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Dreibelbis Cousins

Our Past ... Bridging to the Future

of America

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Visit me at the Reunion for family portraits, reunion photos, and more.

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281st Anniversary Celebration Sunday, August 18th

This year's reunion is fast approaching and plans are in place for lots of new activities for your enjoyment. Our featured presenter is not a speaker, but our very own cousins, the **Miller Brothers**, singing and joking in the PA German dialect spoken by our forefathers. In addition, and advertised throughout this newsletter, is information about **making gift paper boxes**, how you can have YOUR **individual family photo** taken and hopefully placed in our upcoming electronic version of our Dreibelbis Family History, **geocaching** around the farm, watching some **artisans** demonstrate their craft, **house tours** and **hayrides**, walking the **nature trail**, and "Oh, Yes," don't forget the **Dreibelbis Cookbook** sales. It's all inside...! So come on out and have a great time with your cousins!

Featured Presenters at the 2013 Reunion The Miller Brothers!

The Miller Brothers (Die Miller Brieder) have been making music together for many, many years. They sang and played instruments together when were quite young. A few of them have played for many a hoedown at community locations and weddings.

They were all born in the farm house located about two miles from the Dreibelbis Covered Bridge, and had the privilege of learning what farm life was all about as they grew up.

For many years while beginning families and careers, they didn't perform together much, except at family gatherings when the instruments again came out and the voices were raised up in song. Then as

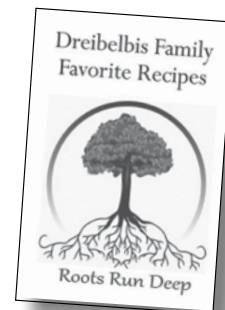
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Our Cookbook is Complete!

by Jane E. Hornberger

Yes, as of this writing the cookbook is completely finished and our order has been sent to the printer. The Dreibelbis Cookbook contains 169 recipes in ten sections, along with ten historical articles of interest to Dreibelbis kin. And by the time you read this, Jane Hornberger will have received the order.

The cost of the cookbook is \$12. Cost for postage is \$4 for a single book, with additional charges for multiple copies though they will be less than single copy postage. You may submit your order by calling Jane at 610 562-7324, or emailing her at jhornbe@verizon.net. Information needed is your name and phone number (if ordering by phone), and the number of books you want to order. Jane will then calculate your total cost for shipping multiple copies and get back to you at her earliest convenience. Payment should be made by check, payable to the Dreibelbis Cousins of America. It will be necessary for Jane to receive your check before your order is mailed. Your understanding in this matter is very much appreciated. People living in the vicinity may pick up books at her house; however, please call first. And the best option, and the most fun, is to



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2012 Family Reunion



Photo courtesy of Amy Langman

Computerization of 1990 Family History

The Dreibelbis Cousins of America genealogy from the 1990 John Jacob Dreibelbis Family of America has been entered into Family

Tree Maker, along with over 11,000 cousins who were not in the 1990 book. Family Tree Maker is a genealogy database. In the next few weeks, the Dreibelbis genealogy will be available either on the Dreibelbis Cousins of America website or on Ancestry.com. Information on how to access the genealogy through the internet will be available on the DCOA website.

The genealogy on the website will be protected in such a way that the only information about living people will be their name. Birth dates and other personal information will not be made available to protect people's identity. After cousins have died, this information will be posted.

There are more than 7,188 Dreibelbis cousins who have unique numbers in the 1966 and 1990 Dreibelbis books. There are more than 7,188 because in the 1966 book a small number of cousins had numbers that ended with a letter, and I have not counted the number.

Cousins who were added to the genealogy in the 1990 book all were assigned a non-unique number, derived from their parents' numbers with the correct generation and an additional number at the end, for example, A-09-07126-01. These numbers are all in the electronic genealogy. In addition, cousins who have been added to the electronic genealogy have been assigned non-unique numbers in the same non-unique number format.

We now have over 18,700 Dreibelbis cousins loaded into the electronic genealogy and are continuing to add information from the updates that have been provided since 1990. About 10% of the updates are in the genealogy. Once the genealogy is available through the internet, we will periodically upload a revised version

COMPLETE!

as more updates are added. This should be every few months as the back log of information is loaded into the genealogy.

The genealogy also has many people who are not Dreibelbis cousins but are related through marriage. This version of the genealogy was started by cousin Stanley Adams who entered all of his ancestors back many generations, so there are over 114,000 people in the genealogy. Some interesting information:

- There have been at least 158 marriages between Dreibelbis cousins
- Adopted children were not assigned Dreibelbis cousin numbers in the 1966 book. In the 1990 book, some were assigned numbers, but not all. In the electronic version, adopted children have been assigned numbers. If you find any that should have numbers, please notify Fred Polaski who will assign them numbers.
- Females are loaded by their maiden name. The method to search using names does not support searching for women by their married name.
- Cousins who are descended from two or more John Jacob's children have a number that starts with the letters from both branches of the family, e.g. J-M-09-0652-02. Cousins who are double Dreibelbis but both from the same branch only have one letter. There are many cousins in the Jacob branch who are double Dreibelbis.
- The descendants of John Jacob's four daughters who are recorded in the Dreibelbis genealogy are much fewer in number than the descendants of the three sons, probably because the Dreibelbis name was lost in the third generation.

If anyone has information on the descendants of John Jacob's daughters, please provide it to Becky Dreibelbis or Fred Polaski.

Featured Presenters Continued from page 1

retirement (for some) came along, they were able to schedule more time to perform. Especially in the last 10 years they've sung at many a Grundsau Lodsch or Fersommling (Groundhog Lodge or Gathering--Pa. Dutch gatherings), at church events, community organizations, etc.

Because they are proud of our PA Dutch heritage, they like to do some songs in the dialect; and, they enjoy humor, so usually their performances include jokes or skits.

They grew up hearing PA Dutch all around and learned to understand it. When one thinks about it, it really is quite impressive that this Germanic dialect was the first language for most people in the area (including their mother and father) for over 250 years (7 or 8 generations), and that it was the common language in the communities of Berks and surrounding counties.

Mir sehne uns glei -We'll see each other soon.

Macht's gut! --Make it good (meaning May it go well for you)

Cookbooks Continued from page 1

join us at the reunion and purchase your cookbooks in person.

It is our sincere hope that the contents of this book will be enjoyed by all . . . happy cooking!

Flashback to 2012 Reunion

Prizes Awarded

Oldest man - John Mortensen, 88, King of Prussia, PA

Oldest woman - Nancy Mortensen, 88, King of Prussia, PA

Youngest child present - Charles Layton Hall V, 4 months, Boyertown, PA

Most recently married, Becky Dreibelbis Mazzei, January, 2012

Greatest distance traveled, Jeff Heckman, ≈ 350 miles, Rochester, NY

Door prizes

Evan Rill, Westminster, MD

Bob Noecker, Shoemakersville, PA

"First Timers"

Jeff & Karen Heckman, Rochester, NY

Stephen Riaskowski, Hamburg, PA (volunteer, friend of Jenna Hepner)

Brandon Rembe, Phillipsport, NY (friend of the O'Tooles of Waukill, NY)

Even & Gavin Rill, Westminster, MD

Shirley Dreibelbis Martain & Jennifer Martain, Aaronsburg, PA

Glenda Trivelpiece, Nancy & David Phillips, Turbotville, PA

Sam Haubert, Mifflintown, PA

Tracey & Dave Hartman Woodbridge, VA

June (Stein) Johnson & R.A. Johnson, Chantilly, VA

Diane & Rick Hartman, Wernersville, PA



DCOA Reunion Registration

August 18, 2013

Family Name: _____

attending: _____

_____ Age 12-Adult @ \$8.00 each \$ _____

_____ Children 6-11 @ \$3.50 each \$ _____

_____ Ages 5 and under *FREE* \$ _____

_____ Choosing not to eat? \$ FREE

To assist in planning for games and activities, please list ages of all children attending. _____

Contributions:

(Whether you can attend or not, your support is needed.)

Dreibelbis Cousins of America

Newsletter Printing/Postage \$ _____

(to 1,300 cousins)

Genealogy \$ _____

Cemetery Maintenance \$ _____

Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society \$ _____

Total enclosed for both columns \$ _____

Please respond by

August 12, 2013.

If registering later, please contact
Mark Dreibelbis at 610-488-7896
or mjdrei@verizon.net.

Registration & Payment

Make one check payable to:
Dreibelbis Cousins of America

Mail check and registration form to:
Jane Hornberger, Secretary
7 Jalappa Road
Hamburg, PA 19526

DCOA Reunion – August 18, 2013

Schedule for the Day

Reunion Begins (*rain or shine!*)..... 10:00 am

Meal..... 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Family Meeting..... 1:15 pm

PA Dutch Presentation by the Miller Bros..... ≈ 2:00 pm

Socialize • Geocache • Gift Box Making • Games

• Hayrides • Nature Trail • House Tours

• Individual Family Photos • Cookbook Purchasing

10 a.m. to ???

There will be games and activities for children!

~ Handicapped Accessible Porta-potty Available ~

Travel Plans

If your travel planning calls for an early arrival, here is a partial listing of nearby hotels:

Microtel, Rt. 78, Hamburg 610-562-4239

Campus Inn, Old Rt. 222, Kutztown..... 610-683-8721

Lincoln Motel, 12 Lincoln Road, Kutztown..... 610-683-3456

For additional information, contact:

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Mark Dreibelbis, mjdrei@verizon.net..... 610-488-7896

Boxes R Us

Ever need a small box for a gift but don't have one? Do you know that you can easily make one from a FLAT sheet of paper (card stock is best but regular paper works too)? **Stop by the games and crafts table at the reunion to learn how.** For \$1, of which 50 cents goes to the Dreibelbis Cousins of America, in 2 minutes you will learn how to make a box, AND get to keep the very nice, sturdy gift box that you made. OR, bring your own card stock and I'll show you for free. See you at the reunion!- Jean Davis

Geocaching at the Dreibelbis Farm

Geo *what?* Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity during which the participants use a GPS to find containers which are hidden ALL OVER THE WORLD! These containers are hidden to the public, but geocachers use latitude and longitude coordinates, and hints, to find these containers hidden just out of sight. Once found, the finder signs the guest book inside, and logs his/her find on the geocache website. The geocacher can also leave trinkets in the container for others to find.

Geocaches will be hidden at various locations on the farm by the time the Reunion arrives. Bring your iPad, iPhone, or GPS unit to get within a few feet of the cache, then use the hints to locate it. Everyone who finds all of them will be entered in a prize drawing! Great fun for the family – stop by the games and crafts table for your geocache coordinates list and hints.

Post your articles on "Cousins' Connection Bulletin Board" at the Reunion

Please bring your family photos, newspaper clippings and other recognitions to share your "connections" with other cousins! Feel free to take them home after the reunion.

Share Your Hobbies

Do you have a special interest or hobby you'd like to share with your Cousins?

Bring crafts/hobbies/collections to display with your own table, or arrange with us to provide one for you. Contact Eric Dreibelbis @ 717.575.6823 or highmtnepd@frontiernet.net for information.

Cousins' Connection

Dreibelbis/Woodbridge Reunion in Arkansas

The Ozark Craft State Park in Mountain View, Arkansas, was the site for a recent reunion of descendants of Er and Pearl (Dreibelbis J-6-2963) Woodbridge family June 29 - July 1, 2012. Mark Otis Woodbridge (J-7-5570), the only surviving son and his wife Anna were present. There was a total of 31 of the family who gathered from Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. The youngest in attendance were Riley (J-10-5566-1) 6 years old and Ryder (J-10-5566-2) 3 years old of Las Vegas, NV. Activities included visiting and catching up on family, visiting the craft area of the Park, visiting a nearby cavern, and golf--though the dry conditions of the course resulted in only 9 holes played. Golfers can sympathize.

Moving into the digital age, Sarah Coldwell (J-9-5562-4) has organized a private Woodbridge Family page on facebook. Anyone interested in access to the page should contact her by locating her on facebook, or by email at: sarahcoldwell@gmail.com

The State Park is in the Ozark Mountains and curvy, mountain roads were the way in and out. This family holds a reunion every other year, near July 4, hosted by descendants of Er and Pearl in a rotation. This year's reunion was organized by the children of Mark Otis Woodbridge, mentioned above.

From Glenda (J-8-5566-1) & Gene Hill, email gene33@mac.com.

(Editor's Note: Glenda and Gene attended last year's DCOA Reunion.)

Help Needed From All You Super-Sleuths

Can anyone identify for us who this fireman might be? This has been shared with us by Jon Acker of Alabama, though purchased by a relative in Berks County PA. (Certificate of an Allen Dreibelbis who attended the Fire Chiefs' Convention in Philadelphia in 1982- -possibly from the Berks County, PA area, but not sure). If so, please contact Becky Dreibelbis, historian, at becky.dreibelbis@gmail.com.



Obituaries

Verna M. (Zimmerman) Christman (wife of Paul Robert Christman, #J8-4690-4); 02/10/13; p. 840

Carl W. Christman; d: 02/07/13; #J8-4690-6; p. 841

Kathryn Mohn (wife of Nevin F. Dreibelbis, #J7-5503); d: 10/06/12; p. 968

Ethel M. (Berger) Casper; d: 12/18/12; J8-6702; p. 925

Births

Jennifer Marie Tome, 1/16/13, to Michael and Lisa (Dreibelbis) Tome, Quarryville, PA

Brenna Joy Rutherford, 7/31/12, to Brent and Valerie (Lentz) Rutherford, Kutztown, PA

Let us know about changes to your family's history by completing the enclosed Family Genealogy Information form.



Logan Lyle Dreibelbis is finally revealing the secret he's kept since World War II.

The secret is – how he designed and built the first ever truck-bed mobile missile launching system while working

as a mechanical engineer at Dayton's Wright Field (now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base) in 1945 – that led him to participate in the Ohio Department of the Aging's War Era Story Project. "I decided to tell my story because it's never been told before," said Dreibelbis, 94, of Kenwood, Ohio.

A link to complete information about Lyle's story is: <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20130506/news/305060023>.

Become a Part of History

We need to hear from you about marriages, deaths, births, e-mail addresses, change of addresses, etc. that have occurred in your life or the lives of your extended family. This information will be added to our "growing" computer database.

If you have a copy of the *Dreibelbis Family History* book, please look up yourself and/or your family and use the Genealogy Information form to let us know of any corrections or additions - mail or electronic versions accepted! If you do not have a copy of the book, please visit us at the 2013 Reunion where we will have a "Genealogy Station" set up where you can review your family's entry in the book and make note of any corrections/additions. If you are not in the book, we will work with you to develop an entry for yourself.

Thank you in advance for assisting us with our record keeping! With your help, the story of our ever-growing family will be kept alive for generations to come.

Newsletter Costs

DCOA spends approximately \$500 yearly for newsletter printing and postage, and here is how you can help:

- Continue to send donations to offset costs
- Enroll to receive online reminders when Newsletter is posted to website where you can read it instead of receiving a paper copy
- Remove your name from our mailing list if you do not wish to receive a mailed copy. *(We will still keep your name/address/contact information in our database as we do for all Dreibelbis cousins.)*

We hope to see you at the
Historic Dreibelbis Farm on
Sunday, August 18, 2013.

Dreibelbis Family Genealogy Information

Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Dreibelbis Number: _____
(if a number has been assigned)

Address/Place of Residence: _____
(only city or town will be in the genealogy)

Name of parents: _____

Date of birth: _____ Location of birth: _____

Date of death: _____ Burial location (e.g. cemetery name): _____

Name of spouse: _____ Date of marriage: _____
(include maiden name for wives, indicate if divorced)

Spouse's date of birth: _____ Spouse's location of birth: _____

Spouse's date of death: _____ Spouse's burial location: _____

Name of children: _____

(For each child, complete the above information.)

Note: If the Dreibelbis cousin was married more than once, complete the spousal information for all spouses.

Any information that identifies Dreibelbis relatives and any information on occupation, where they lived, military service, or anything else of interest.

Information provide by: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

Email address: _____

Return form to:

Becky Dreibelbis Mazzei
168 Lower Creek Road
Stockton, NJ 08559
becky.dreibelbis@gmail.com

The full-page Genealogy Information form can be downloaded and printed from the website at www.DreibelbisCousins.org

Collectibles Still Available

- John Jacob Dreibelbis Homestead (*Fleetwood, PA*)
- John Jacob's Tombstone and Ship Mary (*Fleetwood, PA*)
- Dreibelbis Bridge (*Dreibelbis Station, PA*)
- Dreibelbis Mill (*Shoemakersville, PA*)
- Jacob B. Homestead (*Virginville, PA*)

Since there is a limited number of these items, please check with Jean Davis prior to sending your order. Send a check for

\$15 each, plus \$4 shipping for the first 1-2, and \$1 for each piece after that.

To order collectibles, please send checks made payable to "Dreibelbis Cousins of America" to:

Jean Davis
114 S. View Road; Fleetwood, PA 19522
(610) 944-6357; Jean.Davis@selective.com

Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society Report

The Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society (DFHS) held its 1st Annual Farm Festival in conjunction with the Dreibelbis family reunion in 2012 which celebrated the 280th year since John Jacob Dreibelbis emigrated to the US. The festival featured craftsmen demonstrating period activities such as blacksmithing, quill pen writing, reverse glass painting, spinning and weaving, candle making, and butter making. There were butcher house tours, environmental stations with blue bird house construction, hay rides, children's colonial games, and tours of the restored farm house. A 1½ mile walking trail was also established and was enjoyed by many. Also featured were lectures on Native American artifacts, the Civil War, Pa German immigration and Pa German Folk music. Many of the demonstrators stayed over for the reunion on Sunday. The farm festival was a great success with over 450 people in attendance between Saturday and Sunday. Founder Mark Dreibelbis says, "Thank you! We could not have done it without the many volunteers who helped to make this possible."

The 2nd farm festival is planned this year for Saturday, August 17, on the day before the reunion. This will be a one- day event with the traditional reunion on Sunday. Detailed planning is well underway and more exhibitors are lined up, as well as a variety of speakers. If you can come for the reunion a day early, stop by and enjoy the festivities.

The Historical Society scheduled its first wildflower walk on the property this May. The presentation was led by Frank Muzzapappa who is a neighbor and a retired biology professor with a vast knowledge of plants. Eleanor Dreibelbis also acted as an instructor



on the walk. This was the first time scheduling this event, and planners were delighted to have 90 people show up! In addition, tours have been given to private groups such as Boy Scouts, The Red Hat Society, hiking clubs and historical



groups throughout the year. Please contact Mark Dreibelbis if you would like a private tour.

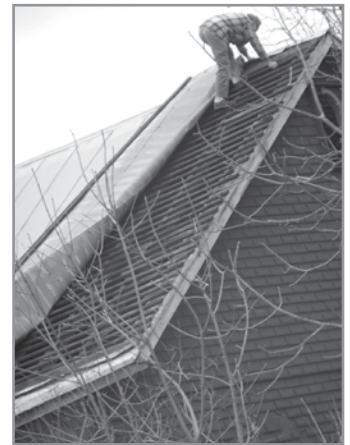
The board of directors of the DFHS was particularly busy this past year. They've reorganized and are meeting every two to three months. The Board is updating the by-laws to more clearly define our mission, discussing fundraising, and establishing policies for maintaining and upgrading the farm and all the exhibits. They are in the final stages of

getting a website up and running. Members of the board have met with consultants to determine how best to operate the foundation and how to care for the wealth of antiques and artifacts on the property.

The farm's pool of volunteers has been steadily increasing, with about 35 active volunteers helping to keep things running smoothly. We are always glad to have more volunteers to help with maintenance or any of our special events. If you would like to get involved, please contact Mark Dreibelbis, president DFHS (mjdrei@verizon.net). Even four-legged help is appreciated! Several goats and chickens have been donated to the farm. The goats are doing a great job of weed control!

On a less positive note, Hurricane Sandy was not kind to the Dreibelbis farm. Once the wind stopped we were left with a 40 foot section of the barn roof blown off, part of the house chimney bricks knocked down, 3 large barn doors blown off and smashed, 1/3 of the slate roof of the tractor shed damaged, and the electric line to the barn down. Repairs are currently in progress. It looks like there will be a big gap between the cost of repairs and what the insurance will pay for.

We are hoping to schedule more events in the future and to continue to have the farm available to the public. We are so lucky to have this well preserved farm in our family to share our heritage with others.



What's the difference between DCOA & DFHS?

Dreibelbis Cousins of America, Inc. (DCOA) – Contributions support newsletter printing and postage to more than 1,300 cousins, cemetery upkeep, cover costs of annual reunion, genealogical research and software, website costs, etc. Your contributions may be included with the 2013 Reunion Registration, or mailed directly to Treasurer Fred Polaski at 32 Georgian Circle, Newark DE 19711-2552.

Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society, Inc. (DFHS) - 501(c)(3) Charitable Foundation - Contributions are deductible for Federal Income Tax. Contributions support restoration and interpretation of the Dreibelbis Farm (homestead of the son of the original ancestor) which houses Dreibelbis artifacts, and is the current site of the annual reunion. Mail contributions to: Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society, Inc. c/o Mark Dreibelbis, Pres., 53 Fox Road, Hamburg, PA 19526 or with your Reunion Registration.

