

Descendants of Charles Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **CHARLES¹ 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.

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.

Charles Riedesel and Carolina Holtfrieder had the following children:

2. i. **JOHN² RIEDESEL** was born about 1848 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He married Dorothea Roast on October 02, 1872 in Kane County, Illinois. She was born in March 1851 in Berlin, Germany. She died on June 02, 1926 in Kane County, Illinois (Dundee Township Cemetery West).
3. ii. **FRIEDRIKA RIEDESEL** was born about 1859 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. She died in 1952. She married Heinrich Mahnke on December 28, 1884 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born in February 1844 in Germany. He died before 1920.
4. iii. **THEODORE RIETESSEL** was born in February 1863 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He died after 1940. He married Amalia Gimble, daughter of John Gimble and Anna Knippenberger, on July 18, 1885 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She was born on April 07, 1866 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on November 06, 1941 in Crystal Lake, McHenry, Illinois.
- iv. **MADDIE RIEDESEL** was born about 1866.

Notes for Maddie Riedesel:

"Maddie" is certainly a nickname, but I am not sure for what.

Generation 2

2. **JOHN² RIEDESEL** (Charles¹) was born about 1848 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He married Dorothea Roast on October 02, 1872 in Kane County, Illinois. She was born in March 1851 in Berlin, Germany. She died on June 02, 1926 in Kane County, Illinois (Dundee Township Cemetery West).

Notes for John Riedesel:

As of 1880, he was working as tailor and they lived in the city of Chicago. By 1900 they were divorced and Dora/Dorothea was living back in Kane County.

Notes for Dorothea Roast:

Living in rented quarters with her three younger daughters as of 1900. She was divorced and working as a dressmaker. One other child was living (presumably Martha), but she had borne three others who were not then alive. She immigrated in 1862.

The state record of her death states that her father was "Boost Abel." The first name is unlikely but the clear implication is that she was born an Abel, with Roast being an earlier married name.

John Riedesel and Dorothea Roast had the following children:

- i. **MARTHA CAROLINE³ RIEDESEL** was born on December 09, 1876 in Cook County, Illinois. She died in 1951 (Lawnridge Cemetery, Rochelle Illinois). She married Joseph G. Buss on November 26, 1899 in Kane County, Illinois. He was born in 1872. He died in 1942.

Notes for Martha Caroline Riedesel:

Lived in Rochelle, Illinois, after her marriage.

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 - ii. CLARA BETH RIEDESEL was born on July 24, 1878 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died in February 1977. She married William H. Noonan on October 15, 1901. He was born in 1869. He died before 1940.
 - iii. ANNA M. RIEDESEL was born in November 1880 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died in 1966 (Dundee Township Cemetery West).

Notes for Anna M. Riedesel:

Still single as of 1926 when her mother died. In 1930 she was a lodger in the home of Marion Wilde in Elgin, IL, though with no occupation listed in the Census. In 1937 she was employed by the WPA.

- iv. LOUISE W. RIEDESEL was born in February 1886 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died in 1910 (Dundee Township Cemetery West). She married George Metzgar on May 25, 1904.
3. **FRIEDRIKA² RIEDESEL** (Charles¹) was born about 1859 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. She died in 1952. She married Heinrich Mahnke on December 28, 1884 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born in February 1844 in Germany. He died before 1920.

Notes for Friedrika Riedesel:

Her year of immigration given in the 1900 Census was 1873, matching that of brother Charles. She lived with her elder son and his family as a widow.

Notes for Heinrich Mahnke:

The spelling of his last name is not clear on the marriage certificate, so Mahnke could be wrong.

Heinrich Mahnke and Friedrika Riedesel had the following children:

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 - i. CHARLES FREDERICK³ MAHNKE was born on November 27, 1882 in Illinois. He married Helen Arnhotz on October 29, 1913. She was born on November 23, 1890 in Königsberg. She died in September 1985.
 - ii. GUSTAV HENRY MAHNKE was born on April 03, 1884 in Illinois. He married META ??. She was born about 1889 in Illinois.
4. **THEODORE² RIETESSEL** (Charles¹ Riedesel) was born in February 1863 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He died after 1940. He married Amalia Gimble, daughter of John Gimble and Anna Knippenberger, on July 18, 1885 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She was born on April 07, 1866 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on November 06, 1941 in Crystal Lake, McHenry, Illinois.

Notes for Theodore Rietesel:

Immigrated in 1873. Family members are identified in the 1900 Census (Chicago). The preferred spelling of his family name is not certain--or changed. Some sources give his place of birth as Sommerfeld in the state of Brandenburg.

Notes for Amalia Gimble:

Known as Molly.

Theodore Rietesel and Amalia Gimble had the following children:

- i. MALINDA³ RIETESSEL was born in February 1886 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died after 1950. She married Henry Mayer on October 01, 1921. He was born about 1881 in Illinois. He died before 1940.
- Notes for Malinda Rietesel:
- Living in San Antonio by the mid-1920s. By 1940 she was widowed and living with her parents in McHenry County.
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 - ii. WALTER CHRISTOFER RIETESSEL was born on December 09, 1889 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on November 21, 1964 in Hammond, Lake, Indiana. He married ANNA SUSAN SANDOWSKI. She was born on December 26, 1887. She died in June 1963 in probably Chicago.
 - iii. FLORENCE RIETESSEL was born on February 13, 1893. She died in February 1972 in Denver, Colorado. She married Walter F. Wiegand on October 04, 1913 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born about 1891.

