

Notes on Luise Florentine Wetter

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1. **LUISE FLORENTINE¹ WETTER** was born on July 29, 1803 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 18, 1889 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married Johann Georg Schneider, son of Georg Ludwig Schneider and Elisabeth Gertraud Riedesel, on May 21, 1826 in Wunderthausen. He was born on November 18, 1802 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 15, 1864 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Luise Florentine Wetter:

Born in Petersgrund near Wunderthausen. She and her family came to New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848 and to the Wheatland area around 1851. He died in 1864, and by 1870 she was living with the family of their son, John Henry, in the Spring Rock township near Wheatland.

Her obituary notes that she had 80 grandchildren, of whom 58 were alive at the time, and another 52 living great-grandchildren.

Notes for Johann Georg Schneider:

Born in Althäusers Haus, Wunderthausen. He was the heir, but sold the property and left for America. He applied for emigration on January 23, 1848 and the family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848. Presumably they went directly to Crawford County, Ohio. Their daughter, Catherine, was already there and had married J. Ludwig Riedesel in Crawford County, Ohio. In 1852, he and his son, Henry, walked to Clinton County, Iowa, to purchase land. He was a founding member of the German Reformed Church in Wheatland and an Elder. There are inconsistent records of the date of his death, but I rely on the contemporaneous diary of the Rev. Klar. He died without leaving a will.

Johann Georg Schneider and Luise Florentine Wetter had the following children:

- i. **CATHERINE² SCHNEIDER** was born on September 21, 1823 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 22, 1894 in Glidden, Carroll, Iowa. She married Johann Ludwig Riedesel, son of Ludwig Riedesel and Florentine Althaus, on July 01, 1845 in Galion, Crawford, Ohio. He was born on August 05, 1822 in Wunderthausen. He died on January 12, 1910 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa.

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.

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 fiancée, 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

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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.

- ii. JOHANN GEORG SCHNEIDER was born on December 13, 1825 in Wunderhausen. He died on January 14, 1883 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). He married Wilhelmine Riedesel, daughter of Gabriel Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Müsse, on June 24, 1848 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on October 22, 1829 in Wunderhausen. She died on January 26, 1897 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Johann Georg Schneider:

Known as George, Jr. Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderhausen. 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.

Notes for Wilhelmine Riedesel:

She was known as Minnie. Born in Gabels/Bergmanns Haus in Wunderhausen. 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.

- iii. LUDWIG HEINRICH SCHNEIDER was born on April 09, 1828 in Wunderhausen. He died on August 10, 1905 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He married Mary E. Tinnian, daughter of Nicholas Tinnian and Bridget ??, about 1862. She was born in February 1846 in Ireland. She died on July 15, 1924 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa.

Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Schneider:

Known as Louis Henry. Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderhausen. The family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848. Was a carpenter and lived much of his adult life in Davenport.

Notes for Mary E. Tinnian:

According to the 1900 Census, she had borne six children but only one was living. No children are listed in the 1870 Census, and only Mary is named in 1880. Mrs. Hobbs stated they had only a single child.

- iv. GEORG LUDWIG SCHNEIDER was born on January 21, 1831 in Wunderhausen. He died on June 27, 1838 in Wunderhausen.

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- v. ANNA ELISABETH CAROLINE SCHNEIDER was born on August 13, 1833 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 10, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married (1) JOSEPH F. ZELLER on September 29, 1891 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born in 1833 in Germany. He died on August 20, 1899 in Oxford, Jones, Iowa (Mayflower Cemetery). She married (2) GEORG LUDWIG DÜRR, son of Georg Ludwig Dürr and Elisabeth Gertraud Althaus, on October 14, 1850 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. He was born on May 28, 1823 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 07, 1888 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Caroline Schneider:

Known as Caroline. Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. The Schneider family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848. Some records (including her obituary in the local paper!) report that the wife of Ludwig Dürr was "Catherine Schneider", but this is totally incorrect. She was Caroline in her day; her sister, Catherine, married J. Ludwig Riedesel in 1845. Four of her twelve children died in childhood. She is buried with Ludwig Dürr in St. Paul's Cemetery though there is no grave marker.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Dürr:

Known as Ludwig. Apparently raised in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. With his first cousin, J. Ludwig Riedesel, and his mother he traveled to New York on the ship Lesmona out of Bremen, debarking on June 24, 1844. Their destination was Crawford County, Ohio, where the cousins' aunt and uncle (the Gerhardts) lived. Family legend has it that he built a barn for someone in exchange for his passage. Exactly where he lived is uncertain. It is likely that he and his family lived outside the towns of Galion and Bucyrus. Just prior to his marriage, the 1850 Crawford County Census found him living in the household of a German-born wagonmaker, John Miller.

While living in Ohio, he received some theological tutelage from the Rev. Max Stern of the German Reformed Church in Galion. The Dürres, the Riedesels, the Gerhardts and the Schneiders appear not to have been members of that congregation. Instead, they evidently met in homes and perhaps a rough meeting house for religious services. Reports differ on when he settled for good at Wheatland. The reported birth places of their children imply a move to Iowa between 1855-1857.

Their family scattered. Unlike many of the other Wunderthäuser, they had no "home place" (farm) to pass down to another generation.

Dürr was a carpenter, not a farmer, and lived in the town of Wheatland. He was a founder of St. Paul's Church in Wheatland and had served as a lay leader of worship services in Wheatland before a regular minister was available. 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 was an elder in the first Kirchenrat (Board) of St. Paul's church in 1861. He and Caroline are buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, but no marker exists.

