

# Dreibelbis Cousins

*Our Past ... Bridging to the Future*

*of America*

## 286th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, August 19, 2018

**SPEAKER: James H. Dreibelbis**

*100th Anniversary of Dreibelbis Cousins'  
Participation in World War I*



U.S. Artillery at the Battle of Cantigny  
May, 1918

Brief presentation on the United States' participation in World War I, with focus on Dreibelbis Cousins' participation and in particular the personal involvement of Jay H. Dreibelbis, from his service in the Mexican Border action in 1916 to his World War I service in France in 1918, including the Battle of Cantigny in May. This relatively small battle was the first action in which the U.S.



Jay H. Dreibelbis,  
1920, after discharge  
from the U.S. Army

Expeditionary Force under the command of General John Pershing engaged the enemy under its own independent command and set the stage for subsequent major battles in which the U.S. helped the Allies to victory.

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## 2018 DCOA Reunion Schedule

Reunion Begins.....10:00 am  
*(rain or shine!)*  
Meal..... 11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Family Meeting..... 1:15 pm  
Speaker-Jim Dreibelbis..... ≈ 2:00 pm

*Handicapped accessible  
porta-potty available.*

*Socialize • Nature Trail  
Genealogy Station • Hayrides  
Games • House Tours  
Family Photos for DCOA Database*

Our own creative and trust-worthy Diane Dreibelbis, will be setting up her wonderful **Kids' Corner!**

This year she will be helping our younger cousins craft rocks to hide around your hometown. If you are unfamiliar with this phenomenon, check out the local "Berks County Rocks!" Facebook page. Your children, young and old, will love hiding and finding rocks around their neighborhood.

There will also be large LEGOs, coloring, and other activities throughout the day. Feel free to let your kids enjoy these activities while you take in the history of the farm, listen to the presentation, and just enjoy some peace and quiet. There may be a story time while adults enjoy the presentation.

If you have a recommendations, questions, or concerns, please contact Amy Langman at [birdgyrl@gmail.com](mailto:birdgyrl@gmail.com).



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### Flashback to 2017 Reunion

Cousins were in attendance from Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Virginia. Out of the 180 folks in attendance, more than 40 Cousins were first time attendees!

**Oldest man** - John D. Smith, 94, Fleetwood, PA

**Oldest woman** - Evelyn Ziegler Heffner, 87, Timonium, MD

**Youngest child present** - Emma Dreibelbis, 4 mo., Downingtown, PA

**Most recently married** - Brian & Liz Dreibelbis, Downingtown, PA

**Greatest distance traveled** - Vicki Merkel, Fort Myers, FL

**Door prizes** - Jim Auman, Danville, PA and Doreen Mylin, Homosassa, FL



# Your Dreibelbis Family Genealogy

## Are there Dreibelbis cousins in America not descended from John Jacob Dreibelbis?

The John Jacob Dreibelbis family tree published in 1966 and 1990, and the family tree in Ancestry.com, is the family tree of John Jacob Dreibelbis. It includes over 23,000 of his descendants and his ancestors back to Hans Thufelbys, the 6th great grandfather of John Jacob, who was born in 1455 and died in 1499, believed to be in Switzerland.

There has been an ongoing question as to whether there could there have been other Dreibelbis cousins who came to America? I recently received an email from someone who may be a cousin asking if Maria Magdalena Treibelbis, sister of John Jacob Dreibelbis, was married to Johann Peter Rothermel. The cousin is descended from a Johann Peter Rothermel (1715 – 1743) and had been told by her family members that Johann Peter Rothermel was married to Magdalena Dreibelbis, but she could not find that connection in any online genealogies or other records. John Jacob Dreibelbis had a sister Maria Magdalena Treibelbiss, born 9-28-1711, who is reported in the 1990 Dreibelbis family tree to have come to America in 1731 with the “Debilbissen boys,” who may have been her cousins. There are records that she died in Pennsylvania in 1773. The question is whether this Maria Magdalena Treibelbiss could have married Johann Peter Rothermel.

Research in family trees in Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.com found information that Maria Magdalena Treibelbiss married Christopher Schaefer in Hasloch, Germany and had at least 3 children, born in Hasloch, Germany. She later married Conrad Dambach, also in Hasloch, Germany, and died 2-24-1773. Some information is that she died in Hassloch, Germany and other information is that she died in 1773 in Pennsylvania.

Other family trees reveal that Elizabeth Margarita Debilbisin, born in 1711, arrived in Philadelphia on 9-21-1731 aboard the ship Britannia from Rotterdam, the same ship that Maria Magdalena Treibelbiss was reported to have arrived on. Could this information have gotten confused over the 260 years between 1731 and 1990?

