

## Ancestors of Sophia F. Riedesel

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### Generation 1

1. **Sophia F. Riedesel**, daughter of Friedrich Riedesel and Maria Reimer, was born on April 16, 1849 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. She died on May 30, 1919 in Elgin, Kane, Illinois. She married **Frederick M. Sturm** on December 25, 1870 in Kane County, Illinois. He was born on November 28, 1842 in Hannover. He died on June 30, 1922 in Elgin, Kane, Illinois.

Notes for Sophia F. Riedesel:

She or Frederick may have had a daughter, Minnie, from a prior marriage.

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### Generation 2

2. **Friedrich Riedesel**, son of Unknown Pomeranian Riedesel, was born in 1816 in Glewitz Rügen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He died between 1880-1900 in Kane County, Illinois. He married **Maria Reimer**.
3. **Maria Reimer** was born about 1813 in Nossendorf, Demmin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. She died in East Dundee, Kane, Illinois.

Notes for Friedrich Riedesel:

This Friedrich Riedesel was born around 1816 near the city of Stralsund in western Pomerania (Vorpommern). One secondary source pinpoints his birthplace as Glewitz (a village near Stralsund); there are other references to a place called Campe/Camper/Kamper which is at best a wide spot in the road. Local church records are spotty and have not been recorded by the LDS. We do know that the family name existed in this area by the 1500s and that the spelling varied between Riedesel and Rietesel. I have found no birth record for him so do not know any of his ancestry.

An 1863 passenger list (Hamburg to Quebec) lists this family with children Caroline 23, Sophie 14, Wilhelm 9, and Marie 5. The ship was the 'Main' out of Hamburg departing on May 2, 1863. This record gives his former residence as "Camper" which was a tiny place close to the tiny place of Nehringen. The oldest daughter, Johanna, was not on this ship but is probably the "Anna" in an 1870 Census record. The ship was the "Main" and left Hamburg on May 2, 1863.

Like many other emigrants from the Stralsund area, they settled in Dundee, Kane County, Illinois west of Chicago. Who they already knew there, we don't know, but it is a safe bet that they were part of a chain migration. Both Friedrich and Marie disappear from public records I have between 1880 and 1900. Secondary sources I have seen give her place of birth as Nossendorf/Demmin, also in western Pomerania. I have the names of five children but more were likely.

Notes for Maria Reimer:

Known as Mary. Came to Quebec on the ship Main out of Hambrug. It left May2, 1863.

Maria Reimer and Friedrich Riedesel had the following children:

- i. **Johanna Friederika Riedesel** was born on December 25, 1835 in Glewitz Rügen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. She died on December 02, 1922 in East Dundee, Kane, Illinois. She married Christian Friedrich Wilhelm Puffpaff. He was born on October 22, 1835 in Nehringen, Nordvorpommern, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. He died on September 16, 1896 in East Dundee, Kane, Illinois.

Notes for Johanna Friederika Riedesel:

Evidently came to Canada in 1863 and to the U.S. at some point.

- ii. **Maria Caroline Riedesel** was born in May 1841 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. She died on November 16, 1882 in Holstein, Ida, Iowa (Galva Township Cemetery). She married Franz Theodor Bochmann on February 02, 1866 in Matteson, Cook, Illinois. He was born on July 22, 1839 in Hohenstein, Saxony. He died on August 20, 1924 in Holstein, Ida, Iowa.

Notes for Maria Caroline Riedesel:

Evidently came to Quebec in 1863 and subsequently to Illinois.

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    - iii. Sophia F. Riedesel was born on April 16, 1849 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. She died on May 30, 1919 in Elgin, Kane, Illinois. She married Frederick M. Sturm on December 25, 1870 in Kane County, Illinois. He was born on November 28, 1842 in Hannover. He died on June 30, 1922 in Elgin, Kane, Illinois.
    - iv. Carl Johann Wilhelm Riedesel was born on November 16, 1852 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He died on January 01, 1922 in Dundee, Kane, Illinois. He married Bertha Augusta Emilie Whilm on March 23, 1875 in Kane County, Illinois. She was born in December 1856 in Belyard, Germany. She died in 1938 in Dundee, Kane, Illinois.

Notes for Carl Johann Wilhelm Riedesel:

Known as William. Came to the United States (from Canada) in 1864. An 1878 County directory lists him as a taxpayer, and as a laborer by occupation.

1900 Census gives his occupation as a day laborer, and his year of emigration as 1864. The three children except for Clara were living with them. (Kane County ,East Dundee Village, p. 13). The 1920 Census gives his place of birth as "Forpomin" which should have been "Vorpommern" or Pomerania in eastern Germany. His death certificate reads "Rietesel."

Notes for Bertha Augusta Emilie Whilm:

Wilm is spelling on Wilm/Riedesel marriage certificate and his name is spelled Riedsel. Spelling was Whelm in son George's obituary. Came to the US in 1870 according to the 1900 Census, at which time she was a factory worker. She became a citizen in 1871.

- v. Mary Riedesel was born on August 10, 1857 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. She died on April 08, 1951 in Elgin, Cook, Illinois. She married Karl Quicker on May 13, 1877 in Kane County, Illinois. He was born in May 1852 in Württemberg, Germany. He died on October 14, 1910 in Dundee, Kane, Illinois.

Notes for Mary Riedesel:

She arrived in Quebec with her family in 1863 and eventually moved on to the Chicago area.

Notes for Karl Quicker:

Known as Charles E. Came to America with his parents in 1863. They went first to Chicago and moved to Dundee, IL, in 1876.

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### Generation 3

4. **Unknown Pomeranian Riedesel** was born about 1795.

Unknown Pomeranian Riedesel had the following children:

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  - i. Friedrich Riedesel was born in 1816 in Glewitz Rügen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He died between 1880-1900 in Kane County, Illinois. He married Maria Reimer. She was born about 1813 in Nossendorf, Demmin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. She died in East Dundee, Kane, Illinois.
  - ii. Charles Riedesel was born about 1819 in Glewitz Rügen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He died in 1896. He married Carolina Holtfrieder. She was born in 1823. She died in 1873.

Notes for Charles Riedesel:

Living in Chicago in 1880 with the three children and no wife listed. The Census had his name as "Riedseal" but the names of two children correspond to Riedesels whose marriages are recorded with the Riedesel spelling and consistent ages. The 1920 Census records appears to show 1873 as the year of emigration for the son Theodore. The fact that one daughter is named Friedrika suggests that they may be kin to the Friedrich Riedesels who lived to the west in Kane County.

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It is purely a guess on my part that John was a son of this marriage, rather than of Friedrich in Kane County. And I am only speculating that he was a brother to Friedrich and Sophia Riedesel.

- iii. Sophia Riedesel was born in October 1819 in Glewitz Rügen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. She died on January 30, 1905 in Elgin, Kane, Illinois. She married Friedrich Reimer about 1842. He was born in October 1818 in Nossendorf, Demmin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. He died in Probably Kane County, Illinois.

Notes for Sophia Riedesel:

She gave birth to five children. All were dead by 1900.

Notes for Friedrich Reimer:

Known as Fritz. Lived in the Elgin Township of Kane County. They were here in time for the 1880 Census though it is likely they were the couple of Friedrich and Sophie Reimer that left Hamburg aboard the Suevia on April 14, 1880, bound for New York. Their place of residence was given as Sülz in Pomerania. With them was a 9-month (!) old Emma Reimer--not their own child, certainly.