

11/3/91

Greetings Molly:

The historical society people at Wheaton seem to think I'm a historical feature of the town. Recently I received a note asking me to think back to my childhood and remember people, things, places or various circumstances of that long ago day. They should be of general interest for their historical file.

I've been turning the subject over in my mind. Peculiarly, there are two associated with Jim Reber. He was a few years older than I. Please dig thru your files and try to find the day, month and year he was born. This will keep the record straight. Let me know what you turn up. I'll send a copy of whatever I compose in due course.

Haven't heard anything about your mother. Is she still around? Schuyler died two years ago.

Best wishes,

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March 21, 1991

Dear Grotz -

Received your letter yesterday  
luckily, I have Grandpa Watt's  
genealogy list - Jim Reher was  
born ~~to~~ October 31, 1904.

My mother is still alive -  
moldering in a nursing home here  
in Waukesha. She will be 89  
in July. She is feeble - certainly  
knows us but can't remember  
anything much. She has no  
big medical problems - I am  
sure she'll live into her 90's

I have one memory of you  
and Aunt Harriet - It was after

we moved to Uxbridge when I was  
8 years old. We were invited to  
dinner at your home. Aunt  
Harriet served ham loaf with  
raisin sauce. You were there and  
your big dish was in the  
back yard. I was so in love  
with the raisin sauce that Mom  
got the recipe and I have it  
to this day.

Good luck on the history.  
I would love a copy when  
you finish it. Wish I had  
asked mom & dad a lot more  
about family when they  
could remember.

Best wishes  
Muller

Greetings Molly:

A note to bother your again. We had an aunt Myrtle Reber who taught ancient history at local high school for many years. Late in life she married a Paul Philips who died in a few years. She was a social climber who thought her standing would be improved by being a member of DAR. Accordingly she hired a geneologist in Pennsylvania to search thru old records. Since he would send a bill he had to turn up something. He reported that our clan is descended from two Reber brothers who came from upper Rhine valley above Strassburg in Alsace on year 1706. They were peasants in search of land, and settled in Bucks, (or Berks?) county. Apparently by 1776 their descendants were Tories, or the Kings men. This clouded her title to DAR.

Myrtle was always religious. After Paul's death she joined some fundamentalist group with a settlement on east coast, perhaps Virginia, or North Carolina. Myrtle died about 1969, exactly a year to the day, after her brother Watt Reber died. Your mother went to funeral. I think she was buried in a cemetery north of Chicago called Rose Hill. Your mother wrote to me at some length, but I've misplaced her letter. What artifacts Myrtle left are probably in custody of religious group. On a long chance, this geneologist report may be among the artifacts. I'd like to secure a copy of this report.

All the above is from memory, perhaps a bit distorted. Please talk to your mother, and let me know what she can suggest. So far I've not written anything about Reber's, just collecting bits and pieces. I'd like to get name and address of this religious group. Then I can take the matter up directly with them.

Let us keep in touch,

*Grote Reber*

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February 24, 1993

Dear Gabe-

Your note certainly did not bother me. It was nice to hear from you. I won't be much help tho - Mom can't remember any more. She does know us of course - but is useless on remembering - Helen Ruler Babcock, her sister, who is younger, might remember - Her address is Helen Babcock

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I do remember Aunt Myrtle used to go to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina - and I think she had something to do with the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago - The Genealogy list is one we all have - Doesn't go back as far as your letter indicates - ~~Tracy~~ <sup>Fried</sup> to bring part of it up to date.

March 4, 1993

I looked up the address of the Moody Bible Institute  
820 North LaSalle Drive, Chicago, IL 60600 -  
Mom has taken a turn for the worst - Last Saturday eve I think she had a small stroke - She is in a coma - not expected to live very long - I'll let you know if she passes away. She's 90 - has had a full life - but I am very sad - It is always hard to lose a parent.