To complicate the question even more, Mary Magdalena Dreibelbis (MM-2-2), born in 1745, oldest child of John Jacob

Dreibelbis, married Peter H. Rothermel, born in 1742. These two would not have been the Maria Magdalena Treibelbiss and the John Peter Rothermel that the cousin was asking about.

So this raises some questions, and shows that exactly determining the history of the Dreibelbis family in America from the 1700s is very difficult because of lack of written information, verbal stories that may have been confused over time, and written accounts that may not be correct. Could a sister of John Jacob Dreibelbis have come to America, married, and had children, who would also be Dreibelbis cousins? Probably not Maria Magdalena Treibelbiss, if she married and had children in Hassloch, Germany. Could there be another sister of John Jacob Dreibelbis who is not recorded in the Dreibelbis family genealogy who came to America? Who knows? Could the female member of the Dreibelbis family who came to America in 1731 have been a sister to the “Debilbissen boys,” and a cousin to John Jacob Dreibelbis? We may never know.

So how does this story affect the John Jacob Dreibelbis family tree? Not really at all, but if anyone has factual information about John Jacob Dreibelbis’ siblings or cousins, please let us know so it can be preserved. More importantly, if you have information about descendants of John Jacob Dreibelbis, please let us know so that the family tree can be updated. **There are over 23,000 direct descendants of John Jacob Dreibelbis, and over 12,000 recorded spouses**, but the family tree shows many branches which end after only a few generations. I would expect that there are many more Dreibelbis cousins who have not been identified, so if anyone would like to have an interesting hobby, one that can be both challenging and rewarding, let me know and I can direct them to locations in the Dreibelbis family tree that need work; or if you have information on the descendants of John Jacob, please provide it to Fred Polaski at Polaski5@Comcast.net.



**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.



**Fred Polaski will have his computer at the Genealogy Station at the Reunion**, so bring your updates and watch them be added to the genealogy on August 19, 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.

# Dreibelbis Family Genealogy Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address / Place of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Dreibelbis Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(only city or town will be listed in the genealogy)* *(if a number has been assigned)*

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

*(For each child, please include date of birth, and if applicable, date of death and burial location.)*

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

Information provided by: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Please return form to:

Fred Polaski | [Polaski5@comcast.net](mailto:Polaski5@comcast.net)  
32 Georgian Circle | Newark DE 19711-2552

*The full-page Genealogy Information form can be downloaded and printed from the website at [DreibelbisCousins.org](http://DreibelbisCousins.org)*

## DFHS Farmhouse Historic Furniture

*By Jean E. Davis*

Those of you who have taken the farmhouse tour may remember that some of the bedroom furniture is reported to be of the Eastlake style. As a docent, I have repeated this information numerous times without really knowing much about it. Thanks to the internet, that is no longer the case.

Eastlake style furniture was designed by Charles Lock Eastlake in response to the Rococo Revival and Renaissance Revival styles during the Victorian era. I remember learning about Rococo in art class in college - it pertains to furniture or architecture that is designed with elaborate ornamentation, and is described as "over the top," in other words, gaudy. Mr. Eastlake was a trend setting architect who leaned more towards the simpler mission or arts and crafts



styles, whose elements show the first glimpses of modernism. Interestingly, he uses components of middle and far eastern ornamentation in his designs which were more geometric, and had modest curves rather than being deeply carved.

Mr. Eastlake was also an author and wrote the book *Hints on Household Taste* in 1872 that was quite popular. He was never actually responsible for making any furniture, however, and it was said that he is the only one that designed houses to imitate furniture, rather than furniture to imitate house styles. Manufacturers following his designs used oak, cherry, rosewood and walnut, and

included marble topped tables of which the Dreibelbis Farm has several examples.

# Cousins' Connection

## Honoring a True Pennsylvania Dutchman



Courtesy: Doug Madenford

The Rev. Richard A. Miller of Topton, PA was recently presented with the annual "Fraktur Award" at the recent Pennsylvanish Deutsch Fersomling Fun Baerricks Kaundy at Leesport Farmers Market. Miller, who is 80 was cited as being an industrious member of the community and an advocate of preserving the "dialect." (*Richard, along with brother Lester, has done a significant amount of repainting at the Historic Dreibelbis Farm.*)

## Parkinson's & Dreibelbis Family

The following project paper is designed as a call to members of the Dreibelbis family to take part in a research project concerning Parkinson's disease (PD). I have initiated this research project without the assistance of any medical institution or professional.

