

Descendants of Johann Jost Riedesel

Generation No. 1

1. JOHANN JOST⁸ RIEDESEL (*GEORG GABRIEL⁷, JOHANN LUDWIG⁶, JOHANN GABRIEL⁵, WILHELM⁴, JOHANNES³, HEYRICH², HEYRICH¹*) was born April 23, 1825 in Wunderthausen, and died November 13, 1899 in Illinois. He married (1) ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, daughter of GEORG RIEDESEL and KATHARINA SCHERER. She was born November 30, 1828 in Wunderthausen. He married (2) CAROLINE KNEBEL September 14, 1860 in Monroe, IL, daughter of JOHANN KNEBEL and MARIA WOMELSDORF. She was born November 25, 1834 in Wunderthausen, and died June 08, 1898 in Illinois.

Notes for JOHANN JOST RIEDESEL:

Born in the house called Försters am Lotzenberg in Wunderthausen. When he came to America is not known. He was already 35 when he married the widow Caroline (Knebel) Henze. The apparently lived in Monroe County, Prairie du Long township until at least 1880 (when they are recorded in the Census under the name "Ritt"). But by the late 1880s they are mentioned in the records of what is now St. John's United Church of Christ in Smithton, IL.

In 1870, he owned real estate worth \$4,500--a substantial sum. That Census lists a daughter "Mina" who was 5 years old; this corresponds to Katherine who was born in 1865. The same Census lists a 2-year old "Catherine", who should be Carolina according to family records. Living then was a 36-year old Henry "Knoebel" (Knebel), most likely Ludwig Heinrich Knebel (*Nov 4, 1834 in Wunderthausen in Schwarze house).

Notes for CAROLINE KNEBEL:

Born in Beckers Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to America in the 1850s. Her first cousins once removed, the Homrighausen brothers from Linde Haus in Wunderthausen, had gone to the area in 1839. She and her first husband, William Henze, lived at Lords Corner near Hecker. Family records tell of their son, Henry Henze, but the 1870 Census lists a 15-year old William Henze as well.

She and Johannes Riedesel lived in both Monroe County (Hecker) and St. Clair County (Smithton), but are buried near Hecker.

Child of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ANNA RIEDESEL is:

- i. AMALIA⁹ RIEDESEL, b. December 16, 1853, Wunderthausen.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and CAROLINE KNEBEL are:

- ii. INFANT⁹ RIEDESEL.
2. iii. SOPHIA RIEDESEL, b. October 15, 1863, St. Clair County, IL; d. March 1891, Smithton, IL.
3. iv. KATHERINE RIEDESEL, b. November 26, 1865, Monroe County, IL; d. June 16, 1946.
- v. CAROLINA RIEDESEL, b. March 25, 1868, Monroe County, IL; d. September 15, 1871, Monroe County, IL.

Generation No. 2

2. SOPHIA⁹ RIEDESEL (*JOHANN JOST⁸, GEORG GABRIEL⁷, JOHANN LUDWIG⁶, JOHANN GABRIEL⁵, WILHELM⁴, JOHANNES³, HEYRICH², HEYRICH¹*) was born October 15, 1863 in St. Clair County, IL, and died March 1891 in Smithton, IL. She married HENRY GROMMET.

Children of SOPHIA RIEDESEL and HENRY GROMMET are:

- i. CAROLINE¹⁰ GROMMET, m. ?? WAELTZ.

Notes for CAROLINE GROMMET:
Known as Carrie.

- ii. HENRY GROMMET, d. 1892, Smithton, IL.

Notes for HENRY GROMMET:

Killed in accident when a wheat binder severed his legs while he was hunting rabbits.

- iii. WILLIAM GROMMET.

Notes for WILLIAM GROMMET:

Known as Willie. After his mother's death, he went to live with his Riedesel grandparents.

- iv. OSCAR GROMMET, b. March 1891, Smithton, IL; d. July 11, 1891.

3. KATHERINE⁹ RIEDESEL (*JOHANN JOST⁸, GEORG GABRIEL⁷, JOHANN LUDWIG⁶, JOHANN GABRIEL⁵, WILHELM⁴, JOHANNES³, HEYRICH², HEYRICH¹*) was born November 26, 1865 in Monroe County, IL, and died June 16, 1946. She married EDWARD RIESO May 17, 1887 in Floraville, IL, son of GOTTLIEB RIESO and MARIA HEIDENREICH. He was born January 11, 1859 in St. Clair County, IL, and died August 25, 1945.

Children of KATHERINE RIEDESEL and EDWARD RIESO are:

- i. GOTTLIEB EDWARD¹⁰ RIESO, b. February 07, 1888, Prairie du Long, IL; m. EMMA KUHN.
- ii. OSCAR JOHN RIESO, b. February 18, 1890, Prairie du Long, IL; d. April 05, 1973; m. SUSAN WEBER; b. March 16, 1893; d. April 19, 1968.
- iii. SILDA MARIE RIESO, b. May 03, 1891; d. October 17, 1930, St. Clair County, IL; m. ALFRED STAHL.
- iv. AMANDA ANNA RIESO, b. May 26, 1895; d. May 1976, Illinois.

Notes for AMANDA ANNA RIESO:

Never married.