans now use "Vonranzow"</p>	<p>Breido zu Rantzau is into horses.</p> <p>They are a nuisance on my Internet research!</p>			<p>The Mexican Connexion</p> <p>After the 2nd WW Heinrich zu Rantzau met a German Mexican girl.</p> <p>Read his book, ao about his war adventures:</p> <p>Schuld hatte das Rotkelchen</p>	