

Joseph Reschly and Anna Schweitzer
Family History and Genealogy

Second Edition



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**JOSEPH ROESCHLY/RESCHLY - ANNA SCHWEITZER
FAMILY**

*Born November 7, 1819 in Lorraine, France
(According to family records)*

*Born November 17, 1819 in la Haute Gueisse,
Metairies-St. Quirin, Moselle, Lorraine, France
(According to French records)*

Died March 10, 1903

*Buried in the Maple View Mennonite Church
Cemetery located on the Deborah Glaister
(3rd) Line of Wellesley Township,
Waterloo County, Ontario, Canada*

*Born March 21, 1819 in Ober Reinichen, France
(According to family records)*

*Born March 21, 1819 in Anglemont, Vosges,
Lorraine, France
(According to Marriage record)*

Died October 19, 1865

*Buried in a plot adjacent to the Reformed
Mennonite Church Cemetery located on the
Deborah Glaister (3rd) Line of Wellesley Township,
Waterloo County, Ontario, Canada*

*Joseph and Anna were married on December 25, 1847 in France by Bishop Joseph Muhrer (Maurer)
(French records state the marriage took place in Lafrimbolle, France on December 26, 1847)*

Their children are:

Maria Roeschly/Reschly born October 8, 1848 in France -- died March 18, 1883

Anna Roeschly/Reschly born May 8, 1850 in France -- died September 10, 1930

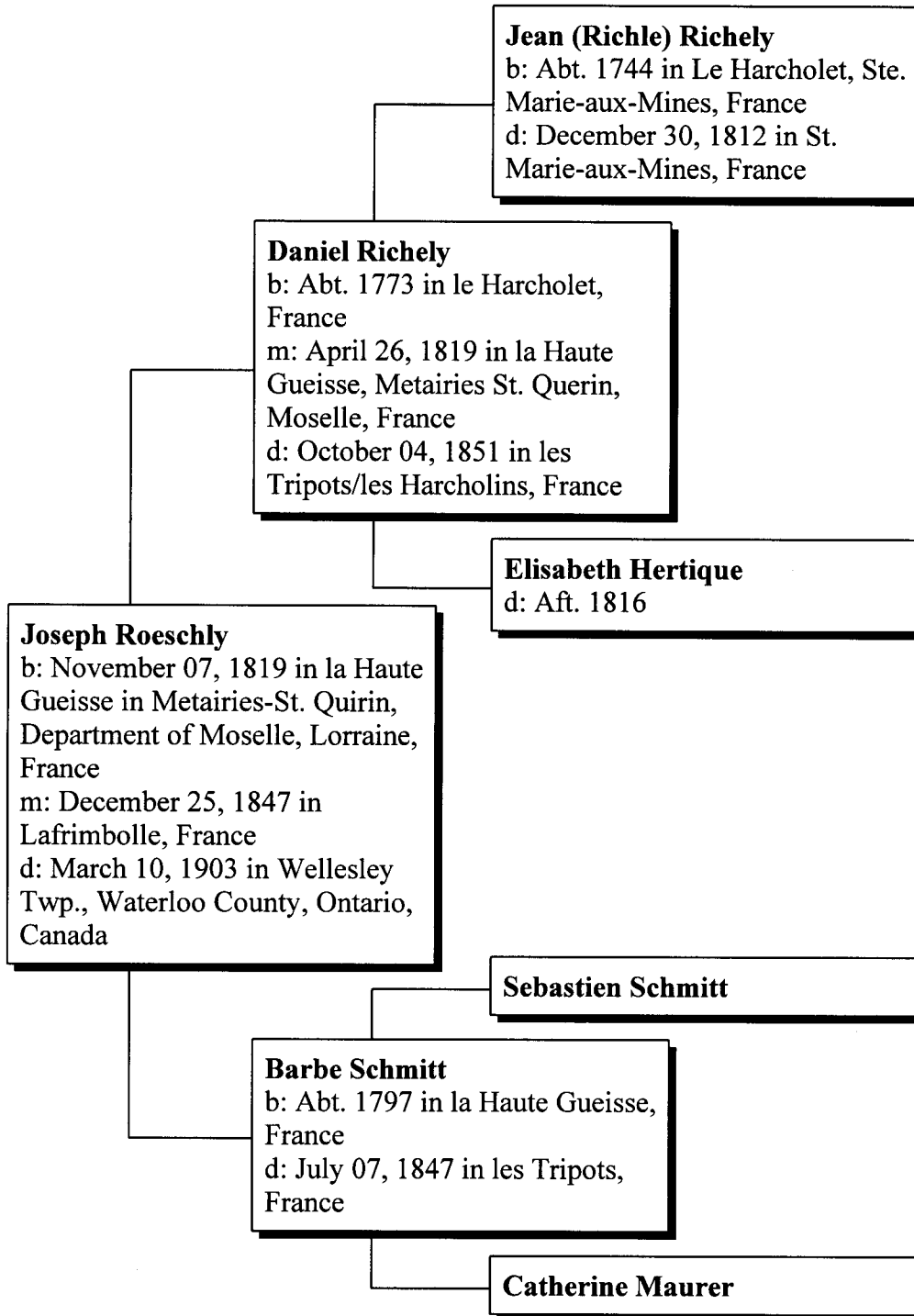
Barbara Roeschly/Reschly born May 11, 1852 in France -- died April 1, 1876

Magdalena Roeschly/Reschly born January 31, 1856 in Canada -- died December 10, 1934

