

Notes on Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter

Generation 1

1. **WILHELMINE ELISABETH¹ PETER** was born on March 06, 1842 in Diedenshausen. She died on June 29, 1909 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Georg Ludwig Riedesel, son of Gabriel Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Müsse, on February 25, 1866 in Diedenshausen. He was born on January 07, 1840 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 01, 1913 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter:

Known as Katherine. Other sources give her year of birth as 1838, but that is in error. She was born in Wagners Haus, Diedenshausen. Apparently, she and her husband lived in Diedenshausen before going to America. Came on the ship Humboldt with her family, which traveled from Bremen to New York and landed on May 27, 1867. Her obituary says she bore 14 children, three of whom preceded her in death. The 14th was probably an infant whose name has not come down to us.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:

Known as Louis C. and as "Charley" in the U.S. though his obituary in the Wheatland Gazette calls him "Ludwig Carl." Born in Bergmanns/Gabels Haus in Wunderthausen where he was baptised as "Georg Ludwig." The family story is that he was a soldier in the Franco-Prussian war, but that is not possible as he emigrated in 1867 and that war took place 1870-1871. He presumably participated in the "Danish" war of 1863-64 and/or the Austro-Prussian war of 1866. He belonged to a German veterans association in nearby Lowden, Iowa. Came to America on the ship Humboldt, which traveled from Bremen to New York and landed on May 27, 1867.

They lived in Cedar County near Lowden, which is close to Big Rock as well. He eventually owned at least 160 acres in Section 24 of the Springfield Township (Cedar County). Their son Ernest continued to farm this land, followed by Ernest's sons Ernest and Harold. The farm itself was known locally as the Cambridge farm and they were referred to as the "Cambridge Riedesels."

Georg Ludwig Riedesel and Wilhelmine Elisabeth Peter had the following children:

- i. **FRIEDRICH² RIEDESEL** was born on June 04, 1861 in Diedenshausen. He died on May 28, 1910 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Christina Horstmann, daughter of Johann Horstmann and Lisetta Meier, on April 15, 1891 in Scott, Iowa, USA. She was born on October 02, 1870 in Hamburg, Germany. She died on December 08, 1958 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa.

Notes for Friedrich Riedesel:

Known as Frederick in the U.S. He was born in Wagners house in Diedenshausen where his parents were apparently living at the time--or was it just his mother? However, his father had owned the house Gabels (or Bergmanns) in Wunderthausen. Came to the U.S. with his parents on the ship "Humboldt" out of Bremen arriving in New York on May 27, 1867. He was active in a fraternal organization known as the Modern Woodmen of America (Springtown Camp No. 24). Naturalized as a citizen in 1889 in Scott County. In 1900 he was living in the Spring Rock Township and employed as a railroad section laborer.

Notes for Christina Horstmann:

Came to the US in about 1889 with her uncle, Henry Horstmann. She lived with her uncle at Toronto, Iowa, until her marriage to Friedrich Riedesel. Worked as a telephone operator in Bennett for 27 years following her husband's death.

- ii. **GEORGE LAWRENCE RIEDESEL** was born on September 12, 1867 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on October 27, 1916 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa (St. Patrick's Cemetery, Dixon). He married Emma Franey, daughter of James Franey, on April 09, 1890 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She was born on June 17, 1869 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She died on December 25, 1935 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (St. Patrick's Cemetery, Dixon).

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- iii. AUGUST JOHN RIEDESEL was born on August 12, 1869 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 13, 1941 in Liberty, Scott, Iowa, USA (Dixon Cemetery). He married Edna Sophia Shaw on February 17, 1897 in Scott County, Iowa. She was born in 1873 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She died before 1930 (Dixon Cemetery).

Notes for August John Riedesel:

Grave is unmarked, but he and Edna are interred next to the Vilmont family.

- iv. LOUISE RIEDESEL was born on November 14, 1870 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She died on August 26, 1949 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She married EDWARD G. MCCLELLAN. He died before 1900.

