

Ancestors of Carl Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **Carl Riedesel**, son of Johann Heinrich Riedesel and Maria Elisabeth Wiekel, was born on March 24, 1854 in Erndtebrück. He died on November 19, 1936 in Crookston, Polk, Minnesota. He married **Margaretha Reinhardt** in January 1883 in Crookston, Polk, Minnesota. She was born in January 1862. She died on September 16, 1930 in Crookston, Polk, Minnesota.

Notes for Carl Riedesel:

His christening record in Erndtebrück says Karl, but the spelling was most often Carl.

He was mustered into the royal Prussian second Hessian infantry regiment on December 12, 1874, and was honorably discharged not quite two years later on September 1876. He incurred no fines or disciplinary actions. He appears not to have seen any military action, as the wars that led to the unification of Germany under Prussian domination were complete in 1871. The military record also spells his name with a "C."

A Carl Riedesel (with a "C") arrived in New York on the "Belgenland" on July 15, 1880. He was 26 (just right for Karl) but seemed to have no companions with Wittgenstein names. His occupation is listed as that of a farmer.

He first settled in Carver County, MN, near Minneapolis, and worked as a farm laborer. In 1882 he moved to Crookston, MN, where he was employed in the harness and shoe-making business. In 1889, he established his own shoe-making business. He was an active participant in civic life, having served on the school board and city council. He was a member of several fraternal organizations including the Masons and Oddfellows.

Notes for Margaretha Reinhardt:

She came to the United States in about 1881, settling first in St. Paul. In 1883 she moved to Crookston where she met and married Karl Riedesel. In Crookston she was a charter member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Hermann, and that lodge was named in her honor.

Generation 2

2. **Johann Heinrich Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Marie Elise König, was born on August 25, 1820 in Erndtebrück. He died on March 14, 1872 in Erndtebrück. He married **Maria Elisabeth Wiekel** on February 02, 1849 in Erndtebrück.
3. **Maria Elisabeth Wiekel**, daughter of Wilhelm Wieckel and Anne Margrethe Völkel, was born on February 11, 1826 in Erndtebrück. She died on July 27, 1883 in Erndtebrück.

Notes for Johann Heinrich Riedesel:

A shoemaker in Erndtebrück.

Maria Elisabeth Wiekel and Johann Heinrich Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Wilhelm Riedesel was born on April 07, 1849 in Erndtebrück. He married Luise Becker on September 06, 1874 in Erndtebrück. She was born on March 23, 1847 in Erndtebrück.
- ii. Heinrich Riedesel was born on July 08, 1850 in Erndtebrück. He died on November 15, 1931 in Erndtebrück. He married Sophie Afflerbach on January 19, 1877. She was born on March 21, 1851 in Erndtebrück. She died on January 03, 1938 in Erndtebrück.
1. iii. Carl Riedesel was born on March 24, 1854 in Erndtebrück. He died on November 19, 1936 in Crookston, Polk, Minnesota. He married Margaretha Reinhardt in January 1883 in Crookston, Polk, Minnesota. She was born in January 1862. She died on September 16, 1930 in Crookston, Polk, Minnesota.
- iv. Ludwig Riedesel was born on January 02, 1856 in Erndtebrück. He died on December 31, 1911 in Buchenau, Dautphetal, Marburg-Biedenkopf. He married Hermine Christiane Müller. She was born in 1856. She died on March 10, 1930.

Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:

He was a baker. For a short period around 1887 he operated a bakery out of a rebuilt Bormanns house in Wunderhausen.

- v. August Riedesel was born on June 06, 1857 in Erndtebrück. He died on July 01, 1875 in Erndtebrück.
- vi. Friedrich Riedesel was born on December 04, 1858 in Erndtebrück. He died on July 02, 1880.
- vii. Luise Riedesel was born on September 19, 1860 in Erndtebrück. She died on November 30, 1949 in Nordheim, DeWitt, Texas. She married Wilhelm Heinrich Schneider. She married Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Pieper on June 23, 1892 in Peoria, Peoria, Illinois. He was born on March 24, 1866 in Prussian Friedland. He died on May 03, 1950 in Nordheim, DeWitt, Texas.

Notes for Luise Riedesel:

The presumably widowed Luise and her son, Heinrich Schneider, apparently came to America in 1891 though a passenger record has yet to be found. She soon married Fred Pieper in Illinois but by 1900 they lived in Crookston, Minnesota, close to her brother Carl. The Piepers (and Henry Schneider) moved to Peoria by 1902 and ultimately to Nordheim, Texas.

"Tante Luise" remained in contact with her family in Germany--a life spanning both world wars.

Notes for Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Pieper:

Known as Fred, and went by the full name of John Frederick William in the U.S. His place of birth is sometimes referred to as Pr(eussische) Friedland to distinguish it from other towns with the same name in other regions. The area became part of Poland in the aftermath of World War II, and the German inhabitants expelled.

- viii. Wilhelmine Riedesel was born on October 03, 1862 in Erndtebrück.
- ix. Helene Riedesel was born on May 01, 1865 in Erndtebrück.
- x. Infant Riedesel was born on December 04, 1866 in Erndtebrück. He died on December 08, 1866 in Erndtebrück.
- xi. Katharine Riedesel was born on November 09, 1867 in Erndtebrück.
- xii. Elisabeth Riedesel was born on July 14, 1871 in Erndtebrück. She died on November 25, 1871 in Erndtebrück.

Generation 3

- 4. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Katharina Dickel, was born on August 24, 1783 in Rinthe. He died on May 12, 1854 in Erndtebrück. He married **Marie Elise König** on January 03, 1813 in Erndtebrück.
- 5. **Marie Elise König**, daughter of Johann Henrich König and Maria Elisabeth Strohmann, was born on November 04, 1788 in Erndtebrück. She died on February 18, 1873 in Erndtebrück.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

He was a shoemaker by trade.

