

Descendants of Ludwig Riedesel

Generation 1

1. **LUDWIG¹ RIEDESEL** was born on January 20, 1830 in Erndtebrück. He died on March 12, 1901 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas (Westside Cemetery, Yorktown). He married Justine König, daughter of Johannes König and Christine Schneider, on January 02, 1852 in DeWitt County, Texas. She was born on March 02, 1828 in Erndtebrück. She died on November 29, 1880 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas (Westside Cemetery, Yorktown).

Notes for Ludwig Riedesel:

Emigrated to Texas in 1849 by way of New Orleans on the ship Julius out of Bremen. The ship arrived on October 31, 1849, and his occupation was listed as a shoemaker. They lived around Yorktown in De Witt County. 1860 Census gave the value of his real estate as \$700 and personal estate as \$450 (Page 70/88 De Witt County). Listed as a saddler.

Ludwig Riedesel and Justine König had the following children:

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 - i. **LOUISE² RIEDESEL** was born on November 07, 1852 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She died on April 06, 1911 in Amarillo, Potter, Texas. She married (1) **WILLIAM DAVID RILEY** in 1880. He was born in May 1853 in Minnesota. He died on April 04, 1928 in Amarillo, Potter, Texas. She married (2) **CHARLES BERNHART** about 1874. He was born about 1846. He died after 1880.
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 - ii. **LUDWIG WILHELM RIEDESEL** was born on February 08, 1855 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He died on December 24, 1928 in Nordheim, DeWitt, Texas. He married Emma Riedel, daughter of Moritz Ferdinand Riedel and Sophie ??, on August 30, 1874 in DeWitt County, Texas. She was born on January 04, 1855 in Texas. She died on May 19, 1943 in Nordheim, DeWitt, Texas.
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 - iii. **CAROLINE RIEDESEL** was born on September 20, 1857 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She died on June 19, 1940 in Victoria, Victoria, Texas. She married Charles William Kraatz on December 28, 1887. He was born in March 1846 in Germany. He died in 1936 in Texas.
 - iv. **CARL RIEDESEL** was born about 1859 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He died before 1870.
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 - v. **AUGUST CARL RIEDESEL** was born on August 08, 1861 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He died on June 10, 1934 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He married Pauline Grun on December 25, 1885 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She was born in June 1864 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She died in 1936 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas.
 - vi. **MATILDA RIEDESEL** was born on October 08, 1868 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She died on November 10, 1944 in DeWitt County, Texas (Westside Cemetery, Yorktown). She married (1) **JENS CHRISTIAN BUCK** on January 08, 1917 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He was born on November 08, 1845 in Schleswig-Holstein. He died on January 11, 1917 in DeWitt County, Texas (Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery). She married (2) **WILLIAM D. KRUEGER** on December 25, 1898 in DeWitt County, Texas. He died before 1900.

Notes for Matilda Riedesel:

Mathilda married Jens only a few days before he died. His will described her as his housekeeper; it was presumably written earlier. The will leaves money to several other relatives but use of his house and household goods are designated to Matilda. The estate papers with the county make no mention of her as a wife.

Notes for William D. Krueger:

He was deceased by 1900.

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2. **LOUISE² RIEDESEL** (Ludwig¹) was born on November 07, 1852 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She died on April 06, 1911 in Amarillo, Potter, Texas. She married (1) **WILLIAM DAVID RILEY** in 1880. He was born in May 1853 in Minnesota. He died on April 04, 1928 in Amarillo, Potter, Texas. She married (2) **CHARLES BERNHART** about 1874. He was born about 1846. He died after 1880. William David Riley and Louise Riedesel had the following children:

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- i. EDITH³ RILEY was born about 1882 in Wise County, Texas. She died on November 05, 1945 in Long Beach, Los Angeles, California. She married ?? LOOMIS.
- ii. MARY RILEY was born about 1888 in Texas. She married GEORGE E. RICHARDS.
- iii. EDGAR RILEY was born on November 18, 1892 in Amarillo, Potter, Texas.

