

Descendants of Johann Georg Riedesel

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1. **JOHANN GEORG¹ RIEDESEL** was born on December 05, 1842 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Katherine Riedesel, daughter of Johann Georg Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Dickel, on November 24, 1872 in Wunderthausen. She was born on September 22, 1854 in Rüsselsbach. She died on April 11, 1908 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Johann Georg Riedesel:

Known as George J. in this country. Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. He and most of the family came to America on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. The property he had in Germany was not insubstantial by village standards and he had a good-sized farm in Section 26 of the Spring Rock Township. They were the last of the Wunderthäuser to come to the Wheatland area. His younger brothers Henry and Fred had already settled in America though not around Wheatland.

Notes for Katherine Riedesel:

She was born in the single house at Rüsselsbach near Wunderthausen. Came to America on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. Clinton County Register of Deaths gives her name as Katrina Riedesel. Her tombstone is erroneously engraved with 1909 as the year of death.

Johann Georg Riedesel and Katherine Riedesel had the following children:

- i. **GEORG WILHELM² RIEDESEL** was born on August 22, 1874 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 22, 1877 in Wunderthausen.
 - ii. **CATHERINE LUISE RIEDESEL** was born on March 26, 1876 in Wunderthausen. She died on February 04, 1933 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
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 - iii. **EMILIE LISETTE RIEDESEL** was born on January 24, 1879 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 12, 1963 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Georg Ludwig Kroh, son of Heinrich Kroh and Anna Elisabeth Knebel, on April 01, 1900 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 28, 1863 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 03, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
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 - iv. **LUISE RIEDESEL** was born on July 17, 1881 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 12, 1937 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married John Conrad Strackbein, son of Johann Ludwig Strackbein and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, on December 05, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on November 09, 1872 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 25, 1968 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
 - v. **GEORG LUDWIG RIEDESEL** was born on September 19, 1883 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 19, 1931 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Anna Wilhelmine Fox, daughter of Heinrich Friedrich Fuchs and Maria Katherine Homrighausen, on February 27, 1912 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on March 03, 1891 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on March 15, 1991 in Maquoketa, Jackson, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. There were no children to the marriage. His death was a suicide.

Notes for Anna Wilhelmine Fox:

Served as a housekeeper to "Doc" (Elmer Vinton) Riedesel. Known as Minnie.

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4. vi. HERMINE ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL was born on December 02, 1885 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 23, 1952 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Frank Henry Strackbein, son of Johann Ludwig Strackbein and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, on April 28, 1909 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on October 24, 1883 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on May 14, 1974 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
- vii. LUDWIG HEINRICH RIEDESEL was born on March 21, 1888 in Wunderthausen. He died on April 08, 1958 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Evelyn K. Jenkins, daughter of John L. Jenkins, on June 19, 1928 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa. She was born about 1904 in Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky. She died in January 1979.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906.

Known as Louis H. or "Irish." By 1930 he was working as an auto mechanic in Rock Island, IL. The 1930 Census is the first indication I have that he was ever married. The Census shows a 7-year old step-daughter named Mary who was born in Iowa.

5. viii. FRIEDRICH HEINRICH RIEDESEL was born on December 17, 1889 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 09, 1977 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Ethel Mae Diller, daughter of Willis Edgar Diller and Dellia L Warnstaff, on April 08, 1931 in Davenport, Iowa, USA. She was born on December 18, 1903 in Iowa. She died on June 15, 1962 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
6. ix. EMMA C. RIEDESEL was born on April 27, 1891 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 14, 1986 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Albert Fred Strackbein, son of Johann Ludwig Strackbein and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, on February 28, 1913 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on October 21, 1886 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on January 15, 1958 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
7. x. HEINRICH GUSTAV RIEDESEL was born on September 16, 1893 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 27, 1959 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Emma Wilhelmine Mildred Wolfe, daughter of Friedrich Wolfe and Dorothea W Kasper, on December 17, 1918 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on August 30, 1900 in Shatoper Tp Iowa, USA. She died on May 28, 1979 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa.
- xi. HEINRICH ADOLPH RIEDESEL was born on July 11, 1895 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 14, 1973 in De Witt, Clinton, Iowa. He married (1) ELSIE VIOLA OTT, daughter of George Ott and Lisetta Riedesel, on January 29, 1920 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on June 24, 1900 in Smithtown, Iowa. She died on November 27, 1959 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married (2) ANNA WIECK on July 10, 1965.