Marie Elise König and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Wilhelm Riedesel was born on October 18, 1813 in Erndtebrück. He died on March 02, 1878 in Erndtebrück. He married Elisabeth Schneider on January 23, 1848 in Erndtebrück. She was born on September 17, 1819 in Birkefehl. She died on December 12, 1870 in Erndtebrück. He married Elisabeth Lange on December 29, 1839 in Erndtebrück. She was born on August 27, 1813 in Erndtebrück. She died on November 05, 1846 in Erndtebrück.
- ii. Karl Riedesel was born on January 10, 1816 in Erndtebrück. He died on January 16, 1899 in Erndtebrück. He married Katharina Schmidt on February 09, 1844 in Elsoff. She was born on May 29, 1825 in Beddelhausen. She died on January 16, 1899 in Erndtebrück.

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 - iii. Johann Heinrich Riedesel was born on August 25, 1820 in Erndtebrück. He died on March 14, 1872 in Erndtebrück. He married Maria Elisabeth Wiekel on February 02, 1849 in Erndtebrück. She was born on February 11, 1826 in Erndtebrück. She died on July 27, 1883 in Erndtebrück.
 - iv. Luise Riedesel was born on September 12, 1824 in Erndtebrück. She died on February 12, 1860 in Erndtebrück. She married Johann Georg Bald on June 07, 1846 in Erndtebrück. He was born on September 05, 1820 in Erndtebrück.
 - v. August Riedesel was born on March 22, 1826 in Erndtebrück. He died on October 16, 1917 in Los Angeles, California (IOOF Cemetery Los Angeles). He married Sophie Wilhelmine Amalia Högermann on December 08, 1854. She was born on January 23, 1837 in Oerlinghausen, Lippe. She died on February 05, 1877 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas (Westside Cemetery, Yorktown).

Notes for August Riedesel:

He is believed to have come to America in 1852 but no ship's record has been found. Listed in the 1860 Census as a saddle tree maker; real estate value \$250 and personal estate of \$100. By 1870 his real estate was valued at \$400 but the personal estate was still \$100. They were in the 3rd Precinct of De Witt County and at the Clinton Post Office. He was still a saddle tree maker. In his old age (probably around 1910), he sold his property and went to live with his youngest daughter, Louise, in California.

August was a member of Charles Eckhardt's York Town Hulan Reserve Company during the Civil War.

- vi. Ludwig Riedesel was born on January 20, 1830 in Erndtebrück. He died on March 12, 1901 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas (Westside Cemetery, Yorktown). He married Justine König on January 02, 1852 in DeWitt County, Texas. She was born on March 02, 1828 in Erndtebrück. She died on November 29, 1880 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas (Westside Cemetery, Yorktown).

Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:

Emigrated to Texas in 1849 by way of New Orleans on the ship Julius out of Bremen. The ship arrived on October 31, 1849, and his occupation was listed as a shoemaker. They lived around Yorktown in De Witt County. 1860 Census gave the value of his real estate as \$700 and personal estate as \$450 (Page 70/88 De Witt County). Listed as a saddler.

6. **Wilhelm Wieckel**, son of Johannes Wieckel and Anna Maria Hofmann, was born on October 01, 1794 in Erndtebrück. He died on November 21, 1864 in Erndtebrück. He married **Anne Margrethe Völkel** on August 14, 1823 in Erndtebrück.
7. **Anne Margrethe Völkel**, daughter of Johann Heinrich Völkel and Maria Magdalena Schneider, was born on September 19, 1798 in Erndtebrück. She died on December 17, 1872.

Anne Margrethe Völkel and Wilhelm Wieckel had the following child:

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 - i. Maria Elisabeth Wiekel was born on February 11, 1826 in Erndtebrück. She died on July 27, 1883 in Erndtebrück. She married Johann Heinrich Riedesel on February 02, 1849 in Erndtebrück. He was born on August 25, 1820 in Erndtebrück. He died on March 14, 1872 in Erndtebrück.

Generation 4

8. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Johann Henrich Riedesel and Anna Catharina Mengel, was born on February 11, 1756 in Melbach. He died on March 09, 1786 in Melbach. He married **Anna Katharina Dickel** in November 1782 in Raumland.
9. **Anna Katharina Dickel**, daughter of Stephan Dickel, was born on March 20, 1754 in Rinthe. She died on September 20, 1829 in Erndtebrück.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

After the sudden and early death of his wife, he became a soldier in the service of the Landgrave of Hesse, Wilhelm. The death register states that he was home on leave ("Urlaub") when he died in 1786. He is said to have left an illegitimate son of the same name (Johannes, *1783). The mother was a sister of his brother-in-law.

Anna Katharina Dickel and Johannes Riedesel had the following child:

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 - i. Johannes Riedesel was born on August 24, 1783 in Rinthe. He died on May 12, 1854 in Erndtebrück. He married Marie Elise König on January 03, 1813 in Erndtebrück. She was born on November 04, 1788 in Erndtebrück. She died on February 18, 1873 in Erndtebrück.
10. **Johann Henrich König**, son of Johann Christian König and Katharina Elisabeth Müller, was born on March 28, 1760 in Zinse. He died on September 15, 1844 in Erndtebrück. He married **Maria Elisabeth Strohmann** on January 24, 1788 in Erndtebrück.
11. **Maria Elisabeth Strohmann**, daughter of Johann Daniel Strohmann and Anna Sophia Schmidt, was born on January 17, 1764 in Schameder. She died on October 24, 1847 in Erndtebrück.
Maria Elisabeth Strohmann and Johann Henrich König had the following child:
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 - i. Marie Elise König was born on November 04, 1788 in Erndtebrück. She died on February 18, 1873 in Erndtebrück. She married Johannes Riedesel on January 03, 1813 in Erndtebrück. He was born on August 24, 1783 in Rinthe. He died on May 12, 1854 in Erndtebrück.
12. **Johannes Wieckel**. He married **Anna Maria Hofmann** on May 10, 1790 in Erndtebrück.
13. **Anna Maria Hofmann**.

