Ancestors of Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel**, son of Gabriel Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Müsse, was born on July 23, 1834 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 17, 1898 in Carroll County, Iowa (East Liberty Cemetery, Lidderdale). He married **Elisabeth Florentine Schneider** about 1856 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on January 20, 1841 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 09, 1920 in Lanesboro, Carroll, Iowa (East Liberty Cemetery, Lidderdale).

   Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel:
   He was known as Henry in America. Born in Bergmanns/Gabels Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to the U.S. aboard the ship "Auguste" out of Bremen. It landed in New Orleans on October 25, 1854. According to family recollections, he worked his way up the Mississippi as a mason and well-digger until he reached Davenport, Iowa. He and Florentine Schneider (also from Wunderthausen) were married and had their children in Wheatland, but they moved on in 1891 to what became Lanesboro, Iowa in Carroll County.

   I believe that he owned land in section18 of the Spring Rock Township around Wheatland; his farm in Carroll County was in section 2 of the Jasper Township.

Generation 2

2. **Gabriel Riedesel**, son of Ludwig Riedesel and Maria Gertraud Dreisbach, was born on January 23, 1807 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 15, 1884 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Müsse** on October 31, 1830 in Wunderthausen.
3. **Anna Elisabeth Müsse**, daughter of Johann Philipp Müsse and Elisabeth Gertraud Dreisbach, was born on October 08, 1806 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 26, 1859 in Wunderthausen.

   Notes for Gabriel Riedesel:
   Tenant in Bergmans/Gabels Haus in Wunderthausen, though he eventually came to own the property after the slow liberation of the peasants in the mid-1800s.

   Gabriel Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Müsse had the following children:

   i. Wilhelmine Riedesel was born on October 22, 1829 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 26, 1897 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married **Johann Georg Schneider** on June 24, 1848 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. He was born on December 13, 1825 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 14, 1883 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

      Notes for Wilhelmine Riedesel:
      She was known as Minnie. Born in Gabels/Bergmanns Haus in Wunderthausen. She came to America with the J. Georg Schneider family--she married George Jr. The passenger manifest of the ship Amazone which arrived in New York on May 31, 1848 out of Bremen included a barely legible entry that I read as "Wilh Rittesel", age 20. The entry says "male mason" but mistakes were made.She married Johann Georg Schneider Jr. in Bucyrus, Ohio on June 24, 1848.

      By 1851 the Schneiders had relocated to the Wheatland, Iowa area. Wilhelmine bore a total of 15 children. The first two were born in Ohio while the rest first saw the light of the world in Iowa. She was known as Minnie. They lived out their days there on a farm of 160 acres in Section 22 of the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County. George died there January 14, 1883 while Minnie died on January 26, 1897. Of course they are buried at St. Paul's Cemetery in Wheatland. They had an exceptionally large family but many children died as young adults.

1. ii. Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel was born on July 23, 1834 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 17, 1898 in Carroll County, Iowa (East Liberty Cemetery, Lidderdale). He married **Elisabeth Florentine Schneider** about 1856 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on January 20, 1841 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 09, 1920 in Lanesboro, Carroll, Iowa (East Liberty Cemetery, Lidderdale).

   iii. Elisabeth Amalia Riedesel was born on December 25, 1836 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 01, 1900 in Diedenshausen. She married **Friedrich Peter** on April 07, 1861 in Diedenshausen. He was born on May 14, 1830 in Diedenshausen. He died on October 12,

1915 in Diedenshausen.

iv. Infant Riedesel was born on October 05, 1838 in Wunderthausen.

v. Georg Ludwig Riedesel was born on January 07, 1840 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 01, 1913 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married **Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter** on February 25, 1866 in Diedenshausen. She was born on March 06, 1842 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 29, 1909 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:
Known as Louis C. and as "Charley" in the U.S. though his obituary in the Wheatland Gazette calls him "Ludwig Carl." Born in Bergmanns/Gabels Haus in Wunderthausen where he was baptised as "Georg Ludwig." The family story is that he was a soldier in the Franco-Prussian war, but that is not possible as he emigrated in 1867 and that war took place 1870-1871. He presumably participated in the "Danish" war of 1863-64 and/or the Austro-Prussian war of 1866. He belonged to a German veterans association in nearby Lowden, Iowa. Came to America on the ship Humboldt, which traveled from Bremen to New York and landed on May 27, 1867.

