

Descendants of Johannes Riedesel

Generation No. 1

1. JOHANNES⁹ RIEDESEL (*JOHANNES⁸, JOHANN FRANZ⁷, GABRIEL⁶, JOHANNES⁵, WILHELM⁴, JOHANNES³, HEYRICH², HEYRICH¹*) was born October 15, 1842 in Wunderthausen, and died October 15, 1891 in Milwaukee, WI. He married MARIA KATHARINA LAUBER January 20, 1869 in St. Louis, MO, daughter of JOHANNES LAUBER and MARIA HOMRIGHAUSEN. She was born January 14, 1848 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for JOHANNES RIEDESEL:

Known as John. The record is not 100% clear, but I believe the following to be true.

Born in Känel's house in Wunderthausen. Came to New York on the ship "Union" from Bremen on October 21, 1867. On the same ship was a 19-year-old Maria Lauber and several others with Wittgenstein names. They were destined for Illinois. However, a Johannes Riedesel and Catharina Lauber were married in St. Louis in 1869. They apparently lived there until about 1880 when they moved to Milwaukee. At the time of his suicide death in 1891, he had been working as a plasterer.

Notes for MARIA KATHARINA LAUBER:

It is likely that she was the Maria Lauber who arrived in New York on the ship "Union" from Bremen on October 21, 1867. She was 19 at the time. On the same ship was a 20-year-old Johann Riedesel and several others with Wittgenstein names. They were bound for Illinois.

Children of JOHANNES RIEDESEL and MARIA LAUBER are:

- i. KITTI¹⁰ RIEDESEL.
- ii. LOUISA RIEDESEL.
- iii. INFANT RIEDESEL, b. about 1874; d. June 27, 1874, St. Louis, MO.
- iv. LENA RIEDESEL, b. about 1878, Missouri; m. J. L. SMITH; b. about 1867, Mecklenburg, Germany.

Notes for LENA RIEDESEL:

I am guessing that this Lena and Lena Emma were twins. The latter definitely died in 1880, but when sister Mathilda was born in 1883, the record lists another Lena as "living issue" of the family. It appears that Lena was employed in 1900 as a servant in a Milwaukee family.

- v. LENA EMMA RIEDESEL, b. December 20, 1878, Milwaukee, WI; d. November 05, 1880, Milwaukee, WI.
- vi. LOUIS WILLIAM RIEDESEL, b. March 31, 1881, Milwaukee, WI; d. January 1968, Wisconsin.

Notes for LOUIS WILLIAM RIEDESEL:

As of his 1936 Social Security application, he was employed by "Emil Klug" in Milwaukee, and it says that he was born in Milwaukee.

I think he is the Louis Riedesel in the 1920 Census living in Milwaukee with the J. L. Smith family. His status was as the "brother in law." The wife of J. L. Smith is named Lena and her birthplace is clearly given as Missouri. Both Louis and Lena list "West Phalia" as the birthplace of both parents. Lena's age was 42 so she is a few years older. This suggests that the parents lived in Missouri (probably St. Louis) before coming to Wisconsin. The 1920 Census schedule is blurry as to his place of birth. I do not find him in the 1930 Census.

- vii. MATHILDA WILHELMINA RIEDESEL, b. June 06, 1883, Milwaukee, WI.