June 2016

John Jacob Dreibelbis Cousins of America

Our Past ... Bridging to the Future

Socialize Nature Trail Genealogy Station Hayrides

284th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, August 21, 2016

SPEAKER: Darius Puff Artifacts, furs, storytelling used to demonstrate life changes local native Lenape Indians made to adapt to life in the 18th Century. Games

House Tours

Family Photos for DCOA Database



2016 DCOA Reunion Schedule

| Reunion Begins (rain or shine!) | |
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| Meal | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm |
| Family Meeting | 1:15 pm |
| Speaker-Lenape Indians-Darius Puff | ≈ 2:00 pm |

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.

Flashback to 2015 Reunion

Prizes Awarded

Oldest man - Ralph Dreibelbis, Sr., 87, Sinking Spring, PA Oldest woman - Evelyn Ziegler Heffner , 86,Timonium, MD Youngest child present - Zachary Mazzei, 10 mo., Stockton, NJ Most recently married - Meghan Turner, July 2015, Secane, PA Greatest distance traveled - Keith Dreibelbis, San Francisco, CA Door prizes - Ace Pozzi, Whitehall PA & Patricia Bothwell, Georgetown, TX



"First Timers"

Approximately **13** of the 135 who signed in at the Reunion reported that they were attending the Reunion for the first time. People were in attendance from California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont and Virginia.

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YOUR Dreibelbis Family Genealogy

Updates to the Dreibelbis genealogy in Ancestry.com continues. There are **now over 21,000 Dreibelbis cousins** in the genealogy, and over 11,000 spouses. The last updates supplied after the Dreibelbis genealogy was published in 1990 will be completed before the 2016 reunion.

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, and 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.

Some interesting additions to our genealogy:

Last year I reported that Judy Lynn Weaver supplied information on the children of Elizabeth Wanner (E-04-00268) who was born in 1812 and married Levi Helfrich. Additional information on the descendents of Elizabeth and Levi has been provided by David Helfrich. David has done research on his Helfrich ancestors, and through the Dreibelbis website contacted me with information

on some of the descendants of Elizabeth Wanner. David's work added another 406 descendants of Elizabeth Wanner, for a total of 832 descendants. The other descendents have been provided by other Dreibelbis cousins. That is 8323 more descendants than in the 1990 Dreibelbis book.

Over 10 years ago, while my late father, Bill Polaski (A-08-04312-03), was living in an assisted living facility, he struck up a

conversation with the facilities house doctor only to find out that Dr. David Scheid was a Dreibelbis cousin. Dr. Scheid provided the genealogy of his ancestors back to Catherine D. Dreibelbis, born May 5, 1805. She married George Slotterback in 1827 and had 7 children. However, she was not included in the Dreibelbis genealogy. Just recently, I was able to contact Dr. Scheid, who now lives in Texas, who provided a link to his ancestor's genealogy in Ancestry.com which shows that Catherine D. Dreibelbis is the daughter of George M. Dreibelbis (M-03-00034) and Elizabeth Kantner, the third wife of George M. Dreibelbis. Elizabeth Kantner was not included in the Dreibelbis genealogy, until now.

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 or access to Ancestry.com, 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 2016 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.

Many in the party were decimated by Indians, wiped out by Mormons, or died from small pox, but Lewis Dreibelbis reached California . . .

Fred Polaski will have his computer at the reunion, so bring your updates and watch them be added to the genealogy on August 21, 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.

The Dreibelbis genealogy does include a daughter of George M. Dreibelbis and Mary Magdalena Weaver (or Weber) named Cordilia Dreibelbis with no information about her. Could Cordilia and Catherine be the same person? The 1990 Dreibelbis genealogy book has information on George M. Dreibelbis that indicates that his history is not well known, and there is contradictory historical information, so we may never know exactly who the wives and children of George M. Dreibelbis were.

Interesting trivia about Dreibelbis cousins:

Starting in the 1800s, many Dreibelbis cousins began to move into Ohio, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, and other Midwest states. But Franklin E. Dreibelbis (M-05-00763) moved first from

Schuylkill Haven PA to Eureka, Kansas, and then on to Australia where he trained horses. Later he returned to the United States and lived in Los Angeles, CA until his death in 1900.

