

The Weber Family Tree and Cookbook

Version 2

The Weber Farm in Renfrew



Introduction

My aunt, Jean Weber, died suddenly on October 8, 1995. She was the last of the Webers to live on property in Renfrew that our immigrant ancestors had originally bought. She had always been interested in the family history, and often lamented that she never wrote down the stories that her Aunt Susan used to tell. I at least wrote down some of the stories that Aunt Jean told, but never got around to making her at least tape the rest of the stories. She wasn't really old yet (she died at age 69, a young age in our family) and I was always busy doing other things.

When I went for her funeral I hoped to find the family bibles, but they were not to be found. What I did find was the little box she and her mother kept the recipes in, many of them family favorites. I decided to write down all that I ever found out about the family tree, including some of the stuff I found in August 1979 when I spent some time in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.¹, to copy out some of the favorite recipes and to put in any addresses of people who might be living, and to send them all a copy of this work for Christmas.

This booklet is dedicated to the memory of Aunt Jean.

Should you know of any details not in this booklet, please let me know:

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Have a good Christmas, and give some of these recipes a try!

Version 2 has been updated with even more information, thanks everyone!

¹ Unfortunately, being a student and not having much cash, I didn't get fotostats made of the census records. At least I noted some of the reel numbers...

The Immigrants

Veronika Vacht [Vocht? Voigt?] (1801 according to Clara E. Weber's Bible – 5 Nov. 1882) married the blacksmith² Adam Weber (1797? -1868?³). They lived in Germany in the duchy of Baden, probably in the area of Baden-Baden⁴. They are said to have had five sons, one of which was said to have been born at sea while crossing the Atlantic Ocean. Since Margret's birthplace is given as France, they may have taken a French boat. They are said to have come because Adam was a pacifist and didn't want his sons to die in one of the many European wars.

The children seem to be

- Samuel (1826 - ?) Said to have lived between Evans City and Zeliniople
- Peter (1827 - ?) married to Margret (1831 - ?) born in France. They had a daughter Sarah (1858 - ?) and a son John (1863 - ?)⁵!
- Adam⁶ (born Aug. 1835), married to Rebecca (born Sept. 1850), no children
- John (6 November 1838 - 10 October 1920), born in Penn Township.
- George (1856? - ?)

The History of Butler County lists them as leaving Germany in 1824 and settling in Penn Township in 1831. They may have spent the intervening years working as indentured servants to pay off their passage. It only took about 3 months to cross from Europe to America.

They may have left Europe from LeHavre, in France, or from Bremen. They brought with them at least two wooden chests (still in Aunt Jean's cellar) with clothes and tools and a wagon (two wheels were still in her garage). They bought horses where they landed (Philadelphia? New York?) and rode to Pittsburgh where they stayed about a year. Veronica stayed in Pittsburgh while Adam went looking for a place to buy. He supposedly went on foot, and after about 25 miles found a nice looking place with a spring near Butler in Penn Township. He marked off the land he wanted, walked back to Pittsburgh and registered the deed.

² In the History of Butler county Adam Weber is listed as a miller.

³ He died between the 1860 and the 1870 census, an Oyler family tree that has quite a number of false dates in it gave the year of death as 1838.

⁴ Their son Peter's family gives his birthplace as Heidelberg, which is also in Baden (a former German duchy). The census records only record Baden, never Baden-Baden. Perhaps they are from a small place near Heidelberg!

⁵ Pat Collins (sweeze@zoominternet.net) notes: "From what I have found, Sarah was the daughter of Peter and Margaret Weber. Peter was born in Heidelberg and Margaret was born in France according to the 1870 census of Butler, Butler, PA. Peter was born about 1829 and Margaret about 1832. There was also a son, John, 7 listed in the census for that year. Sarah is listed as 11 yrs. old and the census was taken on 25 Jun 1870. So she hadn't had her birthday before the time the census was taken. The Webers were at Household 70 in Butler Township and the Vogels were at Household 79... [Sarah married George Vogel]. The Vogels owned 80 acres that was between where Route 8 is and the Butler County Community College if that gives you any idea of the place where they were at. George and Sarah's farmhouse sat back off Old Plank Road and was very near where the old Vogel Schoolhouse sits. Their house was torn down and now there is a small development on that land of about 10 houses, butts up against the college parking lots. The old schoolhouse still stands and has been converted into a house, although the outside of the building has undergone very minimal changes.[...] As for how we're related... [...] My Great Grandfather was John Tobias Vogel, born in 1866. He had an older brother George, born in 1857. George married Sarah Weber."

⁶ From the 1900 census Butler County, Lincoln Ave., Supervisor's District 19, Enumeration District Nr. 55, Sheet Nr. 17

They built a little log cabin near the spring, and began farming.

In the 1840 Census there is an Adam Weaver, Butler with
2 M under 5, 2 M 5-10, 1 M 10-15, 1 ; 40-50, 1 F 30-40, 2 M Agriculture

In the 1850 Census there is an Adam Weaver on Reel 215 in South Butler and a Samuel Weaver on Reel 057 in Middlesex. Adam Weaver is listed as age 50, Farmer worth \$2000, born in Germany; Veronica, 47, born in Germany; Samuel, 24, born in Germany; Peter, 22, born in Germany; Anthony, 16, born in Pa.; John, 13, born in Pa.;

In the 1860 Census I found:

Adam Weaver, age 63, born in Bamden⁷, wife age 59 born ditto. Value of Real Estate \$3000, personal Estate \$773. Residents in house: John, age 21, farmer born in Pennsylvania, male (Peter?) age 33, shoemaker Born Bamden, Margret, age 29, born in France, George age 6 born in Pennsylvania, Sarah, age 2.

According to the History of Butler County Pennsylvania, 1895
Penn Township, Chapter 34: "Adam WEBER, a native of Germany, settled in this township in 1831. He was one of the original members of one of the first Lutheran churches in the county."

From History of Butler County Pennsylvania - 1883 Chapter 28 -- Penn Township :

"Adam WEBER and his wife, Verona (VOCHT) -- the later still living -- were among the earliest German settlers in this township, having located here in 1831. Five of their sons are now living in the county, viz., Samuel, in Forward Township; Peter, in the southern part of Butler; George and Adam, in Butler County, and John, upon the old farm where his father settled; George, in Clearfield County. "

⁷ I don't believe any census data much! They got a lot wrong!

The John Weber's of Renfrew

John Weber married Mariah⁸ Markel (22 September 1843 in Beaver Co. - 25 July 1920) on 17 February 1863. Maria's parents were Zeno Markel⁹ from Bucks County, PA, and Susan Stamm from Switzerland¹⁰. [This is why we were always invited to the Stamm Reunions!]. Aunt Lizzie seems to be her sister.

They had 8 children:

- Susan Veronica (1 January 1864 - 19 October 1957)
- Mary Agnes (9 September 1866 - 5 August 1940)
- William Peter (15 February 1868 - 26 May 1953)
- Clara Elizabeth (15 April 1871 - 28 June 1960)
- Hannah Margaret (7 December 1873 - 8 August 1964)
- Minnie Norra (22 September 1876 [father's 33. birthday!] - 8 August 1931)
- John Adam (5 February 1882 - 27 October 1962)
- David Markel (27 April 1884 - 29 October 1970)

They built the farmhouse, the barn and the sheds. They seem to have spoken German at home, since my grandfather David knew German.