Notes for Heinrich Adolph Riedesel:

Born in Weymer Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. No children from either marriage. He was naturalized in Scott County in 1928. He farmed near Wheatland and later owned a farm implement business.

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2. **EMILIE LISETTE² RIEDESEL** (Johann Georg¹) was born on January 24, 1879 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 12, 1963 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Georg Ludwig Kroh, son of Heinrich Kroh and Anna Elisabeth Knebel, on April 01, 1900 in Wunderthausen. He was born on October 28, 1863 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 03, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Emilie Lisette Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen. Her husband, Georg Ludwig Kroh, had gone to

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Wheatland years before, been married and widowed, and returned to Wunderthausen. They had one child in Germany before returning to America and Wheatland.

They came to America on ship Bremen out of Bremen, landing in New York on September 24, 1902. She was known by her middle name, often spelled Lisetta. Her given first name is spelled variously in different sources. However, the church record from Wunderthausen says 'Emilie' which is proper German spelling as is 'Lisette.'

Notes for Georg Ludwig Kroh:

Known as George. Born in Schwarze Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to the U.S. on the ship Salier out of Bremen, arriving in New York on October 4, 1881. He lived first at Paola, Kansas, before going to Wheatland. He worked at the L.H. Homrighausen rolling mill, and played in the town band. He then farmed and built houses. Following the death of his first wife--the daughter of Wunderthausen emigrants--he returned to Germany. There he married Lisette Riedesel and they came back to Wheatland to live. This trip was on the ship Bremen out of Bremen, landing in New York on September 24, 1902. The rest of her family followed four years later.

His first farm was in Section 20, his second in Section 19 of the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County.

Georg Ludwig Kroh and Emilie Lisette Riedesel had the following children:

- i. ERNA AUGUSTA³ KROH was born on May 05, 1901 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 09, 1990 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (Davenport Memorial Park). She married (1) FERDINAND JACOB KELTING, son of Wilhelm Kelting and Laura Katherine Schneider, on November 13, 1919 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He was born on July 17, 1898 in Clinton, Iowa. He died on February 06, 1933 in Clinton County, Iowa, USA. She married (2) MAURICE C. WERLING in 1945. He was born on August 07, 1913 in Iowa. He died in October 1983 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (Davenport Memorial Park).

Notes for Erna Augusta Kroh:

Came to America at the age of one on the ship Bremen out of Bremen, landing in New York on September 24, 1902. Worked as a baker after being widowed. I do not have a date for her second marriage.

Notes for Maurice C. Werling:

Known as Ted.

- ii. HENRY J. KROH was born on December 26, 1902 in Spring Rock Township, Clinton, Iowa. He died on September 13, 1965 (Pine Hill Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Ursa Stoecker on February 15, 1930. She was born on August 11, 1908.
- iii. FRIEDRICH KROH was born on July 16, 1904 in Spring Rock Township, Clinton, Iowa. He died in 1905 in Spring Rock Township, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Friedrich Kroh:

Twin to Freda, died young.

- iv. FRIEDA CATHERINE KROH was born on July 16, 1904 in Spring Rock Township, Clinton, Iowa. She died on April 20, 1987 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa. She married Hugo Henry Gehrls on January 24, 1930. He was born on March 28, 1898 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. He died on December 25, 1989 in Clarence, Cedar, Iowa.

Notes for Frieda Catherine Kroh:

Twin to Fred.