I was diagnosed with PD in June 2008. Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological condition that disrupts the functions of the brain to manage and control balance, fine motor skills, vision, and a host of other functions. A tell-tale sign of PD is when a person begins to experience tremors in various parts of their body.

It is my hope that there will be Dreibelbis cousins who will want to contribute information that may lead to a study of low fat milk's relationship to PD. I am currently a volunteer in a nationwide study looking for a Bio Marker that may identify a gene or blood tests that could accurately predict a person having PD. Current procedures used to diagnose PD are manual tests combined with the patient having a positive reaction to taking carbo levela dopa drug which calms the tremors. Studies of PD patients noted: "Low-Fat Dairy Linked to Small Increased Risk for PD." (Kate Kneisel, Contributing Writer, MedPage Today June 08, 2017).

The goal of my study is to determine if the Dreibelbis family has a gene that causes Parkinson's. I would ask members of the Dreibelbis family to contact me by email or telephone and advise if they have PD or know of a living or deceased family member who had PD or was suspected to have PD. Medical professionals can only diagnosis PD by clinical observation combined with a patient responding to certain medications.

Please contact Dan Dreibelbis at badiv515stats@gmail.com if you have any information to share or wish to participate with him in a PD study.

## 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.

## Obituaries

*When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.*

| Name   | Genealogy #        | Death Date |
|--|--------------------|------------|
| Patricia Diane Dietrich  | J-09-02654-28      | 5/15/15    |
| Michael Runte, husband of<br>Terri Barker Runte                | (A-MM-09-03374-01) | 4/21/16    |
| Dorothy D. Drews   | A-MM-08-03376-01   | 9/20/16    |
| Margaret Mae Dietrich  | J-09-02654-31      | 11/3/16    |
| Lois Peterman Roller Brandt                                    | A-08-03891-01      | 12/10/16   |
| Glenda Mae Bacon Trivelpiece,<br>wife of Norman Trivelpiece    | (A-8-3890-04)      | 12/16/16   |
| Robert L. Trivelpiece  | A-08-03890-07      | 1/19/17    |
| Adele Lee Weigle, wife of<br>David Lee Miller, Jr.             | (J-10-06722-02)    | 2/26/17    |
| William Delsite, husband of<br>Victoria A. Trivelpiece Delsite | (A-08-03893-03)    | 3/13/17    |
| Janice Laubach Pulsifer  | A-08-03896-02      | 4/13/17    |
| Robert Shaner, husband of<br>Freda A. Trivelpiece              | (A-07-03901)       | 6/19/17    |
| Paul David Dietrich  | J-08-02654-22      | 7/1/17     |
| Sharon A. Drews  | A-MM-08-03376-05   | 7/1/17     |
| Julia Eva Brouse<br>Shoemaker Meeham                           | A-08-03902-03      | 7/7/17     |
| Rebecca Sue Troutman Hepner,<br>wife of Clair R. Hepner        | (J-09-06684-01)    | 9/15/17    |
| Thomas Glass   | J-09-06722-02      | 9/22/17    |
| Norma J. Sterner Berger,<br>wife of Lewis R. Berger            | (J-08-06704)       | 12/17/17   |
| Carol Ann Coldwell Arledge                                     | J-08-05562-01      | 12/23/17   |

# DCOA Reunion Registration

August 19, 2018

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:** Carolyn Hollenbach,  
245 Dreibelbis Mill Road, Shoemakersville, PA 19555.

**Please register by August 10, 2018.** If registering later,  
please contact Mark Dreibelbis at (610) 488-7896 or  
mjdreid@verizon.net.

## Travel Plans

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

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

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## Presenter Request for WWI Info

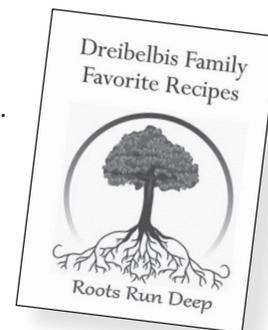
In doing research about Dreibelbis cousins who served in the US military during World War I, millions of older military records were destroyed in a catastrophic fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis in 1973. This has made it more difficult to find information about Dreibelbis cousins during the War. So, anyone who has information about Dreibelbis cousins who served during World War I (only), please send it to jimdreid@yahoo.com. If you would like Jim to include that reference in his presentation, **the information must be received by August 12.**

The information should include full name, Dreibelbis Family connection and Dreibelbis record number if any, dates and places of birth and death, dates of service in the armed forces including branch of the service, rank, and where stationed, particularly if served overseas. Also include any awards received and casualty information if any.

## 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. Cost for multiple books will be calculated, but will be 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.