⁸ Spelling according to 1900 Census records at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.: Vol. 50, E.D. 87, Sheet 15, Line 45

⁹ From The History of Butler County: **ZENO MARKEL** was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1815, son of Daniel and Hannah (HARTZELL) MARKEL, natives of Montgomery and Bucks counties, respectively. His father was a major in the War of 1812. Mr. MARKEL is the youngest of seven children, all of whom are dead except himself and Lydia, wife of Philip KLEIN, of Montgomery county. At eighteen years of age he removed to Montgomery county, there learned the carpenter's trade, and in 1838 came west to Beaver county, where he worked at his trade for two years. In 1839 he married Susannah STAMM, a daughter of David STAMM, of Beaver county, and in 1840 he located in Muddy Creek township, Butler county, where he continued farming for eight years. He removed from Muddy Creek to Forward township, and resided in the latter until 1889, when he retired to Evans City to spend the [p. 1112] remaining years of his life. He is the father of three children, as follows: Maria, wife of John WEAVER, of Penn township; Hannah, and Daniel. Mr. MARKEL and wife are members of the Reformed church, and in politics, he is a Democrat.

DANIEL MARKEL, only son of Zeno MARKEL, was born in Forward township, Butler county, May 7, 1854, and was reared and educated in his native township, where he has always been engaged in farming. IN 1879 he married Mary A., daughter of John HELM, of Evans City, and located on a farm in Forward township. He resided there until 1889, and then removed to Evans City. Mr. MARKEL was one of the organizers of the Rough Run Manufacturing Company, Limited. He has a family of eight children: Lawrence O.; Flora T.; Emma; Amanda D.; Lewilla C.; Iva Marie; Karl H., and Zeno H. He and wife are members of the English Reformed church, in which body he fills the office of trustee. Mr. MARKEL is a staunch Democrat, has served as burgess of Evans City, and also in the borough council.

¹⁰ Susan Stamm's father Daniel Stamm of Beaver County was the grandfather of Guy Stamm. Susan was married to Zeno Markel, born in Bucks county in 1815. They moved to Muddy Creek township in 1840 and retired to Evans City. They had three children, Maria, Hannah and Daniel.

I have since discovered Rhonda and James Conrad Stamm, a son of J. Edmund Stamm, son of Arthur Stamm (died 1969), son of Conrad F., son of Conrad who was brother to Susan. They are dentists living at 5989 Ohio River Road Huntington, WV 25702. They are in contact with a nephew of Guy Stamm, Gordon MacInnis, DVM. Rhonda and James have one son, Joseph (born 1989).

Aunt Jean had often told us the story of her Grandfather Weber's death. He was climbing up in the tree next to the house that Adam built and which was used as a smithy, when he lost his grip, fell, and broke his neck. His son David was up by the barn when he turned to see his father fall. He was still alive, although he couldn't move. Since his wife had just died and all the girls except Clara had long since married, they sent for a girl to come nurse him. That girl was to become Jean's mother, Mary Grace Herbison from Ribold.

In the 1870 Census there is no Adam, next to Veronica (age 70) is written „cannot write“. A Mary Kink, 76 years of age, also lives in the house.

In the 1880 Census¹¹ the name is spelled „John and Mariah Weaver“. Parent's place of birth for John given as „Baden“. Verony's date of birth given as 79, but that would make her 59 years of age at the birth of John, it fits better for that to be her age as a bible gave her birthdate as 1801. Birthplace given as Baden, and both her parents also born in Baden, marital status „widowed“. A servant, Benjamin Stoukey, born 1822, trade Blacksmith, Father and Mother both born in Switzerland.

In the 1900 Census there is a John Webber, owns own house, free of morgage, farm type # 144, can read, write, speak English. Mariah, William, Calra, Minnie, David M. (age 16, farm laborer, employed, can read, write, speak english). The census taker was Thomas Kennedy.

My brother John found some information on a CD that came with his 'Family Tree Maker' from Broderbund called 'County and Family Hisories: Pennsylvania 1740-1900'. On page 911 (Biographical Sketches) we have the following:

"Adam Weber was a native of Baden-Baden, Germany, grew to manhood in his native land, and there married Verona Vocht. In 1824 they immigrated to the United States, and in 1831 located in Penn township, Butler county, Pennsylvania. They reared a large family, the names of the sons being as follows: Samuel; Peter; George; Adam, and John. Mr. Weber was a miller and worked at that business in Pittsburg before coming to Butler county. Both he and wife were life-ling members of the Lutheran church, and were among the organizers of one of the first Lutheran churches in Butler county. Mr. Weber died in 1873, aged sixty-nine years; his wife died in 1878, aged eighty-one.

John Weber was born upon his present farm in Penn township, Butler county, November 10, 1838, was reared a farmer, and received his education in the district schools. He married Maria Markel, a daughter of Zeno and Susan (Stamm) Markel, residents of Beaver county, where her grandparents settled at an early day. Her father is living at the age of seventy-nine years, and her mother at the age of seventy-seven. Eight children have been born to this marriage, as follows: Susan V., wife of David L. Renfrew; Mary A.; William P.; Clare E.; margaret; Minnie N.; John A., and David M. Mr. Weber and wife are members of the Lutheran church, and in politics, he is a Democrat. Besides the old homestead of 108 acres, he is also the owner of 150 acres adjoining, and 110 acres more in the same township. Mr. Weber is one of the successful, enterprising and prosperous farmers of Butler county. "

Page 1140, History of Butler County:

"Adam Weber, a native of Baden, Germany, came to the United States about 1830, and lived in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, about one year. He was a miller, and operated a mill in Pittsburg, whence he removed to Butler county about 1832. Her purchased about 100 acres of land in Penn township, where his son John now resides, and this he cleared and improved. He was married in Germany to Fanny Doup and was the father of the following

¹¹ E.D. 52, Sheet 15, Line 42

childred: Peter, of Butler township; Samuel, of Forward township; George, a resident of New York state; Adam, of Butler; Susannah, and John, of Penn township. Mr. Weber died in March, 1865; his wife survived until 1883. He filled the offices of constable, and collector of his township. In religious belief, he was a lutheran, and was a trustee in the Lutheran church at Butler."

So who believes history books any more? Maybe Adam was married twice, and Fanny was the mother of Samuel, and Veronica was the second wife, mother to the rest? Still seems strange that Adam would die in different years.....

On the same page there is something about Samuel:

"Samuel Weber, second son of Adam Weber, was born in Germany, January 26, 1826, and was educated in the German schools. He learned the stonemason's trade, and followed that business until 1883, when he retired to his farm in Forward township, which he had purchased in 1852. He cleared and improved this place and erected all of the present buildings. Mr. Weber was married in 1855, to Anna Welt, a native of Germany, who died in 1874. The following children wwere born to this union: Margaret, widow of Hugh Strowick; John, of Beaver Falls; Adam, of Pittsburg; Kate, wife of Jacob Strowick; George, deceased; Samuel; Fannie, and Louisa, wife of F. Brown. His second wife was Lucinda, daughter of George Shaffer. Politically, Mr. Weber is a Democrat, and both he and wife are members of the Lutheran church of Butler.

