

Ancestors of Marie Luise Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **Marie Luise Riedesel**, daughter of Johannes Riedesel and Margaretha Ferry, was born on October 19, 1898 in Diedenhofen, Lothringen. She died on June 20, 1977 in Fargo, Cass, North Dakota (Holy Cross Cemetery, Fargo). She married **Clifford Barr**. He was born on March 19, 1898 in Valley City, Barnes, North Dakota. He died on January 21, 1948 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.

Notes for Marie Luise Riedesel:

Known as Mary. Spent two or so years in the U.S. as a very small child, and then returned on March 14, 1922 on the ship "The Finland" out of Antwerp where she was listed as "Louise." She was bound for North Dakota to marry Clifford Barr. Her emigration record lists her language as German.

Notes for Clifford Barr:

Served in the AEF during World War I, and met his wife-to-be in France. Worked in Tennessee and later in Chicago.

Generation 2

2. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Peter Riedesel and Katharina Weidenmüller, was born on April 06, 1872 in Leidenhofen, Germany. He died on January 16, 1938 in Gasperich, Luxemburg. He married **Margaretha Ferry** on July 26, 1897 in Thionville (Diedenhofen).
3. **Margaretha Ferry**, daughter of Dominique Ferry and Magdalena Bronden, was born in December 1880 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). She died on April 15, 1925 in Luxemburg.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Was born in the village of Leidenhofen near the German city of Marburg. It is now part of the larger community of Ebsdorfergrund. In 1891, he came alone to New York on the ship Noordland (out of Antwerp, arriving December 11). His occupation is given as that of a painter, and he had a single piece of luggage.

By 1897 he was back living in the town called Diedenhofen in Lothringen by the Germans, and Thionville in Lorraine by the French. It was part of the German empire at the time. By 1899, he was again in the U.S. with his wife, infant daughter Luise, and step-sister Marie. Although destined originally for Mt. Clemens, Michigan, they apparently lived in Chicago for two years or so before returning to Europe for good.

Earlier indications were that he died in 1927, but we have death record from 1938. He died at 7:15 p.m. at the house at 29 Georg Clemenceau in the town of Gasperich.

Notes for Margaretha Ferry:

She was Catholic though the Riedesels were originally Protestant.

Margaretha Ferry and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

1.
 - i. Marie Luise Riedesel was born on October 19, 1898 in Diedenhofen, Lothringen. She died on June 20, 1977 in Fargo, Cass, North Dakota (Holy Cross Cemetery, Fargo). She married Clifford Barr. He was born on March 19, 1898 in Valley City, Barnes, North Dakota. He died on January 21, 1948 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.
 - ii. Josephine Klementine Riedesel was born on December 28, 1901 in Audun Le Tiche Diedenhofen. She died on November 18, 1974 in Luxemburg. She married Harry Schreiner on February 02, 1921. He was born on December 30, 1896. He died on December 23, 1964.

Notes for Josephine Klementine Riedesel:

Had a boarding house in Bonnevoie called "Gasthof zu Lothringen Kreuz."

- iii. Heinrich Riedesel was born on September 21, 1903 in Diedenhofen, Lothringen (Sankt Franz). He died on September 24, 1937 in Luxemburg. He married Katharina Welter on February 03, 1937 in Luxemburg. She was born on January

21, 1919. She died on September 24, 1971.

Notes for Heinrich Riedesel:
He was a painter like his father.

- iv. Peter Riedesel was born on November 08, 1904 in Diedenhofen (Sankt Franz). He died on December 09, 1975 in Luxemburg. He married Julie Schreiner on September 28, 1927 in Luxemburg. She was born on November 07, 1908 in Luxemburg. She died on July 01, 1996 in Ettelbruck, Luxemburg.

Notes for Peter Riedesel:
A painter. After the German occupation of Belgium, he was forced to enter the German army and fought on the eastern front.