William James Trivelpiece (A-06-01801) was born in Columbia County, PA. He married Susan Rhone in 1870. His first two children were born in Columbia County. In 1876 he was employed by the Great Northern

Railroad as a Construction Superintendent building bridges and trestles across rivers and gorges. During this work, he had his own private railroad car. His three younger children were born in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Washington State. He later retired from railroad construction in Washington State, moved to California, and raised grapes in Gilroy, CA where he died in 1910.

Dreibelbis cousins were among the many who traveled into the western part of what is now the United States, but then was unclaimed territory, occupied by Indians. One of these was Lewis Jacob Dreibelbis (M-04-00176). Lewis was raised in Schuylkill Haven, PA but traveled into Canada and later down the Mississippi River Valley, to Galena, IL where he worked for two years and married Mary McIntyre. They later traveled with others moving west into Iowa, where they were part of a wagon train that founded Scotch Grove, Jones County, Iowa. Six children were born there. In 1853 Lewis left Scotch Grove and his family to lead a party to California. Many in the party were decimated by Indians, wiped out by Mormons, or died from small pox, but Lewis reached California where he became a very successful placer miner and sent lots of gold back to his family. In 1861, Lewis and other miners left California to sail around South America to New York City, then back to Scotch Grove. The ship was wrecked off the coast of Mexico, and many of those who made it to shore were killed by Mexicans, but Lewis escaped and made his way to the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, then to New York in 1863. In 1864 he began his journey back to lowa, but was stricken with Typhoid fever and spent 3 months in Ohio, finally arriving home in the fall of 1864, only to find that his 3 oldest sons had died in the Civil War. He died of a heart attack in 1888 at the age of 75, one of those unknown heroes who helped open up the western part of the United States.

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| Make one check payable to: Dreibelbis Cous | ins of America | | |
| Mail check and registration form to: Jar Secretary, 7 Jalappa Road, Hamburg, PA 19 | | Microtel Inn & Suites, Rt. 78, Hamburg Campus Inn, Old Rt. 222, Kutztown | |

Please register by August 13, 2016. If registering later, please contact Mark Dreibelbis at (610) 488-7896 or midrei@verizon.net.

We Asked . . . You Answered!

We requested the names of these people from the 1955 Reunion . . .



... and you provided the missing info!

Front row (I to r): Jason F. Dreibelbis, J8-6670, son, Mertztown, PA; and Paul L. Dreibelbis, J7-5219, father, Royersford, PA.

Back row (I to r): Otto C. Dreibelbis, MMA6-1308, Orangeville, IL; Charles B. Dreibelbis, J6-2691, "Uncle Charles," prepared 1st *Family Genealogy*, Philadelphia, PA; Thurlow S. Dreibelbis, J6-2696, Reading, PA; William H. Dreibelbis, J6-2689, Shoemakersville, PA, proprietor of Dreibelbis Mill.

Dreibelbis Station Covered Bridge

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

Diane Dreibelbis, vonboehn@verizon.net 610-944-9152 Joyce Dietrich, joycliff@verizon.net....... 610-756-6959

"A Place for Sweetheart Memories"

For additional information, contact:

While snowmobiling in for NE Quebec this past winter, your Newsletter Editor made a chance discovery. While talking to some Americans, it turned out that some were from Lehigh, Berks, and Schuylkill counties. One was from Schuylkill Haven, a town settled by Martin B. Dreibelbis. While talking with him, he shared a unique tradition he and his wife have kept throughout their many years of marriage. Each time they purchase a car, they drive to the Dreibelbis Station covered bridge, stop the car in the middle of the bridge, then get out and embrace and kiss each other - and what a great location for a celebration! Quite a chance meeting, considering we were about 800 miles away!

