

Descendants of Johannes Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **JOHANNES¹ RIEDESEL** was born on March 30, 1829 in Wunderthausen. He died on December 09, 1908 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Elisabeth Knoche, daughter of Georg Ludwig Knoche and Maria Magdalena Schneider, on July 07, 1859 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on October 03, 1835 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 25, 1923 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Johannes Riedesel:

Known as John. Born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. He came to America with his family, landing in New York on June 7, 1845. They went immediately to Crawford County, Ohio. John came to stay in Wheatland in 1857. As of the 1860 Census, he and his wife were living on the same farm as his brother, J. Ludwig. It shows his real estate holdings as being worth \$1,704 (though he was a "farm laborer") while Ludwig's was only \$540. John was the first of his brothers to become a naturalized citizen, doing so on October 19, 1852, in Galion.

John acquired his land by "patent" (directly from the federal government) in May 1854. He eventually had land in both Sections 3 and 4 of the Spring Rock Township.

The date of his death has been mis-recorded by me among others. Even his gravestone gives the wrong year (1909 instead of 1908). The best proof of the December 9, 1908 date is the obituary published a few days later in the Wheatland Gazette.

"The History of Clinton County, Iowa" by Lucius P. Allen published in 1879.

JOHN RIEDESEL, farmer-Sec. 3; P. 0. Wheatland ; owns 160 acres of land, valued at \$50 per acre, son of Ludwig and Flora Riedesel; born March 31, 1829, in Germany; in 1845, emigrated with parents to Crawford Co., Ohio ; in 1853. came to Clinton Co., Iowa, and entered his land from Government, after which he returned to Ohio. remaining till the spring of 1857, when he returned to Iowa. Married Miss Elizabeth Knoche, July 7, 1869, ; she was born in Germany, in 1839 ; have six children: Dina, Ferdinand, Emma, Kate, Ann and an infant son not named. Member of the German Reformed Church; Democrat.

Notes for Elisabeth Knoche:

Born in Hanphilippes house. She came to America aboard the "Johann Schmidt" out of Bremen, arriving in New Orleans on June 1, 1857. On the ship's list she is named as Elisabeth Schneider. After John's death, she continued to live on a farm with several of their unmarried children. By 1905 this was a smaller piece of land that had been owned by his brother George (whose son-in-law, August Kramer, came to own much of John's original land). Elizabeth had taken her father's name even though the parents were not married.

Johannes Riedesel and Elisabeth Knoche had the following children:

- i. **CHRISTINA CATHERINE² RIEDESEL** was born on July 29, 1861 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on November 23, 1937 in Wheatland, Clinton County, Iowa, United States of America (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Christina Catherine Riedesel:

Rev. Klar's diary refers to a daughter Dinah who was born July 29, 1861 at Wheatland. A biography of John from 1879 also mentions the oldest child as being Dina. Emma Wetter, however, had her birthday as July 10, 1860. I am voting for the 1861 date. She never married.

- ii. **FERDINAND RIEDESEL** was born on February 19, 1863 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on July 27, 1946 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Ferdinand Riedesel:

He never married. As late as the 1920 Census, he and siblings Emma, Emil and Otto were living on the farm with their elderly mother.

- iii. **EMMA ELIZABETH RIEDESEL** was born on April 08, 1868 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on March 30, 1949 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

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Notes for Emma Elizabeth Riedesel:
She never married.

2. iv. KATHARINE RIEDESEL was born on September 14, 1870 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on April 14, 1907 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Ernst Heinrich Dietrich Rowold, son of Conrad Dietrich Wilhelm Rowold and Wilhelmina Lisette Moller, on March 27, 1895 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on May 06, 1874 in Lohe, Minden, Westfalen, Germany. He died on December 14, 1932 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
3. v. ANNA RIEDESEL was born on December 07, 1872 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on February 15, 1940 in St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland. She married Fred W. Endorf on March 30, 1889 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on June 24, 1873. He died on October 06, 1953 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- vi. EMIL GEORGE RIEDESEL was born on June 09, 1879 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on March 17, 1953 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Emil George Riedesel:
Never married but apparently took over most of the family farm. Siblings Emma, Ferdinand and Otto stayed on the farm as well.

- vii. OTTO FRANZ RIEDESEL was born on August 06, 1881 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on May 09, 1959 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Otto Franz Riedesel:
Never married.

- viii. INFANT RIEDESEL.

Generation 2

2. **KATHARINE² RIEDESEL** (Johannes¹) was born on September 14, 1870 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on April 14, 1907 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Ernst Heinrich Dietrich Rowold, son of Conrad Dietrich Wilhelm Rowold and Wilhelmina Lisette Moller, on March 27, 1895 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on May 06, 1874 in Lohe, Minden, Westfalen, Germany. He died on December 14, 1932 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Katharine Riedesel:

After her death at a young age, the younger children lived with their grandmother Elisabeth and other Riedesel aunts and uncles on the farm.

Notes for Ernst Heinrich Dietrich Rowold:
Known as Ernest.

