

Descendants of Georg Ludwig (Louis C.) Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **GEORG LUDWIG¹ RIEDESEL** was born on January 7, 1840 in Wunderhausen. He died on January 1, 1913 in Wheatland, IA. He married Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter, daughter of Johann Philipp Peter and Katharina Elisabeth Hackenbracht, on February 25, 1866 in Girkhausen. She was born on March 6, 1842 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 29, 1909 in Wheatland, IA.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:

Known as Louis C. and as "Charley" in the U.S. Born in Bergmanns/Gabels Haus in Wunderhausen. Arrived on the ship Humboldt, which traveled from Bremen to New York and landed on May 27, 1867.

They lived in Cedar County near Lowden, which is close to Big Rock as well. He eventually owned at least 160 acres in Section 24 of the Springfield Township. Their son Ernest continued to farm this land, followed by Ernest's sons Ernest and Harold.

Notes for Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter:

Known as Katherine. Other sources give her year of birth as 1838, but that is in error. She was born in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen. Apparently, she and her husband lived in Diedenshausen before going to America.

Georg Ludwig Riedesel and Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter had the following children:

2. i. **FRIEDRICH² RIEDESEL** was born on June 4, 1861 in Diedenshausen. He died on May 28, 1910 in Wheatland, IA. He married Christina Horstmann, daughter of Johann Horstmann and Lizette ??, on April 15, 1891. She was born on October 2, 1870 in Hamburg, Germany. She died on December 8, 1958 in Bennett, IA.
3. ii. **GEORGE L. RIEDESEL** was born on September 12, 1867 in Big Rock, IA. He died on October 27, 1916 in Big Rock, IA. He married Emma Franey on April 9, 1890 in Davenport, IA. She was born on June 17, 1869 in Davenport, IA. She died on December 25, 1935 in Davenport, IA.
4. iii. **AUGUST JOHN RIEDESEL** was born on August 12, 1869 in Big Rock, IA. He died on December 13, 1941. He married (1) **EDNA SHAW**. She was born in 1873 in Big Rock, IA.
5. iv. **LOUISE RIEDESEL** was born on November 14, 1870 in Big Rock, IA. She died on August 26, 1949 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She married (1) **EDWARD G. MCCLELLAN**.
6. v. **KATHRYN RIEDESEL** was born on July 28, 1872 in Big Rock, IA. She died on July 15, 1953. She married Fred Hansen on August 24, 1893. He was born on August 26, 1870 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died in August 1943.
7. vi. **LOUIS CHARLES RIEDESEL JR.** was born on May 4, 1874 in Big Rock, IA. He died in August 1958. He married (1) **MARION REBECCA HAZELTON**. She was born on March 29, 1877. She died on March 9, 1905 in Big Rock, IA. He married (2) **EMMA MARIE MEYERS**, daughter of John Meyers, about 1905. She was born on January 11, 1887 in Black Hawk County, Iowa. She died on January 10, 1952 in St. Joseph, MO.
- vii. **EMMA RIEDESEL** was born on February 2, 1878 in Big Rock, IA. She died on September 8, 1942. She married (1) **GEORGE AGNEW**. He was born on February 3, 1866. He died on May 3, 1948.
8. viii. **ERNEST RIEDESEL** was born on May 8, 1879 in Big Rock, IA. He died on April 27, 1958 in Davenport, IA. He married Marie Jess on February 21, 1906. She was born on September 12, 1882 in Mecklenburg, Germany. She died on January 25, 1976 in Tipton, IA.
- ix. **JULIUS RIEDESEL** was born on February 2, 1881 in Big Rock, IA. He died on May 4, 1905 in Wheatland, IA.
9. x. **RUDOLPH RIEDESEL** was born on May 12, 1882 in Big Rock, IA. He died on May 9,

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- 1956 in Tipton, IA. He married Anna Hagge, daughter of George Hagge and Lena Rasch, on February 16, 1910. She was born on May 14, 1891 in Inland Twp, Cedar County, IA. She died in July 1980.
10. xi. WILHELMINE RIEDESEL was born on June 23, 1885 in Big Rock, IA. She died on January 5, 1946 in Iowa City, IA. She married Detric John Schepers, son of William Schepers and Christina Tebbe, on September 23, 1908 in Cedar Co, IA. He was born on February 18, 1866. He died on June 4, 1944.
- xii. HERMAN RIEDESEL was born on July 27, 1887 in Big Rock, IA. He died on May 1, 1942 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.
- Notes for Herman Riedesel:
In 1930 he was living in Chicago with a family that included his sister, Louise (Riedesel) and her son Edward McClellan and family. No occupation is given for Herman, also known as Henry.
- xiii. WALTER RIEDESEL was born in Big Rock, IA.