The Renfrews

Susan Veronica Weber married David L. Renfrew (? - 1933) on 16 January 1883.

They had at least four children:

Alda, who married Jim Burger. They lived in Saxonburg

Clarence, who married Laura Bartley. They had four children:

David

Miriam who married Harry Gold. Miriam still lives in Butler: Miriam Gold, 360 Saxonburg Road, Butler, PA 16001 (412) 285-8986. Miriam met Jean in town just a few weeks before she died, and she was so happy about her gentleman friend and life in general.

Sonny (1947 -)

Ron (1949 -)

Clarence

LeRoy

Clara Edna (8 May 1918 - 31 August 1988), who married Harry Floyd Ramsey (15 January 1887 - 21 August 1973)

Paul Willard (17 February 1919) married Shirley Karper on 27 June 1942.

Paul W., Jr. (23 July 1944) married Hazel Sanford on 27 May 1967

Paul W. Ramsey, Jr. III

Anne Ramsey (adopted)

Susan Jane (14 March 1947) married Ralph Lewis

Lauren Ramsey Lewis

Roger Karper (1 May 1951)

Erla Jane Ramsey (1 June 1925) married Leonard F. Klasmeier on 26 April 1952. Jane and Len still live in the flight path of Kennedy at 208 Beech St., Valley Stream, Long Island, NY, 11580 (516) 285-5811, where I visited them on the way back from Aunt Jean's funeral.

Janice Lynn Klasmeier born September 22, 1956 married Robert Curtiss Moore on 10 April 1982

Johanna Louise (15 December 1988)

Lindsay Jane (6 September 1990)

Carol Joan Klasmeier (9 April 1958) married Cadet Keye

Marshall Sabol 18 November 1978

Matthew Keye Sabol (11 June 1982)

Michelle Ruth Sabol (14 February 1984)

Christina Louise Sabol (30 January 1989)

William F. (but called Bill) who married Mabel Fernie. They lived in Meridian Meridian and built an apartment for Susan over their garage. Mabel still lives in a home in Lakeland, Florida. They had at least one child

Nancy who married Ken Ringdahl. They live at 1709 Virginia Court, Lakeland, FL 33803

The Powells

Mary Agnes ("Aggie") married John Wesley Powell (11 September 1853 - ?) on 1 February 1887. Their children were Gladys, who lived at the Wesbury United Methodist Community from Nov. 84 - Oct. 1996. She was born June 25, 1901 in Sarver, Butler County, and died Oct. 25, 1996. She graduated from Westminster College in 1929 and taught high school in Mercer and Brownsville. She is buried at Crestview Memorial Park in Grove City. Aunt Jean always spoke about Gladys and her famous coleslaw, which she made the kids eat because all those vegetables are good for you. Lillian (28 November 1888 - ?) who married Victor Hay Fleck (1886 - 1955). Nancy Lee Victoria married John Oyler and lives in Pittsburgh. (<http://www.pitt.edu/~oyler1/do.htm>). Their daughter, Sara Oyler-McCance, has a PhD and is doing research in biological science in Denver, Colorado. Elizabeth (Betty) Schaefer lives in Meadville and is married to John U. Schaefer. John B. Sr. John B. Jr, who married Tsai Hai (?sp) from Taiwan. He still lives in Las Vegas (Box 44279, Las Vegas, NV 89116) with his daughter Pi-Lien Anna Mary, who married Richard Maddy of Chapel Hill, N.C. David W. who married Margret and lived in East Stroudsburg, PA.

The Henningers

Hannah Margaret married John R. Henninger on 3 November 1897. They had three daughters and a son. Perhaps this is Judge Otto Henninger?

Mrs. Bruce (Mary) Borland of Mundelin, Illinois

Mrs. William (Ruth) McElvain of Butler

Margaret H. Henninger, born in Butler Jan 7, 1900. She was a school teacher and taught at Butler High School. She was a graduate of Wells College, Aurora N.Y. She was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, American Association of University Women, The Butler Woman's Club, The Literary Club, and the Butler Country Club. She died on June 7, 1987. The obituary lists seven nieces and nephews. She dies at Sugar Creek Rest Convalescent Home in Worthington and is buried in North Cemetery. The clipping from the Butler Eagle is in my collection.

The Kennedys

Minnie Norra married Fred Kennedy (?-1917) on 17 February 1913. She married her brother-in-law (A) Delbert Willits and moved to Ohio after Kennedys death in 1920. Minnie became stepmother to Willits daughter, Eleanor. Eleanor's mother, Saddle Kennedy, died in December 1916 of tuberculosis, when Eleanor was four years old.¹²

¹² Eleanor Myers (eleanormwm@earthlink.net) writes: My father, Adelbert Willits, lived in Renfrew when he was a young man and was catcher on the Renfrew baseball team. He knew your grandfather who played the bass horn in the Renfrew band. My mother was the postmistress at that time. Fred Kennedy had an oil well, he died from the fumes one morning when he was pumping it. Sadie was Fred's sister. Fred died about 1918 and my father and Minnie were married in 1920.

Eleanor Willits married William Myers and lived on Sixth St. in Cuyoga Falls, Ohio. She cared for his two children, Betty and Billy. Betty (BMyers@shepherd.edu) is a professor at Shepherd college in Shepherdstown, West Virginia , Billy worked in the heating business in Ohio and is now retired. He is married to Marie¹³.

The second John Weber family

John Adam married Mabel Campbell on 1 June 1909. He studied pharmacy in Pittsburgh and worked as a chemist in Renfrew near the railroad station. There was some talk when his mother-in-law died that he had poisoned her, since he had filled a prescription prior to her death and the two did not get along. But she suffered from lots of ailments. Nonetheless, John took to drink and had to give up being a pharmacist. He returned to working at the farm. I remember chasing chickens from the trees at dusk with him when I was a child. He had quite a problem with drinking. He was not a continuous drinker but a periodic one, and during one episode even drank all the after-shave he could find in the house.

¹³ Bill writes: "Eleanor was a Willits. Eleanor's mother was Saddle Kennedy, she died in 1916. Mini and Adelbert were married in 1920. Saddle was Fred's sister. Adelbert (my grandfather) died in 1954. Saddle was Post Mistress in Renfrew before she married Adelbert, Saddle was a year younger than Adelbert

The David M. Webers

David Markel married Mary Grace Herbison (14 October 1904 - 21 July 1987) on 10 October 1923. She was not quite 20, he was 20 years older. She had stayed on working at the farm after the death of John Weber. David used to hitch up a wagon and drive her to the movies once a week during their courtship, and occasionally after the children were born. They had three children, Mary Maria (8 July 1924 – Sept 1999), Clara Jean (5 May 1926 - 8 October 1995) and John Markel (5 January 1935).

David farmed the land until his death. The farm had cattle, pigs and chickens, and grew many kinds of grain and corn.

