

# *The First Five Generations of Riedesels in Wittgenstein Beginning with Heyrich Riedesel*

## *Generation No. 1*

### 1. HEYRICH<sup>1</sup> RIEDESEL

Notes for HEYRICH RIEDESEL:

The earliest documentary mentions of the Riedesel family at the house known as "Herjes" in the hamlet called Melbach are faint. The given name of the coachman in the 30 Years War and his father with the same name is indefinite. Expert opinion now is that it was probably not Henrich or Heinrich as commonly reported. Instead, it was some variation of Heyrich. As of 2008, that is the spelling this historian will be using.

Child of HEYRICH RIEDESEL is:

2. i. HEYRICH<sup>2</sup> RIEDESEL, b. about 1615, Melbach; d. December 12, 1680, Melbach.

## *Generation No. 2*

2. HEYRICH<sup>2</sup> RIEDESEL (*HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1615 in Melbach, and died December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married (1) ?? . He married (2) GERTHRUT DICKEL May 19, 1661 in Melbach, daughter of JOHANNES DICKEL. She was born about 1640 in Girkhausen, and died April 29, 1703 in Melbach.

Notes for HEYRICH RIEDESEL:

A Heyrich Riedesel at Herjes Haus in Melbach is mentioned in 1618. Later records report that a Heyrich 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. Heyrich the coachman was almost certainly the offspring of the first Heyrich. Spellings vary for both: Heyrich, Hederich, and others. I do not now believe that it was Henrich or Heinrich.

Children of HEYRICH RIEDESEL and ?? are:

3. i. JOHANNES<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL, b. about 1640, Melbach; d. Girkhausen.
4. ii. ANNA KATHARINA RIEDESEL, b. about 1645.
5. iii. ERNST RIEDESEL, b. about 1646, Melbach; d. December 24, 1693, Schameder.
- iv. KURT/CONRAD RIEDESEL, b. about 1655, Melbach; d. 1709, Melbach.

Notes for KURT/CONRAD RIEDESEL:

Known to have lived at Melbach contemporary with Mannus, but their relation is uncertain. Being step-brothers seems the most likely.

Children of HEYRICH RIEDESEL and GERTHRUT DICKEL are:

6. v. JOHANN MANNUS<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL, b. June 06, 1662, Melbach; d. November 04, 1726, Melbach.
7. vi. JOHANN JOST RIEDESEL, b. January 25, 1663/64, Melbach; d. September 1738, Aue.
- vii. GEORG HENRICH RIEDESEL, b. January 1665/66, Melbach.
- viii. ANNA GERTRAUD RIEDESEL, b. February 06, 1668/69, Melbach; d. after 1741, Weidenhausen; m. JOHANN SIMON SPIES, September 25, 1690, Raumland; b. December 27, 1663, Bermershhausen; d. after 1741, Weidenhausen.
8. ix. JOHANN GILBERT RIEDESEL, b. September 17, 1671, Melbach.

## *Generation No. 3*

3. JOHANNES<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL (*HEYRICH<sup>2</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1640 in Melbach, and died in Girkhausen. He married ANNA ELISABETH WOMELSDORF February 18, 1663/64 in Raumland, daughter of JOHANNES WOMELSDORF. She was born about 1642 in Girkhausen, and died in Girkhausen.

Notes for JOHANNES RIEDESEL:

Born in Melbach but married into Pfaffe-Haus in Girkhausen. I had reported his approximate birth year as 1634 in previous writing, but have been persuaded that 1640 is a better guess.

Children of JOHANNES RIEDESEL and ANNA WOMELSDORF are:

- i. BASTIAN<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL.
9. ii. GEORG MANNUS RIEDESEL, b. about 1664, Girkhausen; d. October 17, 1741, Girkhausen.
10. iii. GEORG HEINRICH RIEDESEL, b. 1666.
11. iv. JOHANN REINHARD RIEDESEL, b. 1675, Elsoff; d. January 15, 1754, Girkhausen.
12. v. WILHELM RIEDESEL, b. 1677, Girkhausen; d. February 09, 1747/48, Wunderhausen.

4. ANNA KATHARINA<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL (*HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1645.

Child of ANNA KATHARINA RIEDESEL is:

- i. ANNA URSULA<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL, b. December 07, 1679, Melbach.

5. ERNST<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL (*HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1646 in Melbach, and died December 24, 1693 in Schameder. He married ANNA ELISABETH MÜLLER before 1687, daughter of JOHANN JOST MÜLLER. She was born 1651, and died December 14, 1693 in Schameder.

Children of ERNST RIEDESEL and ANNA MÜLLER are:

- i. ANNA SOPHIE<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL, b. 1684; d. September 29, 1689, Schmaeder.
13. ii. JOHANN JOST RIEDESEL, b. March 28, 1687, Schmaeder; d. February 15, 1745/46, Schmaeder.
- iii. ANNA MARIA RIEDESEL, b. August 10, 1690, Schmaeder; d. February 04, 1750/51, Zinse; m. TOBIAS SCHNEIDER, December 27, 1713, Erndtebrück; b. about 1681, Schmaeder; d. August 12, 1745, Zinse.
- iv. ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. October 29, 1693, Schmaeder; d. July 28, 1694, Schmaeder.

6. JOHANN MANNUS<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL (*HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born June 06, 1662 in Melbach, and died November 04, 1726 in Melbach. He married (1) ANNA URSULA SPIES (?) November 04, 1687 in Melbach. She was born about 1665, and died May 04, 1693 in Melbach. He married (2) ANNA KATHARINE GRUND November 09, 1693 in Melbach. She was born 1661 in Bermershhausen, and 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 (?) are:

14. i. ANNA GERTRAUD<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL, b. August 01, 1688, Melbach; d. November 24, 1726, Leimstruth.
- ii. AUGUSTINIUS GEORG HEINRICH RIEDESEL, b. November 04, 1691, Melbach.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ANNA GRUND are:

15. iii. ANNA ELISABETH<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL, b. December 17, 1694, Melbach; d. 1750, Womelsdorf.
16. iv. JOHANNES RIEDESEL, b. April 23, 1697, Melbach; d. December 02, 1758, Melbach.
- v. JOHANN GILBERT RIEDESEL, b. March 13, 1703/04, Melbach; d. April 1704, Melbach.

7. JOHANN JOST<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL (*HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born January 25, 1663/64 in Melbach, and died September 1738 in Aue. He married ANNA ELISABETH WALTER before 1700 in Raumland, daughter of JOHANNES WALTER and AGNES SCHOLL. She was born about 1673 in Aue, and died October 20, 1734 in Aue.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ANNA WALTER are:

- i. MAGDALENE<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL, b. August 06, 1699, Aue.
- ii. SUSANNE HELENE RIEDESEL, b. March 05, 1700/01, Aue.
- iii. JOHANN GABRIEL RIEDESEL, b. February 12, 1701/02, Aue.
17. iv. JOHANNES RIEDESEL, b. about 1704, Aue; d. February 11, 1776, Aue.
- v. GEORG ANDREAS RIEDESEL, b. October 06, 1707, Aue.
- vi. MARIA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. March 22, 1708/09, Aue; d. before 1753, Aue; m. (1) HENRICH RATH, before 1732; b. September 15, 1705, Birkelbach; m. (2) JOST TREUDE, 1740, Wingshausen; b. July 01, 1706, Birkefehl; d. before 1753, Aue.
- vii. ANNA CHRISTINE RIEDESEL, b. August 14, 1712, Aue.