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2. **FRIEDRICH² RIEDESEL** (Georg Ludwig¹) was born on June 4, 1861 in Diedenshausen. He died on May 28, 1910 in Wheatland, IA. He married Christina Horstmann, daughter of Johann Horstmann and Lizette ??, on April 15, 1891. She was born on October 2, 1870 in Hamburg, Germany. She died on December 8, 1958 in Bennett, IA.

Notes for Friedrich Riedesel:

Known as Frederick in the U.S. Came to the U.S. with his parents on the ship "Humboldt" out of Bremen arriving in New York on May 27, 1867. He was active in a fraternal organization known as the Modern Woodmen of America (Springtown Camp No. 24). Naturalized as a citizen in 1889 in Scott County. In 1900 he was living in the Spring Rock Township and employed as a railroad section laborer.

Notes for Christina Horstmann:

Came to the US in about 1889 with her uncle, Henry Horstmann. She lived with her uncle at Toronto, Iowa, until her marriage to Friedrich Riedesel. Worked as a telephone operator in Bennett for 27 years following her husband's death.

Friedrich Riedesel and Christina Horstmann had the following children:

- i. ARTHUR HENRY³ RIEDESEL was born on April 11, 1892 in Glidden, IA. He died on February 17, 1980 in San Juan, TX. He married Alma E. Reinking on July 6, 1920. She was born on September 11, 1894 in Lowden, IA. She died on October 2, 1987.

Notes for Arthur Henry Riedesel:

Baptized Arthur Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel on 10/18/1896 back in Wheatland by the Rev. Charles Riedesel. Served in World War II and was in business in Monona, Iowa. Lived in Iowa City in 1936.

- ii. HARRY WILLIAM RIEDESEL was born on June 26, 1893 in Cedar County, IA. He died on April 6, 1959. He married Alma Rix on March 8, 1916. She was born on March 4, 1892 in Cedar County, IA. She died on January 11, 1974.

Notes for Harry William Riedesel:

Baptized Harry Wilhelm Ludwig Riedesel back in Wheatland by the Rev. Charles Riedesel on 10/18/1896. Elected to Greater Springfield Bowling Hall of Fame. In 1930 he was a factory salesman living in Springfield, IL.

- iii. EDNA EMMA RIEDESEL was born on July 16, 1894 in Big Rock, IA. She died on June 15, 1961. She married Walter H. Meyer on December 6, 1916 in Bennett, IA. He was born in 1895. He died in 1936.

Notes for Edna Emma Riedesel:

Baptized Lucy Maria Katharicia Riedesel back in Wheatland by the Rev. Charles Riedesel on 10/18/1896.

- iv. LUCY MARIA RIEDESEL was born on August 18, 1896 in Big Rock, IA. She died on

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October 18, 1998. She married Henry Plate in 1918. He was born in 1889. He died after 1932.

- v. WALTER RIEDESEL was born about March 1901 in Wheatland, IA. He died on April 1, 1901 in Wheatland, IA.
 - vi. RALPH EMERSON RIEDESEL was born on September 5, 1902 in Big Rock, IA. He died in November 1986. He married (1) GERTRUDE GEU. She was born on December 25, 1904 in Big Rock, IA. She died in November 1974.
 - vii. FRANCIS CLARK RIEDESEL was born on December 13, 1907 in Inland, IA. He died in June 1953 in Monona IA. He married Dorothy Franco in 1929. She was born on June 16, 1909 in Bennet, IA.
3. **GEORGE L.² RIEDESEL** (Georg Ludwig¹) was born on September 12, 1867 in Big Rock, IA. He died on October 27, 1916 in Big Rock, IA. He married Emma Franey on April 9, 1890 in Davenport, IA. She was born on June 17, 1869 in Davenport, IA. She died on December 25, 1935 in Davenport, IA.

George L. Riedesel and Emma Franey had the following children:

- i. STELLA ANN³ RIEDESEL was born on January 17, 1891 in Davenport, IA. She died on December 26, 1972 in Dixon, IA. She married (1) JOSEPH WENCESLAUS FLYNN. He was born on September 28, 1892 in Allens Grove Township, IA. He died in July 1975 in Dixon, IA.
- ii. JAMES L. RIEDESEL was born on October 13, 1892 in Big Rock, IA. He died on April 27, 1916 in Trout Park Camp, Kane County, IL.

