

John Jacob

Dreibelbis Cousins

Our Past ... Bridging to the Future

of America

Family Photographs & Archives for our DCOA Family History

Would you like to **preserve** information or photos of **your family** for future generations? At the Reunion we will be taking family photos to scan into future electronic family archives. Just check with Amy Langman near the Dreibelbis Store for details about getting your family photos taken! You are also welcome to submit photos or scanned photos with names, dates and information about a relative or family so future generations will have material like what was included in the 1966 and 1991 *Family History* editions.

You can also contact her at:

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283rd Anniversary Celebration Sunday, August 16

John Jacob Dreibelbis was our forefather who emigrated from Hassloch, Germany traveled down the Rhine River to Rotterdam, boarded the Ship Mary that stopped at Cowes, England on its way to America, arriving in Chester, PA on September 26, 1732. John Jacob was indentured to Casper Wister, a buttonmaker in Philadelphia. It was 1743 before he actually arrived in Fleetwood, PA.

These factual items are part of our historical records. But what was life like that John Jacob encountered when he came to America? Was life a "smooth sail" on the ship. . .or as an indentured servant. . .or as a settler in search of farmland with a hope of finding wealth?

This year's Reunion speaker is Megan (Fulton) Turner, a Kutztown University graduate who majored in history, who will provide insight into what life may have been like for John Jacob when he arrived here in America. We hope to see you at the Reunion where you can learn more!

Can you believe that there are now more than 20,100 Dreibelbis cousins and 10,000 spouses in our Dreibelbis Family History genealogy? Look inside for details!

DCOA Secretary Needed

After more than a decade of faithful service, our **secretary, Jane Hornberger**, has asked that we find a replacement for her. Skills involved includes notetaking for meeting minutes, Excel for adding family names and addresses, attending annual Reunion and participate with other officers in planning activities for the DCOA. If interested, please contact President Eric Dreibelbis at (717) 575-6823 or highmtnepd@frontiernet.net.

Remembering Paul M. Dreibelbis Vice President of DCOA for Decades

Paul Morton Dreibelbis, 104, of Emlenton, passed away quietly on Christmas evening at his daughter's home in Madison, OH. Mr. Dreibelbis was born on September 15, 1910 at his ancestral farm in Emlenton, PA and was the son of John Adam and Amy Boyer Dreibelbis.



Paul attended Whitehall School, East Home, PA and completed his high school education at Emlenton High School. He was accepted at Allegheny College in 1926. There he ran cross country and track, and graduated in 1930 with a degree in European History and education. Following his graduation, he taught History and Social Studies in Blooming Valley, taught history and coached the first Cross Country team at

Meadville High school, and then took a teaching job in Pittsburgh at David B. Oliver Jr/Sr High School. In June of 1942 Paul received his Masters of Letters from the University of Pittsburgh.

Paul enlisted in the army in 1942 and served through 1947 in active duty and remained in active reserves, retiring in 1962 as a Lt. Colonel.

Paul married Florence Esther Kerr on March 22, 1947. In Pittsburgh Paul taught at Fifth Avenue High School and in 1954 became the Director of History and Social Studies for the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Paul retired in 1976 and stayed active in the PSAR, SAR, DAR, The Pennsylvania Retired Teachers

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1955 Reunion Photo

Can you identify??

It was taken at Becker's Church where Reunions were held for many years.



Front row (l to r): Jason F. Dreibelbis and Paul L. Dreibelbis.

Back row (l to r): 2nd person is Charles B. Dreibelbis, editor of the 1966 *Family History*. The 4th person is William H. Dreibelbis from the Dreibelbis farm and roller mill at Shoemakersville. **But who is # 1 and #3 in back row?** Please contact Eric Dreibelbis at highmtnepd@frontiernet.net if you can identify these individuals.

Paul M., *continued*

Association and the Allegheny College Alumni Council. He was a member of Shadyside Presbyterian Church and was active in politics and community affairs and was a member of the Frick Park Lawn Bowling Club. He and Florence travelled throughout Europe and the states together.

The couple lived in Pittsburgh PA until they moved back to the ancestral farm in 1992. They were members of Old Zion United Methodist Church and Paul was active in the Kiwanis and took a great deal of pride in serving on the Kiwanis Scholarship review Committee. At the time of Mrs. Dreibelbis' passing on February 8, 2000, the couple had enjoyed nearly 53 years of marriage.

Contributing to Paul's longevity was his unwavering interest and commitment to the Dreibelbis family, world travel, and his passion for exercise; mentally (he was a non-stop reader who was consumed by his desire for knowledge,) physically (jogging well into his 80's and walking as much as he could daily), and spiritually. When asked how it felt to be turning 100 in 2010, he chuckled and said, "in retrospect with all of the ups and downs, in between and people along the way, my life has basically been one long summer day..."

