

Descendants of Johann Friedrich Heinrich Riedesel

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1. **JOHANN FRIEDRICH HEINRICH¹ RIEDESEL** was born on June 15, 1883 in Paris, France. He died on December 17, 1945 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. He married Emma Margaret Jacobsen in 1905. She was born on August 20, 1885 in Schleswig. She died on October 10, 1965.

Notes for Johann Friedrich Heinrich Riedesel:

Known in the U.S. as John Henry. While his parents were definitely German, he was born in France. Prior to his emigration he was working in a factory near Frankfurt. About 1905, he married Emma Jacobsen who was a native of the Schleswig area in northern Germany. How they met or where they married I do not know.

On April 16, 1909 he arrived at the port of New York aboard the "President Grant" under the name "Johann"; he was bound for Woodward, Oklahoma. The Ellis Island records show some of the family returning on March 30, 1913 aboard the ship "Patricia" out of Cuxhaven, Hamburg. What is very curious is that the adult male of the party is listed as Peter; the age is not clear; the adult female was Emma, and there were sons Heinrich and Albert. John's brother Peter had also come to America. Did he also return to Europe, and then come with his brother's family in 1913?

In any case, the family of John and Emma settled in Oklahoma where five more children were born. Between 1923 and 1930 they moved to the Westfield, New York area where the family has remained. He had a dairy farm. He was naturalized in 1913. We have a photograph of him taken in Frankfurt which calls him "von Riedesel." That appellation is also known within his family. However, he was assuredly a commoner like most of us.

Johann Friedrich Heinrich Riedesel and Emma Margaret Jacobsen had the following children:

- i. **HENRY JOHN² RIEDESEL** was born on July 18, 1906 in Schleswig Holstein. He died on April 17, 2003 in Hastings, Cambria, Pennsylvania. He married Mary Marie Helbig, daughter of Philip Helbig and Zorah Lipscomb, on April 20, 1937. She was born on May 12, 1914 in Maryland. She died on December 06, 1990.

Notes for Mary Marie Helbig:

Her place of birth is given as Maryland in the 1940 Census.

- ii. **ALBERT PETER RIEDESEL** was born on November 01, 1910 in Berlin, Germany. He died on May 02, 1993 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York.

Notes for Albert Peter Riedesel:

Dairy farmer near Westfield, NY. Served in World War II.

- iii. **ANN MARGARET RIEDESEL** was born on July 31, 1912 in Munkbrarup, Germany. She died on May 26, 2017 in Tavares, Lake, Florida. She married Harold Frederick Morehouse on August 10, 1935 in Ripley, Chautauqua, New York. He was born on June 13, 1912 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. He died on March 19, 1974 in Volusia, Florida.

Notes for Ann Margaret Riedesel:

Munkbarup is in Schleswig-Holstein (near Denmark).

Did not come to the U.S. until September 29, 1922. She was on the ship "Reliance" out of Hamburg though her place of residence is listed as Schwerin, Germany. She was in the company of a 25 year-old aunt, Elise Hasse (or Hesse?). The actual relationship is not clear.

Apparently lived in Florida after her marriage.

- iv. **WILLIAM FRANK RIEDESEL** was born on November 12, 1915 in Selman, Oklahoma. He died on April 01, 2010 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. He married Marcia Thompson on January 30, 1953. She was born on July 09, 1911. She died

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in January 1990.

Notes for William Frank Riedesel:
Lived at Westfield, NY.

- v. HERMAN FREDERICK RIEDESEL was born on January 26, 1917 in Charleston, Oklahoma. He died on May 26, 2003 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. He married Beatrice Mae Hayner on June 18, 1945 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. She was born on July 16, 1922 in Ripley, Chautauqua, New York. She died on August 18, 2013 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York.

Notes for Herman Frederick Riedesel:
Vintner near Westfield, NY.

He was born Jan. 26, 1917, in Charleston, Okla., the son of John and Emma Jacobsen Riedesel.

He attended schools in the Oklahoma and in the Westfield area. He was a dairy and grape farmer for more than 50 years, retiring in 1998. He had also been employed by the former Standard Shops Inc, where he built forms for the boxes used to transport guided missiles. He was a member of the Lombard, the Westfield granges, LOGIC, a charter member of the National Grape Co-op, the Farm Bureau, and Dairylea Milk Producers Co-op. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield for more than 55 years.