Charles Bernhart and Louise Riedesel had the following children:

- i. CORA MATILDA³ BERNHART was born on May 08, 1875 in Fredericksburg, Gillespie, Texas. She died on April 03, 1960 in Sacramento, Sacramento, California. She married John Allen Edge on June 17, 1893 in Potter County, Texas.
- ii. LOUISA MATILDA BERNHART was born on November 09, 1878 in Texas. She died on March 06, 1920 in Amarillo, Potter, Texas (LLano Cemetery). She married W.P. STEWART.

Notes for Louisa Matilda Bernhart:

Her gravestone gives her year of death as 1877 but the official death certificate says 1878.

- iii. KATIE BERNHART was born in August 1879 in Texas. She died between 1880-1900.

3. **LUDWIG WILHELM² RIEDESEL** (Ludwig¹) was born on February 08, 1855 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He died on December 24, 1928 in Nordheim, DeWitt, Texas. He married Emma Riedel, daughter of Moritz Ferdinand Riedel and Sophie ??, on August 30, 1874 in DeWitt County, Texas. She was born on January 04, 1855 in Texas. She died on May 19, 1943 in Nordheim, DeWitt, Texas.

Notes for Ludwig Wilhelm Riedesel:

Known as 'LW' and Louis William.

Notes for Emma Riedel:

Her parents were born in Germany.

Ludwig Wilhelm Riedesel and Emma Riedel had the following children:

- i. HELEN³ RIEDESEL was born on June 14, 1875 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She died on January 01, 1958 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She married Carl Poetter on December 09, 1896 in DeWitt County, Texas. He was born on September 17, 1862 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He died on August 09, 1931 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas.

Notes for Carl Poetter:

Also known as Charles.

- ii. FRANK ALBERT RIEDESEL was born on September 17, 1877 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He died on March 17, 1955 in Nordheim, DeWitt, Texas. He married Meta Kasten on March 28, 1906 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She was born about 1884.

Notes for Frank Albert Riedesel:

As of 1930 he was a lumberyard manager in Nordheim, Texas. May also have been known as Frank Albert.

- iii. HENRY WILLIAM RIEDESEL was born on December 19, 1879. He died on June 10, 1935 in Nordheim, DeWitt, Texas. He married (1) FRANCES CLEASON about 1922. She was born on August 02, 1888 in Mississippi. She died on May 15, 1967. He married (2) JOHANNA IDA HELDT. She was born on July 18, 1895 in Texas. She died on April 07, 1978 in Arlington, Tarrant, Texas.

Notes for Henry William Riedesel:

In 1930 they were living in Mississippi County, Arkansas, where he worked as a cook.

Notes for Frances Cleason:

Known as Fanny.

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Notes for Johanna Ida Heldt:
Died or was divorced by about 1922.

- iv. RICHARD AUGUST RIEDESEL was born on September 22, 1882 in DeWitt County, Texas. He died on June 22, 1946 in Mathis, San Patricio, Texas. He married Agnes Norton, daughter of Adolph Norton, about 1907. She was born on August 31, 1885 in Texas. She died on January 21, 1984 in DeWitt County, Texas.

Notes for Richard August Riedesel:
As of 1930 he was a self-employed carpenter in Jim Wells County, TX. They apparently had no children.

Notes for Agnes Norton:
Her maiden name may have been Noster.

- v. HERBERT OTTO RIEDESEL was born on March 06, 1886 in DeWitt County, Texas. He died on November 25, 1964 in Jim Wells County, Texas. He married Minnie C. Schlosser, daughter of Henry Schlosser and Hermine Meyer, about 1913. She was born on July 03, 1888 in Goliad, Goliad, Texas. She died on May 08, 1976 in Jim Wells County, Texas.

Notes for Herbert Otto Riedesel:
He was a carpenter.