Surviving are his daughter, Paula D. Jackson, son-in-law Tom and granddaughter Amy with whom Paul had made his home since late in 2011; and grandson Thomas S. Jackson (Kristine) great grandchildren Tommy, Danny and Alexis and granddaughter Laurie Jackson and great grandson Cory.

He is also survived by two brothers, John A. Dreibelbis (**former DCOA President**) and his wife, Violet of Erie, PA and C. Phillip Dreibelbis and his wife Gerry of North Tonawanda, N.Y. and many beloved nieces and nephews.

YOUR Dreibelbis Family Genealogy

With all the genealogy information from the 1966 and 1990 Dreibelbis genealogy books loaded into Family Tree Maker and then into Ancestry.com, adding the update information provided by Dreibelbis cousins continues. Over half of the updates that have been provided since 1990 have been added into the genealogy, and work continues on the remainder. **There are now over 20,100 Dreibelbis cousins in the genealogy, and over 10,000 spouses.** Work to transfer the Dreibelbis genealogy number and to input the articles about cousins from the 1990 Dreibelbis book continues.

To gain access to the John Jacob Dreibelbis genealogy in Ancestry.com, please email Fred Polaski at Polaski5@comcast.net so that Fred can "invite" cousins to give them access to all the information in Ancestry.com, such as dates of birth, death, marriage, town of residence, and Dreibelbis genealogy number. Any changes or updates to information in the Dreibelbis genealogy should be emailed to Fred or Becky Mazzei.

How many different spellings of Dreibelbis do you know of? If you look into the Dreibelbis genealogy, you will find several different spellings. In addition to Dreibelbis, some cousins who carry the family name spell their name as Driebelbies, Trivelpiece, Trivilpiece, etc. Other variations in Germany and Switzerland where John Jacob Dreibelbis' ancestors came from were Treibelbiss in Germany and in Switzerland at least these 11 spellings: Deübelbeiß, Deübelbiß, Döbelbeiß, Döbelbiß,

Dübelbeis, Döbelbis, Döbelbes, Döbelbeß, Duffelbeiß, Döfelbeiß, Teüfelbeiß.

Some interesting additions to our genealogy:

- The genealogies published in 1966 and 1990 show that Elizabeth Dreibelbis (M-03-00036) died in 1828 with no children. However, Elizabeth's great-great-great grandson, Mike Johnston, found that Elizabeth lived until 1878 and had one son, Bushrod Washington Hughes. Bushrod was married twice and had 13 children. All the known descendents of Elizabeth Dreibelbis totaled 370 based on research by Mike Johnston. Many of the descendants lived in Naperville, Illinois, near Chicago and are buried in the same cemetery. Thanks to Mike.
- Elizabeth Wanner (E-04-00268) was born in 1812 and married Levi Helfrich, but there is no information in the 1990 genealogy of any of her descendants. However, Judy Lynn Weaver (E-09-00268-29) of Shamokin, PA has discovered that Elizabeth had 14 children. Judy has traced her ancestors from Elizabeth Wanner's second child Catherine Anna Helfrich, and from that chain has identified 147 additional Dreibelbis cousins; and these are the descendants of Catherine Anna Helfrich only. How many descendants are there of Catherine Anna's 13 siblings? Would anyone like to do the research? Thanks to Judy Lynn for her work.

Fred Polaski will have his computer at the reunion, so bring your updates and watch them be added to the genealogy on August 16, or you can email any updates to Fred, write them on a piece of paper and bring them to the reunion, or mail them to Fred at 32 Georgian Circle, Newark DE 19711-2552.

DCOA Reunion Registration

August 16, 2015

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 \$ _____

Make one check payable to: Dreibelbis Cousins of America

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

Please register by August 9, 2015. If registering later, please contact Mark Dreibelbis at (610) 488-7896 or mjdrei@verizon.net.

Travel Plans

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

Microtel Inn & Suites, Rt. 78, Hamburg..... 610-562-4234

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

Flashback to 2015 Reunion

Prizes Awarded

Oldest man - Jack Dreibelbis, 85, Camp Hill, PA

Oldest woman - Mabel Stein, 91, Kutztown, PA

Youngest child present - Charles Hall V, 2, Boyertown, PA

Most recently married, Sara and Brad Ogle, July 2014, Odenton, MD

Greatest distance traveled, William Summers, ≈ 900 miles, Nashville, TN

Door prizes

Tammy Nolt, Stevens, PA & Angie Dreibelbis, Wyatt, IN

"First Timers"

Approximately **28** of the 148 who signed in at the Reunion reported that they were attending the Reunion for the first time. People were in attendance from Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Tennessee, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

2015 DCOA Reunion Schedule

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

Meal..... 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Family Meeting..... 1:15 pm

Life in PA that John Jacob Dreibelbis found when he arrived in America ≈ 2:00 pm

Socialize • Geocache • Games
Hayrides • Nature Trail • House Tours
Individual Family Photos for Electronic Database
Feel free to stay as long as you like!