Dreibelbis Station Bridge Renovations Update

A recent call to our PennDOT contact did provide some updated information. Funding has been held up for the past two years which is why we have seen no construction activity around the bridge. Unfortunately, this has caused the "renovation project"



to have to go back through an "evaluation process." PennDOT personnel shared that it continues to look like the renovation "will happen!" If reapproved, construction would likely begin in late 2017!

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Cousins' Connection

Birth

| Louisa Jane Dreibelbis born | to David & Karen | Dreibelbis 12/2 | 16/15 |
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| Obituaries | | | |
| Name | Genealogy # | Death Date | Page # |
| Joyce E. (Miller) Fisher | J8-6718 | 08/28/15 | 927 |
| Merlin D. Dreibelbis | M7-4486 | 09/10/15 | 813 |
| Mary K. (Kern) Eberly | J7-3003-2 | 09/22/15 | 643 |
| Anna R. (Eberly) Stein | | | |
| (wife of Alton Stein J7-97 | 3-12) | 09/28/15 | 303 |
| Shirley M. (Danner) Dreibelb | ois | | |
| (wife of Willard S. Dreibel | bis J7-5649) | 11/22/15 | 998 |
| Jack Newman | | | |
| (husband of Betty Dane J | 8-5563-1) | 12/13/15 | 978 |
| Harvey Charles Dreibelbis | J8-6764 | 12/16/15 | 1102 |
| Susan M. (Arndt) Dreibelbis | | | |
| (wife of Allen H. Dreibelb | is J7-5626) | 12/25/16 | 651 |
| Joyce W. (Kutz) Wehr | J7-5471 | 01/01/16 | 620 |
| Ruth E. (Stoudt) Koehler | J8-6733 | 01/22/16 | 929 |
| Esther M. (Hepner) Feltenberg | er J8-2420-5 | 01/23/16 | 531 |
| Catherine J. (Gaby) Kuhns | | 01/29/16 | |
| Ella Mae (Hoffman) Levan | J7-4859 | 01/30/16 | 534 |
| John F. Dreibelbis | J6-3061 | 02/10/16 | 658 |
| Charles J. Mohn | J8-6551 | 02/24/16 | 1065 |
| Dan Dane | J8-5563-3 | 03/14/16 | 978 |
| | | | |



June 24 - 26, 2016

If you are a Dreibelbis cousin that overlaps with the Woodbridge family, the annual reunion is scheduled from June 24 - 26, 2016 in Austin, TX. To learn more, contact Lydia Lara at lydialynn_2000@yahoo.com



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

John F. Dreibelbis Age 100, Passed the Century Mark!

John was a resident in Topton, PA until this past February when he died in his residence on February 10. He was married to Perma B. (Dietrich) Dreibelbis who died March 27, 2015. John was a devoted member of Saint John's Lutheran Church in Kutztown where he served as a Sunday school teacher, choir member for 70 years, and on many other committees.



John honorably served his country in the Army Air force from 1943 to 1946 as a corporal assigned to Technical Training Command as an instructor in radio mechanics. He was stationed in Madison, Wisconsin during World War II.

John graduated from Kutztown HS in PA, then Kutztown State Teachers College with a BA in Art Education. He received a MA Degree in Education from Columbia University, NY, followed by additional studies in weaving and silver smithing at the Temple University's Tyler School of Art, the Penland School of Crafts in NC, and the Arrowmont School of Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN.

John demonstrated weaving at the Kutztown folk Festival for 40 years and more recently also at the Kutztown University Heemet Fescht (Homestead Festival). He has received local and national awards for his silver work as well as weaving, and has served as a judge at various art shows as well.

John and his wife Perma were regulars at the Dreibelbis Cousins' Reunions and continually commented about how great it is that the Dreibelbis family continues to have such an active family organization that brings together cousins from all across the country!