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 - iv. GERTRUDE RIETESSEL was born on December 08, 1895 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on June 26, 1982 in Orange, Orange, California. She married Walter P. Choitz on June 03, 1916 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born on July 31, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on April 14, 1980 in Denver, Colorado.
 - v. ROYAL RIETESSEL was born on January 05, 1900 in Cook County, Illinois. He died on March 14, 1903 in Cook County, Illinois.

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5. **CLARA BETH³ RIEDESEL** (John², Charles¹) was born on July 24, 1878 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died in February 1977. She married William H. Noonan on October 15, 1901. He was born in 1869. He died before 1940.

William H. Noonan and Clara Beth Riedesel had the following children:

- i. ELEANOR⁴ NOONAN was born about 1904.
 - ii. DOROTHY MARY NOONAN was born on August 28, 1908 in McHenry County, Illinois. She died on October 02, 1995. She married ?? HORTON.
 - iii. WILDA PATRICIA NOONAN was born on December 21, 1917 in Elgin, Kane, Illinois. She died on December 11, 1998 in Fort Atkinson, Jefferson, Wisconsin. She married Ralph Mason Rehm on November 06, 1942 in Pierce, Washington. He was born on August 09, 1915 in Ashland County, Wisconsin. He died on February 09, 1967 in Elgin, Kane, Illinois.
6. **CHARLES FREDERICK³ MAHNKE** (Friedrika² Riedesel, Charles¹ Riedesel) was born on November 27, 1882 in Illinois. He married Helen Arnhotz on October 29, 1913. She was born on November 23, 1890 in Königsberg. She died in September 1985.

Charles Frederick Mahnke and Helen Arnhotz had the following children:

- i. HENRY G.⁴ MAHNKE was born on July 18, 1914 in Chicago. He died on August 31, 1969. He married DOROTHY MARIE BREYMANN. She was born on February 11, 1917 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
 - ii. WILBERT CHARLES MAHNKE was born on July 06, 1918 in Chicago. He died on January 03, 2005 in Carmel, California. He married ROSEMARIE ??.
7. **WALTER CHRISTOFER³ RIETESSEL** (Theodore², Charles¹ Riedesel) was born on December 09, 1889 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on November 21, 1964 in Hammond, Lake, Indiana. He married **ANNA SUSAN SANDOWSKI**. She was born on December 26, 1887. She died in June 1963 in probably Chicago.

Notes for Walter Christofer Rietesel:

He was one of two Walter Riedesels born within a year of each other with a mother named Amalia/Molly. This has confused many researchers, including me, but I am confident that I have the two properly separated.

Walter Christofer Rietesel and Anna Susan Sandowski had the following children:

- i. THEODORE ELLWOOD⁴ RIETESSEL was born on May 22, 1913 in Cook County, Illinois. He died on October 01, 1984 in Jacksonville, Duval, Florida. He married (1) ELMA NOVOTNY. She was born on September 02, 1914 in Chicago. She died on July 15, 2001 in Niles, Cook, Illinois. He married (2) GERALDINE LOUISE PETERSON about 1946. She was born on February 07, 1923 in West Salem, La Crosse, Wisconsin. She died on June 18, 2001 in West Salem, La Crosse, Wisconsin. He married (3) CLARE LOUISE YOUNGS. She was born in 1927 in Illinois. She died on September 18, 2015 in Callahan, Nassau, Florida.

Notes for Theodore Ellwood Rietesel:

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1948. He gave his occupation in 1940 as a chemical engineer, though had not attended college. In 1950 he worked in advertising.

Notes for Geraldine Louise Peterson:

She was divorced from Theodore by 1950 and living with a 3-year old daughter,

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Teresa.

- ii. RUSSELL WALTER RIETESSEL was born on September 20, 1917 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on January 12, 1999 in Michigan. He married Virginia Victoria Czachowski on June 28, 1941 in Chicago. She was born on December 15, 1914. She died on September 30, 2005.
8. **GERTRUDE³ RIETESSEL** (Theodore², Charles¹ Riedesel) was born on December 08, 1895 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on June 26, 1982 in Orange, Orange, California. She married Walter P. Choitz on June 03, 1916 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born on July 31, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on April 14, 1980 in Denver, Colorado.

Walter P. Choitz and Gertrude Rietesel had the following children:

- i. MARCEL⁴ CHOITZ was born on July 01, 1918 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died in December 1981 in Denver, Colorado.
- ii. PALMER CHOITZ was born on July 01, 1918 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died before 1930.
- iii. CAROL CHOITZ was born on March 30, 1926 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on March 14, 1995 in Orange County, California. She married RALPH RAHE. He was born on February 27, 1897 in Pennsylvania. He died on September 05, 1970 in Anaheim, Orange, California.