Notes for James L. Riedesel:
Died under suspicious circumstances. He had been employed a cashier for the Cudahy Packing company in Elgin, Illinois, for two to three months at the time of his death. He was staying with friends in a cabin near the "Trout Park Camp" around Elgin. The newspaper reported that one of his roommates "was awakened by Riedesel's making a strange noise. He shook his companion but got no answer: Riedesel's breaths appeared to be coming in gasps and within a few minutes her ceased to breath . . . he appeared to be in good health but yesterday complained of being numb." The attending doctor attributed his death to "a severe attack of heart trouble", but no autopsy was performed.
- iii. RUTH RIEDESEL was born on April 17, 1894 in Big Rock, IA. She died in December 1983 in Davenport, IA. She married (1) RUDOLPH EDWARD WIESE. He was born on February 22, 1892 in Scott County, IA. He died on December 4, 1969 in California.
- iv. GEORGE O. RIEDESEL was born on February 16, 1897 in Big Rock, IA. He died in February 1963. He married (1) ELLA MARIE EHRKE. She was born on March 6, 1896 in Wheatland, IA. She died in March 1978.

Notes for George O. Riedesel:
Living in Daveport in 1936.

- v. LOUIS J. RIEDESEL was born on September 5, 1899 in Big Rock, IA. He died on December 22, 1958 in Davenport, IA. He married (1) VERONICA A. EARLY. She was born on October 6, 1897 in Lost Nation, IA. She died on August 31, 1968 in Davenport, IA.

Notes for Louis J. Riedesel:

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Worked as a school janitor.

- vi. **ELMER J. RIEDESEL** was born on March 19, 1903 in Tipton, IA. He died on December 31, 1949 in Davenport, IA. He married (1) **HELEN BURNS**. She was born on July 29, 1903 in Omaha, NE. She died in May 1985 in Davenport, IA.

4. **AUGUST JOHN² RIEDESEL** (Georg Ludwig¹) was born on August 12, 1869 in Big Rock, IA. He died on December 13, 1941. He married (1) **EDNA SHAW**. She was born in 1873 in Big Rock, IA.

Notes for August John Riedesel:

Grave is unmarked, but he and Edna are interred next to the Vilmont family.

August John Riedesel and Edna Shaw had the following children:

- i. **CHARLES AUGUST³ RIEDESEL** was born on October 23, 1899. He died on April 3, 1973.
- ii. **LILA P. RIEDESEL** was born on October 18, 1902 in Big Rock, IA. She died on February 24, 1993 in Davenport, IA.
- iii. **GLADYS E. RIEDESEL** was born on April 29, 1907. She died on April 15, 1960. She married (1) **HARVEY BORCHERS**.

5. **LOUISE² RIEDESEL** (Georg Ludwig¹) was born on November 14, 1870 in Big Rock, IA. She died on August 26, 1949 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She married (1) **EDWARD G. MCCLELLAN**.

Notes for Edward G. McClellan:

Deserted family after birth of son.

Edward G. McClellan and Louise Riedesel had the following child:

- i. **EDWARD GEORGE³ MCCLELLAN** was born about 1892 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He married Olga ?? about 1920. She was born about 1891 in Kansas.

Notes for Edward George McClellan:

He was an architect in Chicago.

6. **KATHRYN² RIEDESEL** (Georg Ludwig¹) was born on July 28, 1872 in Big Rock, IA. She died on July 15, 1953. She married Fred Hansen on August 24, 1893. He was born on August 26, 1870 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died in August 1943.

Fred Hansen and Kathryn Riedesel had the following children:

- i. **WILLIAM ERNEST³ HANSEN** was born on June 12, 1895 in Bennett, IA. He died in March 1982 in South Dakota.
- ii. **JULIUS HANSEN** was born on June 10, 1905 in Centerville, SD.
- iii. **FRED HANSEN**.
- iv. **ALMA HANSEN**.
- v. **LOUIE HANSEN**.
- vi. **EDWARD G. HANSEN**.

7. **LOUIS CHARLES² RIEDESEL JR.** (Georg Ludwig¹) was born on May 4, 1874 in Big Rock, IA. He died in August 1958. He married (1) **MARION REBECCA HAZELTON**. She was born on March 29, 1877. She died on March 9, 1905 in Big Rock, IA. He married (2) **EMMA MARIE MEYERS**, daughter of John Meyers, about 1905. She was born on January 11, 1887 in Black Hawk County, Iowa. She died on January 10, 1952 in St. Joseph, MO.

