

Descendants of Karl/Carl Riedesel

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1. **KARL¹ RIEDESEL** was born on March 24, 1854 in Erndtebrück. He died on November 19, 1936 in Crookston, MN. He married Margaretha Reinhardt in January 1883 in Crookston, MN. She was born in January 1862. She died on September 16, 1930 in Crookston, MN.

Notes for Karl Riedesel:

His christening record in Erndtebrück says Karl, but the spelling was most often Carl.

He was mustered into the royal Prussian second Hessian infantry regiment on December 12, 1874, and was honorably discharged not quite two years later on September 1876. He incurred no fines or disciplinary actions. He appears not to have seen any military action, as the wars that led to the unification of Germany under Prussian domination were complete in 1871. The military record also spells his name with a "C."

A Carl Riedesel (with a "C") arrived in New York on the "Belgenland" on July 15, 1880. He was 26 (just right for Karl) but seemed to have no companions with Wittgenstein names. His occupation is listed as that of a farmer.

He first settled in Carver County, MN, near Minneapolis, and worked as a farm laborer. In 1882 he moved to Crookston, MN, where he was employed in the harness and shoe-making business. In 1889, he established his own shoe-making business. He was an active participant in civic life, having served on the school board and city council. He was a member of several fraternal organizations including the Masons and Oddfellows.

Notes for Margaretha Reinhardt:

She came to the United States in about 1881, settling first in St. Paul. In 1883 she moved to Crookston where she met and married Karl Riedesel. In Crookston she was a charter member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Hermann, and that lodge was named in her honor.

Karl Riedesel and Margaretha Reinhardt had the following children:

2. i. **FREDERICK CARL² RIEDESEL** was born on August 2, 1883 in Crookston, MN. He died on October 27, 1927. He married Regina Brattensbourg on June 3, 1905. She was born on October 18, 1881 in Crookston, MN. She died on March 26, 1955 in Washington, DC.
3. ii. **WILLIAM E. P. RIEDESEL** was born on March 22, 1886 in Crookston, MN. He died on December 1, 1964 in Fargo, ND. He married Louise J. Thiedemann on April 18, 1915 in Crookston, MN. She was born on March 6, 1887. She died on December 1, 1957 in Crookston, MN.
4. iii. **HELEN RIEDESEL** was born in 1888 in Crookston, MN. She died in 1935 in Euclid, MN. She married Harold Misner about 1908. He was born about 1888 in Minnesota.
5. iv. **EMMA LOUISE RIEDESEL** was born on October 10, 1890 in Crookston, MN. She died on January 29, 1973 in Crookston, MN. She married John Balfour about 1918. He was born about 1889 in Canada.
6. v. **GEORGE MARSH RIEDESEL** was born on January 18, 1893 in Crookston, MN. He died on June 4, 1986 in Washington County, MN. He married (1) **ELSIE BAILEY**. She was born on January 13, 1893 in England. She died on June 1, 1982 in Washington County, MN.
- vi. **LILLIAN RIEDESEL** was born on May 6, 1895 in Crookston, MN. She died in May 1983 in Marshall, MN.
- vii. **GRETCHEN RIEDESEL** was born in 1901 in Crookston, MN. She died in 1903 in Crookston, MN.

Notes for Gretchen Riedesel:

Possibly born Margaret, of which Gretchen is nickname.

- viii. **ANORMA RIEDESEL** was born on January 12, 1904 in Crookston, MN. She died on December 15, 1970 in Crookston, MN.

