

Notes on Anna Elisabeth Riedesel

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1. **ANNA ELISABETH¹ RIEDESEL** was born on April 30, 1820 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 12, 1909 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Franz Homrighausen, son of Georg Ludwig Homrighausen and Maria Elisabeth Haase, on January 21, 1844 in Wunderthausen. He was born on July 06, 1814 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 27, 1907 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Riedesel:

Born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to America with the Riedesel family, arriving in New York on June 7, 1845 (the ship appears to have been the New York). After about a dozen years near Galion, Ohio, the Homrighausen family moved on to the Wheatland area. She was the mother of 11 children but I have names of only seven.

Notes for Johann Franz Homrighausen:

Known as Franz. Born in Räderhaase/Haasebergers Haus in Wunderthausen. He apparently served some time in the Prussian army as he was later a member of a German veterans association in nearby Lowden. Came to Crawford County, Ohio with the extended Riedesel family. They had arrived in New York out of Bremen on June 7, 1845. The family moved on to what became the Wheatland community by 1857. According to the 1911 memorial booklet celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's church in Wheatland, he had been a founder of the previous congregation in 1857.

By the time of his death, he owned 536 acres of farmland at Wheatland (in Sections 27, 28 and 33 of the Spring Rock Township). He was clearly a prosperous farmer and a respected elder in the German community and church. Though his two wives had the same given names, they were not that closely related. His one child with his first wife died a few months after she did in 1843.

The three sons each took over part of his substantial farm.

Johann Franz Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Riedesel had the following children:

- i. **CATHERINE² HOMRIGHAUSEN** was born on December 25, 1845 in Crawford County, Ohio. She died on March 26, 1941 in Olympia, Thurston, Washington. She married Erastus Holmes on November 26, 1862 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born in June 1819 in New York. He died in 1903 in Dawson County, Nebraska (Overton Cemetery).

Notes for Erastus Holmes:

Lived near DeWitt, Iowa after their marriage but by 1900 they were living in Dawson County, Nebraska.

- ii. **MARIA ELISABETH HOMRIGHAUSEN** was born on June 25, 1847 in Crawford County, Ohio. She died on November 17, 1933 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Ludwig Strackbein, son of Johann Georg Strackbein and Maria Magdalena Homrighausen, on June 09, 1868 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on March 18, 1836 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 14, 1919 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen:

I think she is the same child called Elizabeth in the 1850 Census in Ohio.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Strackbein:

Known as Louis. Came to the U. S. in from Hutheschäfers Haus in Wunderthausen. Arrived October 25, 1854 in New Orleans on the ship "Auguste" out of Bremen. Lived first in Kansas and then at Red Bud, Illinois. He enlisted in the 7th Illinois Cavalry on August 27, 1861 at Red Bud. The enlistment record describes him as being 5' 11" tall with brown eyes and a dark complexion. He was captured at Coldwater, Mississippi on November 3, 1863, and held at the infamous Andersonville prison. He survived and was mustered out April 21, 1865. Moved to the Wheatland area in 1865 where he farmed until about 1910. He and Maria owned several lots in Wheatland as well as farmland. The main farm was in

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Section 34 of the Spring Rock Township.

- iii. FRANZ H. HOMRIGHAUSEN was born on June 25, 1854 in Crawford County, Ohio. He died on June 28, 1928 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Florentine Theresa Knoche, daughter of Johann Georg Knoche and Maria Amalia Strackbein, on March 03, 1881 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on October 10, 1854 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 03, 1933 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Franz H. Homrighausen:

Franz (F.H.) took over the southern portion of the family farm in Section 33 of the Spring Rock Township.

Notes for Florentine Theresa Knoche:

Known as Dina. Several other passengers were from Wunderthausen. She had borne five children by 1900 but we have names of only three of them. Where the middle name of Theresa came from, I don't know. It was not her baptismal name.

- iv. WILHELMINA HOMRIGHAUSEN was born about 1856 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died before 1870 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Wilhelmina Homrighausen:

I am guessing her real name from the "Mena" in the 1860 Census (Mina being a common nickname for Wilhelmina).

- v. LOUIS F. HOMRIGHAUSEN was born on February 12, 1858 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on January 08, 1919 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Louisa Puetsch on November 01, 1893. She was born on March 20, 1869. She died on April 15, 1947 (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Louis F. Homrighausen:

Louis took over the northern portion of the family farm in Section 28 of the Spring Rock Township.

- vi. JOHN F. HOMRIGHAUSEN was born on December 18, 1861 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on April 16, 1938 in Wheatland, Clinton County, Iowa, United States of America (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Wilhelmina Puetsch, daughter of Christian Puetsch and Wilhelmina Endorf, on December 09, 1892 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on January 27, 1866 in Clinton County, Iowa, USA. She died on May 11, 1945 (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for John F. Homrighausen:

John took over the central portion of the family farm in Sections 28 and 33.

Notes for Wilhelmina Puetsch:

Known as Minnie. She had borne four children by 1900.

- vii. ANNA SUSANNAH HOMRIGHAUSEN was born on November 11, 1863 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on April 20, 1899 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Georg Ludwig Kroh, son of Heinrich Kroh and Anna Elisabeth Knebel, on October 28, 1891 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on October 28, 1863 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 03, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Anna Susannah Homrighausen:

Known as Susan.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Kroh:

Known as George. Born in Schwarze Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to the U.S. on the ship Salier out of Bremen, arriving in New York on October 4, 1881. He lived first at Paola, Kansas, before going to Wheatland. He worked at the L.H. Homrighausen rolling mill, and played in the town band. He then farmed and built

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houses. Following the death of his first wife--the daughter of Wunderthausen emigrants--he returned to Germany. There he married Lisette Riedesel and they came back to Wheatland to live. This trip was on the ship Bremen out of Bremen, landing in New York on September 24, 1902. The rest of her family followed four years later.

His first farm was in Section 20, his second in Section 19 of the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County.