

Descendants of Ludwig Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **LUDWIG¹ RIEDESEL** was born on February 21, 1784 in Wunderthausen. He died in 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. He married Florentine Althaus, daughter of Georg Herman Althaus and Johanna Maria Christina Mörchen, on February 08, 1818 in Wunderthausen. She was born on April 08, 1792 in Wunderthausen. She died in 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio.

Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:

He was born in Weymers Haus in Wunderthausen but married into Haase Haus. This was one of the smaller houses in the village. It was unusual for a man his age to emigrate, but the greater opportunities for his four sons (and already married daughter) may have been compelling. The house and property (meagre, I think) were sold to J. Daniel Müsse from Jochums Haus. Most of the family traveled to New York, landing on June 7, 1845. Son J. Ludwig had gone the year before, and they brought with them his fiance, Catherine Schneider. All settled in Crawford County, Ohio.

Ludwig and Florentine died around 1847-1848, reportedly in an epidemic of some kind (cholera?) along with their daughter-in-law and at least one grandchild. They were interred in a private cemetery probably belonging to the Gerhardts. Its identity is long lost but we are reasonably certain where it is.

Notes for Florentine Althaus:

She was born in Haase Haus, which passed to her husband upon their marriage since she was the oldest child. In 1845, most of the family left Wunderthausen to go to America. They traveled on the ship "New York" out of Bremen, and landed in New York city on June 7, 1845. Her sister, Maria Elisabeth, had come to America years before, married Christian Gerhardt, and settled in Crawford County, Ohio. They joined them. Florentine and her husband died within a few years, reportedly in 1847-1848 in an epidemic.

Ludwig Riedesel and Florentine Althaus had the following children:

2. i. **LUDWIG HEINRICH² RIEDESEL** was born on July 12, 1818 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 30, 1894 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married (1) **MARIA AMALIA RIEDESEL**, daughter of Johann Franz Riedesel and Florentine Beitzel, on August 08, 1841 in Wunderthausen. She was born on June 16, 1822 in Wunderthausen. She died about 1848 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. He married (2) **ELISABETH SCHUMACHER**, daughter of Daniel Schumacher and Susan Seanor, on November 21, 1854 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on October 02, 1831 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. She died on April 05, 1887 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
3. ii. **ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL** was born on April 30, 1820 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 12, 1909 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Franz Homrighausen, son of Georg Ludwig Homrighausen and Maria Elisabeth Haase, on January 21, 1844 in Wunderthausen. He was born on July 06, 1814 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 27, 1907 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
4. iii. **JOHANN LUDWIG RIEDESEL** was born on August 05, 1822 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 12, 1910 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa. He married Catherine Schneider, daughter of Johann Georg Schneider and Luise Florentine Wetter, on July 01, 1845 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on September 21, 1823 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 22, 1894 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa.
5. iv. **GEORG LUDWIG RIEDESEL** was born on January 12, 1825 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 16, 1901 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Elizabeth Gerhardt, daughter of Christian Gerhardt and Maria Elisabeth Althaus, on February 16, 1860 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on October 09, 1841 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She died on October 14, 1926 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- v. **JOHANN PHILIPP RIEDESEL** was born on September 24, 1826 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 28, 1828 in Wunderthausen.

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6. vi. JOHANNES 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).
- vii. JOHANN GEORG RIEDESEL was born on January 02, 1834 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 09, 1841 in Wunderthausen.
- viii. INFANT RIEDESEL was born on March 24, 1836 in Wunderthausen. He died on Prob. March 24, 1836 in Wunderthausen.

Notes for Infant Riedesel:

The child's birth is not to be found in the church records, though is known through family tradition. It was almost certainly a stillbirth.