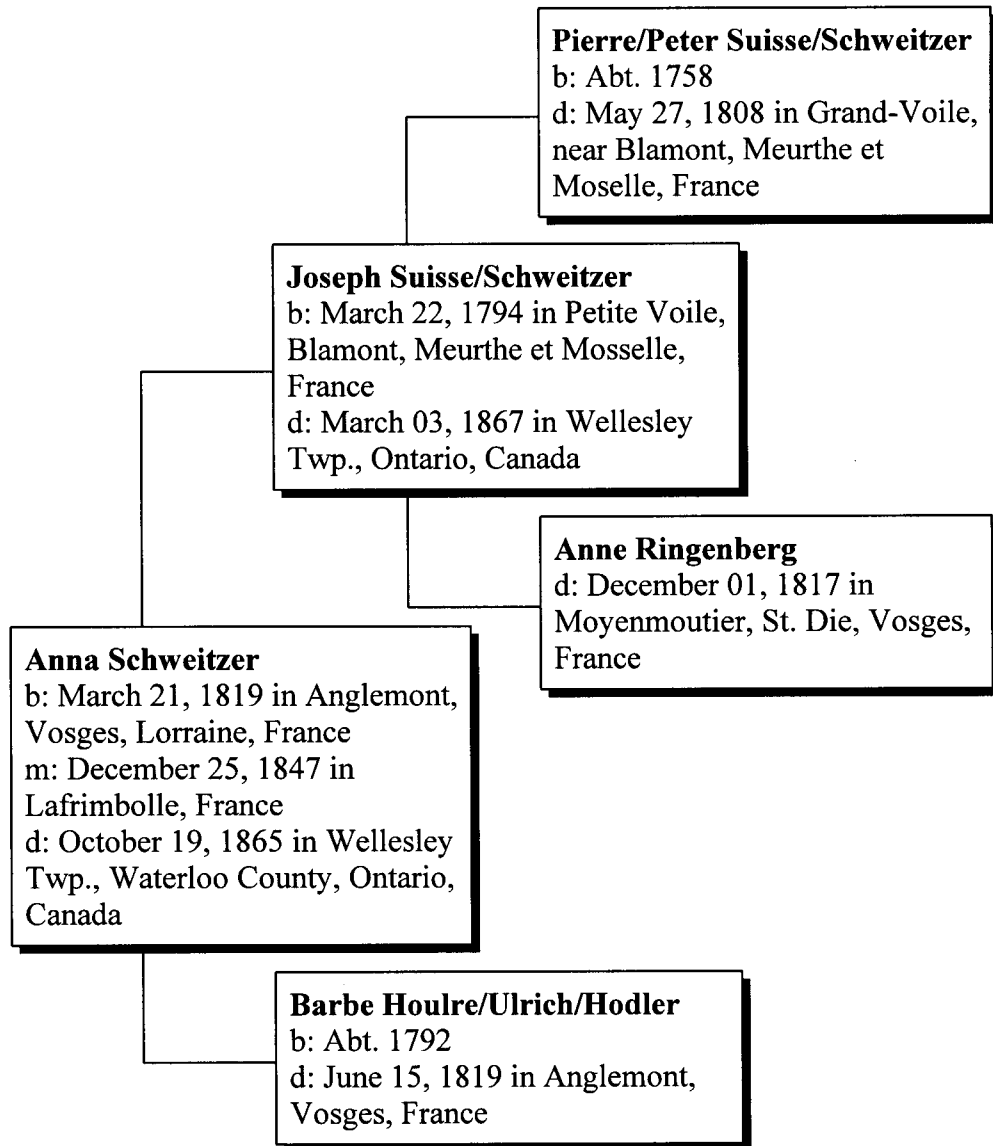
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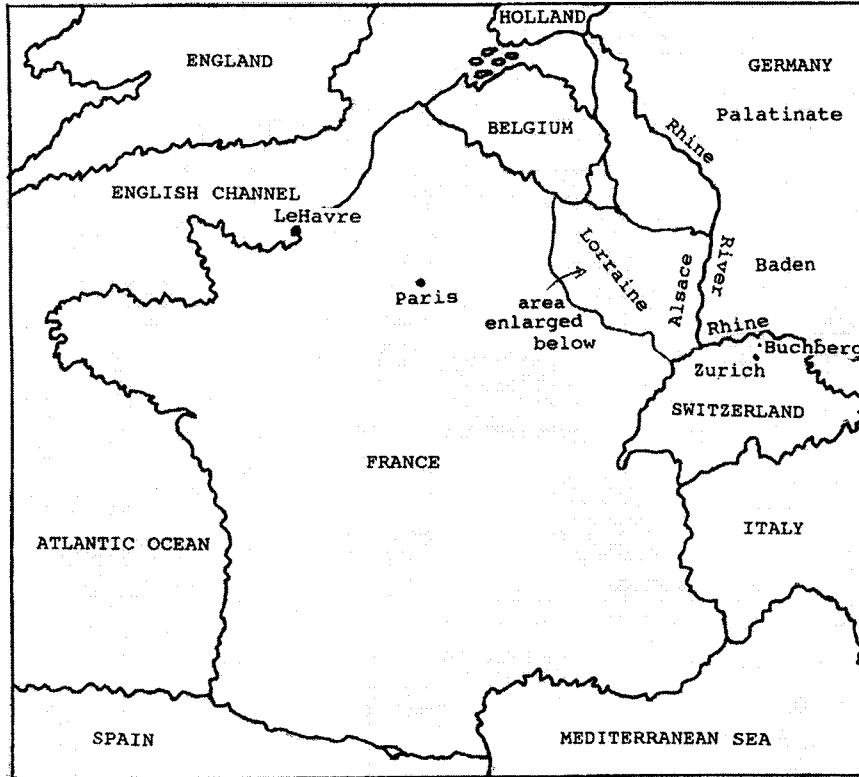
Joseph Roeschly/Reschly born March 8, 1860 in Canada -- died March 23, 1936

Ancestors of Joseph Roeschly



Ancestors of Anna Schweitzer

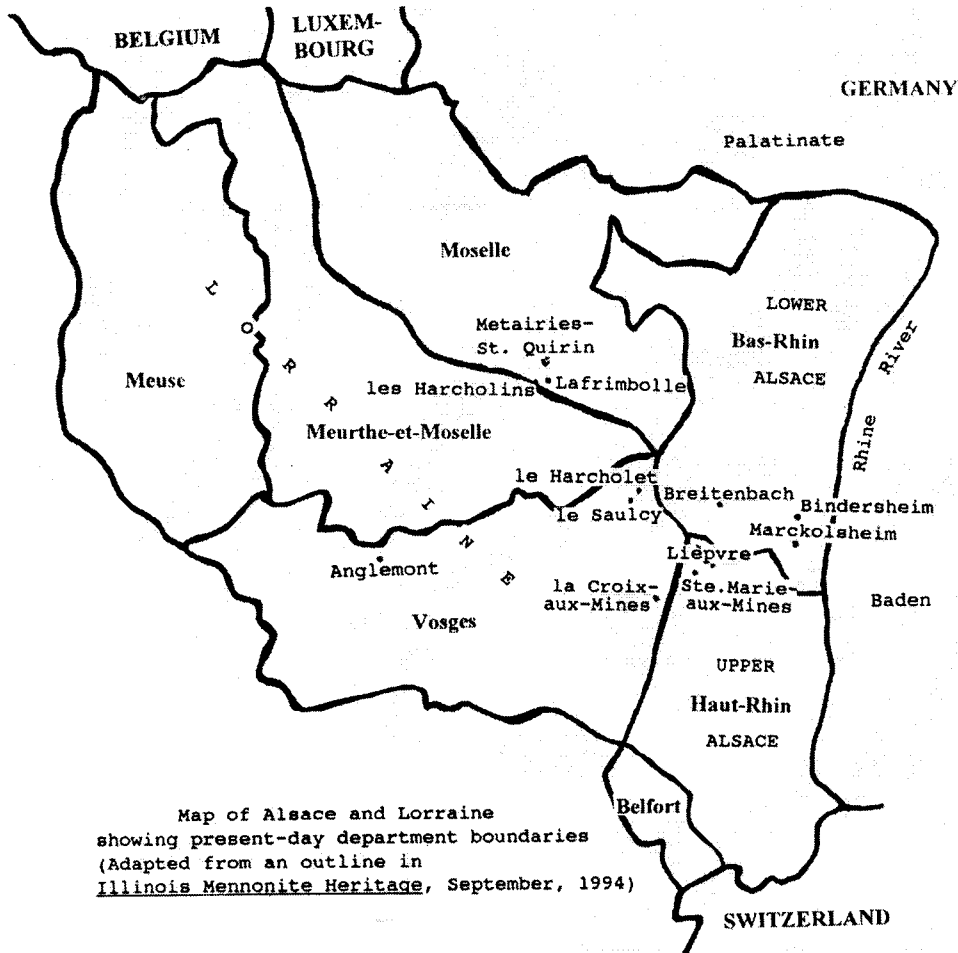




MAPS

Top:
 France and Switzerland,
 showing Buchberg, Swiss
 home of Roeschlis
 Alsace and Lorraine, home
 of Reschlys in France
 LeHavre, port of
 departure for America

Bottom:
 Alsace and Lorraine
 showing places where the
 Reschlys and Schweitzer
 families lived in France
 Note:
 La Haute Gueisse, birth-
 place of Joseph Reschly,
 is at Metairies-St.
 Quirin (not enough space
 for all the names!)



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Map of Alsace and Lorraine
 showing present-day department boundaries
 (Adapted from an outline in
Illinois Mennonite Heritage, September, 1994)

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE JOSEPH AND ANNA (SCHWEITZER) RESCHLY FAMILY

SWITZERLAND

The name Reschly, as we know it today, is found in the records in various forms. The most common ones are Roschli/Roschly or Roeschly. In Buchberg, Switzerland, the name today is found as Roeschli. In France Richely was also added to the mix.

Ron and Barb Reschly visited Buchberg in 1989 and found it a delightful little town north of Zurich, and within view of the Rhine River, the boundary between Switzerland and Germany. Although no documentation has been found to connect the Reschlys of France and America with Buchberg, there are Roeschlis in Buchberg today.