8. JOHANN GILBERT<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL (*HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born September 17, 1671 in Melbach. He married ANNA MARIA BEUTER before 1708, daughter of ANDREAS BEUTER. She was born 1676 in Wingshausen?.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ANNA BEUTER are:

- i. JOHANNES<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL, b. August 26, 1708, Wingshausen.
18. ii. JOHANN HEINRICH RIEDESEL, b. April 13, 1710, Wingshausen; d. April 30, 1764, Wingshausen.
- iii. GEORG HEINRICH RIEDESEL, b. December 24, 1713, Wingshausen; d. before 1715, Wingshausen.
- iv. GEORG HEINRICH RIEDESEL, b. May 12, 1715, Wingshausen; d. April 08, 1789, Wingshausen; m. (1) MARGARETA FRÖBE, July 07, 1744; b. October 14, 1706, Birkefehl; d. December 26, 1772, Birkelbach; m. (2) ELISABETH LINDE, about 1747; b. February 11, 1702/03, Wingshausen; d. June 22, 1755, Wingshausen.

Notes for GEORG HEINRICH RIEDESEL:

A church record from Birkelbach mentions that a natural son of Georg Henrich Riedesel of Wingshausen and Maria Margretha Frebbin named Johann Henrich died on June 4, 1745.

#### *Generation No. 4*

9. GEORG MANNUS<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANNES*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1664 in Girkhausen, and died October 17, 1741 in Girkhausen. He married CATHARINA ELISABETH DICKEL before 1696 in Girkhausen. She was born about 1671 in Girkhausen, and died February 22, 1750/51 in Girkhausen.

Notes for GEORG MANNUS RIEDESEL:

Referred to as Hermann in church records.

Children of GEORG RIEDESEL and CATHARINA DICKEL are:

- i. ANNA MARIA<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL, b. June 03, 1696, Girkhausen; d. June 25, 1761, Girkhausen.
19. ii. ANNA GERTRAUD RIEDESEL, b. 1698, Girkhausen; d. May 22, 1764, Girkhausen.
- iii. ANNA MARGARETHA RIEDESEL, b. February 07, 1699/00, Girkhausen.
- iv. GEORG HERMANN RIEDESEL, b. January 08, 1701/02, Girkhausen.
20. v. GEORG WILHELM RIEDESEL, b. March 12, 1702/03, Girkhausen; d. July 11, 1777, Winnen.
- vi. ANNA DOROTHEA RIEDESEL, b. April 12, 1706, Girkhausen.
21. vii. JOHANN HEINRICH ELIAS RIEDESEL, b. December 08, 1707, Girkhausen; d. November 23, 1740, Girkhausen.
- viii. ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. August 17, 1710, Girkhausen; d. February 06, 1792, Girkhausen; m. ELIAS DICKEL, October 30, 1740, Girkhausen; b. 1707, Girkhausen.
22. ix. JOHANNES RIEDESEL, b. March 11, 1711/12, Girkhausen; d. October 11, 1775, Girkhausen.
- x. JOHANN WILHELM RIEDESEL, b. September 21, 1716, Girkhausen.

10. GEORG HEINRICH<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANNES*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1666. He married ELISABETH ??.

Children of GEORG RIEDESEL and ELISABETH ?? are:

- i. JOHANN GABRIEL<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL, b. July 21, 1704.
- ii. JOHANN CARL LUDWIG RIEDESEL, b. September 03, 1705, Girkhausen; d. November 03, 1758, Girkhausen.

- iii. HERMANN RIEDESEL, b. March 25, 1708, Girkhausen.
- iv. DANIEL RIEDESEL, b. December 04, 1709, Girkhausen.
- v. JOHANN JOST RIEDESEL, b. September 22, 1712, Girkhausen.

**11.** JOHANN REINHARD<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANNES*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1675 in Elsoff, and died January 15, 1754 in Girkhausen. He married ELISABETH SCHÜSSLER February 25, 1707/08 in Elsoff. She was born 1673.

Notes for JOHANN REINHARD RIEDESEL:

Built the house in Girkhausen known as Pfaffe-Reinhards or Pfaffereinerts.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ELISABETH SCHÜSSLER are:

- i. ABRAHAM<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL, b. April 24, 1698, Girkhausen.
- ii. ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. December 20, 1708, Girkhausen.
- iii. ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. March 11, 1709/10, Girkhausen; d. April 16, 1781, Girkhausen; m. JOHANN HENRICH ECKHARDT, June 14, 1742, Girkhausen; b. 1721, Girkhausen; d. 1793, Girkhausen.

Notes for ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL:

Called Maria Elisabeth in her birth record,

**12.** WILHELM<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANNES*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1677 in Girkhausen, and died February 09, 1747/48 in Wunderthausen. He married ANNA MARGARETHE SPIES August 16, 1703 in Wunderthausen, daughter of JOHANN SPIES and ANNA HOMRIGHAUSEN. She was born December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen, and died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for WILHELM RIEDESEL:

Baptised as Johann Wilhelm in Girkhausen (Pfaffe Haus), but known as Wilhelm. Married into Gundermanns Haus in Wunderthausen, one of the larger in the village. He was already paying taxes there in 1699 though did not marry until 1703.

Notes for ANNA MARGARETHE SPIES:

Born into Gundermanns Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband on her marriage.

Children of WILHELM RIEDESEL and ANNA SPIES are:

- 23. i. JOHANN GEORG<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL, b. April 15, 1704, Wunderthausen; d. May 15, 1760, Wunderthausen.
- ii. LIESE GERTRAUDT RIEDESEL, b. December 30, 1706, Wunderthausen; d. before 1740, Wunderthausen.
- 24. iii. JOHANNES RIEDESEL, b. April 22, 1709, Wunderthausen; d. December 01, 1755, Wunderthausen.
- 25. iv. JOHANN LUDWIG RIEDESEL, b. February 06, 1711/12, Wunderthausen; d. March 11, 1771, Wunderthausen.
- 26. v. JOHANN GABRIEL RIEDESEL, b. January 04, 1714/15, Wunderthausen; d. December 13, 1781, Wunderthausen.
- vi. SAMUEL RIEDESEL, b. June 23, 1718, Wunderthausen; d. before 1740, Wunderthausen.
- 27. vii. ELISABETH GERTRAUDT RIEDESEL, b. May 14, 1720, Wunderthausen; d. November 16, 1764, Wunderthausen.
- 28. viii. ANNA MARGARETHE RIEDESEL, b. May 16, 1725, Wunderthausen; d. August 08, 1771, Wunderthausen.

