

Ancestors of Johann Henrich Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **Johann Henrich Riedesel**, son of Johann Georg Riedesel and Elisabeth Belz, was born on June 14, 1772 in Berleburg. He died in America. He married **Johanna Henriette Gäkler** on February 18, 1817 in Berleburg. She was born on February 11, 1784 in Schwarzenau. She died before 1819 in Probably Europe. He married **Marie Louise ??** after 1817. She was born about 1785. She died in 1840 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Buried 14 May 1840).

Notes for Johann Henrich Riedesel:

Recorded as having come to Ronsdorf near what is now Wuppertal in 1791. He left for Holland June 18, 1792. He almost certainly came to America in 1819 with his brother on the brig Osgood (September 20). It had sailed from Amsterdam. German records show that he married Henriette Gäkler in Berleburg in 1817, and that they had a daughter the following year. The passenger list shows a wife Louise and child of Johann Heinrich.

The princely archives in Berleburg include this document:
Der Johann Henr. Riedesel zu Berleburg hat die Emigrations Urkunde für sich, seine Frau und Tochter und für seinen Bruder Joh. Ludwig heute in Empfang genommen. Ich benachrichtige Sie hiervon.

Berleburg d[en] 17t[en] May 1819.

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Records of a church in Philadelphia show the baptism of a Johannes Riedesel, son of "Dokt. Johann Hein. Riedesel" and his wife, Marie Louise. The child was born January 3, 1820, and was baptised on March 16, 1820. This could well be the same Johann Heinrich.

Louisa died May 14, 1840 at about 55 years of age and is buried in the Salems Cemetery.

Other Wittgensteiners belonged to this church. At one point it was the "United High German Evangelical Calvinist Reformed Church. Later it was simply the "Salem German Reformed Church."

Notes for Johanna Henriette Gäkler:

We believe they lived in the village of Schwarzenau though the baptism is recorded in the parish church of Elsoff.

Notes for Marie Louise ??:

Known as Louisa.

Generation 2

2. **Johann Georg Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Catharina Schupner, was born on June 21, 1728 in Melbach. He died on February 19, 1808 in Berleburg. He married **Elisabeth Belz** on June 17, 1771 in Berleburg.
3. **Elisabeth Belz** was born on August 28, 1739 in Berleburg. She died on June 15, 1817 in Berleburg.

Elisabeth Belz and Johann Georg Riedesel had the following children:

1. i. **Johann Henrich Riedesel** was born on June 14, 1772 in Berleburg. He died in America. He married Johanna Henriette Gäkler on February 18, 1817 in Berleburg. She was born on February 11, 1784 in Schwarzenau. She died before 1819 in Probably Europe. He married Marie Louise ?? after 1817. She was born about 1785. She died in 1840 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Buried 14 May 1840).

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- ii. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on March 09, 1775 in Berleburg. He died in America.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

He arrived on the brig Osgood in Philadelphia on September 20, 1819. It had sailed from Amsterdam.

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Der Johann Henr. Riedesel zu Berleburg hat die Emigrations Urkunde für sich, seine Frau und Tochter und für seinen Bruder Joh. Ludwig heute in Empfang genommen. Ich benachrichtige Sie hiervon.

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Generation 3

4. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Johann Mannus Riedesel and Anna Katharine Grund, was born on April 23, 1697 in Melbach. He died on December 02, 1758 in Melbach. He married **Anna Catharina Schupner** on August 25, 1719 in Raumland.
5. **Anna Catharina Schupner**, daughter of Ludwig Schupner, was born on March 13, 1696 in Bernshausen. She died on July 10, 1769 in Melbach.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in and tenant in Herjes Haus, Melbach.

Anna Catharina Schupner and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Johann Henrich Riedesel was born on December 08, 1720 in Melbach. He died on August 01, 1773 in Melbach. He married Anna Catharina Mengel on June 04, 1751 in Raumland. She was born about August 1724 in Beddelhausen. She died on February 03, 1796 in Melbach.

Notes for Johann Henrich Riedesel:

Tenant in Herjes Haus, Melbach.

- ii. Anna Catharina Riedesel was born on March 14, 1723 in Melbach. She died before 1745. She married Johannes Born on February 26, 1740 in Raumland. He was born on March 05, 1712 in Berghausen. He died on January 18, 1773 in Berghausen.
- iii. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on March 09, 1726 in Melbach. She died on January 22, 1792 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Franz Spies on November 04, 1746 in Diedenshausen. He was born on April 14, 1726 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 11, 1790 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Spies:

Born in and tenant in Schreiners Haus, Diedenshausen. According to local tradition, he personally carried a complaint from the peasants of Diedenshausen to the German Emperor in Vienna about the heavy burden of taxation and other duties imposed by the Count. Nothing was ever done about it.