The Kellys

Mary Maria married James G. Kelly, who was a pilot during World War II and still works as a dentist in Indiana, PA. They have 5 children, James G. Jr (Married to Kathy, has 2 children Meredith and Drew, and lives in Delaware), Patricia (teaches school and lives in Rt. 1, Box 11, Fred, Texas, 77521 (409-429-5431), Stewart, Mark (9 May 1957), and David. Mary and Jim live at 360 Walnut St., Indiana, PA, 15701, (412) 465-5245.

The third John Weber family

John Markel married Lillias Ann Jane Gibson (22 September 1936) on 11 August 1956. They have 3 children, Debora Elaine Weber-Wulff (that's me! 11 May 1957), Keith Bradley (6 August 1959) and John Markel, Jr. (22 November 1969). Debora is married to Reinhold Wulff (1 February 1953) and lives in Germany, they are in the process of adopting Rade (17 January 1992). Keith lives in Texas at 412 E. Houston St., Tyler, TX, 75702 (903-595-5638) and John in Connecticut with his fiancée Eileen Pendergast at 92 Oldfield Rd, Fairfield, CT, 06430 (203-259-6386). John and Eileen Pendergast are getting married in September 1996, starting the fourth John Weber family. John and Lillis live at 14264 Hawksmore Ln, Jacksonville, FL 32223 (904-292-4989).

The Herbison family

Jean's mother Mary Grace belonged to the Herbison family. Her father Samuel James Herbison (24 March 1869 - 21 March 1952) married her mother Mary Jane Purvis (9 April 1878 - 1 June 1924) on 11 September 1896 at Valencia, Forward Township. Samuel worked in Armstrong County after he left Mary Jane after the death of James, no mention of his family is made in Mary Jane's Bible. They had 4 children

- Anna Isabell, called Annabelle, who was crippled (28 April 1902 - 7 August 1916)
- Mary Grace (14 October 1904 - 21 July 1987)
- Willis Theodore (6 December 1906 - 23 April 1974), who had disappeared, but when he was dying of pneumonia in a hospital in Clay County he sent for Grace and Jean. They did not get there in time to see him alive, and arranged a funeral for him.
- James Oliver, who died shortly after his birth (11 October 1909 - 13 October 1909)

Mary Jane lived in a small cottage in Ribold with the 3 children and worked as a day lady cleaning houses by day and ironing clothes by night. Mary Grace was sent out at age 16 to nurse John Weber after his fall, and worked on the Weber farm until marrying David.

The Purvis Family

Mary Jane's maternal grandparents came from Ireland to the United States. Robert Purvis (? - 16 April 1876) and Mary Miller Purvis (? - 8 May 1867) seem to have had 20 children¹⁴, many of whom died as infants.

- Amie (4 December 1800 - 11 September 1802)
- Mary A (7 July 1802 - ?)
- Oliver D (24 March 1807 - 26 September 1825)
- Samuell George who lived in Pittsburgh
- Isabelle called Belle
- Cathern
- Sarah J
- Robert W. (18 June 1816 -?) and his twin
- W[illiam?] C. (18 June 1816 - ?) born Westmoreland Co.
- Agnes
- Leonie B
- Steven
- Oliver M. (Mary Jane's father) (29 June 1846, Middlesex Twp, Butler Co. - ?)
- Margret
- Leonie Given
- Elie R
- Ada J
- Andrew D
- Mary B
- Sara P

¹⁴I got bored writing out dates when I did this years ago, and only had the names and a few dates. The bible was not to be found when I looked for it after Jean's funeral, maybe it will turn up some day.

One of the boys studied medicine in Pittsburgh and dies of pneumonia in his last year, Grace once told me.

Oliver M. married Nancy Jane White. They had Mary Jane, Nancy died in childbirth with the second child, who was stillborn.

Asa J. Purvis married Ella Forsythe. They had 6 children

- Ida
- Ruth
- Sarah, who drowned in Slippery Rock Creek as a girl
- Edna
- Stanly
- Roberta who married a McElroy and lived in Topeka, Kansas

Ruth Purvis married Walter Mc Kibben, they had at least one son, Bill, who married twice and had 3 kids, Mark, Tracey, and another boy. Jean has noted down on a slip of paper with the Purvis names the address 857 Delaware Ave, Buffalo NY, 14209

Ida Purvis married Charlie Milliken

Edna Purvis married someone named Alexander

Isabelle Purvis married the Rev. Charles Clyde, a reformed Presbyterian minister. They had twins Mabel and Marion (who died in Canada), Clara, John, Grace (my grandmother was named for her), Norman and Sara.

October 1999:

Years after Aunt Jean died my parents finally found the old bible and brought it over to Germany for me. Aunt Mary had just died the past month, and so they had been back up at the farm and remembered to bring it. It is a crumbly New Testament in German, printed in St. Louis in 1857. The cover is inscribed: „Mrs. Veronia Vocht Weber, Born 1801 Baden Germany Died Nov. 5, 1882“ and then „Clara E. Weber, Feb. 19, 1895“. The next page has a few faded lines: „we had a big time down here!“ and an impression of the lines on the cover. There are a number of dried lilies and other flowers pressed between the pages, as well as a few slips of paper and a picture of Jephthah's Daughter from a Sunday School paper.

There's a letter on yellow tablet paper in my Grandmother's handwriting:
„Adam Weber and His Wife, Verona (Vocht) the later still living – were among the earliest German settlers in Penn Twp, having located here in 1831. Five of their son's are now living in Butler Co., Viz. Samuel in Forward Twp., Peter in the Southern part of Butler, George & Adam in Butler Co., and John, upon the old Farm where his Father settled; George in Clearfield County. July 1882 A. Scheidermantle completed as well on the Weber Farm“

and a letter dated 12-22-72

„Dear Edna and Floyd,

I think of you so often and wish we could have had a real visit Do hope you are both well.

A course in Local History was given at Knoch High this fall. We had a P.O:D. teacher who worked diligently on this pioneer course. There are Butler Co. histories for 1873, 1895, 1906 & 1927. I had some use of the first two. Perhaps you folks have some of these.

Mention is made of an 1831 Penn Twp. settler, Adam Weber and his wife, Verona Vocht, in 1873 Hist (p. 1140). 1895 Hist tells this: Adam Weber, native of Baden, Germany, came to US about 1830 -> Pgh. a yr then to Butler, Penn T. 100 A. Married in Ger. to Fanny Dough (P. 911 says Verona Vocht). Had 6 children Died 1865 – wife 1883 (one dies: 1873 age 69 1878 Verona) Perhaps 2 Adam Webers?

An Adam's son John is yours – Born: Pen Twp. Nov. 16, 1838. M. Maria Markel (Beaver Co.) dat. of Zeno and Susan (Stamm) markel) 8 children: Susan V. w. D. L. Renfrew. owns 108 homestead + 150 adjoining and 110 more in same twp.

Then there is much Renfrew history:

John Renfrew of Renfrewshire, Paisley, Scotland b.1750 d. 1844 – 96 jr. In 1774 to Amer. at age 17 yr. to Franklin Co. near Chambersburg. In 1771 erected 1st grist mill in the area. Rev. War veteran. married Miss Thompson. Had 5 children: Robt, Sam'l, John, James, mararet.