Don't Forget to Visit!



Dreibelbis Store and sign up for your personal family photos at a site that you select on the farm.



Major Rehabilitation Project Planned for Dreibelbis Station Covered Bridge

As this Newsletter goes to print, a major \$1.8 million rehabilitation project of the Dreibelbis Station covered bridge has begun. According to the application for funding, this will preserve the historic resource and transportation connection for the enjoyment and use by future generations. All work will be coordinated through the Berks

County Planning Commission, the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission (PHMC) and PennDOT District 5-0 Historic Preservation Specialist. The historical and community value of preserving the bridge far outweighs the cost of the design and construction for the project. Rehabilitation is the most appropriate solution and most cost effective solution to preserving the bridge. The rehabilitation project will be designed and constructed



with sensitivity to the surrounding land uses, natural environment, and historical context. The covered bridge will look as it did in 1869 with red painted sides, gray portals, clapboard siding, timber Burr arch trusses, a cedar shake roof and a timber deck. The rehabilitation will strengthen the bridge for continued

vehicular use while preserving the geometry and appearance.

Currently, bids for work have been solicited and by the end of 2013 it is anticipated that they will be heavily engaged in design specifics and planning construction details of the project.

A copy of the complete 13 page proposal to secure funding will be available for review at the 2013 Reunion.

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION of the Historic Dreibelbis Farm

*by Michael and Janice LaFaver, and the
Kutztown Area Scientific Paranormal Evidence Research (KASPER)*

Last year on June 30th, Michael and I went on a tour of the farm house. We were getting strange feelings that we were not alone. At the cellar door steps, Michael heard children playing. So he went halfway down the steps, but no one was there. We looked for Mark Dreibelbis (owner) and told him what we heard and felt. We asked him if we could conduct an investigation of the farm. We belong to a professional paranormal group so we asked Mark if we could bring KASPER out to do an investigation. Michael and I talked to our leaders Peter and Ellen Overcast of Kutztown and they were interested in doing the investigation. A meeting at the farm was set up with seven KASPER members present.

We set up our equipment in the house, barn and chicken house. We had some reports of paranormal activity and several names; a little boy named William, and an older gentleman named Jacob. William told us that he was lonely and had no one to play with; he also told us that he likes to feed the chickens and collect the eggs.

We heard a lot of footsteps all over the place. One of the ladies on our team said it felt like someone was holding her hand. She asked if it was William, and the answer was yes. Michael had a flashlight go dead in the chicken house, despite having new batteries he had just put in. Janice was along in the house, she said it sounded like someone was moving furniture around upstairs. William likes to play with the toys that we left for him.

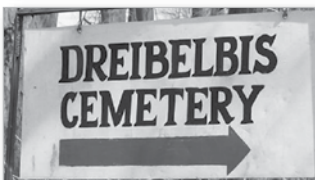
Jacob was all over the house and barn. He told us that he likes the way Mark is fixing up the farm. There are a lot of orbs in the barn. The barn was the most active location, with several spirits detected. They are still on the farm and are very friendly, and you can keep talking to them.

If you want to read the full 10 page report, Mark Dreibelbis has it.
(Editor's Note: Michael LaFaver mows and cares for John Jacob Dreibelbis' cemetery outside of Fleetwood, PA.)

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Save the Dates of Future Reunions!

2014 Reunion August 17

2015 Reunion August 16

~ Always the 3rd Sunday in August ~

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Dreibelbis Family Reunion 281st Anniversary



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August 18, 2013

Directions to Historic Dreibelbis Farm

The farm is located on Rt. 143 between Rt. 78 and Rt. 222. From Rt. 78, exit at Lenhartsville and take Rt. 143 south. Pass "our" Dreibelbis Covered Bridge, then through Virginville. Look for Historic Dreibelbis Farm sign, about 200 yards on the right after you leave the village.

From Rt. 222, turn north at Moselem Springs (Sheetz gas station) onto Rt. 662. At the curve after the golf course, take Rt. 143 to the right 1.7 miles toward Virginville. Look on the left for a white sign at the lane to the farm just before the village of Virginville.

GPS Navigation -- 356 Hard Hill Road, Hamburg, PA 19526