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2. **LUDWIG HEINRICH² RIEDESEL** (Ludwig¹) was born on July 12, 1818 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 30, 1894 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married (1) **MARIA AMALIA RIEDESEL**, daughter of Johann Franz Riedesel and Florentine Beitzel, on August 08, 1841 in Wunderthausen. She was born on June 16, 1822 in Wunderthausen. She died about 1848 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. He married (2) **ELISABETH SCHUMACHER**, daughter of Daniel Schumacher and Susan Seanor, on November 21, 1854 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on October 02, 1831 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. She died on April 05, 1887 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel:

Known as L. Henry in America. Born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to Crawford County, Ohio in 1845 with his parents, wife and two known children, three siblings, and the fiance of his brother, J. Ludwig, who came here in 1844. They arrived in New York on June 7, 1845. The families lived first near Galion, Ohio. An epidemic (presumably cholera or influenza, and certainly not "the plague") claimed the lives of the older couple, Henry's wife Amalia, and their daughter Anna. As of the 1850 census, he was living with his older son in the household of Franz and Anna Homrighausen. 2-year old John was living with the Christian Gerhardt family. Henry and Franz are listed as farmers though with no stated real estate value (they didn't own the land).

In 1852 (later than previously believed), Henry and his brother, George, walked from Ohio to Iowa to purchase land. A Davenport-based land agent took them to the area that was to become Wheatland in the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County. Before returning to their families, they walked to Iowa City to register the deeds. The story is that the land cost less than they expected so they could afford to return by river boat rather than walking; this took them down the Mississippi and then up the Ohio River. Henry and his family actually moved to Wheatland in 1855. The 100-year anniversary history of St. Paul's Church says that L. Henry and Elisabeth came in 1852 but this seems incorrect since Crawford County marriages say the marriage took place on November 21, 1854, which we will take as authoritative. Henry was naturalized on the same date--November 21, 1854--at Galion.

Others in the family bought land and moved to Wheatland. The town was officially founded in 1858 when the railroad came through. Prior to this time, it was very much an open frontier with limited communications and transportation to the outside world. Life was tenuous. In 1863-1864, several children from the Riedesel and Dürr families (and probably others) died of diphtheria.

Henry was a founder of the German Reformed Church in Wheatland (St. Paul's) and served as one of the first Trustees in 1861. He donated the initial half acre for the cemetery of St. Paul's Church. His land was to the north and east of Wheatland, and most of it has remained in family hands. Before the founding of St. Paul's in 1861, he is recorded as a founding member of a German Reformed congregation or community (Gemeinde) in 1857. In 1878, Henry built a new house to replace the cabin in which they had lived since coming to the area. He bought and sold land over the years but the core of his farm was in Section 10 of the Spring Rock Township immediately adjacent to Wheatland. He and two of his brothers were the only Wunderthausen

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emigrants to receive "patents" on their land, meaning they were the first (white) owners.

Notes for Maria Amalia Riedesel:

Although her parents did not marry, Maria Amalia was apparently known as Riedesel. This was the name recorded at the time of her marriage. Her father's identity was acknowledged though what became of him is not known. Numerous other secondary sources give her name as Beitzel. This is not wrong in a technical sense but I am opting for the name she was evidently known by. She came with her husband, two children and the extended Riedesel family to New York, landing on June 7, 1845. We know only that she died in 1847-1848 in some kind of epidemic.

Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel and Maria Amalia Riedesel had the following children:

- i. LUDWIG³ RIEDESEL was born on December 10, 1841 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 23, 1923 in Hennepin, Minnesota (Woodlawn Cemetery, Sioux Falls). He married Emma Wirth, daughter of Jacob Wirth and Katherina Glass, on October 01, 1878 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on October 28, 1858 in Lyons, Clinton, Iowa. She died on May 22, 1942 in Sioux Falls, Lincoln, South Dakota (Woodlawn Cemetery, Sioux Falls).

Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:

Baptised as Ludwig but known as J. Louis in the US. He was born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen but was brought to America before his fourth birthday. The extended family arrived in New York on June 7, 1845 and settled immediately in Crawford County, Ohio. His mother died 2-3 years later. His father did eventually remarry but the boy was taken care of by relatives in the meantime. They came to Wheatland in 1855.

It is possible that he owned a small farm in Section 2 of Spring Rock Township in Clinton County as of 1874. Some "L. Riedesel" did, though it could have been his father's as well. He went on to live near Battle Creek, Iowa where he was Vice President of the bank and a member of the city council in 1897. By 1920, they were living in Minnehaha County, South Dakota with their daughter, Bernice. That 1920 Census erroneously gives his age as "88."