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2. **FREDERICK CARL² RIEDESEL** (Karl¹) was born on August 2, 1883 in Crookston, MN. He died on October 27, 1927. He married Regina Brattensbourg on June 3, 1905. She was born on October 18, 1881 in Crookston, MN. She died on March 26, 1955 in Washington, DC.
Frederick Carl Riedesel and Regina Brattensbourg had the following children:
 - i. **GEORGE EVERETT FREDERICK³ RIEDESEL** was born on April 9, 1906 in Arlington, VA. He died on August 28, 1967 in Washington, DC. He married (1) **HARRIET HILD**. She was born on September 3, 1906. She died on May 8, 1989.
 - ii. **HALVOR EDWARD THEODORE RIEDESEL** was born on June 23, 1907 in Arlington, VA. He died on April 12, 1979 in Dade City, FL. He married (1) **MARGUERITE MAY KELLY** on February 1, 1935. She was born on March 16, 1908 in Charleston, SC. She died on March 5, 1992. He married (2) **ELEANOR E. ??** about 1928. She was born about 1911 in District of Columbia.
 - iii. **HELEN REGINA RIEDESEL** was born on January 31, 1911 in Arlington, VA. She died on April 23, 1970.
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Notes for William E. P. Riedesel:

Followed in his father's shoe business in Crookston. His legal name appears to have been Ernest William Paul, but he was known as William E. P. At the time of his death, he had been living with his daughter Merle's family in Fargo.

William E. P. Riedesel and Louise J. Thiedemann had the following child:

- i. **MERLE³ RIEDESEL** was born on October 14, 1915. She died in July 1980. She married Stuart Nordquist on June 28, 1941. He was born on December 29, 1914 in Minnesota. He died in November 1982.
4. **HELEN² RIEDESEL** (Karl¹) was born in 1888 in Crookston, MN. She died in 1935 in Euclid, MN. She married Harold Misner about 1908. He was born about 1888 in Minnesota.
Harold Misner and Helen Riedesel had the following children:
 - i. **WELLS H.³ MISNER** was born about 1913.
 - ii. **RUTH MISNER** was born on August 10, 1916. She died on August 13, 2005 in Bellingham, WA. She married (1) ?? **DAVIS**.
 - iii. **NORMAN E MISNER** was born on July 19, 1918. He died on May 19, 1963 in Los Angeles.
 - iv. **CARL MISNER** was born about 1922.
 5. **EMMA LOUISE² RIEDESEL** (Karl¹) was born on October 10, 1890 in Crookston, MN. She died on January 29, 1973 in Crookston, MN. She married John Balfour about 1918. He was born about 1889 in Canada.
Notes for John Balfour:
Railroad engineer. Owned a house in Crookston in 1930.
John Balfour and Emma Louise Riedesel had the following children:
 - i. **LILLIAN³ BALFOUR** was born in 1918.
 - ii. **CARL BALFOUR** was born about 1921.
 6. **GEORGE MARSH² RIEDESEL** (Karl¹) was born on January 18, 1893 in Crookston, MN. He died on June 4, 1986 in Washington County, MN. He married (1) **ELSIE BAILEY**. She was born on January

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13, 1893 in England. She died on June 1, 1982 in Washington County, MN.

George Marsh Riedesel and Elsie Bailey had the following children:

- i. MARGARET ELSIE³ RIEDESEL was born on October 15, 1918 in Calgary, Canada. She died on March 9, 2005 in Minnesota. She married Wilburne Lamar Chamberlain on May 28, 1941 in Anoka, MN. He was born on October 30, 1920. He died in August 1980.

- ii. RICHARD GEORGE RIEDESEL was born on November 18, 1919 in Crookston, MN. He died on July 4, 2006 in Stillwater, MN. He married (1) GERALDINE CATHERINE SUCHOMEL on July 3, 1941. She was born on July 23, 1922 in St. Paul, MN. He married (2) MARION EICHENLAUB on December 23, 1995 in DeWitt County, TX. She was born on September 16, 1917 in St. Paul, MN. She died on June 22, 2009 in Texas.

Notes for Richard George Riedesel:

1938 graduate of North Saint Paul high school. Went to work for 3M in 1941, and was there for 38 years. Developed numerous patents and named Corporate Scientist in 1978. Divorced 1994.

- iii. ESTHER RIEDESEL was born on July 6, 1922 in Crookston, MN. She died on July 22, 1983 in Santa Barbara, CA. She married Kenneth Seitner in 1942.