

John Jacob

Dreibelbis Cousins

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of America

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Amy Langman (J10-6799-2), Vice President of DCOA Nominee



This past winter a committee of Jean Davis, VP and Fred Polaski, Treasurer, proposed a nominee to fill a

vacant position of Vice President. The following is information about Amy Dreibelbis Langman who will be presented for approval at the business meeting at this year's Reunion.

Amy is married to Chris and is currently a stay-at-home mom in Media, PA with Isabelle and Nora. They enjoy spending time with each other, family, and friends. They love playing outdoors, birding, traveling, or just coloring and doing puzzles!

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282nd Anniversary Celebration Sunday, August 17

Featured Presenter at the 2014 Reunion- Barry Kauffman and his presentation on "The Pennsylvania German's Role in the American Revolution." This presentation is quite pertinent to the Dreibelbis Cousins as we have several ancestors who served in the American Revolution, not to mention the general historical value of understanding the special role they played. Barry is an 8th generation Berks Countian, has a BS in Economics from Albright College, is a US Air Force Veteran, and a retired Machine Tool Distributor. Barry currently serves as a Trustee and VP of the Berks History Center (Berks County Historical Society), President of Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Executive Director of The Society for the Preservation of the Gruber Wagon Works, and VP of the Berks County Cemetery Assoc.

Conversion of "Dreibelbis Family of America" Genealogy to Electronic Database Completed!

and a HUGE "Thank-you" to Fred Polaski

The Dreibelbis Cousins of America genealogy from the 1966 and the 1990 John Jacob Dreibelbis Family of America genealogy books has been entered into Ancestry.com. The genealogy includes all the Dreibelbis cousins in the 1990 Dreibelbis genealogy book, their spouses, and now over 4,600 additional cousins not formerly in our book. The name of the family tree in Ancestry.com is John Jacob Dreibelbis DCOA.

Ancestry.com is one of the largest genealogy websites and allows us to make the genealogy available to all cousins at no cost. It can be accessed at www.Ancestry.com. The genealogy on Ancestry.com is protected in such a way that for the general public the only information about living people will be their name. Birth dates and other personal information is not available to protect people's identity. **Dreibelbis cousins can obtain access** to additional information that is the same type of information that is included in the 1990 Dreibelbis genealogy book **by contacting Fred Polaski at Polaski5@comcast.net. Fred can "invite" cousins to give them access to more information** such as Dreibelbis genealogy number, dates of birth, death, marriage, town of residence,

etc. Cousins who are "invited" will have to register with Ancestry.com but there is no cost involved. Fred and Becky Mazzei are the only people who can make changes so if you see information that is incomplete or not correct, please email it to Fred or Becky.

The genealogy in Ancestry.com is being updated to add information that has been supplied since the last book was published in 1990. If you don't see information that was submitted, you can either wait until all the updates are entered, or you can send it again to either Becky Mazzei or Fred Polaski to make sure we have the latest

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**We hope to see you at the
Reunion on
Sunday, August 17, 2014!**



Family Photographs & Archives for our DCOA Family History

Visit me at the Reunion for family portraits, reunion photos, and more- located near the Dreibelbis store.

You can also contact me at:

Amy Dreibelbis Langman, birdgyrl@gmail.com (Subject Line: Dreibelbis) or 610-914-9608.

Genealogy, *cont.*

information. Because of some differences between the Family Tree Maker software Fred used to create the genealogy and the software in Ancestry.com, the Dreibelbis numbers and the stories about cousins in the 1990 book did not transfer into Ancestry.com. Fred is working at reloading this information, but that will take a while.

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 were added with a letter.

Cousins who were added to the genealogy in the 1990 book all were assigned a non-unique number, derived from their parent's number with the correct generation and an additional number at the end. For example, A-09-07126-01. These numbers will all be 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 19,225 Dreibelbis cousins loaded into the electronic genealogy and are continuing to add information from the updates that have been provided since 1990. About 20% of the updates are 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 of 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 Dreibelbises but both from the same branch only have one letter. There are a lot of cousins in the Jacob branch who are double Dreibelbises.

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 Mazzei.**

Geocaching Activity Again Available at the 2014 Reunion

So what is Geocaching? Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. There are over 2 million geocaches hidden all over the world. The Dreibelbis Cousins hit five geocaches at last year's reunion and hope to do so again this year. Bring your equipment or just your smart phone and join in the fun!