**13.** JOHANN JOST<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL (*ERNST*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born March 28, 1687 in Schmaeder, and died February 15, 1745/46 in Schmaeder. He married ANNA MARIA SCHMIDT June 02, 1726 in Erndtebrück. She was born December 28, 1684 in Schmaeder, and died December 08, 1744 in Schmaeder.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ANNA SCHMIDT are:

- i. JOHANN HENRICH<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL, b. October 17, 1726, Schmaeder; d. October 25, 1726, Schmaeder.
- ii. JOHANN JOST RIEDESEL, b. June 10, 1728, Schmaeder; d. March 07, 1741/42, Schmaeder.

**14.** ANNA GERTRAUD<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANN MANNUS*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born August 01, 1688 in Melbach, and died November 24, 1726 in Leimstruth. She married JOHANN HENRICH DÖRR November 21, 1712 in Raumland. He was born May 11, 1683 in Raumland, and died July 20, 1757 in Leimstruth.

Children of ANNA RIEDESEL and JOHANN DÖRR are:

- i. JOHANN HENRICH<sup>5</sup> DÖRR, b. May 05, 1713.
- ii. ANNA ELISABETH DÖRR, b. October 01, 1716.
- iii. JOHANNES DÖRR, b. April 07, 1719.
- iv. JOHANN GEORG DÖRR, b. March 28, 1722.
- v. JOHANN JOST DÖRR, b. November 15, 1724.
- vi. ANNA CATHARINA DÖRR, b. April 18, 1726; d. February 14, 1726/27.
- vii. ANNA GERTRAUD DÖRR, b. April 18, 1726; d. November 17, 1726.

**15.** ANNA ELISABETH<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANN MANNUS*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born December 17, 1694 in Melbach, and died 1750 in Womelsdorf. She married (1) ELIAS HEDERICH. He was born January 08, 1695/96 in Birkelbach, and died August 31, 1732 in Womelsdorf. She married (2) JOHANN LUDWIG SCHMIDT May 10, 1715 in Birkelbach. He was born January 10, 1680/81 in Womelsdorf, and died August 16, 1731 in Womelsdorf. She married (3) LUDWIG KLOTZ March 06, 1732/33 in Birkelbach. He was born May 14, 1700 in Womelsdorf, and died April 07, 1761 in Womelsdorf.

Children of ANNA RIEDESEL and JOHANN SCHMIDT are:

- i. JOHANNES<sup>5</sup> SCHMIDT, b. March 06, 1715/16.
- ii. ANNA ELISABETH SCHMIDT, b. December 10, 1718.
- iii. JOHANN HENRICH SCHMIDT, b. March 03, 1721/22.
- iv. JOHANN VALENTIN SCHMIDT, b. February 29, 1723/24.
- v. JOHANN GEORG SCHMIDT, b. October 27, 1727.
- vi. ANNA MARIA SCHMIDT, b. March 10, 1729/30.

**16.** JOHANNES<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANN MANNUS*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born April 23, 1697 in Melbach, and died December 02, 1758 in Melbach. He married ANNA CATHARINA SCHUPNER August 25, 1719 in Raumland, daughter of LUDWIG SCHUPNER. She was born March 13, 1695/96 in Bernshausen, and died July 10, 1769 in Melbach.

Notes for JOHANNES RIEDESEL:

Born in and tenant in Herjes Haus, Melbach.

Children of JOHANNES RIEDESEL and ANNA SCHUPNER are:

- 29. i. JOHANN HENRICH<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL, b. December 08, 1720, Melbach; d. August 01, 1773, Melbach.
- ii. ANNA CATHARINA RIEDESEL, b. March 14, 1722/23, Melbach; d. before 1745; m. JOHANNES BORN, February 26, 1739/40, Raumland; b. March 05, 1711/12, Berghausen; d. January 18, 1773, Berghausen.
- 30. iii. ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. March 09, 1725/26, Melbach; d. January 22, 1792, Diedenshausen.
- 31. iv. JOHANN GEORG RIEDESEL, b. June 21, 1728, Melbach; d. February 19, 1808, Berleburg.
- v. ANNA MARIA RIEDESEL, b. October 17, 1730, Melbach; m. (1) GEORG LUDWIG BALD, January 28, 1750/51, Berleburg; b. July 07, 1715, Berleburg; m. (2) LUDWIG FRANZ KOCH, April 29, 1772, Berleburg; b. February 07, 1734/35, Berleburg.
- vi. JOHANNES RIEDESEL, b. April 11, 1733, Melbach; d. May 28, 1733, Melbach.
- vii. LÖYSA RIEDESEL, b. August 17, 1734, Melbach; d. June 24, 1781, Wingshausen; m. DANIEL SCHULZ, February 24, 1758, Wingshausen; b. March 30, 1738, Wingshausen; d. April 17, 1797, Wingshausen.

**17.** JOHANNES<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANN JOST*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1704 in Aue, and died February 11, 1776 in Aue. He married (1) ANNA ELISABETH ?? before 1732 in Wingshausen. She was born about 1709, and died about 1744. He married (2) ANNA ELISABETH GRIESING January 04, 1744/45 in Wingshausen. She was born March 12, 1724/25 in Birkelbach, and died November 15, 1798 in Aue.

Children of JOHANNES RIEDESEL and ANNA ?? are:

- i. ANNA MARIA<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL, b. August 17, 1732, Aue; d. October 14, 1797, Aue; m. JOST KLOTZ, about 1748, Wingshausen; b. March 18, 1724/25, Aue; d. December 17, 1791, Aue.
- ii. JOHANN HEINRICH RIEDESEL, b. February 19, 1735/36, Aue; d. February 19, 1755, Aue.
- 32. iii. JOHANNES RIEDESEL, b. February 05, 1740/41, Aue; d. November 23, 1807, Aue.

Children of JOHANNES RIEDESEL and ANNA GRIESING are:

- iv. JOHANN JOST<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL, b. September 03, 1747, Aue; d. September 24, 1781, Aue.
- v. MARIA KATHARINE RIEDESEL, b. January 18, 1749/50, Aue; d. October 22, 1813, Röspe; m. PHILIPP HENRICH LINDE, January 30, 1774, Wingshausen; b. March 01, 1749/50, Wingshausen; d. March 24, 1819, Röspe.
- vi. ELISABETH GERTRAUD RIEDESEL, b. September 03, 1752, Aue; d. March 01, 1815, Aue; m. (1) ANTON PICKHARDT, April 20, 1778, Wingshausen; b. July 30, 1757, Birkelbach; d. September 12, 1794, Aue; m. (2) DANIEL PICKHARDT, January 12, 1795, Wingshausen; b. November 30, 1763, Aue; d. before 1815.
- vii. ANNA GERTRAUD RIEDESEL, b. about 1754, Aue; d. November 09, 1758, Aue.
- 33. viii. JOHANN JOST RIEDESEL, b. May 17, 1760, Aue; d. April 25, 1821, Aue.
- ix. KATHARINE ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. May 10, 1764, Aue; d. April 19, 1770, Aue.