Notes for Emma Wirth:

She bore a total of six children.

- ii. ANNA ELISABETH RIEDESEL was born on May 10, 1844 in Wunderthausen. She died about 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio.
- iii. JOHN ALBERT RIEDESEL was born on January 02, 1848 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. He died on June 06, 1932 in Idalia, Yuma, Colorado. He married Katherine Strackbein, daughter of Johann Georg Strackbein and Maria Magdalena Homrighausen, on May 07, 1875 in Afton, Cherokee, Iowa. She was born on June 16, 1846 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 14, 1914 in Idalia, Yuma, Colorado.

Notes for John Albert Riedesel:

Lived near Tingley, Iowa, when first married but moved to Idalia, Colorado in 1887. At the time of the 1850 Census when he was a motherless 2-year old, John was living with the family of Christian Gerhardt (Frau Gerhardt was his father's aunt).

His son George's Social Security application (1936) gives John's middle name as Adolph rather than Albert. He also spelled his mother's name as Catherine rather than Katherine.

Notes for Katherine Strackbein:

Born in Hutheschäfers Haus in Wunderthausen. Arrived in New York on November 8, 1867 aboard the "Argonaut" out of Bremen. Others from Wunderthausen were aboard.

Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel and Elisabeth Schumacher had the following children:

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- iv. WILLIAM F. RIEDESEL was born on September 10, 1855 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on November 08, 1932 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Anna Koch, daughter of John Koch and Amalia Knebel, in 1894 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on April 07, 1868 in Clinton County, Iowa, USA. She died on November 03, 1948 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for William F. Riedesel:

The family story is that he returned home from voting for Franklin Roosevelt, sat in his chair, and expired. They had no children.

- v. MARY F. RIEDESEL was born on December 22, 1857 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on October 02, 1863 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- vi. THEODORE RIEDESEL was born on December 21, 1859 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on August 21, 1941 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Emma Meyer, daughter of Michael Meyer and Elizabeth Seigmuller, on March 04, 1887 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on September 04, 1863 in Lyons, Clinton, Iowa. She died on August 12, 1934 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Theodore Riedesel:

Took over most of the farm of L. Henry Riedesel; his brother William had, but lost, the other portion.

Notes for Emma Meyer:

She was adopted (at least as of the 1880 Census) by the childless J.P. and Louisa Schneider.

- vii. ALBERT MARTIN RIEDESEL was born on April 03, 1862 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on June 26, 1955 in Colorado (Fairmount Cemetery, Denver). He married Edith Ellen Henderson, daughter of William Albert Henderson and Eliza Augusta ??, on September 08, 1891. She was born on November 18, 1872 in South Mountain, Canada. She died on July 22, 1937 in Denver, Colorado (Fairmount Cemetery, Denver).

Notes for Albert Martin Riedesel:

Lived in Denver, Colorado, and had a brokerage business there, but also lived in Battle Creek, IA, as early as 1893 when their daughter was born, and as late as 1906 when he is listed in a local directory. Could well be the "A. A. Riedesel" listed in an 1884 directory. The son, Jay, I have listed for J. Louis Riedesel might have been Albert's son instead. At the time of his baptism in 1862, he was referred to as "Martin Alfred."

- viii. CHARLES HENRY RIEDESEL was born on August 21, 1871 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on November 12, 1960 in Norfolk, Madison, Nebraska. He married Elise Marie Zipf on April 18, 1897 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on July 20, 1871 in Marengo, Iowa, Iowa. She died on February 03, 1949 in Norfolk, Madison, Nebraska.

Notes for Charles Henry Riedesel:

Graduate of Heidelberg University (Ohio) and ordained into the German Reformed Church in 1896. Over a long career he served churches in Wheatland; North Carolina; the original family home of Galion, Ohio; Indiana; Idaho; another church in Ohio; and finally Norfolk, Nebraska.

3. **ANNA ELISABETH² RIEDESEL** (Ludwig¹) was born on April 30, 1820 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 12, 1909 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Franz Homrighausen, son of Georg Ludwig Homrighausen and Maria Elisabeth Haase, on January 21, 1844 in Wunderthausen. He was born on July 06, 1814 in Wunderthausen. He died on February 27, 1907 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

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Notes for Anna Elisabeth Riedesel:

Born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. Came to America with the Riedesel family, arriving in New York on June 7, 1845 (the ship appears to have been the New York). After about a dozen years near Galion, Ohio, the Homrighausen family moved on to the Wheatland area. She was the mother of 11 children but I have names of only seven.

Notes for Johann Franz Homrighausen:

Known as Franz. Born in Räderhaase/Haasebergers Haus in Wunderthausen. He apparently served some time in the Prussian army as he was later a member of a German veterans association in nearby Lowden. Came to Crawford County, Ohio with the extended Riedesel family. They had arrived in New York out of Bremen on June 7, 1845. The family moved on to what became the Wheatland community by 1857. According to the 1911 memorial booklet celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's church in Wheatland, he had been a founder of the previous congregation in 1857.

By the time of his death, he owned 536 acres of farmland at Wheatland (in Sections 27, 28 and 33 of the Spring Rock Township). He was clearly a prosperous farmer and a respected elder in the German community and church. Though his two wives had the same given names, they were not that closely related. His one child with his first wife died a few months after she did in 1843.

The three sons each took over part of his substantial farm.

Johann Franz Homrighausen and Anna Elisabeth Riedesel had the following children:

- i. CATHERINE³ HOMRIGHAUSEN was born on December 25, 1845 in Crawford County, Ohio. She died on March 26, 1941 in Olympia, Thurston, Washington. She married Erastus Holmes on November 26, 1862 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born in June 1819 in New York. He died in 1903 in Dawson County, Nebraska (Overton Cemetery).

Notes for Erastus Holmes:

Lived near DeWitt, Iowa after their marriage but by 1900 they were living in Dawson County, Nebraska.

- ii. MARIA ELISABETH HOMRIGHAUSEN was born on June 25, 1847 in Crawford County, Ohio. She died on November 17, 1933 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Ludwig Strackbein, son of Johann Georg Strackbein and Maria Magdalena Homrighausen, on June 09, 1868 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on March 18, 1836 in Wunderthausen. He died on October 14, 1919 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Maria Elisabeth Homrighausen:

I think she is the same child called Elizabeth in the 1850 Census in Ohio.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Strackbein:

Known as Louis. Came to the U. S. in from Hutheschäfers Haus in Wunderthausen. Arrived October 25, 1854 in New Orleans on the ship "Auguste" out of Bremen. Lived first in Kansas and then at Red Bud, Illinois. He enlisted in the 7th Illinois Cavalry on August 27, 1861 at Red Bud. The enlistment record describes him as being 5' 11" tall with brown eyes and a dark complexion. He was captured at Coldwater, Mississippi on November 3, 1863, and held at the infamous Andersonville prison. He survived and was mustered out April 21, 1865. Moved to the Wheatland area in 1865 where he farmed until about 1910. He and Maria owned several lots in Wheatland as well as farmland. The main farm was in Section 34 of the Spring Rock Township.

- iii. FRANZ H. HOMRIGHAUSEN was born on June 25, 1854 in Crawford County, Ohio. He died on June 28, 1928 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Florentine Theresa Knoche, daughter of Johann Georg Knoche and Maria Amalia Strackbein, on March 03, 1881 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on October 10, 1854 in Wunderthausen. She died on June 03, 1933 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

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Notes for Franz H. Homrighausen:

Franz (F.H.) took over the southern portion of the family farm in Section 33 of the Spring Rock Township.

Notes for Florentine Theresa Knoche:

Known as Dina. Several other passengers were from Wunderhausen. She had borne five children by 1900 but we have names of only three of them. Where the middle name of Theresa came from, I don't know. It was not her baptismal name.

- iv. WILHELMINA HOMRIGHAUSEN was born about 1856 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died before 1870 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Wilhelmina Homrighausen:

I am guessing her real name from the "Mena" in the 1860 Census (Mina being a common nickname for Wilhelmina).

- v. LOUIS F. HOMRIGHAUSEN was born on February 12, 1858 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on January 08, 1919 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Louisa Puetsch on November 01, 1893. She was born on March 20, 1869. She died on April 15, 1947 (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Louis F. Homrighausen:

Louis took over the northern portion of the family farm in Section 28 of the Spring Rock Township.

