

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. 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 6, 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, NY. 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. He apparently came alone and worked for a while before returning in 1913 to bring his family over. 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. He was naturalized in 1913.

The family lived in Oklahoma until at least 1923 but eventually moved to the Westfield, NY, area.

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. Records are inconsistent about the nationality of the family, but the 1920 Census record for the family clearly gives German as their native tongue (Harper County, Oklahoma).

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. 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 6, 1990.
 - ii. Albert Peter Riedesel was born on November 1, 1910 in Berlin, Germany. He died on May 2, 1993 in Westfield, NY.

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 Oklahoma. He died on April 1, 2010 in Westfield, NY. He married Marcia Thompson on January 30, 1953. She was born on July 9, 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, NY. He married Beatrice Mae Hayner on June 18, 1945 in Westfield, NY. She was born on July 16, 1922 in Ripley, NY. She died on August 18, 2013 in Westfield, NY.

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 Iola M. Reynolds on December 24, 1945. She was born on April 25, 1922.

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 Oklahoma. He died on October 31, 1979. He married Isabelle Culver on January 14, 1950. She was born on August 8, 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, NY. She died on January 9, 2012.

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 5, 1839 in Leidenhofen. He died on January 25, 1891 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). He married **Anna Gertrud Jacob** on February 15, 1874 in Ebsdorf.
5. **Anna Gertrud Jacob**, daughter of Katharina Schmitt, was born on July 30, 1852 in Untersimtshausen. She died on December 7, 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 restated 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. Heinrich Riedesel was born about 1877 in Leidenhofen. He died on February 5, 1909 in Thionville (Diedenhofen).

Notes for Heinrich Riedesel:

At the time of his death in 1909, he was a stonecutter and unmarried.

- ii. Elisabeth Riedesel was born on January 4, 1879 in Paris. She died on May 19, 1952 in Seehof. She married Richard Hermann Otto Hinrichs. He was born on October 4, 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.

- iii. Marie Riedesel was born on August 30, 1880 in Paris, France. She died on November 9, 1972 in Parsons, KS. She married Adam Henry Zehner on June 16, 1904 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born on January 14, 1878 in Poss. Marjoss, Germany. He died in 1939. She married Alfred Roth in 1899 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.

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, 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. They were divorced around 1926. In 1930, she and her daughter Celia were living at Stigler, Haskell County, Oklahoma. 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:

Living in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1920.

2. iv. Johann Friedrich Heinrich Riedesel was born on June 15, 1883 in Paris, France. He died on December 17, 1945 in Westfield, NY. He married Emma Margaret Jacobsen in 1905. She was born on August 20, 1885 in Schleswig. She died on October 10, 1965.
- v. Peter Riedesel was born on November 11, 1886 in Thionville (Beauregard Diedenhofen). He died in August 1975 in Washington state. He married Elise Marie Hesse in 1922. She was born on August 10, 1897. She died on November 21, 1995.

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 1930s, but moved on to Chehalis, WA.

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 Mittelsberg, Hesse. She died on May 25, 1873 in Leidenhofen.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel: He was a bricklayer and small farmer.

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:

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 - i. Peter Riedesel was born on May 5, 1839 in Leidenhofen. He died on January 25, 1891 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. He married Anna Gertrud Jacob on February 15, 1874 in Ebsdorf. She was born on July 30, 1852 in Untersimtshausen. She died on December 7, 1895 in Thionville (Diedenhofen).
 - 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 4, 1844 in Leidenhofen. She died on October 5, 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 9, 1847 in Leidenhofen. She died on February 28, 1855 in Leidenhofen.
- v. Elisabeth Riedesel was born on March 2, 1852 in Leidenhofen. She married Heinrich Krieb. He was born in 1847. He died in 1938.

11. **Katharina Schmitt.**

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.

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 6, 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 Mittelsberg, Hesse. 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:

9. i. Anna Dorothea Emmerich was born in 1811 in Mittelsberg, Hesse. 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. Elisabetha Emmerich.
- iii. Catharina Emmerich.
- iv. Balthasar 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 5, 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 2, 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.

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- iii. Georg Wilhelm Riedesel was born on May 11, 1764 in Winnen. He died on May 19, 1765 in Winnen.
 - 16. 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 8, 1769 in Winnen. He died on September 1, 1848 in Winnen. He married Elisabeth Steller about 1794. She was born on October 8, 1762. She died on February 23, 1840 in Winnen.
 - vi. Luisa Riedesel was born on May 24, 1773 probably in Winnen. She died on May 19, 1810 in Winnen.
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.
 - 17. 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.
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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 4, 1734 in Winnen.
65. **Anna Elisabeth Hainbach** was born on October 24, 1705 in Winnen. She died on April 2, 1787 in Winnen.
- Anna Elisabeth Hainbach and Georg Wilhelm Riedesel had the following children:
- i. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on April 24, 1735.
 - 32. ii. Christian Friedrich Riedesel was born on May 30, 1737 in Winnen. He died on January 5, 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 6, 1739 in Winnen. She died on January 30, 1818 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 5, 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.
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Generation 8

128. **Georg Mannus Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf, was born about 1664 in Girkhausen. He died on October 17, 1741 in Girkhausen. He married **Catharina Elisabeth Dickel** before 1696 in Girkhausen.
129. **Catharina Elisabeth Dickel** was born about 1671 in Girkhausen. She died on February 22, 1751 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Georg Mannus Riedesel: Referred to as Hermann in church records.