2. iv. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on June 21, 1728 in Melbach. He died on February 19, 1808 in Berleburg. He married Elisabeth Belz on June 17, 1771 in Berleburg. She was born on August 28, 1739 in Berleburg. She died on June 15, 1817 in Berleburg.
- v. Anna Maria Riedesel was born on October 17, 1730 in Melbach. She married Georg Ludwig Bald on January 28, 1751 in Berleburg. He was born on July 07, 1715 in Berleburg. She married Ludwig Franz Koch on April 29, 1772 in Berleburg. He was born on February 07, 1735 in Berleburg.
- vi. Johannes Riedesel was born on April 11, 1733 in Melbach. He died on May 28, 1733 in Melbach.

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- vii. Löysa Riedesel was born on August 17, 1734 in Melbach. She died on June 24, 1781 in Wingshausen. She married Daniel Schulz on February 24, 1758 in Wingshausen. He was born on March 30, 1738 in Wingshausen. He died on April 17, 1797 in Wingshausen.
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Generation 4

8. **Johann Mannus Riedesel**, son of Heyrich Riedesel and Gerthrut Dickel, was born on June 06, 1662 in Melbach. He died on November 04, 1726 in Melbach. He married **Anna Katharine Grund** on November 09, 1693 in Melbach.
9. **Anna Katharine Grund** was born in 1661 in Bermershausen. She died on January 26, 1729 in Melbach.

Notes for Johann Mannus Riedesel:

Tenant in Herjes Haus at Melbach/Balde. He was known as Mannus Riedesel, and is still regarded as a master builder. When and where he learned his craft is not known, but he was in demand throughout Wittgenstein and neighboring areas such as Siegen. Ten structures he built are known to exist today though there were many others. The most spectacular is the "Ludwigsburg" in the town of Berleburg. It was built for a brother of Graf Casimir between 1707-1709. Another was the forester's lodge at the site of the defunct village of Dambach; it is now a Pension. An unusual work was the combination school and chapel in the village of Sassenhausen. They are gems of Fachwerk (half-timbered) construction, often with ornately carved corner posts, inscriptions, and other decorations.

Anna Katharine Grund and Johann Mannus Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on December 17, 1694 in Melbach. She died in 1750 in Womelsdorf. She married Elias Hederich. He was born on January 08, 1696 in Birkelbach. He died on August 31, 1732 in Womelsdorf. She married Johann Ludwig Schmidt on May 10, 1715 in Birkelbach. He was born on January 10, 1681 in Womelsdorf. He died on August 16, 1731 in Womelsdorf. She married Ludwig Klotz on March 06, 1733 in Birkelbach. He was born on May 14, 1700 in Womelsdorf. He died on April 07, 1761 in Womelsdorf.
4. ii. Johannes Riedesel was born on April 23, 1697 in Melbach. He died on December 02, 1758 in Melbach. He married Anna Catharina Schupner on August 25, 1719 in Raumland. She was born on March 13, 1696 in Bernshausen. She died on July 10, 1769 in Melbach.
- iii. Johann Gilbert Riedesel was born on March 13, 1704 in Melbach. He died in April 1704 in Melbach.
10. **Ludwig Schupner**.
- Ludwig Schupner had the following child:
5. i. Anna Catharina Schupner was born on March 13, 1696 in Bernshausen. She died on July 10, 1769 in Melbach. She married Johannes Riedesel on August 25, 1719 in Raumland. He was born on April 23, 1697 in Melbach. He died on December 02, 1758 in Melbach.
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Generation 5

16. **Heyrich Riedesel**, son of Heyrich Riedesel, was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married **Gerthrut Dickel** on May 14, 1661 in Melbach.
17. **Gerthrut Dickel**, daughter of Johannes Dickel, was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. She died on April 29, 1703 in Melbach.

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.

Gerthrut Dickel and Heyrich Riedesel had the following children:

8. i. Johann Mannus Riedesel was born on June 06, 1662 in Melbach. He died on

November 04, 1726 in Melbach. He married Anna Ursula Spies on November 04, 1687 in Melbach. She was born about 1665. She died on May 04, 1693 in Melbach. He married Anna Katharine Grund on November 09, 1693 in Melbach. She was born in 1661 in Bermershhausen. She died on January 26, 1729 in Melbach.

- ii. Johann Jost Riedesel was born on January 25, 1664 in Melbach. He died in September 1738 in Aue. He married Anna Elisabeth Walter before 1700 in Raumland. She was born about 1673 in Aue. She died on October 20, 1734 in Aue.
- iii. Georg Henrich Riedesel was born in January 1666 in Melbach.
- iv. Anna Gertraud Riedesel was born on February 06, 1669 in Melbach. She died after 1741 in Weidenhausen. She married Johann Simon Spies on September 25, 1690 in Raumland. He was born on December 27, 1663 in Bermershhausen. He died after 1741 in Weidenhausen.
- v. Johann Gilbert Riedesel was born on September 17, 1671 in Melbach. He died on December 01, 1737 in Wingshausen. He married Anna Maria Beuter before 1708. She was born in 1676 in Wingshausen?. She died on August 15, 1742 in Wingshausen.