## Dreibelbis Memorabilia for Sale

If you'd like a little memorabilia to commemorate your first or even your tenth DCOA reunion, there will be plenty on hand. We will be offering metal stars crafted from the tin roof removed from the Historic Dreibelbis Farm barn, as well as more recent facsimiles, notecards, magnets, coasters, and more. Please stop by the Dreibelbis Store on August 19, 2018!

## Volunteers Needed

Calling on all relatives to:

- Submit birth, marriage and death information for cousins in your area of the country
- Reunion setup, cleanup, sales, or registration help
- Submit newsletter articles
- Newsletter preparation and mailing

Contact Eric Dreibelbis at 717.575.6823 or  
highmtnepd@frontiernet.net

## Family Photograph Documentation

If you're visiting for the first time or haven't attended the Reunion in several years, please make sure to stop by the Artifacts Tent to visit Amy (Dreibelbis) Langman. She is actively photo-documenting all living Dreibelbis Cousins at each reunion in hopes to someday include into Ancestry.com or another database.  
*Say Cheese!*



# LEWIS JACOB DREIBELBIS

Lewis Jacob Dreibelbis, son of Jacob and Anna Margaret (Muche) Dreibelbis, was born and raised in Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County, PA.

Mr. Dreibelbis, like his other brothers, had left Schuylkill Haven, PA when a young man, and headed west. He joined up with a party of Scots traveling by oxcart and boats until they arrived at Galena, IL, where they stopped and then secured temporary employment in the lead mines to earn some money so that they could replenish their stores and prepare themselves for further adventures into the wilds of the west. At Galena, Mr. Dreibelbis was married to Miss Mary McIntyre, a proud Scotch lass who also had been one of the traveling party. They stayed at Galena for about two years; not only to earn more money, but also to give Mrs. Dreibelbis a very much needed rest and recuperation from the severe nerve strain that she had undergone during the long and tiresome trip during which the party had repeatedly fought the Indians and where she had been taken captive and taken away from her group for several hours before she again was recaptured. Tradition has it that Mr. Dreibelbis' romance grew out of the thrilling rescue he had made of her.

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After staying in Galena for several years, Mr. and Mrs. Dreibelbis again headed west to the fertile plains of Iowa where it became necessary for Mr. Dreibelbis to stop and build a home at what today is Scotch Grove Iowa, on account of an anticipated visitor. Before the house could be completed, however, a child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dreibelbis in the covered wagon, which had been a combined means of transportation and a home for the folks in their travels in those days. This child was named John Augustus Dreibelbis. The settlement thrived in so far as the Dreibelbis family was concerned and four boys and a girl followed.

In 1853 Mr. Dreibelbis again took to traveling after he had made a deal with another party who anticipated going to California in search of that gold. In this deal he promised to be their guard, teamster, meat hunter, and general overseer. So after he had received enough money in advance from this party for his services that he had offered them and so as to keep his own family in good shape during his absence (as he had left them behind this time), the party set out on their journey to California. On this trip the Wagon Train had

been decimated by the Indians; was almost wiped out by the Mormons; was caught in a "Cloud-Burst" in the Snake River Valley; and lastly, they were smitten by smallpox. A remnant of the party made it and Mr. Dreibelbis himself had turned out to become a quite successful "Placer-miner" and sent lots of gold back home to his family during his stay in California.

Finally, in 1861 Mr. Dreibelbis decided to get back to his home in the midwest. He started out on a ship, but while sailing south along the west coast of Mexico, their ship was wrecked during a terrible storm and the entire party was compelled to abandon the ship and make for the shore the best way that they could after which they were encountered by the Mexicans who caught them and killed most of the survivors of the wreck. Mr. Dreibelbis with his belt of gold had been fortunate enough to escape the Mexicans and after many trying adventures during the next two years of his fever-smitten journey in Mexico, he won through to the Gulf Coast where he succeeded in getting passage on a ship that was sailing for New York, where he landed in the winter of 1863-1864. From this city he then started on his journey west across the country toward his home in Iowa with the comfortable remnant of his fortune that he had found while in California.

While traveling west and being somewhere in the state of Ohio he again was stricken down with Typhoid fever, and there for the next three months he hovered between life and death from which he finally recovered enough so as to again continue on his journey to his home in Iowa. In the fall of 1864 Mr. Dreibelbis arrived at his home in Iowa, ragged, unkempt, emaciated, and almost done for, but still alive and with a poke of gold dust in his belt, which was made from the skin of a rattle snake. Meanwhile, the family whom he had left in charge of Mrs. Dreibelbis had struggled along in the best way that they had known how.

