

# THE DENBOW DIASPORA



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Videos, Family Artifacts, Fellowship, & Tour of Original Ohio Lands!

## Reunion Returns to Dover — Last Weekend in July

**A**fter two years in Marietta, Ohio, the annual Denbow Family Reunion is returning to Dover, Ohio, for the weekend of July 25-27. Again, this year a three-day event is planned, but if you can only attend one day, you'll still have plenty of time to renew old family ties, meet new relatives and enjoy some, good old-fashioned fun! However, if your schedule permits, plan to attend all three days, and you'll find it well worth the time.



The agenda includes the Friday evening Diaspora Dinner, with presentations and videos on our common family history, the traditional Saturday Picnic, and the Sunday Field Trip.

This year the Diaspora Dinner will be held at Dutch Valley Restaurant in Sugarcreek. It will feature delectable Amish cooking and four fascinating presentations for the family history buff: Ron Denbow, of Medina, will provide an update on his groundbreaking research on the first Denbow lands in Ohio (See *The Denbow Diaspora*, 1996: Vol. 3, No. 2), including some new discoveries in Monroe County; Joe Denbow, of Ashland, will present

a compendium video tape of recent reunions and historical interviews; Mary Lou Deetz, of Dover, will tell us about some early family artifacts including 19th century photographs, family bibles and a



small chest that the Denbows and Thompsons reportedly brought with them from England in the 1600s; and Floyd Denbow, of Woodsfield, will discuss some Monroe County family treasures. What a treat!!

On Saturday, the extended Denbow family will gather at the Shelter House in the Dover City Park for the picnic. (See accom-

panying directions.) This year we will have a "split the pot" promotion to provide additional funds for publication of *The Denbow Diaspora*, as well as to give the lucky winner at little something extra to take home!

The Sunday field trip will take us back in time for a visit to the original Denbow lands in Ohio in Harrison and Carroll counties. Our host for this remarkable field trip will be Ron Denbow, real estate agent and historical sleuth nonpareil.



### Highlights — 1997 Reunion Events

**Friday, July 25** — Diaspora Dinner, 7:00-9:00 p. m., Dutch Valley Restaurant, Sugarcreek, Ohio.

**Saturday, July 26** — Family Picnic & Get-together, 11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Dover City Park, Dover, Ohio

**Sunday, July 27** — Field Trip to First Ohio Denbow Lands, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.





Site of Friday Night Diaspora Dinner: 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Insights Into Mysteries of Denbow Family History —

*Amish Kitchen Cooking*

**Dutch Valley**  
*Amish Kitchen Cooking*

Hours Mon-Sat  
7:00 am - 8:00 pm  
(Closed Sunday)  
330-852-4627

● Family Style Dinners	<u><i>Dutch Creek Foods</i></u>	<u><i>Dutch Valley Gift Market</i></u>	<u><i>Dutch Valley Furniture &amp; Antique Mall</i></u>
● Breakfast Buffet	Fresh & Smoked Meats	Country Gifts	Quality Antiques
● Home Made Pies	Variety of Cheeses	Oak Furniture	New Oak and Cherry Furniture
	Jams & Jellies	Lamps & Toys	10,000 Square Feet
		Victorian Gifts & More!	

Bus Tours Welcome with Reservations

6 mi. W. on St. Rt. 39  
from I-77, Exit #83

## Directions to Dover City Park Pavilion

Take Dover Exit off I-77:

If coming from South (heading North): Turn right off ramp

If coming from North (heading South): Turn left off ramp

Pass BP Oil, Elby's and several restaurants and cross RR tracks. When you come to the traffic light and "Y" in road, turn left. This is Slingluff.

Cemetery will be on left. Pass Walnut and several smaller streets (traffic light on Walnut). Next traffic light will be N. Wooster Ave.

Turn left and follow to E. 20th Street and turn right. Follow pool signs – this takes you to Tremont Street. Turn left again. Pavilion on left near top of hill. Pool is at top for those who care to swim.

# Cousins Corner

Our readers write to express their opinions and to shed more light on the fascinating topic of Denbow genealogy. Your letters are solicited and will be most gratefully received.

## Another Branch of Family Tree Emerges in West Virginia

May 27, 1997

Dear Carl,

I enjoyed talking with you this past weekend and gained a lot of information which filled in blanks in my research. Enclosed is a descendant chart of George Marion Evans (1st) and

Mariah Anna Denbow (Marie or Ann). . . .