- vi. JOHANN PHILIPP SCHNEIDER was born on April 21, 1836 in Wunderthausen. He died on June 27, 1908 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa. He married Marie Louisa Penningroth, daughter of Karl Friedrich Christian Penningroth and Sophie Wilhelmine Caroline Lisette Humbke, on January 01, 1863. She was born on December 14, 1844 in Lahde, Minden, Germany (Ilserheide). She died on April 07, 1936 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa.

Notes for Johann Philipp Schneider:

Known as Philipp or J.P. Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. The family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848.

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Farmed in Cedar County/Massillon Township/Section 23. In 1872 he had 80 acres and was the only Wunderthäuser in that Township that I can identify.

- vii. WILHELMINE SCHNEIDER was born on October 17, 1838 in Wunderthausen. She died on May 22, 1929 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She married Johannes Keller, son of Johann Heinrich Keller and Anna Karoline Luise Womelsdorf, on May 19, 1871 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on September 25, 1831 in Diedenshausen. He died on May 17, 1907 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Wilhelmine Schneider:

Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. The family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848. Apparently remained single until marrying John Keller. She bore four children but we only know Lydia by name.

Notes for Johannes Keller:

Known as John. Born in Schneiders Haus in Diedenshausen. His three daughters by Catherina Homrighausen died within a few months of each other in the spring of 1870 of typhus ("Nervenfieber"). His first wife had already died in 1868 but the surviving family continued to live in Schneiders Haus with relatives. He came to America on the ship Weser, landing in New York on December 2, 1870 and made his to the Wheatland community. His second wife, Wilhelmine Schneider had come to America some years before.

Once in America, John worked as a blacksmith in Wheatland. He died there after collapsing at his shop.

- viii. ELISABETH FLORENTINE SCHNEIDER was born on January 20, 1841 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 09, 1920 in Lanesboro, Carroll, Iowa (East Liberty Cemetery, Lidderdale). She married Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel, son of Gabriel Riedesel and Anna Elisabeth Müsse, about 1856 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on July 23, 1834 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 17, 1898 in Carroll County, Iowa (East Liberty Cemetery, Lidderdale).

Notes for Elisabeth Florentine Schneider:

Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. The family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848. Known as Florentine.

April 15, 1920 - Obituary of Grandma Riedesel - Mrs. Flora Riedesel passed away at her home in Lanesboro April 9th, at the age of 79 years, 2 months and 19 days, after a long illness. Although she was only confined to her bed a few hours. When she attempted to arise on the morning of her death she in some way fell and broke her hip. She suffered severely all day and passed away about 7 p.m.

Mrs. Riedesel was born in Germany and came to this county when 6 years of age and was married to Henry Riedesel in 1859. Mr. Riedesel preceded her twenty years ago. Twelve children were born to this union, ten of whom survive. They are: John and Hubert Riedesel, Mrs. Lizzie Miller, Mrs. Minnie Miller and Mrs. Clara Beckman, of Lanesboro; Peter of Wheatland; Paul, of Sioux City; Mrs. Hannah Cassum, of Sioux City; Philip, of Oklahoma; Mrs. Emma Vader, of Weiser, Idaho. All but the last two attended the funeral. There were twenty-seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Mrs. Riedesel came to Carroll county when the country was new and endured many hardships. Funeral services were held at the church Monday at 2 p.m. by Rev. Whear. A large crowd was present to pay their last respects to their old friend and neighbor. Interment at the East Liberty cemetery by the side of her husband. The floral offerings were beautiful. The family has the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of their mother.

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Notes for Ludwig Heinrich Riedesel:

He was known as Henry in America. Born in Bergmanns/Gabels Haus, Wunderthausen. Came to the U.S. aboard the ship "Auguste" out of Bremen. It landed in New Orleans on October 25, 1854. According to family recollections, he worked his way up the Mississippi as a mason and well-digger until he reached Davenport, Iowa. He and Florentine Schneider (also from Wunderthausen) were married and had their children in Wheatland, but they moved on in 1891 to what became Lanesboro, Iowa in Carroll County.

I believe that he owned land in section 18 of the Spring Rock Township around Wheatland; his farm in Carroll County was in section 2 of the Jasper Township.

- ix. JOHANN HEINRICH SCHNEIDER was born on January 06, 1843 in Wunderthausen. He died on March 14, 1880 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Katherina Wilhelmine Keller, daughter of Johann Heinrich Keller and Anna Karoline Luise Womelsdorf, on November 30, 1867 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She was born on September 23, 1843 in Diedenshausen. She died on March 18, 1914 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

Notes for Johann Heinrich Schneider:

Known as John Henry. Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. The family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848. They all lived for a while in Crawford County, Ohio before settling around Wheatland. I believe his farm spanned Sections 19 and 20 of the Spring Rock Township.

Notes for Katherina Wilhelmine Keller:

Born in Schneiders Haus, Diedenshausen. Came to New York on the ship Humboldt in 1867. After J.H. Schneider's death, she remained on the farm which George Homrighausen then took over. She was known as Catherine.

- x. ANNA ELISABETH SCHNEIDER was born on September 28, 1845 in Wunderthausen. She died on September 24, 1901 in Crawford County, Ohio (Biddle Cemetery, Crawford County). She married DAVID SHUMAKER. He was born on May 18, 1833 in Pennsylvania. He died on May 18, 1896 in Crawford County, Ohio (Biddle Cemetery, Crawford County).

Notes for Anna Elisabeth Schneider:

Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. The family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848. She must have moved to Wheatland with her family as a child but ultimately married and lived back in Crawford County, Ohio. She only ever had the one child, George.

Notes for David Shumaker:

No children as of the 1870 Census when they were living with or adjacent to his parents outside of Galion. After 1870, I lose track of them. He was the descendant of Wittgensteiners who left a century earlier!