

Ancestors of Karl (Carl) Riedesel

Generation No. 1

1. Karl (Carl) Riedesel, born March 24, 1854 in Erndtebrück; died November 19, 1936 in Crookston, MN. He was the son of **2. Johann Heinrich Riedesel** and **3. Maria Elisabeth Wiekel**. He married **(1) Margaretha Reinhardt** January 1883 in Crookston, MN. She was born 1862 in Germany, and died September 16, 1930 in Minnesota.

Notes for Karl (Carl) Riedesel:

He was mustered into the royal Prussian second Hessian infantry regiment on December 12, 1874, and was honorably discharged not quite two years later on September 1876. He incurred no fines or disciplinary actions. He appears not to have seen any military action, as the wars that led to the unification of Germany under Prussian domination were complete in 1871. The military record also spells his name with a "C."

A Carl Riedesel (with a "C") arrived in New York on the "Belgenland" on July 15, 1880. He was 26 (just right for Karl) but seemed to have no companions with Wittgenstein names. His occupation is listed as that of a farmer.

He first settled in Carver County, MN, near Minneapolis, and worked as a farm laborer. In 1882 he moved to Crookston, MN, where he was employed in the harness and shoe-making business. In 1889, he established his own shoe-making business. He was an active participant in civic life, having served on the school board and city council. He was a member of several fraternal organizations including the Masons and Oddfellows.

Notes for Margaretha Reinhardt:

She came to the United States in about 1881, settling first in St. Paul. In 1883 she moved to Crookston where she met and married Karl Riedesel. In Crookston she was a charter member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Hermann, and that lodge was named in her honor.

Generation No. 2

2. Johann Heinrich Riedesel, born August 25, 1820 in Erndtebrück; died March 14, 1872 in Erndtebrück. He was the son of **4. Johannes Riedesel** and **5. Marie Elise König**. He married **3. Maria Elisabeth Wiekel** February 02, 1849 in Erndtebrück.

3. Maria Elisabeth Wiekel, born February 11, 1826 in Erndtebrück; died July 27, 1883.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Riedesel:

A shoemaker in Erndtebrück.

Children of Johann Riedesel and Maria Wiekel are:

- i. Wilhelm Riedesel, born April 07, 1849 in Erndtebrück; married Luise Becker September 06, 1874 in Erndtebrück; born March 23, 1847 in Erndtebrück.
- ii. Heinrich Riedesel, born July 08, 1850 in Erndtebrück; died November 15, 1931; married Sophie Afflerbach January 19, 1877; born March 21, 1851; died January 03, 1938.
- 1 iii. Karl (Carl) Riedesel, born March 24, 1854 in Erndtebrück; died November 19, 1936 in Crookston, MN; married Margaretha Reinhardt January 1883 in Crookston, MN.
- iv. Ludwig Riedesel, born January 02, 1856 in Erndtebrück.
- v. August Riedesel, born June 06, 1857 in Erndtebrück; died July 01, 1875 in Erndtebrück.
- vi. Friedrich Riedesel, born December 04, 1858 in Erndtebrück; died July 02, 1880.
- vii. Luise Riedesel, born September 19, 1860 in Erndtebrück; married (1) John H. Pieper; married (2) ?? Schneider; died Bef. 1880 in Germany.

Notes for Luise Riedesel:

She may have come to this country on July 30, 1880 on the ship "Leipzig" out of Bremen (Captain Pfeiffer). Family members report that she came after her brother, Karl. He appears to have arrived in mid-July, so this would be literally true.

Her son Henry came with her. She met her second husband on the boat coming over. They lived first at Crookston, later Peoria, IL, and finally in San Antonio. While I have recorded his name as "John Pieper", this is probably incorrect as I can find no trace of them in subsequent censuses.

- viii. Wilhelmine Riedesel, born October 03, 1862 in Erndtebrück.
- ix. Helene Riedesel, born May 01, 1865 in Erndtebrück.
- x. Infant Riedesel, born December 04, 1866 in Erndtebrück; died December 08, 1866 in Erndtebrück.
- xi. Katharine Riedesel, born November 09, 1867 in Erndtebrück.
- xii. Elisabeth Riedesel, born July 14, 1871 in Erndtebrück; died November 25, 1871 in Erndtebrück.

Generation No. 3

4. Johannes Riedesel, born August 24, 1783 in Rinthe; died May 12, 1854 in Erndtebrück. He was the son of **8. Johannes Riedesel** and **9. Anna Katharina Dickel**. He married **5. Marie Elise König** January 03, 1813 in Erndtebrück.