They lived in Cedar County near Lowden, which is close to Big Rock as well. He eventually owned at least 160 acres in Section 24 of the Springfield Township (Cedar County). Their son Ernest continued to farm this land, followed by Ernest's sons Ernest and Harold. The farm itself was known locally as the Cambridge farm and they were referred to as the "Cambridge Riedesels."

vi. Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Riedesel was born on April 30, 1842 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 21, 1843 in Wunderthausen.

vii. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on April 30, 1842 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 07, 1917 in Irondequoit, Monroe, New York (Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester). She married **Johann Jacob Baetzel** on August 24, 1869 in Rochester, Monroe, New York (Zion Lutheran Church-Rochester). He was born on July 01, 1845 in Elsoff. He died on January 29, 1929 in Lockport, New York, USA.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Riedesel:
Born in Bergmanns/Gabels Haus in Wunderthausen. It appears that she as a twin according to my very best source. She is absent, though, from other transcriptions I have from the Wunderthausen records. Came to the U.S. in 1867 as a passenger on the ship Albert out of Bremen It landed in New York May 10, 1867. Also on board was her future husband and several others with recognizable Wittgenstein names. She and a younger sister were both christened "Anna Elisabeth." I think she was the one called Elisabeth.

viii. Catharina Riedesel was born on September 28, 1844 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 26, 1847 in Wunderthausen.

ix. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on December 10, 1846 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 10, 1900 in Rochester, Monroe, New York (Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester). She married **Jacob Schüssler** on May 19, 1870 in Rochester, Monroe, New York (Trinity Evangelical Church-Rochester). He was born on December 20, 1838 in Elsoff. He died on March 29, 1932 in Cleveland, Ohio (Highland Park Cemetery, Cuyahoga Ohio).

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Riedesel:
Born in Bergmanns/Gabels Haus in Wunderthausen. It is likely that she is the Anna Riedesel who arrived on the ship Marco Polo in New York on October 30, 1868. She and her husband lived in Rochester where they had a total of six children. The name of one is not known to me.

x. Anna Catharine Riedesel was born on December 11, 1848 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 14, 1912 in Wunderthausen. She married **Georg Wilhelm Homrighausen** on November 15, 1868 in Girkhausen. He was born on April 05, 1844 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1928 in Wunderthausen.

xi. Johann Daniel Riedesel was born on March 01, 1851 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 31, 1929 in Rochester, Monroe, New York (Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester). He married **Louisa Mengel** on May 18, 1876 in Rochester, Monroe, New York (Salem Evangelical

Church-Rochester). She was born about April 1857 in Rochester, Monroe, New York. She died on June 22, 1888 in Rochester, New York, USA (Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester). He married **Elizabeth Mehne** on September 04, 1889 in Rochester, Monroe, New York (Salem Evangelical Church-Rochester). She was born on October 02, 1859 in New York. She died on March 15, 1940 in Rochester, Monroe, New York (Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester).

Notes for Johann Daniel Riedesel:
Born in Bergmanns/Gabels Haus in Wunderthausen. Exactly when he came to the U.S. is unclear as he gave widely disparate dates in the Census records I can find. His first marriage date of 1876 in Rochester is firm.

Lived in Rochester, New York, where he owned a restaurant in the German community. Known as John. His obituary in the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle is uninformative. He was a member of several lodges and the Salem Church. No mention was made of his German origins or even his age.

Generation 3

4. **Ludwig Riedesel**, son of Johann Ludwig Riedesel and Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche, was born on October 21, 1766 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 02, 1837 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Gertraud Dreisbach**
5. **Maria Gertraud Dreisbach**, daughter of Anton Dreisbach and Anna Maria Hackenbracht, was born on January 14, 1771 in Melbach. She died on December 24, 1831 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:
Born in Ludwigs Haus, Wunderthausen but founded the house that was known as Großeludwigs.

Ludwig Riedesel and Maria Gertraud Dreisbach had the following children:

i. Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel was born on December 20, 1791 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on January 12, 1793 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 07, 1799 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Johann Jost Riedesel was born on July 11, 1795 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 08, 1873 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Homrighausen** on October 08, 1827 in Wunderthausen. She was born on September 23, 1802 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 12, 1872 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Jost Riedesel:
Born in Ludwigs Haus/Unter der Laye but took over Altehäusers when the Schneiders went to America. The house became known as Hanjosts (from his name).

iv. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on October 17, 1800 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 25, 1857 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Benfer** He was born on January 12, 1800.

v. Maria Amalia Riedesel was born on August 11, 1803 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 06, 1827 in Wunderthausen.