Notes for Louis Charles Riedesel Jr.:

Known as Louis Jr. Lived at Big Rock, IA, but moved on to St. Joseph, MO. Gave his age as 53 in the 1930 Census which is off by several years. He worked then as a greenskeeper for a private family. They were living in the St. Joseph township of Buchanan County.

Friday, 27 Sep 1957 St. Joseph Gazette:

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Louis Riedesel, 1413 South 13th Street, died at a hospital here last night. He was 83. The body is at the Meierhoffer-Fleeman Funeral Home, where services will be held at 1:30. Dr. B. V. Powell will officiate and interment will be in Ashland Cemetery. Mr. Riedesel, a retired farmer, was born in Lowden, Iowa, and had lived in St. Joseph 40 years. He was a member of the Methodist Church. Survivors are four sons, Raymond and Lawrence Riedesel, Denver, Colo., and Frank and George Riedesel, St. Joseph; three daughters, Mrs. Katherine Timm, Kansas City, Kan.; Mrs. Mabel Novak, Denver, and Mrs. Alice Dynes, St. Joseph; a sister, Mrs. Louise McLaughlin, Chicago; a brother, Ernest Riedesel, Benton, Iowa; 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Notes for Marion Rebecca

Hazelton: Known as Rebecca.

Louis Charles Riedesel Jr. and Marion Rebecca Hazelton had the following children:

- i. KATHERINE³ RIEDESEL was born on August 30, 1901 in Big Rock, IA. She married (1) JOHN BARTKOWSKI.
- ii. FRANK LOUIS RIEDESEL was born on February 22, 1904 in Big Rock, IA. He died on August 2, 1985 in St. Joseph, MO. He married Jessie Doran Williams on December 11, 1937 in Jackson County, MO. She was born on March 26, 1910 in Weston, MO. She died on January 18, 1994 in St. Joseph, MO.

Notes for Jessie Doran Williams:

Marriage record gives her name as Jessie Doran Corder.

Louis Charles Riedesel Jr. and Emma Marie Meyers had the following children:

- iii. GEORGE L. RIEDESEL was born on March 28, 1904 in Iowa. He died on August 9, 1960 in Missouri.
- iv. MABEL RIEDESEL was born about 1907. She married (1) ?? NOWAK.
- v. ALICE RIEDESEL was born on October 8, 1908. She died on August 10, 1999 in St. Joseph, MO. She married (1) GEORGE MILTON DYNES on March 17, 1932 in St. Joseph, MO. He was born on August 12, 1910. He died on December 25, 1959. She married (2) EARL BABCOCK.

Notes for Alice Riedesel:

Both the children Lester and John were living with their Riedesel grandparents in 1940 in St. Joseph, MO.

- vi. RAYMOND LOUIS RIEDESEL was born on September 23, 1913 in Red Oak, IA. He died on May 20, 1994 in Longmont, CO. He married Izetta Viola McGinnis, daughter of John Franklin McGinnis and Artie May Barnes, on September 10, 1943 in Bend, OR. She was born on February 3, 1910 in Corrina, KS. She died on May 25, 1977 in Probably Missouri.

Notes for Raymond Louis Riedesel:

As of 1936, he was living in St. Louis, MO, and working for Joseph J. Komer. He died at the Applewood Living Center in Longmont, CO. He served in the Army during World War II and received a Purple Heart. He was a sheet metal worker with Rocky Mountain Sheet Metal.

- vii. LAWRENCE LESTER RIEDESEL was born on July 20, 1917 in Big Rock, IA. He died on November 17, 2006 in Hurst, TX. He married Oleta Maxine Collins on May 1, 1943. She was born on June 4, 1920 in Omaha, NE. She died on December 24, 2002 in Dallas, TX.

Notes for Lawrence Lester Riedesel:

Worked for the General Services Administration.

8. ERNEST² RIEDESEL (Georg Ludwig¹) was born on May 8, 1879 in Big Rock, IA. He died on April 27, 1958 in Davenport, IA. He married Marie Jess on February 21, 1906. She was born on September

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12, 1882 in Mecklenburg, Germany. She died on January 25, 1976 in Tipton, IA.

Ernest Riedesel and Marie Jess had the following children:

- i. ERNEST HENRY³ RIEDESEL was born on May 1, 1910 in Wheatland, IA. He died on April 1, 1994. He married Ruth Maurine Hamer on April 16, 1944. She was born on July 21, 1916 in Waterloo, IA. She died on April 23, 2008 in Davenport, IA.

Notes for Ernest Henry Riedesel:

Farmed at Bennett, IA.