5. Marie Elise König, born November 04, 1788 in Erndtebrück; died February 18, 1873 in Erndtebrück. She was the daughter of **10. Henrich König**.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:
He was a shoemaker by trade.

Children of Johannes Riedesel and Marie König are:

- i. Wilhelm Riedesel, born October 18, 1813 in Erndtebrück; died March 02, 1878 in Erndtebrück; married (1) Elisabeth Lange December 29, 1839 in Erndtebrück; born August 27, 1813 in Erndtebrück; died November 05, 1846 in Erndtebrück; married (2) Elisabeth Schneider January 23, 1848 in Erndtebrück; born September 17, 1819 in Birkefehl; died December 12, 1870 in Erndtebrück.
- ii. Karl Riedesel, born January 10, 1816 in Erndtebrück; married Katharina Schmidt February 09, 1844 in Elsoff; born May 29, 1825 in Beddelhausen; died January 16, 1899.
- 2 iii. Johann Heinrich Riedesel, born August 25, 1820 in Erndtebrück; died March 14, 1872 in Erndtebrück; married Maria Elisabeth Wiekell February 02, 1849 in Erndtebrück.
- iv. Luise Riedesel, born September 12, 1824 in Erndtebrück; died February 12, 1860 in Erndtebrück; married Georg Bald June 07, 1846 in Erndtebrück.
- v. August Riedesel, born March 22, 1826 in Erndtebrück; died 1916 in Texas; married Amalie Haegerman; born Abt. 1837 in Germany (Prussia); died February 05, 1877 in Yorktown, Texas.

Notes for August Riedesel:

Listed in the 1860 Census as a saddle tree maker; real estate value \$250 and personal estate of \$100. By 1870 his real estate was valued at \$400 but the personal estate was still \$100. They were in the 3rd Precinct of De Witt County and at the Clinton Post Office. He was still a saddle tree maker. (Page 115/174). In his old age, he sold his property and went to live with his youngest daughter, Louise, in California.

August was a member of Charles Eckhardt's York Town Hulan Reserve Company during the Civil War.

- vi. Ludwig Riedesel, born January 20, 1830 in Erndtebrück; died March 12, 1901 in Yorktown, TX; married Justine König January 02, 1852 in DeWitt County, TX; born 1828; died 1888 in Yorktown, TX.

Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:

Emigrated to Texas in 1849 by way of New Orleans on the ship Julius out of Bremen. The ship arrived on October 31, 1849. He may have participated in the Civil War. Was a saddle tree maker. They lived around Victoria in De Witt County. 1860 Census gave the value of his real estate as \$700 and personal estate as \$450 (Page 70/88 De Witt County). Listed as a saddler.

Generation No. 4

8. Johannes Riedesel, born February 11, 1756 in Melbach; died March 09, 1786 in Melbach. He was the son of **16. Johann Henrich Riedesel** and **17. Anna Catharina Mengel**. He married **9. Anna Katharina Dickel**.

9. Anna Katharina Dickel, born March 20, 1754 in Rinthe; died September 20, 1829 in Erndtebrück. She was the daughter of **18. Stephan Dickel**.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

After the sudden and early death of his wife, he became a soldier in the service of the Landgrave of Hesse, Wilhelm. The death register states that he was home on leave ("Urlaub") when he died in 1786. He is said to have left an illegitimate son of the same name (Johannes, *1783). The mother was a sister of his brother-in-law.

Child of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Dickel is:

- 4 i. Johannes Riedesel, born August 24, 1783 in Rinthe; died May 12, 1854 in Erndtebrück; married Marie Elise König January 03, 1813 in Erndtebrück.

10. Henrich König, born 1760.

Child of Henrich König is:

- 5 i. Marie Elise König, born November 04, 1788 in Erndtebrück; died February 18, 1873 in Erndtebrück; married Johannes Riedesel January 03, 1813 in Erndtebrück.

Generation No. 5

16. Johann Henrich Riedesel, born December 08, 1720 in Melbach; died August 01, 1773 in Melbach. He was the son of **32. Johannes Riedesel** and **33. Anna Catharina Schupner**. He married **17. Anna Catharina Mengel** June 04, 1751 in Raumland.

17. Anna Catharina Mengel, born Abt. August 1724 in Beddelhausen; died February 03, 1796 in Melbach. She was the daughter of **34. Gabriel Mengel** and **35. Maria Christina Weller**.

Notes for Johann Henrich Riedesel:

Tenant in Herjes Haus, Melbach.