How do I do it?

Visit geocaching.com, and enter your postal code. It will give you the coordinates of geocaches in your area. Use your GPS device to assist you in finding the hidden geocache. Also look for description and hints listed on the website. OR download the app from iTunes. Sign the logbook and return the geocache to its original location. You can share your "finds" online, and keep track of how many you've found.

What does a geocache look like?

Geocaches vary greatly in size and appearance. In the field you will see everything from large, clear plastic containers to tiny film canisters to a fake rock with a secret compartment.

What's in a geocache?

Usually there's a log you can sign, and sometimes trade items. If you take a trade item, you must leave one of equal value or greater (but no explosives, knives, food items, drugs, or alcohol). Some geocaches have "trackables" that you can take, and move to another geocache. You need to log the trackable on the geocaching website so that it can be tracked. Some geocaches have puzzles that will lead you to other locations.

So bring along your geocaching gear and have fun while also getting to explore the Historic Farm! Find Jean Davis at her activities' tent for coordinates and information.

Flashback to 2013 Reunion

Prizes Awarded

Oldest man - Stanley Dreibelbis, 89, Millersburg, PA

Oldest woman - Margaret Moyer, 94, Shoemakersville, PA

Youngest child present - Jenny Marie Tome, 7 months, Quarryville, PA

Most recently married, Becky Dreibelbis & Vinnie Mazzei, January, 2012, Stockton, NJ

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

Door prizes

Sue Heron, Devon, PA & Denise Snyder, Jonestown, PA

"First Timers"

Approximately 21 of the 158 who signed in at the Reunion reported that they were attending the Reunion for the first time. People were in attendance from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Virginia.

DCOA Reunion Registration

August 17, 2014

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 1,225 cousins)

Genealogy \$ _____

Cemetery Maintenance \$ _____

Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society \$ _____

Total enclosed for both columns \$ _____

Please respond by

August 10, 2014.

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 17, 2014

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 Germans in American Revolution..... ≈ 2:00 pm

Socialize • Geocache • 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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Joyce Dietrich, joycliff@verizon.net..... 610-756-6959

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

**Post your articles and pictures 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.

Volunteers Needed: We Want



Submit birth, marriage and death information
for cousins in your area of the country

•
Reunion setup, cleanup, sales, or registration

•
Submit newsletter articles

•
Newsletter preparation and mailing

•
Web designer with Dreamweaver background

Contact Eric Dreibelbis at 717.575.6823 or
highmtnepd@frontiernet.net

Cousins' Connection

Heffner Reunion

by Jane E. Hornberger

Sincere thanks to Evelyn Ziegler Heffner for sharing the following information:

Evelyn reported that a Heffner reunion was held on July 28, 2012, at the Macungie Institute Community Center. That year, 2012, marked the 100th year since they first held a reunion, and a good time was had by all. Evelyn tells me that their ancestor, Johan Georg Haeffner, came to America in the year 1733. Mrs. Heffner, widow of Harold H. Heffner, has served as secretary of their organization since 1990. Harold is a Dreibelbis descendant, J7-1081-5 on page 330 of the Dreibelbis genealogy.

Howdy Woodbridge-Dreibelbis Cousins!!!

The Arledge & Coldwell Families are excited to host the 2014 **Woodbridge-Dreibelbis Reunion** this summer! We would love to see each of you there, and hope that you'll mark your calendars and make your reservations to join us in **Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on July 4 - 5!!** A contact for Cousins wanting more information is bob9cat@aol.com.