- vi. JOHN F. HOMRIGHAUSEN was born on December 18, 1861 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on April 16, 1938 in Wheatland, Clinton County, Iowa, United States of America (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Wilhelmina Puetsch, daughter of Christian Puetsch and Wilhelmina Endorf, on December 09, 1892 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on January 27, 1866 in Clinton County, Iowa, USA. She died on May 11, 1945 (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for John F. Homrighausen:

John took over the central portion of the family farm in Sections 28 and 33.

Notes for Wilhelmina Puetsch:

Known as Minnie. She had borne four children by 1900.

- vii. ANNA SUSANNAH HOMRIGHAUSEN was born on November 11, 1863 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on April 20, 1899 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Georg Ludwig Kroh, son of Heinrich Kroh and Anna Elisabeth Knebel, on October 28, 1891 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on October 28, 1863 in Wunderhausen. He died on March 03, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Anna Susannah Homrighausen:

Known as Susan.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Kroh:

Known as George. Born in Schwarze Haus, Wunderhausen. 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 Wunderhausen 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

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Township of Clinton County.

4. **JOHANN LUDWIG² RIEDESEL** (Ludwig¹) was born on August 05, 1822 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 12, 1910 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa. He married Catherine Schneider, daughter of Johann Georg Schneider and Luise Florentine Wetter, on July 01, 1845 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on September 21, 1823 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 22, 1894 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa.

Notes for Johann Ludwig Riedesel:

Christened Johann Ludwig, but known as J. Ludwig. He was born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. He traveled to New York on the ship Lesmona out Bremen, landing on June 24, 1844. He was in the company of his first cousin, Ludwig Dürr and aunt Elisabeth Althaus (Dürr's mother). Their destination was Crawford County, Ohio around Galion. How they traveled there is a matter of speculation but river boats (Erie Canal, Ohio Canal) are a good guess. Their aunt and uncle, Maria (Althaus) and Christian Gerhardt, had settled there with others in the Gerhardt family a decade earlier.

In 1845, his parents, siblings and fiance, Catherine Schneider, left for America as well. J. Ludwig and Catherine remained in Ohio until 1855 when they moved on to the Wheatland, Iowa area. He had been naturalized on November 21, 1854, at Galion. Before the founding of St. Paul's in 1861, he is recorded as a founding member of a German Reformed congregation or community (Gemeinde) in 1857. He farmed in Section 32 of the Liberty township of Clinton County, north of Wheatland and at some remove from his brothers there. In 1881, they moved again to a place north of Glidden, Iowa. At the end of his life he was living with his daughter, Florentine Beckman in Wheatland, but died at a hospital in the county seat of Clinton. J. Ludwig is buried in the Merle Hay (West Lawn) Cemetery at Glidden.

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

LUDWIG RIEDESEL, farmer, Section 32; owns 160 acres of land, valued at \$35 per acre; born in Germany in 1822; came to America in 1844, and located in Ohio; removed to Iowa in 1855; and located in this county; in 1868, settled on his present farm. Married Catherine Snyder in 1845; she, too, was born in Germany; have eight children--Susan, Franz, Ludwig, Phillip, Flora, George, John and Anna. Are members of the German Reformed Church; Democrat.

Notes for Catherine Schneider:

She was born in Althäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. In 1845, she traveled with the extended Riedesel family to New York, arriving on June 7. They made their way to Crawford County, Ohio in a month's time or less, as Catherine and J. Ludwig were married there on July 1. Their family settled near Wheatland in 1855 though moved on to Carroll County, Iowa around 1880. She appears to have been a rather small woman.

Johann Ludwig Riedesel and Catherine Schneider had the following children:

- i. **SUSAN³ RIEDESEL** was born on February 06, 1847 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She died on March 08, 1942 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Susan Riedesel:

Spent part of her adult life with the family of the Rev. J. C. Klar in Wyoming. Rev. Klar had served the church Wheatland, and Susie's brother Philip married the Klars' daughter Mary. According to one source, the Klars saw to her education in exchange for what amounted domestic help. In 1930 she was living with the family of her niece, Luella (Beckmann) Heuer in Tulare County, California. She spent her last years back in Wheatland. Known and beloved as "Aunt Susie" to many and that is how her grave marker reads.