Generation 3

4. **Peter Riedesel**, son of Johann Georg Riedesel and Anna Dorothea Emmerich, was born on May 05, 1839 in Leidenhofen. He died on January 25, 1891 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). He married **Katharina Weidenmüller** on November 23, 1862 in Ebsdorf.
5. **Katharina Weidenmüller**, daughter of Heinrich Weidenmüller and Margaretha Heuser, was born on April 15, 1839 in Hachborn. She died on May 24, 1873 in Leidenhofen.

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 wrested 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.

Notes for Katharina Weidenmüller:

Born in house #84 in Hachborn. Her cause of death is given as liver disease.

I don't believe she is the daughter of Heinrich W. and the granddaughter of Joachim Heuser and Anna Althein who were only about 30 years older.

Katharina Weidenmüller and Peter Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Catharina Riedesel was born on February 27, 1863 in Leidenhofen.
- ii. Margaretha Riedesel was born on June 17, 1865 in Leidenhofen.
- iii. Balthasar Riedesel was born on September 23, 1867 in Leidenhofen. He died on May 12, 1868 in Leidenhofen.
- iv. Daniel Riedesel was born after 1869.

Notes for Daniel Riedesel:

Family records say that Daniel was the half-brother of Peter and John Henry Riedesel. It is only an educated guess that he was the child of this Peter and Katharina Weidenmüller.

- v. Anna Catharina Riedesel was born on June 26, 1869 in Leidenhofen.
2. vi. Johannes Riedesel was born on April 06, 1872 in Leidenhofen, Germany. He died on January 16, 1938 in Gasperich, Luxemburg. He married Louise Veth. He married Margaretha Ferry on July 26, 1897 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). She was born in December 1880 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). She died on April 15, 1925 in

Luxemburg.

6. **Dominique Ferry** was born on October 22, 1840 in Luxemburg. He married **Magdalena Bronden** on July 09, 1867 in Thionville (Diedenhofen).
7. **Magdalena Bronden** was born on October 07, 1845 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). She died in Thionville (Diedenhofen).

Magdalena Bronden and Dominique Ferry had the following child:

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 - i. Margaretha Ferry was born in December 1880 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). She died on April 15, 1925 in Luxemburg. She married Johannes Riedesel on July 26, 1897 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). He was born on April 06, 1872 in Leidenhofen, Germany. He died on January 16, 1938 in Gasperich, Luxemburg.

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

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

He was a bricklayer and small farmer. His house number was #23 1/2.

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 05, 1839 in Leidenhofen. He died on January 25, 1891 in Thionville (Diedenhofen). He married Anna Gertrud Jacob on February 15, 1874 in Ebsdorf. She was born on July 30, 1852 in Untersimtshausen. She died on December 07, 1895 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.
 - 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 04, 1844 in Leidenhofen. She died on October 05, 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 09, 1847 in Leidenhofen. She died on February 28, 1855 in Leidenhofen.
 - v. Elisabeth Riedesel was born on March 02, 1852 in Leidenhofen. She married Heinrich Krieb. He was born in 1847. He died in 1938.
10. **Heinrich Weidenmüller** was born in Hachborn. He married **Margaretha Heuser**.
 11. **Margaretha Heuser**, daughter of Joachim Heuser and Anna Margaretha Althein, was born in Hachborn.

Notes for Heinrich Weidenmüller:
He was a barrel maker (Küfer) in Hachborn.

Margaretha Heuser and Heinrich Weidenmüller had the following children:

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 - i. Katharina Weidenmüller was born on April 15, 1839 in Hachborn. She died on May 24, 1873 in Leidenhofen. She married Peter Riedesel on November 23, 1862 in Ebsdorf. He was born on May 05, 1839 in Leidenhofen. He died on January 25, 1891 in Thionville (Diedenhofen).
 - ii. Justus Weidenmüller was born in Hachborn. He died in Ebsdorf.

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. The house was numbered #24 in Leidenhofen.

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 06, 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.