Ernst Heinrich Dietrich Rowold and Katharine Riedesel had the following children:

- i. EDWARD JOHN³ ROWOLD was born on May 04, 1895 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 31, 1966 in De Witt, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Dorothea Luella Schneider, daughter of John Schneider and Ernestine Amalia Beckmann, on August 19, 1956 in Le Mars, Plymouth, Iowa. She was born on April 17, 1906 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on March 23, 2001 in De Witt, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
4. ii. ELNORA ELLA ROWOLD was born on July 17, 1896 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on October 12, 1960. She married Arnold Gressman on November 26, 1924. He was born on October 03, 1900. He died in September 1986 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa.
- iii. ELMER CONRAD ROWOLD was born on November 13, 1897 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on September 25, 1923 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

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- iv. EMIL ROWOLD was born in 1900 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died in February 1902 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
 - 5. v. ELSIE WILHELMINA ROWOLD was born on May 03, 1903 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on March 21, 1993 in Maquoketa, Jackson, Iowa. She married Louis Armour Riedesel, son of Georg Ludwig Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Wagner, on October 26, 1921 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He was born on November 29, 1893 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on April 20, 1975 in De Witt, Clinton, Iowa.
 - vi. EMMA ELIZABETH ROWOLD was born on May 03, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on January 17, 1971 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married (1) HERMANN BENTROTT on May 23, 1923. He was born in 1902. He died in 1974. She married (2) PERRY RIEDESEL, son of Georg Ludwig Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Wagner, on June 09, 1937 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He was born on May 16, 1904 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on May 07, 1962 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
 - vii. INFANT ROWOLD.
3. **ANNA² RIEDESEL** (Johannes¹) was born on December 07, 1872 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on February 15, 1940 in St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland. She married Fred W. Endorf on March 30, 1889 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on June 24, 1873. He died on October 06, 1953 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Fred W. Endorf:

"The History of Clinton County, Iowa" by Lucius P. Allen published in 1879.

FRED. ENDORF, farmer, Sec 29; P. O. Wheatland; owns 120 acres of land, valued at \$35 per acre; born in Randolph Co., Ill., in 1854; came to Iowa with his parents in the same year.

Married Alvi Klahn, in 1878; she was born in Moline, Ill.; have one child -- Herman. Republican.

Fred W. Endorf and Anna Riedesel had the following children:

- i. ELSIE³ ENDORF was born on June 09, 1900 in Clinton County, Iowa, USA. She died on October 04, 1900 in Clinton County, Iowa, USA.
 - ii. ELMER ENDORF was born on September 05, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 13, 1961 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
- Notes for Elmer Endorf:
He never married.
- 6. iii. HAZEL ENDORF was born on March 24, 1909 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on May 20, 1987 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She married Melvin Carl Klahn, son of Alfred Klahn and Minne L Richman, on February 28, 1932. He was born on December 12, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on August 01, 1987 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (Pine Hill Cemetery, Wheatland).

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4. **ELNORA ELLA³ ROWOLD** (Katharine² Riedesel, Johannes¹ Riedesel) was born on July 17, 1896 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on October 12, 1960. She married Arnold Gressman on November 26, 1924. He was born on October 03, 1900. He died in September 1986 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa.
- Arnold Gressman and Elnora Ella Rowold had the following child:
- i. NORMAN LEE⁴ GRESSMAN was born on July 10, 1925. He died on November 06, 1999.
5. **ELSIE WILHELMINA³ ROWOLD** (Katharine² Riedesel, Johannes¹ Riedesel) was born on May 03, 1903 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on March 21, 1993 in Maquoketa, Jackson, Iowa. She married Louis Armour Riedesel, son of Georg Ludwig Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Wagner, on October 26, 1921 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He was born on November 29, 1893 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on April 20, 1975 in De Witt, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Elsie Wilhelmina Rowold:

After her mother's early death, she and her sister Emma went to live with her Riedesel

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grandparents. The other children then lived with their Rowold grandparents.

Notes for Louis Armour Riedesel:

Farmed at Wheatland. Served in World War I.

Louis Armour Riedesel and Elsie Wilhelmina Rowold had the following children:

- i. WAYNE LOUIS⁴ RIEDESEL was born on May 10, 1923 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on November 11, 1998 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He married Norma Velma Paustian, daughter of Herman Henry Paustian and Wilma Amanda Sophia Edler, on November 22, 1947 in Bennett, Cedar, Iowa. She was born on April 26, 1929 in New Liberty, Scott, Iowa, USA. She died on April 26, 2006 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa.

Notes for Wayne Louis Riedesel:

Farmed at Wheatland.

- ii. ROBERT GENE RIEDESEL was born on July 13, 1934 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Barbara Carol MacLean, daughter of Gladstone MacLean and Jenny Henry, on October 17, 1964 in Santa Monica, Los Angeles, California. She was born on January 31, 1935 in Cornwall, Stormont, Ontario, Canada.

Notes for Robert Gene Riedesel:

Rocket scientist. Born and raised in Wheatland, Iowa, moved to California in 1957 after graduating from Iowa State University with a Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

6. HAZEL³ ENDORF (Anna² Riedesel, Johannes¹ Riedesel) was born on March 24, 1909 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on May 20, 1987 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She married Melvin Carl Klahn, son of Alfred Klahn and Minne L Richman, on February 28, 1932. He was born on December 12, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on August 01, 1987 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (Pine Hill Cemetery, Wheatland).

Melvin Carl Klahn and Hazel Endorf had the following child:

- i. LOIS ANN⁴ KLAHN was born on February 21, 1936. She died on February 22, 1936.