- ii. **FRANZ RIEDESEL** was born on October 21, 1848 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. He died on December 26, 1931 in Charter Oak, Crawford, Iowa (West Lawn (Merle Hay) Cemetery, Glidden). He married Ella Louise Wirth, daughter of Jacob Wirth and Katherina Glass, on October 01, 1878 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on October 09, 1857 in Clinton County, Iowa, USA. She died on October 22, 1952 in Charter Oak, Crawford, Iowa (Merle Hay (West Lawn) Cemetery, Glidden).

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Notes for Franz Riedesel:

Lived in Wheatland and then Carroll County for several more years after marrying, but eventually located to Charter Oak, Iowa (Crawford County) where he was a builder of furniture. I think it is not a coincidence that his father-in-law was a skilled woodworker. In 1908 he owned land in section 19 of the Willow township. Ella's name was on land in section 30. He may have been known as Francis. Franz and his brother John died the same day.

Notes for Ella Louise Wirth:

Her parents were born in Germany. She was informally known as LuElla. I am guessing that she returned to Wheatland to give birth to her first child and that they were not actually living there at the time.

- iii. LOUIS A. RIEDESEL was born on August 23, 1850 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. He died on May 14, 1922 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa (Merle Hay (West Lawn) Cemetery, Glidden). He married Sophia Katherine Wetter, daughter of Johann Georg Wetter and Sophia Müller, on February 16, 1879 in Carroll County, Iowa. She was born on November 14, 1857 in Sherrill, Dubuque, Iowa. She died on November 11, 1938 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa (Merle Hay (West Lawn) Cemetery, Glidden).

Notes for Louis A. Riedesel:

Christened Ludwig but known to us as Louis A. I am 99% certain that the "A." was only an initial that he took on to distinguish himself from other Louis/Ludwig Riedesels. There is no chance his *echt-Deutsch* parents gave him the middle name of "Arnold" or "Arthur" as a few other researchers have guessed.

Born in Crawford County, Ohio, but moved with his family to Wheatland in 1855. At the time of his marriage in 1879, he is said to have accumulated \$200 and a team of mules, so was ready to begin farming on his own. His parents and in-laws moved to the Glidden area where he farmed. He eventually bought 140 acres north of town, and worked it until 1909 when son Ralph took over. Louis, Sophia and the younger children moved into town in October 1909 (to a house his brother, John C., had owned).

If Louis spoke much English, it was only after the children learned it in school. He died of a stroke. The few stories that have come down to us suggest he was a strict, no-nonsense person. Yet several of the children had a streak of good humor, so I believe he had another side as well.

Notes for Sophia Katherine Wetter:

Like her husband, Sophia located to the Wheatland area as a child. Family stories tell that she lived part of her childhood with her aunt and uncle Fiock. The latter had no children and it would not have been uncommon to "borrow" a young relative to help with the work of keeping house and farming. However, Sophia was enumerated in her parents' household in the 1870 Census. Her parents (and the aged Fiocks) moved to Glidden too.

- iv. CATHERINE RIEDESEL was born on February 21, 1852 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She died on November 30, 1863 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Catherine Riedesel:

According to the diary of Rev. Klar, Catherine was ill with diphtheria for several weeks before she died.

- v. PHILIP A. RIEDESEL was born on April 16, 1855 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on March 22, 1913 in Laramie, Albany, Wyoming (Greenhill Cemetery/Laramie). He married Mary Katherine Klar, daughter of John Conrad Klar and Katherine Krause, on March 18, 1884 in Navarre, Stark, Ohio. She was born on August 05, 1856 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. She died on August 22,

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1934 in Laramie, Albany, Wyoming (Greenhill Cemetery/Laramie).

Notes for Philip A. Riedesel:

Lived in Stark County, Ohio after marrying and up to at least 1898. He eventually operated a large ranch north of Laramie, Wyoming. I doubt that the middle initial of "A." stood for anything.

