

## Notes on Wilhelmine Riedesel

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### Generation 1

1. **WILHELMINE<sup>1</sup> RIEDESEL** was born on October 22, 1829 in Wunderthausen. She died on January 26, 1897 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Johann Georg Schneider, son of Johann Georg Schneider and Luise Florentine Wetter, on June 24, 1848 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. He was born on December 13, 1825 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 14, 1883 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Wilhelmine Riedesel:

She was known as Minnie. Born in Gabels/Bergmanns Haus in Wunderthausen. She came to America with the J. Georg Schneider family--she married George Jr. The passenger manifest of the ship Amazone which arrived in New York on May 31, 1848 out of Bremen included a barely legible entry that I read as "Wilh Rittesel", age 20. The entry says "male mason" but mistakes were made. She married Johann Georg Schneider Jr. in Bucyrus, Ohio on June 24, 1848.

By 1851 the Schneiders had relocated to the Wheatland, Iowa area. Wilhelmine bore a total of 15 children. The first two were born in Ohio while the rest first saw the light of the world in Iowa. She was known as Minnie. They lived out their days there on a farm of 160 acres in Section 22 of the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County. George died there January 14, 1883 while Minnie died on January 26, 1897. Of course they are buried at St. Paul's Cemetery in Wheatland. They had an exceptionally large family but many children died as young adults.

Notes for Johann Georg Schneider:

Known as George, Jr. Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. The family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848. Came to Crawford County Ohio with his parents and siblings in 1848 and settled in what became Wheatland in 1851. 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. His large farm was in Section 22 of the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County.

Johann Georg Schneider and Wilhelmine Riedesel had the following children:

- i. **CAROLINE<sup>2</sup> SCHNEIDER** was born in August 1848 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. She died on April 05, 1906 in Coon Rapids, Carroll, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married John Fritchle on January 02, 1875 in Scott County, Iowa. He was born on March 22, 1834 in Württemberg. He died on September 25, 1907 (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Caroline Schneider:

They moved at some point from Clinton County to Carroll County, Iowa. Sources vary as to where she actually died, but she is buried in Wheatland.

- ii. **LOUIS SCHNEIDER** was born on January 01, 1850 in Crawford County, Ohio. He died on December 17, 1929 in Colfax, Whitman, Washington (Colfax Cemetery). He married Amelia Rettig, daughter of Johann Rettig and Anna Maria Schmiedel, in 1878 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on April 11, 1856 in Baltic, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. She died on July 05, 1899 in El Dorado Springs, Cedar, Missouri.

Notes for Louis Schneider:

Farmed at Wheatland until the mid-1880s when they moved on to Friend, Colorado. The year after Amelia died, he and the children were living in Oklahoma where he was farming. By 1910 he was in Washington state. Also went by Lewis.

- iii. **ELISABETH SCHNEIDER** was born on December 17, 1852 in Crawford County, Ohio. She died on February 04, 1885 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married John Wesley Thompson on November 18, 1873 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (Presbyterian Church). He was born on December 20, 1847 in Fayette County, Ohio. He died on September 25, 1915 (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Elisabeth Schneider:

John married Elizabeth's sister Catherine after her death.

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Notes for John Wesley Thompson:

His wives were sisters.

- iv. RHODA SCHNEIDER was born on April 23, 1854 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on May 30, 1927 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (Pine Hill Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Abraham Moore Hall in 1874. He was born on March 08, 1832 in Plumcreek, Armstrong, Pennsylvania. He died on May 30, 1918 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Abraham Moore Hall:

He was a Civil War veteran whose first wife had died.

- v. ANNA SCHNEIDER was born in October 1856 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Duane Denney on October 21, 1874 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (Presbyterian Church).

Notes for Anna Schneider:

The marriage record is clear but there is no trace of either of this couple afterwards.

- vi. CATHARINA SCHNEIDER was born on March 29, 1857 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on January 01, 1913. She married John Wesley Thompson on December 25, 1886 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on December 20, 1847 in Fayette County, Ohio. He died on September 25, 1915 (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Catharina Schneider:

Records from St. Paul's cemetery suggest she died January 1, 1913.

Notes for John Wesley Thompson:

His wives were sisters.

- vii. HENRY CHARLES SCHNEIDER was born in March 1858 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died in 1931 in Piedmont, Canadian, Oklahoma. He married (1) MARY MAGDALENE SHOEMAKER in Prob. Iowa. She was born in December 1874 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She died in 1950 in Piedmont, Canadian, Oklahoma. He married (2) ISABELLA MCFARLAND on September 04, 1884 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. She was born in 1864 in Prob. Canada. She died about 1890 in Prob. Iowa.

Notes for Henry Charles Schneider:

Took the name 'Snyder' and moved to Oklahoma just before 1900.

- viii. WILLIAM SCHNEIDER was born on April 10, 1860 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on April 27, 1889 in Friend, Colorado (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Elisabeth Ficke on July 18, 1886 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on August 27, 1865 in Long Grove, Scott, Iowa. She died on December 24, 1960 in Bushnell, McDonough, Illinois.
- ix. LAURA FLORENTINE SCHNEIDER was born on June 09, 1862 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on March 18, 1891 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Laura Florentine Schneider:

She does not appear to be buried in St. Paul's Cemetery in Wheatland. She was unmarried as of 1885.

- x. MARY SCHNEIDER was born on March 10, 1864 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on July 16, 1888 in Big Rock, Clinton, Iowa. She married Henry Rudolph Nagel on September 11, 1887 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on July 20, 1855 in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. He died on January 30, 1943 in Bushnell, McDonough, Illinois.
- xi. CHRISTINE SCHNEIDER was born on February 21, 1866 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on November 05, 1892 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

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Notes for Christine Schneider:

The records of her short life and those of her sister, Sarah are confusing. The hand-written records of Clinton County document the marriage of Christine to Joseph McCulley in 1890. Yet Christine is buried as a Schneider in the Wheatland Cemetery while Sarah is buried as a McCulley. Ray Joseph McCulley was born shortly before Sarah's death, and "childbirth fever" was sadly common. The preponderance of evidence seems to be that it was Sarah who was married and not Christine. What accounts for the latter's name in the marriage register is a mystery.

- xii. SARAH SCHNEIDER was born on March 12, 1868 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on July 01, 1891 (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Joseph McCully on August 06, 1890 in Scott County, Iowa. He was born about 1864.

Notes for Sarah Schneider:

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- xiii. LISETTA SCHNEIDER was born on May 11, 1870 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on March 01, 1899 in Grundy Center, Grundy, Iowa. She married William F Diebner on April 14, 1897 in Clinton County, Iowa, USA. He was born in 1870. He died on December 13, 1916 in Eldora, Hardin, Iowa.
- xiv. EDWARD SCHNEIDER was born in 1872 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on October 23, 1885 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Edward Schneider:

Known as Eddie J. Died of accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound.

- xv. LYDIA SCHNEIDER was born on November 14, 1875 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on June 13, 1893 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Lydia Schneider:

Some record shows her being buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, but no grave marker is now apparent.