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 - 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 Leidenhofen. 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:

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 - i. Anna Dorothea Emmerich was born in 1811 in Leidenhofen. 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. Catharina Emmerich.
 - iii. Balthasar Emmerich.
 - iv. Elisabetha Emmerich.
22. **Joachim Heuser** was born on September 09, 1807. He died on September 03, 1857. He married **Anna Margaretha Althein**.

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23. **Anna Margaretha Althein** was born on September 03, 1809 in Hachborn. She died on January 10, 1869 in Hachborn.

Anna Margaretha Althein and Joachim Heuser had the following child:

11. i. Margaretha Heuser was born in Hachborn. She married Heinrich Weidenmüller. He was born in Hachborn.
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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 05, 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 02, 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.
- 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 08, 1769 in Winnen. He died on September 01, 1848 in Winnen. He married Elisabeth Steller about 1794. She was born on October 08, 1762. She died on February 23, 1840 in Winnen.
- vi. Luisa Riedesel was born on May 24, 1773 in Prob. Winnen. She died on May 19, 1810 in Winnen. She married Johannes Bamberger in 1806 in Winnen. He was born about 1760.

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 04, 1734 in Winnen.

65. **Anna Elisabeth Hainbach**, daughter of Johann Georg Hainbach and Agnes Wesp, was born on October 24, 1705 in Winnen. She died on April 02, 1787 in Winnen.

Notes for Georg Wilhelm Riedesel:

There were plenty of reasons for younger sons to leave Wittgenstein, but why he wound up in the village of Winnen near Marburg is anyone's guess. I don't know of any family ties or economic connections.

Anna Elisabeth Hainbach and Georg Wilhelm Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Johann Ludwig Riedesel was born on April 24, 1735 in Winnen.
32. ii. Christian Friedrich Riedesel was born on May 30, 1737 in Winnen. He died on January 05, 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 06, 1739 in Winnen. She died on January 30, 1818 in Nordeck. She married Johann Conrad Schäfer in 1764. He was born in 1742 in Göbelnrod. He died in 1817 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 05, 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.

Generation 8

- 128. **Georg Mannus Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf, was born about 1664 in Melbach. He died on October 17, 1741 in Girkhausen. He married **Catharina Elisabeth Dickel** before 1696 in Girkhausen.

- 129. **Catharina Elisabeth Dickel**, daughter of Sebastian Dickel and Elisabeth Spies, was born about 1671 in Girkhausen. She died on February 22, 1750 in Girkhausen.

Notes for Georg Mannus Riedesel:

Referred to as Hermann in church records. He became the tenant in Pfaffe house in Girkhausen.

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

- i. Anna Maria Riedesel was born on June 03, 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 Anna Gertraud Riedesel:

Rights to the tenancy of Pfaffe house passed through her to her husband.

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 07, 1700 in Girkhausen.
- iv. Georg Hermann Riedesel was born on January 08, 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 04, 1734 in Winnen. She was born on October 24, 1705 in Winnen. She died on April 02, 1787 in Winnen.
- vi. Anna Dorothea Riedesel was born on April 12, 1706 in Girkhausen.
- vii. Johann Heinrich Elias Riedesel was born on December 08, 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.

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- viii. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on August 17, 1710 in Girkhausen. She died on February 06, 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 09, 1787 in Girkhausen.
 - x. Johann Wilhelm Riedesel was born on September 21, 1716 in Girkhausen.
130. **Johann Georg Hainbach** was born on April 25, 1662 in Nordê, Raingoin, Xizang (Tibet), China. He died on June 06, 1726 in Nordeck. He married **Agnes Wesp**.
131. **Agnes Wesp** was born on December 19, 1662 in Nordeck. She died on November 26, 1742 in Nordeck.
- Agnes Wesp and Johann Georg Hainbach had the following child:
- 65. i. Anna Elisabeth Hainbach was born on October 24, 1705 in Winnen. She died on April 02, 1787 in Winnen. She married Georg Wilhelm Riedesel on March 04, 1734 in Winnen. He was born on March 12, 1703 in Girkhausen. He died on July 11, 1777 in Winnen.
136. **Andreas Kaiser**, son of Jost Kaiser and Maria Bender, was born in 1656 in Ebsdorf. He married **Margarete PreiÙ** on November 11, 1683 in Ebsdorf.
137. **Margarete PreiÙ** was born before 1663.

