

Notes on Anna Elisabeth Wagner

Generation 1

1. **ANNA ELISABETH¹ WAGNER** was born on May 02, 1859 in Wunderhausen. She died on July 26, 1933 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Georg Ludwig Riedesel, son of Georg Gabriel Riedesel and Elisabeth Amalia Knoche, on August 19, 1880 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on September 17, 1847 in Wunderhausen. He died on October 12, 1929 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Wagner:

Born in Wagners Haus in Wunderhausen. She probably spent parts of her childhood in both Wunderhausen and Diedenshausen, wherever her (single) mother had employment. She was only nine when her mother died. In 1879, her (half?) brother Louis who had gone to America died suddenly on his farm near Wheatland. He had no heirs in America but the church elders knew of Anna. They invited her to come to America to claim that inheritance and start a new life.

Apparently it took some convincing, but she finally did so in the company of several other young people with a Ludwig Lückel (almost certainly from Girkhausen) as a kind of chaperone for the group. They traveled on the ship Neckar out of Bremen, landing in New York May 29, 1880.

Anna, Herr Lückel, and at least some others traveled on to Iowa. It almost certain that they went by the Ohio River to St. Louis and then up to Davenport or Clinton. She signed a Quit Claim with Herr Lückel for \$120. Surely he had paid for her passage and was repaid once they got to Wheatland. He returned to Germany. It took a while to finally settle her brother's estate but Anna now owned land that apparently remained in her name. She had only been at Wheatland for a couple of months when she married Louis D. Riedesel. Whether this was arranged in advance or just happened is anybody's guess. My guess is that the relationship developed after her arrival. The Riedesel brothers were close neighbors and good farmers.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Riedesel:

Known as Louis D. in America. Born in the house in Wunderhausen known as Schreiners/Grosseludwigs. Came to the US on May 28, 1866, on the ship "Atlantic." It landed in New York and had sailed from Bremen.

He worked at first for a relative, Philip Knoche, in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1868, took the train and steamboat to Davenport. He then worked on the farm of Ephrem Snyder [identity uncertain]. In 1870, he and his brothers George and Henry bought farmland near Wheatland. By marrying Anna Wagner who had suddenly inherited at least something when brother Louis Wagner died, he had a foothold on some rich farmland southwest of Wheatland. Their place was in Section 21 of the Spring Rock Township of Clinton County.

Georg Ludwig Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Wagner had the following children:

- i. **FRANK G.² RIEDESEL** was born on June 01, 1881 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on September 14, 1881 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- ii. **AUGUSTE RIEDESEL** was born on August 29, 1882 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on October 01, 1974 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (Pine Hill Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Henry Jurgen Schnede on March 26, 1907 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on January 04, 1881 in Germany. He died on November 17, 1959 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (Pine Hill Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Auguste Riedesel:

Known as Gustie.

- iii. **PAULINE RIEDESEL** was born on August 22, 1884 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on November 27, 1914 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).
- iv. **ANNA RIEDESEL** was born on January 29, 1887 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on February 11, 1979 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She married Henry Frederick Mueller, son of Fred Mueller, on February 27, 1907 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on November 17, 1880 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa. He

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died in January 1967 in Grand Mound, Clinton, Iowa.

- v. LOUISE RIEDESEL was born on August 09, 1891 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on December 12, 1984 in Calamus, Clinton County, Iowa, United States of America (Rose Hill Cemetery, Calamus). She married James Blaine St. John, son of Albert St. John and Sarah Lafferty, on December 20, 1911 in Calamus, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on March 15, 1885 in Calamus, Clinton, Iowa. He died on July 27, 1951 in Grand Mound, Clinton, Iowa (Rose Hill Cemetery, Calamus).
- vi. LOUIS ARMOUR RIEDESEL was born on November 29, 1893 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on April 20, 1975 in De Witt, Clinton, Iowa. He married Elsie Wilhelmina Rowold, daughter of Ernst Heinrich Dietrich Rowold and Katharine Riedesel, on October 26, 1921 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She was born on May 03, 1903 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on March 21, 1993 in Maquoketa, Jackson, Iowa.

Notes for Louis Armour Riedesel:
Farmed at Wheatland. Served in World War I.

Notes for Elsie Wilhelmina Rowold:
After her mother's early death, she and her sister Emma went to live with her Riedesel grandparents. The other children then lived with their Rowold grandparents.

- vii. EPHRAIM RIEDESEL was born on December 31, 1895 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 26, 1935 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Lillian Strackbein, daughter of John Conrad Strackbein and Luise Riedesel, on June 22, 1932 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on May 27, 1909 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on May 06, 1988 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Ephraim Riedesel:
Served in World War I.

Notes for Lillian Strackbein:
Her dates are suppositions based on Social Security Death Index record.

- viii. PHILLIP RIEDESEL was born on May 27, 1898 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on May 13, 1971 in De Witt, Clinton, Iowa. He married Lydia Schneider, daughter of Phillip A. Schneider and Elisabeth Wagner, on January 20, 1932 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on February 01, 1908 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on February 14, 2002 in Maquoketa, Jackson, Iowa.
- ix. PERRY RIEDESEL was born on May 16, 1904 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on May 07, 1962 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Emma Elizabeth Rowold, daughter of Ernst Heinrich Dietrich Rowold and Katharine Riedesel, on June 09, 1937 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She was born on May 03, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on January 17, 1971 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
- x. INFANT RIEDESEL.