Notes for Ruth Maurine Hamer:

Ruth M. Riedesel, formerly of Bennett and Tipton, Iowa, passed away at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008, in Fejervary Nursing Home, Davenport, Iowa. Funeral services will be held at Peace Church of Christ United in Bennett on Monday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m. Visitation will be held Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. at Fry Funeral Home, Tipton. Burial will be at Inland Cemetery near the farm where Ruth and husband, Ernest, lived and farmed for many years. Ruth was born July 21, 1916, in Orange Township near Waterloo, to Clarence and Elizabeth Reitz Hamer. She attended schools there till her graduation from Orange High School and University of Northern Iowa with an elementary teaching certificate. She taught the primary grades at Bennett Community Schools for three years and one year at Lone Tree Schools. Ruth was also employed for a short time at Rock Island Arsenal during World War II. Ruth married Ernest Riedesel from Bennett on April 16, 1944. They farmed and raised two sons, Robert and Ronald, and one daughter, Jean. Ruth returned to teaching kindergarten for 16 years at Bennett Community Schools before retiring. Ruth's love and talent for music led her to service of 34 years as organist at Peace Church of Christ United in Bennett. She and her husband, Ernest, sang and accompanied numerous weddings, funerals and other community events. Ruth volunteered for many church and community groups and shared her time whenever needed. She loved flowers and gardening through her life. Ruth and Ernest were married nearly 50 years. Ruth is survived by her son, Ronald Riedesel and wife Joyce, of Aurora, Colo.; daughter, Jean (Riedesel) Hatch and husband Jim, of Georgetown, Texas, and son, Robert Riedesel and wife Marilyn, of Davenport, Iowa; granddaughter, Wendy (Riedesel) Schlagetter and husband Matt, of Englewood, Colo., grandson, Greg Riedesel of Aurora, Colo., granddaughter, Sara (Riedesel) Verdick and husband Todd, of Bettendorf, Iowa, and grandson, Scott Riedesel and wife Kendra, of Fairfax, Iowa; and sister, Doris Jean Miller and husband Lyle and family from Woodston, Kan. Ruth was proud great-grandmother to Carson and Taylor Schlagetter, Jessalyn, Arissa and Lyra Riedesel and Gavin and Kade Verdick. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Robert and Mervin, and husband, Ernest.

- ii. HAROLD HERMAN RIEDESEL was born on September 23, 1913 in Wheatland, IA. He died in August 1980. He married Luverne Conrad on September 25, 1938. She was born on March 31, 1914 in Clarence, IA. She died in November 2000.

Notes for Harold Herman

Riedesel: Farmed at Tipton, IA.

9. **RUDOLPH² RIEDESEL** (Georg Ludwig¹) was born on May 12, 1882 in Big Rock, IA. He died on May 9, 1956 in Tipton, IA. He married Anna Hagge, daughter of George Hagge and Lena Rasch, on February 16, 1910. She was born on May 14, 1891 in Inland Twp, Cedar County, IA. She died in July 1980.

Rudolph Riedesel and Anna Hagge had the following children:

- i. ERMA³ RIEDESEL was born on April 29, 1911 in Bennett, IA. She married Raymond Fox on September 15, 1940.
- ii. ROLAND RIEDESEL was born on October 11, 1917 in Bennett, IA. He died on April 18, 1991. He married Florence DeWolf on January 5, 1946. She was born on

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August 10, 1917 in Wheatland, IA. She died on August 4, 1998.

Notes for Roland Riedesel:

Farmed at Bennett, IA.

- iii. RALDO RIEDESEL was born on October 11, 1917 in Bennett, IA. He died in June 1987. He married Mildred Kelting on June 29, 1945. She was born on August 25, 1924 in Wheatland, IA.

Notes for Raldo Riedesel:

Farmed at Bennett, IA.

- 10. **WILHELMINE² RIEDESEL** (Georg Ludwig¹) was born on June 23, 1885 in Big Rock, IA. She died on January 5, 1946 in Iowa City, IA. She married Dedrick John Schepers, son of William Schepers and Christina Tebbe, on September 23, 1908 in Cedar Co, IA. He was born on February 18, 1866. He died on June 4, 1944.

Dedrick John Schepers and Wilhelmine Riedesel had the following children:

- i. DOROTHY³ SCHEPERS. She married (1) FRED ESERHAUT. He was born in 1905. He died in 1953. She married (2) ALBERT WILLER.
- ii. FLORENCE SCHEPERS. She married (1) HERBERT COOK. She married (2) WILBUR DEMOSS.