

Kansas City Star, December 15, 1940

This notice puts to rest two uncertainties about Mr. Riedesel. Without question, he died in **1940** (as engraved on his grave marker) rather than **1941** (as recorded by the state of Missouri). Errors are made in carving tombstones and in official records, but this notice is the most contemporary with Mr. Riedesel's death and therefore the most trustworthy.

The state death record is also the source of another error in that it refers to him as "Philip **James**." All other records—including those from family members—call him "Philip **John**" or just Philip J.

The newspaper did not give the exact date of his death, but it December 13, 1940.

--Dr. Paul Riedesel