Notes for Andreas Kaiser:

Was an important forestry official.

Margarete PreiÙ and Andreas Kaiser had the following child:

- 68. i. ?? Kaiser.

Generation 9

256. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Hederich Riedesel and ??, was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen. He married **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf** on February 18, 1664 in Raumland.
257. **Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf**, daughter of Johannes Womelsdorf, was born about 1639 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. The fact that he and his wife were married at Raumland yet assumed the tenancy of a house in Girkhausen was unusual; a couple normally married where they were bound to live.

Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

- 128. i. Georg Mannus Riedesel was born about 1664 in Melbach. 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, 1750 in Girkhausen.
- ii. Sebastian Riedesel was born about 1670 in Melbach.

Notes for Sebastian 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.

- iii. Johann Reinhard Riedesel was born about 1675 in Girkhausen. He died on January 15, 1754 in Girkhausen. He married Elisabeth SchüÙler 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 Pfaffereinert's.

- iv. Wilhelm Riedesel was born about 1678 in Girkhausen. He died on February 09, 1748 in Wunderthausen. He married Anna Margarethe Spies on August 16, 1703

in Girkhausen. She was born on December 24, 1679 in Wunderthausen. She died before 1740 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Wilhelm Riedesel:

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

258. **Sebastian Dickel** was born in 1646 in Schüller. He died in 1730 in Girkhausen. He married **Elisabeth Spies** before 1681.

259. **Elisabeth Spies**, daughter of Johannes Spies and Anna Catharina ??, was born on May 09, 1647 in Diedenshausen. She died in 1710 in Diedenshausen.

Elisabeth Spies and Sebastian Dickel had the following child:

129. i. Catharina Elisabeth Dickel was born about 1671 in Girkhausen. She died on February 22, 1750 in Girkhausen. She married Georg Mannus Riedesel before 1696 in Girkhausen. He was born about 1664 in Melbach. He died on October 17, 1741 in Girkhausen.

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

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Notes for Hederich Riedesel:

He is the earliest verifiable ancestor of all the Riedesels of Wittgenstein and of almost all American Riedesels. His name is sometimes rendered as Heyrich or Henrich, but local experts affirm that it was not "Heinrich." He was the tenant in the house called "Herjes" in the small hamlet of Melbach. He served for several years as a coachman to the Count in Berleburg during the 30 Years War (1618-1648) and documents say that his house stood empty for five years. He had returned by 1642. While he was a commoner subject to the Count, various signs suggest that the family was of somewhat higher status than most. It is not certain that his father "Heyrich Riedesel" preceded him at Herjes, but it is very likely.

?? and Hederich Riedesel had the following children:

256. i. Johannes Riedesel was born about 1640 in Melbach. He died about 1705 in Girkhausen. He married Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf on February 18, 1664 in Raumland. She was born about 1639 in Girkhausen. She died on December 12, 1747 in Girkhausen.
- ii. Anna Katharina Riedesel was born about 1645.

Notes for Anna Katharina Riedesel:

I have seen references to her marrying a Hanß Böhmer in southwestern Germany, but this is HIGHLY unlikely.

- 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.

Notes for Ernst Riedesel:
Lived in "Hermes" house in Schameder.

- iv. KurtConrad Riedesel was born about 1655 in Melbach. He died in 1709 in Melbach.

Notes for KurtConrad Riedesel:
The two names were interchangeable at the time.

- 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.
- 257. ii. Anna Elisabeth Womelsdorf was born about 1639 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 about 1705 in Girkhausen.
- iii. 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.

- iv. Johann Kasper Womelsdorf.
- 518. **Johannes Spies**, son of Gabriel Spies, was born about 1615 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married **Anna Catharina ??**.
- 519. **Anna Catharina ??**.

Notes for Johannes Spies:
"The younger." Tenant in Schulze. He was a Schultheiß (Schulze in slang), which was a kind of policeman or deputy in service of the count.

