

Kansas City Star, December 15, 1940

This notice puts to rest two uncertainties about Mr. Riedesel. Without question, he died in **1940** (as engraved on his grave marker) rather than **1941** (as recorded by the state of Missouri). Errors are made in carving tombstones and in official records, but this notice is the most contemporary with Mr. Riedesel's death and therefore the most trustworthy.

The state death record is also the source of another error in that it refers to him as "Philip **James**." All other records—including those from family members—call him "Philip **John**" or just Philip J.

The newspaper did not give the exact date of his death, but it December 13, 1940.

--Dr. Paul Riedesel

Philip John Riedesel Rites.
Funeral services for Philip John Riedesel, 79 years old, who died Friday at his home, Moundville, Mo., will be held at 2 o'clock Monday at the Methodist church in Vance, Kas. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Bailey, also of Moundville, and Mrs. Elizabeth Mallott, Ottawa, Kas.; two sons, Philip M. Riedesel, Sentinel, Mo., and Harry C. Riedesel, 1605 Walker avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. Burial will be in the Vance cemetery.
