

Descendants of Peter Riedesel (1839-1891)

Generation 1

1. **PETER¹ RIEDESEL** was born on May 05, 1839 in Leidenhofen. He died on January 25, 1891 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). He married (1) **ANNA GERTRUD JACOB**, daughter of Katharina Schmitt, on February 15, 1874 in Ebsdorf. She was born on July 30, 1852 in Untersimtshausen. She died on December 07, 1895 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). He married (2) **KATHARINA WEIDENMÜLLER**, daughter of Heinrich Weidenmüller and Margaretha Heuser, on November 23, 1862 in Ebsdorf. She was born on April 15, 1839 in Hachborn. She died on May 24, 1873 in Leidenhofen.

Notes for Peter Riedesel:

He was a native of Leidenhofen, but some time after the death of his first wife, he and his son moved to the area of Diedenhofen in what was then the German province of Lothringen. The latter had recently been wrested from France in the Franco-Prussian War, and would eventually be returned to France in the Treaty of Versailles that ended World War I. The town is now called Thionville and the province is Lorraine. It is reported that Peter sold his house (No. 23 1/2) to Georg Heuser in 1872 for 250 Taler. This could have been at the time he moved away (though following the birth of their youngest child).

The three middle children with his second wife reported Paris as their place of birth, putting the family there from at least 1879-1883.

In Germany, he was employed as a stone hewer. He would have worked at the quarry in nearby Dreihausen. The work was chipping paving stones out of the basalt that was, and is, quarried there. The stones were either 11x11x11cm or 15x15x15cm in size. This was arduous but relatively well-paid work at the time. This is the same trade he followed in Diedenhofen.

Peter Riedesel and Anna Gertrud Jacob had the following children:

- i. **JOHANN HEINRICH² RIEDESEL** was born on December 16, 1874 in Leidenhofen, Germany.
 - ii. **HEINRICH RIEDESEL** was born on July 04, 1876 in Leidenhofen. He died on February 05, 1909 in Thionville (Diedenhofen).
- Notes for Heinrich Riedesel:
At the time of his death in 1909, he was a stonecutter and unmarried.
2. iii. **ELISABETH RIEDESEL** was born on January 04, 1879 in Paris, France. She died on May 19, 1952 in Seehof. She married **RICHARD HERMANN OTTO HINRICHS**. He was born on October 04, 1861 in Schwerin. He died on September 22, 1921 in Schwerin.
 3. iv. **MARIE RIEDESEL** was born on August 30, 1880 in Paris, France. She died on November 09, 1972 in Parsons, Labette, Kansas (Memorial Park Cemetery). She married (1) **ALFRED ROTH** in 1899 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She married (2) **ADAM HENRY ZEHNER**, son of Philipp Zehner and Margarethe Lotz, on June 16, 1904 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born on January 14, 1878 in Marjoß, Main-Kinzig-Kreis, Hessen, Germany. He died on December 31, 1940 in Harper, Oklahoma (Zion Lutheran Cemetery).
 4. v. **JOHANN FRIEDRICH HEINRICH RIEDESEL** was born on June 15, 1883 in Paris, France. He died on December 17, 1945 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. He married Emma Margaret Jacobsen in 1905. She was born on August 20, 1885 in Schleswig. She died on October 10, 1965.
 5. vi. **PETER RIEDESEL** was born on November 11, 1886 in Thionville (Beauregard Diedenhofen). He died on August 12, 1975 in Vancouver, Clark, Washington. He married Elise Marie Hesse, daughter of Julius Hesse and Anna Krause, in 1922. She was born on August 10, 1897 in Germany. She died on November 21, 1995 in Lewis, Washington.

Notes for Katharina Weidenmüller:

Born in house #84 in Hachborn. Her cause of death is given as liver disease.

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Peter Riedesel and Katharina Weidenmüller had the following children:

- vii. CATHARINA RIEDESEL was born on February 27, 1863 in Leidenhofen.
- viii. MARGARETHA RIEDESEL was born on June 17, 1865 in Leidenhofen.
- ix. BALTHASAR RIEDESEL was born on September 23, 1867 in Leidenhofen. He died on May 12, 1868 in Leidenhofen.
- x. DANIEL RIEDESEL was born after 1869.

Notes for Daniel Riedesel:

Family records say that Daniel was the half-brother of Peter and John Henry Riedesel. It is only an educated guess that he was the child of this Peter and Katharina Weidenmüller.

- xi. ANNA CATHARINA RIEDESEL was born on June 26, 1869 in Leidenhofen.
6. xii. JOHANNES RIEDESEL was born on April 06, 1872 in Leidenhofen, Germany. He died on January 16, 1938 in Gasperich, Luxemburg. He married (1) LOUISE VETH. He married (2) MARGARETHA FERRY, daughter of Dominique Ferry and Magdalena Bronden, on July 26, 1897 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). She was born in December 1880 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). She died on April 15, 1925 in Luxemburg.

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2. **ELISABETH² RIEDESEL** (Peter¹) was born on January 04, 1879 in Paris, France. She died on May 19, 1952 in Seehof. She married **RICHARD HERMANN OTTO HINRICHS**. He was born on October 04, 1861 in Schwerin. He died on September 22, 1921 in Schwerin.

Notes for Elisabeth Riedesel:

Also known as Elise.

Notes for Richard Hermann Otto Hinrichs:

Eminent photographer and musician.

Richard Hermann Otto Hinrichs and Elisabeth Riedesel had the following children:

- i. KARL HEINRICH³ HINRICHS was born on November 26, 1903 in Nürnberg. He died on November 08, 1990 in Schwerin. He married Frieda Minna Anna Paula Paap on August 27, 1926. She was born on June 01, 1902 in Rostock. She died on January 08, 1959 in Schwerin.
 - ii. FRIEDRICH HINRICHS was born in 1906.
 - iii. GERTRUD HINRICHS was born in 1907.
 - iv. HANS HINRICHS was born in 1911.
 - v. RICHARD HINRICHS.
3. **MARIE² RIEDESEL** (Peter¹) was born on August 30, 1880 in Paris, France. She died on November 09, 1972 in Parsons, Labette, Kansas (Memorial Park Cemetery). She married (1) **ALFRED ROTH** in 1899 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She married (2) **ADAM HENRY ZEHNER**, son of Philipp Zehner and Margarethe Lotz, on June 16, 1904 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born on January 14, 1878 in Marjoß, Main-Kinzig-Kreis, Hessen, Germany. He died on December 31, 1940 in Haper, Oklahoma (Zion Lutheran Cemetery).

Notes for Marie Riedesel:

She came to America alone about the time that her mother died in 1896. She worked as a maid for the Roth family in Chicago, and eventually married a son of the family. He was mentally unstable and the marriage ended in divorce. She then married Adam Zehner. They lived in various places but settled in Memphis by 1920. There are reports that they divorced in 1926 but as of 1930, she and her daughter Celia were living at Stigler, Haskell County, Oklahoma while Adam was boarding separately somewhere else. Her oldest son Albert and daughter Margaret were in Memphis, Tennessee.

She moved to the Chanute, Kansas, area in 1946 where she belonged to the Christian Church.

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Her sons Earl and Theodore lived there as well. Her place of death was the Labette County Medical Center (Kansas).

Notes for Adam Henry Zehner:

Came to the US about 1901. He was naturalized September 5, 1911. When he registered for the draft in 1917 he was described as being stout, of medium height with light hair and blue eyes. Living in Memphis, Tennessee in 1920 and was then described the employer of a butcher shop. By 1930, he was only a Laborer in Haskell County, Oklahoma.

Adam Henry Zehner and Marie Riedesel had the following children:

- i. ALBERT PHILLIPS³ ZEHNER was born on October 20, 1905 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died in August 1960 in Harper County, Oklahoma. He married Hattie Martin on March 28, 1937.
- ii. MARGUERITE ZEHNER was born about 1908 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on April 29, 1947 in Mobile, Mobile, Alabama. She married FRANCIS BEARDEN GILLESPIE. He was born on May 13, 1908 in Memphis, Shelby, Tennessee. He died on June 20, 1964 in San Bernadino, California.