There will be games and activities for children!

~ Handicapped Accessible Porta-potty Available ~

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.

Cousins' Connection

Births

- Zachary Mark Mazzei, born to Vincent & Becky (Dreibelbis) Mazzei, 10/13/14
- Twins: Nikola Joseph and Theodore Quill Dreibelbis, born to Joel & Amanda Dreibelbis, 01/02/15

Obituaries

Ray N. Geschwindt	J8-6692	d. 08/19/14	p. 1085
Earnest L. Miller	J8-6710d	d. 10/02/14	p. 1090
David L. Bausher	J7-3055-2	d. 10/05/14	p. 657
Lillian M. (George) Hoch			
(wife of Lester Hoch, J7-5158)		d. 10/25/14	p. 911
Barbara A. (Yeager) Mengel	J8-6612-2	d. 10/26/14	p. 885
Shirley C. (Christman) Dreibelbis			
(wife of Lee Milton Dreibelbis, J7-5309)		d. 11/02/14	p. 946
Barbara C. (Dreibelbis) Smoyer	J8-6671	d. 11/11/14	p. 1077
Paul Morton Dreibelbis	J6-2612	d. 12/25/14	p. 564
Monroe K. Phillips	J8-4848-1	d. 01/20/15	p. 876
Marie (Sunday) Treichler	J9-6507-1	d. 02/02/15	p. 1058
Grace M. Sunday			
(wife of Lawrence J. Sunday, J7-5023)		d. 02/13/15	p. 896
Verna S. (Schappell) Folk	J7-5271	d. 02/15/15	p. 591
Willard Schucker			
(husband of Clara Mae Stein, J7-5322)		d. 04/11/15	p. 948
Constance Mae Dreibelbis	J8-6761	d.	p. 1101
Evelyn V. (Miller) Kemp	J8-6715	d. 05/07/15	p. 926
Ruth C. (Dreibelbis) Nester	J8-6755	d. 05/09/15	p. 931

Congratulations!

Cody Dreibelbis from Conrad Weiser HS in Robeson, PA won 2nd place at the PA State Farm Show for his project in the area of Botany.

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 2015 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.

About 45 relatives of Pearl Dreibelbis Woodbridge (J6-2963) gathered for a bi-annual reunion in Tulsa, OK, in 2014. A new historical photo, pictured below, was displayed by one of the organizers. It is believed the picture was taken in the late 1930s or early 1940s, likely in Arkansas.



Pictured l to r: Logan Dreibelbis (J5-1070), Jay Woodbridge (J7-5568), Dale Woodbridge (J7-5569), Sabina Woodbridge (J7-5567), Pearl Dreibelbis Woodbridge (J6-2963), Er Woodbridge, Mark Otis Woodbridge (J7-5570) memorialized at the meeting, John P. Woodbridge (J7-5566), and Ruby Miller (J6-2970).

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

Volunteers Needed: We Want YOU!



Calling relatives on address list to verify contact information, seek additional volunteers, and locate relatives not in our genealogy or receiving newsletter.

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
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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. Already, 113 read online. Contact Secretary Jane Hornberger at jhornbe@verizon.net.

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:

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Stockton, NJ 08559
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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*)

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 additional piece.

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

Jane Hornberger, Secretary
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The *John Jacob Dreibelbis Family of America, 1732-1990*, genealogical book is more than just a list of dates of births, deaths, and marriages. In addition to these historical facts, our family history book contains profiles on the lives of some of our ancestors, bringing the names on the pages to life. One of the more colorful accounts discovered is the profile of Lewis Jacob Dreibelbis. Born on September 15, 1813 in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Lewis was descended from John Jacob's son Martin. As a young man, he headed north to Canada and made his way along the Mississippi River Valley with a group of other settlers travelling by oxcarts and boats, before stopping in Galena, Illinois. During the trip from Canada to Illinois, he met a Scottish woman by the name of Mary McIntyre, whom he would later marry. Their travelling party had skirmishes with the Native Americans, and Miss McIntyre was taken captive for a short time, before Lewis reportedly rescued her, out of which their romance blossomed.

Lewis and Mary married in Galena, and he got a job in the lead mines for several years in order to earn money to venture further west, while Mary recovered from her ordeal.