At the outbreak of the Civil War the three sons of Mrs. Dreibelbis all had enlisted in the army of the North, and two of them had died while in the service, and the youngest, shortly thereafter. In 1888, Mr. Dreibelbis, while standing before the fireplace in his home was suddenly stricken and there died of a heart attack and his wife later died in 1892.

# Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society

20 Year Milestone!

It is hard to believe that 20 years have passed since a group of forward thinking people set out to preserve and protect the Jacob B. Dreibelbis (son of the original immigrant, John Jacob Dreibelbis) Homestead farm and to present it to the public for educational, environmental, genealogical, historical, and archaeological purposes.

Activities at the farm throughout the year include the unique ice harvesting demonstration in February as well as nature activities throughout the year. This includes a guided hike to replenish the wood duck box nesting material, (this year we found 2 screech owls in the nest boxes), spring peeper hike with naturalist Amy Langman, and a wild flower walk. The entire year is spent planning for the annual Farm Festival. This is held the fourth Saturday of August and features over 40 reenactors, crafters, demonstrators, musical groups, and guided tours of the farmhouse. All of this makes the farm "come alive."

Preservation and maintenance are ever present concerns. Efforts are underway to catalogue the house antiques and artifacts and reassemble the donated beehive bake oven. This year we had a two-story pig stable donated to the farm which is the exact size of the one that was near the chicken house. (Donated by Dan and Chris Brennan of Shoemakersville). We also continue to look for ways to expand publicity.



We had our first student intern this year from Reading Area Community College who researched and prepared a demonstration on women's roles in early PA German farm life.

The endowment fund through the Thrivent "Choice Dollars" program is off to a good start. At no cost to them, all Thrivent financial members are entitled, on a quarterly basis, to select a non-profit or charity to receive money from Thrivent. Thank you to all Thrivent members who have made the DFHS the recipient of their funds. For more information on how to sign up, contact Mark Dreibelbis.

The DFHS has been blessed with many fine volunteers, and we are able to accomplish all that we do only because of our dedicated volunteers. Much work remains to get the farm in top shape: construction, restoration, preservation and cataloguing artifacts, painting, and gardening. We also always are in need of tour guides and Farm Festival helpers. There is room for more dedicated helpers to carry out our mission. Contact Mark Dreibelbis to volunteer.

Our mission is progressing, and we are happy to preserve this gem of Dreibelbis family history for future generations.

## August 25 7th Annual DFHS Farm Festival

10am - 4pm

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

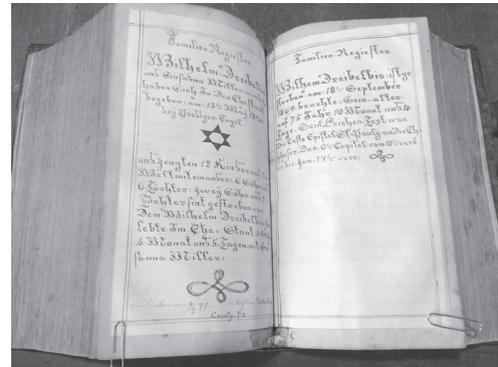
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## Donations & Acquisitions of Artifacts for DCOA Historical Preservation "On Display" at the Reunion!"

### Family Bible Obtained/Dreibelbis Artifacts

A family Bible including Old and New Testament was recently purchased for the DCOA by Jon Acker via eBay. The Bible was acquired from a Pennsylvania estate. There are over 1,400 pages of text and 5 pages of Fraktur family history in purple writing. The history begins in 1793 and includes some work of Martin Wetzler, a scrivener. The Bible was received in good condition and will be stored properly for future reunions and posterity by the DCOA.

More unique Dreibelbis artifacts will be on display during the Reunion including flour bags, fans, photographs, and more. Please stop by to view our historical items or research your ancestors with a Dreibelbis Genealogy book (1732-1990 edition).



### Donations From Kelly Leisey, Mohrsville, PA

Creamer - "W. H. Dreibelbis, White Rose Flour"  
Plate - "Dreibelbis & Son General Merchandise, Virginville, PA"  
Plate - "Dreibelbis & Kaufman, Virginville, PA"  
Two flour bags from Dreibelbis Mill, Shoemakersville, PA  
Book - History of Virginville, PA

*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!*

**Dreibelbis Cousins of America  
Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society**

Carolyn Hollenbach, Secretary  
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Shoemakersville, PA 19555

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**Save the Dates  
Future Reunions!**

2019 Reunion..... August 18  
2020 Reunion..... August 16

~ Always the 3rd Sunday in August ~

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*Dreibelbis Family Reunion*  
**August 19, 2018**  
286th Anniversary



*"Our Past ... Bridging to the Future"*

**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