

Ancestors of Henry John Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **Henry John Riedesel**, son of Johann Friedrich Heinrich Riedesel and Emma Margaret Jacobsen, was born on July 18, 1906 in Schleswig Holstein. He died on April 17, 2003 in Hastings, Cambria, Pennsylvania. He married **Mary Marie Helbig** 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.

Generation 2

2. **Johann Friedrich Heinrich Riedesel**, son of Peter Riedesel and Anna Gertrud Jacob, 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.
3. **Emma Margaret Jacobsen** 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, Oklahoma 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, New York area by 1930. He was a dairy farmer there.

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

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 - i. **Henry John Riedesel** was born on July 18, 1906 in Schleswig Holstein. He died on April 17, 2003 in Hastings, Cambria, Pennsylvania. He married Mary Marie Helbig on April 20, 1937. She was born on May 12, 1914 in Maryland. She died on December 06, 1990.
 - 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.

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 - iii. **Ann Margaret Riedesel** was born on July 31, 1912 in Munkbrarup, Germany. She died on May 26, 2017 in Tavares, Lake, Florida. She married Harold Frederick Morehouse on August 10, 1935 in Ripley, Chautauqua, New York. He was born on June 13, 1912 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. He died on March 19, 1974 in Volusia, Florida.

Notes for Ann Margaret Riedesel:

Munkbrarup 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.

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 - iv. **William Frank Riedesel** was born on November 12, 1915 in Selman, 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 is 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, Ann Morehouse of Eustes, Fla.; and two brothers: William and Walter Riedesel, both of Westfield.

He was preceded in death by an 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 on 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 on 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, he had attained the rank of Technical Sergeant. It was quite the experience for a rural farm boy, but one that he always insisted he 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 he 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 is survived by his wife of 68 years, Iola (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 is 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 his 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 14787.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Mason Funeral Home, 37 Clinton St., Westfield, NY 14787.

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- vii. Alfred Frederick Riedesel was born on December 17, 1921 in Selman Oklahoma. He died on October 31, 1979 in Chautauqua, Chautauqua, New York. He married Isabelle Elizabeth Culver on January 14, 1950. She was born on August 08, 1923 in Titusville, Crawford, Pennsylvania. She died on January 16, 2007 in Murphy, Cherokee, 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 Buffalo, Charleston, Oklahoma. He died on August 13, 1991 in Brocton, Chautauqua, New York. He married Virginia M. Haskin on February 10, 1944 in Ripley, Chautauqua, New York. 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.

Generation 3

4. **Peter Riedesel**, son of Johann Georg Riedesel and Anna Dorothea Emmerich, was born on May 05, 1839 in Leidenhofen. He died on January 25, 1891 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). He married **Anna Gertrud Jacob** on February 15, 1874 in Ebsdorf.

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5. **Anna Gertrud Jacob**, daughter of Katharina Schmitt, was born on July 30, 1852 in Untersimtshausen. She died on December 07, 1895 in Thionville (Diedenhofen).

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.

Anna Gertrud Jacob and Peter Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Johann Heinrich 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.

- 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.

Notes for Elisabeth Riedesel:

Also known as Elise.

Notes for Richard Hermann Otto Hinrichs:

Eminent photographer and musician.

- 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 Alfred Roth in 1899 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She married Adam Henry Zehner 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. 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.

2. 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.
- 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 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. Vaterland 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 1930s, but moved on to Chehalis, Washington.

Notes for Elise Marie Hesse:

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

Generation 4

8. **Johann Georg Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Katharina Kaiser, was born on May 18, 1812 in Leidenhofen. He died on December 22, 1865 in Leidenhofen. He married **Anna Dorothea Emmerich** on November 23, 1838 in Leidenhofen.
9. **Anna Dorothea Emmerich**, daughter of Heinrich Emmerich and Katharina Debelius, was born in 1811 in Leidenhofen. She died on May 25, 1873 in Leidenhofen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

He was a bricklayer and small farmer. His house number was #23 1/2.

Notes for Anna Dorothea Emmerich:

Her cause of death is given as brain and lung inflammation.

Anna Dorothea Emmerich and Johann Georg Riedesel had the following children:

4. i. Peter Riedesel was born on May 05, 1839 in Leidenhofen. He died on January 25, 1891 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). He married Anna Gertrud Jacob 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 Katharina Weidenmüller on November 23, 1862 in Ebsdorf. She was born on April 15, 1839 in Hachborn. She died on May 24, 1873 in Leidenhofen.
- ii. Katharina Riedesel was born on October 16, 1841 in Leidenhofen. She died after 1888 in Lollar, Kreis Giessen. She married Karl August Laue about 1881. He died in 1888.

Notes for Katharina Riedesel:
Her testament gives her year of birth as 1842.

- iii. Balthasar Riedesel was born on October 23, 1844 in Leidenhofen. He died in 1901 in Leidenhofen. He married Anna Katharina Schomber on November 22, 1868 in Leidenhofen. She was born on March 04, 1844 in Leidenhofen. She died on October 05, 1928.

Notes for Balthasar Riedesel:
Like his father, he was a bricklayer. Following his marriage to Katherina Schomber, descendants began using "Schomber" as a kind of second family name within the village.

Notes for Anna Katharina Schomber:
A Schomber relative moved to Paris in the 1850s, and was probably the connection that brought Peter Riedesel to Paris as well.

- iv. Anna Riedesel was born on January 09, 1847 in Leidenhofen. She died on February 28, 1855 in Leidenhofen.
- v. Elisabeth Riedesel was born on March 02, 1852 in Leidenhofen. She married Heinrich Krieb. He was born in 1847. He died in 1938.

11. **Katharina Schmitt.**

Katharina Schmitt had the following child:

- 5. i. Anna Gertrud Jacob was born on July 30, 1852 in Untersimtshausen. She died on December 07, 1895 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). She married Peter Riedesel on February 15, 1874 in Ebsdorf. He was born on May 05, 1839 in Leidenhofen. He died on January 25, 1891 in Thionville (Diedenhofen).

Generation 5

- 16. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Christian Friedrich Riedesel and Anna Catharina Schreiber, was born on April 22, 1766 in Winnen. He died on November 11, 1828 in Leidenhofen. He married **Katharina Kaiser**.
- 17. **Katharina Kaiser**, daughter of Heinrich Kaiser and Anna Kegel, was born on May 17, 1775 in Leidenhofen. She died on January 30, 1836 in Leidenhofen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:
He served in the Regiment Kurfürst until about 1805 and reached the rank of corporal. Johann Heinrich is described as a tailor in later documents. The house was numbered #24 in Leidenhofen.

Notes for Katharina Kaiser:
She was a native of Leidenhofen as were her parents. She was the fourth child of her mother.

Katharina Kaiser and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Catharina Riedesel was born on January 26, 1803 in Leidenhofen. She died on March 06, 1860 in Leidenhofen.

Notes for Catharina Riedesel:
Died of consumption; was unmarried.

- ii. Elisabetha Riedesel was born on March 23, 1805 in Leidenhofen. She died on October 18, 1871 in Rossberg, Hesse. She married Heinrich Lorch.
- iii. Johann Henrich Riedesel was born on February 22, 1807 in Leidenhofen. He died on December 28, 1826 in Leidenhofen.

Notes for Johann Henrich Riedesel:
Died of "inflammation of the lungs." The death record mentions that his father, Johannes, was 63.

- 8. iv. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on May 18, 1812 in Leidenhofen. He died on December 22, 1865 in Leidenhofen. He married Anna Dorothea Emmerich on

November 23, 1838 in Leidenhofen. She was born in 1811 in Leidenhofen. She died on May 25, 1873 in Leidenhofen.

18. **Heinrich Emmerich** was born in Wittelsberg. He married **Katharina Debelius**.

19. **Katharina Debelius**.

Katharina Debelius and Heinrich Emmerich had the following children:

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 - i. Anna Dorothea Emmerich was born in 1811 in Leidenhofen. She died on May 25, 1873 in Leidenhofen. She married Johann Georg Riedesel on November 23, 1838 in Leidenhofen. He was born on May 18, 1812 in Leidenhofen. He died on December 22, 1865 in Leidenhofen.
 - ii. Catharina Emmerich.
 - iii. Balthasar Emmerich.
 - iv. Elisabetha Emmerich.

Generation 6

32. **Christian Friedrich Riedesel**, son of Georg Wilhelm Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Hainbach, was born on May 30, 1737 in Winnen. He died on January 05, 1793 in Winnen. He married **Anna Catharina Schreiber**.

33. **Anna Catharina Schreiber**, daughter of Johannes Schreiber, was born on April 11, 1731 in Nothfeld. She died on April 23, 1795 in Winnen.