SOJOURN IN FRANCE

Joseph Reschly, the 1854 immigrant to Canada, was born in 1819 at the farm community la Haute Gueisse in Métairies-St. Quirin, Department of Moselle -- in the area known as Lorraine, France. His parents were Daniel Richely and Barbe Schmitt. The records take us back to his grandparents on both sides. The extended Reschly family will be listed in the Appendix.

By the time of his marriage to Anna Schweitzer, he was a miller at another community known as les Harcholins, made up of two groups of houses -- one known as "les Tripots", the other as "la Vendee". Les Harcholins is only a short distance from Joseph's birthplace. The civil marriage took place at Lafrimbolle, the small town where the residents of les Harcholins registered their births, marriages, and deaths.

Anna had been born in Anglemont, Department of Vosges (also part of Lorraine) but by the time of her marriage, the Schweitzer family was living at Lièpvre, east of Ste. Marie-aux-Mines, Department of Haut-Rhin (Upper Alsace). One might wonder how Joseph and Anna met across the mountain ranges between Lièpvre. At Lafrimbolle one also finds the death records of Barbe Schweitzer and her husband Jean Bacher. Barbe was Anna's aunt, thus providing a link between the two places. People got around in those days too.

Joseph and Anna were married by Bishop Joseph "Muhrrer" (probably Maurer) on Christmas Day, December 25, 1847. The following day they went to Lafrimbolle for the civil ceremony. In post-revolutionary France, only civil marriages were recognized as legal. Anna's extended family will also be listed in the Appendix.

Joseph and Anna continued to live at les Tripots where three daughters were born, Maria in 1848, Anna in 1850, and Barbara in 1852. Each time Joseph went to Lafrimbolle to register their births.



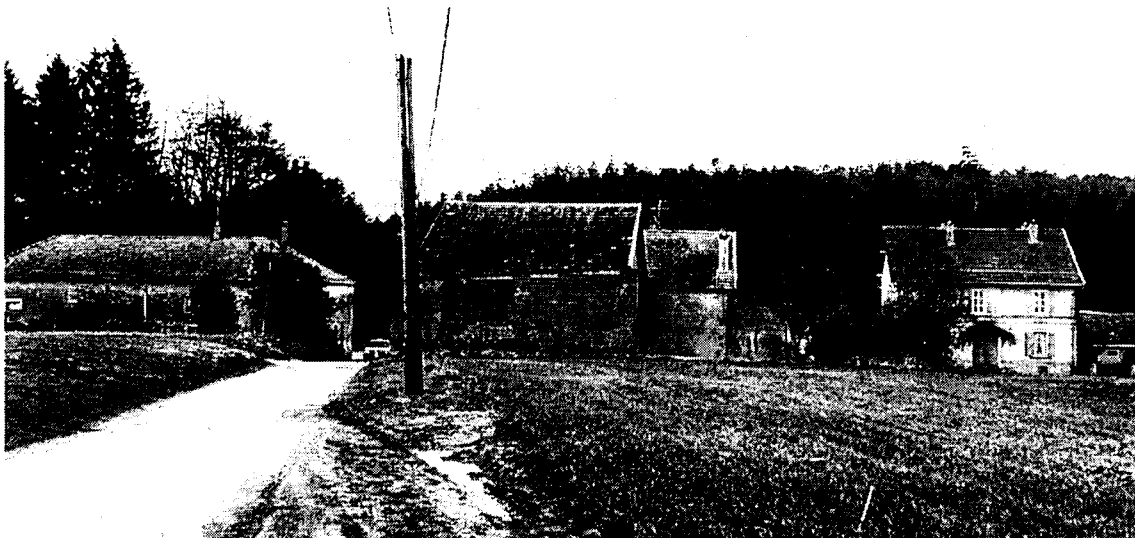
View of la Haute Gueisse (birthplace of Joseph Reschly)

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1996, p. 54; 1997, p.82



View of les Harcholins (residence of Joseph and Anna Reschly Family)



View of village of Lafrimbolle

In July, 1847, Joseph had registered the death of his mother Barbe Schmitt and in October, 1851, he registered the death of his father Daniel Richely, who by that time was 78 years old.

Anna's parents and several siblings had migrated to Canada in 1849. With both of Joseph's parents deceased, and Anna's parents in Canada, Joseph and Anna probably began to think seriously about joining the trek across the ocean. Another possible reason for leaving France may have been to avoid compulsory military conscription and training which was against their religious beliefs.

BOUND FOR CANADA

According to family records and stories, Joseph and Anna left for Canada with their three oldest daughters on October 23, 1854. They supplied their own food for the long journey and by the time they arrived after six weeks on the ocean, the food supply was running low. According to the first edition of the Reschly genealogy, it was four-and-a-half-year-old Anna who remembered the voyage.

By 1854, passenger ships were required to take on board enough food for each passenger to last for a 10-week voyage. However, passengers were also allowed to supply their own food, but if they ran out, the captain was to give them food from the ship's supply. Those who supplied their own food, presumably paid a reduced fare. They would still be allowed to use the cooking range and fuel supplied by the ship, and they would also be given their daily ration of fresh water. If those who supplied their own food ran out before the end of the voyage, the captain was to give them their weekly allowance from his stores, but they would then have to pay for it. This could also be a grave concern.

Evidently four-year-old Anna and her family did not have very good memories of their trip across the Atlantic. Although there were laws in place to protect the passengers from unscrupulous captains and owners, these were not pleasure cruises. For example, the Act of 1848, regulating passenger ships, required that a "water closet" (toilet) be supplied for every hundred passengers. At that rate, how many times would you get your turn in a day!

Rough weather was also a constant threat and frequently slowed down the time it took to cross the ocean. The sailors, however, knew how to deal with the wind "coming from the wrong direction" by turning the sails and steering the ship accordingly. With prevailing westerly winds, few people would ever have made it from Europe to America if they would have had to depend on the direction of the wind. No wind at all meant no progress either, although that problem probably did not come up too often.

Anna Schweitzer's father, Joseph, and stepmother, Catherine Wagler, her widowed brother Joseph and daughter Catherine and several other

Schweitzer family members had come to Canada between 1846 and 1851. We have not found the passenger list for the ship on which the Reschlys arrived; so we do not know its name nor the port of arrival. A Wagler family who came to Canada arrived in New York the same year (1854), and their ship carried 570 passengers.

"After approximately six weeks the journey finally ended. There must have been great joy and relief in having finished the journey, but also, there must have been a little fear of the unknown that lay ahead. A story handed down over the years is that in the hustle and bustle of disembarking one of the little girls was left behind for a short while. In the confusion of getting their belongings together and with all the people rushing around, it would have been very easy to lose track of one little girl."

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Joseph Reschly kept a record of some of the important events in their lives. He recorded that they arrived at Bishop Litwiller's (at St. Agatha) on December 16, 1854. One would suppose that the Schweitzers had paved the way for the arrival of the Reschlys at the Litwiller home. They spent Christmas with the Litwillers, and during the next few months Peter and Joseph went in search of a permanent home for the Reschlys.

Peter Litwiller's neighbour, Peter Kipfer, had sold his property across the road from the Litwillers and had recently leased a lot at what would become Musselburg in Mornington Township. No doubt, Litwiller and Reschly visited the Kipfers, and on February 15, 1855 the Reschlys also leased a farm near Musselburg and on March 23 they moved there. The farm was the west half of Lot 18, Concession III, Mornington Township.

According to the Crown Lands records, this lot was first contracted for by James Connell and transferred to Joseph Reschly in 1855. It was the custom for the Crown to lease or contract land for ten years with an agreed upon annual sum to be paid, and at the end of that time a deed would be issued. Joseph acquired his deed in 1864. Probably the Connells had built a log cabin in which the family could live, it was likely the Reschlys who built their storey-and-a-half log house on a knoll some distance from the road, later connected by a long, winding lane. This log structure is still part of the house being used in 2003.