Children of Johann Riedesel and Anna Mengel are:

- i. Anna Catharina Riedesel, born June 01, 1752 in Melbach; died June 11, 1781 in Melbach; married Arnd Dickel November 20, 1773 in Raumland; born April 02, 1743 in Rinthe; died February 24, 1788 in Melbach.

Notes for Anna Catharina Riedesel:

Born in Herjes Haus, Melbach, which passed to her husband.

Notes for Arnd Dickel:

Became tenant of Herjes Haus in Melbach.

- 8 ii. Maria Christina Riedesel, born October 27, 1754 in Melbach; died January 17, 1772 in Melbach.
- iii. Johannes Riedesel, born February 11, 1756 in Melbach; died March 09, 1786 in Melbach; married (1) Anna Katharina Dickel; married (2) Wilhelmina Löysa Müsse November 05, 1777 in Raumland.
- iv. Johann Heinrich Riedesel, born January 23, 1760 in Melbach; died June 02, 1778 in Melbach.
- v. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel, born March 13, 1764 in Melbach; died March 28, 1765 in Melbach.
- vi. Maria Amelina Riedesel, born March 13, 1764 in Melbach; died March 27, 1765 in Melbach.

18. Stephan Dickel

Children of Stephan Dickel are:

- i. Arnd Dickel, born April 02, 1743 in Rinthe; died February 24, 1788 in Melbach; married Anna Catharina Riedesel November 20, 1773 in Raumland; born June 01, 1752 in Melbach; died June 11, 1781 in Melbach.

Notes for Arnd Dickel:

Became tenant of Herjes Haus in Melbach.

Notes for Anna Catharina Riedesel:

Born in Herjes Haus, Melbach, which passed to her husband.

- 9 ii. Anna Katharina Dickel, born March 20, 1754 in Rinthe; died September 20, 1829 in Erndtebrück; married Johannes Riedesel.

Generation No. 6

32. Johannes Riedesel, born April 23, 1697 in Melbach; died December 02, 1758 in Melbach. He was the son of **64. Johann Mannus Riedesel** and **65. Anna Katharine Grund**. He married **33. Anna Catharina Schupner** August 25, 1719 in Raumland.

33. Anna Catharina Schupner, born March 13, 1695/96 in Bernshausen; died July 10, 1769 in Melbach. She was the daughter of **66. Ludwig Schupner**.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in and tenant in Herjes Haus, Melbach.

Children of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Schupner are:

- 16 i. Johann Henrich Riedesel, born December 08, 1720 in Melbach; died August 01, 1773 in Melbach; married Anna Catharina Mengel June 04, 1751 in Raumland.
ii. Anna Catharina Riedesel, born March 14, 1722/23 in Melbach; died Bef. 1745; married Johannes Born February 26, 1739/40 in Raumland; born March 05, 1711/12 in Berghausen; died January 18, 1773 in Berghausen.
iii. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel, born March 09, 1725/26 in Melbach; died January 22, 1792 in Diedenshausen; married Johann Franz Spies November 04, 1746 in Diedenshausen; born April 14, 1726 in Diedenshausen; died March 11, 1790 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Spies:

Born in and tenant in Schreiners Haus, Diedenshausen. According to local tradition, he personally carried a complaint from the peasants of Diedenshausen to the German Emperor in Vienna about the heavy burden of taxation and other duties imposed by the Count. Nothing was ever done about it.

- iv. Johann Georg Riedesel, born June 21, 1728 in Melbach; died February 19, 1808 in Berleburg; married Elisabeth Belz June 17, 1771 in Berleburg; born August 28, 1739 in Berleburg; died June 15, 1817 in Berleburg.
v. Anna Maria Riedesel, born October 17, 1730 in Melbach; married (1) Georg Ludwig Bald January 28, 1750/51 in Berleburg; born July 07, 1715 in Berleburg; married (2) Ludwig Franz Koch April 29, 1772 in Berleburg; born February 07, 1734/35 in Berleburg.
vi. Johannes Riedesel, born April 11, 1733 in Melbach; died May 28, 1733 in Melbach.
vii. Löysa Riedesel, born August 17, 1734 in Melbach; died June 24, 1781 in Wingshausen; married Daniel Schulz February 24, 1758 in Wingshausen; born March 30, 1738 in Wingshausen; died April 17, 1797 in Wingshausen.

34. Gabriel Mengel, born Abt. February 1681/82 in Beddelhausen; died October 06, 1747 in Beddelhausen. He was the son of **68. Johann Jakob Mengel** and **69. Anna Margaretha Ebisch**. He married **35. Maria Christina Weller** February 27, 1708/09 in Elsoff.

