

Descendants of Johann Jost Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **JOHANN JOST¹ RIEDESEL** was born on April 23, 1825 in Wunderthausen. He died on November 13, 1899 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He married Caroline Knebel, daughter of Johann Heinrich Knebel and Maria Amalia Womelsdorf, on September 14, 1860 in Monroe, IL. She was born on November 25, 1834 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 8, 1898 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.

Notes for Johann Jost Riedesel:

Born in the house called Försters am Lotzenberg in Wundethausen. He was probably on the ship Johann Lange out of Bremen that landed in New York on September 23, 1857. He was already 35 when he married the widow Caroline (Knebel) Henze. They apparently lived in Monroe County, Prairie du Long township until at least 1880 (when they are recorded in the Census under the name "Ritt"). But by the late 1880s they are mentioned in the records of what is now St. John's United Church of Christ in Smithton, IL. Known as John.

In 1870, he owned real estate worth \$4,500--a substantial sum. That Census lists a daughter "Mina" who was 5 years old; this corresponds to Katherine who was born in 1865. The same Census lists a 2-year old "Catherine", who should be Carolina according to family records. Living them was a 36-year old Henry "Knoebel" (Knebel), most likely Ludwig Heinrich Knebel (*Nov 4, 1834 in Wunderthausen in Schwarze house).

Notes for Caroline Knebel:

Born in Beckers Haus, Wunderthausen. She came with several others from Wunderthausen on the ship "Johannes Schmidt" out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. The rest of them went to Iowa. Her first cousins once removed, the Homrighausen brothers from Linde Haus in Wunderthausen, had gone to the area in 1839. Caroline had a daughter, Katherine, in Wunderthausen in 1854. The daughter stayed there and died at 22.

Caroline and her first husband, William Henze, lived at Lords Corner near Hecker, Illinois.

She and Johannes Riedesel lived in both Monroe County (Hecker) and St. Clair County (Smithton), but are buried near Hecker.

Johann Jost Riedesel and Caroline Knebel had the following children:

2. i. **SOPHIA² RIEDESEL** was born on October 15, 1863 in St. Clair County, IL. She died on March 21, 1891 in Smithton, IL (St. Marcus Cemetery, Red Bud). She married John Henry Grommet on April 30, 1885 in Monroe County, IL. He was born on June 21, 1858. He died on April 4, 1921 in Marissa, St Clair, Illinois (Dutch Hill Cemetery).
3. ii. **KATHERINE RIEDESEL** was born on November 26, 1865 in Monroe County, IL. She died on June 16, 1946. She married Edward Rieso, son of Gottlieb Frederick Rieso and Anna Katherine Maria Sophie Heidenreich, on May 17, 1887 in Floraville, IL. He was born on January 11, 1859 in St. Clair County, IL. He died on August 25, 1945.
- iii. **CAROLINA RIEDESEL** was born on March 25, 1868 in Monroe County, IL. She died on September 15, 1871 in Monroe County, IL.
- iv. **INFANT RIEDESEL**.

Generation 2

2. **SOPHIA² RIEDESEL** (Johann Jost¹) was born on October 15, 1863 in St. Clair County, IL. She died on March 21, 1891 in Smithton, IL (St. Marcus Cemetery, Red Bud). She married John Henry Grommet on April 30, 1885 in Monroe County, IL. He was born on June 21, 1858. He died on April 4, 1921 in Marissa, St Clair, Illinois (Dutch Hill Cemetery).

John Henry Grommet and Sophia Riedesel had the following children:

4. i. **CAROLINE KATHERINE³ GROMMET** was born on June 3, 1886 in Smithton, St Clair, Illinois. She died on November 29, 1980 (Marissa Cemetery). She married Louis Heinrich Waelz on May 24, 1908 in New Athens, St Clair, Illinois. He was born on September 27, 1886. He died on November 15, 1956 in Marissa, St Clair, Illinois.

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- ii. WILLIAM GROMMET was born in August 1889.

Notes for William Grommet:

Known as Willie. After his mother's death, he went to live with his Riedesel grandparents.