Dreibelbis Cousins & California S.A.R

Dreibelbis cousins descended from patriots who fought in or aided the War for Independence 1775-1787 are eligible to join **Sons of the American Revolution** (SAR) or Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The SAR, founded July 4, 1876 in San Francisco, now has chapters around the world. Tony Bothwell, Sr., descendant of Berks County Militia Capt. Jacob Dreibelbis, is current president of SAR's founding chapter. Cindy Tam, whom Tony married on September 22, 2012 at Lakeside Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, holds the SAR flag in the photo on page 1 of the June 2013 Dreibelbis Cousins newsletter. (They attended the 2012 Dreibelbis reunion but missed the Greatest Distance Traveled award ceremony.) After their wedding reception at the Four Seas, Chinatown's oldest restaurant, Tony chaired a banquet commemorating the September 17, 1787 signing of the U.S. Constitution. Recording artists sang and bagpipes played. Post-9/11 veterans and first responders were honored. The Young American Patriots Fife & Drum Corps marched down Grant Avenue in the Autumn Moon Festival parade and upstairs to the SAR banquet. NASA Astronaut Ricky Arnold spoke. **Dreibelbis Cousins from Virginia, Texas, California and British Columbia attended.**

Obituaries

David S. Moll	A8-6278	d. 8/17/13	p. 639
Werner H. Miller	J8-6717	d. 11/4/13	p. 1092
Elsie I. Billman	MM 7-3241	d. 12/3/13	p. 360
Elton F. Merkel	J8-6509	d. 1/11/14	p. 1059
Margaret Lamm	A8-6278	d. 1/17/14	p. 1042
Louise L. Dreibelbis	J7-5599	d. 2/3/14	p. 639
Mark Otis Woodbridge	J7-5570	d. 2/6/14	p. 631
Mabel H. Weigle (wife of Werner C. Miller)	J7-5233	d. 4/26/14	p. 926
Clarence E. Levan	J8-6597	d. 1/24/14	p. 883
Amy Mae (Adam) Seip	J7-5620	d. 3/28/14	p. 645
Grace E. (Stoudt) Phillips	MM8-5154-1	d. 4/01/14	p. 667
Oletta E. (Lutz) Noll	J8-6674	d. 9/12/13	p. 1078
Franklin Lutz	J8-6675	d. 5/21/14	p. 923
Lester L. Balthaser	J8-6614	d. 5/7/14	p. 885

Life Changes!

- Steven Werley J9-5027-1 Hamburg PA, engaged to Katharine Galanos, Jan. 2014
- Scott and Vanessa Dreibelbis of Sinking Spring, PA, birth of a son, Nov. 2013
- Brian Dreibelbis JMM10-7127-2 and Elizabeth Thomas, married May 17, 2014

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

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 Jane Hornberger 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:

Jane Hornberger, Secretary
7 Jalappa Road; Hamburg, PA 19526
P: 610.562.7324 E: jhornbe@verizon.net

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 2014 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 \$200 for postage ~ here is how you can help:

- Continue to send donations to cover 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.)*

Register for electronic notification of newsletter posting to website and save on printing and mailing. 113 already read online.

We will still retain your addresses on file!

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

Fire in the Dreibelbis Homestead Cemetery

Michael Lafaver of Fleetwood PA, our cemetery caretaker, reported that there was a fire that burned off most of the grass at the cemetery and surrounding area. When he was asked about damage, he replied "none," it was just like "Uncle Paul" used to do each spring to burn off the dead weeds and let new grass grow up. He speculated that it could possibly have come from some heat generated by the



railroad cars or engines that pass several times a day. (The Paul to whom he referred was Paul Luther Dreibelbis (J 7-5221) who was DCOA President from 1966-1968. Paul was also involved in the refurbishment of the cemetery in 1932 when pipe rails and concrete pillars were installed around the entire area.

Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society Report

Looking Back at 2013 and Ahead Through the New Year

This past year has been an active and productive one for the Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society (DFHS) as we continued to develop and make available to the public this unique 18th century Pennsylvania German farmstead. A few milestones were reached, our number of volunteers grew, and many worked diligently to help fulfill our mission. As we review these accomplishments, all who were involved can be proud of what happened in the past year.



Volunteer Opportunities

The DFHS functions exclusively through the efforts of volunteers. We have no paid staff. Who would be a likely volunteer? Anyone who has a strong desire to preserve farmland and open spaces, a strong interest in history, a connection to farming, a love of nature and environmental preservation, or a love of teaching and demonstrating crafts or skills. If

you are looking for a worthwhile activity, a great group of people to join, or if you're a skilled craftsman or tradesman who would like to "give back" to the community, we would love to have you join us. Friends and relatives are welcome. Please contact us if you have any interest in volunteering.