Anna Maria Hofmann and Johannes Wieckel had the following child:

6.
 - i. Wilhelm Wieckel was born on October 01, 1794 in Erndtebrück. He died on November 21, 1864 in Erndtebrück. He married Anne Margrethe Völkel on August 14, 1823 in Erndtebrück. She was born on September 19, 1798 in Erndtebrück. She died on December 17, 1872.
14. **Johann Heinrich Völkel**. He married **Maria Magdalena Schneider**.
15. **Maria Magdalena Schneider** was born on January 19, 1763 in Erndtebrück. She died on May 04, 1795 in Erndtebrück.
Maria Magdalena Schneider and Johann Heinrich Völkel had the following child:
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 - i. Anne Margrethe Völkel was born on September 19, 1798 in Erndtebrück. She died on December 17, 1872. She married Wilhelm Wieckel on August 14, 1823 in Erndtebrück. He was born on October 01, 1794 in Erndtebrück. He died on November 21, 1864 in Erndtebrück.

Generation 5

16. **Johann Henrich Riedesel**, son of Johannes Riedesel and Anna Catharina Schuppener, was born on December 08, 1720 in Melbach. He died on August 01, 1773 in Melbach. He married **Anna Catharina Mengel** on June 04, 1751 in Raumland.
17. **Anna Catharina Mengel**, daughter of Gabriel Mengel and Maria Christina Weller, was born about August 1724 in Beddelhausen. She died on February 03, 1796 in Melbach.

Notes for Johann Henrich Riedesel:
Tenant in Herjes Haus, Melbach.

Anna Catharina Mengel and Johann Henrich Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Anna Catharina Riedesel was born on June 01, 1752 in Melbach. She died on June 11, 1781 in Melbach. She married Arnold Dickel on November 20, 1773 in Raumland. He was born on April 02, 1743 in Rinthe. He died on February 24, 1788 in Melbach.

Notes for Anna Catharina Riedesel:
Born in Herjes Haus, Melbach, which passed to her husband.

Notes for Arnold Dickel:
Became tenant of Herjes Haus in Melbach.

- ii. Maria Christina Riedesel was born on October 27, 1754 in Melbach. She died on January 17, 1772 in Melbach.

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8. iii. Johannes Riedesel was born on February 11, 1756 in Melbach. He died on March 09, 1786 in Melbach. He married Anna Katharina Dickel in November 1782 in Raumland. She was born on March 20, 1754 in Rinthe. She died on September 20, 1829 in Erndtebrück. He married Wilhelmina Löysa Müsse on November 05, 1777 in Raumland. She was born on August 07, 1753 in Balde. She died on December 24, 1777 in Balde.
- iv. Johann Henrich Riedesel was born on January 23, 1760 in Melbach. He died on June 02, 1778 in Melbach.
- v. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on March 13, 1764 in Melbach. She died on March 17, 1765 in Melbach.
- vi. Maria Amalie Riedesel was born on March 13, 1764 in Melbach. She died on March 27, 1765 in Melbach.
18. **Stephan Dickel** was born about 1726 in Rinthe.
- Stephan Dickel had the following children:
- i. Arnold Dickel was born on April 02, 1743 in Rinthe. He died on February 24, 1788 in Melbach. He married Anna Catharina Riedesel on November 20, 1773 in Raumland. She was born on June 01, 1752 in Melbach. She died on June 11, 1781 in Melbach.
- Notes for Arnold Dickel:
Became tenant of Herjes Haus in Melbach.
- Notes for Anna Catharina Riedesel:
Born in Herjes Haus, Melbach, which passed to her husband.
9. ii. Anna Katharina Dickel was born on March 20, 1754 in Rinthe. She died on September 20, 1829 in Erndtebrück. She married Johannes Riedesel in November 1782 in Raumland. He was born on February 11, 1756 in Melbach. He died on March 09, 1786 in Melbach.
20. **Johann Christian König**, son of Johann Jost König and Anna Margarethe Baroth, was born on December 05, 1731 in Zinse. He died on August 12, 1799 in Zinse. He married **Katharina Elisabeth Müller** in June 1759.
21. **Katharina Elisabeth Müller**, daughter of Johann Kraft Müller and Anna Elisabeth Völkel, was born on March 24, 1734 in Erndtebrück. She died on January 09, 1778 in Erndtebrück.
- Katharina Elisabeth Müller and Johann Christian König had the following child:
10. i. Johann Henrich König was born on March 28, 1760 in Zinse. He died on September 15, 1844 in Erndtebrück. He married Maria Elisabeth Strohmann on January 24, 1788 in Erndtebrück. She was born on January 17, 1764 in Schameder. She died on October 24, 1847 in Erndtebrück.
22. **Johann Daniel Strohmann**, son of George Philipp Strohmann and Anna Gerdraut Schnell, was born on November 26, 1722 in Erndtebrück. He died on March 13, 1772 in Schameder. He married **Anna Sophia Schmidt** on February 02, 1748 in Erndtebrück.
23. **Anna Sophia Schmidt**, daughter of Johann Jost Schmidt and Anna Catharina Schneider, was born on August 28, 1728 in Erndtebrück. She died on March 29, 1770 in Erndtebrück.
- Anna Sophia Schmidt and Johann Daniel Strohmann had the following child:
11. i. Maria Elisabeth Strohmann was born on January 17, 1764 in Schameder. She died on October 24, 1847 in Erndtebrück. She married Johann Henrich König on January 24, 1788 in Erndtebrück. He was born on March 28, 1760 in Zinse. He died on September 15, 1844 in Erndtebrück.
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Generation 6