35. Maria Christina Weller, born Abt. February 1688/89 in Erndtebrück. She was the daughter of **70. Johannes Weller** and **71. Anna Gertraud Heidersdorf**.

Child of Gabriel Mengel and Maria Weller is:

- 17 i. Anna Catharina Mengel, born Abt. August 1724 in Beddelhausen; died February 03, 1796 in Melbach; married Johann Henrich Riedesel June 04, 1751 in Raumland.

Generation No. 7

64. Johann Mannus Riedesel, born June 06, 1662 in Melbach; died November 04, 1726 in Melbach. He was the son of **128. Henrich Riedesel** and **129. Gerthrut Dickel**. He married **65. Anna Katharine Grund** November 09, 1693 in Melbach.

65. Anna Katharine Grund, born 1661 in Bermershausen; died January 26, 1728/29 in Melbach.

Notes for Johann Mannus Riedesel:

Tenant in Herjes Haus at Melbach/Balde. He was known as Mannus Riedesel, and is still regarded as a master builder. When and where he learned his craft is not known, but he was in demand throughout Wittgenstein and neighboring areas such as Siegen. Ten structures he built are known to exist today though there were many others. The most spectacular is the "Ludwigsburg" in the town of Berleburg. It was built for a brother of Graf Casimir between 1707-1709. Another was the forester's lodge at the site of the defunct village of Dambach; it is now a Pension. An unusual work was the combination school and chapel in the village of Sassenhausen. They are gems of Fachwerk (half-timbered) construction, often with ornately carved corner posts, inscriptions, and other decorations.

Children of Johann Riedesel and Anna Grund are:

- i. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel, born December 17, 1694 in Melbach; died 1750 in Womelsdorf; married (1) Elias Hederich; born January 08, 1695/96 in Birkelbach; died August 31, 1732 in Womelsdorf; married (2) Johann Ludwig Schmidt May 10, 1715 in Birkelbach; born January 10, 1680/81 in Womelsdorf; died August 16, 1731 in Womelsdorf; married (3) Ludwig Klotz March 06, 1732/33 in Birkelbach; born May 14, 1700 in Womelsdorf; died April 07, 1761 in Womelsdorf.
- 32 ii. Johannes Riedesel, born April 23, 1697 in Melbach; died December 02, 1758 in Melbach; married Anna Catharina Schupner August 25, 1719 in Raumland.
- iii. Johann Gilbert Riedesel, born March 1703/04 in Melbach; died April 1704 in Melbach.

66. Ludwig Schupner

Child of Ludwig Schupner is:

- 33 i. Anna Catharina Schupner, born March 13, 1695/96 in Bernshausen; died July 10, 1769 in Melbach; married Johannes Riedesel August 25, 1719 in Raumland.

68. Johann Jakob Mengel, born August 09, 1640 in Elsoff; died September 20, 1700 in Elsoff. He was the son of **136. Georg Mengel** and **137. Catharine Rumpf**. He married **69. Anna Margaretha Ebisch** July 30, 1667 in Elsoff.

69. Anna Margaretha Ebisch, born Abt. 1649; died October 23, 1722 in Beddelhausen. She was the daughter of **138. Gabriel Ebisch** and **139. ??**.

Child of Johann Mengel and Anna Ebisch is:

- 34 i. Gabriel Mengel, born Abt. February 1681/82 in Beddelhausen; died October 06, 1747 in Beddelhausen; married Maria Christina Weller February 27, 1708/09 in Elsoff.

70. Johannes Weller, born Abt. 1659 in Diedenshausen; died December 16, 1737 in Elsoff. He was the son of **140. Philip Weller**. He married **71. Anna Gertraud Heidersdorf** August 08, 1685 in Dillenburg.

71. Anna Gertraud Heidersdorf, born February 22, 1666/67 in Dillenburg; died February 24, 1694/95 in Erndtebrück. She was the daughter of **142. Antonius Heidersdorf**.

Notes for Johannes Weller:

Pastor (Pfarrer).

Child of Johannes Weller and Anna Heidersdorf is:

- 35 i. Maria Christina Weller, born Abt. February 1688/89 in Erndtebrück; married Gabriel Mengel February 27, 1708/09 in Elsoff.

128. Henrich Riedesel, born Abt. 1615 in Melbach; died December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He was the son of **256. Henrich Riedesel**. He married **129. Gerthrut Dickel** May 19, 1661 in Melbach.

129. Gerthrut Dickel, born Abt. 1640 in Girkhausen; died April 29, 1703 in Melbach. She was the daughter of **258. Johannes Dickel**.

