

## Descendants of Charles Riedesel

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### Generation 1

1. **CHARLES<sup>1</sup> RIEDESEL** was born about 1819 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany.

Notes for Charles Riedesel:

Living in Chicago in 1880 with the three children and no wife listed. The Census had his name as "Riedseal" but the names of two children correspond to Riedesels whose marriages are recorded with the Riedesel spelling and consistent ages. The 1920 Census records appears to show 1873 as the year of emigration for the son Theodore. The fact that one daughter is named Friedrika suggests that they may be kin to the Friedrich Riedesels who lived to the west in Kane County.

It is purely a guess on my part that John was a son of this marriage, rather than of Friedrich in Kane County.

Charles Riedesel had the following children:

2. i. **JOHN<sup>2</sup> RIEDESEL** was born about 1848 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. He married Dorothea Roast on October 2, 1872 in Kane County, IL. She was born in March 1851 in Berlin, Germany. She died on June 2, 1926 in Kane County, IL.
3. ii. **FRIEDRIKA RIEDESEL** was born about 1859 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. She died after 1940. She married Heinrich Mahnke on December 28, 1884 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born in February 1844 in Germany. He died before 1920.
4. iii. **THEODORE RIEDESEL** was born in February 1863 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. 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 7, 1866 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on November 6, 1941 in Crystal Lake, McHenry, IL.
- iv. **MADDIE RIEDESEL** was born about 1866.

Notes for Maddie Riedesel:

"Maddie" is certainly a nickname, but I am not sure for what.

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### Generation 2

2. **JOHN<sup>2</sup> RIEDESEL** (Charles<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1848 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. He married Dorothea Roast on October 2, 1872 in Kane County, IL. She was born in March 1851 in Berlin, Germany. She died on June 2, 1926 in Kane County, IL.

Notes for John Riedesel:

As of 1880, he was working as tailor and they lived in the city of Chicago. By 1900 they were divorced and Dora/Dorothea was living back in Kane County.

Notes for Dorothea Roast:

Living in rented quarters with her three younger daughters as of 1900. She was divorced and working as a dressmaker. One other child was living (presumably Martha), but she had borne three others who were not then alive. She immigrated in 1862.

The state record of her death states that her father was "Boost Abel." The first name is unlikely but the clear implication is that she was born an Abel, with Roast being an earlier married name.

John Riedesel and Dorothea Roast had the following children:

- i. **MARTHA CAROLINE<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL** was born on December 9, 1876 in Cool County, IL. She married Joseph G. Buss on November 26, 1899 in Kane County, IL.

Notes for Martha Caroline Riedesel:

Lived in Rochelle, Illinois, after her marriage.

- ii. **CLARA BETH RIEDESEL** was born in July 1878 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She married (1) W. H. NOONAN.

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- iii. ANNA M. RIEDESEL was born in November 1880 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died after 1937.

Notes for Anna M. Riedesel:

Still single as of 1926 when her mother died. In 1930 she was a lodger in the home of Marion Wilde in Elgin, IL, though with no occupation listed in the Census. In 1937 she was employed by the WPA.

- iv. LOUISE W. RIEDESEL was born in February 1886 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She married George Metzgar on May 25, 1904.

3. **FRIEDRIKA<sup>2</sup> RIEDESEL** (Charles<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1859 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. She died after 1940. She married Heinrich Mahnke on December 28, 1884 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born in February 1844 in Germany. He died before 1920.

Notes for Friedrika Riedesel:

Her year of immigration given in the 1900 Census was 1873, matching that of brother Charles. She lived with her elder son and his family as a widow.

Notes for Heinrich Mahnke:

The spelling of his last name is not clear on the marriage certificate, so Mahnke could be wrong. Heinrich Mahnke and Friedrika Riedesel had the following children:

- i. CHARLES<sup>3</sup> MAHNKE was born in November 1882 in Illinois.
- ii. GUSTAV MAHNKE was born in April 1884 in Illinois.

4. **THEODORE<sup>2</sup> RIETESSEL** (Charles<sup>1</sup> Riedesel) was born in February 1863 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. 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 7, 1866 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on November 6, 1941 in Crystal Lake, McHenry, IL.

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.

Notes for Amalia Gimble:

Known as Molly.

Theodore Rietesel and Amalia Gimble had the following children:

- i. MALINDA<sup>3</sup> RIETESSEL was born in February 1886 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died after 1940. She married Henry Mayer on October 1, 1921. 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.

5. ii. WALTER RIETESSEL was born on December 15, 1887 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He married Lillian Anderson on October 24, 1914 in Cook County, IL. She was born on August 26, 1893 in Sweden. She died in March 1974 in probably in Indiana.
- iii. FLORENCE RIETESSEL was born on February 13, 1893. She died in February 1972 in Denver, CO. She married Walter F. Wiegand on October 4, 1913 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born about 1891.
6. iv. GERTRUDE RIETESSEL was born on December 8, 1895 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on June 26, 1982 in Orange, California. She married Walter P. Choitz on June 3, 1916 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born on July 31, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on April 14, 1980 in Denver, CO.

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- v. ROYAL RIETESSEL was born on January 5, 1900 in Cook County, IL. He died on March 14, 1903 in Cook County, IL.
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### Generation 3

5. **WALTER<sup>3</sup> RIETESSEL** (Theodore<sup>2</sup>, Charles<sup>1</sup> Riedesel) was born on December 15, 1887 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He married Lillian Anderson on October 24, 1914 in Cook County, IL. She was born on August 26, 1893 in Sweden. She died in March 1974 in probably in Indiana.

Walter Rietesel and Lillian Anderson had the following child:

- i. HAROLD W.<sup>4</sup> RIETESSEL was born on August 31, 1915 in Illinois. He died on January 26, 1995 in Pasco, Florida. He married (1) ELOISE PEMBERTON. She was born on November 24, 1917 in Canada (September 13, 2004). She died on September 13, 2004.

Notes for Harold W. Rietesel:

1934 graduate of Emerson High School, Gary Indiana. Lived many years in Presque Isle, Wisconsin.

Notes for Eloise Pemberton:

1936 graduate of Emerson High School in Gary.

6. **GERTRUDE<sup>3</sup> RIETESSEL** (Theodore<sup>2</sup>, Charles<sup>1</sup> Riedesel) was born on December 8, 1895 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on June 26, 1982 in Orange, California. She married Walter P. Choitz on June 3, 1916 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born on July 31, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on April 14, 1980 in Denver, CO.

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

- i. MARCEL<sup>4</sup> CHOITZ was born on July 1, 1918 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died in December 1981 in Denver, Colorado.
- ii. PALMER CHOITZ was born on July 1, 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, CA. She married (1) RALPH RAHE. He was born on February 27, 1897 in Pennsylvania. He died on September 5, 1970 in Anaheim, CA.