Notes for Marguerite Zehner:

Marguerite attended college and was a teacher. Her early death was due to tuberculosis.

- iii. THEODORE ZEHNER was born on February 19, 1910 in Oklahoma. He died on September 19, 1979 in Thayer, Neosho, Kansas (Memorial Park Cemetery).

Notes for Theodore Zehner:

Never married.

- iv. CECILIA ANNE GERTRUDE ZEHNER was born on October 12, 1914 in Tennessee. She died on August 18, 2003 in Mobile, Mobile, Alabama (Pine Crest Cemetery). She married Jacob Frederick Hopp, son of David Hopp and Susan Martin, on March 28, 1937 in Woodward, Woodward, Oklahoma. He was born on July 08, 1909 in Selman, Oklahoma. He died on December 03, 2001 in Mobile, Mobile, Alabama (Pine Crest Cemetery).

Notes for Jacob Frederick Hopp:

Known as Jack.

- v. EARL PETER ZEHNER was born on August 03, 1918 in Memphis, Shelby, Tennessee. He died on September 05, 1989 in Chanute, Neosho, Kansas.

Notes for Earl Peter Zehner:

Moved to the Chanute area about 1947 where he farmed. He never married.

4. **JOHANN FRIEDRICH HEINRICH² RIEDESEL** (Peter¹) was born on June 15, 1883 in Paris, France. He died on December 17, 1945 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. He married Emma Margaret Jacobsen in 1905. She was born on August 20, 1885 in Schleswig. She died on October 10, 1965.

Notes for Johann Friedrich Heinrich Riedesel:

Born in France but was working in a factory near Frankfurt prior to his emigration to the US. On April 16, 1909 he arrived at the port of New York aboard the "President Grant" under the name "Johann"; he was bound for Woodward, OK and is listed as having a wife named Emma. The Ellis Island records show some of the family returning on March 30, 1913 aboard the ship "Patricia" out of Cuxhaven, Hamburg. What is very curious is that adult male of the party is listed as Peter; the age is not clear; the adult female was Emma, and there were sons Heinrich and Albert. Later records say that John came to the US in 1913. He was naturalized in 1913.

The family lived in Oklahoma until at least 1923 but eventually moved to the Westfield, NY, area by 1930. He was a dairy farmer there.

Johann Friedrich Heinrich Riedesel and Emma Margaret Jacobsen had the following children:

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- i. HENRY JOHN³ RIEDESEL was born on July 18, 1906. He died on April 17, 2003 in Hastings, Cambria, Pennsylvania. He married Mary Marie Helbig, daughter of Philip Helbig and Zorah Lipscomb, on April 20, 1937. She was born on May 12, 1914 in Maryland. She died on December 06, 1990.

Notes for Mary Marie Helbig:

Her place of birth is given as Maryland in the 1940 Census.

- ii. ALBERT PETER RIEDESEL was born on November 01, 1910 in Berlin, Germany. He died on May 02, 1993 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York.

Notes for Albert Peter Riedesel:

Dairy farmer near Westfield, NY. Served in World War II.

- iii. ANN MARGARET RIEDESEL was born on July 31, 1912 in Munkbrarup, Germany. She married Harold Morehouse on August 10, 1935.

Notes for Ann Margaret Riedesel:

Munkbarup is in Schleswig-Holstein (near Denmark).

Did not come to the U.S. until September 29, 1922. She was on the ship "Reliance" out of Hamburg though her place of residence is listed as Schwerin, Germany. She was in the company of a 25 year-old aunt, Elise Hasse (or Hesse?). The actual relationship is not clear.

Apparently lived in Florida after her marriage.

- iv. WILLIAM FRANK RIEDESEL was born on November 12, 1915 in Selma, Oklahoma. He died on April 01, 2010 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. He married Marcia Thompson on January 30, 1953. She was born on July 09, 1911. She died in January 1990.

