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I am Emily Jeffers Ruedemann, the daughter of Henry W. Jeffers. My father a graduate from Cornell Agricultural College, married a neighbor girl, Anna Adams a graduate of Mansfield Normal both from Kingsley, Pennsylvania. They came down to Plainsboro as managers of Walker-Gordon Farms. I was born in New York City, December 7, 1899. My parents were there to study the prospects of marketing milk in the city. We all returned to Plainsboro when I was one year old. I graduated from Wyoming Seminary, and Syracuse University then studied milk bacteria in Philadelphia Pratt and Yale. My brother, Henry Jr., graduated from Mercersburg Academy, Princeton University and Harvard Business School. My sister, Louise graduated from George School and Scudder Business College. I married Dana Werner Ruedemann [Rudy]. Rudy's parents, Dr. Rudolf Ruedemann and Elizabeth Hausmann emigrated to the United States and settled in New York State. Dr. Ruedemann was a professor at New York State University and had charge of the museum in Albany. Rudy came to, and graduated from, Rutgers. My father and father-in-law were Nationally Renowned, father in the Agricultural Hall of Fame and Dr. Ruedemann in the Natural Sciences Hall in Washington, D.C. Rudy and I had four children, Emily went to Rider, Rudolf graduated from Rutgers, Calvin graduated from Kansas State, and Bill graduated from Kansas University and University of Oregon. They all married, and now there are twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

All that education seems very impressive, but what sacrifices behind the scenes, every penny counted, make do or do without, loans and mortgages to be met etc. etc.