Notes for Mary Katherine Klar:

She only lived in Wheatland for a few years in the early 1860s, yet married Philip some 20 years later. She bore one other child whose name I do not know.

- vi. FLORENTINE RIEDESEL was born on February 27, 1859 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on March 15, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Dietrich Beckmann, son of Dietrich Heinrich Beckmann and Sophia Ludwig Engleking, on March 13, 1877 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on July 24, 1853 in Ösdorf, Hannover. He died on December 10, 1938 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Florentine Riedesel:

She was born in and spent her life around the community of Wheatland, Iowa.

Notes for Dietrich Beckmann:

References to his actual place of birth are inconsistent, but it is likely that it was Ösdorf, now part of the town of Bad Pyrmont in the area of Hanover. Beckmann is a fairly common name, and there are many in Pyrmont today.

"The History of Clinton County, Iowa" by Lucius P. Allen published in 1879. DIETRICK BECKMANN, farmer, Sec. 7; P. 0. Wheatland; son of Dietrick and Sophia Beckmann; born July 24, 1853, in Hanover, Germany; his mother died in Germany in 1861, and in 1866; he came with his father to the United States, locating on the farm upon which he now lives, which contains 240 acres, valued at \$40 per acre. His father married a Mrs. Christine Acker, whose maiden name was Sittler. in March, 1867; father died Aug. 1, 1876. Mr. D. Beckmann, Jr., married Miss Flora Riedesel, daughter of Ludwig and Catharine Riedesel, March 13, 1877; she was born in this county Feb. 27, 1858; have one daughter, Ernestine. Members German Reformed Church; Independent.

- vii. GEORGE RIEDESEL was born on March 17, 1860 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on April 08, 1945 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa (West Lawn/Merle Hay Cemetery, Glidden). He married Nellie Caroline Fobes, daughter of Ed Fobes and Elizabeth Ann Hoon, on February 23, 1888 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa. She was born on December 30, 1870 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa. She died on July 28, 1952 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa (West Lawn (Merle Hay) Cemetery, Glidden).

Notes for George Riedesel:

Farmed near Glidden, Iowa.

- viii. JOHN CONRAD RIEDESEL was born on February 17, 1862 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 26, 1931 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa (Merle Hay (West Lawn) Cemetery, Glidden). He married (1) MARY LAUNSPACH, daughter of Philipp Johannes Launspach and Luise Elisabeth Wetter, on March 08, 1886 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa. She was born on January 15, 1866 in Dubuque County, Iowa. She died on January 25, 1898 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa (Merle Hay (West Lawn) Cemetery, Glidden). He married (2) WILHELMINA GREEN, daughter of Ezra West Green and Margaret Holley, on March 05, 1912 in Pottawattamie, Iowa. She was born about 1864 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died on November 24, 1930 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa.

Notes for John Conrad Riedesel:

Farmed at Glidden; then managed the Glidden Farmers Co-op elevator from about 1906-1930. John and his brother Franz died the same day.

Generation 2 (cont.)

Notes for Wilhelmina Green:

Her first married name was probably Hemming.

- ix. ANNA SOPHIA RIEDESEL was born on June 27, 1864 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on June 20, 1929 in Sebeka, Wadena, Minnesota (Lanesboro Cemetery, Carroll County Iowa). She married Henry Wetter, son of Johann Georg Wetter and Sophia Müller, on April 10, 1884 in Carroll County, Iowa. He was born on January 29, 1861 in Sherrill, Dubuque, Iowa. He died on October 01, 1945 in Otter Tail County, Minnesota (Lanesboro Cemetery, Carroll County Iowa).

Notes for Henry Wetter:

Originally bought and farmed his father's land but sold it and moved to Sebeka, Minnesota.

- x. INFANT RIEDESEL.
 - xi. INFANT RIEDESEL.
 - xii. INFANT RIEDESEL.
5. **GEORG LUDWIG² RIEDESEL** (Ludwig¹) was born on January 12, 1825 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 16, 1901 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Elizabeth Gerhardt, daughter of Christian Gerhardt and Maria Elisabeth Althaus, on February 16, 1860 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on October 09, 1841 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She died on October 14, 1926 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:

Known as George. Born in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. He came to New York with his family, landing there on June 7, 1845. They all settled in Crawford County, Ohio. George went (further) west in 1852 with his brother, L. Henry, to buy land. He was naturalized on November 21, 1854, in Galion. As of the 1850 Census George was living on the farm of a Joseph Albright as a laborer; this was in the Whetstone township to the west of the other Riedesels.