**18.** JOHANN HEINRICH<sup>4</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANN GILBERT<sup>3</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>2</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 13, 1710 in Wingshausen, and died April 30, 1764 in Wingshausen. He married MAGDALENE RATH November 10, 1734 in Wingshausen, daughter of VALENTIN RATH and ANNA KLOTZ. She was born September 15, 1710 in Birkelbach, and died June 16, 1755 in Wingshausen.

Notes for JOHANN HEINRICH RIEDESEL:  
Lived in Hirtes Haus, Wingshausen.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and MAGDALENE RATH are:

- i. MARIA ELISABETH<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL, b. April 03, 1735, Wingshausen; d. March 28, 1780, Aue; m. GEORG TREUDE, November 03, 1771, Wingshausen; b. March 27, 1721, Womelsdorf; d. February 26, 1788, Aue.
- 34. ii. GEORG HEINRICH RIEDESEL, b. November 23, 1738, Wingshausen; d. November 10, 1780, Wingshausen.
- iii. JOST HEINRICH RIEDESEL, b. September 06, 1744, Wingshausen.
- iv. JOHANN GEORG RIEDESEL, b. December 03, 1747, Wingshausen.
- 35. v. JOHANN RÜDIGER RIEDESEL, b. February 14, 1750/51, Wingshausen.

#### *Generation No. 5*

**19.** ANNA GERTRAUD<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*GEORG MANNUS<sup>4</sup>, JOHANNES<sup>3</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>2</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1698 in Girkhausen, and died May 22, 1764 in Girkhausen. She married JOHANN GEORG WELLER about 1720 in Girkhausen, son of JOHANN WELLER and ANNA ??. He was born about 1686 in Girkhausen, and died December 24, 1747 in Girkhausen.

Notes for JOHANN GEORG WELLER:  
Born in Hanjörges Haus in Girkhausen. It is unclear whether he was a child of his father's first or second marriage. He became the tenant in Pfaffe Haus in Girkhausen.

Child of ANNA RIEDESEL and JOHANN WELLER is:

- i. ANNA MARGARETA<sup>6</sup> WELLER, b. February 14, 1720/21, Girkhausen; d. April 15, 1784, Girkhausen; m. JOHANN SEBASTIAN SABMANNSHAUSEN, December 28, 1740, Girkhausen; b. February 02, 1709/10, Girkhausen.

Notes for JOHANN SEBASTIAN SABMANNSHAUSEN:  
Born in Kurts Haus, Girkhausen, became the tenant in Pfaffe.

**20.** GEORG WILHELM<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*GEORG MANNUS<sup>4</sup>, JOHANNES<sup>3</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>2</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 12, 1702/03 in Girkhausen, and died July 11, 1777 in Winnen. He married ANNA ELISABETH HAINBACH March 04, 1733/34 in Winnen. She was born October 24, 1705 in Winnen, and died April 02, 1787 in Winnen.

Children of GEORG RIEDESEL and ANNA HAINBACH are:

- i. JOHANN LUDWIG<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. April 24, 1735.
- ii. CHRISTIAN FRIEDRICH RIEDESEL, b. May 30, 1737, Winnen; d. January 05, 1793, Winnen; m. ANNA CATHARINA SCHREIBER; b. April 11, 1731, Nothfeld; d. April 23, 1795, Winnen.
- iii. LUISA MAGDALENA RIEDESEL, b. October 06, 1739, Winnen; d. January 30, 1818, Nordeck.

**21.** JOHANN HEINRICH ELIAS<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*GEORG MANNUS*<sup>4</sup>, *JOHANNES*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born December 08, 1707 in Girkhausen, and died November 23, 1740 in Girkhausen. He married ANNA ELISABETH HOMRIGHAUSEN in Girkhausen, daughter of JOHANN HOMRIGHAUSEN and ANNA ??. She was born June 26, 1713 in Girkhausen, and died May 23, 1790 in Girkhausen.

Notes for JOHANN HEINRICH ELIAS RIEDESEL:

Born in Pfaffe Haus, Girkhausen, but became the tenant in Warte through marriage.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ANNA HOMRIGHAUSEN are:

- i. ANNA ELISABETH<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. February 23, 1735/36, Girkhausen; d. June 23, 1804, Girkhausen; m. (1) HEINRICH HAAS, October 05, 1753, Girkhausen; b. 1733; m. (2) JOHANNES SPIES, September 24, 1758, Girkhausen; b. 1734.
- ii. MARGARETE RIEDESEL, b. May 08, 1739, Girkhausen; d. December 27, 1772, Girkhausen; m. ISRAEL RIEMENSCHNEIDER, March 30, 1760, Girkhausen; b. 1726, Girkhausen.

**22.** JOHANNES<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*GEORG MANNUS*<sup>4</sup>, *JOHANNES*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born March 11, 1711/12 in Girkhausen, and died October 11, 1775 in Girkhausen. He married KATHARINA HIRSCHTEL. She was born about 1714, and died September 09, 1787 in Girkhausen.

Children of JOHANNES RIEDESEL and KATHARINA HIRSCHTEL are:

- i. JULIANE<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. August 06, 1739, Girkhausen; m. (1) JOHANNES LAUBER, December 30, 1757, Girkhausen; b. 1734, Girkhausen; d. before 1777, Girkhausen; m. (2) GEORG HERMANN DICKEL, August 29, 1777, Girkhausen; b. 1740, Girkhausen.
- ii. ELIAS RIEDESEL, b. September 04, 1742, Girkhausen; d. August 09, 1824, Girkhausen; m. (1) ELISABETH BÄTZEL, November 01, 1766, Girkhausen; b. 1742, Girkhausen; d. before 1781, Girkhausen; m. (2) MAGDALENE SPIES, March 30, 1780, Girkhausen; b. 1757.
- iii. GEORG RIEDESEL, b. December 14, 1745, Girkhausen; d. February 21, 1800, Girkhausen; m. ELISABETH SABMANSHAUSEN, May 10, 1776, Girkhausen; b. 1761, Girkhausen.
- iv. GEORG HERMANN RIEDESEL, b. April 15, 1750, Girkhausen; d. February 18, 1750/51, Girkhausen.
- v. JOHANNES RIEDESEL, b. September 15, 1752, Girkhausen; d. September 23, 1752, Girkhausen.
- vi. LUDWIG RIEDESEL, b. August 10, 1756, Girkhausen; d. October 24, 1836, Wunderthausen.
- vii. JOHANNES RIEDESEL, b. September 28, 1759, Girkhausen; d. February 07, 1764, Girkhausen.

**23.** JOHANN GEORG<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*WILHELM*<sup>4</sup>, *JOHANNES*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born April 15, 1704 in Wunderthausen, and died May 15, 1760 in Wunderthausen. He married ANNA ELISABETH KNOCHKE May 04, 1731 in Wunderthausen, daughter of JOHANNES KNOCHKE and ANNA STRACKBEIN. She was born January 20, 1711/12 in Wunderthausen, and died May 23, 1787 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for JOHANN GEORG RIEDESEL:

Heir to Gundermanns Haus.