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

- i. Anna Maria Riedesel was born on June 3, 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 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 7, 1700 in Girkhausen.
- iv. Georg Hermann Riedesel was born on January 8, 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 4, 1734 in Winnen. She was born on October 24, 1705 in Winnen. She died on April 2, 1787 in Winnen.
- vi. Anna Dorothea Riedesel was born on April 12, 1706 in Girkhausen.
- vii. Johann Heinrich Elias Riedesel was born on December 8, 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 6, 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 9, 1787 in Girkhausen.
- x. Johann Wilhelm Riedesel was born on September 21, 1716 in Girkhausen.
136. **Andreas Kaiser**, son of Jost Kaiser and Maria Bender, was born in 1656 in Ebsdorf. He married **Margarete Preiß** on November 11, 1683 in Ebsdorf.
137. **Margarete Preiß** was born before 1663.

Notes for Andreas Kaiser:

Was an important forestry official.

Margarete Preiß and Andreas Kaiser had the following child:

68. i. ?? Kaiser.

Generation 9

256. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Heyrich Riedesel and ??, was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf** on February 18, 1664 in Raumland.
257. **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf**, daughter of Johannes Womelsdorf, was born about 1642 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.

Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

128. i. Georg Mannus Riedesel was born about 1664 in Girkhausen. 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, 1751 in Girkhausen.

- ii. Georg Heinrich Riedesel was born about 1666 in Girkhausen. He died in Girkhausen. He married Elisabeth ??.
- 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 Pfaffereiner's.

- iv. Wilhelm Riedesel was born about 1677 in Girkhausen. He died on February 9, 1748 in Wunderhausen. He married Anna Margarethe Spies on August 16, 1703 in Wunderhausen. She was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderhausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderhausen.

Notes for Wilhelm Riedesel:

Baptised as Johann Wilhelm in Girkhausen (Pfaffe Haus), but known as Wilhelm. Married into Gundermann's Haus in Wunderhausen, 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 Gundermann's Haus, the tenancy of which passed to her husband on her marriage.

- v. Bastian Riedesel was born in Girkhausen.

Notes for Bastian 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.

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

513. ??.

Notes for Heyrich Riedesel:

A Heyrich Riedesel at Herjes Haus in Melbach is mentioned in 1618. Later records report that a Heyrich Riedesel served for several years as a coachman to the Count in Berleburg during the 30 Years War (1618-1648) and that his house stood empty for five years. He had returned by 1642. Heyrich the coachman was almost certainly the offspring of the first Heyrich. Spellings vary for both: Heyrich, Hederich, and others. I do not now believe that it was Henrich or Heinrich. ?? and Heyrich Riedesel had the following children:

- 256. i. Johannes Riedesel was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died in Girkhausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf on February 18, 1664 in Raumland. She was born about 1642 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen.
- ii. Anna Katharina Riedesel was born about 1645.
- 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.

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- iv. Kurt/Conrad Riedesel was born about 1655 in Melbach. She died in 1709 in Melbach.

Notes for Kurt/Conrad Riedesel:

Known to have lived at Melbach contemporary with Mannus, but their relation is uncertain. Being step-brothers seems the most likely.

- 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.
- ii. 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.

- 257. iii. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf was born about 1642 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 in Girkhausen.

- iv. Johann Kasper Womelsdorf.

- 544. **Elias Kaiser** was born in 1600 in Schleiditz. He died on November 4, 1662 in Ebsdorf. He married **Elisabeth ??**.

- 545. **Elisabeth ??** was born in 1605 in Weidenhausen. She died on December 2, 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.
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Generation 11

- 1024. **Heyrich Riedesel**.

Heyrich Riedesel had the following child:

- 512. i. Heyrich Riedesel was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married Gerthrut Dickel on May 19, 1661 in Melbach. She was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. She died on April 29, 1703 in Melbach. He married ??.

- 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.
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Generation 12

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

- 2057. **Catharina ??**.

Catharina ?? and Rheinart Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Johenchen 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. Heintz/Heinrich Womelsdorf.

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. Rheinart Womelsdorf was born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He married Catharina ??.

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 ??.