I have talked with my cousin, Bill, whom I mentioned to you, and he is very interested in attending the Denbow reunion in July. . . . Our half uncle (Bob Evans, not the restaurant one, darn!) may also be interested in attending.

Opal Smith and I had a nice talk yesterday. She was very kind and said she thinks she has given the Bible to someone, but couldn't remember for certain. She took my name and phone and said she will send it to me

should she locate it. She said her husband has been very ill and confined to a wheelchair, and she has not been too well, therefore, she has not been able to do genealogy for a long time. She was born in Wetzel County, W.Va., as was I, and we had a nice chat. Hopefully, the Bible will turn up.

I was going to impress Bill, my husband, about the fact that Jackie Robinson was not the first black to play major league baseball, but he already knew.

Maybe you can catch him on something else when we meet in July. He's tough to catch!

*Editor's Response: I'm very happy that you will be coming to the reunion. We are always glad to meet new relatives. In your case, it's especially neat because you are helping us fill in the gaps on a whole new branch of the family tree. You are the first descendant of James, one of the boys in blue of the 78th OVI, with whom I've made contact. While I've known for some time that George lived in West Virginia after the war, I didn't realize until now that James has descendants in the Mountain State.*

## Diane in Westerville, Ohio — Where Does She Fit in Family Tree?

Wed, 22 Jan 1997

From: SheebaGirl@aol.com

Subject: Found some more family members!

Hi Carl,

Brenda Denbow from Grand Ledge, Michigan here. I just wanted to let you know that we really enjoyed the family reunion this past summer and also to tell you I've located more family that are interested in their family history.

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This newsletter is published quarterly, for the most part, by the co-editors, who are proud to claim that it is the only newsletter in the world "For Denbows by Denbows."

The person who contacted me is from Westerville, Ohio. Her father Robert received a newsletter in 1993 while he was in the hospital and never had the chance to read it before he died. His wife's name is Margaret. His father's name she believes was Chauncey but she is not sure. There are 8 children and their names and ages are as follows. Robert, 47; Ron, 45; Linda, 43; David, 42; Diane, 40; Margie, 36; Carol, 33; and James, 30. Diane is the one who contacted me.

Some of the family history that she could tell me is that 3 of the 8 have a genetic eye disease called Cone Rod Dystrophy or Retinitis Pigmatosis. It is a recessive gene that both parents have to be carriers. Diane is one with the disease. Her oldest brother Robert, is suf-

fering from cancer and is interested in his roots as well as several of the others. This is about all the information I have at this time but we are keeping in contact on a daily basis via America Online.

Diane gave me her mailing address and would like a copy of the Denbow newsletter if that is possible. (Even an old copy) Her address is: Diane (Denbow) Maisch 1109 Lyndale Dr., Westerville, Ohio 43081. Her E-mail address is: Shiane40@aol.com

Please let me know if you need any more info. My E-mail address is SheebaGirl@aol.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Brenda R. Denbow

*Editor's Response: I checked in*

*my computer database and can't find a Chauncey Denbow. Perhaps someone at the reunion will be able to help. If she can get her tree back one more generation (Chauncey's father), I'm sure we can graft Diane and her siblings in. Also, I haven't heard about this eye disease running "in the family." Has anyone else?*

### **Maine Denbows Plan To Be At Dover Reunion!!**

May 15, 1997

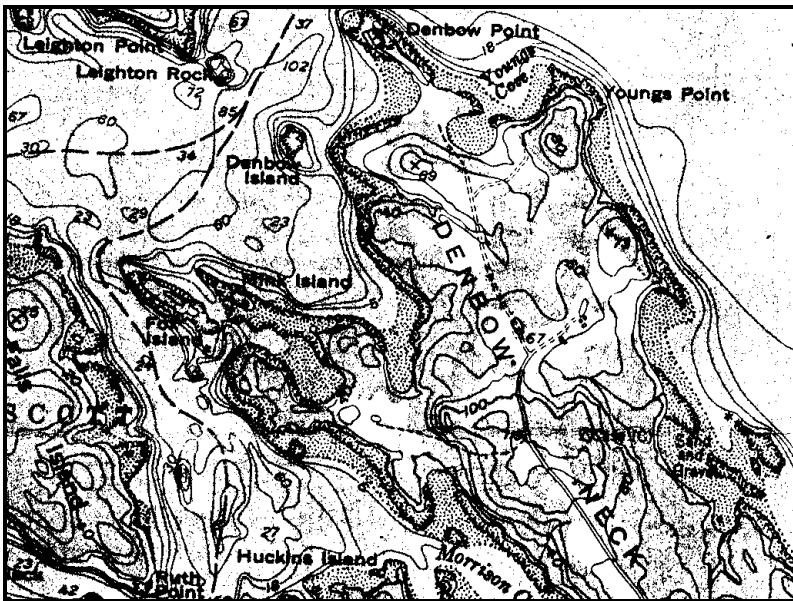
Dear Mr. Denbow;