Anna Catharina Schreiber and Christian Friedrich Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Luisa Riedesel was born on January 02, 1760 in Winnen. She died on February 11, 1761 in Winnen.
 - ii. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on December 17, 1761 in Winnen. She died on May 26, 1763 in Winnen.
 - iii. Georg Wilhelm Riedesel was born on May 11, 1764 in Winnen. He died on May 19, 1765 in Winnen.
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 - iv. Johannes Riedesel was born on April 22, 1766 in Winnen. He died on November 11, 1828 in Leidenhofen. He married Katharina Kaiser. She was born on May 17, 1775 in Leidenhofen. She died on January 30, 1836 in Leidenhofen.
 - v. Johann Conrad Riedesel was born on October 08, 1769 in Winnen. He died on September 01, 1848 in Winnen. He married Elisabeth Steller about 1794. She was born on October 08, 1762. She died on February 23, 1840 in Winnen.
 - vi. Luisa Riedesel was born on May 24, 1773 in Prob. Winnen. She died on May 19, 1810 in Winnen. She married Johannes Bamberger in 1806 in Winnen. He was born about 1760.

34. **Heinrich Kaiser**. He died in Leidenhofen. He married **Anna Kegel**.

35. **Anna Kegel** was born in Dreihausen.

Anna Kegel and Heinrich Kaiser had the following children:

- i. Elisabetha Kaiser was born before 1775.
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 - ii. Katharina Kaiser was born on May 17, 1775 in Leidenhofen. She died on January 30, 1836 in Leidenhofen. She married Johannes Riedesel. He was born on April 22, 1766 in Winnen. He died on November 11, 1828 in Leidenhofen.
 - iii. Johann Henrich Kaiser.
 - iv. Unknown Kaiser.

Generation 7

64. **Georg Wilhelm Riedesel**, son of Georg Mannus Riedesel and Catharina Elisabeth Dickel, was born on March 12, 1703 in Girkhausen. He died on July 11, 1777 in Winnen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Hainbach** on March 04, 1734 in Winnen.

65. **Anna Elisabeth Hainbach**, daughter of Johann Georg Hainbach and Agnes Wesp, was born on October 24, 1705 in Winnen. She died on April 02, 1787 in Winnen.

Notes for Georg Wilhelm Riedesel:

There were plenty of reasons for younger sons to leave Wittgenstein, but why he wound up in the village of Winnen near Marburg is anyone's guess. I don't know of any family ties or economic connections.

Anna Elisabeth Hainbach and Georg Wilhelm Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on April 24, 1735 in Winnen.
32. ii. Christian Friedrich Riedesel was born on May 30, 1737 in Winnen. He died on January 05, 1793 in Winnen. He married Anna Catharina Schreiber. She was born on April 11, 1731 in Nothfeld. She died on April 23, 1795 in Winnen.
- iii. Luisa Magdalena Riedesel was born on October 06, 1739 in Winnen. She died on January 30, 1818 in Nordeck. She married Johann Conrad Schäfer in 1764. He was born in 1742 in Göbelnrod. He died in 1817 in Nordeck.

66. **Johannes Schreiber.**

Johannes Schreiber had the following child:

33. i. Anna Catharina Schreiber was born on April 11, 1731 in Nothfeld. She died on April 23, 1795 in Winnen. She married Christian Friedrich Riedesel. He was born on May 30, 1737 in Winnen. He died on January 05, 1793 in Winnen.

68. **?? Kaiser.**

?? Kaiser had the following child:

34. i. Heinrich Kaiser. He died in Leidenhofen. He married Anna Kegel. She was born in Dreihausen.

Generation 8

128. **Georg Mannus Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf, was born about 1664 in Melbach. He died on October 17, 1741 in Girkhausen. He married **Catharina Elisabeth Dickel** before 1696 in Girkhausen.

129. **Catharina Elisabeth Dickel**, daughter of Sebastian Dickel and Elisabeth Spies, was born about 1671 in Girkhausen. She died on February 22, 1750 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Georg Mannus Riedesel:

Referred to as Hermann in church records. He became the tenant in Pfaffe house in Girkhausen.

Catharina Elisabeth Dickel and Georg Mannus Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Anna Maria Riedesel was born on June 03, 1696 in Girkhausen. She died on June 25, 1761 in Girkhausen.
- ii. Anna Gertraud Riedesel was born in 1698 in Girkhausen. She died on May 22, 1764 in Girkhausen. She married Johann Georg Weller about 1720 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1686 in Girkhausen. He died on December 24, 1747 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Anna Gertraud Riedesel:

Rights to the tenancy of Pfaffe house passed through her to her husband.