Samuel R. m. Hannah Lindsay -> son David b. 1817 at Greenwood Mills, Franklin Co. David attended marshall College until ill health forced him to quit after 2 yr. Your father, Edna, and my mother used to talk „grist mill“. They had acquaintances in common. How I wish I had listened or understood. She was a Gray of Gray's Mills 8Russelton) Alley Co., Pa. Enough History.

Last wk-end we had a 2-day blizzard -27 F counting wind chill factor. I baked bread when it warmed up on Tues. The polled Herefords have multiplied – 5 calves – one is part Charelois. Very spry. It is 6:30 PM and I must close. Mildred Graham (chas) was buried at Middlesex Pres. Monday. Hope you have a good year coming up. Much love, Ittie. Forgive if I bored you.“

Since this is all falling apart I am going to transcribe what is written in the Bible under marriages:

John Weber Was born on the 6th of November AD 1838
Maria Weber Was Born on the 22 day of September AD 1843
Was Married the 17 day of February AD 1863

Susie V. was married Jany 16th 1883
Margared H. was married November 3re 1897
Mary Agnes was Married Feb 1, 1887
John Adam was married June 1st 1909
Minnie Nora was married Feb, 17, 1913
David Markel was married Oct. 10, 1923

Births:

The 1st of January 1844 Susanah Veronica was Born in the zear of ower Lord one
Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Four the first of January 1864

Mary Agness Was Born inthe year of ower Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and
Sixty Six September the 9th 1866

William Peter Was Born the 15 day February AD 1869

Clara Elisabeth Was Born on the 25 day of April AD 1871

Hannah Margaret Was Born onthe Seventh day of December AD 1873

Minnia Norra Was Born on the 22day of September AD 1876

John Adam, Was Born on the 5th day of February AD 1882

David Markle, Was Born on the 27th day of April A.D. 1884

Deaths:

Maria Markel Weber Died July 25, 1920

John Weber, Sr. Died October 10, 1920

Mary Agness Powell Died Aug 5, 1940

Susan Veronica Weber Renfrew Deceased at Meridian Penna Oct. 19, 1957

William Peter Died may 26, 1953

Clara Elisabeth Died June 28, 1960 In A.M.

[Hannah Margaret] Deceased Butler Penna 23 W. Pearl St. Aug 8., 1964, 18:00
P.M.

[Minnie Nora] Died Aug. 8, 1931 Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

[John] Deceased Sat. Oct. 27th 1:30 A.M. 1962

[David] Oct. 29, 1970 Thurs 5.00 P.M.

I have a clipping on the death of Attorney William D. Markel, born Dec. 15, 1895 in
Evans City as the son of Daniel and Mary Helen Markel. His wife, Elizabeth F.
Ferguson markel dies Max 28, 1984. They were married Auf. 21, 1926. The had a
daughter, Mrs. Timothy (Nancy Jane) Pohmer of Butler. He had two sisters, Dorthy
Markel of Bradenton, Fla. and Mrs. Jean Sowell of Temple, Texas.
I suspect that Daniel is brother or nephew to Maria Markel. He died Jan 25, 1989.

Now for some good recipes! These are in the order they were in the box, there were a bunch unsorted up front, and then they were divided by tabs. So this looks a little unsorted. I also tried to preserve the orthography!

Lillis Weber's Scorched Pumpkin Pie (9" pie) (1965)

1 ½ cups purée pumpkin
2 eggs
¾ cup brown sugar, packed
¾ cup evaporated milk
½ tsp ginger
¾ tsp cinnamon
1/8 tsp nutmeg
2 tbsp boiling water
½ tsp salt
¼ cup 12% cream

Set oven to 450° F. Cook pumpkin over direct heat, stirring until it is dried out and slightly caramelized (scorched but not burned). Remove from heat. Beat eggs, stir in sugar, milk, spices (blended to a paste with the hot water). Stir in pumpkin, salt & cream until well blended. Bake 15 min., then reduce heat to 300° (open oven to drop temp rapidly) and bake 25 min. longer. [Needs longer if you don't scorch the pumpkin enough - dww]

Mrs. D. Smith's Buckwheat Cakes

2 cups buckwheat flour
1 quart buttermilk
1 cake Fleischmann's Yeast or 3 Pkgs Dry Yeast
1 teas. salt
2 tbsp. brown sugar
1 cup white flour
½ teas. soda

Emma Markel's Pin Wheel Cookies (1959)

1 Cup Shortening
2 Cup Brown Sugar
3 Eggs
4 Cups All Purpose Flour
½ Teaspoon Salt
½ Teaspoon Soda

Cream shortening & sugar; add eggs; beat well. Sift flour before measuring, then again with salt & soda; add to batter. Chill thoroughly in refrigerator.

Filling

1 Cup Sugar (granulated)
2 ¼ Cups Chopped Dates
1 Cup Water
1 Cop Chopped Nuts

Cook 5 minutes after mixture starts to boil. Cool and spread on dough [presumably this has been rolled first! -dww] and roll. Place in refrigerator over night. Cut in 3/8" slices and bake in 400° for 10-12 minutes.

Divinity [no name, on a very old card in script]

2	C. sugar	2 oz	chopped nuts
1/2	C. Karo	2 oz	chopped raisins
1/3	C. hot water	1 t	vanilla
2	egg Whites		

Boil sugar, Karo & water together until forms a hard mass in cold water. Beat whites very stiff. Pour on syrup beating all the time. When stiff drop from teaspoon

Ruth Master's „Noodles“ (1979)

3 Cups	Flour	
4	Eggs	
1/2 Shill	[?]	Water

Let stand Fifteen mins. Roll thin let lay till begins to Dry. Slice Thin and dry thoroughly. To make Noodles for Sunnyview Country Market [This is a reference to Grace Weber's noodle making experience whereby she had noodles drying on every surface in the house and couldn't even sit down because all the chairs were being used as drying racks! -dww] 8 Doz. or 7 1/2 Doz. Eggs. #25 Flour.

Aunt Margaret's Spice Cake

2 C	B. sugar
1/2 C	butter
2	Eggs separated and beaten
2 1/2 C	flower[sic]
1 C	sour milk
1 Teaspoon	Soda
2 1/2 Tspoon	cinnamon
1/2 Tspoon	cloves
1 Tspoon	nutmeg

Frosting: 3/4 box Pulverized sugar, 4 Teaspoon Butter, Raisins & vanilla.

Mrs. D. M. Weber's Raisin Nut Bread

I. Mix and allow to stand overnight (not in refrigerator): 1 lb. Raisins, 2 cups boiling water, 2 tsp soda, 1 stick margarine or butter.

II. Next morning add:

4 cups	flour	2	eggs
2 cups	sugar	4 tsp.	cinnamon
1 1/2 cups	nuts	1 tsp.	salt

III. Grease cans and dust with flour

IV. Fill cans 1/2 full.

V. Cover with foil, place on cookie sheet and bake at 350° for one hour. Turn upside down and allow to stand 10 or 15 minutes. Fills 8 of the large size frozen orange juice cans.

