I Like IKE
The Remarkable Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower

Week One – Abilene and West Point
“I’m just folks. I come from the people, the ordinary people” – Dwight D. Eisenhower

“The proudest thing I can proclaim is that I am from Abilene” – Homecoming speech, 6/22/45
DAVID JACOB EISENHOWER

Hans Nicholas Eisenhauer
1691 - ?
arrived in America, 1741

Peter Dissinger
Peter Eisenhauer (m. 1777)
1716 - 1802
arrived in America, 1741

John Adam Matter (m. ?) Anna Catherine
1732 - 1802
arrived in America, 1751

Michael Matter (m. ?) Anna Marie Romberger
1763 - 1852
1771 - 1838

Jacob Dietrich
(1765 - ?)
Magdalena
7 - 1851

Frederick Eisenhauer (m. 1816)
1794 - 1884

Barbara Miller
1789 - 1862

Henry Matter (m. ?)
1796 - 1868

Anna Maria Dietrich
1803 - 1865

Jacob Frederick Eisenhauer (m. 1847)
1826 - 1906

Rebecca Matter
1825 - 1890

David Jacob Eisenhower (m. 1885) Ida Elizabeth Stover
1863 - 1942
1862 - 1946

Dwight David Eisenhower
1890 - 1969
So where did this great man come from?
A WINDOW TO THE PAST

Life Inside the Eisenhower Boyhood Home

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

IKE

Dwight D. Eisenhower
Presidential Library & Museum
Eisenhower Family - 1902

“When I was a small boy in Kansas, a friend of mine and I went fishing. I told him I wanted to be a real Major League baseball player, a genuine professional like Honus Wagner. My friend said that he'd like to be President of the United States. Neither of us got our wish.”
Senior Class

EDGAR NEWTON EISENHOWER

"Big Ike" is the greatest football player of the class. Also on his head there is a depression due to non-development of the conscious and over-development of the subconscious brain. Football teams '07, '08, '09; Baseball teams '07, '08, '09; captain '08.

DAVID DWIGHT EISENHOWER

"Little Ike," now a couple inches taller than "big Ike," is our best historian and mathematician. President of Athletic Association, '09; Football, '07, '08; Baseball '08, '09.

NELLE AMELIA GRAVES

One never feels quite sure of Nelle. She has very decided moods and woe to the fellow who disturbs her wrong mood. Class Historian.

LOIS BRADSHAW HARGER

Salutatorian. Lois must be heard and she must always have her own way. Vice president '06, '07; Helianthus Editor.
West Point

But when we raised our right hands and repeated the official oath, there was no confusion. A feeling came over me that the expression “The United States of America” would now and henceforth mean something different than it ever had before. From here on it would be the nation I would be serving, not myself.
THIS is Señor Dwight David Eisenhower, gentlemen, the terrible Swedish Jew, as big as life and twice as natural. He claims to have the best authority for the statement that he is the bandyest man in the Corps and is ready to back up his claim at any time. At any rate you'll have to give it to him that he's well-developed nasally—and more graceful in pushing it around than Charles Calvert Benedict. In common with most fat men, he is an enthusiastic and sonorous devotee of the King of Indoor Sports, and roars homage at the shrine of Morphine on every possible occasion.

However, the memory of man runneth back to the time when the little Dwight was but a slender lad of some twenty years, full of joy and energy and craving for life and movement and change. It was then that the romantic appeal of West Point's glamour grabbed him by the scruff of the neck and dragged him to his doom. Three weeks of Bant gave him the fall of life and movement and as all the change was locked up at the Cadet Store out of reach, poor Dwight merely reents to exist until graduation shall set him free.

At one time he threatened to get interested in football and won his "A" by being the most promising back in Eastern football—but the Tufts game broke his knee and the promise. Now Ike must content himself with tea, tiddley-winks and talk, at all of which he excels. Said prodigy will now lead us in a long, loud yell for—

Dave Devil Dwight, the Dunlop Don.
West Point Class of 1915:
The Class the Stars Fell On
The Eisenhower Brothers

- Arthur (1886-1958) Became a bank vice president in Kansas City.

- Edgar (1889-1971) Got his law degree from Michigan, became a successful lawyer in Tacoma.

- Roy (1892-1942) worked at a pharmacy, eventually owned a successful drug store in Junction City, KS.

- Earl (1898-1968) moved to Tacoma where Edgar funded his college engineering studies. Eventually owned several radio stations in Illinois and was elected to the state legislature in 1965.

- Milton (1899-1985) graduated from Kansas State and worked in the federal government. Became the president of Kansas State, Penn State, and John Hopkins.
EISENHOWER
IN WAR AND PEACE
JEAN EDWARD SMITH

"Magisterial"—The New York Times

at ease
Stories I tell to friends
Dwight D.
Eisenhower