- v. EITEL FRIEDRICH GEORGE KROH was born on March 05, 1907 in Spring Rock Township, Clinton, Iowa. He died on January 10, 1985 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Ruby Edna Fox, daughter of Henry Fox and Lillie Laschanky, on February 26, 1936 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on February 06,

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1914 in Iowa. She died on August 04, 2000 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Eitel Friedrich George Kroh:

Went by the name of Fred after his younger brother (a Twin) named Fred died. I don't know where the "Eitel" or "Idell" came from.

3. **LUISE² RIEDESEL** (Johann Georg¹) was born on July 17, 1881 in Wunderthausen. She died on December 12, 1937 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married John Conrad Strackbein, son of Johann Ludwig Strackbein and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, on December 05, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on November 09, 1872 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 25, 1968 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Luise Riedesel:

Preceded parents and other siblings to the U.S. She traveled on the ship Rhein out of Bremen and landed in Baltimore on June 24, 1903. Also on the ship was a 23-year old Georg Strackbein whom I have not been able to identify. I think he was a Wunderthausen cousin who came as an escort and to visit relatives before returning home.

Her older sister, Lisetta, had come the year before.

Notes for John Conrad Strackbein:

Sometimes referred to as John Conrad, but family members say he had no given middle name.

John Conrad Strackbein and Luise Riedesel had the following children:

- i. **ERICH GEORGE LOUIS³ STRACKBEIN** was born on April 24, 1907 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on February 26, 1971 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He married **PAULINE HELEN WAGNER**. She was born on April 12, 1916 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa. She died on December 23, 2008 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
- ii. **LILLIAN STRACKBEIN** was born on May 27, 1909 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on May 06, 1988 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Ephraim Riedesel, son of Georg Ludwig Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Wagner, on June 22, 1932 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on December 31, 1895 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 26, 1935 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Lillian Strackbein:

Her dates are suppositions based on Social Security Death Index record.

Notes for Ephraim Riedesel:

Served in World War I.

- iii. **LOUISA STRACKBEIN** was born on October 10, 1912 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on July 14, 1957 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Theodore A. Schneider, son of Phillip A. Schneider and Elisabeth Wagner, on June 14, 1933 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on November 08, 1904 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on February 15, 1981 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
- iv. **RUTH STRACKBEIN** was born on July 31, 1916 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died in 1967 in Scott County, Iowa.

4. **HERMINE ANNA ELISABETH² RIEDESEL** (Johann Georg¹) was born on December 02, 1885 in Wunderthausen. She died on July 23, 1952 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Frank Henry Strackbein, son of Johann Ludwig Strackbein and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, on April 28, 1909 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on October 24, 1883 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on May 14, 1974 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Hermine Anna Elisabeth Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906.

Frank Henry Strackbein and Hermine Anna Elisabeth Riedesel had the following children:

- i. **HILDA³ STRACKBEIN** was born on September 06, 1910 in Spring Rock Township, Clinton, Iowa. She died on August 18, 2003 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She

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married A. M. Klahn on December 02, 1931 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He was born on February 03, 1908 in Liberty Township, Clinton, Iowa. He died on April 21, 1997 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

- ii. HERMINE LISETTA STRACKBEIN was born on November 20, 1911 in Clinton County, Iowa, USA. She died on October 23, 1992 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa.

Notes for Hermine Lisetta Strackbein:

I have no record of what became of her after 1930 when she was living with her parents.

5. **FRIEDRICH HEINRICH² RIEDESEL** (Johann Georg¹) was born on December 17, 1889 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 09, 1977 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Ethel Mae Diller, daughter of Willis Edgar Diller and Dellia L Warnstaff, on April 08, 1931 in Davenport, Iowa, USA. She was born on December 18, 1903 in Iowa. She died on June 15, 1962 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Friedrich Heinrich Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. No children from the marriage. Known as Fred. Naturalized April 7, 1936. A 14-year old girl named Lucille Riedesel and described as their daughter is listed in the 1940 Census. I believe that was an enumerator's error. Ethel had a legitimate sister this age named Lucille.