I don't know if you have received my previous e-mail, but I would like any Denbow family — Lubec area — information that you are able to send me. I'd gladly pay the postage, if you could let me know how much and where to send it. Also, my husband and I are very interested in the Denbow reunion. Could you send us information on this also.

Sincerely,

Mary Denbow Gage  
PO Box 424  
Ashburnham, MA. 01430

*Editor's Response: This email message was received just prior to publication. I've asked Coeditor Jim to send her a copy of the 1995 issue with the lead Maine story by Gene Bauer. Perhaps, Gene would like to reply to her directly, as well? I've also emailed her advanced information about the reunion and am looking forward to meeting her and her husband at the reunion!*



U.S. Geological Survey map of W. Lubec Maine, showing several Denbow place names — see if you can find them all. There's Denbow Neck, Denbow Point and Denbow Island. The only other Denbow place names in North America known to the editors are Denbo and Denbeau Heights, Penn. Do our readers know of any others?

# Dover Area Lodging — Make Reservations Now!

You may wish to consult the directories of chain motels and/or a local travel agent to find the best place for your needs and budget. Please make reservations ASAP, because motels in this area are filling up fast. Here's a list of a sample of Dover Area Motels: Best Western Country Inn, Uhrichsville, (800) 528-1234; Comfort Inn, Dover, (800) 228-5150; Days Inn, New Philadelphia, (800) 329-7466; Dukes Inn, Newcomerstown, (614) 498-4116; Dutch Host Motor Inn, Sugarcreek, (800) 428-0075; Holiday Inn, New Philadelphia, (800)

465-4329; Knights Inn, Dover, (800) 762-6474; Motel 6, New Philadelphia, (800) 466-8356; Schoenbrunn Inn by Christopher, (800) 929-7799; Sleep Inn, Bolivar, (330) 874-3435; and Travelodge, New Philadelphia, (800) 578-7878.

**Right:** Players in last year's Battle of the Sexes at the Denbow Reunion. The winners (Susie & Jenny Denbow) made 10 points; the losers (Larry & Carl), the older and wiser fathers, made only three!



## RSVP FORM

Please cut out this reply form and send it in ASAP. While reservations are only required for the Friday night Diaspora Dinner, your courtesy in replying about all events would be appreciated! Reservations for the Friday night dinner **must** be accompanied by a check for \$11.00 per person attending.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Diaspora Dinner on Friday Night. My party will consist of \_\_\_\_\_ people. I've enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ (number of attendees x \$11).

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend Saturday Picnic and Get-together. (I anticipate \_\_\_\_\_ number in my party.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take part in the Sunday Field Trip (\_\_\_\_\_ will be in party).

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form to:  
Carl J. Denbow  
17 Coventry Lane.  
Athens, Ohio 45701-3718

## Diaspora News Nuggets

- ◆ Virtually all the new and corrected data for the Ohio Clan Chart has been entered. It will be sent to the new printer, as mentioned in the last issue, sometime next week. They will be available at the reunion to those of you who pre-ordered. If you don't attend the reunion, your copy will be mailed directly to you. A few extra copies may be available for purchase at the reunion.
- ◆ Split the Pot Raffle. At the reunion on Saturday we will have a raffle. It will involve a "split the pot" drawing with the winner receiving half the take and

*The Denbow Diaspora* the other half. Also, a copy of the 78th OVI regimental history will be raffled off as will an Ohio family chart. You must be present to win!

- ◆ If you haven't renewed your subscription yet, please send \$9.00 to the editorial office at 17 Coventry Lane, Athens, Ohio 45701-3718. Note that this is a new address.
- ◆ Co-editor Carl is planning a trip to the U.K. in November. He hopes to do some genealogical research in the motherland.

The winners of the 1996 Denbow Battle of the Sexes in their high school (Jenny, top) and college (Susie, bottom) uniforms. Looks like they might have been in better shape than their "old men"!!