The hamlet of Musselburg, a short distance west, would soon comprise a general store, two shoemakers, a blacksmith, a wagon maker, a tailor, a carpenter and a tavern. In the 1850s a post office was established in the general store and at the peak of its prosperity the population numbered about 50.

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RESCHLY FAMILY LIFE IN CANADA

Three more children were born to the Reschlys at Musselburg -- Magdalena in 1856, Catherine in 1858, and finally a son Joseph in 1860.

"It is told that in the early years of their homesteading, the family lived in a log cabin as all the settlers did then. One day the family dog got into a fight with a wolf just outside the cabin door. During the fight the door was broken down and the animals flew right into the room. Father Reschly then took his axe and killed the wolf right there on the cabin floor."

"Another time, the girls were doing the laundry down by the river. The river ran along the bottom of the hill, and the family took their tubs and clothes down there to wash. The young girls thought it would be great fun to play in the water, so they jumped into the washtubs and someone almost drowned in the process. Well, children will be children, no matter the times."

In France, Joseph had been listed as a miller in the records. According to family tradition he made wooden pulleys and cog wheels. In Canada, he became a farmer. He was also believed to have been a preacher, although there are no records of an ordination. A surviving Herald der Wahrheit was addressed to him in 1900 as Pre. Joseph Reschly. During the time that the Reschlys lived in Mornington, they would have belonged to the Wellesley (now Maple View) Amish-Mennonite congregation, and during their brief time in South Easthope, they would have belonged to the congregation known as South Easthope-East Zorra (East Zorra after the building of the meetinghouse in 1883).

When Joseph Jr. was only five years old, Mother Anna became ill and died. Father Joseph described it thus, "On Pentecost my wife went with Sister Hans Ulrich to Sister Georg Bocht [Bast], who was sick. When she came home again she became ill around midnight, and she was not healthy again; instead, on October 19, 1865, the Lord called her home."

Mother Anna was buried on the Riser farm, about a mile east of the Reschly home on the Third Line in Wellesley Township. Before Anna's death, Joseph had bought two roods from Christian Riser (Lot 2, Conc. III, West Section), the site of a few previous burials. In 1886 he sold it to the Mornington & Wellesley Amish Society, but they in turn sold it a few months later to the farmer with the stipulation that he would maintain the burial ground. One hundred years later the burial ground was being "maintained" by farming over it. It is located on the west side of the Reformed Mennonite Cemetery, established on the neighbouring farm at a later date. The present owner of the farm maintains the area in grass which he keeps mowed.

In 1870 Joseph sold the farm to David N. Kropf. "We are told this move was prompted by a dispute with a neighboring farmer. It seems the two neighbors could not come to terms over a fence, (Probably where it should be or whose responsibility it was to keep it in good repair). When a decision was handed down Joseph was not happy with the outcome,

so he sold the farm and moved away." (A reproduction of the document of sale with Joseph's signature is found on pages 22-24)

Joseph then purchased Lot 17, Concession II of South Easthope, where he was recorded with his four youngest children in the 1871 census. However, in 1873 he sold this property again. By that time Maria and Anna were already married, and Barbara married in 1875. About 1876 Joseph Jr. left for Iowa.

According to his "Housebook", Father Joseph gave the married girls their inheritance in 1874 and 1875. In 1880, when Lena married, she also received her inheritance and the interest on 5000 "as a gift for a home" -- whether Lena's home or Joseph's home is not clear. Since Joseph was with Lena and Christian Nafziger at the time of the 1881 census, Joseph may have granted her this extra stipend for his keep. Catherine married Daniel Erb in 1882 and also received her inheritance.

Evidently, Joseph Jr. returned to Canada and was reported to have built his "household items" and received his inheritance in 1882. The following year, however, Joseph Jr. was back in Iowa where he married Anna Roth. Although Joseph and Anna Reschly's daughters produced many descendants in Canada, the name moved to Iowa.

In 1888, Joseph Sr. was also in Iowa, because the document granting a mortgage to Daniel and Catherine Erb, gave his residence as "the Village of Wayland, in Henry County, State of Iowa." When an assignment of the mortgage was transferred to Christian Gerber in 1897, Joseph was a resident of Wellesley Township. (see reproductions of documents on pages 328-334) According to family tradition, Joseph Sr. had spent only a year with Joseph Jr. at Wayland -- exactly when is not clear.

Joseph spent the last years of his life with his youngest daughter Catherine and Daniel Erb on their farm in Wellesley Township (the east half of Lot 7, Concession V, West Section). The Erb grandchildren learned to know him well.

"Lavina 'Vina' Erb Steinman was only a little girl during the time he lived with them, but she remembers him very well. She describes him as being short and at that time rather stocky. One time he had company from France, three men (but she does not know who they were) and they spoke French all the time. One time he tried to teach her a little French but she does not remember much about that now. He got printed matter (a magazine probably) from France. One time he gave her a \$10.00 French gold piece the size of a quarter. She wishes she still had it because it would be of great value to her as a keepsake."

"There are two stories repeated over the years. One was that he had quite a temper, but Vina says she never saw him display it, he was always very nice to her. The other concerns a second marriage. Vina remembers hearing people talk (in rather quiet tones) saying the fact the marriage had not worked out was possibly the reason he returned to Canada. However, she says no one has ever really known for sure about

this story and so far there has been no documented evidence to prove it."

"Vina says, 'I was just a very little girl when Grandpa died at our house, but I remember him so well and I remember the day he died. I do not think he had been sick very long, they just called my brothers and me into the house and Grandpa was dying. I couldn't believe it! We all knelt around in the room and my father was leading us in prayer and it was all over. I can never forget the awful feeling I had, a real sick, hurt feeling, because Grandpa was my chum. He was buried from our house after a small service, and I suppose they had a service at the church after the burial.'"

"Joseph Reschly is buried in the Maple View Cemetery at the Wellesley Church. It is located a few miles from where his wife was buried. Several years ago some of the Reschly descendants erected a monument at his grave in memory of JOSEPH RESCHLY [d. 1903], his wife, ANNA SCHWEITZER, [d. 1865]."

Sources of Information:

Research done in France by Ron and Barb Reschly, now of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and Lorraine Roth, Waterloo, Ontario, in collaboration with several French researchers.

Two articles in the French Mennonite Historical Association Bulletin, Souvenance Anabaptiste Mennonitisches Gedächtnis, by Jean-Claude and Christine Koffel -- "Les Anabaptistes des Métairies de Saint-Quirin" in 1996 and

"Les Harcholins, Fief Anabaptiste au Debut du XIXeme Siecle" in 1997

The story of Joseph Roeschly/Reschly and Anna Schweitzer Reschly in To the descendants of JOSEPH and ANNA (SCHWEITZER) ROESCHLY, Compiled as a tribute to my parents in-law, JOSEPH and ANNA (HUNT) RESCHLY who have instilled in us an appreciation of our heritage, Helen (Wilcox) Reschly, [1983]

The quotes are directly from her story.

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Photo provided by Alice (Reschly) Davis -- Reschly Reunion 2003

***Joseph and Anna (Schweitzer) Reschly Homestead
as it appeared in 1961***

Four children of Joseph and Anna (Schweitzer) Reschly

Left to right:

Anna, Magdalena, Catherine and Joseph



Photo by John Reschly - August 1929

*Note: This is a revised copy of the translation from Joseph Reschly's "notebook".
The original is on page -3a- Reschly Genealogy by Helen (Wilcox) Reschly [1983]*

Contents of a notebook kept by Joseph Reschly (1819-1903)

Translation (top part):

This is the book where the children have received money as part of their inheritance. Their birthdays are written therein, and where they were born, the three eldest in Lorraine, and the other three in Canada.