Notes for William Frank Riedesel:

Lived at Westfield, NY.

- v. HERMAN FREDERICK RIEDESEL was born on January 26, 1917 in Charleston, Oklahoma. He died on May 26, 2003 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. He married Beatrice Mae Hayner on June 18, 1945 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. She was born on July 16, 1922 in Ripley, Chautauqua, New York. She died on August 18, 2013 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York.

Notes for Herman Frederick Riedesel:

Vintner near Westfield, NY.

He was born Jan. 26, 1917, in Charleston, Okla., the son of John and Emma Jacobsen Riedesel.

He attended schools in the Oklahoma and in the Westfield area. He was a dairy and grape farmer for more than 50 years, retiring in 1998. He had also been employed by the former Standard Shops Inc, where he built forms for the boxes used to transport guided missiles. He was a member of the Lombard, the Westfield granges, LOGIC, a charter member of the National Grape Co-op, the Farm Bureau, and Dairylea Milk Producers Co-op. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield for more than 55 years.

He enjoyed gardening, bird watching, his family and spending his winters in Florida.

He survived by his wife of 57 years, Beatrice Hayner Riedesel, whom he married June 18, 1945, in Westfield; two daughters: Wilma Benjamin of Westfield and Barbara Wetzel of Erie; two sons: Robert and Phillip, both of Ripley; six grandchildren: Stephen Riedesel of Ripley, James Riedesel of Dunkirk, Lisa Lanphere of Auburn, Ind., Karen, Catherine and John Riedesel, all of Westfield; a great-grandson; several stepgrandchildren and step great-grandchildren; a sister,

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Ann Morehouse of Eustes, Fla.; and two brothers: William and Walter Riedesel, both of Westfield.

He was preceded in death by a infant sister; and four brothers: Albert, Alfred, Arthur and Henry Riedesel.

- vi. WALTER GEORGE RIEDESEL was born on June 27, 1920 in Oklahoma. He died on December 24, 2013 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. He married Lola M Reynolds o December 24, 1945. She was born on April 25, 1922 in Oil City, Pennsylvania. She died on July 30, 2016.

Notes for Walter George Riedesel:
Erie Times News Obituary:

Walter G. Riedesel, age 93, of Westfield, N.Y., died Tuesday, December 24, 2013 surrounded by his family o his 68th wedding anniversary.

Walter was born on June 27, 1920 in the Oklahoma panhandle, a son of the late John and Emma (Jacobsen) Riedesel.

At the age of six, his family relocated to Westfield, N.Y., traveling there in an open touring car purchased for the trip. This was the first of many cross country trips Walter would take. He attended school in a local one room country schoolhouse until leaving for the working world and General Electric.

In 1942, the U.S. Army offered him an all expenses paid tour of the South Pacific including the Philippine Islands, New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand. He served with a unit of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Second Engineer Amphibian Brigade, operating and manning the various landing barges during beach assaults as well as transporting men and supplies. At the end of WWII with Japan, h had attained the rank of Technical Sergeant. I was quite the experience for a rural farm boy, but one that he always insisted h would do again.

After the war, he returned to Westfield to marry his sweetheart, return to work at GE, and purchase a small grape farm, until he could purchase a larger grape farm and make his passion his career. He owned the same farm for 60 years, until his death. Although h leased the farm in his later years, he operated his favorite Massey Ferguson tractor through his 92nd year and watched over the operation of his farm until his passing. Walter enjoyed numerous cross country trips with his siblings and friends; his twenty plus years of wintering in Sebring, Fla., discussing national politics and religion and carpentry, at which he wasn't very good at.

He i survived by his wife of 68 years, Lola (Reynolds) Riedesel and their three children, George (Tracy) Riedesel of Millcreek Twp., Pa., Marian (Norman) Allen of Erie, Pa., and Donna Riedesel of Westfield, N.Y.

