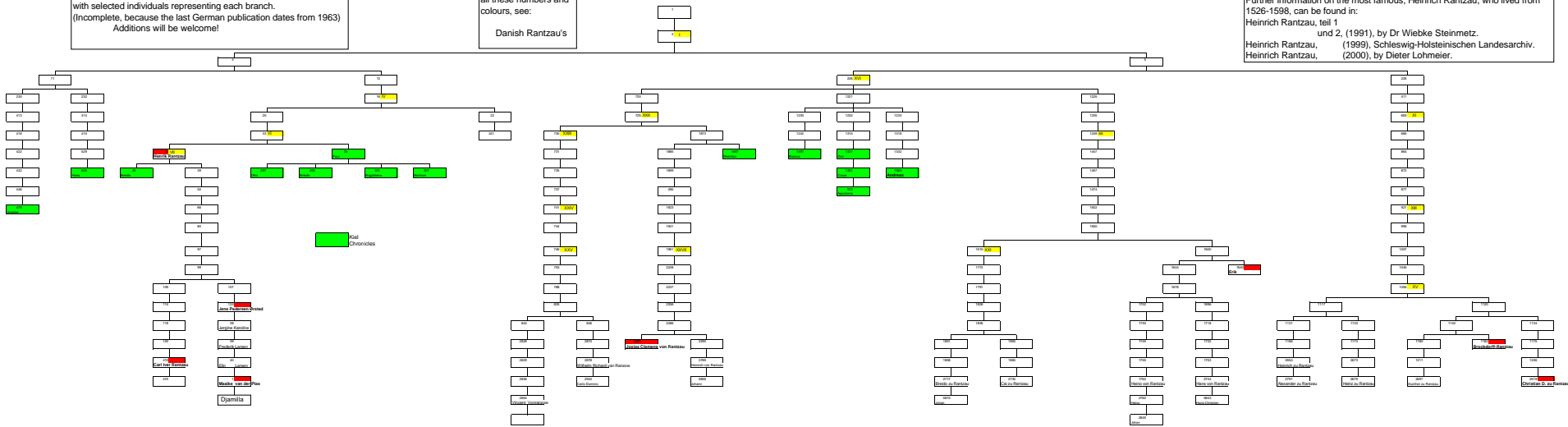


Overview of Rantzau branches, with selected individuals representing each branch. (Incomplete, because the last German publication dates from 1963) Additions will be welcome!

For explanations about all these numbers and colours, see: Danish Rantzaus's

Further information on the most famous, Heinrich Rantzau, who lived from 1526-1596, 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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Danish		Dutch		zu Rantzau		von Rantzau	
<p>The Danish branch are the only straight descendants from HENRIK RANTZAU</p>	<p>The Dutch Connection</p> <p>The bastards: Practically all of them still live in Denmark. 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 (NHP)</p>	<p>The Indonesian/American Connection</p> <p>In the late 17. hundreds one of the Schmolle branch got involved with the VOC (Dreierling, Oostindische Kompagnie). 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 "von Rantzau". (Nonesdays, however, they use "von Rantzow")</p> <p>After the 2nd WW, they left Indonesia, part of them for California, the others for the Netherlands.</p>	<p>von Rantzau</p>	<p>zu Rantzau</p> <p>Breeds zu Rantzau is into horses. They are a nuisance on my internet research!</p>	<p>von Rantzau</p>	<p>zu Rantzau</p> <p>The Mexican Connection</p> <p>After the 2nd WW Heinrich zu Rantzau met a German Mexican girl.</p> <p>Read his book, an about his war adventures: Schut hatte das Rökkeichen</p>	<p>von Rantzau</p>