Joseph Roeschly was born in the Canton of Lerchingen, in the province of Lorraine, the 7th of November in the year 1819. His wife, Anna Schweitzer, was born in March, 1819, in Ober Reinichen. Together they entered the holy state of marriage on December 25, 1847, through Bishop Joseph Muhrer. This marriage was blessed with Children.

(bottom part):

[On Pentecost, my wife went with Sister Hans Ulrich to Sister George Bocht, who was sick. When she came home again she became ill around midnight, and she was not healthy again; instead, on October 19, 1865, the Lord called her home.]

In the year 1874, this is my housebook. In this book is written out everything that I have given to my children.

In the year 1874, I gave my daughter Maria 600 dollars, and one hundred for extra work.

In the year 1874, I gave Anna 600 dollars.

[In the year 1875, I gave my daughter Barbara 600 dollars.

In the year 1880, I gave my daughter Lena 600 dollars and the interest from 5000 as a gift for a home.

In July 1882, I gave Katherine 600 dollars, and Joseph came also and built his household items (harness?). He received 800 dollars in 1882.]

Translation by Steven D. Reschly, Spring 1978. Notebook was then in possession of Mrs. Glen Reschly, Wayland, Iowa.

Note: The parts in square brackets do not appear in the photocopy, but are added to complete the first paragraph and the inheritance list.

Comments on the location of the Reschly family in France as given by Joseph: Canton Lerchingen is probably Canton Lorquin (in French). For a time, the French used the term "canton" for certain regional divisions, but it is not in use today. The birthplace of Joseph was probably part of Canton Lorquin.

Ober Reinichen could be translated Upper Rhine (Haut-Rhin in French). Haut-Rhin is the department (province) which corresponds to Upper Alsace. Anna Schweitzer's family came to live in Upper Alsace after the death of Anna's mother, but Anna had been born in Anglemont in Lorraine. Joseph probably had forgotten that by the time he wrote this paragraph.

Lorraine Roth, Waterloo, Ontario

Joseph Reschly born March 8, 1860 married **Anna Roth**, born April 11, 1863, on March 18, 1883 at the Sugar Creek Mennonite Church in Henry County, Iowa. Rev. Sebastian Gerig officiated. In 1881 Joseph became a citizen of the United States of America. In 1883 he bought a farm south of Wayland, Iowa and lived there until his death March 23, 1936.

Their children are:

Katie Reschly born December 20, 1883 -- died November 15, 1964

Esta Reschly born March 3, 1885 -- died September 23, 1917

William Reschly born October 14, 1886 -- died July 5, 1961

Emma Reschly born October 3, 1888 -- died December 26, 1980

Elmer James Reschly born August 11, 1890 -- died May 19, 1958

Evalena Reschly born April 6, 1892 -- died August 4, 1981

Harry Reschly born April 6 1894 -- died June 22, 1965

Anna Reschly died January 22, 1896. On March 11, 1898 **Joseph Reschly** married **Barbara Nebel** born February 28, 1869. They were married in Henry County, Iowa, at the home of the minister, Rev. Sebastian Gerig. **Joseph Reschly** died on March 23, 1936. **Barbara Reschly** died on June 11, 1944.

Their children are:

Joseph Nebel Reschly born January 30, 1899 -- died December 8, 1979

Infant daughter Reschly born December 13, 1902 -- died December 13, 1902

Henry Reschly born February 2, 1905 -- died October 16, 1986

Ervin Reschly born May 24, 1906 -- died February 5, 2000

John Reschly born April 10, 1908 -- died June 27, 1984

Glen Reschly born July 25, 1911 -- died October 31, 1978

JOSEPH RESCHLY

Joseph Reschly came to Iowa as a teenager after becoming disgruntled with his life in Canada. He was only about 5-1/2 years of age when his mother died, and we are told he continued to live with his father and sisters for several years. When the girls were married he lived with one or the other of them until he decided to take matters into his own hands and headed out on a new venture. He and two friends of about the same age left home (without parental permission we are told) and headed for Iowa. He arrived at Wayland in Henry County, Iowa, and for several years lived in the Nicholas Rich home. In 1881 he became a citizen of the U.S.A. and 1883 he bought his farm located about three miles south of Wayland. Joseph lived on this same farm until his death in 1936.



Joseph Reschly

The land records of Henry County show a deed dated March 12, 1883 wherein he purchased the 180 acre farm and on March 18 he and Anna Roth were married. After only 13 years of marriage, Anna died and Joseph was left with 7 children to raise. On March 11, 1898 he and Barbara Nebel were married and became the parents of 6 children. One daughter died at birth.



Barbara Nebel

Ervin, a son of Joseph, recalls that his father had a workshop next to the summer kitchen and laundry room. It was attached to the house by an enclosed porch (or breezeway). In the wintertime when the weather would not permit outside work he would fire up an old "low and long" wood-burning stove in the shop where he would work. Ervin says he and his brothers would saw hickory logs to proper lengths for making hammer, axe and maul handles. These logs had been selected earlier by Joseph for this purpose. Using spoke shaves and drawknife he would sit at the "schnitzelbock" and fashion the handles for various tools. He also made such objects as single trees, neck yokes, wagon hounds, bolsters and the many other wooden objects which were required in that time. He did a lot of work in this shop for neighbors, friends and customers.

An old account book kept by Joseph gives a very graphic picture of the many talents he possessed. In September of 1894 he repaired a clock for J. G. Magdefrau, charging 50 cents. That month he also cleaned some wheat seed. Other entries show where he filed a saw for 20 cents and installed a hammer handle for 20 cents. In 1904 handles were 25 cents, clock repair 50 cents and watch repair 25 cents plus parts. In 1906 he made a wheelbarrow, for which he received \$4.50 for labor and material. Joseph also did farm work for neighbors, receiving about \$1.00 per day. When he furnished a team he received \$2.50 per day.

These are all things he did in addition to farming. He was a real "joker", they say. He liked nothing better than to catch someone in one of his jokes and always had a good laugh about the results of his pranks. He was a respected member of the community and as Ervin says, "He made many friends and was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need or in trouble".

Right:

**Joseph with his first wife,
Anna Roth and their
children**



Left to right:

**Katie, Joseph, Elmer, Esta,
Eva, Anna holding baby Harry,
Emma and William**



Left:

**Joseph with his second wife,
Barbara Nebel and children**

Front:

**Joseph and Henry, Eva, Emma
and Barbara holding Ervin**

Middle:

Harry and Joseph

Back"

William, Esta, Katie and Elmer

Reschly Family

Front:

Ervin, Glen, Harry, John

Second Row:

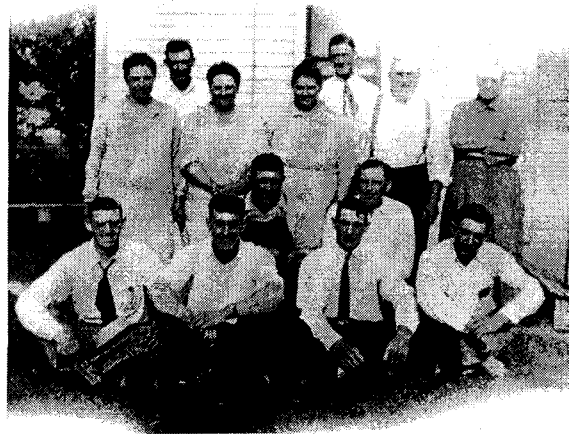
Elmer and William

Third Row:

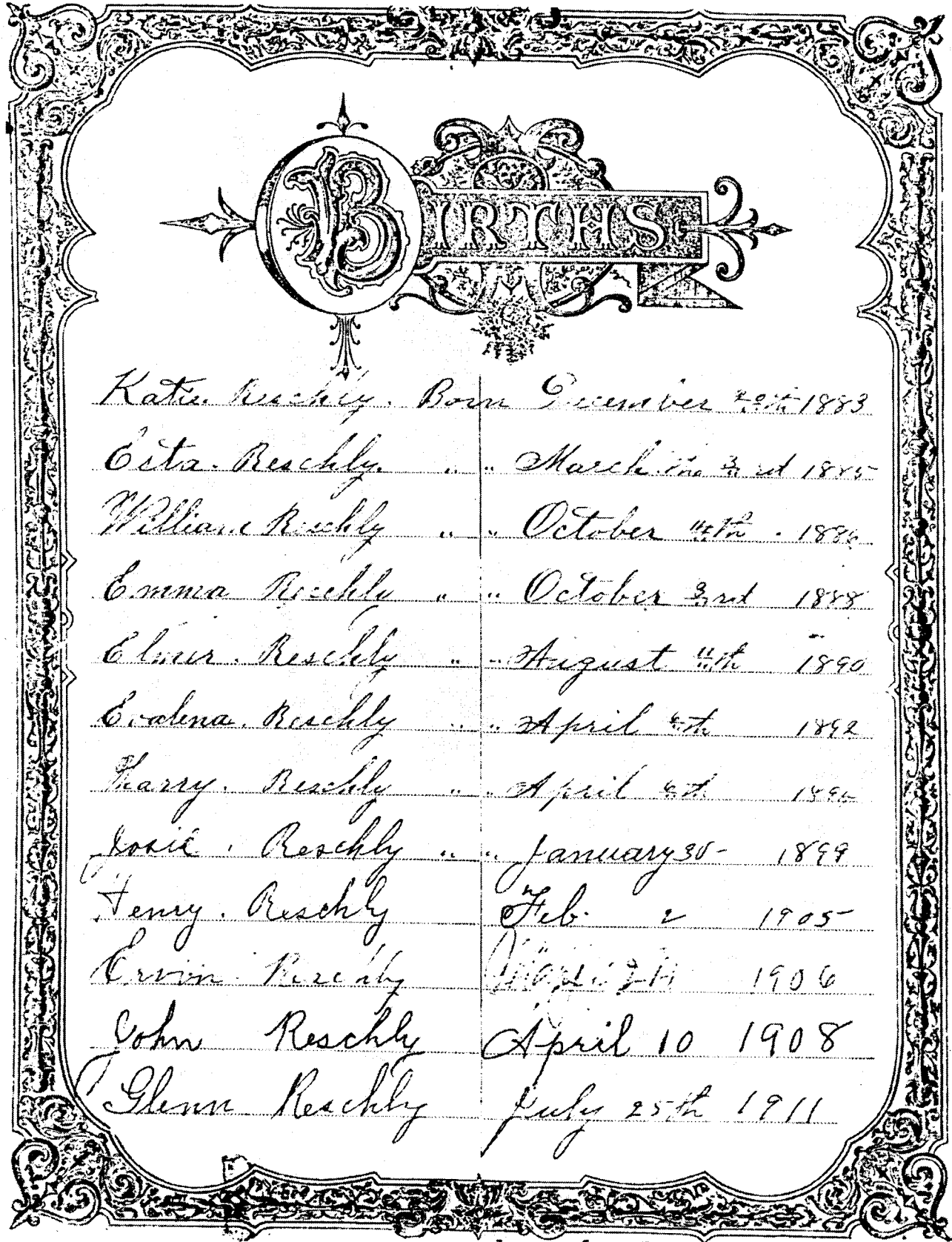
**Emma, Eva, Katie,
Joseph and Barbara**

Back:

Joseph and Henry



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A page from Joseph Reschly Bible

Joseph Reschly - Bible Birth Page [From First Edition]

THE JOSEPH RESCHLY CABINET

Grandpa Reschly "returned to Canada" and made furniture for his marriage.

The cabinet was made of solid walnut. It was located in the area (breezeway) leading to the "summer kitchen" on the farm south of Wayland, Iowa.

The farm was considered the "home place" on which Grandpa raised his family before moving into the "little house".

The cabinet was outside of the main house for as long as I can remember. It was later placed in the workshop while we lived in Noble where Dad operated a carpenter business.

It had been lined with German printed newspapers that got very dirty and torn while being used as a storage cabinet in the workshop.

During the restoration process all the German newspapers were removed and the wood was stripped and refinished. Dad replaced some wood on the right lower door and also a portion of the drawer on the right side.

All the knobs and locks on the cabinet are believed to be original.

I like to think that the burn mark just below the upper door on the left side was caused by a kerosene lamp being placed too close, possibly while cleaning the chimney.



Photo provided by Susan (Reschly) Gilmere

(The above is a recollection of the history of the cabinet by Joseph Reschly's granddaughter, Susan (Reschly) Gilmere)

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This is probably one of the last pictures taken of Joseph and Barbara. It was taken at the wedding of Glen and Verda Reschly on February 28, 1935.

No obituary available for
Anna (Roth) Reschly



Joseph Reschley Claimed by Death

Resided on Farm South of Wayland; Had Been Ill Several Weeks

Wayland - Joseph Reschley died at his home south of Wayland this morning, following a several weeks illness.

He was born March 8, 1860, at Milverton, Ontario, Canada, and came to Iowa at the age of sixteen years. He made his home with Nicholas Roth until his marriage to Miss Anna Roth March 18, 1883. To this union seven children were born. His wife preceded him in death in 1896.

On March 11, 1898 he was married to Miss Barbara Nebel. To this union six children were born, five sons and one daughter. The daughter died in infancy. Another daughter, Mrs. Esta Roth passed away in 1916.

The widow and the following children survive: Harry, Will, Henry, John and Mrs. Harris Boese, all of near Olds; Mrs. C.E. Roth of Noble, Mrs. Amasa Miller, Ervin, Glen and Joe of near Wayland, and Elmer of near Merimac. One sister, Mrs. Dan Erb of Milverton, Ontario, Canada.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at ten o'clock from the Sugar Creek Mennonite Church of which he was a life long member. Interment will be in the Sugar Creek cemetery.

Mrs. Reschly, 75, Dies At Wayland

Wayland - Mrs. Barbara Reschly, 75 years old, died Sunday morning at four o'clock at the home of her son, Glen Reschly, at Wayland. She had been ill the last three weeks from heart trouble and complications.

Mrs. Reschly was born February 28, 1869, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nebel. She was married March 11, 1898 to Joseph Reschly.

Five sons survive: Joe and John of Noble; Henry of near Olds, Ervin and Glen of Wayland. Also there are three step-sons, Will Reschly, Olds; Elmer Reschly, Packwood; and Harry Reschly, Crawfordsville; and three step-daughters, Mrs. Irma Roth, Noble; Mrs. Katie Miller and Mrs. Harris Boese, both of Wayland.