Notes for ANNA ELISABETH KNOCHKE:

Born in Wetzels Haus, Wunderthausen.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ANNA KNOCHKE are:

- i. ELISABETH GERTRAUD<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. March 14, 1731/32, Wunderthausen; d. before 1740, Wunderthausen.
- ii. ANNA CATHARINA RIEDESEL, b. February 03, 1733/34, Wunderthausen; d. January 15, 1765, Wunderthausen; m. JOHANNES STRACKBEIN, April 23, 1752, Wunderthausen; b. January 20, 1724/25, Wunderthausen; d. May 13, 1778, Wunderthausen.

Notes for JOHANNES STRACKBEIN:

Born in Hohmann Haus, became tenant in Gundermanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

- iii. ELISABETH GERTRAUD RIEDESEL, b. June 11, 1735, Wunderthausen; m. DEBUS BENFER, December 26, 1759, Wunderthausen; b. April 15, 1731, Diedenshausen; d. May 1801, Winterbach.

Notes for DEBUS BENFER:  
Born in Hirte Haus, Diedenshausen.

- iv. JOHANN CONRAD RIEDESEL, b. January 13, 1737/38, Wunderthausen; d. March 19, 1770, Wunderthausen; m. ANNA MARIA SCHÜTZ, July 13, 1762, Wunderthausen; b. Schwarzenau; d. before March 19, 1770.
- v. JOHANN GEORG RIEDESEL, b. January 18, 1739/40, Wunderthausen; d. August 22, 1755, Wunderthausen.
- vi. JOHANNES RIEDESEL, b. July 27, 1742, Wunderthausen; d. September 17, 1742, Wunderthausen.
- vii. ANNA MARGARETE RIEDESEL, b. May 15, 1744, Wunderthausen; d. February 13, 1807, Wunderthausen; m. JOHANNES STRACKBEIN, December 29, 1766, Wunderthausen; b. January 20, 1724/25, Wunderthausen; d. May 13, 1778, Wunderthausen.

Notes for JOHANNES STRACKBEIN:  
Born in Hohmann Haus, became tenant in Gundermanns Haus, Wunderthausen.

- viii. CATHARINA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. April 02, 1746, Wunderthausen.
- ix. ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. February 01, 1749/50, Wunderthausen; d. May 26, 1752, Wunderthausen.
- x. ELISABETH AMALIA RIEDESEL, b. November 18, 1751, Wunderthausen; m. JOHANN GEORG HOMRIGHAUSEN, February 10, 1774, Wunderthausen; b. April 07, 1744, Wunderthausen.
- xi. ANNA CHRISTINA RIEDESEL, b. February 21, 1756, Wunderthausen; d. August 30, 1800, Wunderthausen; m. GEORG HERMANN HOMRIGHAUSEN, April 05, 1779, Wunderthausen; b. August 28, 1748, Wunderthausen.

**24.** JOHANNES<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*WILHELM*<sup>4</sup>, *JOHANNES*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born April 22, 1709 in Wunderthausen, and died December 01, 1755 in Wunderthausen. He married (1) ANNA MARGARETE MÜSSE May 17, 1734 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1715 in Elsoff, and died July 10, 1743 in Wunderthausen. He married (2) ANNA MARIA TRAPP February 22, 1744/45 in Wunderthausen, daughter of JOHANNES TRAPP. She was born April 14, 1714 in Wunderthausen, and died July 03, 1783 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for JOHANNES RIEDESEL:  
Born in Gundermanns Haus and became the first tenant in Neuhäusers Haus at some point.

Children of JOHANNES RIEDESEL and ANNA MÜSSE are:

- i. GABRIEL<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. May 03, 1735, Wunderthausen; d. March 24, 1794, Wunderthausen; m. ANNA MARGARETE KÜMMEL, November 29, 1765, Wunderthausen; b. April 12, 1732, Wunderthausen; d. October 02, 1791, Wunderthausen.

Notes for GABRIEL RIEDESEL:  
Born in Gundermanns Haus but married into Altehäusers and became the tenant.

Notes for ANNA MARGARETE KÜMMEL:  
Born in Altehäusers which passed to her husband on her marriage. Her birth name was Anna Margarete, but she was known as Elisabeth at the time of her marriage.

- ii. ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. March 13, 1736/37, Wunderthausen; d. June 23, 1740, Wunderthausen.
- iii. JOHANN PHILIPP RIEDESEL, b. January 28, 1740/41, Wunderthausen.

Children of JOHANNES RIEDESEL and ANNA TRAPP are:

- iv. ELISABETH GERTRAUD<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. December 05, 1745, Wunderthausen; d. September 24, 1770, Wunderthausen; m. MATTHIAS KÜMMEL, November 29, 1765, Wunderthausen; b. December 04, 1737, Wunderthausen; d. April 25, 1794, Wunderthausen.

Notes for MATTHIAS KÜMMEL:  
Born in Altehäusers house in Wunderthausen; married into and became the tenant in Neuhäusers.

- v. GEORG FRANZ RIEDESEL, b. April 21, 1751, Wunderthausen; d. December 17, 1810, Wunderthausen; m. (1) CATHERINE ELISABETH KNOCH, October 25, 1780, Wunderthausen; b. April 24, 1745, Wunderthausen; d. October 31, 1794, Wunderthausen; m. (2) MARIA GERTRAUD WAGNER, June 02, 1795, Wunderthausen; b. April 04, 1766; m. (3) ANNA KATHERINE DICKEL, December 03, 1797, Wunderthausen; b. 1770, Schüller; d. Wunderthausen.

Notes for GEORG FRANZ RIEDESEL:

First tenant of "Försters am Lotzenberg" Haus in Wunderthausen, was a forester.

Notes for CATHERINE ELISABETH KNOCHE:

Born in Bormanns Haus, Wunderthausen. May also have been known as Anna Katharina.

Notes for MARIA GERTRAUD WAGNER:

May have immigrated to America in 1796 without Georg Franz but with an earlier child.

- vi. ANNA MARIA SOPHIA AMALIA RIEDESEL, b. February 01, 1754, Wunderthausen; d. September 30, 1813, Wunderthausen; m. MATTHIAS KÜMMEL, January 07, 1772, Wunderthausen; b. December 04, 1737, Wunderthausen; d. April 25, 1794, Wunderthausen.

Notes for MATTHIAS KÜMMEL:

Born in Althäusers house in Wunderthausen; married into and became the tenant in Neuhäusers.

**25.** JOHANN LUDWIG<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*WILHELM*<sup>4</sup>, *JOHANNES*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born February 06, 1711/12 in Wunderthausen, and died March 11, 1771 in Wunderthausen. He married ANNA CATHARINA RUPPERT November 26, 1751 in Wunderthausen, daughter of JOHANN RUPPERT and ANNA KNOCHE. She was born June 27, 1724 in Wunderthausen, and died January 06, 1794 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for JOHANN LUDWIG RIEDESEL:

Born in Gundermanns Haus, became tenant in Wetzels Haus in Wunderthausen.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ANNA RUPPERT are:

- i. ELISABETH GERTRAUD<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. September 11, 1752, Wunderthausen; d. November 12, 1753, Wunderthausen.
- ii. JOHANN LUDWIG RIEDESEL, b. February 21, 1762, Wunderthausen; d. December 25, 1835, Wunderthausen; m. (1) ANNA ELISABETH SPIES, July 19, 1782, Wunderthausen; b. February 27, 1761, Girkhausen; d. October 27, 1789, Wunderthausen; m. (2) ELISABETH JULIANA HOMRIGHAUSEN, October 30, 1790, Wunderthausen; b. December 15, 1765, Diedenshausen; d. December 13, 1800, Wunderthausen; m. (3) ANNA ELISABETH KNOCHE, March 02, 1801, Wunderthausen; b. February 07, 1776, Wunderthausen; d. September 23, 1834, Wunderthausen.