32. **Johannes Riedesel**, son of Johann Mannus Riedesel and Anna Katharine Grund, was born on April 23, 1697 in Melbach. He died on December 02, 1758 in Melbach. He married **Anna Catharina Schuppener** on August 25, 1719 in Raumland.
33. **Anna Catharina Schuppener**, daughter of Ludwig Schuppener and Anna Katharina Stenger, was born on March 13, 1696 in Bernshausen. She died on July 10, 1769 in Melbach.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Born in and tenant in Herjes Haus, Melbach.

Anna Catharina Schuppener and Johannes Riedesel had the following children:

16.
 - i. Johann Henrich Riedesel was born on December 08, 1720 in Melbach. He died on August 01, 1773 in Melbach. He married Anna Catharina Mengel on June 04, 1751 in Raumland. She was born about August 1724 in Beddelhausen. She died on February 03, 1796 in Melbach.
 - ii. Anna Catharina Riedesel was born on March 14, 1723 in Melbach. She married Johannes Born on February 26, 1740 in Raumland. He was born on March 05, 1712 in Berghausen. He died on January 18, 1773 in Berghausen. She married Johannes Prätorius on February 13, 1753 in Feuding. He was born about 1718. He died in March 1759 in Banfe.
 - iii. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on March 09, 1726 in Melbach. She died on January 22, 1792 in Diedenshausen. She married Johann Franz Spies on November 04, 1746 in Diedenshausen. He was born on April 14, 1726 in Diedenshausen. He died on March 11, 1790 in Diedenshausen.

Notes for Johann Franz Spies:

Born in and tenant in Schreiners Haus, Diedenshausen. According to local tradition, he personally carried a complaint from the peasants of Diedenshausen to the German Emperor in Vienna about the heavy burden of taxation and other duties imposed by the Count. Nothing was ever done about it.

- iv. Johann Georg Riedesel was born on June 21, 1728 in Melbach. He died on February 19, 1808 in Berleburg. He married Elisabeth Belz on June 17, 1771 in Berleburg. She was born on August 28, 1739 in Berleburg. She died on June 15, 1817 in Berleburg.
 - v. Anna Maria Riedesel was born on October 17, 1730 in Melbach. She died in June 1791 in Berleburg. She married Georg Ludwig Bald on January 28, 1751 in Berleburg. He was born in July 1715 in Berleburg. He died in April 1769 in Berleburg. She married Ludwig Franz Koch on April 29, 1772 in Berleburg. He was born on February 07, 1735 in Berleburg.
 - vi. Johannes Riedesel was born on April 11, 1733 in Melbach. He died on May 28, 1733 in Melbach.
 - vii. Löysa Riedesel was born on August 17, 1734 in Melbach. She died on June 24, 1781 in Wingshausen. She married Daniel Schulz on February 24, 1758 in Wingshausen. He was born on March 30, 1738 in Wingshausen. He died on April 17, 1797 in Wingshausen.
34. **Gabriel Mengel**, son of Johann Jakob Mengel and Anna Margaretha Ebisch, was born about February 1682 in Beddelhausen. He died on October 06, 1747 in Beddelhausen. He married **Maria Christina Weller** on February 27, 1709 in Elsoff.
35. **Maria Christina Weller**, daughter of Johannes Weller and Anna Gertraud Heidersdorf, was born about February 1689 in Erndtebrück.

Maria Christina Weller and Gabriel Mengel had the following child:

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 - i. Anna Catharina Mengel was born about August 1724 in Beddelhausen. She died on February 03, 1796 in Melbach. She married Johann Henrich Riedesel on June 04, 1751 in Raumland. He was born on December 08, 1720 in Melbach. He died on August 01, 1773 in Melbach.
40. **Johann Jost König** was born on November 08, 1696 in Laasphe. He died on November 28, 1765 in Erndtebrück. He married **Anna Margarethe Baroth**.
41. **Anna Margarethe Baroth**, daughter of Wilhelm Baroth and Elisabeth ??, was born in 1705 in Rahrbach, Olpe. She died on February 18, 1750 in Zinse.

Anna Margarethe Baroth and Johann Jost König had the following child:

20.
 - i. Johann Christian König was born on December 05, 1731 in Zinse. He died on August 12, 1799 in Zinse. He married Anna Gertraudt Menn. She was born on

February 17, 1755 in Zinse. He married Katharina Elisabeth Müller in June 1759. She was born on March 24, 1734 in Erndtebrück. She died on January 09, 1778 in Erndtebrück.

42. **Johann Kraft Müller** was born in 1692. He died on July 27, 1742 in Erndtebrück. He married **Anna Elisabeth Völkel** on June 06, 1713 in Erndtebrück.
43. **Anna Elisabeth Völkel**, daughter of Johannes Völkel and Anna Maria Stolz, was born on April 18, 1697 in Erndtebrück. She died on June 10, 1763 in Erndtebrück.
- Anna Elisabeth Völkel and Johann Kraft Müller had the following child:
21. i. Katharina Elisabeth Müller was born on March 24, 1734 in Erndtebrück. She died on January 09, 1778 in Erndtebrück. She married Johann Christian König in June 1759. He was born on December 05, 1731 in Zinse. He died on August 12, 1799 in Zinse.
44. **George Philipp Strohm** was born on March 05, 1695 in Oberfischbach, Siegen-Wittgenstein. He died on February 10, 1774 in Erndtebrück. He married **Anna Gerdraut Schnell** on March 01, 1717 in Erndtebrück.
45. **Anna Gerdraut Schnell**, daughter of Anton Schnell and Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Bald, was born on January 20, 1695 in Erndtebrück. She died on September 24, 1777 in Erndtebrück.