Sincerely

Wally

16/3/93

Greetings Helen:

Just a note to bother you about our ancestors. We had an aunt Myrtle Reber who taught ancient history at local high school for many years. Late in life she married a Paul Phillips who died a few years later. She was a social climber who thought her standing would be improved by being a member of DAR. Accordingly she hired a geneologist in Pennsylvania to search thru old records. Since he would send a bill, he had to turn up something. He reported that our clan is descended from two Reber brothers who came from upper Rhine valley above Strassburg in Alsace during year 1706. They settled in Bucks (or Berks?) county. Apparently by 1776 their descendants were Tories, or the King's men. This clouded her title to DAR.

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I'm pleased to report that I'm in quite good shape. I went to a gerontologist. Apparently I'm good for another ten, probably 15, maybe even 20 years. I trust the same with you.

Best wishes,

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REBER GENEALOGY

SHOWING

(7) Generations from John Reber born 1772

(1) John Reber, b 1772 - d 1837  
Married to  
----- Bear

(2) John Reber, b May 1, 1812 - d 1894  
Married to  
Lydia Lenhart, b 1806

(3) James Lenhart Reber, b Sept. 27, 1838 - d Aug. 15, 1917  
~~Married to~~  
Rebecca Fretz, b Aug. 21, 1834 - d Sept. 7, 1925

(4) Erwin Meyers Reber, b Dec. 28, 1864 - d Jan 7, 1912  
Married Feb. 20, 1885 to  
Marrietta Rupee, b Aug. 26, 1866 - d Oct. 18, 1934

(5) Hazel Pearl Reber, b Aug. 20, 1887  
Married June 22, 1926 to  
Mortimer DeClifford Snow, b July 18, 1887

(5) Vivian Marie Reber, b July 23, 1892  
Married Oct. 6, 1945 to  
William Lloyd Moyle, b Jan. 23, 1902

(4) Schuyler Colfax Reber, b Sept. 11, 1867 - d Nov. 10, 1933  
Married Jan. 12, 1902 to  
Harriet Grote, b March 25, 1871 - d July 16, 1945

(5) Grote Reber, b Dec. 22, 1911

(5) Schuyler Colfax Reber Jr., b Aug. 20, 1914  
Married July 31, 1943 to  
Jean Elizabeth Powers, b Jan. 14, 1919

(6) Andrea Ellen Reber, b Dec. 16, 1944

(6) Jeffrey Grote Reber, b April 6, 1946

(6) Todd Powers Reber, b Aug. 31, 1950

(6) Lawrence Colfax Reber, b Oct. 20, 1951

(4) Philip Eugene Reber, b Sept 14, 1871 - d May 1, 1883

(4) James Watt Reber, b Feb. 23, 1877  
Married Oct. 15, 1900 to  
Edith May Hammett, b Dec. 25, 1875 - d June 26, 1921

- (5) Virginia Reber, b July 26, 1902  
Married May 30, 1924 to  
John Mack King, b May 2, 1902
- (6) Molly May King, b May 18, 1925  
Married June 26, 1948 to  
John Robert Guy, b Dec. 25, 1926
- (7) Theodore King Guy, b April 30, 1949
- (7) Janet Virginia Guy, b April 6, 1951
- (7) Michael Emmett Guy, b Sept. 1, 1953
- (6) James Reber King, b June 30, 1927  
Married Nov. 20, 1954 to  
Nancy Joyce Hilborn, b May 17, 1929
- (6) Harless Warden King II, b March 13, 1931
- (5) James Watt Reber Jr., b Oct. 31, 1904  
Married Dec. 5, 1931 to  
Dorothy Secker, b Sept. 18, 1909
- (5) Helen Reber, b Dec. 13, 1908  
Married Aug. 25, 1930 to  
Wirt Mayne Gilgis, b 1909
- (6) Dian Gilgis, b April 20, 1933
- Helen and Mayne divorced Oct. 21, 1935
- Married Oct. 26, 1935 to  
Frederic Babcock, b Oct. 31, 1896
- (6) Susan Babcock, b April 19, 1946
- (4) Gertrude Rearl Reber, b April 29, 1880 - d April 25, 1883
- (4) Edna Myrtle Reber, b May 6, 1884  
Married July 19, 1930 to  
Paul Bissell Phillips, b Jan. 7, 1879 - d Dec. 28, 1938