[„Mary Wilson’s sister in law’s recipe“ in Grace Weber’s handwriting on the back]

Communion Bread (Christian Herald)

¾ cup flour
2 ½ Tbsp. butter or margarine

Cut shortening and flour together with a fork as you would pie crust. Add milk until it is like pie crust. Divide into two equal balls and wrap in waxed paper -- place in refrigerator at least 2 hours before baking. Roll out as for pie crust and score with a serrated knife before placing in the oven. 400°. Bake for 10 minutes (until brown).

[We always used to play church when Grandma baked the communion bread. We really liked the little squares of bread! -dww]

Edna Ramsey’s Carrot Cake (1971)

2 cups flour (little less)
2 cups sugar
1 t. cinnamon
1 t. soda
1 t. salt
1 ½ cups Wesson or Crisco oil, combine the above and beat with mixer. Add 4 eggs, one at a time. When creamy add 2 cups grated carrots, and one cup chopped pecans. Put batter in two 9 in pans. Bake at 325° for 45 min to 1 hr. Test with toothpick in centers.

Icing: confectioners sugar, butter and orange juice or lemon juice

Isabel Stamm’s Original Anadama Bread

½ cup corn meal
2 cups boiling water
2 Tbsp. butter
½ cup molasses Black Strap best
1 tsp. salt
1 yeast cake softened in ¼ cup warm water
5 cups flour sifted, more or less

Stir cornmeal very slowly into warm water just before it boils, and allow to boil 3 to 5 minutes. Add butter, molasses, and salt. Cool. When luke warm, add the softened yeast and enough flour to make a stiff dough. Knead well in bulk and set in a warm place to rise double in bulk. Shape into loaves, place in a greased loaf pan. Let rise till light. Bake at 400° for 1 hour. Makes 2 loaves.

Edna’s Rolls

1 ½ cups scalded milk
3 tbsp. sugar
2 tbsp. shortening
1 tbsp. salt
1 egg
4-5 cups flour

Aunt Aggie's Rolls (from Lillian, 1964)

1 Qt. Water
1 Cup Sugar
1 Cup Lard
1 Tablespoon Salt
1 Cake Yeast
11 Cups flour

Edna's Date Bread

1 pkg. dates cut in small pieces (or 7 ½ ozs).
2 tbsp. butter or crisco
1 ½ cups boiling water
Let stand to cool. Add: 1 egg (beaten), 1 C. sugar, ½ tsp. salt, 1 tsp. soda, ½ tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. vanilla, 2 2/3 cups sifted flour, ½ cup nut meats.

Sift dry ingredients together and add to beaten egg, date mixture, & nut meats.
Bake 1 hour in 350° oven.

Pumpkin Bread (Grace Weber's handwriting)

3 cups Flour
1 teas Soda
1 teas Salt
3 teas Cinnamon
2 Cups Sugar
2 Cups Pumpkin
4 eggs Beaten
1 ¼ Cups Cooking Oil
½ Cups Nuts
Bake 50 to 60 minutes at 350 Degrees.

Baked Boston Bread (Lillian & Gladys 1963)

2 Cups Bran Buds
3 ½ Cups Sifted Flour
1 egg beaten
1 Cup sugar
½ Cup Molasses
2 Cups Buttermilk
¼ Tsp. Baking Powder
2 Tsp. Soda
1 Tsp. Salt
1 Cup Chopped Nuts
1 Cup Raisins
1 Tbsp. Shortening

Bake 9x13 pan 325-350°

Zuccinia Squash Bread (Joan Huff [a neighbor of Grace & Jean Weber's], 1975)

3 cups Flour, 1 Tsp. salt, 1 Tea B. Powder, 1 tea soda, 1 tea Cinnamon, 3 Cups Coarsely grated Z.Squash, 1 ½ Cups Coarsely Cur Nuts or Cocomnut, or Raisins, either or some of each. Add to 2 Cups Sugar, 1 Cup Oil, 3 egg's beaten and added to Sugar and Oil, 1 teas. Vanilla. Mix and put in two Bread Pan's. Top with 2 T. Sugar, ½ teas. Cinnamon sprinkled over top. Bake at 350 Degrees or untill Cake tester comes out clean.

Bread

4 ½ Cups Water in Lg. Mixing Bowl.
3 Pkgs Dry Yeast
½ to 1 Cup Dry Milk (optional)
¼ to 1 Cup Sugar
¼ to 1 cup shortening (same amt. as sugar)
4 TPS Salt
2 to 4 eggs (only 1 Lg will do)
6 cups all purpose flour

Beat above - Med Speed Mixer until smooth & shiny (about 5 Min). Put 6 cups flour in Lg container and pour in Batter - stir or Mix until flour is all moistened - now Knead adding more flour if needed to handle. Let rise until Double - (45 to 60 Min). Knead down to collapse Bubbles - Let rise again - form loaves - Let rise until Double - Bake 375 about 35 Min. Oven Method of rising is faster or about 35 minutes - oven about 80 to 90° [I don't recognize the handwriting - dww]

Margaret Powell's Under the Sea Salad (1957)

2 pkg. lime jello
3 cups hot water
1 cup canned pear juice
½ teaspoon salt
1 tsp. vinegar
2 cups diced pears
2 pkgs cream cheese

Dissolve jello in hot water, add juice, salt & vinegar. Pour 2 1/1 cups of this into pan 9x12. Chill until firm. Chill remaining jello in bowl until cold and syrupy. Whip until fluffy, add cream cheese, which has been softened with juice and beat up creamy with fork. Fold in pears, pour this over first layer.

Connie & Kate's 5 Cup Salad (1959)

1 cup pineapple chunks (drained)
1 cup manderine oranges (drained)
1 cup small marshmallows
1 cup coconut
1 cup sour cream
Mix and cool.

[Connie Shorts was Aunt Jean's roommate while they both taught school, Kate married Connie's brother and lived with Connie after his death. -dww]

Bill Renfrew's Hamburger Pie

Brown 1 lb. ground beef; add 1 onion, chopped, $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. salt, dash pepper; cook tender. Add 1 1-lb. can cut green beans, drained, and 1 can condensed tomato soup; pour into greased 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -quart casserole. Top with mounds of fluffy mashed potatoes. Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes. Serves 6 (if desired, use packaged instant potatoes, sprinkled with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shredded process cheese the last 10 minutes).

Jake Nicklas' Sausage Recipe

25 # Sausage
4 oz. or 5 salt (bulk)
2 Tbsp Pepper
a dab ground clove
4 Tbsp brown sugar sprinkled over

Old Cheese [on a very old card - dww]

into double boiler melt 2 t. butter. Then put in $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. cheese cut fine. Beat 2 eggs & add $\frac{1}{2}$ c milk as cheese melts add other ingredients and serve on toast or crackers

Ice Box Pie

Crust Roll 21 Graham crackers fine add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar and $\frac{1}{3}$ cup melted Butter. press into pie pan.
Filling 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups boiling water to 1 package lemon Jello. 1 cup Pineapple, 2 cups of cream whipped, 1 T. powdered sugar, 12 Graham crackers fine. Makes 2 pies.

Mabel Renfrew's Sun Shine Strawberries

1 qt. or 4 cups strawberries
1 qt. or 4 cups sugar

Put on low flame & boil 15 min. Skim top & place in crock & set in sun (if possible) for 3 or 4 days. Cover with glass or curtain to avoid insects getting in to it. Can cold in glass jars. Very good!