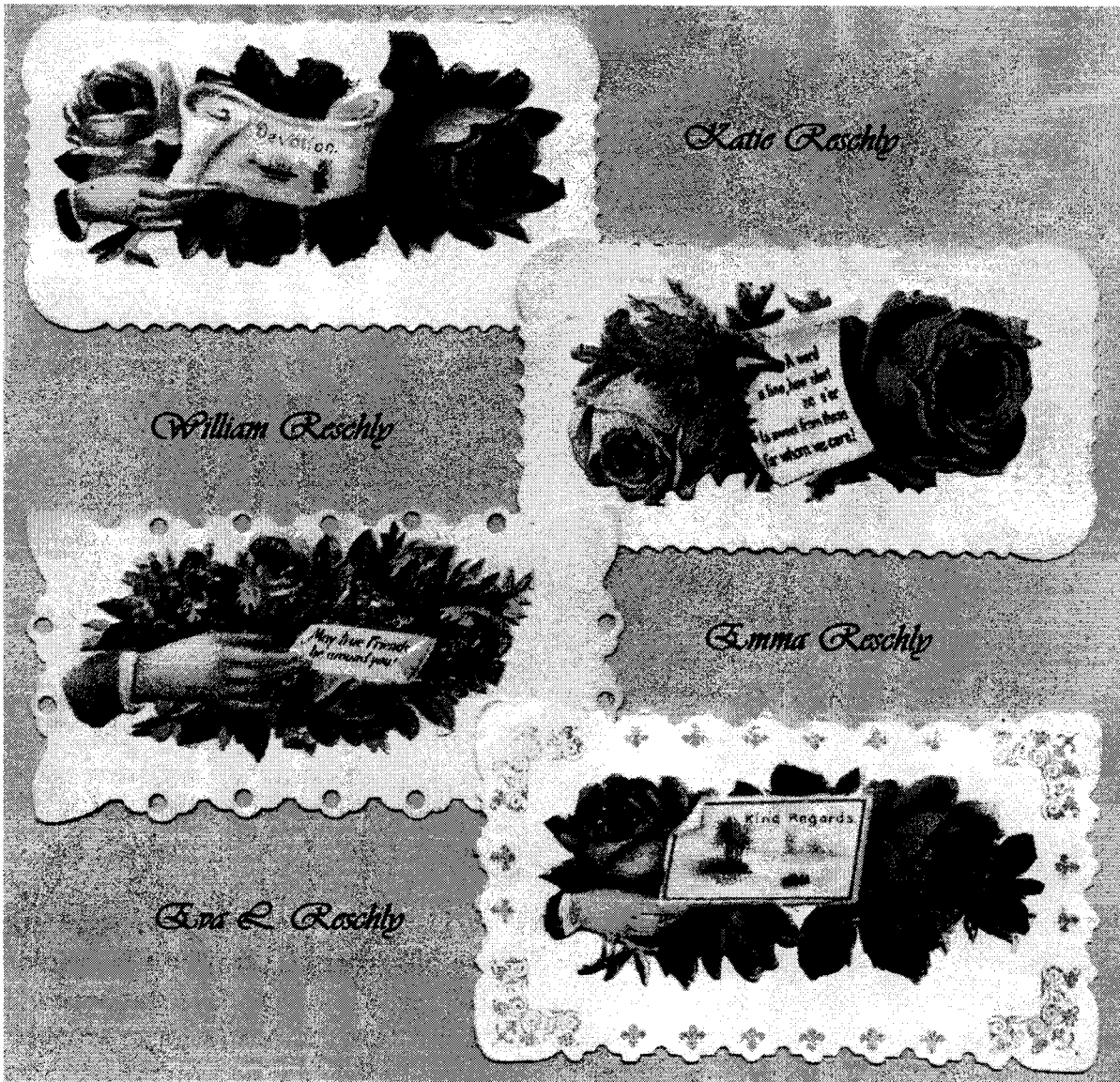
Surviving also are four sisters: Mrs. Mary K. Conrad, Mrs. Anna Gerig, Mrs. Lena Kauffman, Mrs. Martha Boshart; and three brothers: John Nebel of Washington; Samuel and Joseph Nebel of the Wayland community. Also 20 grandchildren and 37 step-grandchildren survive.

A short service will be held at the Glen Reschly residence Tuesday afternoon and services will be held at the Sugar Creek church of which Mrs. Reschly was a lifelong member at two o'clock with Rev. Simon Gingerich and Rev. Willard Leichty officiating. Six nephews will serve as pallbearers.

Friendship Cards

In the late 1800's and early 1900's it was a common practice to give or exchange personalized Friendship Cards upon meeting relatives and acquaintances who lived in far away places and were seldom seen. These cards were given as a token of remembrance and a bond of lasting friendship at a time when communication was generally limited to correspondence by mail. The name of the person giving the card was imprinted under the floral greeting, which was a "lift up" tab attached along its left edge.

Below is a photograph of the cards that were given by four of Joseph and Anna (Roth) Reschly's children, Katie, William, Emma and Eva (imprinted as Eva L. Reschly) to Mrs. Daniel S. (Nancy Gerber) Erb of Ontario.



Cards provided by Laura (Erb) Nafziger

Photo by Irwin Steckly

Descendants of William Reschly / Katie Swartzendruber

- 1 William Reschly b: October 14, 1886 d: July 05, 1961 in Washington County Hospital, Iowa
 - . +Katie Ann Swartzendruber b: October 29, 1888 in Wellman, Iowa m: November 17, 1910 in Tuleta, Texas d: March 30, 1969 in Henry County Memorial Hospital, Iowa
- 2 Floyd Edward Reschly b: November 22, 1912 in Wayland, Iowa d: October 03, 1998 in Henry County Health Center, Mount Pleasant, Iowa
 - +Hazel M. Richard b: April 07, 1918 in Wayland, Iowa m: November 24, 1938 d: September 22, 1984 in Henry County Health Center, Mount Pleasant, Iowa
- 3 Edward Lee Reschly b: February 16, 1940 in Olds, Iowa d: October 17, 1978 in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana
 - +Doris Mae Lengacher b: June 09, 1945 m: January 18, 1964
- 4 Carmen Kay Reschly b: June 12, 1966
- 4 David William Reschly b: April 16, 1970
 - +Jennifer Sue Weaver b: February 24, 1972 m: September 19, 1992
- 5 Austin Lee Reschly b: December 09, 1993
- 5 Jessica Sue Reschly b: January 30, 1997
- 3 Richard Leroy Reschly b: November 05, 1942 in Olds, Iowa d: December 15, 2002 in Syracuse, Indiana
 - +Ann L. Lengacher b: November 02, 1943 in Fort Wayne, Indiana m: August 28, 1965 in Harlan, Indiana d: December 13, 1997 in Syracuse, Indiana
- 4 Richard Thomas Reschly b: April 15, 1971
 - +Jackie Bontrager m: September 18, 1993
- 5 Reese Thomas Reschly b: January 27, 1999
- 5 Riara Ann Reschly b: April 24, 2000
- 4 James Philip Reschly b: October 24, 1976
 - +Jamie Lynn Barrett b: March 31, 1980 m: June 24, 2000
- 5 Barrett James Reschly b: December 16, 2002
- *2nd Wife of Richard Leroy Reschly:
 - +Lou Ann (Nafziger) Rupp m: February 24, 2001
- 3 Kenneth William Reschly b: March 28, 1945
 - +Joyce Linda Steffensmeir b: April 20, 1943 m: June 13, 1964
- 4 Michael David Reschly b: July 25, 1966

Descendants of William Reschly / Katie Swartzendruber

- +Cynthia Lynn Allbaugh b: July 27, 1960 m: January 06, 1990
- 5 Taylor Nicole Reschly b: March 18, 1992
- 4 Caren Ann Reschly b: January 25, 1969
- +Darin Ledru Roth b: May 03, 1969 m: January 09, 1994
- 5 Samuel Reschly Roth b: October 07, 1999
- 5 Cate Ann Roth b: September 19, 2001
- 3 Ruth Ann Reschly b: October 21, 1948
- +Joe Miller b: September 02, 1940 m: December 19, 1970
- 4 Kevin Joseph Miller b: October 23, 1974
- 3 Barbara Kay Reschly b: January 18, 1956
- +Jesse Edward King b: April 09, 1952 m: February 10, 1996 d: August 08, 2001
- *2nd Wife of Floyd Edward Reschly:
- +Clara (Wittrig) Cannon m: January 11, 1987
- 2 Harold Reschly b: July 24, 1915 in Wayland, Iowa d: September 26, 1996 in Henry County Health Center, Mount Pleasant, Iowa
- +Lolabelle Halvorsen b: October 05, 1913 in Sac City, Iowa m: December 24, 1942 in Manitou Springs, Colorado d: March 29, 2003 in Crestmont Healthcare Center, Fenton, Michigan
- 3 Meredith Lynn Reschly b: January 20, 1947
- +Linda Griffe b: September 19, 1948 m: January 13, 1968 Divorce
- 4 Tonya Marie Reschly b: September 04, 1970
- +Harold Compton b: April 11, 1970 m: May 05, 1991
- 5 Chelsi Renee Compton b: November 27, 1988
- 5 Bret Michael Compton b: June 25, 1993
- *2nd Wife of Meredith Lynn Reschly:
- +Elizabeth Ferrier b: April 28, 1938 m: September 22, 1990
- 2 Ralph Dale Reschly b: August 19, 1916
- +Irene Imhoff b: October 17, 1917 m: August 22, 1937
- 3 Gary Keith Reschly b: July 23, 1938 in Wayland, Iowa d: May 07, 2001 in McMinnville, Oregon
- +Susan Marie Boudinot b: November 15, 1945 m: June 15, 1968 d: February 28, 2001
- 4 Michele Marie Reschly b: December 01, 1970

