

die Familie Riehle



THE JOHN C. RIEHLE FAMILY, circa 1940

Edwin

Aloysius

Clarence

Tillie

John C. Riehle

Josephine (Petrie) Riehle

JOHN C. RIEHLE, fourth child and second son of MARTIN and MAGDALENA (OCHS) RIEHLE was born 22 June 1867 on his father's farm at the corner of Newton and South Abbott Roads in East Hamburg, (now Orchard Park) New York. Although throughout his life, John Riehle used the middle initial "C", his baptism recorded at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Hamburg, New York, lists his baptismal name as John George Riehle. He was baptised 21 July 1867; his godparents were GEORGE RIEHLE and MARY ANN OCHS. He married 26 May 1891 at St. Peter & Paul Church in Hamburg to JOSEPHINE ANGELA PETRIE [she was born 6 September 1867 at East Hamburg, NY, daughter of JOHN and CAROLINE (STOCK) PETRIE; died 12 December 1947 Hamburg, NY; buried 15 Dec St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Hamburg.]

On 24 December 1896, five years after his marriage, John Riehle purchased one of his father's farms which was located on the South Abbott Road about one-half mile from the farm where he was born. This was an important milestone in his life as evidenced by an entry in his personal journal which states, "On the 25th day of December on the Christmas Night, I got the farm of my father for Two Thousand Dollars." The deed recorded in Erie County Liber of Deeds 853, page 132, on 19 October 1897 is from MARTIN and MAGDALENA

RIEHLE to JOHN G/C RIEHLE (Note: the "G" is crossed out on the deed and a "C" inserted.). This land was described as "51 Acres - the South west corner of Lot #36, 9th Twp., 7th Range," and is dated 24 December 1896. A later entry in his journal shows how John Riehle enlarged his farm by purchasing adjoining acreage. "Bought t farm of 50 Acres in the year of 1902." A deed dated 1 July 1902 from MARTIN and MAGDALENA RIEHLE to JOHN RIEHLE covering 50 Acres - the Southeast portion of Lot 36, 9th Twp., 7th Rang was recorded in Erie County Book 951, page 283, on 8 December 1902.

At one time John Riehle was struck by a trolley in the city of Buffalo while he was taking load of produce to market. His journal records "28 October, struck by trolley in City of Buffalo. 19 November, cast put on. 19 January, cast off. 23 January, cast on again." As a result, he is said to have suffered from back -continued on page 2, column 1...

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pain for the remainder of his life.
Referred to by his children as "a stern man", he was not without a sense of humor. He loved people, parties and festivities. One of his favorite excuses for a party was a "shivaree", which was a surprise visit to a married couple shortly after they were settled into their new home. John and his friends would bring kettles, horns, bells - anything that would make a great deal of noise and "serenade" the newly-married couple until they responded by offering food and drink.

John enjoyed telling stories to his grandchildren about the early days. One of these stories concerned his Riehle cousins from Clermont County, Ohio. It was the custom among the New York and Ohio Riehle families to visit each other on their honeymoon trips. On one occasion when a newlywed couple arrived in East Hamburg, John showed them around his farm. A small out-building, which was used for a storage shed for wood and as a catch-all for almost everything, had been fitted up by John with a single cot in the corner, complete with old and tattered blankets and pillow. John told the newlyweds that this was where they were to stay. Only this unknown couple from Ohio could tell us of their horrified reaction.

His more serious side was evidenced by his devotion to his religion; he served for some time as a trustee of St. Peter & Paul Church in Hamburg. He was an excellent craftsman, especially in wood-working. He made various pieces of furniture, one of which was a child's cupboard for doll dishes, which is still in the possession of a granddaughter's family. A successful farmer and businessman, he lived frugally, spending little on luxuries and investing in real estate so profitably that he and his wife were able to live well in their declining years.

He held strong political opinions, but apparently never ran for or was elected to a public office. Always keeping abreast of current events, he frequently helped a grandson with his current-history school assignments.



Tombstone of JOHN & JOSEPHINE RIEHLE
St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Hamburg, NY

A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."
-Lord Macaulay

Upon his retirement from farming, John and his wife moved into the village of Hamburg, residing on Union Street where John Riehle died on 5 October 1940 at age 73. He was buried 8 October at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Hamburg.

The children of JOHN and JOSEPHINE (PETRIE) RIEHLE were:

1. CLARENCE JOHN RIEHLE, born 6 September 1892; died age 67, 4 August 1960; buried 8 August at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery; married GERTRUDE S. GURNEY (she was born 1891; died 1953). They had issue - 2 children, a son and a daughter.
2. ALOYSIUS WILLIAM RIEHLE, born 15 August 1894; died age 65, 30 January 1960 Buffalo, NY; buried 3 February at Nativity of Our Lord Cemetery, Orchard Park, NY; married 21 April 1925 to MARY STANG [she was born 8 September 1895 at Buffalo, daughter of FRANK and BARBARA A. (SPECHT) STANG; died 24 February 1972; buried with her husband.] They had issue - 5 children 2 sons and 3 daughters.
3. MATILDA MARY "TILLIE" RIEHLE, born 31 October 1896; married 16 May 1917 in Hamburg, NY to GEORGE JOSEPH BIELMANN [he was born 24 June 1893, son of JOSEPH and GENEVIEVE (SCHNEIDER) BIELMANN; died 18 January 1963 Buffalo; buried 21 January at Lackawanna, NY.] Mrs. Bielmann now resides in Buffalo, age 87 years. They had issue - 13 children, 8 sons and 5 daughters.
4. EDWIN NICHOLAS RIEHLE, born 3 November 1898; died age 72, 16 August 1971 at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; buried there; married 16 October 1924 to CLARA MARY GATES [she was born 4 August 1906 at East Eden, NY, daughter of JOSEPH and LILLIAN (DOLE) GATES; died 4 April 1975; buried with her husband.] They had issue-2 daughters.

[Photo on pages 1 and 2, and much of the material for this story was contributed by John A. Riehle of Orchard Park, NY, grandson of John C. Riehle.]

Births

JASON MATTHEW SANDERS⁶ on 12 April 1983 at Nashville, Tennessee, son of HARRY and DEBBY SAUNDERS (DOLORES⁴, BERT³, F.A.², CLEMENS¹).

ROSS GREGORY PARRISH⁶ on 19 April 1983 at Louisville, Kentucky, son of GARY and GEORGIA KATHRYN (OSBORNE) PARRISH⁵, (GEORGIA⁴, CORNELIA³, F.A.², CLEMENS¹).

ANNA MARIE RIEHLE BOHMANN⁶ on 17 June 1983 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, daughter of ANGELA M. BOHMANN and JONATHAN RIEHLE⁵ (BERT⁴, BERT³, F.A.², CLEMENS¹).

JAMES MICHAEL FERGUSON⁶ on 23 June 1983, son of MICHAEL J. and SUSAN (RIEHLE) FERGUSON⁵ (LEO⁴, LEO³, F.A.², CLEMENS¹).

ELI WHITNEY MASON⁶ on 3 July 1983, son of BOB and MARY A. (RIEHLE) MASON⁵ (LEO⁴, LEO³, F.A.², CLEMENS¹).

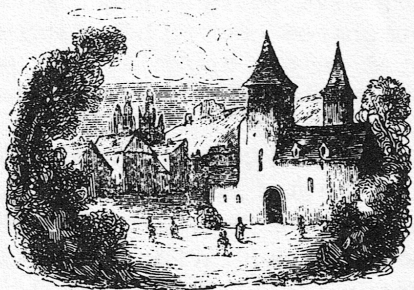
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