#### Answers to Possible Questions

I am proud no family skeletons have been found in Reber closets. Jas. L. Reber was his chosen style for his name - he developed and patented the folding cardboard box, forefather of all paper folding boxes - mother delighted telling he had it completed except one thing, when she said, "Just bend it there" and the first folding box was made. He developed the bell-punch, used by conductors on owl "L" cars, the origin of fare recorders used in street-cars and buses - he originated canned sauerkraut - unsuccessfully attempted to develop the cold-storage plant - in 1880 he started wearing watch-charm of numerals "1900". When asked the meaning replied "the year we will have national prohibition." The 18th amendment was passed in 1919, again he was 20 years ahead of his time. His brother Albert who owned Orchard Preserving Co., Pittsburgh, made annual business trips to Chicago accompanied by his charming wife, paid his long visits - father had several brothers and sisters in Penn. When 15, I made a special trip to visit them.



Erwin was always called "Erv" - was named after mother's eldest brother - she had 2 brothers and a sister.

Schuyler was named after Schuyler Colfax - vice president to Grant - always called Schuyler by family - "Red" by schoolmates - during our business relations he was "Schuy".

I was named James Watt because father admired the inventor of the steam engine - family called me Watt, father had priority of James - mother often said had I been born one day sooner, Washington's birthday, I would have been George Washington - Watt was short enough to discourage many nicknames - I was 7 when Myrtle wore diapers, honest she wore them; being mother's little helper, mother would say, "Diddy, Watt" soon contracted to "Diddywatt", think of it - the present time "Wattie" by a few grandchildren, so appropriate for a dignified great grandfather - another good one, when father advertised sauerkraut, the boys for a short time called me "Sauerkraut", but I wasn't a great granddaddy then - Erwin, and he alone, always called me "Major" - here is a feat of unequalled memory, I swear I remember lying on the kitchen table while being diapered, proof upon request.

Jim was named James Edward honoring both grandfathers - when about 9 arriving home from school one noon he advised his mother he was going to be James Watt Reber Jr. - after marriage a few mix-ups with Chinese laundry slips and banking accounts he contracted it to J. W. Reber, Jr.

Virginia was 6 months old before her mother named her after her dear friend, the wife of by high school pal, who at the time lived in an apartment across the hall - the year Virginia was born the parlor game tiddlywinks was the rage, on the doctor's second call he said, "How is Tiddlywinks?" - "Tiddlywinks" she was for 6 months.

Helen was named after her mother's sister.

Myrtle for a time was called "Sorrel-top", never by the family.

C- Mally May King

(7) Theodora King Guy b April 30, 1949  
m - 9-9-79

Susann Siebert b July 5, 1948

(7) Janet Virginia Guy b April 4, 1951  
m - 1-6-73 Divorced 6-81

Dennis Berklund - 11-5-47

(8) Andrew Guy Berklund b 9-29-76

(8) Shannon Rae Berklund b 5-16-79

(7) Michael Emmett Guy b Sept-1-1953  
m - 9-8-78

Lynn Ann Crandall b Oct 19-1950

(7) John Robert Guy III b June 6, 1957  
m - 12-17-83

Mary Therese Leon b Feb 23, 1959

(8) Alexandria King Guy - July 23, 1985

(8) John Robert Guy IV - Sept 30, 1987

(8) Catherine Claire Guy - March 19, 1992

C- James Reber King

C- Heerless Warden King II b March 13, 1931  
m - 1-15-1955

Lois Cline - b Sept 20, 1928

(8) Randall King - b August 21, 1956  
m 7-19-80

Beth Jaremus b 1980

(8) Sean Andrew King b 4-18-85

(8) Ryan

(7) Bruce King - b March 7, 1958  
m - ~~7-19~~ 5-28-83

Dawn Maticka - b July 30-59

(8) Jacklyn

(7) Dan

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