

Descendants of Theodore Rietesel

Generation 1

1. **THEODORE¹ RIETESSEL** was born in February 1863 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He died after 1940. He married Amalia Gimble, daughter of John Gimble and Anna Knippenberger, on July 18, 1885 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She was born on April 07, 1866 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on November 06, 1941 in Crystal Lake, McHenry, Illinois.

Notes for Theodore Rietesel:

Immigrated in 1873. Family members are identified in the 1900 Census (Chicago). The preferred spelling of his family name is not certain--or changed. Some sources give his place of birth as Sommerfeld in the state of Brandenburg.

Notes for Amalia Gimble:

Known as Molly.

Theodore Rietesel and Amalia Gimble had the following children:

- i. **MALINDA² RIETESSEL** was born in February 1886 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died after 1950. She married Henry Mayer on October 01, 1921. He was born about 1881 in Illinois. He died before 1940.

Notes for Malinda Rietesel:
Living in San Antonio by the mid-1920s. By 1940 she was widowed and living with her parents in McHenry County.
 2. ii. **WALTER CHRISTOFER RIETESSEL** was born on December 09, 1889 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on November 21, 1964 in Hammond, Lake, Indiana. He married **ANNA SUSAN SANDOWSKI**. She was born on December 26, 1887. She died in June 1963 in probably Chicago.
 - iii. **FLORENCE RIETESSEL** was born on February 13, 1893. She died in February 1972 in Denver, Colorado. She married Walter F. Wiegand on October 04, 1913 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born about 1891.
3. iv. **GERTRUDE RIETESSEL** was born on December 08, 1895 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on June 26, 1982 in Orange, Orange, California. She married Walter P. Choitz on June 03, 1916 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born on July 31, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on April 14, 1980 in Denver, Colorado.
- v. **ROYAL RIETESSEL** was born on January 05, 1900 in Cook County, Illinois. He died on March 14, 1903 in Cook County, Illinois.

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2. **WALTER CHRISTOFER² RIETESSEL** (Theodore¹) was born on December 09, 1889 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on November 21, 1964 in Hammond, Lake, Indiana. He married **ANNA SUSAN SANDOWSKI**. She was born on December 26, 1887. She died in June 1963 in probably Chicago.

Notes for Walter Christofer Rietesel:

He was one of two Walter Riedesels born within a year of each other with a mother named Amalia/Molly. This has confused many researchers, including me, but I am confident that I have the two properly separated.

Walter Christofer Rietesel and Anna Susan Sandowski had the following children:

- i. **THEODORE ELLWOOD³ RIETESSEL** was born on May 22, 1913 in Cook County, Illinois. He died on October 01, 1984 in Jacksonville, Duval, Florida. He married (1) **ELMA NOVOTNY**. She was born on September 02, 1914 in Chicago. She died on July 15, 2001 in Nilas, Cook, Illinois. He married (2) **GERALDINE LOUISE PETERSON** about 1946. She was born on February 07, 1923 in West Salem, La Crosse, Wisconsin. She died on June 18, 2001 in West Salem, La Crosse, Wisconsin. He married (3) **CLARE LOUISE YOUNGS**. She was born in 1927 in Illinois. She died on September 18, 2015 in Callahan, Nassau, Florida.

Notes for Theodore Ellwood Rietesel:

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1948. He gave his occupation in 1940 as a chemical engineer, though had not attended college. In 1950 he worked in

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advertising.

Notes for Geraldine Louise Peterson:

She was divorced from Theodore by 1950 and living with a 3-year old daughter, Teresa.

- ii. RUSSELL WALTER RIETESSEL was born on September 20, 1917 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on January 12, 1999 in Michigan. He married Virginia Victoria Czachowski on June 28, 1941 in Chicago. She was born on December 15, 1914. She died on September 30, 2005.
3. **GERTRUDE² RIETESSEL** (Theodore¹) was born on December 08, 1895 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on June 26, 1982 in Orange, Orange, California. She married Walter P. Choitz on June 03, 1916 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born on July 31, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on April 14, 1980 in Denver, Colorado.

Walter P. Choitz and Gertrude Rietesel had the following children:

- i. MARCEL³ CHOITZ was born on July 01, 1918 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died in December 1981 in Denver, Colorado.
- ii. PALMER CHOITZ was born on July 01, 1918 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died before 1930.
- iii. CAROL CHOITZ was born on March 30, 1926 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on March 14, 1995 in Orange County, California. She married RALPH RAHE. He was born on February 27, 1897 in Pennsylvania. He died on September 05, 1970 in Anaheim, Orange, California.