Notes for Johann Georg Weller:

Born in Hanjörges Haus in Girkhausen. It is unclear whether he was a child of his father's first or second marriage. He became the tenant in Pfaffe Haus in Girkhausen.

- iii. Anna Margaretha Riedesel was born on February 07, 1700 in Girkhausen.
- iv. Georg Hermann Riedesel was born on January 08, 1702 in Girkhausen.
64. v. Georg Wilhelm Riedesel was born on March 12, 1703 in Girkhausen. He died on July 11, 1777 in Winnen. He married Anna Elisabeth Hainbach on March 04, 1734 in Winnen. She was born on October 24, 1705 in Winnen. She died on April 02, 1787 in Winnen.
- vi. Anna Dorothea Riedesel was born on April 12, 1706 in Girkhausen.

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- vii. Johann Heinrich Elias Riedesel was born on December 08, 1707 in Girkhausen. He died on November 23, 1740 in Girkhausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Homrighausen in Girkhausen. She was born on June 26, 1713 in Girkhausen. She died on May 23, 1790 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Elias Riedesel:

Born in Pfaffe Haus, Girkhausen, but became the tenant in Warte through marriage.

- viii. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on August 17, 1710 in Girkhausen. She died on February 06, 1792 in Girkhausen. She married Elias Dickel on October 30, 1740 in Girkhausen. He was born in 1707 in Girkhausen.
- ix. Johannes Riedesel was born on March 11, 1712 in Girkhausen. He died on October 11, 1775 in Girkhausen. He married Katharina Hirschel. She was born about 1714. She died on September 09, 1787 in Girkhausen.
- x. Johann Wilhelm Riedesel was born on September 21, 1716 in Girkhausen.
130. **Johann Georg Hainbach** was born on April 25, 1662 in Nordê, Raingoin, Xizang (Tibet), China. He died on June 06, 1726 in Nordeck. He married **Agnes Wesp**.

131. **Agnes Wesp** was born on December 19, 1662 in Nordeck. She died on November 26, 1742 in Nordeck.

Agnes Wesp and Johann Georg Hainbach had the following child:

65. i. Anna Elisabeth Hainbach was born on October 24, 1705 in Winnen. She died on April 02, 1787 in Winnen. She married Georg Wilhelm Riedesel on March 04, 1734 in Winnen. He was born on March 12, 1703 in Girkhausen. He died on July 11, 1777 in Winnen.

136. **Andreas Kaiser**, son of Jost Kaiser and Maria Bender, was born in 1656 in Ebsdorf. He married **Margarete Prei** on November 11, 1683 in Ebsdorf.

137. **Margarete Prei** was born before 1663.

Notes for Andreas Kaiser:

Was an important forestry official.

Margarete Prei and Andreas Kaiser had the following child:

68. i. ?? Kaiser.

Generation 9

256. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Hederich Riedesel and ??, was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf** on February 18, 1664 in Raumland.

257. **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf**, daughter of Johannes Womelsdorf, was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in Melbach but married into Pfaffe-Haus in Girkhausen. I had reported his approximate birth year as 1634 in previous writing, but have been persuaded that 1640 is a better guess. The fact that he and his wife were married at Raumland yet assumed the tenancy of a house in Girkhausen was unusual; a couple normally married where they were bound to live.

Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

128. i. Georg Mannus Riedesel was born about 1664 in Melbach. He died on October 17, 1741 in Girkhausen. He married Catharina Elisabeth Dickel before 1696 in Girkhausen. She was born about 1671 in Girkhausen. She died on February 22, 1750 in Girkhausen.
- ii. Sebastian Riedesel was born about 1670 in Melbach.

Notes for Sebastian Riedesel:

I have no confirmed evidence of his existence. If he lived, it is likely that he was born between 1668 and 1673, and died before 1740. He could well have left Wittgenstein.

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- iii. Johann Reinhard Riedesel was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died on January 15, 1754 in Girkhausen. He married Elisabeth Schüßler on February 25, 1708 in Elsoff. She was born in 1673.

Notes for Johann Reinhard Riedesel:

Built the house in Girkhausen known as Pfaffe-Reinhard's or Pfaffereinerts.