- iii. OSCAR GROMMET was born on March 20, 1891 in Smithton, IL. He died on July 11, 1891.
- iv. HENRY GROMMET. He died in 1892 in Smithton, IL.

Notes for Henry Grommet:

Killed in accident when a wheat binder severed his legs while he was hunting rabbits.

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Edward Rieso and Katherine Riedesel had the following children:

- i. **GOTTLIEB EDWARD³ RIESO** was born on February 7, 1888 in Prairie du Long, IL. He married (1) EMMA KUHN.
5. ii. OSCAR JOHN RIESO was born on February 18, 1890 in Prairie du Long, IL. He died on April 5, 1973. He married (1) SUSAN WEBER. She was born on March 16, 1893. She died on April 19, 1968.
- iii. SILDA MARIE RIESO was born on May 3, 1891. She died on October 17, 1930 in St. Clair County, IL. She married (1) ALFRED STAHL.
- iv. AMANDA ANNA RIESO was born on May 26, 1895. She died in May 1976 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.

Notes for Amanda Anna Rieso:

Never married.

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4. **CAROLINE KATHERINE³ GROMMET** (Sophia² Riedesel, Johann Jost¹ Riedesel) was born on June 3, 1886 in Smithton, St Clair, Illinois. She died on November 29, 1980 (Marissa Cemetery). She married Louis Heinrich Waelz on May 24, 1908 in New Athens, St Clair, Illinois. He was born on September 27, 1886. He died on November 15, 1956 in Marissa, St Clair, Illinois.

Notes for Caroline Katherine Grommet: Known as Carrie.

Louis Heinrich Waelz and Caroline Katherine Grommet had the following children:

6. i. LILLIAN ANN SOPHIA⁴ WAEZ was born on July 15, 1909. She died on March 12, 1986 (Marissa Cemetery). She married (1) ARTHUR PRANGE.
- ii. MAY CLARA EMMA WAEZ was born on May 16, 1911 in Marissa, St Clair, Illinois. She died on November 2, 2006 in Freeburg, St Clair, Illinois. She married Edward Leinecke on August 6, 1933.
- iii. ALBERT PETER HEINRICH WAEZ was born on November 3, 1912. He died on March 18, 1993 (Marissa Cemetery). He married Edythe Wilson on January 31, 1945.
- iv. CLIFFORD WILLIAM WAEZ was born on October 1, 1914 in Marissa, St Clair, Illinois. He died on April 9, 2004 in Marissa, St Clair, Illinois. He married Norene Elizabeth

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Winter on October 1, 1938 in New Athens, St Clair, Illinois. She was born on April 4, 1920 in Marissa, St Clair, Illinois. She died on April 27, 2011 in Freeburg, St Clair, Illinois.

- v. **LORETTA DOROTHEA WAELEZ** was born on June 17, 1919. She died on June 14, 2013. She married (1) **HAROLD BIRKNER**.
5. **OSCAR JOHN³ RIESO** (Katherine² Riedesel, Johann Jost¹ Riedesel) was born on February 18, 1890 in Prairie du Long, IL. He died on April 5, 1973. He married (1) **SUSAN WEBER**. She was born on March 16, 1893. She died on April 19, 1968.
Oscar John Rieso and Susan Weber had the following children:
- i. **EDNA⁴ RIESO** was born on March 1, 1914.
 - ii. **MABEL RIESO** was born on August 28, 1916. She died in 1987.
 - iii. **EARL RIESO** was born on November 27, 1920. He died on March 10, 2003.
 - iv. **LEE RIESO** was born on July 24, 1929.

Generation 4

6. **LILLIAN ANN SOPHIA⁴ WAELEZ** (Caroline Katherine³ Grommet, Sophia² Riedesel, Johann Jost¹ Riedesel) was born on July 15, 1909. She died on March 12, 1986 (Marissa Cemetery). She married (1) **ARTHUR PRANGE**.
Arthur Prange and Lillian Ann Sophia Waelz had the following children:
- i. **LOUIS A.⁵ PRANGE** was born on May 3, 1932. He died on May 7, 2009.
 - ii. **VERA PRANGE**.
 - iii. **DAUGHTER PRANGE**.