They then travelled west to Iowa with a party of Scottish settlers, where they founded a settlement which is today known as Scotch Grove. It was here that Mary gave birth to five sons and a daughter.

In 1853, Lewis joined in on the Gold Rush and headed west to California with a group of prospectors. Many in the group did not make it, having succumbed to conflict with the Native Americans

and Mormons, harsh weather conditions, and a deadly outbreak of smallpox. However, Lewis survived and was fortunate enough to strike gold in California, some of which he sent back to his family in Iowa. In 1861, after eight years of prospecting, Lewis decided to return home with the remainder of gold he had mined, and booked passage on a ship that would sail from California to New York City by way of Cape Horn. However, the ship wrecked somewhere along the west coast of Mexico, and of those who survived the wreck, many were killed during encounters with natives as they attempted to find safe passage to the USA over the next two years. Finally, Lewis made it to the Gulf Coast and boarded a ship bound for New York City. His incredible journey did not end there, though. While travelling westward from New York to rejoin his family in Iowa, he fell ill with typhoid fever and spent several months fighting for his life in Ohio.

In the fall of 1864, Lewis finally reunited with his family, only to find that two of his sons had been killed while fighting in the Civil War.

Lewis died on December 12, 1888 at the age of 75. His story is a reminder of how hard life was for our ancestors and how their bravery helped shape America.

For the complete story and profiles of other ancestors, copies of the 1990 genealogical book may still be purchased by contacting Eleanor Dreibelbis at 610-682-7156. The books are \$65. The account of Lewis Jacob Dreibelbis begins on page 94.

Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society

The Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society non-profit foundation is now entering its 17th year. Our organization continues to grow as we develop new ways of carrying out the mission to preserve and interpret this historic property, and to make it available to the public for educational purposes. We carry out this mission in various ways: from hosting our annual Dreibelbis family reunion, to organizing programs like flower and amphibian walks, bird watching, historical group tours, and our annual farm festival. We also open up the property to host scouting and social events.

For the Dreibelbis family to have such an historic property preserved is truly unique. For members of the Jacob B. branch to have their family homestead preserved after 237 years is nearly unheard of. It could be assumed that Jacob's brothers and sisters visited here from time to time, so there is definitely a sense of family spirit present here that would connect all of the Dreibelbis family branches.



Currently the Board of Directors is in the process of establishing committees to further develop the full potential of this site. Committees are to be established in the following areas: membership, building and grounds maintenance, education, artifact management, grant writing, fundraising, communication and publication, festival and events, volunteer coordination, environment, budget, and Native American development.

Anyone with an interest in any of these areas can sign up to help. Contact Mark Dreibelbis at mjdrei@verizon.net or call 610-488-7896.

There is always plenty of work to do to maintain and preserve the property. The barn roof is now half finished with the rest due to be completed this year. We had over 20 people volunteer to help with this project last fall. Many thanks to all those helpers. We couldn't have done it without you! We are still working on converting the chicken house into a display area. Repairing equipment, painting and cleaning brush and downed trees are ongoing projects. If you are retired, need exercise or just would like to volunteer, there is a place for you!

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

August 22 – 4th Annual DFHS Farm Festival

10am - 4pm

American crafters and artisans will demonstrate skills of life on a Pennsylvania German 18th and 19th Century farm.

“On Display” at the Reunion!

- Three paper flour bags with the name of W.H. Dreibelbis Mill. One bag is for cornmeal the other two for the “best cakes.”
- A colorful paper fan in delicate condition. Advertises PUR - Ox Syrup, cherry flavor. The name of Peter Dreibelbis, Virginville is on the back.
- Cloth flour bag with “The Dreibelbis Mill” on it.
- Dreibelbis & Son 9” plate from the store with four floral clusters on each side of the plate. (Presumably the “Dreibelbis Store” in Virginville.)
- 9 ½” x 13” oval platter with a cluster of yellow flowers and green leaves, 1942, Dreibelbis & son.

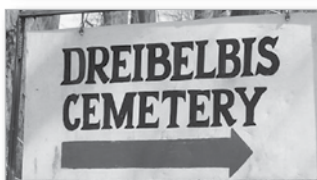
Do you have treasured family heirlooms you would like to have preserved and at the same time make available for extended family members to appreciate? Please consider the DCOA as an organization to do just that!

- ~ Helps to clarify our ancestors and genealogies
- ~ Can be documented as to authorship
- ~ Names, dates, places identified
- ~ Connects generations
- ~ Our “name” will likely be on it

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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 Virg-inville. 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 Virg-inville. Look on the left for a white sign at the lane to the farm just before the village of Virg-inville.

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