Notes for JOHANN LUDWIG RIEDESEL:

Tenant in Wetzels Haus in Wunderthausen.

**26.** JOHANN GABRIEL<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*WILHELM*<sup>4</sup>, *JOHANNES*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born January 04, 1714/15 in Wunderthausen, and died December 13, 1781 in Wunderthausen. He married (1) ANNA ELISABETH GERTRAUD KNOCHE July 10, 1740 in Wunderthausen, daughter of JOHANNES KNOCHE and ANNA STRACKBEIN. She was born October 21, 1704 in Wunderthausen, and died January 21, 1748/49 in Wunderthausen. He married (2) ELISABETH GERTRAUD WELLER February 04, 1751/52 in Wunderthausen, daughter of JOHANN WELLER and ANNA TRAPP. She was born August 27, 1726 in Wunderthausen, and died October 21, 1780 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for JOHANN GABRIEL RIEDESEL:

Married into Weymers Haus from Gundermanns. Through his two marriages he is the progenitor of a large majority of Riedesels in the U.S. Most often referred to as J. Gabriel.

Notes for ELISABETH GERTRAUD WELLER:

Born in Weymers Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ANNA KNOCHE are:

- i. JOHANN LUDWIG<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. December 01, 1741, Wunderthausen; d. October 01, 1801, Wunderthausen; m. (1) ELISABETH GERTRAUD KNOCHE, May 28, 1766, Wunderthausen; b. February 17, 1742/43, Wunderthausen; d. April 10, 1773, Wunderthausen; m. (2) ANNA ELISABETH HOMRIGHAUSEN, July 10, 1774, Wunderthausen; b. March 13, 1756, Wunderthausen; d. April 05, 1812, Wunderthausen.

Notes for JOHANN LUDWIG RIEDESEL:

Born in Gundermanns Haus, but became the tenant in Ludwigs/Unter der Laye.

- ii. ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. December 15, 1743, Wunderthausen; d. November 22, 1802, Wunderthausen; m. FRANZ HOMRIGHAUSEN, October 10, 1769, Wunderthausen; b. February 15, 1740/41, Wunderthausen; d. October 16, 1826, Wunderthausen.

Notes for FRANZ HOMRIGHAUSEN:

First tenant in Kellers Haus, Wunderthausen.

- iii. JOHANN GEORG RIEDESEL, b. December 26, 1745, Wunderthausen; d. January 04, 1745/46, Wunderthausen.
- iv. JOHANNES RIEDESEL, b. January 11, 1748/49, Wunderthausen; d. January 21, 1748/49, Wunderthausen.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ELISABETH WELLER are:

- v. JOHANNES<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. August 27, 1753, Wunderthausen; d. July 19, 1835, Wunderthausen; m. MARIA ELISABETH DIENST, April 21, 1776, Wunderthausen; b. February 26, 1755, Wunderthausen; d. February 07, 1805, Wunderthausen.

Notes for JOHANNES RIEDESEL:

Born into Weymers Haus and became the tenant. He was the second person to serve as schoolmaster in Wunderthausen. There was no school building so classes were held in one or another house, which was not very satisfactory.

Notes for MARIA ELISABETH DIENST:

Born in Linde Haus in Wunderthausen.

- vi. ANNA MARGARETHE RIEDESEL, b. December 19, 1756, Wunderthausen; d. March 20, 1819, Langewiese; m. JOHANNES SPIES, September 06, 1781, Girkhausen; b. March 09, 1742/43, Langewiese; d. October 08, 1806, Langewiese.
- vii. JOHANN GEORG RIEDESEL, b. March 06, 1760, Wunderthausen; d. Prob. America; m. FLORENTINE SPIES; b. 1759, Girkhausen.

Notes for JOHANN GEORG RIEDESEL:

Granted permission to emigrate to the United States in 1796/97. It is not absolutely certain that he left and no records of him or any progeny have surfaced in the U.S. One reading of his baptismal record is with the name Ludwig.

- viii. MARIA JULIANA RIEDESEL, b. January 31, 1763, Wunderthausen; d. July 15, 1763, Wunderthausen.
- ix. GEORG LUDWIG RIEDESEL, b. May 21, 1764, Wunderthausen; d. May 23, 1764, Wunderthausen.
- x. GEORG GABRIEL RIEDESEL, b. June 09, 1765, Wunderthausen; d. February 28, 1833, Diedenshausen; m. (1) CATHARINA FLORENTINE BEITZEL, January 13, 1793, Wunderthausen; b. October 13, 1749, Wunderthausen; d. February 24, 1793, Wunderthausen; m. (2) MARIA ELISABETH GERNAND, January 28, 1800, Diedenshausen; b. March 15, 1777, Diedenshausen; d. December 20, 1839, Diedenshausen.

Notes for GEORG GABRIEL RIEDESEL:

Born in Weimers Haus in Wunderthausen but became the tenant in Pauls Haus in Diedenshausen. He left for America in 1796, but returned in 1799.

- xi. GEORG FRANZ RIEDESEL, b. February 19, 1769, Wunderthausen.

Notes for GEORG FRANZ RIEDESEL:

Believed to have gone to America in 1796.

- xii. ANNA CATHERINA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. February 15, 1773, Wunderthausen; d. June 24, 1847, Wunderthausen; m. LUDWIG HEINRICH STRACKBEIN, July 23, 1796, Wunderthausen; b. August 26, 1771, Wunderthausen.

Notes for LUDWIG HEINRICH STRACKBEIN:

Born in Kurts Haus, Wunderthausen. Became the tenant in Schäfers.

**27.** ELISABETH GERTRAUDT<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*WILHELM<sup>4</sup>, JOHANNES<sup>3</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>2</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 14, 1720 in Wunderthausen, and died November 16, 1764 in Wunderthausen. She married (1) JOHANN HEINRICH POTT January 06, 1746/47 in Wunderthausen, son of JOHANN POTT and ANNA BEITZEL. He was born 1704 in Wunderthausen, and died October 08, 1749 in Wunderthausen. She married (2) JOHANN GEORG HOMRIGHAUSEN September 05, 1751 in Wunderthausen, son of JOHANN HOMRIGHAUSEN and ANNA BOSHOFF. He was born August 03, 1725 in Wunderthausen, and died August 20, 1784 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for JOHANN GEORG HOMRIGHAUSEN:  
Became the tenant in Beitzels when he married.

Child of ELISABETH RIEDESEL and JOHANN POTT is:

- i. JOHANN GEORG<sup>6</sup> POTT, b. January 14, 1747/48, Wunderthausen; d. April 10, 1758, Wunderthausen.

Children of ELISABETH RIEDESEL and JOHANN HOMRIGHAUSEN are:

- ii. CATHARINA ELISABETH<sup>6</sup> HOMRIGHAUSEN, b. August 1752, Wunderthausen; d. March 23, 1758, Wunderthausen.
- iii. ANNA ELISABETH HOMRIGHAUSEN, b. May 30, 1756, Wunderthausen.
- iv. JOHANNES HOMRIGHAUSEN, b. January 17, 1760.

**28.** ANNA MARGARETHE<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*WILHELM<sup>4</sup>, JOHANNES<sup>3</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>2</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 16, 1725 in Wunderthausen, and died August 08, 1771 in Wunderthausen. She had a child with JOHANN GEORG LUDWIG FUCHS from Schüller.

Child of ANNA RIEDESEL and JOHANN FUCHS is:

- i. GEORG LUDWIG<sup>6</sup> FUCHS, b. May 05, 1751, Wunderthausen; d. January 18, 1801, Wunderthausen; m. ELISABETH GERTRAUD HOMRIGHAUSEN, January 12, 1776, Wunderthausen; b. October 22, 1757, Wunderthausen; d. December 25, 1793, Wunderthausen.

Notes for GEORG LUDWIG FUCHS:  
Grew up in Gondermanns Haus but became the tenant of Seimes through marriage.

**29.** JOHANN HENRICH<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANNES<sup>4</sup>, JOHANN MANNUS<sup>3</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>2</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 08, 1720 in Melbach, and died August 01, 1773 in Melbach. He married ANNA CATHARINA MENGEL June 04, 1751 in Raumland, daughter of GABRIEL MENGEL and MARIA WELLER. She was born about August 1724 in Beddelhausen, and died February 03, 1796 in Melbach.

Notes for JOHANN HENRICH RIEDESEL:  
Tenant in Herjes Haus, Melbach.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ANNA MENGEL are:

- i. ANNA CATHARINA<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. June 01, 1752, Melbach; d. June 11, 1781, Melbach; m. ARND DICKEL, November 20, 1773, Raumland; b. April 02, 1743, Rinthe; d. February 24, 1788, 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.

- ii. MARIA CHRISTINA RIEDESEL, b. October 27, 1754, Melbach; d. January 17, 1772, Melbach.
- iii. JOHANNES RIEDESEL, b. February 11, 1756, Melbach; d. March 09, 1786, Melbach; m. (1) ANNA KATHARINA DICKEL; b. March 20, 1754, Rinthe; d. September 20, 1829, Erndtebrück; m. (2) WILHELMINA LÖYSA MÜSSE, November 05, 1777, Raumland; b. August 07, 1753, Balde; d. December 24, 1777, Balde.

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.

- iv. JOHANN HEINRICH RIEDESEL, b. January 23, 1760, Melbach; d. June 02, 1778, Melbach.
- v. ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. March 13, 1764, Melbach; d. March 28, 1765, Melbach.
- vi. MARIA AMELINA RIEDESEL, b. March 13, 1764, Melbach; d. March 27, 1765, Melbach.

**30.** ANNA ELISABETH<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANNES*<sup>4</sup>, *JOHANN MANNUS*<sup>3</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>2</sup>, *HEYRICH*<sup>1</sup>) was born March 09, 1725/26 in Melbach, and died January 22, 1792 in Diedenshausen. She married JOHANN FRANZ SPIES November 04, 1746 in Diedenshausen, son of JOHANNES SPIES and ANNA SPIES. He was born April 14, 1726 in Diedenshausen, and died March 11, 1790 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for JOHANN FRANZ SPIES:

Born in and tenant in Schreinners 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 came of it, which should be no surprise to anyone.

Children of ANNA RIEDESEL and JOHANN SPIES are:

- i. JOHANNES<sup>6</sup> SPIES, m. MARIA MARBURGER, Garsbach/Alertshausen.

Notes for JOHANNES SPIES:

Known only from a marriage record. He was a carpenter.

- ii. MARIA MAGDALENA SPIES.

Notes for MARIA MAGDALENA SPIES:

Known only from a 1774 baptismal record in which she was a sponsor.

- iii. JOHANN HEINRICH SPIES, b. September 18, 1747, Diedenshausen; d. October 14, 1792, Diedenshausen; m. ANNA ELISABETH HOMRIGHAUSEN, April 23, 1775.

Notes for JOHANN HEINRICH SPIES:

Became the tenant in Schreinners house, Diedenshausen.

- iv. MARIA AMALIA SPIES, b. October 27, 1749, Diedenshausen; d. October 07, 1805, Diedenshausen; m. JOHANNES HOMRIGHAUSEN, April 23, 1775, Diedenshausen; b. September 24, 1753, Diedenshausen; d. April 13, 1803, Diedenshausen.

Notes for JOHANNES HOMRIGHAUSEN:

Born in and tenant in Hermes Haus, Diedenshausen.

- v. ANNA ELISABETH SPIES, b. January 20, 1751/52, Diedenshausen; d. May 12, 1752, Diedenshausen.
- vi. ANNA ELISABETH SPIES, b. April 06, 1753, Diedenshausen; d. June 02, 1758, Diedenshausen.
- vii. MARIA ELISABETH SPIES, b. October 24, 1758, Diedenshausen; d. July 15, 1762, Diedenshausen.
- viii. MARIA GERTRAUD SPIES, b. May 23, 1761, Diedenshausen; d. September 16, 1764, Diedenshausen.
- ix. ELISABETH GERTRAUD SPIES, b. April 21, 1764, Diedenshausen; d. April 13, 1830, Diedenshausen.
- x. JOHANN GEORG SPIES, b. March 25, 1767, Diedenshausen; m. CATHARINA ELISABETH AFFLERBACH, June 13, 1790; b. March 31, 1770, Richstein.

Notes for JOHANN GEORG SPIES:

It is not certain that he is the George Spies who lived in America.

Notes for CATHARINA ELISABETH AFFLERBACH:

She was born in the house known as Schäferkrafts-Spieses in Richstein. The couple apparently lived in Richstein following their marriage.

- xi. MARIA CATHARINA SPIES, b. December 02, 1769, Diedenshausen; d. September 04, 1785, Diedenshausen.
- xii. JOHANN FRANZ SPIES, b. July 19, 1773, Diedenshausen.

Notes for JOHANN FRANZ SPIES:

The absence of further records in Diedenshausen suggest that he may have emigrated. There is no record of him leaving Wittgenstein legally.

**31.** JOHANN GEORG<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANNES<sup>4</sup>, JOHANN MANNUS<sup>3</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>2</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 21, 1728 in Melbach, and died February 19, 1808 in Berleburg. He married ELISABETH BELZ June 17, 1771 in Berleburg. She was born August 28, 1739 in Berleburg, and died June 15, 1817 in Berleburg.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ELISABETH BELZ are:

- i. JOHANN HENRICH<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. June 14, 1772, Berleburg; d. America; m. (1) MARIE LOUISE ??; b. about 1785; d. May 14, 1840, Philadelphia, PA; m. (2) HENRIETTE GÄKLER, February 18, 1817, Berleburg; b. February 11, 1784, Schwarzenau; d. before 1819, Probably Europe.