Descendants of William Reschly / Katie Swartzendruber

- +Jeffrey Frederick Brantner b: March 12, 1969 m: May 18, 1996
- 5 Adrian James Brantner b: October 16, 1999
- 5 Jordan Keith Brantner b: January 25, 2002
- 4 Michael Keith Reschly b: June 22, 1973
- 3 Louise Marie Reschly b: March 28, 1942 d: May 08, 2000 in the Keota, Iowa, area as a result of injuries received in a car/tractor accident.
- +Daniel Nisly b: July 27, 1938 m: December 31, 1961 in Wayland, Iowa Divorce
- 4 Cynthia Louise Nisly b: September 21, 1963
- 4 Keith Daniel Nisly b: May 15, 1965
- *2nd Husband of Louise Marie Reschly:
- +Gary Peiffer m: September 19, 1991
- 3 Joanne Carol Reschly b: August 17, 1945
- +Edward L. Gibson b: July 20, 1946 m: October 11, 1969
- 4 David Wayne Gibson b: March 23, 1970
- 4 Lisa Marie Gibson b: December 03, 1972
- +Jon Norris b: September 24, 1969 m: October 08, 1993
- 5 Gabrielle N. Norris b: May 24, 1998
- 3 Denton Ralph Reschly b: January 15, 1947
- +Jean Ann Tackenberg b: December 17, 1950 m: July 29, 1972
- 4 Kimberly Sue Reschly b: June 06, 1976
- +Jearol Leroy Sorrels b: April 22, 1976 m: December 29, 2001
- 5 Tanner Bean Sorrels
- 5 Jaycee Sorrels
- 4 Angela Lynne Reschly b: December 04, 1980
- 3 Roselyn Rene Reschly b: April 30, 1957
- +Randy Iserman b: February 22, 1957 m: February 15, 1977 Divorce
- 4 Christopher Lee Iserman b: January 01, 1982
- 4 Camille Rene Iserman b: October 07, 1986
- *2nd Husband of Roselyn Rene Reschly:

Descendants of William Reschly / Katie Swartzendruber

..... +Louis Krogemeir b: June 05, 1962 m: August 13, 1998
..... 4 Stacie Krogemeir b: January 05, 1984
..... 4 Andrew Krogemeir b: May 10, 1988
..... 2 Ruth Elizabeth Reschly b: December 03, 1917 in Noble, Illinois d: January 25, 1990 in Glendale, Arizona
..... +Vernon Kauffman b: July 26, 1911 m: November 28, 1940 d: January 11, 2000 in Glendale, Arizona
..... 3 Robert Vern Kauffman b: November 02, 1940 d: March 1989
..... +Eleanor Aneda Ruth b: October 08, 1940 m: December 21, 1961 d: March 31, 1962
..... *2nd Wife of Robert Vern Kauffman:
..... +Betty Mahler b: March 08, 1938 m: July 27, 1963
..... 4 Danny Dean Kauffman b: June 21, 1964
..... 4 David Dwight Kauffman b: May 23, 1966
..... 4 Dale Dwaine Kauffman b: May 20, 1968
..... 3 Alice Ruth Kauffman b: October 08, 1945
..... +John Glen Walters b: October 03, 1942 m: May 28, 1966
..... 4 John Anthony Walters b: April 06, 1967
..... 4 Landon Kiley Walters b: December 05, 1972
..... *2nd Husband of Alice Ruth Kauffman:
..... +Richard Darwin Troutman b: February 08, 1943 in West Plains, Missouri m: December 24, 1982 d:
March 10, 1997 in Olympia, Washington
..... 2 Edna Mae Reschly b: May 27, 1922
..... +Ray Joseph Roth b: February 09, 1921 in Wayland, Iowa m: March 13, 1943 d: September 30, 1999 in
Henry County Health Center, Mount Pleasant, Iowa
..... 3 Fred Ray Roth b: August 27, 1945
..... +Jo Ann Stauffer b: September 19, 1946 m: November 24, 1967
..... 4 Kevin Ray Roth b: June 10, 1968
..... +Pattie Watson b: March 17, 1970 m: September 16, 1989
..... 5 Braydon Kale Roth b: May 09, 1992
..... 5 Bailey Raelyn Roth b: July 19, 1994
..... 4 Tina Marie Roth b: December 04, 1971
..... +Neil Robert Gerst b: August 19, 1966 m: January 25, 1991

Descendants of William Reschly / Katie Swartzendruber

- 5 Eric Warren Gerst b: December 01, 1993
- 3 Larry Joseph Roth b: June 10, 1948
- +Charla Wyse b: December 20, 1947 m: August 02, 1969
- 4 Julie Ann Roth b: August 07, 1972
- +Darrin Paul Miller m: June 24, 1995
- 5 Taylor Janae Miller b: March 19, 1999
- 5 Tori Rose Miller b: March 05, 2002
- 4 Jeffery Dean Roth b: March 30, 1974
- +Karin Tursack m: October 18, 1997 Divorce
- 4 Jennifer Sue Roth b: April 03, 1975
- +Andrew Peterson b: September 27, 1975 m: April 26, 2003
- 3 Lynn Leroy Roth b: February 14, 1951
- +Karen Weins b: January 08, 1951 m: May 22, 1976
- 4 Meryl Weins Roth b: January 05, 1984
- 4 Alexandra Weins Roth b: May 20, 1985
- 3 Reynolds Lee Roth b: January 27, 1954
- +Sandra Lynn Norris b: October 28, 1954 m: June 05, 1976
- 4 Mikayla Jill Roth b: May 31, 1981
- 4 Aaron Nolan Roth b: November 27, 1982
- 3 Gail LAMAR Roth b: March 03, 1958
- +Karla Rae Boshart b: June 29, 1958 m: July 17, 1976 (Known as Karla Boshart Roth)
- 4 Nicholas Joseph Roth b: May 26, 1981
- 4 Stephanie Dawn Roth b: July 05, 1983
- 4 Ashley Elizabeth Roth b: January 17, 1985
- 2 Alta IRENE Reschly b: March 20, 1924
- +Elgin Paul Pankoke b: October 01, 1922 in Beaver Crossing, Nebraska m: February 17, 1946 d: June 01, 1980 in Winfield, Iowa
- 3 Dudley Dean Pankoke b: November 25, 1946
- +Barbara Elaine Baker b: April 23, 1949 m: August 07, 1971

Descendants of William Reschly / Katie Swartzendruber

- 4 Amy Elaine Pankoke b: May 14, 1975
- +Matthew David Beekley b: July 01, 1967 m: July 20, 2002
- 4 Aaron Eric Pankoke b: June 21, 1979
- 3 Wayne Keith Pankoke b: June 21, 1949 in Mount Pleasant, Iowa d: June 03, 1963 (He was struck by lightning while plowing in a field on the family farm)
- 3 Eric Paul Pankoke b: October 03, 1952
- 2 Infant Son Reschly b: 1926 d: 1926