Aunt Minnie's Rhubarb Pie

2 cups rhubarb Pieces
1 cup Sugar
1 Tb flour
1 Tb Butter
1 Egg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tsp nutmeg

Aunt Minnie's Maple Nut Whip

2 cups boiling water
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup cornstarch
Whites of 2 eggs stiff
Nuts or cherries

Gladys Powell's Orange Pudding

Grind one Orange (large). Grind 1 cup Raisin's, add 1 cup sugar, ½ cup Shortening (Crisco), 2 eggs, ¾ Cup Butter Milk. One teaspoon Soda in 2 Cups Flour. Bake at 325° till done then pour over top ¾ Cup sugar in juice of one Orange. return to over a few Minutes about 5 mins.

Ruth McKibben's Pumpkin Squares

Combine 2 C. pumpkin, 1 c sugar, 1 teas. salt, 1 teas. ginger, 1 teas. nutmeg, 1 teas. cinnamon, ½ teas. ginger [sic]. Add 1 c chopped pecans, in a chilled bowl. Fold pumpkin into ½ gal. vanilla ice cream (softened). Line bottom or 13 x 9 x 2 in. pan with half of the gingersnaps (40 gingersnaps) top with half the ice cream, cove[r] with another layer of ginger snaps, add remaining ice cream mixture. Freeze till firm, about 5 hours. Cut in squares. Garnish with whipped cream & nuts. Makes 18 servings.

Roberta McElroy's Granola

4 C quick Oatmeal
3 C whole-wheat flour
1 C white flour
1 C wheat germ
1 C soy flour
1 C fine coconut
1 C chopped nuts
1 Tbs salt
1 C oil
1 C honey or br. sugar
½ C water

Mix dry ingredients. Then add oil, honey and water and mix well, use hands. Mix should be nice and crumbly, more water can be added to make bigger crumbs. Put into two flat pans and bake in slow oven 250 - 300 degrees, turning every 20" to keep from becoming too brown around edges, for about 1 ½ hrs, or until crisp and golden brown. add raisins here, and store in airtight container. Can be eaten dry or with milk.

Family Reunion Ice Cream

3 qt. milk
½ c. flour
3 c. sugar
¼ tsp salt
4 eggs
1 C. heavy cream
½ tsp. lemon extract
1 Tblsp cornstarch

Scald milk, add mixture of flour, 2 cup of sugar, salt and beaten eggs. Cook until thickened, stirring to keep smooth. Remove from heat, add remaining cup of sugar, flavorings, cream; strain, cool. Pour in 2 gallon freezer. Pack in ice and salt, freeze. Serves 36.

[And suddenly I remember making ice cream at a Stamm family reunion! Down in the cellar at the Weber farm, the men all supervising the freezing, the women cooking up the ice cream. Seems to me a number of flavors were made, and I remember crushing up old peppermint candy canes as a flavoring. The kids were

milling about, anxious for some results, while the men kept on discussing the proper salt to ice ratio and took turns cranking. I still remember the taste of the ice cream when it was done after all these years! -dww]

Bill Renfrew's Cake icing

1 cup white sugar
½ cup oleo
½ cup crisco
¾ cup canned milk
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix all together and beat 7 minutes. Never gets hard.

Aunt Lizzie's Cookies

4 eggs
1 cup Sour Milk
1 Cup Lard & Butter
2 cups Granulated Sugar
1 Cup Brown Sugar
1 teas. salt
4 teas. Baking Powder
1 teas. Soda

[Note on card reads: Mary B. then Minnie to Eleanor then to Grace & Jean Weber 1974, Wm & Eleanor Myers, 2050 Sixth St., Cuyahoga Falls, O. -dww]

Minnie Weber Willit's Apple Sauce Cake

1 Cup Brown Sugar
½ Cup Butter
2 eggs
1 Cup Apple Sauce
1 Cup chopped Raisin's
1 Cup English Walnuts
1 teas. Soda
1 teas. Cinnamon
½ teas. Cloves
2 Cup Flour

Peanut Blossoms

[This recipe is on a worn, torn and stained piece of paper. I remember these! dww]

Bake at 375° for 8 min., then for 2 to 5 min.
Makes about 3 doz. cookies

Sift together..... 1 ¾ cups flour, 1 teaspoon soda, ½ teaspoon salt
Cream together..... ½ cup butter and ½ cup peanut butter. Gradually add ½ cup sugar and ½ cup packed brown sugar.
Add 1 unbeated egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla, beat well.
Blend in ... the dry ingredients gradually; mix thoroughly.
Shape dough into balls using a rounded tsp. for each. Roll balls in sugar and place on ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake at 375° for 8 min. Remove sheet from oven and place milk chocolate candy kiss on top of each cookie pressing down so that cookie cracks around the edge. Return cookies to oven and bake 2 to 5 min. longer until golden brown.

Henninger's Rocks

1 ½ Cups brown sugar
1 Cup butter
3 Eggs
1 Cup nuts
1 Cup raisins
½ Cup hot water
1 teas. soda dissolved in water
2 teas. cinnamon
1 teas. nutmegs
½ teas. cloves
2 cups flour [added in pencil]

Olive Snow's Poor Man's Bars

[Olive Snow Shaffar was the niece of Lawrence Stuckey, one of the hands on the Weber Farm. When I looked up the family in the 1850 census, I found there was a Stuckey listed as a hand then too! Her mother Reatha (?sp) Snow lived in a tiny little house on Meridian road on the way down to the creek from the farm. -dww]

Cook 2 cups raisins, 2 ½ cups water, 1 cup shortening for 15 minutes and cool. Cream 2 eggs, 2 cups sugar. Sift dry ingredients; 4 cups flour, 2 teas. cinnamon, 2 teas. nutmeg, 2 teas. cloves, 2 teas. salt, 2 teas. baking soda. 1 teas. vanilla, 1 cup nuts. Spread on thin greased cookie sheet, Bake 20 to 25 min. 350°
Ice with butter cream icing. Cut when cool.

Mabel [Renfrew?]'s Iced Drop Ginger Cookies

½ cup lard	½ teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar	1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 egg	1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup molasses	2 teaspoon ginger
4 cups flour	1 cup hot water
	2 teaspoons soda

cream lard&sugar add egg&molasses sift flour&spices add hot water and soda chill drop on cookie sheet iced with powdered sugar when hot is very good

Mary Kelly's Applesauce Cake

1 ½ cup raisins	¾ Teaspoon salt
1 ½ cups brown sugar	1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon
½ cup butter	¾ teaspoon cloves
3 cups cake flour	¾ teaspoon nutmeg
1 ½ teaspoons soda	¾ cup nut meats

1. Pour boiling water over 1 ½ cup raisins and set them aside so that they will become plump.
2. Work 1 ½ cups brown sugar gradually into ½ cup butter until creamy in texture. Beat together until light & fluffy. Add 2 eggs and beat well.

3. Add the 1 ½ cups applesauce [not in the list above - dww]
4. Sift dry ingredients and add to applesauce mixture.
5. Drain raisins thoroughly and add them and ¾ cup broken nut meats to the cake mixture. Pour into well greased 2 qt. pan - bake 90 minutes in 300° oven.