Notes for Henrich Riedesel:

A Henrich Riedesel at Herjes Haus in Melbach is mentioned in 1618. Later records report that a Henrich Riedesel served for several years as a coachman to the Count in Berleburg during the 30 Years War (1618-1648) and that his house stood empty for five years. He had returned by 1642. Henrich the coachman was almost certainly the offspring of the first Henrich. Spellings vary for the Henrich born around 1615: Heynrich, Heyrich, Hederich, and others.

Children of Henrich Riedesel and Gerthrut Dickel are:

- 64 i. Johann Mannus Riedesel, born June 06, 1662 in Melbach; died November 04, 1726 in Melbach; married (1) Anna Ursula Spies (?) November 04, 1687 in Melbach; married (2) Anna Katharine Grund November 09, 1693 in Melbach.
- ii. Johann Jost Riedesel, born January 25, 1663/64 in Melbach; died September 1738 in Aue; married Anna Elisabeth Walter Bef. 1700 in Raumlant; born Abt. 1673 in Aue; died October 23, 1734 in Aue.
- iii. Georg Henrich Riedesel, born January 1665/66 in Melbach.
- iv. Anna Gertraud Riedesel, born February 06, 1668/69 in Melbach; died Aft. 1741 in Weidenhausen; married Johann Simon Spies September 25, 1690 in Raumlant; born December 27, 1663 in Bermershausen; died Aft. 1741 in Weidenhausen.
- v. Johann Gilbert Riedesel, born September 17, 1671 in Melbach; married Anna Maria Beuter Bef. 1708; born 1676 in Wingshausen?.

136. Georg Mengel, born Abt. 1600 in Beddelhausen; died August 08, 1669 in Elsoff. He was the son of **272. Hermann Mengel** and **273. Eyla ??**. He married **137. Catharine Rumpf** March 11, 1626/27 in Elsoff.

137. Catharine Rumpf

Notes for Georg Mengel:

Was a pastor (Pfarrer) at Elsoff.

Child of Georg Mengel and Catharine Rumpf is:

- 68 i. Johann Jakob Mengel, born August 09, 1640 in Elsoff; died September 20, 1700 in Elsoff; married Anna Margaretha Ebisch July 30, 1667 in Elsoff.

138. Gabriel Ebisch, died December 29, 1678 in Schwarzenau. He married **139. ??**.

139. ??, died September 10, 1676 in Schwarzenau.

Child of Gabriel Ebisch and ?? is:

- 69 i. Anna Margaretha Ebisch, born Abt. 1649; died October 23, 1722 in Beddelhausen; married Johann Jakob Mengel July 30, 1667 in Elsoff.

140. Philip Weller, born Abt. 1610; died Aft. 1678.

Child of Philip Weller is:

- 70 i. Johannes Weller, born Abt. 1659 in Diedenshausen; died December 16, 1737 in Elsoff; married Anna Gertraud Heidersdorf August 08, 1685 in Dillenburg.

142. Antonius Heidersdorf, born December 06, 1640 in Dillenburg; died November 06, 1715 in Dillenburg.

Child of Antonius Heidersdorf is:

- 71 i. Anna Gertraud Heidersdorf, born February 22, 1666/67 in Dillenburg; died February 24, 1694/95 in Erndtebrück; married Johannes Weller August 08, 1685 in Dillenburg.

Generation No. 9

256. Henrich Riedesel

Notes for Henrich Riedesel:

Dates are not available but it is almost certain that the father of Henrich/Heyrich the coachman bore the same name. Perhaps two more generations of Henrichs preceded him at Herjes Haus in Melbach.

Child of Henrich Riedesel is:

- 128 i. Henrich Riedesel, born Abt. 1615 in Melbach; died December 12, 1680 in Melbach; married (1) ??; married (2) Gerthrut Dickel May 19, 1661 in Melbach.

258. Johannes Dickel, died in Girkhausen ?.

Child of Johannes Dickel is:

- 129 i. Gerthrut Dickel, born Abt. 1640 in Girkhausen; died April 29, 1703 in Melbach; married Henrich Riedesel May 19, 1661 in Melbach.

272. Hermann Mengel, born Abt. 1575 in Beddelhausen. He married **273. Eyla ??**.

273. Eyla ??

Notes for Hermann Mengel:

Innkeeper (Wirt).

Child of Hermann Mengel and Eyla ?? is:

- 136 i. Georg Mengel, born Abt. 1600 in Beddelhausen; died August 08, 1669 in Elsoff; married Catharine Rumpf March 11, 1626/27 in Elsoff.