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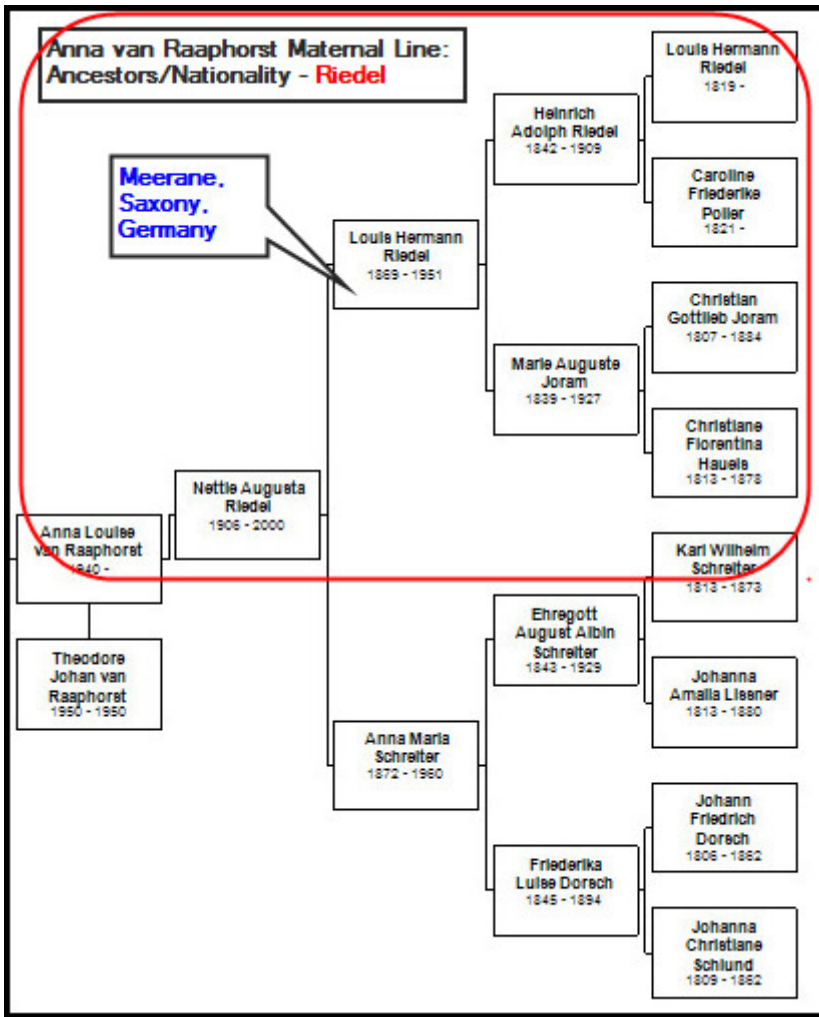
RIEDEL FAMILY PAGE



Heinrich Adolph Riedel family, about 1890

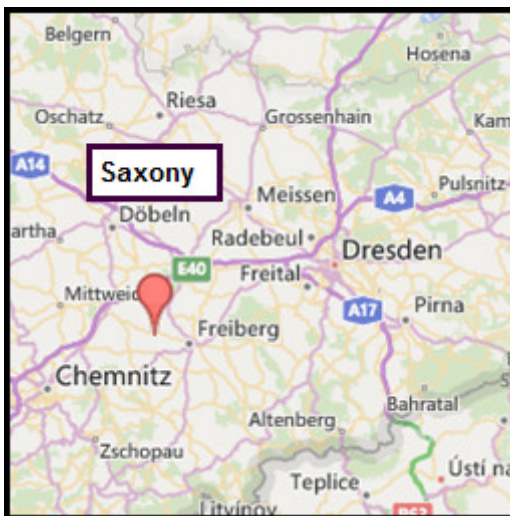
About the Riedel family

The Riedels are Anna's mother's paternal ancestors. Anna's mother, Nettie (Nan) Riedel van Raaphorst, was one of six children born to Louis and Anna Schreiter Riedel, both immigrants from Germany.



Anna's maternal ancestors: Riedel

Both the Riedel and Schreiter families migrated in 1873 from Saxony, Germany, to Forestville, Michigan, as part of a group known as *Colonia Saxonica* (Saxon Colony). Anna van Raaphorst's grandfather, Louis Hermann (Louie) Riedel, was four years old when he immigrated.