Notes for Anna Gerdraut Schnell:

Available information from LDS recrods shows both of her parents dying a year after she was born. This is possible, but makes you wonder.

Anna Gerdraut Schnell and George Philipp Strohm had the following child:

22. i. Johann Daniel Strohm was born on November 26, 1722 in Erndtebrück. He died on March 13, 1772 in Schameder. He married Anna Sophia Schmidt on February 02, 1748 in Erndtebrück. She was born on August 28, 1728 in Erndtebrück. She died on March 29, 1770 in Erndtebrück.
46. **Johann Jost Schmidt** was born on February 03, 1695. He died on August 15, 1758. He married **Anna Catharina Schneider**.
47. **Anna Catharina Schneider** was born in November 1705. She died on July 08, 1772 in Schameder.

Anna Catharina Schneider and Johann Jost Schmidt had the following child:

23. i. Anna Sophia Schmidt was born on August 28, 1728 in Erndtebrück. She died on March 29, 1770 in Erndtebrück. She married Johann Daniel Strohm on February 02, 1748 in Erndtebrück. He was born on November 26, 1722 in Erndtebrück. He died on March 13, 1772 in Schameder.

Generation 7

64. **Johann Mannus Riedesel**, son of Hederich Riedesel and Gerthrut Dickel, was born on June 06, 1662 in Melbach. He died on November 04, 1726 in Melbach. He married **Anna Katharine Grund** on November 09, 1693 in Melbach.
65. **Anna Katharine Grund**, daughter of Hieronymus Grund and Elisabeth Stenger, was born in 1661 in Bermershausen. She died on January 26, 1729 in Melbach.

Notes for Johann Mannus Riedesel:

Tenant in Herjes Haus at Melbach/Balde. He was known as Mannus Riedesel, and is still regarded as a master builder. When and where he learned his craft is not known, but he was in demand throughout Wittgenstein and neighboring areas such as Siegen. Ten structures he built are known to exist today though there were many others. The most spectacular is the "Ludwigsburg" in the town of Berleburg. It was built for a brother of Graf Casimir between 1707-1709. Another was the forester's lodge at the site of the defunct village of Dambach; it is now a Pension. The well-known chapel/school in Sassenhausen was originally built just as a church, but was later modified to accommodate a (small) school room. They are gems of Fachwerk (half-timbered) construction, often with ornately carved corner posts, inscriptions, and other decorations.

Anna Katharine Grund and Johann Mannus Riedesel had the following children:

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- i. Anna Elisabeth Riedesel was born on December 17, 1694 in Melbach. She died in 1750 in Womelsdorf. She married Johann Ludwig Schmidt on May 10, 1715 in Birkelbach. He was born on January 10, 1681 in Womelsdorf. He died on August 16, 1731 in Womelsdorf. She married Ludwig Klotz on March 06, 1733 in Birkelbach. He was born on May 14, 1700 in Womelsdorf. He died on April 07, 1761 in Womelsdorf. She married Elias Hederich. He was born on January 08, 1696 in Birkelbach. He died on August 31, 1732 in Womelsdorf.
32. ii. Johannes Riedesel was born on April 23, 1697 in Melbach. He died on December 02, 1758 in Melbach. He married Anna Catharina Schuppener on August 25, 1719 in Raumland. She was born on March 13, 1696 in Bernshausen. She died on July 10, 1769 in Melbach.
- iii. Johann Gilbert Riedesel was born in March 1704 in Melbach. He died in April 1704 in Melbach.
66. **Ludwig Schuppener**. He married **Anna Katharina Stenger**.
67. **Anna Katharina Stenger**, daughter of Georg Stenger and Lucie Schaumann, was born on March 23, 1668 in Bernshausen. She died on May 01, 1738 in Bernshausen.
Anna Katharina Stenger and Ludwig Schuppener had the following child:
33. i. Anna Catharina Schuppener was born on March 13, 1696 in Bernshausen. She died on July 10, 1769 in Melbach. She married Johannes Riedesel on August 25, 1719 in Raumland. He was born on April 23, 1697 in Melbach. He died on December 02, 1758 in Melbach.
68. **Johann Jakob Mengel**, son of Georg Mengel and Catharine Rumpf, was born on August 09, 1640 in Elsoff. He died on September 20, 1700 in Elsoff. He married **Anna Margaretha Ebisch** on July 30, 1667 in Elsoff.
69. **Anna Margaretha Ebisch**, daughter of Gabriel Ebisch and ??, was born about 1649. She died on October 23, 1722 in Beddelhausen.
Anna Margaretha Ebisch and Johann Jakob Mengel had the following child:
34. i. Gabriel Mengel was born about February 1682 in Beddelhausen. He died on October 06, 1747 in Beddelhausen. He married Maria Christina Weller on February 27, 1709 in Elsoff. She was born about February 1689 in Erndtebrück.
70. **Johannes Weller**, son of Philip Weller, was born about 1659 in Diedenshausen. He died on December 16, 1737 in Elsoff. He married **Anna Gertraud Heidersdorf** on August 08, 1685 in Dillenburg.
71. **Anna Gertraud Heidersdorf**, daughter of Antonius Heidersdorf, was born on February 22, 1667 in Dillenburg. She died on February 24, 1695 in Erndtebrück.
- Notes for Johannes Weller:
Pastor (Pfarrer).
- Anna Gertraud Heidersdorf and Johannes Weller had the following child:
35. i. Maria Christina Weller was born about February 1689 in Erndtebrück. She married Gabriel Mengel on February 27, 1709 in Elsoff. He was born about February 1682 in Beddelhausen. He died on October 06, 1747 in Beddelhausen.
82. **Wilhelm Baroth** was born about 1677 in Rahrbach, Olpe. He married **Elisabeth ??**.
83. **Elisabeth ??** was born about 1677 in Russia. She died on December 03, 1719 in Zinse.
Elisabeth ?? and Wilhelm Baroth had the following child:
41. i. Anna Margarethe Baroth was born in 1705 in Rahrbach, Olpe. She died on February 18, 1750 in Zinse. She married Johann Jost König. He was born on November 08, 1696 in Laasphe. He died on November 28, 1765 in Erndtebrück.
86. **Johannes Völkel**, son of Johann Jost Völkel and Justine Bald, was born on June 12, 1670 in Erndtebrück. He died on April 07, 1761 in Erndtebrück. He married **Anna Maria Stolz**.
87. **Anna Maria Stolz**, daughter of Tobias Stolz and Margarete Stremmel, was born on October 25, 1674 in Bernershausen. She died on July 13, 1709 in Erndtebrück.
Anna Maria Stolz and Johannes Völkel had the following child:

