

Descendants of Johann Heinrich Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **JOHANN HEINRICH¹ RIEDESEL** was born on June 22, 1841 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 29, 1917 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married (1) **KATHERINE KNEBEL**, daughter of Johannes Knebel and Anna Elisabeth Schneider, on November 01, 1871 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on May 01, 1845 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 12, 1887 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married (2) **FRIEDERIKE LUISE RIX**, daughter of Heinrich Rix and Wilhelmina Dorothea Louise Caroline Kemman, in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on May 28, 1856 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on August 09, 1929 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Johann Heinrich Riedesel:

Known as Henry D. in America. Born in the house known as Schreiners/Grosseludwigs in Wundethausen where he learned the stone mason's trade. Served in the Prussian army between about 1864-1866 and was in the battle of Königgrätz. He came to America with his father, step-mother and two step-siblings on the ship Argonaut out of Bremen and arrived at New York on November 9, 1867. He lived at Kansas City for a year but went to Wheatland where he farmed. Henry D. owned and farmed a variety of land with his brothers Louis D. and George D. Eventually he had a large farm of his own in Section 16 of the Spring Rock Township. He and his second wife, Louise, moved to town in 1908.

The 1880 Census lists an 11-year old Henry (thus born about 1869), but that was almost certainly Georg Heinrich who was born in 1875 and called Henry.

Notes for Katherine Knebel:

Born in Schmeds/Franzose house in Wunderthausen. Came to the US on the ship Hansa out of Bremen. The ship arrived on October 27, 1865 in New York.

Johann Heinrich Riedesel and Katherine Knebel had the following children:

- i. **GEORG HEINRICH² RIEDESEL** was born on September 29, 1875 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 03, 1894 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Georg Heinrich Riedesel:

Known as Henry; died of a hemorrhage.

2. ii. **FRANK LOUIS RIEDESEL** was born on June 14, 1877 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on April 14, 1949 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. He married Katherine Margaretha Peterson in 1910 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on March 10, 1878 in Holstein, Germany. She died in 1965 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa.
3. iii. **EMELIA RIEDESEL** was born in July 1884 in Wheatland Clinton, Iowa. She died in 1958 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Christian Hamdorf on February 15, 1911 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on May 07, 1879 in Mözen, Segeberg, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. He died on October 19, 1962 in Massillon, Cedar, Iowa.
- iv. **JULIUS RIEDESEL** was born on October 03, 1887 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on June 26, 1944 in Maywood, Cook, Illinois (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Julius Riedesel:

Known as Jack.

Notes for Friederike Luise Rix:

Known as Louise. Came to Lowden, Iowa in 1861 with her family. The family name is shown as Rixe in some sources. Her obituary makes no mention of any children with Henry other than Martha and Herman or of her marriage to Charles Penningroth. They must have been divorced.

Johann Heinrich Riedesel and Friederike Luise Rix had the following children:

- v. **FLORENTINE RIEDESEL** was born on May 02, 1888 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on March 02, 1889 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery,

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- Wheatland).
- vi. **GEORGE RIEDESEL** was born on May 22, 1889 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on August 24, 1889 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
 - 4. vii. **HERMAN FRIEDRICH RIEDESEL** was born on January 20, 1891 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on October 02, 1966 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Anna Christina Hamdorf, daughter of Christian Hamdorf and Anna Christine Lienan, on December 30, 1915 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. She was born on November 02, 1892 in Lost Nation, Clinton, Iowa. She died on February 12, 1988.
 - 5. viii. **MARTHA RIEDESEL** was born on June 21, 1899 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on October 02, 1967 (Lowden Cemetery). She married Herman Henry Debner on November 23, 1921 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on May 11, 1893 in Cedar County, Iowa. He died on February 13, 1986 in Clarence, Cedar, Iowa (Lowden Cemetery).
 - ix. **INFANT RIEDESEL**.

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- 2. **FRANK LOUIS² RIEDESEL** (Johann Heinrich¹) was born on June 14, 1877 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on April 14, 1949 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. He married Katherine Margaretha Peterson in 1910 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on March 10, 1878 in Holstein, Germany. She died in 1965 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa.

Notes for Frank Louis Riedesel:

Farmed at Wheatland from 1910 to 1917, then moved to Rochester, Iowa where he farmed into the mid-1940s. They retired in Tipton, Iowa.