Saxony, Germany



Forestville, Michigan

The oldest daughter in the Heinrich Adolph (Adolph) Riedel family died in Germany. The family arrived with four children, and a fifth was born in Michigan (see the topmost image on this page for a family portrait with the parents and all five children).

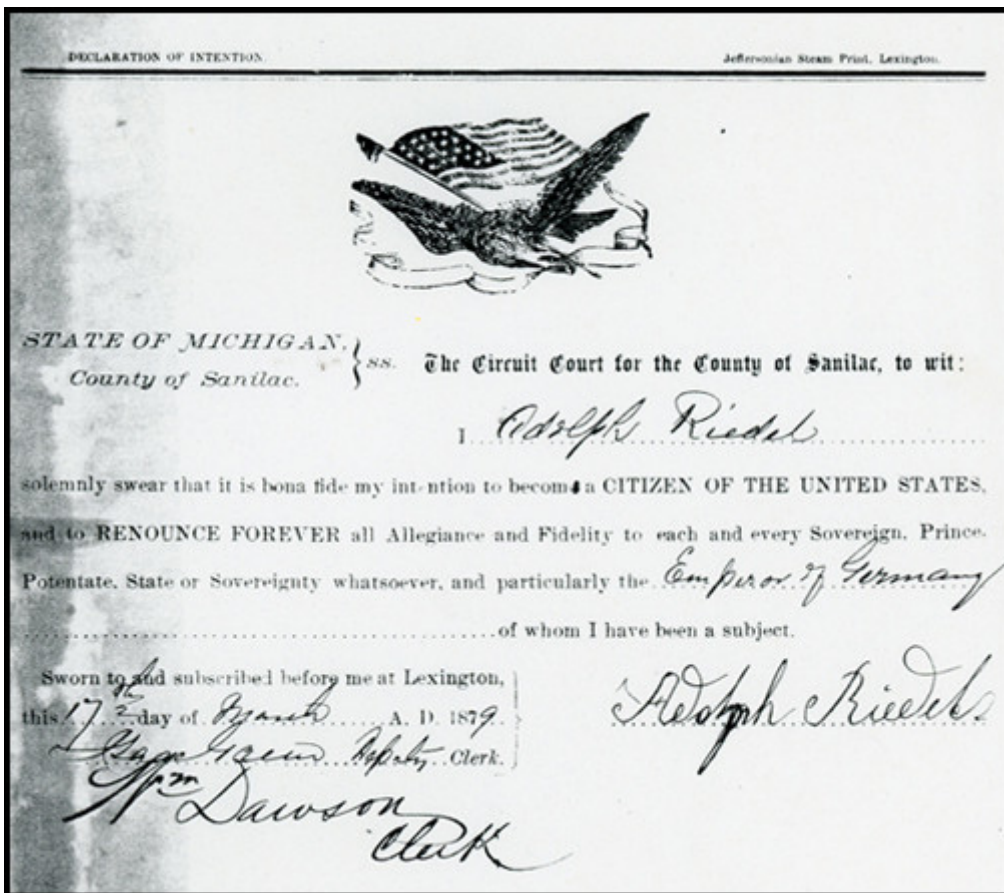


Heinrich Adolph Riedel



Marie Augusta Joram Riedel

All of the Riedels not born in the United States eventually became naturalized U.S. citizens.



Adolph Riedel citizenship application

The Riedels were farmers and small business people. Anna's grandfather Louis Hermann owned a lumber and grain business, first in a partnership with his father, and later on his own.



L. H. Riedel lumber yard

Louis and Anna Riedel had six children, of which Anna's mother Nettie (Nan) was the fifth.



Louis and Anna Riedel



Four oldest children in the Louis Riedel family



Nettie (Nan) Riedel

Ancestor surnames

- Haueis

- Joram
- Morgner
- Poller
- Renz (Renzin)
- Riedel
- Rudert (Rudertin)
- Strobel
- Thümme (Thümmin)
- Weller (Wellerin)

Unanswered questions about the Riedels

- Did the Riedel and Schreiter families know each other before they left Germany?