

Descendants of Charles Riedesel

Generation No. 1

1. CHARLES² RIEDESEL (??¹) was born about 1819 in Germany.

Notes for CHARLES RIEDESEL:

Living in Chicago in 1880 with the three children and no wife listed. The Census had his name as "Riedseal" but the names of two children correspond to Riedesels whose marriages are recorded with the Riedesel spelling and consistent ages. They were not from Wittgenstein (though their ancestors almost certainly were). All the children are shown as having been born in Prussia--not doubt meaning the western possessions of this east German state. The 1920 Census records appears to show 1873 as the year of emigration for the son Theodore. The fact that one daughter is named Friedrika suggests that they may be kin to the Friedrich Riedesels who lived to the west in Kane County.

It is purely a guess on my part that John was a son of this marriage, rather than of Friedrich in Kane County.

Children of CHARLES RIEDESEL are:

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 - i. JOHN³ RIEDESEL, b. about 1848, Germany.
 - ii. FRIEDRIKA RIEDESEL, b. about 1859, Germany; m. HEINRICH MAHNKE, December 28, 1884, Chicago, IL; b. about 1846.

Notes for HEINRICH MAHNKE:

The spelling of his last name is not clear on the marriage certificate, so Mahnke could be wrong.

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 - iii. THEODORE RIEDESEL, b. February 1863, Germany; d. after 1920.
 - iv. MADDIE RIEDESEL, b. about 1866.

Notes for MADDIE RIEDESEL:

"Maddie" is certainly a nickname, but I am not sure for what.

Generation No. 2

2. JOHN³ RIEDESEL (CHARLES², ??¹) was born about 1848 in Germany. He married DOROTHEA ROAST October 02, 1872 in Kane County, IL. She was born March 1851 in Berlin, Germany, and died June 02, 1926 in Kane County, IL.

Notes for JOHN RIEDESEL:

As of 1880, he was working as tailor and they lived in the city of Chicago. By 1900 they were divorced and Dora/Dorothea was living back in Kane County.

Notes for DOROTHEA ROAST:

Living in rented quarters with her three younger daughters as of 1900. She was divorced and working as a dressmaker. One other child was living (presumably Martha), but she had borne three others who were not then alive. She immigrated in 1862.

Children of JOHN RIEDESEL and DOROTHEA ROAST are:

- i. MARTHA CAROLINE⁴ RIEDESEL, b. December 09, 1876, Cool County, IL; m. JOSEPH G. BUSS, November 26, 1899, Kane County, IL.

Notes for MARTHA CAROLINE RIEDESEL:

Lived in Rochelle, Illinois, after her marriage.

- ii. CLARA BETH RIEDESEL, b. July 1878, Illinois; m. W. H. NOONAN.
- iii. ANNA M. RIEDESEL, b. November 1880, Illinois.

Notes for ANNA M. RIEDESEL:

Still single as of 1926 when her mother died. In 1930 she was a lodger in the home of Marion Wilde in Elgin, IL, though with no occupation listed in the Census.

iv. LOUISE W. RIEDESEL, b. February 1886, Illinois; m. GEORGE METZGAR, May 25, 1904.

3. THEODORE³ RIEDESEL (*CHARLES*², ??¹) was born February 1863 in Germany, and died after 1920. He married AMALIA GIMBLE July 18, 1885 in Chicago, IL. She was born April 1866 in Illinois, and died after 1920.

Notes for THEODORE RIEDESEL:

Immigrated in 1873. Family members are identified in the 1900 Census (Chicago).

Notes for AMALIA GIMBLE:

Known as Molly.

Children of THEODORE RIEDESEL and AMALIA GIMBLE are:

- i. MELINDA⁴ RIEDESEL, b. February 1886, Illinois.
- ii. WALTER RIEDESEL, b. December 1889, Illinois.
- iii. FLORENCE RIEDESEL, b. February 1893.
- iv. GERTRUDE RIEDESEL, b. December 08, 1895, Illinois; d. November 1972, California; m. WALTER CHOITZ; b. about 1894, Illinois.
- v. ROYAL RIEDESEL, b. January 1900, Illinois.