Anna Catharina ?? and Johannes Spies had the following children:

- i. Johann Wilhelm Spies was born about 1640 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1691 in Diedenshausen. He married Mara ??.
- Notes for Johann Wilhelm Spies:
Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.
- 259. ii. Elisabeth Spies was born on May 09, 1647 in Diedenshausen. She died in 1710 in Diedenshausen. She married Sebastian Dickel before 1681. He was born in 1646 in Schüller. He died in 1730 in Girkhausen.
- iii. Johann Gabriel Spies was born about 1648 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1694. He married Agnes Beitzel on June 22, 1671. She was born in Wemlighausen.
- iv. Anna Magdalena Spies was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. She died after May 23, 1697 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Jost Strackbein about 1694 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1655 in Diedenshausen. She married Gabriel Weller about 1673 in Diedenshausen. He was born about 1650 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1694 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Gabriel Weller:
The miller in Diedenshausen.

- 544. **Elias Kaiser** was born in 1600 in Schleiditz. He died on November 04, 1662 in Ebsdorf. He married **Elisabeth ??**.
- 545. **Elisabeth ??** was born in 1605 in Weidenhausen. She died on December 02, 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. **Henrich Riedesel** was born about 1580 in Melbach.

Henrich Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Dorothea/Dechen Riedesel was born about 1610 in Melbach. She died on February 05, 1686 in Bermershhausen. She married Johannes Konrad. He was born about 1605. He died on June 21, 1670 in Bermershhausen.

Notes for Johannes Konrad:

He was a miller and sometimes referred to as "Schmidt" but later records consistently use the Konrad family name.

512. ii. Hederich Riedesel was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married ?? He married Gerthrut Dickel on May 14, 1661 in Melbach. She was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. She died on April 29, 1703 in Melbach.

1028. **Gerlach Womelsdorf**, son of Reinhart 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.

1036. **Gabriel Spies**, son of Johannes Spies and ?? Althaus, was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.

Gabriel Spies had the following children:

- i. Maria Magdalena Spies was born about 1612 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Ludwig Kirstner.

Notes for Maria Magdalena Spies:

She was a chambermaid at the palace in Berleburg and her husband was a secretary. He came from the county of Lauingen.

518. ii. Johannes Spies was born about 1615 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1670 in Diedenshausen. He married Anna Catharina ??.
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Generation 12

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

2057. **Catharina ??**.

Catharina ?? and Rheinart Womelsdorf had the following children:

- i. Jochen 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. HeintzHeinrich Womelsdorf.

2072. **Johannes Spies** was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen. He married **?? Althaus**.

2073. **?? Althaus**, daughter of Hans Althaus, was born about 1560.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Tenant in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen.

?? Althaus and Johannes Spies had the following children:

- 1036. i. Gabriel Spies was born about 1585 in Diedenshausen. He died about 1636 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johannes Spies was born in 1587 in Diedenshausen. He died after 1654 in Diedenshausen. He married ?? Dickel.

Notes for Johannes Spies:

Born in Schulze Haus, Diedenshausen, but became the tenant in Diele. He owned three horses (more than most other peasants), and is therefore thought to have a side business of hauling.

- iii. Bastian Spies was born in Diedenshausen. He died before 1616.
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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. Rheinhart Womelsdorf was born about 1525 in Girkhausen. He married Catharina ??.

4146. **Hans Althaus** was born in 1535 in Alertshausen or Bromskirchen?. He died after 1591.

Hans Althaus had the following children:

- 2073. i. ?? Althaus was born about 1560. She married Johannes Spies. He was born about 1560 in Diedenshausen. He died before 1606 in Diedenshausen.
- ii. Johannes Althaus was born about 1563.

Notes for Johannes Althaus:

May be the great scholar known to history as Johannes Althusius. If so, he was educated at the count's expense and went on to a legal career, marrying in 1595 and living until August 17, 1638.

- iii. Zacharias Althaus.
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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 ??.