Notes for Edward G. McClellan:

Deserted family after birth of son.

- v. KATHRYN RIEDESEL was born on July 28, 1872 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She died on July 15, 1953 in Turner, Turner, South Dakota. She married Frederick E Hansen on August 24, 1893. He was born on August 26, 1870 in Kendall County, Illinois. He died on November 29, 1943 in Centerville, Faulk, South Dakota.

- vi. LOUIS CHARLES RIEDESEL JR. was born on May 04, 1874 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on September 26, 1957 in St Joseph, Andrew, Missouri (Ashland Cemetery, St. Joseph). He married (1) EMMA MARIE MEYERS, daughter of John Meyers, about 1905. She was born on January 11, 1887 in Black Hawk County, Iowa. She died on January 10, 1952 in St Joseph, Andrew, Missouri (Ashland Cemetery, St. Joseph). He married (2) MARION REBECCA HAZELTON. She was born on March 29, 1877. She died on March 09, 1905 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Louis Charles Riedesel Jr.:

Known as Louis Jr. Lived at Big Rock, Iowa, but moved on to St. Joseph, Missouri. Gave his age as 53 in the 1930 Census which is off by several years. He worked then as a greenskeeper for a private family. They were living in the St. Joseph township of Buchanan County.

Friday, 27 Sep 1957 St. Joseph Gazette:

Louis Riedesel, 1413 South 13th Street, died at a hospital here last night. He was 83. The body is at the Meierhoffer-Fleeman Funeral Home, where services will be held at 1:30. Dr. B. V. Powell will officiate and interment will be in Ashland Cemetery. Mr. Riedesel, a retired farmer, was born in Lowden, Iowa, and had lived in St. Joseph 40 years. He was a member of the Methodist Church. Survivors are four sons, Raymond and Lawrence Riedesel, Denver, Colo., and Frank and George Riedesel, St. Joseph; three daughters, Mrs. Katherine Timm, Kansas City, Kan.; Mrs. Mabel Novak, Denver, and Mrs. Alice Dynes, St. Joseph; a sister, Mrs. Louise McLaughlin, Chicago; a brother, Ernest Riedesel, Benton, Iowa; 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Notes for Marion Rebecca Hazelton:

Known as Rebecca.

- vii. EMMA RIEDESEL was born on February 02, 1878 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She died on September 08, 1942 (Holstein Cemetery, Ida County IA). She married GEORGE AGNEW. He was born on February 03, 1866. He died on May 03, 1948 (Holstein Cemetery, Ida County IA).
- viii. ERNEST RIEDESEL was born on May 08, 1879 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on April 27, 1958 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (Inland Cemetery, Cedar County). He married Marie Jess on February 21, 1906. She was born on September 12, 1882 in Mecklenburg, Germany. She died on January 25, 1976 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa (Inland Cemetery, Cedar County).

Notes for Ernest Riedesel:

Took over the family farm.

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- ix. JULIUS RIEDESEL was born on February 02, 1881 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on May 04, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- x. RUDOLPH RIEDESEL was born on May 12, 1882 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on May 09, 1956 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa (Inland Cemetery, Cedar County). He married Anna Hagge, daughter of George Hagge and Lena Rasch, on February 16, 1910. She was born on May 14, 1891 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa. She died on July 17, 1980 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa (Inland Cemetery, Cedar County).
- xi. WILHELMINE FLORENTINE RIEDESEL was born on June 23, 1885 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She died on January 05, 1946 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Dedrick John Schepers, son of William Schepers and Christina Tebbe, on September 23, 1908 in Cedar County, Iowa. He was born on February 18, 1866. He died on June 04, 1944.
- xii. HERMAN RIEDESEL was born on July 27, 1887 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on May 01, 1942 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Herman Riedesel:

In 1930 he was living in Chicago with a family that included his sister, Louise (Riedesel) and her son Edward McClellan and family. No occupation is given for Herman, also known as Henry.

- xiii. WALTER RIEDESEL was born in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa.