

Descendants of Anna Catherine Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **ANNA CATHERINE¹ RIEDESEL** was born on April 22, 1815 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 11, 1909 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery, Warren County, NJ). She married Johann Georg Riedesel, son of Johann Franz Riedesel and Anna Margarete Fuchs, in 1837. He was born on November 13, 1810 in Wunderthausen. He died on May 31, 1894 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery, Warren County, NJ).

Notes for Anna Catherine Riedesel:

Born in Wetzels house in Wunderthausen. Married her husband in Germany in 1837 and came to America that year, according to family records. The 1900 Census gives her name as "Riddle." In other sources it is listed as Radle.

She appears to have been known as Mary Catherine.

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Born in Seimes/Weißkopf Haus in Wunderthausen but went to America in 1837, reportedly after being discharged from military service in 1834. He and Catherine were married in Germany in 1837, but not in the Girkhausen parish of which their native Wunderthausen was a part. They went to America and settled at Oxford, New Jersey (now Hazen) in 1837; the name of their ship or exact travel dates are not known. Much of the information about the family is taken from a family Bible that was transcribed by a descendant.

At least by the children's generation, they had settled on the name of "Riddle" though there are references to other variations. Known as George--sometimes Ritesel, sometimes Radle, sometimes Riddle. A transcription of the New Jersey death record lists him as "J. George Riddle." That source gives his year of death as 1893. His grave marker says 1884. Other family trees say 1894 which I am accepting for now but any of the dates is possible.

Johann Georg Riedesel and Anna Catherine Riedesel had the following children:

- i. **CATHERINE R.² RIDDLE** was born on May 09, 1838 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. She died on August 08, 1917 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery).

Notes for Catherine R. Riddle:

She never married. Unfortunately, she is often confused with the second wife of Georg Ludwig Riedesel (aka Ludwig Riddle, born in 1817) whose first name was also Catherine but whose last name is unknown. Catherine Riddle never married. There is a large monument to her in the Hazen Cemetery which is, again unfortunately, sometimes attributed to the other Catherine. The latter appears to have died by 1885.

- ii. **MARGARET RIDDLE** was born on July 18, 1839 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. She died in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery).

Notes for Margaret Riddle:

Died as a child, date not known.

- iii. **GEORGE C. RIDDLE** was born on June 28, 1841 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. He died on April 30, 1923 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery). He married Mary Arrilla Pittenger on November 14, 1878 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. She was born on April 03, 1856 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. She died in 1938 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery).

Notes for George C. Riddle:

Fought with Company D, 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers in the Civil War.

Notes for Mary Arrilla Pittenger:

She had a total of eight children. Two were deceased by 1900, and I lack the name of another. The Census enumerator called them "Riddle" in 1900.

- iv. **LOUISA S. RIDDLE** was born on June 19, 1843 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. She died on August 26, 1924 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery, Warren County, NJ). She married Cornelius Pittenger Brokaw in 1864. He was

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born on November 18, 1840 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. He died in 1912 in New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery, Warren County, NJ).

- v. CHRISTIAN RIDDLE was born on September 13, 1845 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. He died after 1850 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey.

Notes for Christian Riddle:

The family Bible transcription lists this child as "Christana", but the 1850 Census says he was a boy. He died as a child.

- vi. PHILIP RIDDLE was born on September 10, 1847 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. He died in 1917 (Hillside Cemetery, Oxford). He married Tamson Baylor on May 11, 1872 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. She was born in 1850 in New Jersey. She died in 1915 (Hillside Cemetery, Oxford).

Notes for Philip Riddle:

He used the name "Radel" or "Radle."

Notes for Tamson Baylor:

Bore four children by 1910, one of whom was not living.

- vii. LEWIS RIDDLE was born on February 28, 1850 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. He died on December 29, 1928 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery). He married Martha Spangenburg on February 10, 1875 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. She was born on March 06, 1858. She died on May 29, 1907 (Hazen Cemetery).

Notes for Lewis Riddle:

Also spelled Lewis. There are discrepancies in records of his birth and death dates. I am going by his grave marker.

- viii. MARY ELIZABETH RIDDLE was born on January 06, 1855 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. She died on January 13, 1940 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery, Warren County, NJ). She married John Eckmeter on August 31, 1881. He was born in April 1858 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey. He died in 1923 in Oxford, Warren, New Jersey (Hazen Cemetery, Warren County, NJ).

Notes for Mary Elizabeth Riddle:

She was the one who transcribed the family Bible in 1935. The latter may have been written in German. Her birth record in New Jersey says "Radle." According to the 1900 Census she had borne two children but neither was alive.

Notes for John Eckmeter:

A superintendent at the Oxford Iron Mines for many years.