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43. i. Anna Elisabeth Völkel was born on April 18, 1697 in Erndtebrück. She died on June 10, 1763 in Erndtebrück. She married Johann Kraft Müller on June 06, 1713 in Erndtebrück. He was born in 1692. He died on July 27, 1742 in Erndtebrück.
90. **Anton Schnell**. He died on March 18, 1696 in Erndtebrück. He married **Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Bald**.
91. **Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Bald** was born about 1645. She died on April 22, 1696 in Erndtebrück.
- Anna Elisabeth Gertraudt Bald and Anton Schnell had the following child:
45. i. Anna Gerdraut Schnell was born on January 20, 1695 in Erndtebrück. She died on September 24, 1777 in Erndtebrück. She married George Philipp Strohmman on March 01, 1717 in Erndtebrück. He was born on March 05, 1695 in Oberfischbach, Siegen-Wittgenstein. He died on February 10, 1774 in Erndtebrück.
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128. **Hederich Riedesel**, son of Henrich Riedesel, was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach. He married **Gerthrut Dickel** on May 14, 1661 in Melbach.
129. **Gerthrut Dickel**, daughter of Johannes Dickel, was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. She died on April 29, 1703 in Melbach.

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.

Gerthrut Dickel and Hederich Riedesel had the following children:

64. i. Johann Mannus Riedesel was born on June 06, 1662 in Melbach. He died on November 04, 1726 in Melbach. He married Anna Ursula Dreisbach on November 04, 1687 in Melbach. She was born about 1653 in Prob. Balde. She died on May 04, 1693 in Melbach. He married Anna Katharine Grund on November 09, 1693 in Melbach. She was born in 1661 in Bermershausen. She died on January 26, 1729 in Melbach.
- ii. Johann Jost Riedesel was born on January 25, 1664 in Melbach. He died in September 1738 in Aue. He married Anna Elisabeth Walter before 1700 in Raumland. She was born about 1673 in Aue. She died on October 20, 1734 in Aue.
- iii. Georg Heinrich Riedesel was born in January 1666 in Melbach. He married Elisabeth ??.
- iv. Anna Gertraud Riedesel was born on February 06, 1669 in Melbach. She died after 1741 in Weidenhausen. She married Johann Simon Spies on September 25, 1690 in Raumland. He was born on December 27, 1663 in Bermershausen. He died after 1741 in Weidenhausen.
- v. Johann Gilbert Riedesel was born on September 17, 1671 in Melbach. He died on December 01, 1737 in Wingshausen. He married Anna Maria Beuter before 1708. She was born in 1676 in Wingshausen?. She died on August 15, 1742 in Wingshausen.
130. **Hieronymus Grund**, son of Paul Grund, was born about 1622 in Prob. Arfeld. He married **Elisabeth Stenger** on January 08, 1652 in Fischelbach.
131. **Elisabeth Stenger**, daughter of Peter Stenger, was born about 1627.
- Elisabeth Stenger and Hieronymus Grund had the following child:
65. i. Anna Katharine Grund was born in 1661 in Bermershausen. She died on January 26, 1729 in Melbach. She married Johann Mannus Riedesel on November 09,

1693 in Melbach. He was born on June 06, 1662 in Melbach. He died on November 04, 1726 in Melbach.

132. **Gerlach Schuppener** was born about 1620. He married **Katharina Hoffman**.

133. **Katharina Hoffman**.

Katharina Hoffman and Gerlach Schuppener had the following child:

66. i. Ludwig Schuppener. He married Anna Katharina Stenger. She was born on March 23, 1668 in Bernshausen. She died on May 01, 1738 in Bernshausen.

134. **Georg Stenger** was born about 1629. He married **Lucie Schaumann**.

135. **Lucie Schaumann** was born about 1634. She died on October 15, 1714 in Bernshausen.

Lucie Schaumann and Georg Stenger had the following child:

67. i. Anna Katharina Stenger was born on March 23, 1668 in Bernshausen. She died on May 01, 1738 in Bernshausen. She married Ludwig Schuppener.

136. **Georg Mengel**, son of Hermann Mengel and Eylä ??, was born about 1600 in Beddelhausen. He died on August 08, 1669 in Elsoff. He married **Catharine Rumpf** on March 11, 1627 in Elsoff.

137. **Catharine Rumpf**.

Notes for Georg Mengel:

Was a pastor (Pfarrer) at Elsoff.

Catharine Rumpf and Georg Mengel had the following child:

68. i. Johann Jakob Mengel was born on August 09, 1640 in Elsoff. He died on September 20, 1700 in Elsoff. He married Anna Margaretha Ebisch on July 30, 1667 in Elsoff. She was born about 1649. She died on October 23, 1722 in Beddelhausen.

138. **Gabriel Ebisch**. He died on December 29, 1678 in Schwarzenau. He married ??.

139. **??**. She died on September 10, 1676 in Schwarzenau.

?? and Gabriel Ebisch had the following child:

69. i. Anna Margaretha Ebisch was born about 1649. She died on October 23, 1722 in Beddelhausen. She married Johann Jakob Mengel on July 30, 1667 in Elsoff. He was born on August 09, 1640 in Elsoff. He died on September 20, 1700 in Elsoff.

140. **Philip Weller** was born about 1610. He died after 1678.

Philip Weller had the following child:

70. i. Johannes Weller was born about 1659 in Diedenshausen. He died on December 16, 1737 in Elsoff. He married Anna Gertraud Heidersdorf on August 08, 1685 in Dillenburg. She was born on February 22, 1667 in Dillenburg. She died on February 24, 1695 in Erndtebrück.

142. **Antonius Heidersdorf** was born on December 06, 1640 in Dillenburg. He died on November 06, 1715 in Dillenburg.

Antonius Heidersdorf had the following child:

71. i. Anna Gertraud Heidersdorf was born on February 22, 1667 in Dillenburg. She died on February 24, 1695 in Erndtebrück. She married Johannes Weller on August 08, 1685 in Dillenburg. He was born about 1659 in Diedenshausen. He died on December 16, 1737 in Elsoff.

172. **Johann Jost Völkel**, son of Johannes Völkel and Helene ??, was born in 1643 in Schameder. He died on January 17, 1703 in Erndtebrück. He married **Justine Bald** in 1670 in Erndtebrück.

173. **Justine Bald**, daughter of Johannes Bald, was born about 1646 in Erndtebrück. She died on December 09, 1681 in Erndtebrück.

Justine Bald and Johann Jost Völkel had the following child:

86. i. Johannes Völkel was born on June 12, 1670 in Erndtebrück. He died on April 07, 1761 in Erndtebrück. He married Anna Maria Stolz. She was born on October 25, 1674 in Bernershausen. She died on July 13, 1709 in Erndtebrück.

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174. **Tobias Stolz**, son of Hans Stolz and Elisabeth Klein, was born about 1634 in Bermershausen. He died between 1695-1702 in Bermershausen. He married **Margarete Stremmel**.
175. **Margarete Stremmel**, daughter of Johannes Stremmel and Elisabeth Zode, was born about 1640 in Bermershausen. She died after 1681 in Bermershausen.
- Margarete Stremmel and Tobias Stolz had the following child:
87. i. Anna Maria Stolz was born on October 25, 1674 in Bermershausen. She died on July 13, 1709 in Erndtebrück. She married Johannes Völkel. He was born on June 12, 1670 in Erndtebrück. He died on April 07, 1761 in Erndtebrück.
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256. **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 Bermershausen. She married Johannes Konrad. He was born about 1605. He died on June 21, 1670 in Bermershausen.
- Notes for Johannes Konrad:
He was a miller and sometimes referred to as "Schmidt" but later records consistently use the Konrad family name.
128. 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.
258. **Johannes Dickel** was born about 1590 in Girkhausen. He died before 1632 in Girkhausen ?.
- Johannes Dickel had the following child:
129. i. Gerthrut Dickel was born about 1640 in Girkhausen. She died on April 29, 1703 in Melbach. She married Hederich Riedesel on May 14, 1661 in Melbach. He was born about 1615 in Melbach. He died on December 12, 1680 in Melbach.
260. **Paul Grund** was born about 1592.
- Paul Grund had the following child:
130. i. Hieronymus Grund was born about 1622 in Prob. Arfeld. He married Elisabeth Stenger on January 08, 1652 in Fischelbach. She was born about 1627.
262. **Peter Stenger** was born in 1602 in Banfe.
- Peter Stenger had the following child:
131. i. Elisabeth Stenger was born about 1627. She married Hieronymus Grund on January 08, 1652 in Fischelbach. He was born about 1622 in Prob. Arfeld.
272. **Hermann Mengel** was born about 1575 in Beddelhausen. He married **Eyla ??**.
273. **Eyla ??**.
- Notes for Hermann Mengel:
Innkeeper (Wirt).
- Eyla ?? and Hermann Mengel had the following child:
136. i. Georg Mengel was born about 1600 in Beddelhausen. He died on August 08, 1669 in Elsoff. He married Catharine Rumpf on March 11, 1627 in Elsoff.
344. **Johannes Völkel**, son of Johannes Völkel and Gertrude Fröbe, was born about 1625 in Schameder. He married **Helene ??** about 1643.
345. **Helene ??** was born about 1625 in Schameder. She died on January 19, 1673 in Schameder.
- Helene ?? and Johannes Völkel had the following child:
172. i. Johann Jost Völkel was born in 1643 in Schameder. He died on January 17, 1703 in Erndtebrück. He married Justine Bald in 1670 in Erndtebrück. She was born about 1646 in Erndtebrück. She died on December 09, 1681 in Erndtebrück.