He enjoyed gardening, bird watching, his family and spending his winters in Florida.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Beatrice Hayner Riedesel, whom he married June 18, 1945, in Westfield; two daughters: Wilma Benjamin of Westfield and Barbara Wetzel of Erie; two sons: Robert and Phillip, both of Ripley; six grandchildren: Stephen Riedesel of Ripley, James Riedesel of Dunkirk, Lisa Lanphere of Auburn, Ind., Karen, Catherine and John Riedesel, all of Westfield; a great-grandson; several stepgrandchildren and step great-grandchildren; a sister, Ann Morehouse of Eustes, Fla.; and two brothers: William and Walter Riedesel, both of Westfield.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister; and four brothers: Albert, Alfred, Arthur and Henry Riedesel.

- vi. WALTER GEORGE RIEDESEL was born on June 27, 1920 in Oklahoma. He died on December 24, 2013 in Westfield, Chautauqua, New York. He married Lola M. Reynolds on December 24, 1945. She was born on April 25, 1922 in Oil City, Pennsylvania. She died on July 30, 2016.

Notes for Walter George Riedesel:
Erie Times News Obituary:

Walter G. Riedesel, age 93, of Westfield, N.Y., died Tuesday, December 24, 2013 surrounded by his family on his 68th wedding anniversary.

Walter was born on June 27, 1920 in the Oklahoma panhandle, a son of the late John and Emma (Jacobsen) Riedesel.

At the age of six, his family relocated to Westfield, N.Y., traveling there in an open touring car purchased for the trip. This was the first of many cross country trips Walter would take. He attended school in a local one room country schoolhouse until leaving for the working world and General Electric.

In 1942, the U.S. Army offered him an all expenses paid tour of the South Pacific including the Philippine Islands, New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand. He

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served with a unit of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Second Engineer Amphibian Brigade, operating and manning the various landing barges during beach assaults as well as transporting men and supplies. At the end of WWII with Japan, he had attained the rank of Technical Sergeant. It was quite the experience for a rural farm boy, but one that he always insisted he would do again.

After the war, he returned to Westfield to marry his sweetheart, return to work at GE, and purchase a small grape farm, until he could purchase a larger grape farm and make his passion his career. He owned the same farm for 60 years, until his death. Although he leased the farm in his later years, he operated his favorite Massey Ferguson tractor through his 92nd year and watched over the operation of his farm until his passing. Walter enjoyed numerous cross country trips with his siblings and friends; his twenty plus years of wintering in Sebring, Fla., discussing national politics and religion and carpentry, at which he wasn't very good at.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Iola (Reynolds) Riedesel and their three children, George (Tracy) Riedesel of Millcreek Twp., Pa., Marian (Norman) Allen of Erie, Pa., and Donna Riedesel of Westfield, N.Y.

He is also survived by his older sister, Ann Morehouse (at 101) of Eustis, Fla.; his five grandchildren, Dr. Jeremy Riedesel of Westfield, Christopher Riedesel of Burbank, Calif., Jennifer Allen of Portland, Ore., Valerie Allen of Canton, Ga., and Jacob Allen of Erie, Pa.; and by his one great-granddaughter, Abigail Luella Miller of Portland, Ore. He survived and is survived by many nieces and nephews of whom he thought highly.

He was preceded in death by his six brothers and their wives, Henry (Mary), Albert, Herman (Beatrice), William (Marcia), Alfred (Isabel), and Arthur (Virginia).

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Fire Department of Westfield Memorial Fund, 23 Elm Street, or to the Patterson Library, 40 So. Portage Street, both in Westfield, NY 14787.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Mason Funeral Home, 37 Clinton St., Westfield, NY 14787.

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- vii. ALFRED FREDERICK RIEDESEL was born on December 17, 1921 in Selman Oklahoma. He died on October 31, 1979 in Chautauqua, Chautauqua, New York. He married Isabelle Elizabeth Culver on January 14, 1950. She was born on August 08, 1923 in Titusville, Crawford, Pennsylvania. She died on January 16, 2007 in Murphy, Cherokee, North Carolina.

Notes for Alfred Frederick Riedesel:
Grape and dairy farmer near Westfield, NY.

- viii. ARTHUR PAUL RIEDESEL was born on February 16, 1923 in Buffalo, Charleston, Oklahoma. He died on August 13, 1991 in Brocton, Chautauqua, New York. He married Virginia M. Haskin on February 10, 1944 in Ripley, Chautauqua, New York. She was born on January 28, 1928 in Maple Springs, Chautauqua, New York. She died on January 09, 2012 in Tavares, Lake County, Florida.

Notes for Arthur Paul Riedesel:
I believe they lived in Kansas City, MO, in 1936 where he was employed by Hanford Tri-State Airlines.