Frank Louis Riedesel and Katherine Margaretha Peterson had the following child:

- i. **LEOTA CATHERINE³ RIEDESEL** was born on May 10, 1913 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on October 09, 2011 in West Liberty, Muscatine, Iowa. She married (1) **HERBERT RICHARDS** on March 07, 1931 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. He was born on September 07, 1908 in Wapsinonoc, Muscatine, Iowa. He died on August 22, 1938. She married (2) **PATRICK RAYMOND CONNER** on August 18, 1947. He was born on June 16, 1912 in Williamsburg, Iowa, Iowa. He died on September 07, 1957 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa.
- 3. **EMELIA² RIEDESEL** (Johann Heinrich¹) was born in July 1884 in Wheatland Clinton, Iowa. She died in 1958 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Christian Hamdorf on February 15, 1911 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on May 07, 1879 in Mözen, Segeberg, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. He died on October 19, 1962 in Massillon, Cedar, Iowa.

Notes for Emelia Riedesel:

Also referred to as Amelia or Millie.

Christian Hamdorf and Emelia Riedesel had the following children:

- i. **HARRY³ HAMDORF** was born on September 11, 1912 in Massillon, Cedar, Iowa. He died on July 10, 1971 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa.

Notes for Harry Hamdorf:

Christened Heinrich but known as Harry.

- ii. **FERN HAZEL HAMDORF** was born on April 19, 1916 in Massillon, Cedar, Iowa. She died on October 19, 1923 in Massillon, Cedar, Iowa.
- iii. **DORA HAMDORF** was born about 1923 in Massillon, Cedar, Iowa.

Notes for Dora Hamdorf:

She was alive in 1940.

- 4. **HERMAN FRIEDRICH² RIEDESEL** (Johann Heinrich¹) was born on January 20, 1891 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on October 02, 1966 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery,

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Wheatland). He married Anna Christina Hamdorf, daughter of Christian Hamdorf and Anna Christine Lienan, on December 30, 1915 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. She was born on November 02, 1892 in Lost Nation, Clinton, Iowa. She died on February 12, 1988.

Notes for Herman Friedrich Riedesel:

Known as Herman. Continued to farm the land originally belonging to his father.

Herman Friedrich Riedesel and Anna Christina Hamdorf had the following children:

- i. ESTHER EVELYN³ RIEDESEL was born on April 22, 1917 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on May 26, 2003 in Dade City, Pasco, Florida. She married Clarence McAllister on January 22, 1937 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He was born about 1916 in Nebraska.
- ii. ROGER KENNETH RIEDESEL was born on January 31, 1922 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on August 05, 2003 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Edna Schanze, daughter of Fred Schanze and Frances Gilmore, on October 19, 1946 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on September 10, 1920 in Grand Mound, Clinton, Iowa. She died on July 25, 2009 in Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, New Mexico.

Notes for Roger Kenneth Riedesel:

Farmed at Wheatland.

- iii. BETTY JANE RIEDESEL was born on September 03, 1924. She died on January 07, 2009. She married (1) RICHARD BALLILU on August 24, 1937 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He was born on March 30, 1919 in Fort Dodge, Webster, Iowa. He died on November 18, 1974 in Davenport, Santa Cruz, California. She married (2) LEONARD HANFORD PEDERSEN on June 10, 1983 in Cameron, Milam, Texas. He was born on March 25, 1923 in Calamus, Clinton, Iowa. He died on October 28, 2017 in Scottsdale, Maricopa, Arizona.
5. **MARTHA² RIEDESEL** (Johann Heinrich¹) was born on June 21, 1899 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on October 02, 1967 (Lowden Cemetery). She married Herman Henry Debner on November 23, 1921 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on May 11, 1893 in Cedar County, Iowa. He died on February 13, 1986 in Clarence, Cedar, Iowa (Lowden Cemetery).

Herman Henry Debner and Martha Riedesel had the following children:

- i. DILLON³ DEBNER was born on January 12, 1923 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on January 13, 1923 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
- ii. RAYMOND AUGUST DEBNER was born on August 22, 1926 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on May 08, 2004 in Clarence, Cedar, Iowa.
- iii. DONALD LEE DEBNER was born on May 05, 1928 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on June 16, 1993 in Clarence, Cedar, Iowa.
- iv. LAJANE MAE DEBNER was born on June 20, 1932 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on August 20, 2014.