

## Descendants of Friedrich Riedesel

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### Generation 1

1. **FRIEDRICH<sup>1</sup> 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 Wunderhausen. 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.

Friedrich Riedesel and Christina Horstmann had the following children:

2. i. **ARTHUR HENRY<sup>2</sup> RIEDESEL** was born on April 11, 1892 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa. He died on February 17, 1980 in San Juan, Bexar, Texas. He married Alma E. Reinking on July 06, 1920. She was born on September 11, 1894 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. She died on October 02, 1987 in Hennepin, Minnesota.
3. ii. **HARRY WILLIAM RIEDESEL** was born on June 26, 1893 in Cedar County, Iowa. He died on April 06, 1959. He married Alma Rix on March 08, 1916. She was born on March 04, 1892 in Cedar County, Iowa. She died on January 11, 1974.
4. iii. **EDNA EMMA RIEDESEL** was born on July 16, 1894 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She died on June 15, 1961 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa (Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Lowden). She married Walter Herman Meyer on December 06, 1916 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa. He was born on October 30, 1895 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. He died on January 05, 1936 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa.
5. iv. **LUCY MARIA RIEDESEL** was born on August 18, 1896 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She died on October 18, 1998. She married Henry Plate in 1918. He was born in 1889. He died after 1932.
5. v. **WALTER RIEDESEL** was born about March 1901 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on April 01, 1901 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
6. vi. **RALPH EMERSON RIEDESEL** was born on September 05, 1902 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died in November 1986 in Bettendorf, Scott, Iowa. He married Gertrude Geu, daughter of Heinrich Frederick Johann Christian Geu and Bertha Schrank, on February 24, 1927 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She was born on December 25, 1904 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She died on November 20, 1974 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa.
7. vii. **FRANCIS CLARK RIEDESEL** was born on December 13, 1907 in Inland, Cedar, Iowa, USA. He died in June 1953 in Monona, Clayton, Iowa. He married Dorothy Franco in 1929. She was born on June 16, 1909 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa. She died in 1993.

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### Generation 2

2. **ARTHUR HENRY<sup>2</sup> RIEDESEL** (Friedrich<sup>1</sup>) was born on April 11, 1892 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa. He died on February 17, 1980 in San Juan, Bexar, Texas. He married Alma E. Reinking on July 06, 1920. She was born on September 11, 1894 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. She died on October 02, 1987 in Hennepin, Minnesota.

Notes for Arthur Henry Riedesel:

Baptized Arthur Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel on 10/18/1896 back in Wheatland by the Rev. Charles

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Riedesel. Served in World War II and was in business in Monona, Iowa. Lived in Iowa City in 1936.

Arthur Henry Riedesel and Alma E. Reinking had the following child:

- i. HARLAN RALPH<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL was born on October 06, 1921 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa. He married Mary Lucille Gibson, daughter of Harold Monroe Gibson and Mary Blanche ??, on May 18, 1946 in Jackson, Missouri. She was born on March 13, 1924 in Odessa, Lafayette, Missouri. She died on March 11, 2019 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota.
3. **HARRY WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> RIEDESEL** (Friedrich<sup>1</sup>) was born on June 26, 1893 in Cedar County, Iowa. He died on April 06, 1959. He married Alma Rix on March 08, 1916. She was born on March 04, 1892 in Cedar County, Iowa. She died on January 11, 1974.

Notes for Harry William Riedesel:

Baptized Harry Wilhelm Ludwig Riedesel back in Wheatland by the Rev. Charles Riedesel on 10/18/1896. Elected to Greater Springfield Bowling Hall of Fame. In 1930 he was a factory salesman living in Springfield, IL.

Harry William Riedesel and Alma Rix had the following children:

- i. VIOLET CHRISTINE<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL was born on October 08, 1919 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa. She died on August 24, 2002 in Springfield, Sangamon, Illinois. She married Bobby Gerald Boring on October 08, 1950 in Springfield, Sangamon, Illinois.

Notes for Violet Christine Riedesel:

Worked for the Illinois Department of Revenue.

- ii. NORMAN DIETRICH RIEDESEL was born on January 06, 1922 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa. He died on May 16, 2002 in Springfield, Sangamon, Illinois. He married Joanne Bessen on June 03, 1950 in Springfield, Sangamon, Illinois. She was born on November 08, 1929 in Prairie du Rocher, Randolph, Illinois.

Notes for Norman Dietrich Riedesel:

Attended University of Illinois, served in the U.S. Marine Corps on Guadalcanal and later in Korea. Employed by Monroe Systems for Business until 1985 when he retired. Active of the Elks, Methodist Church, and American Legion. Known as Norman R.

