

Notes on Katherine Riedesel

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1. **KATHERINE¹ RIEDESEL** was born on September 22, 1854 in Rüsselsbach. She died on April 11, 1908 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Georg Riedesel, son of Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Kroh, on November 24, 1872 in Wunderthausen. He was born on December 05, 1842 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 09, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, 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.

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.

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).

Notes for Catherine Luise Riedesel:

Came to America with her parents on the ship Rhein out of Bremen, landing in New York on October 13, 1906. Never married.

- 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).

Notes for Emilie Lisette Riedesel:

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

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

- 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.

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.

- 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.

- 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.

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.

- 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

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married. The Census shows a 7-year old step-daughter named Mary who was born in Iowa.

- 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.

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.

- 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.

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.

- 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.

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.

- 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.