

Notes on Florentine Mörchen

Generation 1

1. **FLORENTINE¹ MÖRCHEN** was born on December 03, 1834 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 31, 1919 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johannes Riedesel, son of Georg Gabriel Riedesel and Elisabeth Amalia Knoche, on May 17, 1858 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on November 11, 1833 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 27, 1898 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Florentine Mörchen:

Born in the Wunderthausen Mill. Came to the U.S. on the Johann Schmidt out of Bremen, landing in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. By 1900, she and several of the children had relocated to a farm in Scott County.

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Used the name "John H." in America. Born in the house known as Schreiners or Grosse Ludwig's in Wunderthausen. Arrived October 25, 1854 in New Orleans on the ship "Auguste" from Bremen in the company of other Wunderthäuser. May have first settled in Iowa City but was in Wheatland by 1860. He initially farmed north of Wheatland in Section 3 of the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County (I think), but later records say the family had property south of town near Big Rock. Three of his (much younger) brothers also settled around Wheatland but it is difficult to tell how close they were.

Johannes Riedesel and Florentine Mörchen had the following children:

- i. **ELISABETH² RIEDESEL** was born on August 28, 1859 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on July 14, 1882 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- ii. **JOHN E. RIEDESEL** was born on May 23, 1861 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa. He died on September 19, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Emma Katherine Webbles, daughter of Georg Webbles and Christina Kramer, on December 07, 1893 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on February 18, 1867 in Lyons, Clinton, Iowa. She died on October 03, 1945 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for John E. Riedesel:

Worked as a carpenter most of his life. Served with Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department.

- iii. **FREDERICK RIEDESEL** was born on July 23, 1863 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on October 02, 1948 in Wheatland, Clinton County, Iowa, United States of America (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Frederick Riedesel:

He never married. By 1900 he farmed in the Liberty Township of Scott County with his sister, Mary, keeping house.

- iv. **CHRISTINA RIEDESEL** was born on August 05, 1865 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on March 02, 1949 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. She married John Roscoe Knabel, son of Johannes Knebel and Anna Elisabeth Bender, on January 11, 1894 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on February 26, 1870 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on August 04, 1947 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa.

Notes for Christina Riedesel:

Known as Tinnie.

Notes for John Roscoe Knabel:

The original German name was Knebel but he apparently took the Knabel spelling.

- v. **ANNA RIEDESEL** was born on May 24, 1867 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on November 21, 1938 in Donahue, Scott, Iowa. She married Edward Grell, son of Joachim Frederick Grell and Margarethe Sophie Blumer, on December 29, 1915 in Scott County, Iowa. He was born on March 07, 1863 in Dixon, Scott, Iowa. He died on November 05, 1938.

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- vi. MARY RIEDESEL was born on May 10, 1869 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on December 23, 1936 (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Mary Riedesel:

She never married but kept house on the farm operated by her brother Fred.

- vii. LISETTA SARAH RIEDESEL was born on December 10, 1871 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on February 06, 1958 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married William Hoffman on February 22, 1894 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on January 26, 1863. He died on July 08, 1943.

Notes for Lisetta Sarah Riedesel:

Often known as Sadie.

- viii. LENA LYDIA RIEDESEL was born on February 20, 1873 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on January 21, 1953 in Blairstown, Benton, Iowa. She married John Mathias Lang on August 02, 1911 in Blairstown, Benton, Iowa. He was born on November 04, 1884. He died on June 09, 1963.

- ix. LAURA F. RIEDESEL was born on August 05, 1875 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on May 05, 1970 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married John Beuthien on February 19, 1908 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. He was born on May 08, 1884 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on January 06, 1974 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Laura F. Riedesel:

Her middle name is often given as Flora but I suspect it started out as Florentine (her mother's given name). To my knowledge, baptismal records from St. Paul's church do not exist from this time.

- x. EMMA RIEDESEL was born on October 20, 1877 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on January 12, 1929 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She married Louis William Strackbein, son of Johann Ludwig Strackbein and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, on March 01, 1916 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. He was born on December 12, 1879 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on February 21, 1955 in Blue Grass, Scott, Iowa.