

Ancestors of John Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **John Riedesel**, son of Charles Riedesel and Carolina Holtfrieder, was born in 1844 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He died on December 03, 1924 in Cook County, Illinois. He married **Dorothea Roast** on October 02, 1872 in Kane County, Illinois. She was born in March 1851 in Berlin, Germany. She died on June 02, 1926 in Kane County, Illinois (Dundee Township Cemetery West).

Notes for John Riedesel:

As of 1880, he was working as tailor and they lived in the city of Chicago. By 1900 they were divorced and Dora/Dorothea was living back in Kane County.

Notes for Dorothea Roast:

Living in rented quarters with her three younger daughters as of 1900. She was divorced and working as a dressmaker. One other child was living (presumably Martha), but she had borne three others who were not then alive. She immigrated in 1862.

The state record of her death states that her father was "Boost Abel." The first name is unlikely but the clear implication is that she was born an Abel, with Roast being an earlier married name.

Generation 2

2. **Charles Riedesel**, son of Unknown Pomeranian Riedesel, was born about 1819 in Glewitz Rügen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He died in 1896. He married **Carolina Holtfrieder**.
3. **Carolina Holtfrieder** was born in 1823. She died in 1873.

Notes for Charles Riedesel:

Living in Chicago in 1880 with the three children and no wife listed. The Census had his name as "Riedseal" but the names of two children correspond to Riedesels whose marriages are recorded with the Riedesel spelling and consistent ages. The 1920 Census records appears to show 1873 as the year of emigration for the son Theodore. The fact that one daughter is named Friedrika suggests that they may be kin to the Friedrich Riedesels who lived to the west in Kane County.

It is purely a guess on my part that John was a son of this marriage, rather than of Friedrich in Kane County. And I am only speculating that he was a brother to Friedrich and Sophia Riedesel.

Carolina Holtfrieder and Charles Riedesel had the following children:

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 - ii. Friedrika Riedesel was born about 1859 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. She died on December 19, 1952 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She married Heinrich Mahnke on December 28, 1884 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He was born in February 1844 in Germany. He died before 1920.

Notes for Friedrika Riedesel:

Her year of immigration given in the 1900 Census was 1873, matching that of brother Charles. She lived with her elder son and his family as a widow.

Notes for Heinrich Mahnke:

The spelling of his last name is not clear on the marriage certificate, so Mahnke could be wrong.

- iii. Theodore Rietesel was born in February 1863 in Stralsund, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He died in 1951 (Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park). He married Amalia Gimble on July 18, 1885 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She was born on April 07, 1866 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on November 06, 1941 in Crystal

Lake, McHenry, Illinois.

Notes for Theodore Rietesel:

Immigrated in 1873. Family members are identified in the 1900 Census (Chicago). The preferred spelling of his family name is not certain--or changed. Some sources give his place of birth as Sommerfeld in the state of Brandenburg.

Notes for Amalia Gimble:

Known as Molly.

- iv. Maddie Riedesel was born about 1866.

Notes for Maddie Riedesel:

"Maddie" is certainly a nickname, but I am not sure for what.

Generation 3

4. **Unknown Pomeranian Riedesel** was born about 1795.

Unknown Pomeranian Riedesel had the following children:

- i. Friedrich Riedesel was born in 1816 in Glewitz Rügen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He died between 1880-1900 in Kane County, Illinois. He married Maria Reimer. She was born about 1813 in Nossendorf, Demmin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. She died in East Dundee, Kane, Illinois.

Notes for Friedrich Riedesel:

This Friedrich Riedesel was born around 1816 near the city of Stralsund in western Pomerania (Vorpommern). One secondary source pinpoints his birthplace as Glewitz (a village near Stralsund); there are other references to a place called Campe/Camper/Kamper which is at best a wide spot in the road. Local church records are spotty and have not been recorded by the LDS. We do know that the family name existed in this area by the 1500s and that the spelling varied between Riedesel and Rietesel. I have found no birth record for him so do not know any of his ancestry.

An 1863 passenger list (Hamburg to Quebec) lists this family with children Caroline 23, Sophie 14, Wilhelm 9, and Marie 5. The ship was the 'Main' out of Hamburg departing on May 2, 1863. This record gives his former residence as "Camper" which was a tiny place close to the tiny place of Nehringen. The oldest daughter, Johanna, was not on this ship but is probably the "Anna" in an 1870 Census record. The ship was the "Main" and left Hamburg on May 2, 1863.

Like many other emigrants from the Stralsund area, they settled in Dundee, Kane County, Illinois west of Chicago. Who they already knew there, we don't know, but it is a safe bet that they were part of a chain migration. Both Friedrich and Marie disappear from public records I have between 1880 and 1900. Secondary sources I have seen give her place of birth as Nossendorf/Demmin, also in western Pomerania. I have the names of five children but more were likely.

Notes for Maria Reimer:

Known as Mary. Came to Quebec on the ship Main out of Hamburg. It left May 2, 1863.

2. ii. Charles Riedesel was born about 1819 in Glewitz Rügen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. He died in 1896. He married Carolina Holtfrieder. She was born in 1823. She died in 1873.
- iii. Sophia Riedesel was born in October 1819 in Glewitz Rügen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. She died on January 30, 1905 in Elgin, Kane, Illinois. She married Friedrich Reimer about 1842. He was born in October 1818 in Nossendorf, Demmin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. He died in Probably Kane County, Illinois.

Notes for Sophia Riedesel:

She gave birth to five children. All were dead by 1900.

Notes for Friedrich Reimer:

Known as Fritz. Lived in the Elgin Township of Kane County. They were here in time for the 1880 Census though it is likely they were the couple of Friedrich and Sophie Reimer that left Hamburg aboard the Suevia on April 14, 1880, bound for New York. Their place of residence was given as Sülz in Pomerania. With them was a 9-month (!) old Emma Reimer--not their own child, certainly.