Though he owned land at Wheatland, he and his wife apparently did not move there until around 1869. In 1873, his in-laws came to Wheatland as well. In fact, the Gerhardts bought land from George in 1873. George was quite active in buying and selling land. The main property and house were in Section 10 (extending into Section 3) of the Spring Rock Township.

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

GEORGE RIEDESEL, farmer, Sec. 10; P. 0. Wheatland owns 200 acres of land, valued at \$55 per acre; son of Ludwig and Flora Riedesel; born January 12, 1825, in Germany. In 1845, emigrated to Crawford Co., Ohio; in 1850, came to Iowa, and entered the land upon which he now lives; in the spring of 1870, moved his family from Ohio, and located on his farm, Married Miss Elizabeth Gerhardt in February, 1860; she was born in Crawford Co., Ohio, in 1834 ; have six children living: Mary J., Anna M., Elizabeth S., Louisa L., John F., Louis T. ; lost one, John . Members of German Reformed Church."

Georg Ludwig Riedesel and Elizabeth Gerhardt had the following children:

- i. MARY JANE³ RIEDESEL was born on April 14, 1861 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She died on January 01, 1947 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married August Kramer on March 05, 1885 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on October 02, 1856 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on September 26, 1948 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- ii. ANNA MARTHA RIEDESEL was born on December 05, 1863 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She died on April 11, 1948 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Albert Morris Dieckmann, son of Friedrich Dieckmann and Fredericka Leyer, on April 28, 1886 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on April 28, 1862 in Cincinnati, Clermont, Ohio. He died on May 17, 1925 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Generation 2 (cont.)

Notes for Albert Morris Dieckmann:

The name is also spelled Dickman in some sources, but Dieckmann is more authentic.

- iii. LISETTA RIEDESEL was born on June 05, 1869 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on April 28, 1930 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married George Ott, son of John Ulrich Ott and Caroline Zöller, on April 12, 1893 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on February 14, 1866 in Iowa. He died on June 07, 1940 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
- iv. LOUISA LYDIA RIEDESEL was born on April 22, 1872 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on October 14, 1926 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Henry Ott, son of John Ulrich Ott and Caroline Zöller, on December 02, 1896 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on April 12, 1868. He died on November 05, 1938 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- v. EDWARD JOHN RIEDESEL was born on March 26, 1875 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on July 26, 1923 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Lillian M. Werder on February 24, 1904 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on August 28, 1883 in Iowa. She died on October 07, 1968 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Edward John Riedesel:

Edward operated a general store with William Ott and then later owned a drugstore in Wheatland (though he was not trained pharmacist). In 1913 he began working in Clinton at various jobs. He died from an accidental fall while painting his house in Clinton.

- vi. JOHN RIEDESEL was born before 1879.
- vii. THEOPHIL LUDWIG RIEDESEL was born on August 23, 1879 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on October 02, 1957 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Augusta Struck on March 22, 1904. She was born on November 25, 1884 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. She died on January 09, 1976 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Theophil Ludwig Riedesel:

Known as Tay. They farmed at Wheatland.

- viii. ALBERT MARTIN RIEDESEL was born on June 03, 1883 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on January 11, 1943 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Clara Endorf, daughter of Frederick Endorf and Alvina Klahn, on September 27, 1908 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. She was born on April 09, 1883. She died on July 30, 1972 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Albert Martin Riedesel:

Lived in Clinton, IA. Known as Casey.

- 6. **JOHANNES² RIEDESEL** (Ludwig¹) 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.

Generation 2 (cont.)

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 CATHERINE³ 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).

Notes for Emma Elizabeth Riedesel:

She never married.

- 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).

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.

Generation 2 (cont.)

Notes for Ernst Heinrich Dietrich Rowold:
Known as Ernest.

- 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).

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.

- 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.