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 717.575.6823 or highmtnepd@frontiernet.net

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

| Full Name: | | Nickname: |
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| Dreibelbis Number: | | |
| Address/Place of Re | (if a number has been assigned) esidence: | |
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| | Dreibelbis cousin was married more than or all spouses. | once, complete the spousal |
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| | | |
| Information provide | by: Name: | |
| Address: | | Return form to: Becky Dreibelbis Mazzei |
| Phone No. | | |

Dreibelbis Family Genealogy Information

Email address:

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

Collectibles Still Available

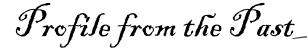
- John Jacob Dreibelbis Homestead (Fleetwood, PA)
- John Jacob's Tombstone and Ship Mary (Fleetwood, PA)

Since there is a limited number of these items, please check with Jane Hornberger prior to sending your order. Send a check for \$10 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:

becky.dreibelbis@gmail.com

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



Martin B. Dreibelbis

A regular column looking at eccentric or noteworthy relatives from the past.

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.

Martin B., the 4th child of John Jacob Dreibelbis, was only 24 when he and his sister Philibena B. traveled north across the Blue Mountain to an area that was then part of Berks County, and settled in an area that was still wilderness inhabited by Indians and wild animals. There Martin bought land that had been owned by a man who had been massacred by Indians, along with all his family. This land covered all of what today is Schuylkill Haven, PA. While living in an old mill, he built many thriving enterprises. Businesses he developed included three or four large sawmills,

two grist mills, a distillery, a tannery, a general store, a blacksmith shop or forge, and coal breakers.

Martin also built many other necessary community buildings such as churches and schoolhouses, all of which had been used by the many folks that had been employed by Mr. Dreibelbis and others from various related businesses that had developed.

In 1796 Martin B. secured a permit from the State of PA to dam the West Branch of the Schuylkill River for power purposes, and was considered to be the first project of its kind in eastern PA.

It was years later when he finally got around to building a "mansion home" for he and his family that he unfortunately contracted a severe cold that later caused his death in 1799. Martin's estate had grown to over 12,000 acres, and he is certainly a fine example of the courageous visionaries the we have as our ancestors!

DCOA Facebook Page

We started a Facebook page in 2012. So far, we have received inquiries regarding genealogy, finding long-lost friends, and discussions about donations from Dreibelbis family members. Amy Langman always tries to answer everything as efficiently and accurately as possible. If anyone would be interested in being an assistant administrator of the page, a little back-up would be appreciated. You can contact me directly via email at birdgyrl@gmail.com or at the Dreibelbis Cousins of America Facebook page. Please note: even if you are not a Facebook member, you should be able to see the Facebook page and the updates provided regarding reunion dates and other items.

Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society

The Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society (DFHS) continues to be active and busy as we continue our efforts to preserve and protect the Jacob B. Dreibelbis Farm and make it available to the public for historical and educational purposes. Our premier event is the annual farm festival. Held in August, the farm comes alive with over 35 demonstrators and exhibitors depicting 18th century farm life. In 2015, we had over

400 people – this year should be even bigger as we add period appropriate music. (See information below.)

What better use of this fine farmstead than to share it with the community for educational activities? Again this past year, we demonstrated ice harvesting to over 90 people, held a spring peeper walk and a wild flower walk, offered hiking on the nature trail, and hosted the annual DCOA reunion.

In the immediate future we will be working with the Penn State Master Gardener program to plan and implement an historic farm family garden as well as offer gardening demonstrations. We also have Eagle Scout candidates from 2 different local Boy Scout troops who are planning service projects. One will add



a wetland loop to the nature trail. The other will plan and execute work days to improve the lane and repair the butcher house and chicken house.

As you can imagine on a 238 yr. old farm there are ongoing maintenance projects. Last year we worked on window painting, harvesting trees for lumber to use for farm projects, repairing farm equipment, rebuilding barn wall masonry,

repairing the barn roof damaged from hurricane Sandy, and improving the lane.

Of course all this activity would not be possible without the dedication of the DFHS volunteers. From the recently expanded Board of Directors (the board is a "hand on" group of workers) to dozens of other volunteers who find a certain satisfaction in helping us fulfill our mission, we continue to make great progress in developing this treasure. We thrive on their help. There are always opportunities for more people to help us. If you have an interest in historical preservation, family history, nature, gardening or general maintenance please contact us!