2. vi. Gabriel Riedesel was born on January 23, 1807 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 15, 1884 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Müsse** on October 31, 1830 in Wunderthausen. She was born on October 08, 1806 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 26, 1859 in Wunderthausen.

vii. Georg Gabriel Riedesel was born on September 20, 1809 in Wunderthausen. He died before 1880 in Clay County, Kansas. He married **Elisabeth Amalia Knoche** on August 24, 1834 in Wunderthausen. She was born on November 08, 1807 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 26, 1851 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Amalia Knoche** on February 06, 1853 in Wunderthausen. She was born on January 01, 1826 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 17, 1880 in Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri.

Notes for Georg Gabriel Riedesel:
Known as Ludwig. Born in the house "Ludwigs unter der Leye" but established the house in Wunderthausen known as Schreiners/Großeludwigs. His two wives had the same birth names, but the first was apparently known as Maria and the second as Amalia. Ludwig came to America with his second wife and at least three children on the ship Argonaut out of Bremen. It arrived at New York on November 9, 1867. We have newspaper advertisements

that he placed in Wittgenstein in the summer of 1867 putting the house, property and harvest up for sale. He owned less than three acres of cropland and a couple pieces of pasture land.

The obituary of his son, Louis D. (from his first marriage), alludes to two half-sisters. One was Catherine and the other was probably the girl identified as "Dina" on the ship's manifest. The latter was--I believe--a common nickname for "Christine." Yet I find no record of her in the Wunderthausen records.

A recent history from Wunderthausen lists a death date in May 1884. However, I find no trace of Ludwig in the 1880 Census but his supposedly widowed wife is living with their son, Phillip.

viii. Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel was born on May 01, 1816 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 14, 1886 in Wunderthausen. He married **Luise Althaus** on April 14, 1839 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 28, 1816 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 06, 1872 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel:
First tenant in Weisse Haus (auf der Gemeinde),but born in the house "Ludwigs unter der Laye."

6. **Johann Philipp Müsse**, son of Johann Daniel Müsse and Anna Maria Dreisbach, was born on May 17, 1765 in Berghausen. He died on April 27, 1823 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Dreisbach** on February 19, 1804 in Raumland.
7. **Elisabeth Gertraud Dreisbach**, daughter of Johann Phillip Dreisbach and Elisabetha Katharina Strackbein, was born on November 04, 1778 in Berghausen. She died on October 05, 1827 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Philipp Müsse:
Became the tenant in Jochums Haus, Wunderthausen. Until his time, the house with this name (and associated land) was located in the village center. In 1826 he built a new house (with the same local name) on the north edge of Wunderthausen.

Johann Philipp Müsse and Elisabeth Gertraud Dreisbach had the following children:

i. Anna Gertraud Müsse was born on February 23, 1800 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Ludwig Beitzel** on May 16, 1827 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 21, 1791 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 18, 1857 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johannes Ludwig Beitzel** on June 15, 1827 in Wunderthausen. He was born on August 31, 1791 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 18, 1857 in Wunderthausen.

ii. Johann Daniel Müsse was born on December 16, 1804 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 13, 1848 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Magdalena Mörchen** on March 15, 1835 in Wunderthausen. She was born on March 28, 1811 in Wunderthausen. She died on August 27, 1885 in Wunderthausen.

3. iii. Anna Elisabeth Müsse was born on October 08, 1806 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 26, 1859 in Wunderthausen. She married **Gabriel Riedesel** on October 31, 1830 in Wunderthausen. He was born on January 23, 1807 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 15, 1884 in Wunderthausen.

iv. Wilhelmine Johanna Müsse was born on November 30, 1809 in Wunderthausen. She died on November 06, 1865 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Homrighausen** on February 12, 1831 in Wunderthausen. He was born on March 14, 1800 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 01, 1842 in Wunderthausen.

v. Ludwig Heinrich Müsse was born on April 14, 1812 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 14, 1872 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen** on February 25, 1838 in Wunderthausen.

vi. Johannes Müsse was born on June 26, 1815 in Wunderthausen. He married **Anna Catherine Eckhardt** on April 24, 1842.

vii. Elisabeth Gertraud Müsse was born on October 02, 1818 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 13, 1877 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Althaus** on March 15, 1840 in Wunderthausen. He was born on May 07, 1813 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 23, 1869 in Wunderthausen.