2013 Farm Festival

The 2nd annual Farm Festival last August was another huge success. Approximately 350 people were on hand to experience "life on the farm." This included a variety of crafts, skills and displays demonstrating early Pennsylvania German farm life. Our 2013 festival featured more displays and exhibitors; and next year we hope to include even more. The success of the festival is entirely dependent on our dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly and with great enthusiasm to produce the event.

Restoration

Work continues on the brick chicken house to restore and develop it into a museum display area and multi-purpose building for historical workshops and meetings. This is a big task. The dirt floor will be dug down to allow wood flooring to be installed. The windows are being totally refinished/rebuilt. Roof insulation, electricity, and heating and air conditioning will complete the project. We are so fortunate that Bill Thomas donated his time to saw the floorboards. We now have over 1,200 board feet of red oak flooring drying in the barn! Other projects included clearing and organizing areas of the barn and improving the butcher house display. We are trying to progress with the cataloging and documentation project that was started by Jenna Hepner to provide an inventory of the artifacts in the house.

Wish List

- Pressure treated lumber— 2x4, 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, and 2x12. Also, 5/4 deck boards (1"). (We'll take used lumber. Boards may have nails and screws in them.)
- Garden Tools— shovel, rake, pruner clippers, digging iron, lawn mower, leaf blower, brush trimmers, weed whacker.
- Hand Tools— hammer, saw, wrench, screwdriver, pliers, etc.
- Electrical— wire of all gauges, service panel, conduit.
- Plumbing— 3/4 HP submersible well pump, water lines, PVC pipe.
- Fasteners— screws, nails, bolts, nuts, washers.
- If you have any of these items that you are not using, please consider donating them to the DFHS. We can arrange for pickup. If you have any questions about donating items not on the list, don't hesitate to contact us.

What would you like to see?

We would like to hear from our supporters about what kind of activities, presentations, demonstration, etc., you would be interested in that may fit in with the mission of the DFHS. Consider ideas that would help develop the potential of this project, make us visible to the public, and provide educational opportunities relevant to early Pennsylvania German farm life, nature and the environment, Native American culture, or farming.

Fund Raising

This year for the first time we organized a fund raising appeal. A letter was sent to everyone who had expressed interest in the DFHS. The appeal was a great success; we raised over \$2,000.00. We very much appreciate all who supported this appeal. We also have been collecting Redners' receipts from which they donate 1% of the total sales to the DFHS. If you would like to participate, sign up at Redners Grocery Store for your Gas Perks Card and use it whenever you purchase anything at Redners. Save your receipts and give to any board member. This is an easy way for us to raise funds, so please consider participating!

Programs and Activities in 2014

In February 2014, we presented an ice harvesting demonstration. Over 80 people braved the harsh winter conditions to watch ice blocks being cut from the ice pond and stacked in the ice house. We hope to still have ice from this on August 23 for the Farm Festival to make hand cranked ice cream. Come to the festival and see if it lasted that long. Twenty nature-lovers spent a muddy, rainy April evening with guest naturalist, Richard Bonnett on a walk into our wetlands to hear and see spring peepers, the tiny frogs which live in our swamps by the thousands. Washed by an evening downpour, the old farmhouse glistens in dusky twilight as the tree frogs sing their song. Planned for Mid Summer – Wildflower/Invasive species walk and lecture by botanist, Frank Muzopappa.

Contact Information: Mark Dreibelbis • President, DFHS • 610-488-7896 • mjdrei@verizon.net

August 23 – 3rd Annual DFHS Farm Festival

A demonstration of crafts and techniques of
Pennsylvania German 18th and 19th Century farm life with tours of the historic house.

Donated Items Received

Dreibelbis Cane Donated



An unusual cane with an interesting story has been given for display in the museum of Dreibelbis artifacts at the Dreibelbis Farm in Virginville.

It started with a phone call from Natalie Calhoun-Duggan of Rifle, Colorado. She found the cane in her father's home in Walls, Mississippi after a "devastating" fire. The cane was formed from laurel wood found in Josephine County, Oregon by Gale F. Dreibelbis in 1930, and made into a cane by his brother W. A. Dreibelbis who decreed: "I desire this cane be the property of those whose name is Dreibelbis so long as it shall remain on earth." The cane passed to Wright Martin Dreibelbis in Wisconsin. Upon

his death, Natalie Calhoun-Duggan's father came into possession of the cane. Luckily it survived the fire and "still remains on the earth."