Friedrich Heinrich Riedesel and Ethel Mae Diller had the following child:

- i. LUCILLE³ RIEDESEL was born about 1926 in Iowa. She married Wayne K. Drummond on April 03, 1948.

6. **EMMA C.² RIEDESEL** (Johann Georg¹) was born on April 27, 1891 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 14, 1986 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Albert Fred Strackbein, son of Johann Ludwig Strackbein and Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen, on February 28, 1913 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on October 21, 1886 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on January 15, 1958 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Emma C. Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906.

Albert Fred Strackbein and Emma C. Riedesel had the following children:

- i. LEON³ STRACKBEIN was born on July 03, 1913 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. He died on June 29, 2001 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
- ii. ETHEL STRACKBEIN was born on May 08, 1925 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She died on February 13, 2011 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

7. **HEINRICH GUSTAV² RIEDESEL** (Johann Georg¹) was born on September 16, 1893 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 27, 1959 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Emma Wilhelmine Mildred Wolfe, daughter of Friedrich Wolfe and Dorothea W Kasper, on December 17, 1918 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on August 30, 1900 in Shatoper Tp Iowa, USA. She died on May 28, 1979 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa.

Notes for Heinrich Gustav Riedesel:

Born in Weymers Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to America with the family on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. Referred to as Gustave Heinrich by family but was christened Heinrich Gustav.

Notes for Emma Wilhelmine Mildred Wolfe:

Her last name is also given as Wulf in some sources. That is actually much more common a name in Germany, from which her parents came, than 'Wolfe.' 'Wolff' is more common than either.

Heinrich Gustav Riedesel and Emma Wilhelmine Mildred Wolfe had the following children:

- i. MELVIN WILHEM³ RIEDESEL was born on September 19, 1920 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on June 04, 2011 in Stanwood, Cedar, Iowa. He married

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EVELYN RUTH BEHREND. She was born on May 22, 1925 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. She died on December 01, 2017 in Clarence, Cedar, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Melvin Wilhem Riedesel:

While his obituary gives his middle name as Rudolph, he was originally christened Melvin Wilhelm.

Funeral services for Melvin "Dutch" Rudolph Riedesel, 90, of Stanwood, formerly of Clarence who died Saturday, June 4, 2011 will be held Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 2:00 PM at Fry Funeral Home, Tipton. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 10, 2011 from 4-7:30 pm at Fry Funeral Home, Tipton. Burial will follow in the St. Paul Cemetery in Wheatland. A memorial has been established in his memory.

Melvin was born September 19, 1920, in Wheatland, Iowa. He was the son of Gustav and Emma Wolfe Riedesel. He attended various country schools and was a graduate of Stanwood High School. On April 17, 1943, Melvin was united in marriage to Evelyn Ruth Behrend in Tipton.

Melvin was employed as a truck mechanic for Kirchner Ford Garage in Clarence. He was a member of Jehovah's Witness in Anamosa.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Evelyn Riedesel of Stanwood, Iowa; daughter, Mary (Dan) Levsen of Clarence, Iowa; sons, Robert (Ronna) Riedesel of Clinton, Iowa, LeRoy (Glenda) Riedesel of Tipton, Iowa; 7 grandchildren, Brian, Lisa (Dana), Scott (Lisa), Lee, Chanel (Eric), Stafanie, Justin (Terri); and 9 great-grandchildren, Claudia, Gavin, Zane, Zeb, Zy, Aaron, Jaryn, Jianna, Jaden; and great-great-grandson, Owen Jewell. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Norman Riedesel.

- ii. NORMAN LEE RIEDESEL was born on February 16, 1931 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 21, 1987 (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Donna Jean Kesselring on July 22, 1950. She was born on December 12, 1933. She died on January 15, 2013.