8. **Johann Ludwig Riedesel**, son of Georg Gabriel Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche, was born on December 01, 1741 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 01, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche** on May 28, 1766 in Wunderthausen.
9. **Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche**, daughter of Georg Gabriel Knoche and Anna Margareta Strackbein, was born on February 17, 1743 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 10, 1773 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:
Born in Gundermanns Haus, but became the tenant in Ludwigs/Unter der Laye.

Johann Ludwig Riedesel and Elisabeth Gertraud Knoche had the following children:

i. Katharina Riedesel was born on December 08, 1763 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 10, 1764 in Wunderthausen.

4. ii. Ludwig Riedesel was born on October 21, 1766 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 02, 1837 in Wunderthausen. He married **Maria Gertraud Dreisbach** She was born on January 14, 1771 in Melbach. She died on December 24, 1831 in Wunderthausen.

iii. Jakob Riedesel was born on March 26, 1768 in Wunderthausen.

iv. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on March 25, 1770 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 12, 1821 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Kümmel** on October 15, 1805 in Wunderthausen. She was born on December 25, 1778 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:
Tenant in Neuhäusers, Wunderthausen.

v. Elisabeth Magdalena Riedesel was born on March 31, 1773 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 23, 1804 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Georg Wagner** on June 07, 1801 in Wunderthausen. He was born on February 12, 1759 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 23, 1827 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Elisabeth Magdalena Riedesel:
Christened Maria Magdalena but also known as Elisabeth.

10. **Anton Dreisbach**, son of Anton Dreisbach and Anna Gertraud Dreisbach, was born on July 09, 1736 in Rinthe. He died on December 16, 1796 in Melbach. He married **Anna Maria Hackenbracht** on December 03, 1762 in Raumland.
11. **Anna Maria Hackenbracht**, daughter of Johann Daniel Hackenbracht and Katharina Elisabeth Grebe, was born on May 01, 1745 in Melbach. She died on April 19, 1777 in Melbach.

Anton Dreisbach and Anna Maria Hackenbracht had the following child:

5. i. Maria Gertraud Dreisbach was born on January 14, 1771 in Melbach. She died on December 24, 1831 in Wunderthausen. She married **Ludwig Riedesel** He was born on October 21, 1766 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 02, 1837 in Wunderthausen.

12. **Johann Daniel Müsse** was born in 1721. He died on May 03, 1777 in Berghausen. He married **Anna Maria Dreisbach** on April 11, 1760.
13. **Anna Maria Dreisbach**, daughter of Johann Henrich Dreisbach and Anna Margaretha Hesse, was born on March 03, 1723 in Berghausen. She died on June 04, 1790 in Prob Berghausen.

Johann Daniel Müsse and Anna Maria Dreisbach had the following child:

6. i. Johann Philipp Müsse was born on May 17, 1765 in Berghausen. He died on April 27, 1823 in Wunderthausen. He married **Elisabeth Gertraud Dreisbach** on February 19, 1804 in Raumland. She was born on November 04, 1778 in Berghausen. She died on October 05, 1827 in Wunderthausen.

14. **Johann Phillip Dreisbach** was born on January 14, 1749 in Berghausen, Siegen-Wittgenstein, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. He died on April 10, 1804 in Berghausen, Siegen-Wittgenstein, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. He married **Elisabetha Katharina Strackbein** on January 13, 1774 in Berghausen, Siegen-Wittgenstein, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.
15. **Elisabetha Katharina Strackbein** was born on August 03, 1755 in Wunderthausen.

Johann Phillip Dreisbach and Elisabetha Katharina Strackbein had the following child:

7. i. Elisabeth Gertraud Dreisbach was born on November 04, 1778 in Berghausen. She died on October 05, 1827 in Wunderthausen. She married **Johann Philipp Müsse** on February 19, 1804 in Raumland. He was born on May 17, 1765 in Berghausen. He died on April 27, 1823 in Wunderthausen.