- iv. Wilhelm Riedesel was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarethe Spies on August 16, 1703 in Girkhausen. She was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Wilhelm Riedesel:

Baptised as Johann Wilhelm in Girkhausen (Pfaffe Haus), but known as Wilhelm. Married into Gundermanns Haus in Wunderthausen, one of the larger in the village. He was already paying taxes there in 1699 though did not marry until 1703.

Notes for Anna Margarethe Spies:

Born into Gundermanns Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband on her marriage.

258. **Sebastian Dickel** was born in 1646 in Schüllar. He died in 1730 in Girkhausen. He married **Elisabeth Spies** before 1681.

259. **Elisabeth Spies**, daughter of Johannes Spies and Anna Catharina ??, was born on May 09, 1647 in Diedenshausen. She died in 1710 in Diedenshausen.

Elisabeth Spies and Sebastian Dickel had the following child:

129. i. Catharina Elisabeth Dickel was born about 1671 in Girkhausen. She died on February 22, 1750 in Girkhausen. She married Georg Mannus Riedesel before 1696 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1664 in Melbach. He died on October 17, 1741 in Girkhausen.

272. **Jost Kaiser**, son of Elias Kaiser and Elisabeth ??, was born about 1620 in Ebsdorf. He married **Maria Bender** on December 15, 1672.

273. **Maria Bender** was born in 1635.

Maria Bender and Jost Kaiser had the following child:

136. i. Andreas Kaiser was born in 1656 in Ebsdorf. He married Margarete Preiß on November 11, 1683 in Ebsdorf. She was born before 1663.

Generation 10

512. **Hederich Riedesel**, son of Henrich Riedesel, was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married ??.

513. ??.

Notes for Hederich Riedesel:

He is the earliest verifiable ancestor of all the Riedesels of Wittgenstein and of almost all American Riedesels. His name is sometimes rendered as Heyrich or Henrich, but local experts affirm that it was not "Heinrich." He was the tenant in the house called "Herjes" in the small hamlet of Melbach. He served for several years as a coachman to the Count in Berleburg during the 30 Years War (1618-1648) and documents say that his house stood empty for five years. He had returned by 1642. While he was a commoner subject to the Count, various signs suggest that the family was of somewhat higher status than most. It is not certain that his father "Heyrich Riedesel" preceded him at Herjes, but it is very likely.

?? and Hederich Riedesel had the following children:

256. i. Johannes Riedesel was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf on February 18, 1664 in Raumland. She was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen.

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- ii. Anna Katharina Riedesel was born about 1645.

Notes for Anna Katharina Riedesel:

I have seen references to her marrying a Hanß Böhmer in southwestern Germany, but this is HIGHLY unlikely.

- iii. Ernst Riedesel was born about 1646 in Melbach. He died on December 24, 1693 in Schameder. He married Anna Elisabeth Müller before 1687. She was born in 1651. She died on December 14, 1693 in Schameder.

Notes for Ernst Riedesel:

Lived in "Hermes" house in Schameder.

- iv. KurtConrad Riedesel was born about 1655 in Melbach. He died in 1709 in Melbach.

Notes for KurtConrad Riedesel:

The two names were interchangeable at the time.

- 514. **Johannes Womelsdorf**, son of Gerlach Womelsdorf, was born in 1609 in Girkhausen. He died in 1672 in Girkhausen.

Johannes Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Georg Womelsdorf was born about 1635.

- 257. ii. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen. She married Johannes Riedesel on February 18, 1664 in Raumland. He was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen.

- iii. Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. He died after 1708 in Wunderthausen. He married Juliana Strackbein about 1670 in Wunderthausen. She was born about 1640 in Wunderthausen. She died after 1690.

Notes for Johannes Mannus Womelsdorf:

Born in Pfaffe Haus, Girkhausen. Became the tenant through marriage in what has been since then as "Mannes" Haus.

- iv. Johann Kasper Womelsdorf.

- 518. **Johannes Spies**, son of Gabriel Spies, was born about 1615 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina ??**.

- 519. **Anna Catharina ??**.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

"The younger." Tenant in Schulze. He was a Schultheiß (Schulze in slang), which was a kind of policeman or deputy in service of the count.

Anna Catharina ?? and Johannes Spies had the following children:

- i. Johann Wilhelm Spies was born about 1640 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1691 in Diedenshausen. He married Mara ??.