Our thanks to Natalie Calhoun-Duggan for donating the cane to display for "those whose name is Dreibelbis"!

Butcher fork with wooden handle by Jane Wenrich, from family cabin in Millersburg, PA. On the handle is the inscription "J.W. & D.R. Dreibelbis, Millersburg, PA" and "All Kinds of Meats." We do have a cousin named Jacob W. Dreibelbis (A-05-00691) of Millersburg PA who owned a butcher shop. He died in 1930 and had two sons, Daniel and Ralph, who were in the butcher business also, and likely were the D. and R. on the handle.

Family Bible Returns to Virginville

The donation of a family Bible by David Nevin Dreibelbis (J8-6881) of Spring City, Pa, completes a long journey and returns the Bible to its roots in Virginville.

It started with the marriage of Francis F. Dreibelbis to Sarah Luckenbill (J5-11071) in 1888 when they received the Bible as a wedding present. Their son, Raymond Dreibelbis married Katie Seidel (from the next farm east of the Jacob B. Homestead Farm at Virginville along Rte 143) and had four children, one of which was Nevin, father of David Nevin Dreibelbis.

As David N. Dreibelbis was thinking what would eventually become of the Bible, he decided it would be fitting for it to return to its origin in Virginville. Our thanks to David for this donation, and we look forward to it being displayed along with other family artifacts in the farmhouse. Come to the Reunion and check it out!

These donated items will be on display at the Dreibelbis Historic Farm during the annual reunions.

Amy Langman, *cont.*

Prior to becoming a mom, she graduated with a B.S. in Marine Geology from Kutztown University. After college, she worked as an environmental consultant for a private geotechnical firm in Exton, PA. She has also worked in sales, banking, and even stained glass.

Traveling to Panama, Montana, Wyoming, California, Arizona, Florida, Michigan, "Delmarva," and the northeast have kept them busy. They plan to travel to Texas coast once they are settled back in Berks County ~ hopefully soon!

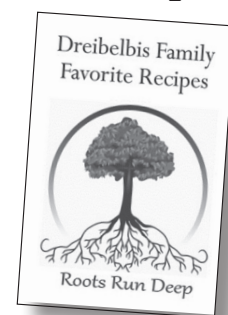
In her 'spare' time Amy sells Thirty-one gifts and performs tribal belly dancing. Her passion is nature photography, which she sells as Amy's Angle Nature Photography. She is also a Board member for the Birding Club of Delaware County and is active in the Dreibelbis Cousins of America. She is the face behind the DCOA Facebook page and currently the DCOA Reunion photographer.

She is the daughter of David and Diane Dreibelbis and the granddaughter of the late Richard and Margaret Dreibelbis and Harold and the late Eleanor Burgert. She is also the great granddaughter of the late John R. Dreibelbis (J 7-5296), former Board member of the DCOA. Her strong family bonds are what keep her involved in her genealogy.

Good News...for Good Food Recipes!

Dreibelbis Family Favorite Recipes cookbooks are still available for purchase. To purchase, please call Jane E. Hornberger at 610.562.7324. If no answer, please leave a message including your name, phone number, and the number of books you want to purchase. You may also e-mail your request to jhornbe@verizon.net. The cost of the book is \$12, plus \$4 for shipping. Costs for multiple books will be calculated, but is less than \$4 per book. Your check, payable to Dreibelbis Cousins of America, must be received prior to mailing your order. Your understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

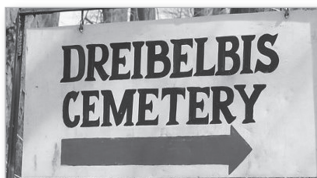
Another more fun option to get your cookbook is to come to the Reunion and pick up your cookbook(s) in person. No postage added, and you'll have the pleasant, peaceful, experience of spending time at the farm of our ancestors and mingling with some 'cousins' you may not have met before. Always a fun day!



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Save the Dates of Future Reunions!

2015 Reunion August 16

2016 Reunion August 21

~ Always the 3rd Sunday in August ~

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Dreibelbis Family Reunion 282nd Anniversary



"Our Past ... Bridging to the Future"

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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