He i also survived by his older sister, Ann Morehouse (at 101) of Eustis, Fla.; his five grandchildren, Dr. Jeremy Riedesel of Westfield, Christopher Riedesel of Burbank, Calif., Jennifer Allen of Portland, Ore., Valerie Allen of Canton, Ga., and Jacob Allen of Erie, Pa.; and by hi one great-granddaughter, Abigail Luella Miller of Portland, Ore. He survived and is survived by many nieces and nephews of whom he thought highly.

He was preceded in death by his six brothers and their wives, Henry (Mary), Albert, Herman (Beatrice), William (Marcia), Alfred (Isabel), and Arthur (Virginia).

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Fire Department of Westfield Memorial Fund, 23 Elm Street, or to the Patterson Library, 40 So. Portage Street, both in Westfield, NY

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Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Mason Funeral Home, 3 Clinton St., Westfield, NY 14787.

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- vii. ALFRED FREDERICK RIEDESEL was born on December 17, 1921 in Oklahoma. He died on October 31, 1979. He married Isabelle Culver on January 14, 1950. She was born on August 08, 1923. She died on January 16, 2007 in North Carolina.

Notes for Alfred Frederick Riedesel:

Grape and dairy farmer near Westfield, NY.

- viii. ARTHUR PAUL RIEDESEL was born on February 16, 1923 in Oklahoma. He died on August 13, 1991. He married Virginia M. Haskin on February 10, 1944. She was born on January 28, 1928 in Maple Springs, Chautauqua, New York. She died on January 09, 2012 in Tavares, Lake County, Florida.

Notes for Arthur Paul Riedesel:

I believe they lived in Kansas City, MO, in 1936 where he was employed by Hanford Tri-State Airlines.

5. **PETER² RIEDESEL** (Peter¹) was born on November 11, 1886 in Thionville (Beauregard Diedenhofen). He died on August 12, 1975 in Vancouver, Clark, Washington. He married Elise Marie Hesse, daughter of Julius Hesse and Anna Krause, in 1922. She was born on August 10, 1897 in Germany. She died on November 21, 1995 in Lewis, Washington.

Notes for Peter Riedesel:

His birthplace was known as Diedenhofen in German, but is now called Thionville as Alsace-Lorraine is again French. Came to the US on February 27, 1904 on the S.S. Vaderland out of Antwerp. His destination is given as Chicago and the home of his sister, Maria Roth. In 1913, he appears to have gone back to Europe and returned in the company of his sister-in-law Emma and two nephews. They were on the ship Patricia out of Cuxhaven and landed in New York. Both their "Nationality" and "Race" are listed as German. Unlike the 1904 record, his place of birth is given as "Paris, France." It is conceivable that this was not Peter at all but his brother John (husband of Emma), but the age seems to match Peter's. He was 5'7" with light hair and eyes.

Inducted into the army in World War I at which time his residence was listed as Kent, Ohio. He was wounded severely enough to qualify for a disability pension. Farmed in Oklahoma until the

Notes for Elise Marie Hesse:

She came to the United States in 1922 without her infant son, Fritz.

Peter Riedesel and Elise Marie Hesse had the following children:

- i. MARGARET ANNE³ RIEDESEL was born on February 16, 1923 in Oklahoma. She married Roger Arthur DelZoppo on January 30, 1943 in Lewis, Washington. He was born on May 18, 1921 in Hibbing, St Louis, Minnesota. He died on August 16, 1979.

Notes for Margaret Anne Riedesel:

Some family give her name as Margarita Katrina, but the 1930 Census (always

- ii. HELEN MARIE RIEDESEL was born on October 24, 1924 in Selman Oklahoma. She married Don Knoechel on February 22, 1947 in Chehalis, Lewis, Washington. He was born on June 24, 1921 in Seward, Nebraska. He died in 1994 in Chehalis, Lewis, Washington.
- iii. PETER OSWALD RIEDESEL was born on January 24, 1926 in Enid, Garfield, Oklahoma. He married Lorraine Genevieve Saxton on August 09, 1947. She was born on February 11, 1928.
- iv. EDNA MARIE RIEDESEL was born on November 20, 1927 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. She died on January 29, 1997 in Chehalis, Lewis, Washington. She

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married (1) HARRY CONRADI in September 1946 in Lewis, Washington. She married (2) WILLIAM BOYD OLSON o September 10, 1946 in Lewis, Washington. She married (3) HARRY MCCUTCHEN on June 25, 1971 in Vancouver, Clark, Washington. He was born o November 02, 1933.

6. **JOHANNES² RIEDESEL** (Peter¹) was born on April 06, 1872 in Leidenhofen, Germany. He died on January 16, 1938 in Gasperich, Luxemburg. He married (1) **LOUISE VETH**. He married (2) **MARGARETHA FERRY**, daughter of Dominique Ferry and Magdalena Bronden, on July 26, 1897 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). She was born in December 1880 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). She died on April 15, 1925 in Luxemburg.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Was born in the village of Leidenhofen near the German city of Marburg. It is now part of the larger community of Ebsdorfergrund. In 1891, he came alone to New York on the ship Noordland (out of Antwerp, arriving December 11). His occupation is given as that of a painter, and he had a single piece of luggage.

By 1897 he was back living in the town called Diedenhofen in Lothringen by the Germans, and Thionville in Lorraine by the French. It was part of the German empire at the time. By 1899, he was again in the U.S. with his wife, infant daughter Luise, and step-sister Marie. Although destined originally for Mt. Clemens, Michigan, they apparently lived in Chicago for two years or so before returning to Europe for good.

Earlier indications were that he died in 1927, but we have death record from 1938. He died at 7:15 p.m. at the house at 29 Georg Clemenceau in the town of Gasperich.

Notes for Margaretha Ferry:

She was Catholic though the Riedesels were originally Protestant.

Johannes Riedesel and Margaretha Ferry had the following children:

- i. **MARIE LUISE³ RIEDESEL** was born on October 19, 1898 in Diedenhofen, Lothringen. She died on June 20, 1977 in Fargo, Cass, North Dakota (Holy Cross Cemetery, Fargo). She married **CLIFFORD BARR**. He was born on March 19, 1898 in Valley City, Barnes, North Dakota. He died on January 21, 1948 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.

Notes for Marie Luise Riedesel:

Known as Mary. Spent two or so years in the U.S. as a very small child, and then returned on March 14, 1922 on the ship "The Finland" out of Antwerp where she was listed as "Louise." She was bound for North Dakota to marry Clifford Barr. Her emigration record lists her language as German.

Notes for Clifford Barr:

Served in the AEF during World War I, and met his wife-to-be in France. Worked

- ii. **JOSEPHINE KLEMENTINE RIEDESEL** was born on December 28, 1901 in Audun Le Tiche Diedenhofen. She died on November 18, 1974 in Luxemburg. She married Harry Schreiner, son of Emile Schreiner and Marie Toelen, on February 02, 1921. He was born on December 30, 1896. He died on December 23, 1964.

Notes for Josephine Klementine Riedesel:

Had a boarding house in Bonnevoie called "Gasthof zu Lothringen Kreuz."

- iii. **HEINRICH RIEDESEL** was born on September 21, 1903 in Diedenhofen, Lothringen (Sankt Franz). He died on September 24, 1937 in Luxemburg. He married Katharina Welter, daughter of Heinrich Wilhelm Welter and Margareta Berg, on February 03, 1937 in Luxemburg. She was born on January 21, 1919. She died on September 24, 1971.

Notes for Heinrich Riedesel:

He was a painter like his father.

- iv. **PETER RIEDESEL** was born o November 08, 1904 in Diedenhofen (Sankt Franz).

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He died on December 09, 1975 in Luxemburg. He married Julie Schreiner, daughter of Emile Schreiner and Marie Toelen, on September 28, 1927 in Luxemburg. She was born on November 07, 1908 in Luxemburg. She died on July 01, 1996 in Ettelbruck, Luxemburg.

Notes for Peter Riedesel:

A painter. After the German occupation of Belgium, he was forced to enter the German army and fought on the eastern front.