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346. **Johannes Bald**, son of Johannes Bald and Sophie ??, was born in December 1621 in Steinbach, Siegen-Wittgenstein. He died on June 01, 1709 in Erndtebrück.
Johannes Bald had the following child:
173. i. Justine Bald was born about 1646 in Erndtebrück. She died on December 09, 1681 in Erndtebrück. She married Johann Jost Völkel in 1670 in Erndtebrück. He was born in 1643 in Schameder. He died on January 17, 1703 in Erndtebrück.
348. **Hans Stolz** was born about 1603 in Feudingen. He died on January 09, 1663 in Bermershausen. He married **Elisabeth Klein**.
349. **Elisabeth Klein**. She died in 1675 in Bermershausen.
Elisabeth Klein and Hans Stolz had the following child:
174. i. Tobias Stolz was born about 1634 in Bermershausen. He died between 1695-1702 in Bermershausen. He married Margarete Stremmel. She was born about 1640 in Bermershausen. She died after 1681 in Bermershausen.
350. **Johannes Stremmel** was born on July 02, 1617 in Laasphe. He died on January 08, 1659 in Laasphe. He married **Elisabeth Zode** on June 27, 1644.
351. **Elisabeth Zode**, daughter of Johannes Zode and Crein Hofmann, was born on January 10, 1616 in Laasphe. She died on January 08, 1659 in Laasphe.
Elisabeth Zode and Johannes Stremmel had the following child:
175. i. Margarete Stremmel was born about 1640 in Bermershausen. She died after 1681 in Bermershausen. She married Tobias Stolz. He was born about 1634 in Bermershausen. He died between 1695-1702 in Bermershausen.
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Generation 10

688. **Johannes Völkel**, son of Dietrich Völkel and ?? Romer, was born about 1600 in Schameder. He died on May 13, 1675 in Ludwigseck. He married **Gertrude Fröbe**.
689. **Gertrude Fröbe**, daughter of Johannes Fröbe, was born about 1605 in Schameder. She died in 1666 in Schameder.
Gertrude Fröbe and Johannes Völkel had the following child:
344. i. Johannes Völkel was born about 1625 in Schameder. He married Helene ?? about 1643. She was born about 1625 in Schameder. She died on January 19, 1673 in Schameder.
692. **Johannes Bald**, son of Georg Bald and Margretha Benfer, was born about 1600 in Erndtebrück. He died on September 07, 1673 in Erndtebrück. He married **Sophie ??**.
693. **Sophie ??** was born about 1593 in Erndtebrück. She died on April 05, 1682 in Erndtebrück.
Sophie ?? and Johannes Bald had the following child:
346. i. Johannes Bald was born in December 1621 in Steinbach, Siegen-Wittgenstein. He died on June 01, 1709 in Erndtebrück.
702. **Johannes Zode**, son of Hans Zode and Susanne ??, was born about 1589 in Laasphe. He died on November 26, 1632 in Laasphe. He married **Crein Hofmann** on April 14, 1613 in Laasphe.
703. **Crein Hofmann**, daughter of Michael Hoffman and Elsa ??, was born about 1575 in Laaspherhütte. She died on January 20, 1628 in Laasphe.
Crein Hofmann and Johannes Zode had the following child:
351. i. Elisabeth Zode was born on January 10, 1616 in Laasphe. She died on January 08, 1659 in Laasphe. She married Johannes Stremmel on June 27, 1644. He was born on July 02, 1617 in Laasphe. He died on January 08, 1659 in Laasphe.
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1376. **Dietrich Völkel** was born about 1570 in Erndtebrück. He died in 1629 in Erndtebrück. He married **?? Romer**.
1377. **?? Romer**.
?? Romer and Dietrich Völkel had the following child:

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688. i. Johannes Völkel was born about 1600 in Schameder. He died on May 13, 1675 in Ludwigseck. He married Gertrude Fröbe. She was born about 1605 in Schameder. She died in 1666 in Schameder.
1378. **Johannes Fröbe.**
Johannes Fröbe had the following child:
689. i. Gertrude Fröbe was born about 1605 in Schameder. She died in 1666 in Schameder. She married Johannes Völkel. He was born about 1600 in Schameder. He died on May 13, 1675 in Ludwigseck.
1384. **Georg Bald** was born about 1570 in Steinbach. He died on October 21, 1632 in Steinbach. He married **Margretha Benfer.**
1385. **Margretha Benfer** was born about 1573 in Amtshausen. She died on December 02, 1624 in Steinbach.
Margretha Benfer and Georg Bald had the following child:
692. i. Johannes Bald was born about 1600 in Erndtebrück. He died on September 07, 1673 in Erndtebrück. He married Sophie ??. She was born about 1593 in Erndtebrück. She died on April 05, 1682 in Erndtebrück.
1404. **Hans Zode** was born about 1567 in Laasphe. He died in 1638 in Laasphe. He married **Susanne ??** in 1587 in Feudingén.
1405. **Susanne ??.**
Susanne ?? and Hans Zode had the following child:
702. i. Johannes Zode was born about 1589 in Laasphe. He died on November 26, 1632 in Laasphe. He married Crein Hofmann on April 14, 1613 in Laasphe. She was born about 1575 in Laaspherhütte. She died on January 20, 1628 in Laasphe.
1406. **Michael Hoffman** was born about 1540 in Laasphe. He died on April 02, 1623 in Laasphe. He married **Elsa ??.**
1407. **Elsa ??.**
Elsa ?? and Michael Hoffman had the following child:
703. i. Crein Hofmann was born about 1575 in Laaspherhütte. She died on January 20, 1628 in Laasphe. She married Johannes Zode on April 14, 1613 in Laasphe. He was born about 1589 in Laasphe. He died on November 26, 1632 in Laasphe.