

KNEBEL-HENZE-RIEDESEL

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Carolina Knebel was born November 25, 1834 in Winderthausen in Koenigreich Preussen, Germany. She came to America as a young girl and married a widower, William Henze, who had a young son, William Jr.. They lived in Monroe County in a village called Lords Corner in Illinois, near Hecker, Illinois.

William Henze, Sr. and Carolina had a son, Henry, born on June 28, 1860. When the baby was 7 days old, his father, William Henze, was shot and killed by Henry Alter, because of a disagreement of cows in a cornfield, so it was said.

Henry Alter was hung for the crime in Waterloo, Illinois, on December 28, 1860.

Carolina Knebel Henze then married Johann Riedesel. Johann Riedesel was born April 23, 1825 in Winderthausen Koenigreich Preussen, Germany and came to America as a youth.

Carolina had her stepson, William Henze, Jr., from her late husbands first marriage, and her son, Henry Henze. To Johann Riedesel and Carolina were born four daughters:

One daughter died at birth, nameless.

Carolina, born March 25, 1868 and died September 15, 1871.

Katherine, born November 26, 1865.

Sophie, born October 15, 1863.

Sophie married Henry Grommet. They lived in Smithton, Illinois but later moved on a farm near Hecker, Illinois.

They had four children:

Carolina (Carrie) born in Smithton, Illinois.

Three sons, Henry, Willie and Oscar.

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Sophie Riedesel Grommet died shortly after the baby, Oscar, was born. She was 28 years old and was buried April 1, 1891. The baby, Oscar, died July 11, 1891.

One year after Sophie died, her son Henry Grommet, was hunting rabbits in a wheat field and evidently wasn't seen and the wheat binder cut off his legs and he died. The father, Henry Grommet, Sr., was then alone with his children, Willie and Carrie. Carrie later married Mr. Waeltz of Marissa, Illinois.

Willie Grommet then went to live with his grandparents, Johann and Carolina Riedesel.

Henry Henze, Sr. married Katherine Heyl and they had five children:

William, born and died in 1892

Hannah, born July 16, 1893

Armin, born and died 1896

Salma, born in 1900 and died in 1912

Henry Henze, Jr. married Ida Hartmann Gaitsch who died April 26, 1972. Henry died by suicide on June 14, 1963.

Hannah married George Meng. She died, along with her baby on February 5, 1920, she was 27 years old.

Katherine Riedesel, the only living daughter of Johann and Carolina Riedesel married Edward Rieser, of Prairie du Long Township, in St. Clair county on May 17, 1887. They had four children:

Gottlieb Edward, born February 7, 1888. He married Emma Kuhn. They had four children: Viola, Edgar, Raymond and Orville.

Oscar John, born February 18, 1890. He married Susan Weber.

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They had four children: Edna, Mabel, Earl and Lee.

Silda Marie, born May 3, 1891. She married Alfred Stahl.

They had one adopted daughter, Wilmetta.

Amanda Anna Caroline, born May 26, 1895. Never married.

Carolina Knebel Henze Riedesel died June 8, 1898. She was 64 years old.

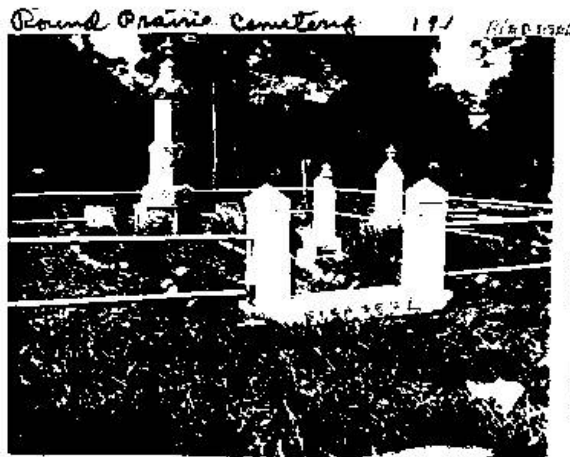
Johann Riedesel died November 18, 1899. He was 74 years old.

They are buried in St. Marcus Cemetery in Round Prairie near Hecker, Illinois.

*Edna Riese Rittmeyer*



Johann and Caroline Riedesel -  
nee Knebel



*St. Marcus Cemetery*