- iii. MARJORIE NAOMI RIEDESEL was born on January 15, 1924 in Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa. She died on August 30, 2008. She married THEODRICK CARTER BENNETT. He was born on October 19, 1911. He died on December 23, 1995.

4. **EDNA EMMA<sup>2</sup> RIEDESEL** (Friedrich<sup>1</sup>) was born on July 16, 1894 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She died on June 15, 1961 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa (Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Lowden). She married Walter Herman Meyer on December 06, 1916 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa. He was born on October 30, 1895 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. He died on January 05, 1936 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa.

Notes for Edna Emma Riedesel:

Baptized Lucy Maria Katharicia Riedesel back in Wheatland by the Rev. Charles Riedesel on 10/18/1896.

Walter Herman Meyer and Edna Emma Riedesel had the following children:

- i. ELMER<sup>3</sup> MEYER was born on April 29, 1918 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. He died on August 26, 1995 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa.
  - ii. LEONARD ERNEST MEYER was born on March 03, 1921 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. He died on January 25, 2003 in Stanwood, Cedar, Iowa.
  - iii. KENNETH MEYER.
5. **LUCY MARIA<sup>2</sup> RIEDESEL** (Friedrich<sup>1</sup>) was born on August 18, 1896 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She died on October 18, 1998. She married Henry Plate in 1918. He was born in 1889. He died after 1932.

Henry Plate and Lucy Maria Riedesel had the following children:

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- i. WILMER<sup>3</sup> PLATE was born in 1919.
- ii. FRANCIS HERMAN PLATE was born in 1922. He died in 1942.  
  
Notes for Francis Herman Plate:  
Killed in World War II.
- iii. ELEANOR PLATE was born in 1925. She died in 1929.
- iv. HENRY FRED PLATE was born in 1932. He died in 1969.

6. **RALPH EMERSON<sup>2</sup> RIEDESEL** (Friedrich<sup>1</sup>) was born on September 05, 1902 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died in November 1986 in Bettendorf, Scott, Iowa. He married Gertrude Geu, daughter of Heinrich Frederick Johann Christian Geu and Bertha Schrank, on February 24, 1927 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She was born on December 25, 1904 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She died on November 20, 1974 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa.

Ralph Emerson Riedesel and Gertrude Geu had the following children:

- i. RALPH HENRY<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL was born on July 14, 1927 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa. He died on July 12, 1991. He married Carol Decker on April 27, 1959. She was born on December 30, 1935 in Syracuse, Onondaga, New York.

Notes for Ralph Henry Riedesel:

Educated at Augustana College, the University of Iowa, and the Chicago Lutheran Seminary. Served as a Lutheran minister.

- ii. GERALDINE RUTH RIEDESEL was born on November 03, 1928 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She died on July 24, 2014 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She married Charles Schafer on February 24, 1948.
- iii. LOIS EILEEN RIEDESEL was born on January 29, 1931. She married Zane Schafer on September 06, 1958.
- iv. ROBERT GLEN RIEDESEL was born on August 07, 1932 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He died on March 05, 2002 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He married Norma Jean Melson, daughter of Foster Melson and Helen Flint, on September 06, 1958. She was born on January 25, 1932 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. She died on February 08, 2001 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa.
- v. KENNETH EDWARD RIEDESEL was born on July 28, 1934 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He died on October 29, 2016 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He married Janet Marie Pier Sitton on May 21, 1962. She was born on January 30, 1939 in Washington, District of Columbia.

7. **FRANCIS CLARK<sup>2</sup> RIEDESEL** (Friedrich<sup>1</sup>) was born on December 13, 1907 in Inland, Cedar, Iowa, USA. He died in June 1953 in Monona, Clayton, Iowa. He married Dorothy Franco in 1929. She was born on June 16, 1909 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa. She died in 1993.

Francis Clark Riedesel and Dorothy Franco had the following children:

- i. CLARK ALAN<sup>3</sup> RIEDESEL was born on July 21, 1930 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He married Ardeth Scott on August 18, 1951 in Nebraska. She was born on June 09, 1930 in Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska.

Notes for Clark Alan Riedesel:

Known as Alan. Received his PhD from the University of Iowa. Served on the faculty of the State University of New York-Buffalo. Was a founding member of the Research Council on Learning Mathematics.

- ii. NANCY RIEDESEL was born on January 19, 1935 in Denver, Bremer, Iowa.