

Descendants of Heinrich Gustav Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **HEINRICH GUSTAV¹ RIEDESEL** was born on September 16, 1893 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 27, 1959 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Emma Mildred Wolfe, daughter of Fritz Wolfe and Dora ??, on December 17, 1918 in Wheatland. She was born on August 30, 1900 in Iowa. She died on May 28, 1979 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa.

Notes for Heinrich Gustav Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. Referred to as Gustave Heinrich by family but was christened Heinrich Gustav.

Notes for Emma Mildred Wolfe:

Her last name is also given as Wulf in some sources. That is actually much more common a name in Germany, from which her parents came, than 'Wolfe.' 'Wolff' is more common than either.

Heinrich Gustav Riedesel and Emma Mildred Wolfe had the following children:

- i. **MELVIN WILHEM² RIEDESEL** was born on September 19, 1920 in Wheatland, IA. He died on June 4, 2011 in Stanwood, IA. He met (1) **EVELYN RUTH BEHREND**. She was born on May 22, 1925 in Tipton, IA.

Notes for Melvin Wilhem Riedesel:

While his obituary gives his middle name as Rudolph, he was originally christened Melvin Wilhelm.

Funeral services for Melvin "Dutch" Rudolph Riedesel, 90, of Stanwood, formerly of Clarence who died Saturday, June 4, 2011 will be held Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 2:00 PM at Fry Funeral Home, Tipton. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 10, 2011 from 4-7:30 pm at Fry Funeral Home, Tipton. Burial will follow in the St. Paul Cemetery in Wheatland. A memorial has been established in his memory.

Melvin was born September 19, 1920, in Wheatland, Iowa. He was the son of Gustav and Emma Wolfe Riedesel. He attended various country schools and was a graduate of Stanwood High School. On April 17, 1943, Melvin was united in marriage to Evelyn Ruth Behrend in Tipton.

Melvin was employed as a truck mechanic for Kirchner Ford Garage in Clarence. He was a member of Jehovah's Witness in Anamosa.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Evelyn Riedesel of Stanwood, Iowa; daughter, Mary (Dan) Levsen of Clarence, Iowa; sons, Robert (Ronna) Riedesel of Clinton, Iowa, LeRoy (Glenda) Riedesel of Tipton, Iowa; 7 grandchildren, Brian, Lisa (Dana), Scott (Lisa), Lee, Chanel (Eric), Stafanie, Justin (Terri); and 9 great-grandchildren, Claudia, Gavin, Zane, Zeb, Zy, Aaron, Jaryn, Jianna, Jaden; and great-great-grandson, Owen Jewell. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Norman Riedesel.

- ii. **NORMAN LEE RIEDESEL** was born on February 16, 1931 in Wheatland, IA. He died on December 21, 1987 (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Donna Jean Kesselring on July 22, 1950.