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I was raised in a 19th century farmhouse surrounded by giant pine trees and aging apple orchards into a Ditty writing family. Summers were spent wandering through swampy woods and sheep pastures. Favorite childhood activities on the farm were playing in the hay mow, riding bikes and climbing apple trees to spend the afternoon with a good book.

I spent a year at OSU-ATI in Wooster, Ohio studying Soil and Water Conservation and Management. While I really enjoyed that field of study, the job market was very slim so I switched gears and studied Secretarial Sciences at North Central State College in Mansfield, Ohio.

My husband's Naval duties took us to Tidewater Virginia for five years. We owned and operated a dollhouse shop, selling building materials and finished dollhouses. Upon returning back to Ohio, we raised three daughters in a civil war era farmhouse. I have a love for God, family, nature and historical stories that create the puzzle that tie all of life together.

I am member of the [DAR](#) (Daughters of the American Revolution). Ancestor Adam Oberlin was a Sargent in the 9th Battalion of the Lancaster Militia and served with his brothers as part of General George Washington's body guards. Genealogy research has consumed a lot of my free time with over 2500 names in my family tree records dating as far back as [1579](#).

Bookkeeper by day, gardener, amateur genealogist, forager and obsessive doodler by night, I enjoy writing ditties and short stories for children.

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