Notes for Johann Wilhelm Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

- 259. ii. Elisabeth Spies was born on May 09, 1647 in Diedenshausen. She died in 1710 in Diedenshausen. She married Sebastian Dickel before 1681. He was born in 1646 in Schüllar. He died in 1730 in Girkhausen.

- iii. Johann Gabriel Spies was born about 1648 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1694. He married Agnes Beitzel on June 22, 1671. She was born in Wemlighausen.

- iv. Anna Magdalena Spies was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died after May 23, 1697 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Jost Strackbein about 1694 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She married Gabriel Weller about 1673 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1694 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gabriel Weller:
The miller in Diedenshausen.

544. **Elias Kaiser** was born in 1600 in Schleiditz. He died on November 04, 1662 in Ebsdorf. He married **Elisabeth ??**.
545. **Elisabeth ??** was born in 1605 in Weidenhausen. She died on December 02, 1672 in Ebsdorf. Elisabeth ?? and Elias Kaiser had the following child:
272. i. Jost Kaiser was born about 1620 in Ebsdorf. He married Maria Bender on December 15, 1672. She was born in 1635.

Generation 11

1024. **Henrich Riedesel** was born about 1580 in Melbach.

Henrich Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Dorothea/Dechen Riedesel was born about 1610 in Melbach. She died on February 05, 1686 in Bermershausen. She married Johannes Konrad. He was born about 1605. He died on June 21, 1670 in Bermershausen.

Notes for Johannes Konrad:

He was a miller and sometimes referred to as "Schmidt" but later records consistently use the Konrad family name.

512. ii. Hederich Riedesel was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married ???. He married Gerthrut Dickel on May 14, 1661 in Melbach. She was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. She died on April 29, 1703 in Melbach.

1028. **Gerlach Womelsdorf**, son of Rheinart Womelsdorf and Catharina ??, was born about 1565 in Girkhausen. He died in 1629 in Girkhausen.

Gerlach Womelsdorf had the following children:

514. i. Johannes Womelsdorf was born in 1609 in Girkhausen. He died in 1672 in Girkhausen.
- ii. Reinhardt Womelsdorf.

1036. **Gabriel Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ?? Althaus, was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.

Gabriel Spies had the following children:

- i. Maria Magdalena Spies was born about 1612 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Ludwig Kirstner.

Notes for Maria Magdalena Spies:

She was a chambermaid at the palace in Berleburg and her husband was a secretary. He came from the county of Lauingen.

518. ii. Johannes Spies was born about 1615 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Catharina ??.

Generation 12

2056. **Rheinart Womelsdorf**, son of Jochen Womelsdorf and Catherina ??, was born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He married **Catharina ??**.

2057. **Catharina ??**.

Catharina ?? and Rheinart Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Jochen Womelsdorf was born about 1550.
- ii. Georg Womelsdorf was born about 1555.
1028. iii. Gerlach Womelsdorf was born about 1565 in Girkhausen. He died in 1629 in Girkhausen.

iv. HeintzHeinrich Womelsdorf.

2072. **Johannes Spies** was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen. He married **?? Althaus**.

2073. **?? Althaus**, daughter of Hans Althaus, was born about 1560.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

?? Althaus and Johannes Spies had the following children:

1036. i. Gabriel Spies was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johannes Spies was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married ?? Dickel.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Born in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Diele. He owned three horses (more than most other peasants), and is therefore thought to have a side business of hauling.

- iii. Bastian Spies was born in Diedenshausen. He died before 1616.

Generation 13

4112. **Johenchen Womelsdorf**, son of Heinrich Womelsdorf, was born about 1480. He married **Catherina ??**.

4113. **Catherina ??**.

Catherina ?? and Johenchen Womelsdorf had the following child:

2056. i. Rheinhart Womelsdorf was born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He married Catharina ??.

4146. **Hans Althaus** was born in 1535 in Alertshausen or Bromskirchen?. He died after 1591.

Hans Althaus had the following children:

2073. i. ?? Althaus was born about 1560. She married Johannes Spies. He was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johannes Althaus was born about 1563.

Notes for Johannes Althaus:

May be the great scholar known to history as Johannes Althusius. If so, he was educated at the count's expense and went on to a legal career, marrying in 1595 and living until August 17, 1638.

- iii. Zacharias Althaus.

Generation 14

8224. **Heinrich Womelsdorf** was born about 1450.

Heinrich Womelsdorf had the following child:

4112. i. Johenchen Womelsdorf was born about 1480. He married Catherina ??.