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

August 27 - 5th Annual DFHS Farm Festival

10am - 4pm

Demonstrators, exhibits of PA German Farm life, music, lectures, hayrides, hiking, house tours, and food.

Donations & Acquisitions of Artifacts for DCOA Historical Preservation *"On Display" at the Reunion!*

Family Photos Taken at DCOA Artifacts Booth

How many times do you look at a photograph and wonder who it is in the photograph or when it was taken? We are trying to alleviate that conundrum! At the 2015 reunion, the Board decided to take photographs of all the attendees with their permission. Cousins checked-in and then came over to get individual or group photographs. Some families preferred to have larger family photos taken also. Photos could also be ordered and shipped. We will continue to take photographs, especially of those who did not attend the Reunion in 2015. These photographs will document the Dreibelbis Cousins and eventually will be connected to our genealogy in Ancestry.com.

This area displays several of the Dreibelbis family artifacts including an elaborate Bible from approximately 1888, feed bags, platters and dishes, birth and deed certificates, and family photos. Many of these items are extremely sensitive to sunlight and humidity, so weather conditions must be conducive. If there is an artifact you are interested in seeing, please contact us before the Reunion and we will make sure it is in the display area. Please note: these artifacts purchased by or donated to the DCOA are to share with the Dreibelbis family. The Board will continue to protect them for future generations.

Criteria used to determine whether an item supports our "Objects and Purposes"

- ~ 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

Artifact Donations Received

At the 283rd DCOA Reunion, we were grateful to have three beautifully framed portraits donated to the DCOA during the annual meeting. Photographs of Amanda Sayer Dreibelbis (1850-1925), Sallie S. Dreibelbis (1878-1902), and a wedding photograph of Ralph Nevin Fry (b. 1892) and wife Sadie Dreibelbis Fry (1897-1981) were donated by brothers, Brian and Ron Frey. The photographs will be on display at the Dreibelbis Cousins Reunion in August in the Artifacts Canopy



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!

DCOA Artifact Purchase Guidelines

Article II of our Constitution, the "objects and purposes" of our organization, includes, "To collect and compile Historical data, and the genealogies of the members, and to make this material available to the Cousins."

Short Term Memory Gone

But Not Memories of the Virginville Dreibelbis Farm! by Jean Davis

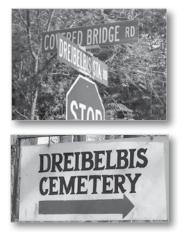
Dementia is not funny, and neither is deafness. But in order to cope with life, sometimes laughing at your situation reduces the power that these events and conditions have over your life. My father has been hard of hearing and functionally deaf for many years, and yet refuses to wear his hearing aids. If he can't get what you're saying to him, his stock answer is "yep." When he CAN hear, though, sometimes the results are hilarious. I once made some homemade soup and had okra in it. I asked him how he liked the soup and he said it was good. I asked him how he liked the okra and he hesitated and then said "She's alright." Another time, I asked him if he wanted some juice, and he said "am I confused?" I said yeah, but do you want some juice?

Unfortunately, he is more recently struggling with dementia, which may or may not have been as a result of lack of verbal

stimulation to the brain (and certainly lack of circulation from no exercise). Not surprisingly, though, he has memories from years past and when I recently took him for a ride and visited the Dreibelbis farm, he said that he delivered bread to them when he worked for Maiers Bakery, back around 1965 or so. He said he remembered a woman who "walked with a stick," Sallie Dreibelbis, but doesn't remember much else. Now each time I traverse that long, difficult driveway to the farm, I will think of him driving it with a bakery truck, dedicated to bringing sustaining bread to everyone on his route.

I certainly wish I had known this before those memories faded but although he isn't a "cousin," it's heartening to know that he nonetheless touched the lives of this wonderful extended family in some small way. Dreibelbis Cousins of America Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society Jane Hornberger, Secretary 7 Jalappa Road Hamburg, PA 19526

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Save the Dates of Future Reunions!

2017 Reunion August 20 2018 Reunion August 19

~ Always the 3^{rd} Sunday in August ~

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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