Katie's Ginger Cookies (1962)

1 ½ cups lard
1 cup sugar
2 eggs beaten light
1 ½ cups molasses
3 teas. ginger
2 teas cinnamon
2 teas. soda
1 cup buttermilk

Add flour until it stirs up thick stiff but not too stiff - not as stiff as biscuits. [No heat or time - can this be the recipe Grandma used to make gingerbread men? - dww]

Betty Sellers' Cheese Krispie Snax

[don't know what her relationship is, but the recipe sounds wicked and not for cholesterol-watchers! -dww]

2 sticks oleo - softened
2 c. flour - don't sift
½ lb. grated sharp cheese (I get a pkg. 4 oz. - grated)
2 cups Rice Krispies or more
¼ T. red pepper if you like

Blend butter and cheese - mex well. Add flour - Fold in Krispies. Drop a half teas. on cookie sheet. flatten out. Bake 350° about 15 min. - Watch. I make half the recipe.

Betty Seller's Bake and Sleep

2 whites of eggs - beat until frothy
Add 2/3 cup sugar and beat until stiff. Fold in 1 cup chocolate chips, 1 cup chopped nuts. Remove rack from oven cover with foil Drop on foil Heat oven 350° Put in oven - Turn off heat & go to bed open next morning.

Fruit Cocktail Cake

2 cups flour
1 cup sugar
2 Teas. Sodw
1 Teas. Salt
#2 ½ can Fruit Cocktail (Large Can)
2 eggs
1 Teas. Vanilla
Put all into bowl and mix. If mixed too much will fall.
Topping
1 cup Brown Sugar
½ cup nuts
Sprinkle on top - bake 45 min at 350° Loaf cake pan.

New Year's Day Bean Soup

Large limas, baby limas, navy beans, lentils, split peas, barley, black eyed peas, pinto beans, kidney beans. Ham hock and seasonings.

Wash beans. Place in large kettle. Cover with 2" water, add 2 TBSP salt. Soak overnite. Drain in morning. Add 2 quarts water and ham hocks or ham. Bring to boil. Simmer slowly 3 hours. Add 1 large chopped onion and one #2 ½ can tomatoes. Season with 1 tsp. chili powder, Juice of one lemon, salt and pepper if desired. Remove ham hock, cut up ham and add pieces to above. Simmer slowly 1 hour or more.

Sauerkraut

5 lb of shredded cabbage
2 oz. salt
mix well

pack tightly into sterile jars if no water comes to top fill with water to 1/2" of top screw tops on tightly. will ferment for 3 or 4 days when fermenting stops, wipe outside of jars check jars to see if tops are tight. store for 4-6 weeks before using. Will keep many months. Needs no processing.

Bar-B-Cue Sauce

Use for 2 ½ - 3 # of chipped Ham

1 Bottle Catsup
½ bottle water (rinse catsup bottle)
½ cup vinegar
¾ cup brown sugar
1 tsp. mustard
Dash cloves

Cook 15 minutes

Minnie Weber Willet's Catsup

4 qts. Tomatoes
1 pt. of Onions
1 pt. Vinegar
1 T. Salt
1 T. Ginger
1 Cup Sugar
2 T. Mixed Spices

Ruth Peterson's Citrus Marmelade

2 large oranges, 2 lemon, 1 grapefruit
Squeeye the juice from fruit. Put skin and pulp thru food chopper. Add juice. Measure and add three times as much water. Let stand over night. Next day boil for 25 min and let stand over night again. Following day add equal amount of Sugar and boil quickly until jelled (between 218 and 221 degrees). This is a niche clear marmelade and very tasty, it makes quite a large amount.

Strawberry and Pineapple Jam

4 qts Strawberries

4 medium sized Pineapple

2# sugar

soak the berries in sugar over night. cut pineapple in small cubes, cook over slow fire 1 hour

Grace Weber's Strawberry Jam (1959)

7 cups of crushed Berries. Juice of 2 large lemon's. bring to boil. add 5# sugar bring to a boil and cook for 2 min's. remove from fire and add ½ bottle of certo, stir five minutes, pour into Jars cover with Paraffin and seal.

Tony Wulff's Mother's Recipe [for] Dill Pickles

1 qt. vinegar

2 qts. water

1 Cup Salt or ¾ better

Wash pickles. Sterilize Jar's. Pack Pickles in Jars and pour boiling liquid over Pickles in Warm Jar's. [In Germany we put a sprig of dill, a bit of diced horseradish and a teaspoon of mustard seed in each jar before the boiling brine goes in. -dww]

Bernadette Sumner's Pickle Relish (1977)

8 cups cucumbers

2 cups or more onions

4 peppers (2 red makes it nice)

3 cups sugar

1 tsp celery seed

4 tsp salt

1 tsp tumeric

1 2/3 cup vinegar

1 cup water

celery may be in also.

Peel cucumbers, cut & dice. Cut onions up, and peppers mix all ingredients together and bring to a boil. Boil 1 minute, can hot, do not process, very good.

Bread and Butter Pickles

One gal. sliced cuculbers (without paring), one half cup salt - Cover with boiling water and let stand over night. In morning drain, then add 6 onions sliced, one teaspoonful ground mustard, ½ teaspoon tumeric, ½ teaspoon allspice (can omit this) 2 cups sugar, white or brown. Pour over weakened vinegar and boil fifteen minutes and seal.

Sarah Peffer's Sweet Pickles (1969)

7 lbs. cucumbers cut crosswise ¼ in. pieces

2 cups lime

2 Gal. water

Stand 24 hours

Mix together:

2 qts. vinegar 1 Tbsp. pickle spice
4 Lbs. sugar 2 Tbsp. salt
1 Tbsp. celery seed

Cover with clean water and let stand 4 hours. Heat pickle mixture pour over pickles and let stand over night. Next morning bring to boil and simmer 35 min. and jar. Green food coloring may be added.

Cucumber Lily

1 doz. cucumbers
½ doz. onions
Slice and let stand in weak salt water over night.
Add 1 cup sugar
1 qt. vinegar
1 tea celery seed
1 tea tumerick
1 tea mustard seed

Bring to boil seal hot.

Mrs. McCormick's Crystal Pickles (1956)

26 dill pickles sliced, let stand in brine two weeks, drain and wash. Put pickles into cold water with alum, the size of a walnut. Next morning drain and wash. Pour the following dressing over while hot.

1 qt. vinegar
1 qt. sugar
2 sticks cinnamon
1 T. whole cloves

For 4 mornings drain pickles, heat liquid, and pour over the pickles. On the 5th day put into jars, pour the hot liquid over and seal. Brine - enough salt in water to float an egg.

Where are the recipes for chocolate cookies with white icing? The Concord Grape jam? The stuffing? Is the bread recipe I found the „real“ bread recipe? I'm afraid that a lot of the good stuff was kept in their heads, what a shame.

Now, did you like this? I hope so! I enjoyed putting it together. Have a good Christmas 1995, and let me hear more family details (or missing recipes!) so that maybe we can put together a second edition of this book!

Debbie