Notes for JOHANN HENRICH RIEDESEL:

Recorded as having come to Ronsdorf near what is now Wuppertal in 1791. He left for Holland June 18, 1792. He almost certainly came to America in 1819 with his brother on the brig Osgood (September 20). It had sailed from Amsterdam. German records show that he married Henriette Gäkler in Berleburg in 1817, and that they had a daughter the following year. Neither his wife or daughter appears on the passenger list.

Records of a church in Philadelphia show the baptism of a Johannes Riedesel, son of "Dokt. Johann Hein. Riedesel" and his wife, Marie Louise. The child was born January 3, 1820, and was baptised on March 16, 1820. This could well be the same Johann Heinrich.

Louisa died May 14, 1840 at about 55 years of age and is buried in the Salems Cemetery.

Other Wittgensteiners belonged to this church. At one point it was the "United High German Evangelical Calvinist Reformed Church. Later it was simply the "Salem German Reformed Church."

- ii. JOHANN LUDWIG RIEDESEL, b. March 09, 1775, Berleburg; d. America.

Notes for JOHANN LUDWIG RIEDESEL:

Was almost certainly the Johann Ludwig Riedesel who arrived on the brig Osgood in Philadelphia on September 20, 1819. It had sailed from Amsterdam.

**32.** JOHANNES<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANNES<sup>4</sup>, JOHANN JOST<sup>3</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>2</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 05, 1740/41 in Aue, and died November 23, 1807 in Aue. He married ELISABETH KNEBEL 1768 in Wingshausen. She was born November 28, 1749 in Aue, and died September 02, 1819 in Aue.

Children of JOHANNES RIEDESEL and ELISABETH KNEBEL are:

- i. MARIA ELISABETH<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. December 20, 1769, Aue; d. October 03, 1802, Aue; m. GEORG HENRICH SONNEBORN, January 15, 1790, Wingshausen; b. March 14, 1767, Hemschlar; d. December 31, 1847, Aue.
- ii. KATHARINA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. December 13, 1773, Aue; d. December 14, 1841, Wingshausen; m. HENRICH LINDE, about 1805; b. May 14, 1766, Wingshausen; d. April 27, 1838, Wingshausen.
- iii. JOHANN GEORG RIEDESEL, b. August 16, 1776, Aue; d. April 05, 1778, Aue.
- iv. JOHANNES RIEDESEL, b. February 11, 1779, Aue.
- v. JOHANN DANIEL RIEDESEL, b. November 20, 1781, Aue; d. June 22, 1839, Aue.
- vi. JOHANN JOST RIEDESEL, b. October 04, 1784, Aue.
- vii. JOHANN HENRICH RIEDESEL, b. November 25, 1788, Aue; d. September 10, 1800, Aue.

**33.** JOHANN JOST<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANNES<sup>4</sup>, JOHANN JOST<sup>3</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>2</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 17, 1760 in Aue, and died April 25, 1821 in Aue. He married ELISABETH VOLMAR March 10, 1789 in Wemlighausen. She was born January 23, 1764 in Aue, and died October 24, 1821 in Aue.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ELISABETH VOLMAR are:

- i. ELISABETH MARGARETE<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. July 11, 1788, Aue; d. March 23, 1789, Aue.

- ii. JOHANN GEORG RIEDESEL, b. December 24, 1789, Aue; d. March 09, 1872, Wingshausen; m. (1) ELISABETH MAGDALENE LINDE, July 09, 1815, Wingshausen; b. September 29, 1770, Wingshausen; d. January 16, 1833, Wingshausen; m. (2) ANNA MARIA DREISBACH, April 04, 1833; b. August 20, 1791, Wingshausen; d. May 20, 1846, Berghausen.

Notes for JOHANN GEORG RIEDESEL:  
Lived in Lipses Haus, Wingshausen.

- iii. JOHANN HENRICH RIEDESEL, b. September 28, 1795, Aue; d. December 04, 1826, Aue.
- iv. MARIA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. September 26, 1797, Aue.
- v. GEORG HENRICH RIEDESEL, b. January 19, 1800, Aue; d. April 16, 1800, Aue.
- vi. ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. May 27, 1803, Aue; d. March 17, 1805, Aue.

**34.** GEORG HEINRICH<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANN HEINRICH<sup>4</sup>, JOHANN GILBERT<sup>3</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>2</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born November 23, 1738 in Wingshausen, and died November 10, 1780 in Wingshausen. He married KATHERINA ELISABETH KÜMMEL March 25, 1763 in Wingshausen, daughter of GEORG KÜMMEL. She was born June 09, 1733 in Wingshausen, and died October 26, 1797 in Wingshausen.

Notes for GEORG HEINRICH RIEDESEL:  
Lived in Hirtes Haus, Wingshausen.

Children of GEORG RIEDESEL and KATHERINA KÜMMEL are:

- i. GEORG HEINRICH<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. December 29, 1763, Wingshausen; d. June 29, 1768, Wingshausen.
- ii. MARIA ELISABETH RIEDESEL, b. November 22, 1765, Wingshausen; d. June 28, 1814, Wingshausen; m. JOHANN HEINRICH DICKEL, February 02, 1781, Wingshausen; b. December 21, 1757, Wingshausen; d. June 07, 1818, Wingshausen.
- iii. GEORG HEINRICH RIEDESEL, b. August 21, 1767, Wingshausen; d. June 26, 1769, Wingshausen.
- iv. ELISABETH MAGDALENA RIEDESEL, b. January 13, 1770, Wingshausen; d. November 16, 1801, Wingshausen.
- v. MARIA GERTRAUD RIEDESEL, b. December 08, 1771, Wingshausen; d. April 18, 1831, Wingshausen; m. JOST KOCH, December 03, 1801, Wingshausen; b. April 17, 1772, Wingshausen; d. June 21, 1823, Wingshausen.
- vi. JOST HEINRICH RIEDESEL, b. November 08, 1774, Wingshausen; d. June 21, 1823, Wingshausen.

**35.** JOHANN RÜDIGER<sup>5</sup> RIEDESEL (*JOHANN HEINRICH<sup>4</sup>, JOHANN GILBERT<sup>3</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>2</sup>, HEYRICH<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 14, 1750/51 in Wingshausen. He married ELISABETH RIND before 1786. She was born about 1756.

Children of JOHANN RIEDESEL and ELISABETH RIND are:

- i. MARIE SOPHIE<sup>6</sup> RIEDESEL, b. November 01, 1786, Berleburg; d. December 10, 1790, Berleburg.
- ii. MARIA KATHARINA RIEDESEL, b. February 23, 1789, Berleburg; d. December 10, 1790, Berleburg.
- iii. JOHANN GEORG RIEDESEL, b. January 14, 1793, Berleburg.
- iv. JOHANN HENRICH RIEDESEL, b. February 28, 1796, Berleburg.