- vi. OSCAR FREDERICK RIEDESEL was born on March 10, 1890 in Nordheim, DeWitt, Texas. He died on February 02, 1962 in Nordheim, DeWitt, Texas. He married Eugenia Garbe, daughter of Albert Garbe and Veronica Smith, about 1911. She was born on February 01, 1889 in Flatonia, Fayette, Texas. She died on September 16, 1972 in Nordheim, DeWitt, Texas.
- vii. LEONA C. RIEDESEL was born on June 20, 1892 in Texas. She died in June 1975 in Texas. She married Mike Weischwill about 1922. He was born about 1898. He died in Texas.
- viii. JOSEPHINE HEDWIG RIEDESEL was born on September 27, 1895 in Garfield, DeWitt, Texas. She died on February 09, 1978 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas. She married John H. Pieper Jr., son of Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Pieper and Luise Riedesel, about 1917. He was born on March 13, 1893 in Peoria, Peoria, Illinois. He died on July 02, 1976 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

Notes for Josephine Hedwig Riedesel:
This birthdate comes from a Lutheran baptismal record and is it odds with other information.

Notes for John H. Pieper Jr.:
Married some time before 1920, when he and his distant cousin and wife, Josephine, were living in Nordheim. In 1930, they were in Cuero (and enumerated under the spelling Peeper). The 1940 Census gives his place of birth as Chicago, not Peoria. Sales for an electric company.

- 4. **CAROLINE² RIEDESEL** (Ludwig¹) was born on September 20, 1857 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She died on June 19, 1940 in Victoria, Victoria, Texas. She married Charles William Kraatz on December 28, 1887. He was born in March 1846 in Germany. He died in 1936 in Texas.

Notes for Charles William Kraatz:

May have been known as Carl or Charles. Came to US in 1872. As of 1900 they were living in Goliad County, TX.

Charles William Kraatz and Caroline Riedesel had the following children:

- i. CAESAR³ KRAATZ was born on November 03, 1888. He died on January 19, 1972. He married HELENA SEIFERT. She was born on February 26, 1891. She died in March 1970.
- ii. ALFRED KRAATZ was born in July 1890.

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- iii. CORDELIA KRAATZ was born on April 24, 1892. She died in September 1976. She married ALFRED O. KAISER.

Notes for Cordelia Kraatz:
Also known as Cora.

- iv. ERNEST KRAATZ was born on November 26, 1893. He died in March 1969.
- v. OSCAR KRAATZ was born in February 1897.

- 5. **AUGUST CARL² RIEDESEL** (Ludwig¹) was born on August 08, 1861 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He died on June 10, 1934 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He married Pauline Grun on December 25, 1885 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She was born in June 1864 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She died in 1936 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas.

Notes for Pauline Grun:

By the 1900 Census, she had born three other children who must have died young and whose names we do not know.

August Carl Riedesel and Pauline Grun had the following children:

- i. **CARL AUGUST³ RIEDESEL** was born on October 22, 1886 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He died on June 09, 1946 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He married Gesine Schmidt on October 03, 1911 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She was born on April 06, 1888 in Oldenburg, Germany. She died on December 20, 1968 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas.

Notes for Carl August Riedesel:

He was baptised as Carl, but mostly known as Charles. Farmed at Yorktown.

- ii. **HERMAN E. RIEDESEL** was born on December 19, 1890 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He died on December 07, 1960 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He married Marie Pauline Schmidt on December 29, 1911 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She was born on December 11, 1885. She died on July 28, 1961 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas.
- iii. **ELLA HELENE RIEDESEL** was born on December 22, 1894 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She died on August 16, 1972. She married (1) ISIDOR JOHN BEDNORZ, son of John Bednorz and Mary Burda, after 1930. He was born on March 29, 1893 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He died on June 26, 1981 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. She married (2) THEODORE WILLIAM MACHOST on October 09, 1918 in DeWitt County, Texas. He was born in 1892 in Texas. He died in 1964.
- iv. **EMIL RIEDESEL** was born on October 28, 1899 in Texas. He died on November 06, 1967 in Bexar County, Texas. He married Mary Valerian about 1921. She was born on May 30, 1901 in Czechoslovakia (Moravia, Austria). She died on June 25, 1991 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas.

Notes for Mary Valerian:

That she was the wife of Emil Riedesel of Yorktown is only an inference on my part.

- v. **AUGUST JACOB RIEDESEL** was born on September 27, 1904 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas. He died on March 05, 1925 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas.